

DUCK TRACKS

By ELBERT HAWKINS

And then we have the tale about one William O'Donnell who played basketball for Portland University against Oregon last night.

It probably means more to his teammates than the fact that "Wild Bill" has averaged more than 12 points per game during the past two seasons and is one of the state's smoothest floor men. Bill is called a "clean" player. He went through grade school without fouling out of a game, so they say, and kept his record intact while playing for Columbia Prep. It had become a life-long obsession of Bill's then to never foul out of a game with four personal fouls against his record.

Into Portland University he went, and played with the Pilots until late in his junior year—last season—with never more than three personals. But there came a day. He was brought face to face with this obsession. Bill could keep his record: "I have never been ejected from a basketball game on fouls," or commit number four in that particular game and help the team.

Did Irish Bill O'Donnell sacrifice a life-long obsession for the team? He did.

In a feature story for the Oregonian Sunday, Coach Tex Oliver went to bat for the extra point after touchdown rule which is a pro and con issue now. An ironic little sidelight of that very question occurred the same day when University of Detroit's gridmen licked Santa Clara, 7 to 6.

Coach Gus Dorais, a stern advocate of abolishing the point after touchdown, sat by and watched his team out-yardaged, 26 to 16, and out-first-downed, 12 to 4. Yet they won by that very minute margin.

Said chubby little Gus, "We have been outplayed before and got the licking we deserved. But this time we won. It must be that I've been living a clean life recently." He expressed deepest sympathy for Santa Clara's Coach Bob Shaw, who in three years of coaching the Broncos had seen them lose but two games out of 25. "I still want the rule abolished," said he after the Sunday game, "but let us not put it into effect until Monday."

Dorais and Shaw both have Notre Dame blood in their veins, being ex-South Bend footballers. Gus once called signals as a team mate of the immortal Knute Rockne.

Choice of Duke university, the nation's only undefeated untied, unscored-on eleven, by Southern California as its Rose Bowl opponent was a foregone conclusion of the southern press. The coaches—Howard Jones and Wallace Wade—happen to be personal friends. But Duke wouldn't seem to be the "lemon" some critics accuse it of being if records are considered. Comparison can be had only indirectly as the rivals of January 1, 1939, haven't played a same opponent. However, Duke did whip Georgia Tech, 6 to 0, which tied Alabama, 14 to 14, and which successfully defeated Southern California in its first game of the season, 19 to 7.

While Southern California has played a tough coast conference schedule void of breathers—unless you would call Oregon's 31 to 7 debacle one—Duke has breezed along against such teams as Wake Forest, winning only 7 to 0, Virginia Poly, and Davidson.

The Duke boys did lick Pittsburgh, 7 to 0, Saturday, keeping their goal line unscathed. So don't sell them short. And they beat Georgia Tech by a margin one point less than did Elmer Layden's unchecked Irish from Notre Dame. Layden's unbeaten Notre Dame plays Southern California Saturday in what one southerner dubbed "will be the real Rose Bowl game."

Texas Christian, which would have accepted a Rose Bowl offer from Southern California, became one of the nation's eight unbeaten teams by steam-rolling over

Ragged Play Marks Season's Casaba Opener

Wild Bill O'Donnell, Urgel Wintermute Pace Scorers

(Continued from page one) Donnell in that respect. The Astorian also collected a free throw.

Center Slim Wintermute gave Oregon's point total a boost at the seven-minute mark by tossing a free throw on Bell's foul, and then Laddie Gale flicked in his first field goal of the game when Slim missed another gift toss. That made it 9 to 2.

Wintermute pivoted from near the right corner with a one-handed push shot after nine minutes to push the Webfoots farther in the van.

14 Fouls at Half

Baskets by Starters Matt Pavalunas and Wally Johansen before the halfway mark of the first half hoisted Oregon's lead to 15-4. Fourteen fouls were assessed in those first ten minutes.

Oregon's second quintet, only Bobby Anet still remaining in the game, was held at seven points all by the diminutive Portlanders from then until the half ended.

It was just after the Bell committment his fourth rule infraction. Within seven minutes he raised his "Northwest record" total to six.

Before they hit the midway point in the final half, Sarpola on two field goals boosted Oregon's lead to 32 to 16. He tipped in a rebound on Laddie Gale's miss, and then capped it by sinking another rebound.

Laddie Gale, and then Sarpola, caged buckets at the ten-minute mark to give Oregon a 37 to 17 advantage. O'Donnell connected on a couple of one-handers from the corner to keep Portland's point total within hailing distance of the Lemon-Yellow.

The Ducks play Signal Oil and Multnomah club on Friday and Saturday nights at McArthur court in their last games before departing for the East.

Portland (24)

FG	FT	PF	
Friedhoff, f	0	2	2
Ruminski, f	1	1	4
Bowling, f	0	2	1
O'Donnell, c	4	3	3
Curran, g	0	3	3
Bell, g	1	1	9
Nicholson, g	0	0	1
Totals	6	12	23

Oregon (51)

Gale, f	3	1	4
Pavalunas, f	1	0	4
Hardy, f	1	1	1
Sarpola, f	4	1	0
Wintermute, c	3	5	0
Dick, c	1	1	2
Anet, g	1	4	3
Johansen, g	3	1	1
Mullen, g	0	0	0
McNeeley, g	1	1	3
Totals	18	15	18

Officials: Herb Colwell, Eugene, referee; Jim Hatch, Eugene, umpire.

Centenary, Arkansas, Temple, Texas A & M, Marquette, Baylor, Tulsa, Texas, Rice, and Southern Methodist . . . after winning their first game, 13 to 0, the Texas Christian offense was never again held under 21 points until last week's 20 to 7 conquest of Southern Methodist.

Honest John Warren met with his freshman basketball candidates yesterday afternoon for the first time . . . Oregon's varsity basketball team is sporting brand new regalia, including warm-ups . . . which makes this University one of the best dressed schools athletically on the coast what with new baseball suits last spring and Tex Oliver's "uniforms for every occasion" in football . . . clothes don't make the team—but they don't hurt any . . . Oregon defeated Portland university in basketball last winter twice, 68 to 24 and 43 to 24.

Another Closed Book . . .

Ducklings End Grid Season as Varsity Completes Schedule

Freshmen Finish Football Grind With .500 Average; Brenner, Caven, Fowler Are the Outstanding Backfield Men for Ducks

By EHLE REBER

University of Oregon's 1938 freshman football team officially finished football last week with last-minute drills against the varsity before its final encounter with the Beavers.

The Duckling squad started out the season with a 26 to 13 win over the strong Southern Oregon Normal school team and ended it with a 13 to 7 triumph over the Oregon State rooks.

The "little civil war" series ended in a deadlock with both teams winning one game and tying one. The Staters held the frosh to a scoreless tie on Multnomah field in the opener after Doug Caven, shifty safety, ran 48 yards for a touchdown only to have it annulled by an offside penalty.

A fighting rook team took the second battle, 7 to 6, in a game played on Modoc field in Klamath Falls. The educated toe of Johnny Leovich, husky rook left end, gave the Staters the slim margin of victory.

Win Last Game

An inspired frosh team romped home with the third and final game of the series 13 to 7 in a battle played on Hayward field. The rooks led most of the game but a last minute drive led by Doug Caven and Roy Dyer, backfield stars, put the pigskin in the end zone for the final touchdown.

Jim Busch, 211-pound fullback from Silverton, Johnny Leovich, hefty end, Don Durden, right half, and Lewis Hammers, right end, gave the frosh the most trouble in fighting off the challenge of the rooks in the "little civil war" supremacy.

John Warren's fighting impresarios lost to the University of Washington freshmen, 6 to 0, in a rainy affair at Seattle October 29.

A fourth down pass in the third quarter caught the little Webfoots off balance and resulted in their defeat. Earl Younglove, left end, was on the receiving end of a bullet pass from Ted McKay, quarterback for the score.

Outstanding linemen for the frosh this season were Elliott Wilson, lanky center, Ray Segale, steady right guard, Hymie Harris, left end, and Bill Regner, fast-stepping right end.

The total yardage gained by the frosh in the "little civil war" series against the rooks was 475 yards for the frosh as compared to 433 yards for the rooks.

In the three-game series the frosh made 25 first downs to 20 for the rooks. The teams were very evenly matched and breaks decided the victor in each game.

Outstanding candidates for next year's varsity are Val Culwell, who was injured in mid-season, Hymie Harris, Elliot Wilson, tall 220-pound center, and Ray Segale in the line. Bill Brenner, big triple threat from Washington, Steve Fowler, Ashland ball carrier and blocker, Roy Dyer, ex-Bend star, and Doug Caven, shifty Eugene lad, are outstanding candidates for Tex Oliver's backfield quartet next season.

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Oregon Mermen Point Toward Division Crown

Varsity, Freshman Swimmers Tangle Saturday

Saturday afternoon the varsity and frosh swimming teams will "mix it up" in an inter-squad meet at the men's swimming pool. Coach Ned Johns and Jim Reed, co-coach, have not picked the team members yet.

Oregon's chances for recapturing the northwest championship, so familiar to former teams, were given a boost with the acquisition of Jim Reed, a former Webfoot merman, who is helping Mr. Johns with the coaching.

Reed is Co-Coach Reed established a national record for the 300-yard medley of 3 minutes and 44.6 seconds during his senior year—1936. Since that time, Reed, a second-lieutenant in the army air corps, spent a year at flying school in San Antonio, Texas, and a year at Barksdale, an army flying field located near Shreveport, Louisiana.

At the beginning of winter term the varsity is planning an attempt at a few records, Reed said. Looming up as outstanding men are Sherman Wetmore and Jack Dallas, sophomores, from Long Beach, California. Coach Johns and Jim Reed expect great things from the two sophomore threats. Wetmore is pointing at the 150-yard backstroke record, and Dallas is striving to set a new mark for the 200-yard breast stroke event.

The coaching staff has posted this tentative schedule for the aspiring tankmen.

Long Jaunt Listed Washington State college at Pullman January 25, Oregon State college at Corvallis February 4, University of Washington here February 11.

The varsity swimmers will make a three-meet trip to California where they will meet San Jose State college February 15. They will then journey to Palo Alto

PE Club Will Meet To Discuss Problems

The question as to whether or not the P. E. club will enter a basketball team in the intramurals will be definitely decided tonight, according to the announcement of Al Bogue, club president. The basketball team question is one of the main problems to come before the club at its meeting at 7:30 tonight in room 101 of the men's gymnasium.

Bogue said that good material for the team was plentiful and that many of the members were strongly in favor of the idea.

Earl E. Boushey, assistant professor of physical education, will give a short talk before the group, discussing a health education project which he witnessed at Salt Lake City. Plans will be discussed for presenting a similar demonstration in cooperation with other universities and colleges of the Pacific Northwest at the convention of the Northwest district of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation, to be held in Eugene next March.

Dr. Leighton, dean of the school of physical education, will talk on "Opportunities for Physical Education Students."

A short talk before the club, Bogue said that he had been unable to contact the ball player but that he expected to be able to get Gordon to attend the meeting.

As an entertainment feature of the meeting, pictures of the Oregon-Washington football game will be shown before the club, Bogue said.

where on February 16 they will compete against Stanford. To end the jaunt they have scheduled the University of California at Berkeley February 18.

Resuming their home schedule, the squad will meet Idaho here February 25, and Oregon State here March 4. March 11 and March 18 are open dates. The Northwest conference meet will be held March 28 in Seattle.

Many Duckling Hoop Aspirants Greet Warren

Group of 34 Frosh Try Fundamentals in Initial Drill

From all appearances, Coach John Warren is going to have his hands full selecting this year's Duckling basketball squad. Thirty-four players turned out for the initial practice yesterday in McArthur court.

Warren sent the boys through preliminary exercises, passing drill, and shooting practice in the first workout.

Practice sessions will continue tonight at 7 o'clock in McArthur court.

The following players turned out yesterday: former high school is given: Fred Fox, Canby; Dick Whitman, Woodburn; Don Galbreath, Boise, Idaho; Weston Smith, Silverton; Hal Sarkela, Roosevelt; Worley Ellis, Vancouver; John Lansing, Walla Walla, Wash.; Bud Alexander, Valley high, Wash.; Paul Bocci, Jefferson; Julian Leonard, Seaside; Bill Craig, Roseburg; Douglas Hay, (Please turn to page three)

Five Varsity Boxers To Meet Local Elks

Fight Card Tonight Is First of Season; Bouts Start at 8:30

Herb Colwell will field a five-man team tonight when the University of Oregon boxers engage in a smoker with the local Elks club at the Elks hall.

This match will be the only encounter this term. Each bout will go for three two-minute rounds. The slug-fest is slated to start at 8:30 p.m.

The Colwell quintet will be composed of Gale Ferris, Mitt and Mat club prexy, in the 165-pound division. John Wood, Cameron Collier, and Edwin Harding will fight in the welterweight bouts. Wayne Towne completes the group fighting at 135 pounds.

The complete card follows: John Wood, 145, Oregon, vs. Howard Miller, 145, Elks. Cameron Collier, 144, Oregon, vs. Richard Gibson, 145, Elks. Edwin Harding, 141, Oregon, vs. Harold Besson, 140, Elks. Wayne Towne, 137, Oregon, vs. Robert McChesney, 135, Elks. Gale Ferris, 162, Oregon, vs. Wayne Dillingham, 165, Elks.

Officials: Frank Riggs, referee; Richard Reed, Frank Logan, Lloyd Currant, judges.



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SLUG FEST

By Ken Christianson

"SMOKEY" WHITFIELD

"Hiya, Smokey!" Does that greeting sound familiar to you? Smokey is perhaps the best known figure on the Oregon campus. Nearly everyone knows the dusky letterman.

Whitfield reached the Lemon and Green University by way of Los Angeles, Chicago, and Pittsburgh. He was dubbed "Smokey" because he was born in smoke-covered metropolis of Pittsburgh.

Not until 1932, did Oregon's negro slugger begin punching the bags. At that time he was in Chicago. He started to work out under the tutelage of Sam Mandell,

A Champion

In '33 he copped the Rockford, Illinois championship in the middleweight division. The title includes sluggers from northern Illinois, southern Wisconsin, and all of Iowa.

He was eliminated in the finals of the National Golden Gloves tournament in Chicago in 1934. He (Please turn to page three)

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