

Duck Tracks

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It always has been of great interest to me what the highly publicized athlete does in his spare time. Jack Dempsey runs a restaurant, Billy Conn plays softball, Joe Louis sleeps and eats, Tony Galento drinks beer, and Lou Nova practices his Yogi.

Pepper Martin of the St. Louis Cardinals supposedly spent his winters running footraces with jackrabbits down in the Oklahoma flat lands. Our own Joe Gordon comes back to Oregon every winter to get in a few weeks of hunting and fishing before he heads back to the training camp.

But all of these spare time hobbies that have been named are the usual, run-of-the-mill type of diversion that any athlete might take up. At the University of Oregon I found a strange group of husky men that took great interest in subjects far more intellectual than rabbit-chasing, hashing, or calling on the Yogi for guidance.

Ducks Discuss Indians

On a trip up to the Igloo yesterday, near the football players' dressing room, I heard sounds that gave every indication that a violent discussion was in progress. What could be heard through the closed door was jumbled indeed, but by a mere stretch of the imagination it was no trick to discover that the Webfoot players were discussing personalities and problems relating to the coming struggle with Stanford this weekend. Here is how it went:

Voice like Val Culwell's—"Aw, he's a weak-looking guy that stands up there and wags his head back and forth and confuses everyone."

Voice reminding one of Ray Segale—"Yeah, but from what they tell me after he gets through talking he starts action and nothing can stop him."

Hmm, thought I, that would be Stanford's quarterback, Frankie Albert.

Voice like Elliott Wilson's—"That guy is about 6 feet 2 inches tall and his hair blows all over the place. All he tries to do is knock things down."

His voice trailed off in the dis-

Departing Webfoots Primed for Stanford

Thirty-One Gridders Leave on Noon Train

By JOHNNY KAHANANUI

Open up your wigwam, brother Indian. With 31 Duck gridgers on the leash, Head Coach Tex Oliver and backfield tutor Mike Mikulak will be Palo Alto bound when the south going Southern Pacific train chugs out of Eugene at noon today, for Stanford and Oregon will draw beads on each other in the Stanford stadium Saturday when both teams open their 1940 Pacific coast grid campaigns.

Eleventh-hour reconnaissance saw Oliver applying rag and polish to the "wrench"—a smashing defense—with which he hopes to sabotage Stanford's intricate razzle-dazzle style of football and also saw him opening the valves to turn loose an offensive flood of his own which may engulf the Indians.

With his fourth stringers skittering about the field in Stanford fashion and done up in red jerseys (maybe to further imitate the cardinal-sweatered Indians), Oliver had his first and second squads pound through and try to smother the "carbon copy" of Stanford Mentor Shaughnessy's "aba-daba-alley-oop" style of football.

Regulars Boom

Then turning about, the Oregon coach gave the green light to his No. 1 eleven. With Marsh Stenstrom at full, Len Isberg and Buck Berry at halves, and Chet Hallsiki at quarter, the Webfoot first string ball-packers barraged through the forward wall of a defense outfit, as Dick Horne and Bill Regner at ends, Jerry Schermerling and Roy Johnson at tackles, Ray Segale and Val Culwell, guards, and Erling Jacobsen at center bashed in to open up truck holes. Big Jim Stuart, star regular tackle, was taking it easy with a scratched arm.

Gobs and gobs have been scribbled about Stanford's effective deceptive play. Following the USF clash, teletype wires up and down the coast were burning with talk of how the Indians have blossomed into an outfit capable of throwing a crink in the pennant aspirations of any of the Pacific coast conference elevens. Coach Clark Shaughnessy was on the receiving end of orchid upon orchid tossed at him for clamping a new motor on the chassis of Stanford's football machine, which seems a far cry from the 1939 edition that got belted

Frosh Hoopers Start Workout

Hobson Centers On Fundamentals In First Drill

Following the proverb, "the early bird gets the worm," the Oregon freshman basketball candidates, with their eyes trained on the coming hoop season, have been limbering up daily under the able guidance of Hobby Hobson. Since "Honest" John Warren, freshman coach, has been occupied with football, Coach Hobson has been pinching hitting until Warren can take over. The daily drills have been scheduled as a regular one-hour course and the thirty-odd aspirants will receive credit for their efforts just as they would for any school course.

At present the hoopsters are being set straight on their pivoting, passing, defensive footwork, and dribbling—necessary for an outstanding squad. They are also required to do their daily "duck" walking—something that is hard even for a duck to do.

It is much too early at present to determine the outstanding hoopsters, for no one has really had the chance to show their true ability. A little later on when intersquad contests and practice shooting get underway, however, the lads will have their chance to come to the front. The one impressive thing about the frosh turnout is the height. At least six of the boys are over six feet with some of them hitting four and five inches over that mark.

Oliver Is Wary

All this has made Oliver doubly wary of the Indians, having had first-hand experience with their 1940 mode of play while taking in the USF game. However, this has probably made him drill his Duck outfit more gruelingly for their test Saturday.

Players making the jaunt include Ends Horne, Regner, Jim Harris, Louis Butkovich, and Norm Conaway; Tackles Stuart, Johnson,

READY FOR INDIANS



Tex Oliver, canny Oregon head football coach, had been working with his squad during the past week to try to stop the vaunted Stanford offensive this Saturday. This game will be the conference opener for both teams.

Ed Moshofsky, Dick Ashcom, and George Van Pelt; Guards Culwell, Segale, Steve Bodner, Floyd Rhea, and Morris Jackson; Centers Jacobsen, Herschel Patton, and Elliott Wilson; Quarterbacks Hallsiki, Roy Ell, and Duke Iverson; Halves Don Mabee, Berry, Isberg, Frankie

John Warren Unimpressed With Freshmen

Graybeal Pleased With Yearling Backfield

By LEE FLATBERG

Braving an Oregon mist, rain to out-of-staters, Coach Warren's yearling gridsters started practice on plays yesterday in preparation for their scheduled scrimmage with the varsity third string today. "Pretty bad," was the only comment Warren would give on the day's practice. Shoddy jobs of blocking were noticeable in the play formations and Warren declared long hours would be spent on this department.

Backfield Coach Graybeal when questioned on his proteges remarked, "They keep me busy. There are too many good players."

While no first team has been determined, Graybeal gave the following inside running on the backfield berths: quarterback, La Vern James; left half, Jim Newquist; right half, Inky Boe, Larry Olsen, Charles DeAutremont, and Bob Liday; fullback, Tom Oxman, Frank Emmons, and Brad Eclund.

With plenty of heft and speed on the ends, Bob Blenkinsop admitted the prospects for his wingmen were "pretty good."

Following his threat that from

now on out they would get down to "brass tacks" in practice, Warren sent his charges through strenuous workouts on "Joe Dummy" and blocking assignments on tackling bags.

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