

Duck Tracks

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School days approach relentlessly, but with them come thoughts of football—the fall sport menu.

A deadening heat is settling down upon Eugene. There are a few cool places—one of these is the athletic office of McArthur court. Head Coach Tex Oliver, were he there, would be sadly shaking his head at the news that Bill Dunlap, a fullback of whom Oliver expected much, will not be back. The draft has snatched him.

Coach Oliver is busy elsewhere. The death of his old friend and rival, Howard Jones of USC, leads him to Los Angeles. It might be that the USC coaching job has something to do with it. Again, possibly not. At present it appears that either Sam Barry, USC basketball coach, or Lynn Waldorf of Northwestern would have the inside spot for the Trojan coaching position.

Line Coach Vaughn Corley settles back in his chair in his office and reviews plays—this time of the Oregon State-Oregon game. His mind doubtless wanders, wondering how his tackles and guards will work against Stanford in the first game of the season. It is hot even in the office. He thinks, perhaps, of a golf game towards evening with Basketball Coach Hobby Hobson.

Warren Needs Players

“Honest John” Warren, Oregon’s freshman coach, isn’t bothered so much by the heat. In his hand is a coke bottle. His only worries in football seem to be: 1. Find 40 fast, tough freshmen who know football; 2. Teach them some plays; 3. Beat Oregon State’s Rooks twice and Washington’s Babes once.

Incidentally, if some prospective student and athlete is uncertain about contacting Warren, all he needs to do is to drop a line to John Warren, McArthur court, Eugene, or to see him in Eugene.

Coach Hobson isn’t so busy. His real worries don’t begin until after football is well underway. His first worry is to have his team in shape for the fourth consecutive trip to Madison Square Garden for the annual basketball season.

Colonel Bill Hayward, the aged track coach, drinks in the

heat. He is recovering from another heart attack. Perhaps he thinks of his “wonder jumper,” Les Steers, and hopes he’ll have another champion.

‘Iron Mike’ Is Busy

Ex-Backfield Coach Mike Mikulak is filled with business and dust these days. He’s a first lieutenant now. A pair of crossed pistols—the emblem of military police—adorn his o.d. shirt. A holstered .45 slaps his “pinks.” His main job is keeping order at Ft. Lewis during the “maneuvers” which begin August 12. Mikulak is intending to be with the team on some Saturdays this fall and to do some scouting on others. He’ll still keep his finger in football and his thumb in the army.

High in the mountains, not far from Los Angeles, Manny Vezie, new end coach, instructs one of his boys in woodcraft. His business is more concerned with his boy’s camp than with football—now. By the middle of September, the situation will be reversed. Vezie will arrive one week late for fall practice. He’ll be needed from all indications. Hymie Harris, the regular left end, may be taken for active service in the navy. Harris is busy completing a three months’ course at Northwestern. He’ll be an ensign in September—and perhaps an active one.

Tough Schedule Ahead

Life for these coaches is not hard this summer—but in the fall things will be different. Ten games loom on the schedule—ten hard games against the best of the coast conference competition, plus Santa Clara and Texas university. Oregon’s fairly strong and experienced team may weather the storm. No one knows how the season will come out, but since it’s far easier to leap a hurdle when you come to it, the Oregon coaching staff takes it easy while it can. The long, hard, coaching work will come this fall, and with it comes worry.

They’ll need their energy—all the energy they can conserve—when the team from Mighty Oregon trots onto the field against the coast champions, Stanford.

Students Get Bargain

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Idaho under ex-Ohio State’s Francis Schmidt plays Oregon in Eugene in the only night game on the docket, October 3. That is also the first home game. Following that, Eugene plays host to an invading band of WSC

Cougars November 1.

The traditional Oregon State game comes on November 29 in Eugene.

Stanford’s Indians open the coast playing against Oregon

Three Tilts Await Frosh

Three games—two with the Oregon State rooks and one with the University of Washington Babes—stare glum John Warren in the face.

Ordinarily, the prospect of three football games with old rivals would delight Freshman Coach Warren no end. But not so this year. With the constant threat of the draft and the “golden plum-like” attraction of good wages in defense industries steering young athletes away from school, Warren has good reason to be glum. Good football players will be at a premium.

All three games are at night. The first, October 17, finds the OSC rooks billed as opponents in Portland’s Multnomah Stadium. Sandwiched between that and a later rook game is the fray with the Washington Babes in Eugene on October 24. The frosh end their freshman football competition at Corvallis November 7 against the old enemy, the rooks.

September 27 in Palo Alto. Another trip south for the Ducks and USC’s the opponent in Los Angeles October 11. UCLA is also listed for Oregon in Los Angeles October 25.

Oregon and Washington engage in their traditional feud in Seattle November 22. Oregon finishes her season December 6 against one of the top teams in the land—Dana X. Bible’s Texas aggregation—in Austin.

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