

Duck Tracks

By LEE FLATBERG

Hello. Nice to be back again, isn't it? I suppose you all find things about the same. John may be just a little heavier and nicely tanned and Jane may look just a little cuter, but—well, everything is about the same. The trees over by Villard are as beautiful as ever. The turf on Hayward field appears in good shape, too (I got as far as the track before a burly athletic manager threw me out) which reminds me that this is a sport column so I'll give with a few facts.

Baseball Isn't Over Yet

With everyone asking, "What do you think our chances are against Stanford?" and various other football questions, most of us are prone to forget that baseball season isn't over with yet. And if you don't believe me, just ask a Brooklynite and he'll straighten you out. Let's just take a quick glance back over the summer and see how Oregon's own did in the All-American game. If you want to start at the top you can have Joe "Flash" Gordon, and mister, who wouldn't like to have him. The Yankees are in as far as the series is concerned and that will mean plenty of folding money for Joe no matter who wins.

Joe's had a good year. A late count reveals 24 home runs and a batting percentage of around .280. As for fielding, well, American league sluggers, and specially the port side hitters, are still cursing the day that Gordon turned up to show New York what he could do. He robs more hitters of their hits and there is nothing a ball player loves more than his hits.

From last year's crop, who won the Pacific Northwest baseball crown, we find that several have had good seasons with clubs here in the state. Bill Whitman and Bill Carney, whose "John Henry" several big league scouts would like to get

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on the dotted line, spent a successful year with Silverton. Johnny Bubalo, sophomore star who filled in about everywhere on last year's squad, played for Bend this summer and had one of the best years of his career.

Bill Hamel, shortstop from the 1941 edition of Oregon baseball, played for Eugene and turned in what one sports writer termed a spectacular season.

What About Football?

So you'd like to know how Coach Tex Oliver's football team stacks up with the other teams on the coast? Well, brother, so would I. Hayward field these days is about as hard to get into as the United States mint. Tex has a scant two, maybe three days to put the finishing touches on the squad before they travel south to mix with Stanford and that confounded "T," and he wants privacy in which to do it. A favorite sports columnist of mine in talking of the team said, "They're a nice bunch of boys," and in the next breath went on to say, "and they've got more guts and fighting spirit than any other Oregon team I've ever seen in all my days of bumming around Hayward field."

If we only had Hymie Harris, Roy Ell, and Jake Leicht back again (I'm dreaming again) and could get a few decent breaks, the Webfoots could give the Palo Alto Redskins a busy afternoon next Saturday. Right now Coach Oliver is stressing an offense and letting the defensive plans wait till the last. One might think that he plans on keeping Oregon right up there with Stanford in the scoring column. However it goes, here's some advice—keep your money in your pocket and be sure to switch your radio on Saturday afternoon about two bells.

A Fine Coaching Staff

You'll have to do a lot of searching with a fine tooth comb to find a coaching staff on the coast that will beat what Oregon has now. Taking care of the ends is Mannie Vezie, a pretty good end in his own right and a coach who will get the limit out of any player. Tutoring the tackles, guards and centers is Vaughn Corley, who has turned out some pretty tough linesmen in his coaching day. (I still remember a fellow named Jim Stuart, who played some pretty fair ball.) Handling the backfield is Mike Mikulak (pardon the insubordination Lieutenant) who is on leave from Fort Lewis. More of those rumors, seems I never get around, say Mike is doing a wonderful job and those high scoring sprees in the two scrimmages might verify that in part.

Put that staff under the veteran hand of a head coach like Oliver and you've got something.

Oregon Faces Tough Schedule

Coach "Tex" Oliver chewed off a big mouthful for his 1941 football edition when the present schedule was drawn up. As if six conference games weren't enough, the Webfoots have a King's-X game with Francis Schmidt's modernized Vandals and two-non-conference games, one with Santa Clara and one with Dana Bible's Texas Longhorns.

Open With Stanford

Oregon opens against Rose Bowl winners, Stanford, on September 27 at Palo Alto. The following week they take on Idaho at Eugene in a night game. Southern California is next at Los Angeles. Portland gets the next game on October 18 when Oregon meets California. It's south again on October 25 to play the Uclans at Los Angeles.

Grad One Week of Rest

The Webfoots rest the next week and then play host to Washington State at Eugene on November 1. Armistice day Santa Clara comes north to tangle with Oregon in Portland.

The last two conference games are with Washington at Seattle on November 22 and Oregon State at Eugene on the following Saturday. To put a clincher on a tough schedule, the Webfoots close the playing season against Texas at Austin on December 6.

Open against Stanford—close against Texas; quite a schedule for any team.

Honorary to Meet

Skull and Dagger, sophomore men's service honorary, will hold its first meeting of the year in the College Side Wednesday at 1 p. m.

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