

Duck Tracks
By LEE FLATBERG

Grab a slide rule, a couple of sharp pencils and a ream of scratch paper 'cause we're going to take a look into the football standing on the coast—better make that two reams of paper.

In years past sport scribes have ventured the opinion that the winner of the coast conference and the team to play in the Rose Bowl, would take one on the chin during the season. They've missed every year. This year they can't miss.

Any Team's League

Three weeks have come and gone and no team can be counted out of the race. Oregon State spelled the end of the T reign last week and blew the race wide open. The same Oregon State tumbled Washington from the favorite seat just a week back. Washington State, riding on the strong right arm of Billy Sowell, punctured the title hopes of the top-rated California. Add it all up and you find that pre-season favorites, California, Stanford, and Washington have fallen once and with the result that any team can yet make the New Year's visit to Pasadena. So if you like to second guess, go ahead and make one, they're free and you'll probably be just as right as the next guy.

Column Suggests OSC

But if you want to take a favorite, the column would suggest Oregon State, warning you at the same time that any resemblance between statements in this column, and the truth are purely coincidental. And if you'd like to pick the second choice, why not make it Oregon. Speaking of the Oregon teams, I wonder how the 'oh so smart' experts that picked Oregon State for the number eight spot are feeling these days, and also, the "pardon the yawn" boys down south that sent their teams north occasionally to give the Oregon teams a break.

But why pick Oregon State for the favorite position? Sun spots and lack of sleep mainly, but also because the remaining schedule favors them, if a Pacific coast schedule could favor a team. First they were lucky to catch Washington right after Minnesota had got through mauling them thoroughly. Secondly, and it wasn't luck, they're by Stanford with a win to their credit. That puts the Orangemen past the two toughest teams in the conference, with the rest of the road just a little less rocky.

Hats Off

Not that this column wants to make a habit of it, but right now sounds like a good place to pay tribute to a good football team, the Oregon State bunch. They did a great job of junking the model T. In a previous issue this column said that it didn't think that the rain would beat Stanford—a slight pause while I hang my head in remorse—and it still thinks that a fighting Beaver team and the loss of Kmetovic had more to do with it than the mist.

Sentiment plus some hard cool facts lead the column to pick Oregon as the second in line. Many of the supporters are still resting on the laurels received in the Stanford game but we have other reasons. Curt Mecham's sudden rise to top playing form won't hurt. With Culwell and Oliphant back the Ducks will be stronger, and the win over the Trojans last week was more than a win, it was a tonic.

So you see, this year the conference can easily turn into something really treacherous for the second guessing sport writer.

Odds and Ends

We hear that Butch Nelson is first string fullback on the plebe team at West Point. My colleagues in the sports room tell me that the SAE's touch football team has a passer what really am a passer. Duane "Ossie" Redfield by name, he hails from around Windy City in Illinois and was first string half on the all-city of said city. What about it, Tex?

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Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta Hog Intramural Touchball Glamour

By ART LITCHMAN

Two powerful aggregations dominated the intramural football program yesterday. The Sigma Nus swamped the Chi Psis, 32 to 0, and the Phi Deltas dumped the fighting Pi Kaps, 19 to 0.

Sigma Nus Slam Chi Psis, 32 to 0

Dick "Bird Dog" Whitman passed the Sigma Nus to an easy victory. The Sigma Nu offense started slowly in the first quarter and the stubborn defense held them scoreless until late in the period.

Whitman passed to Wayne Williamson for the opening touchdown and Jim Carney converted. The flood of touchdowns broke loose in the second period when the winners pushed across three tallies.

Whitman passed to Bill Carney for the first touchdown and the conversion failed. Big Ed Nutly grabbed a 30-yard pass from Whitman for the next tally. Whitman-to-Williamson was good for the last touchdown of the wild period.

Nutly raced to the five-yard line late in the fourth quarter after snagging a pass from a

hideout formation. Whitman ran the ball over behind crushing interference. Stan Skillkorn converted.

The Chi Psis' only offensive drive was in the third period and it bogged down when the alert defense intercepted a stray pass. Sigma Nu 7 18 0 7—32 Chi Psi 0 0 0 0—0

Phi Deltas Beat Pi Kaps, 19 to 0

Hank Burns pitched the Phi Deltas to their second victory of the season with the aid of some sensational pass catching by Gabby Galbreath.

Early in the first quarter Galbreath leaped high in the air and made a miraculous one-handed catch of Burns' pass into the end zone. Galbreath converted on another pass from Burns.

Burns raced 45 yards in the second quarter to set up the second touchdown. Bennis hit pay dirt on a short pass from Burns.

The final touchdown came in the third period as Galbreath made another breath-taking catch of a 50-yard pass from Burns.

The Pi Kaps fought stubborn-

ly throughout the game but the Phi Delt passing attack was clicking with amazing regularity. Phi Delt 7 6 6 0—19 Pi Kap 0 0 0 0—0

Phi Sigs Squeeze Over Zeta, 2 to 0

Bert Normall blocked a Zeta hall punt in the second period to give the Phi Sigs a 2 to 0 victory. The teams battled on even terms for the remainder of the game.

Phi Sigs 0 2 0 0—2 Zeta 0 0 0 0—0

Yeomen Nip Alpha In Overtime, 1 to 0

The Yeomen eked out a 1 to 0 victory over Alpha hall in an overtime contest.

The clubmen gained seven yards in the overtime period and Alpha was stopped with a three yard advance.

The teams struggled on even terms all through the last half. A Yeoman drive, featured by two long runs, was halted by the first half gun.

Alpha's lone drive faltered on the goal line when a pass fell incomplete in the end zone.

Yeomen 0 0 0 0—1 Alpha 0 0 0 0—0

Yearlings Drill For Rook Tilt

Intensive offensive drill featured the Oregon Ducklings practice yesterday as Coach John Warren prepares the peagreeners for the first game of the season, Friday, against the Rooks in Portland.

The tentative first string lists Pete Torcia, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and Marshall Pattison, Santa Monica, California, at ends; Ray Blatchley, Eugene, and Bill Stewart, San Jose, California at the tackles; Marty Feldman, South Gafe, California, and Jake Prince, Albany, at guards; and Johnny Daniels, Long Beach, California, at center.

Backs Compete
The first two backfield units are running a close race for starting honors. Johnny Garrison, Long Beach, California, Bill Davis, Grants Pass, Bob Reynolds, Portland, and Bob Donnelly, Los Angeles, compose one of the ball packing quartets.

Stan Boyd, Riverside, Bud Cote, Burlingame, Lyman Glasgow, Concord, and Jack Willis, Beverly Hills, California, are running in the second spot.

The team will continue practices today and tomorrow before leaving for Portland Friday.

The local theater at Fayette, Mo., is offering free tickets to the Central college campus organization with the highest grade average.

Swimming Creeping Into Webfoot Sports' Limelight

By DON RICHARDSON

At this time of the year the football team receives, and justly so, the attention and support of every loyal Webfooter. School just wouldn't be the same if there weren't Saturday afternoon games to take minds off of troublesome studies. The football season doesn't last forever, however, and as soon as it is over, another sport takes its place.

Reliable spies report that the sport to take over where football

left off will be the northern division swimming race. Not for many years has the prospect of so closely a fought battle loomed up.

Huskies Team to Beat
In the limelight strut the defending champions, mighty team from up Puget Sound way, the University of Washington. Although losing five of its greatest point gainers by graduation, eleven more capable men return to carry on; but they don't stop

there. Up from last year's frosh team comes one national frosh champ, one who tied the world's breaststroke record this summer, and one division champ.

Although the Huskies will undoubtedly be the team to beat, there are several people who believe that our own Ducks will be the giant killers. Of special interest to lemon and green rooters is the fact that both the dual meet between Oregon and Washington, and the north-



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OREGON DOWNS USC

Upper right—Curt Mecham, Oregon halfback, punches through the Trojan line for five yards, as Webfoot guard Ray Segale (50) shoulders USC's Bill Bledsoe (12) out of the play in the Oregon-USC game Saturday.

Lower left—Mecham again. This time Trojan Jim Crowther (71) slams the sensational Webfoot to the turf after the latter had dashed off a few yards. (Photos by Paul Calvert, via airmail from Los Angeles Times.)

Webfoots Have Three Days of Practice Before Crucial Golden Bear Clash; Scout Vezie Reports Strong Cal Line

By WALLY HUNTER

With three fleeting days of practice remaining before the crucial game with California's Golden Bears, Tex Oliver and his giant killing Oregon Ducks are madly preparing for the game that could spell "first division," for Oregon.

Three games are scheduled in conference play this week. If Oregon trims Cal it would leave them tied for first place along with Oregon State and Stanford—if Southern Cal is able to pull through with a comeback win against Washington State they too would be in there.

Thoughts of roosting in the upper division of the conference along with the cream of the coast has Oliver and his proteges in a delirium, and you can bet your roommate's bottle of cologne that it will be a tough Duck Saturday that plays in Portland. Passing sensation Curt Mecham is again scheduled for plenty of hard work this weekend.

Line Coach Manny Vezie reports that the "California line is one of the best I have ever seen." If what

Vezie says turns out to be a fact, when Saturday rolls around, the air of Multnomah civic stadium will be alive with passes—the Oregon kind.

In the meantime the wily Oliver isn't going halfway with his offensive plans. The Webfoots are also receiving plenty of intensive work on ground plays so as to prepare for an Oregon "miracle" in the way of rain.

This is do-or-die week for both California and Oregon. Oregon has dropped one game to Stanford, and California took the

count from Washington State and Billy Sewell. This means that one of the two teams will bow out from the Rose Bowl picture when they lose a second game.

Coach Stub Allison took another rap on the back of the head this week when doctors pronounced Armand Swisher, first line right guard out of the grid picture until late in the season. Swisher received an injury to the muscles in his arm in the Santa Clara game Saturday. Sub Guard George Nichalau is to be called up to fill the vacancy.

WAA Launches Athletic Series; Volleyball First

Oregon coeds don gym suits today and push a volley ball around Gerlinger hall and an adjacent outdoors field in the opening contests of this year's WAA athletic campaign. Hilyard house tangles with University house, Hendricks hall takes on Pi Beta Phi, Susan Campbell hall fields a team against Alpha Omicron Pi, and Highland house battles Alpha Xi Delta.

All organized women's campus groups are jammed into four leagues, with winners of each league playing off in an elimination series after the round-robin competition. To the winner goes the WAA trophy.

Tomorrow's contests will see Kappa Kappa Gamma opposing Zeta Tau Alpha, the Tri Deltas playing Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Phi vieing with Chi Omega, and Alpha Delta Pi stacked up against Sigma Kappa.

Teams in the various leagues are as follows:

League I—Kappa Kappa Gamma, Zeta Tau Alpha, Highland house, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Alpha Xi Delta.

League II—Susan Campbell hall, Alpha Delta Pi, Alpha Omicron Pi, Independents, and Sigma Kappa.

League III—Hendricks hall, Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Phi, Chi Omega, and the Orides.

League IV—Hilyard house, University house, Delta Delta Delta, Alpha Chi Omega, and Alpha Gamma Delta.

Rules under which the coeds will play are as follows:

1. Not more than eight and not less than six shall be on a team.
2. Three PE majors may play in the rotation type game, and two such majors may play in the non-rotation type of contest.
3. A player may not enter the game for the third time.
4. A server may receive one "assist" on each serve.
5. The ball may be volleyed only three times before being batted over the net. A "volley" is interpreted to mean either one hit or two hits in succession by the same player.
6. The server may have a re-trial at service only in the case of a "let service" (a service that touches the net before going over). If an illegal serve or a foot-fault is committed, "side out" will be called. Another trial is always allowed whenever "let service" occurs.

Dance Tryouts

Tryouts for Master Dance honorary will be held Wednesday evening at 7:30 in the dance room of Gerlinger hall.

Part of the judging will be based on originality since part of the work of the organization is composition. The rest of the try-out will be on dancing technique.

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