

Griding Greeks Wear Crown

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks



After a few repercussions from yesterday's column, this writer has a terrific headache. However, a passing survey of student opinion would seem to back up yesterday's comments.

The general question hanging in the air of student hangouts seems to be "Why Can't Oregon Win Some Games?" Coach Tex Oliver answers this by saying he has green material and no dependable reserves. Perhaps he does, but this certainly wasn't what held him back in his other years at Oregon. Looking at his past record, coaching the Lemon and Green we find no outstanding team.

OLIVER'S BACKGROUND

For example, let's look at some statistics of Oregon's wins and losses since Tex took the Webfoot helm:

	Won	Lost	Tied
1938	4	4	1
1939	3	4	0
1940	4	5	0
1941	5	6	0

This is certainly not the most impressive record in the country. There seems to be lots of room for improvement on someone's part, and Oregon has had some pretty fair material in these past years.

No, this writer doesn't believe the reason is green material altogether. Other coaches up and down the coast have been faced with this same problem and yet their squads show a pretty fair rate of improvement.

WE WONDER!

Another question the Monday morning quarterbacks are asking is why does the Oregon squad fall to pieces in the second half? In nearly every game played the Oliver boys have looked good until the second period starts, then they look like a different team.

Coach Oliver himself admits the reason is few reserves and poor conditioning of the team.

As to the few reserve alibi we look down south where St. Mary's Galloping Gaels are roaring over everyone with only 16 players on the squad. The Gaels coach, Jimmy Phelan has his team in top flight shape so they can play an hours' football. Phelan had in comparison no better material than Oliver.

True, the Gael mentor had Wedemyer and Cadeiro, but aren't Bobby Reynolds and Jake Leicht plus Walt Donovan and Deane Bond enough to balance the scales? Phelan organized his men and gave them a system to fit their talents. Look at them and weep!

NEEDS IRON MEN

How can Oliver expect his squad to last 60 minutes of bruising football when they are not in top shape? Yours truly suggests he take time off from changing his systems of play every week and give them a few calisthenics and some conditioning work. After all, there are two halves to a football game. Winning the first half is swell, but most coaches like to the win the last one also.

Talking to first string men, and they should know, your writer sums up Webfoot faults as these three: poor organization, poor conditionings and too many complex plays.

Most of the men on Oliver's club seem to think they should stick to a few effective plays and work more on fundamentals.

WHAT, AGAIN?

With the California game coming up Saturday in Berkeley, Coach Oliver has again changed his system and is feeding an already hazy team new plays and new blocking assignments. Beats me! Perhaps they are tricky on a blackboard, but a team has to have precision and timing in complicated plays. The Oregon squad barely has time to know there is a new series before it is switched again.



Coach Gerald (Tex) Oliver, who is preparing his team for Saturday's coming clash with the Golden Bears of California. It is rumored the Oregon Webfoots will run from a new formation in this clash with the Berkeley Bears.

Gridmen Prep Practice For Golden Bear Clash

Too much rain and too few quarterbacks were main problems in the Oregon varsity's drill yesterday as clearing skies finally allowed headman Oliver to bring his charges outdoors for a workout on Hayward field. Oliver, anticipating a dry field in Berkeley Saturday when the Ducks go against the California Bears has been drilling the squad in the only dry place he could find, the unfinished portion of the men's gymnasium.

Slippery Drill

The injury-weakened Ducks found little chance to flash in the outdoor drill. Slippery going

No Buses to Cal Game; Must Get Tickets There

Contradicting the announcement stated in Tuesday's Emerald concerning the sale of tickets for the University of California-Oregon football game, it was announced that tickets must be purchased at the game and not at McArthur Court. This is due to the fact that the tickets are general admission. However, students wishing to obtain reserve seats may write to the athletic ticket office at the University of California, authorities said.

The transportation situation has been changed considerably and there will be no chartered buses going to the game. Students desiring to go must obtain their own reservations.

Seminar Held Yesterday

"The Development of Quick-silver Metallurgy" was the subject on which Dr. L. W. Staples, assistant professor of geology, spoke yesterday at the Chemistry Seminar. Dr. P. L. Risley, head of the department of biology, will speak next Tuesday on "Some Problems of Modern Biology."

turned an expected tapering off drill into a mud bath. With a dry field, Oregon's Jake Leicht will have one of the best chances in several games to prove his speed and ball-carrying ability. Leicht, who has been having bad luck on the wet fields of the Northwest, will be one of the main spark plugs in the Oregon line-up Saturday.

Quarterback Bobby Reynolds, who played only a few minutes in last week's game at Pullman, was in uniform, but not in shape for bruising football. His understudy, Bill Abbey, injured in the WSC game was on the sidelines. To complete the list of major injured players, halfback Ron Crites failed to suit-up.

Blocking Looks Better

The pass combination of halfback Jake Leicht to end Bob Anderson clicked well in the workout. Guard Harry Reiton showed surprising speed in pulling out for interference with Leicht carrying the ball. Reiton, who weighs 242, has shown more speed than any other guard, and with his assistance in downfield blocking, Leicht should be able to put all his power and talent into action. Earlier this year, Leicht has outrun all his interference, which has made him vulnerable to the opposing teams.

The squad will go through one more session today before entraining for their second trip to California. A light drill will be held on the Berkeley campus on the team's arrival.

Fratmen Win Scoreless Tie On Muddy Turf

The Greeks yesterday won the intramural championship in the overtime period, the regular four quarters ended in a scoreless tie with Sherry Ross. In the overtime period the Greeks made a total of 20 yards in four plays, nine more than the highly praised Ross boys could duplicate. You might not get. You may say Greeks won by nine yards, in this rather odd ending football game.

The Greeks had first chance in the overtime period. The ball was placed on the fifty yard stripe and the Greeks went to work. After two tries, the third play clicked for twenty yards, on a completed pass play taking the ball to the Ross 30 yard line. Next play the same attack was tried, but speedy Jim Ellison of Sherry Ross broke it up.

Again the ball was placed on the fifty yard line and Sherry Ross attempted to outgain their opponents. Jim Ellison tossed two passes that overshot the mark. This left a couple to go. Next play Ellison ripped off 11 yards on an end run. The fourth down resulted in a long pass that fell out of reach for the man intended. The Greeks shouted "Hooray" and both teams seemed glad the hard-fought game was over.

Teams Evenly Matched

The two teams were so evenly matched a settlement could not be reached after the Greeks and Sherry Ross played more than nine quarters of scoreless ball, that took two separate days to play.

Outstanding players were at a minimum, because each individual executed his football duties so well that neither the Greeks or Sherry Ross could point a finger as to the outstanding man.

Several injuries occurred during the two game series. Ozzie Seida, Ross line man, suffered a head injury in the closing minutes of play yesterday, when he collided with a Greek back. Yalor Selmen, of Sherry Ross and Malatore of the Greeks, both received "Charley horses" in Monday's game.

Yesterday's line-up:

Greeks		Sherry Ross
Loud	C	Winston
McLennan	RG	Gowan
Puffinbarger	F	Huffman
Munroe	LG	Perkins
Putnam	LE	Seida
Ruble	Q	Selmen
Malatore	RE	Ellison

Club Espanol Will Meet In Gerlinger Thursday

An absent-minded fiance who forgets the date of his wedding will be the principal character in "El Distraido," a humorous skit to be presented by Club Espanol members at the group's next meeting, set Thursday at 4 p.m. in Gerlinger hall. The cast for the skit, announced by Joann Swinehart, program chairman, is Georgiana Thompson, Yvonne Oswald, Evelyn Rude and Dorothy Davies.

Entertainment for the club meeting will also include the singing of Mexican songs and a poem to be read by Mary Katherine Wilhelm.