

# Ducks Drill to Dam Beavers

*Duck Tracks*

By Leonard Turnbull



Deaths' scythe ripped one of the most loyal sons of Oregon off the earth this week. Mac Wilkins was one of the most faithful followers of athletics at the University. Last year he traveled with the Casaba squad on road trips. In appreciation, the University voted to place him as an honorary wearer of the "O." This year he continued his interest and traveled by plane with the squad on the trip to British Columbia in Canada. He has been a leading citizen in his chosen field of advertising and in fraternal and civic organizations. In the words of basketball coach Howard Hobson, "he was one of us."

## CLIMAX OF GRID YEAR

College gridmen all over these lovely states will genuflect Saturday toward a mystifying light from thousands of golden-brown pigskins. Finis isn't up in big letters yet, but this weekend marks a climax, that interval in a series of actions where men are at a peak.

Few of these turf-tearers are proud, undaunted warriors, with shining eyes looking for new fields to emblazon an already brilliant reputation in post-season frays. Most are in the same boat with local Webfoots, paddling around in the rains.

The percentage of these fellows who love the game runs into the higher brackets. "That's stuff," most footballers scoff. "I play the game because it happens to be the best way for me to get an education." Gridders say this on off-days, but when they hit a "hot day" with thudding blocks laying opponents in horizontal positions and high-toned muscles in perfect harmony, an innate pleasure spreads over the king-sized homo sapiens.

## REST PERIOD STRENGTHENS DUCKS

A short respite from a steady routine tends toward gaining this perfection—that is the reason for tapering-off drills just before a game. Our Ducks had a long, well-deserved period of relaxation last week in preparation for the Oregon State game this weekend. The Beavers have returned from a long haul in the Trojans' domain. The haul? Many shredded Beaver pelts. That great psychologist, J. Homer Vandersmank, says our Webfoots will be in the best mood Saturday. "Harrumph," Vandersmank butts in, "Ah figgers we got a good chance of winning."

## REVIVE THE BABB PLAQUE

One of the finest awards presented at the University of Oregon goes in the throes of post-war revival with this writing. In 1941, K. A. Babb of Babb's Hardware in Eugene donated a large and expensive plaque to the Oregon trophy case in the Igloo. For all the years following, the name of the outstanding senior athlete at the University was to be engraved on the plaque—an honor roll for posterity.

Then cast iron and flying lead served as a magnet for well-fitted students, and the selections were dropped for the duration—until the cream of the crop returned. The trickling brook will turn into a roaring torrent next term when the veterans return in force, keeping logs on the fire of revived major and minor sports.

A participant in any of the various fields of athletics is eligible. Who knows, an unknown "boot" may pull an Horatio Alger stunt, thrilling the student body for enough votes to go before the 16-man committee for final selection. All this is passed on as a swell idea, and when the revived sports start clicking Anse Cornell promises to cut the names in the plaque once-a-year again.

## LEICHT TOWERING TOWARD ALL-AMERICAN

An all-American football player is in our midst and we take it pretty much for granted. Jake Leicht has already been nominated for three All-American teams—The Associated Press, Yank (the army weekly), and a Boston, Mass., paper. Plus this, Jake has been selected on all of the all-opponent teams picked by elevens Oregon has played this year.

Your sports department has spread cuts of Leicht on pages four and five of the Emerald time and time again this year (mostly the same ones, blast it). The "Green," "Streak O'," there must be hundreds of terms rhyming with Leicht that have been used. This isn't a "bow down and say allah when he passes" suggestion. But, for such a grand athlete and team player, there should be a way for expressing our appreciation of this guy.

## BULL WITH BULL

Coach "Hobby" Hobson will conduct a clinic for high school basketball coaches at Washington high, Portland this weekend—members of the Casaba squad will be on hand for demonstra-



Stan McGuire, Beaver left end, is pictured above. Some 20,000 people will have a chance to see McGuire in action this Saturday, when the "civil war" game gets under way.

## Steady Drizzles Stalling Outdoor Grid Sessions

Coach Oliver's varsity eleven is continuing hard and long workouts in preparation for the last conference game of the season with the Oregon State Beavers this Saturday. The Webfoots are considering every conceivable threat Lon Stiner's boys have to offer in hopes they will turn the table on the Beaver tradition of a decided victory after suffering a sizeable trouncing the week before.

After the terrific upset on the sad day of October the 13th, the Duck squad has learned that in spite of the odds and previous game scores nothing can be depended on until the final quarter ends and the game has been written down as a thing of the past.

**Weather Hampers Practice**  
The unpopular weatherman has kept the Oregon gridsters inside during most of their practice sessions with only a brisk finishing off measure on the slow, muddy field after running through play formations in the unfinished area of the men's gym, otherwise known as the "dust bowl." Unless there is an unexpected change in the damp weather, the game Saturday will be a splattering struggle between two confident ball teams.

Oregon State, riding on their 19-

6 victory over Oregon earlier in the season, will enter the game a slight contest, both squads are evenly matched. The game will be a closely fought battle that should offer plenty of excitement for the record breaking crowd of 20,000 expected to be on hand to witness the annual homecoming game.

## Lights Being Installed

Due to the overhanging clouds and early darkness, lights are being installed on Hayward field for the closing hours of the engagement. Despite the burned "OSC" in the turf and the tire marks made by a racing automobile several weeks ago, the field looked in good shape—except for the soggy turf. Clear weather later in the week may make the footing reasonably good.

## Injuries Noticeable

A few injuries were still noticeable among the squad as they limped off the field after Monday's workout, indicating that the injuries picked up during eight consecutive contests have not been shaken off during the Thanksgiving "vacation."

Another added advantage for Stiner's boys, will be the wet turf because of their heftier and harder-running backs.

# EMERALD Sports

## Susie Wins Volleyball Crown; Yellows Cop All-star Title

By PHYLLIS LITZENBERGER

As a climax to an outstanding season of Girls' Intramural Volleyball, the final game playoff Tuesday, Nov. 20 between the two top teams in the league, Delta Gamma and Susan Campbell, was especially exciting to both spectators and players.

Because of their special ability to play a better rotation game Susan Campbell plunged ahead in the first half of the game leading 21 to their opponents' 8.

In the second half of the game, which was played non-rotation, the Delta Gamma team, with Barbara Borrevick at the center front net position to smash and spike, the DG's began to boost their score until it was within 7 points of Susan Campbell's score. Had the game continued much longer, it might have been a toss-up, but as the whistle blew to end the final volleyball game of the season, the score stood 31 to 24 in favor of Susan Campbell.

## Honors to Susan

The Susan Campbell team is to be congratulated for their exceptional volleyball ability. They have

certainly deserved all honors and have shown that they have what it takes to make up a winning team. So it's hats off to the best Girls' Intramural Volleyball team, Susan Campbell.

Monday, November 26, the All Star volleyball game was played between the Green team, captained by Betty Crabb of Susan Campbell, and the Yellow team, captained by Delta Gamma's Barbara Borrevick. This was the very best game of the whole volleyball season, as might well be expected with the best volleyball players of 18 different living organizations participating in the event.

## All Star Game

One might easily tell by the low half time score of 11 to 10, in favor of the Yellow team, that the teams were as well matched as planned. The game was made extremely interesting by the long volley plays, those exceptional pick-ups out of the net and the recovery of the spike and slam when it looked as if there were no chance to return the ball. The Yellow team emerged victorious 23 to 18 over the Green team, the low score an indication

tions—Leicht has carried the ball 56 times for a total net yardage of 356 and an average of 6.35 yards per play this season—Walt Donovan scored three touchdowns against the University of California, discounting Bulls' previous assertion that he scored only twice—and he still is tied for lead in the Pacific Coast parade of touchdown happy gridders—Sports Editor L. H. Gregory of the Oregonian lists the late Howard Jones of USC, Lon Stiner of Oregon State, Clark Shaughnessy of Stanford, Jimmy Phelan of Washington and St. Mary's and Babe Hollingbery of Washington State and the West Shrine team as the five top Pacific coast coaches of the past 15 years, in order of performance.

of the all around good playing and the long rallies. And so ended another season of top notch volleyball games.

The members of the All Star teams and their respective living organizations were:

## The Yellow Team

Barbara Borrevick, captain, Delta Gamma; Beverly Bennett, Susan Campbell; Genevieve Siskey, Hendricks Hall; Eva Anderson, Judson House; Jean Crafton, Rebec House; Della Martin, Hilyard House; Kathleen King, Sigma Kappa; Ninon King, Alpha Hall; Harriet Tozier, Alpha Hall; Betty Ingebritson, Delta Delta Delta; Jo Anne Luke, Chi Omega.

## The Green Team

Betty Crabb—captain, Susan Campbell; Evelyn Woodworth, Highland House; Lucille Ballinger, Delta Delta Delta; Grace Edwards, Rebec House; Martha Cool, Alpha Xi Delta; Maxine Jamieson, Alpha Chi Omega; Carolyn Hanson, Alpha Gamma Delta; Elizabeth Gilmore, Gamma Phi Beta; Pat Beuttel, Highland House; Maryanne Hansen, Alpha Phi; Gwen Noyes, Alpha Delta Pi.

Just as an extra thought we would like to express our thanks to the girls in white blouses and dark skirts who made all of our volleyball games clean and official. These girls were practicing both as referee and umpire in hopes that at the end of volleyball season they would be expert enough to qualify for a national, local, or intramural officials rating. So thanks for forgiving their mistakes and being good sports about discussions.

Girls officiating were; Gerry Arnold, Jane Carnes, Dorothy Currier, Ruth Ebrlich, Wilma Earnest, Harriet Minot, Robbie Mulkey, Esther Paronen, Wanda Lue Payne, Hazel Peterson, Gloria Besciallo, Sylvia Sachter, Ruth Shipper, Lovellen Waltie, Letha Ward and Phyllis Wells.