

# Duck Tracks

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Rehashing usually comes at the end of a term for all columns (college) of this type—this one is mostly preview. Football is considered a fall sport, but this spring promises to give the interested Webfoot followers just as much as in a regular season of play. Night intra-squad games at Hayward Field are on deck for all students.

Coach Gerald A. "Tex" Oliver is starting a new trend of thought with the spring games that are open to all students. Previous years have found the mentor striving for an all-important secrecy in workouts so new plays could be evolved that would prove puzzling to opponents. Few students understood this necessary policy, leading to claims that Oliver wasn't "in" with campus followers of the pigskin. Maybe these open sessions will help a lot in disclaiming this unproved theory.

## FOOTBALL QUANTITY MAY TURN INTO QUALITY

"We'll have the largest quantity of football prospects this spring that we've ever had at the University of Oregon," Oliver stated. "The quality is unproved in competition of this calibre, however, and we have a lot of work ahead of us this spring to find out just where we stand."

This plays on the returning veterans to a great extent.

The roster of men who will turn out for spring workouts lists numerous former lettermen of pre-war days here at Oregon. Duty on aircraft carriers in the Pacific and with the infantry in Europe is a far cry from torrid-paced collegiate football scraps of the calibre of the Pacific Coast conference.

These men will have a lot of kinks to work out this spring in preparation for the battles of turf tearers next fall. It may be figuratively stated that the workouts will make or break the men as far as further competition on collegiate gridirons is concerned. Coach Oliver sides with a lot of prominent football authorities in the assumption that college football will not return to a pre-war status until the fall season of 1948. It will take that long for the service kinks to wear off, and for a few more youngsters to be relieved of worries on possible service status.

## VETS BALANCE LOSS OF '45 LETTERMEN

Returning veterans are barely edging over the draft loss of young players of the 1945 season. Bill Anderson, center, Bill Morin, tackle, Bob Anderson, end, and Dean Bond, all lettermen in 1945, will be lost to the Webfoots next fall due to a service call. The pre-war returnees balance this off, with several in school now and prospects of others who will enter school spring term.

Many top-notch players are in school at present who have not signed up for spring workouts. A good example is Jack Munro, a 200-pound talented guard, who could easily be turned into a first string player. Munro is called to mind because I know him personally, and the guy is a natural in football. There is a need of players like Jack. If we could only get a few blockers in front of runners like Jake Leicht and Jimmy Newquist, then the stage would be set for trampling a few opponents next fall.

## NO PREDICTIONS BUT POSSIBILITIES ARE GOOD

Predictions on the possibilities of the Webfoots football fortunes at the present time would be a literary farce. The line may be weak and the backfield strong, but that is a conclusion to be drawn only after watching many workouts. The center position at present looks as if it may be a weak spot in the forward wall. This is drawn on the fact that Bill Anderson, regular last year, has left for the service, and the candidates are of unknown quality.

Fine high school players may find out that college competition is several grades above their range. Even men that performed on all-star service elevens may find the going a little rough, but the fact remains—we have the makings of a good gridiron machine here on the University of Oregon campus.

## BULL WITH BULL

Reports state that Hymie Harris, letterman end in '39, is advised against football by the little woman—the Oregon State Golf Championship and the State Junior tournament are back on the sports activities list with June 10-15 set as the dates, but no site yet—Nete Young's brother, Rennie, topped off a high school career recently with a second year of averaging 15 points a game with the Roseburg high quintet—need that guy here—on the subject of relations, Bill Craig, brother of Jack Craig, is one of the standout candidates for an end position on the 1946 varsity football team (just had to do it, Bill).

# Vandal 'Cinderellas' Retell Bears Crown Fable of 23 Years Ago

Idaho Meets California Today in Berkeley For Pacific Coast Championship Series

By United Press

One of the strangest parallels in basketball history comes from the Palouse country, home of the University of Idaho Vandals, who have won their first Northern Division Pacific Coast conference title in 23 long years.

Idaho started its conference history with a bang in 1923 when it banded with Washington, Washington State, Oregon and Oregon State to form the Northern conference. Previously the group played in what was called the Northwestern conference, and the Vandals, who had won the Northwestern crown in 1922, went on to take the first title of the new conference and then met the University of California and won two straight games, 28-20 and 29-25 for the coast title.

## Sheepskins Cause Decline

The entire team then was graduated in a body, and Idaho has languished in or near the cellar until coming up with this year's "Cinderella" squad.

Beginning today, the Vandals from Moscow, named by homesick Russians who brought hard wheat into the country, will again meet California at Berkeley, California, for the best two out of three games.

The 1923 squad consisted of Al Fox, Adrian Nelson, Oz Thompson, Ben Keane, Harold Pelford and Bill Gartin, a six-foot-ironman team that had played together since high school. Fox and Pelford, named to the All-Coast team that year, were famous for shooting the ball over the gymnasium rafters, which were low in those days. The rules called for one man to shoot all the free throws and Fox was "death" on these, potting 18 out of 19 in one game.

## Falter Then Streak

Twenty-three years later Coach James A. (Babe) Brown, who was the Idaho wrestling coach in the early 20's, has conjured up another Idaho iron-man team fathered from the neighborhood. It began the season as the '23 team did, with three defeats, but suddenly began cutting down the opposition and won the next 11 out of 13 games.

This year's Vandals are again a low-scoring squad, having the worst offensive record in the division. They squeezed out their last five games by scoring only 13 points more than the opposition, and the difference always seemed to be their ability to sink those free throws.

Jack Phoenix, six-foot nine-inch center from American Falls, Idaho, is a freshman who likes to hog the ball off the backboard; his height makes up for the little guards—Captain Len Pyne, a senior, and Bill Carbaugh, a junior, both of Spokane, Washington, who are a full foot shorter, but score just as often as forwards Fred Quinn, a junior from Pocatello and Grant Mortenson from Sugar City, Idaho. Four of this band will be back next year to continue Idaho's sports renaissance.

## Hobby Met 'em

The similarity between the old and new Vandals has been noted by the coaches of the Northern conference, all of whom were either coaching or playing against Idaho in the old days. Hec Edmundson was beginning his basketball coaching career at the University of Washington and is still there; Jack Friel of Washington State, Slat Gill of Oregon State and Howard Hobson of Oregon all saw

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## MIKE RESIGNS



Oregon's former backfield coach, "Iron Mike" Mikulak, recently returned from overseas service in Africa and Italy where he was in charge of Military Police battalions. Mike will not be on hand for the opening of spring practice next term since he recently tendered his resignation to head coach Tex Oliver and intends to enter private business after his discharge from the army.

## Eastern Coach Eyes Gridders

Seattle, Wash. — (UP) — Ray Flaherty, coach of the New York Yankees of the new All-American pro-gridiron league, left here Tuesday for Spokane after discussions with Marvin Tommervick and Marv Harshman, former Pacific Lutheran grid stars.

Flaherty indicated that the two Marvs wanted to stay in the Northwest, possibly to play with Seattle pros if the city put out a team, but still expressed the feeling that he might yet get them in the New York lineup.

Flaherty said other grid talent in this area had caught his eye, but neglected to specify any players by name. Former Washington Redskin coach, he went over to the rival football circuit for the coming season.

## Turf Pilot Pockets Cash for 64 Wins

Arcadia, Cal. — (UP) — L. B. Mayer and Ted Atkinson held their positions as leading owner and jockey at Santa Anita race track, according to statistics released today.

Mayer's lead over Maine Chance farm was cut to less than \$8,000. The motion picture magnate had pocketed \$140,445 in the first 45 days of the 55-day meeting to \$132,835 for Maine Chance. C. S. Howard was third with \$81,480.

Atkinson, with 64 winners, was 21 ahead of runner-up Johnny Longden, and Ralph Neves trailed in third with 28.

We wonder why it is that a girl who screams at the sight of a mouse thinks nothing of dating a wolf. Annapolis Log

Dear Old Lady: Are you a little boy or a little girl?

Junior: Look, lady, just what else could I be?

—Tadcen Topics

## Duffers Shot Analyzed By Camera Eye Divot Digger Invents Golf Contraption

By United Press

If you're a golf duffer, you've probably often wondered what you did wrong when your ball went into the rough.

Art Stevenson believes he can supply the answer by means of a contraption he has rigged up. He promises to do it with mirrors and a specially equipped movie camera that will take 100 pictures of a golfer taking a swing at a ball.

Ever since the motion picture camera was invented, golfers have been trying to get pictures to show how to smack the pill down the fairway.

## Camera Story

But Stevenson has added two new things: two pictures taken simultaneously by means of mirrors to show the golfer from different angles, and special lenses and shutters to make the camera fast enough to stop the fast-moving club or ball and give distinct pictures instead of just a blur of what happened.

Results of his gadgets have been good enough to win the approval of Joe Novak, chairman of the national PGA committee on teaching, and the Southern California PGA. Stevenson believes the national PGA may give its OK.

A golf club is traveling 100 miles an hour when it hits the ball, which zips along at 300 miles an hour for the first 10 yards after being whammed. Stevenson's mirrors and camera catch the club through its swing and keep the ball in range for 50 yards. It takes a good golfer a second and a quarter to make his swing.

## Pro Checks Pictures

With a set of the 100 pictures, the photographed golfer can go to his pro to learn what he is doing wrong. Stevenson has arranged for free pro consultation.

If any golfer will get into the fundamental position of a good swing within a second and a quarter, he'll hit the ball like Byron Nelson," Stevenson believes. A middle 90's golfer himself, he has clipped strokes off his own game after correcting mistakes he saw in the pictures.

A film cutter in a laboratory, Stevenson has monkeyed around with cameras for years. The special devices to take the golf pictures can be made by any camera manufacturer.

## Diving Course Offered Women Spring Term

A women's physical education course in diving, being offered the first time on the campus, has been scheduled spring term at 10 o'clock Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Requirements, according to the department notice, include body coordination, ability to swim in deep water, and courage. All those interested in taking the course are asked to report to the sun porch, Gerlinger, in shorts March 12 at 4 o'clock.