

DUCK TRACKS

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The College of Pacific contest is now history but still rates considerable news space down South where there is bleating to the effect that a bum decision in the closing minutes of the game to cost the Stagmen a victory. The situation referred to occurred with about two minutes to play when Orvis got off a beauty of a punt carrying 62 yards to the Oregon 18 where it was downed by a COP end.

Early in the week, Amos Alonzo Stagg, COP coach, led off with a mild blast that Webfoot safety man Jim Newquist actually touched the kick as it bounded down the field, and that as a result it was a free ball and legitimately recovered by COP. The following day certain members of the team claimed that following the game Newquist admitted that the ball actually did touch him.

As to the down-to-earth dope, however, it can be stated positively that Newquist did not touch the ball. And furthermore, Newquist never made the statement which the COP team claimed he did; he didn't even talk with any of the COP players following the game.

In Jim's own words, "As the ball bounded down the field, an unidentified COP player ran along laughing and hollering that Oregon had touched the ball. Little attention was paid to him, and after the ball was downed, he came over to me and laughed about it."

And that is the foundation upon which the Stockton eleven built the gripe. Actually if anyone had a gripe it was the Webfoots, as motion pictures of the game have since proven. However, neither Coach Tex Oliver nor players wished to make any issue of the type of play last Saturday or the officiating. They prefer the matter be dropped altogether. In the opinion of this column, however, the stories drifting up from the South warrant at least a brief description of what really occurred.

Intramurals Lack Fields

Several complaints have been registered in regards to the current intramural touchball program, but at the present there appears to be very little that can be done to remedy the situation. Foremost among the gripes have been: (1) Rules deviate so far from football in regards to fumbles, laterals, etc. that the game loses its fire (2) playing a game on wet turf with rubber-soled shoes is virtually impossible (3) each team plays only three times during the regular season.

As to the first point, the present rules have been in effect for several years. They were instituted because of the large number of injuries suffered under the previous code. All fumbles and laterals being declared dead upon touching the ground, and other such rules, certainly do detract from the game. However, authorities in the physical education department claim there has been a tremendous reduction in injuries. One side balances the other.

The other two complaints can be traced to one source. Howe field, according to the physical education department, is the only available space for play. The varsity football fields are already in use. The JV's occupy the field behind McArthur court; University high has the practice field just beyond. The area behind the P.E. building is allocated to the military department.

Unfortunately, this column has not had an opportunity to confer with Dr. Leighton, dean of the physical education department, on this issue. Several possible solutions could be suggested:

(1) The field assigned to the military department is seldom in use by them during game periods, and by careful scheduling this field might be used to good advantage (2) the field within the intramural track is not in the best of condition, but is altogether unused; with some planning this field should be available (3) the practice field between the one used by Unihi and Tex Oliver's varsity is usually unoccupied and might be available.

These are just possibilities. They may have been considered before and rejected for good reason. However the indictment still lies against the University of Oregon. This is the post-war school of increased enrollment, increased activity, and supposedly increased opportunity for students. Yet we have but one field to offer for an intramural program that should include the male portion of a five thousand plus enrollment.

Rookies Make Good

Rookies from Northwest schools are doing fairly well in pro football these days . . . Rose Bowler Don Durdan is performing in grand style for the San Francisco 49'ers while a pair of lads Phil Sorboe is missing at WSC this year—Bill Ward and Al Akins—are also well entrenched . . . In fact Ward has been listed as a starter for the Washington Redskins.



BILL WARD

SX Romps Vets, 25-0 PiKA - Chi Psi Tie, 0-0

Chi Psi and Pi Kappa Alpha battled to a scoreless tie, and Sigma Chi romped to a 25 to 0 victory over Vet Dorm "C" yesterday afternoon on Howe field in the third round of the intramural touch football season.

Ared-hot passing and running combination was exhibited by the Sigma Chis, who wasted no time in getting under way, scoring after only two minutes of play. Quarterback Barney Koch snagged a pass off of the fingertips of a Vet defenseman and sprinted 30 yards to score. The conversion try failed, and the quarter ended 6 to 0, as the Vets' defense stiffened.

The Sigs continued on their winning way, however, as Bob Morrison bulletted another pass to speedster Koch from the 40 yard line, who gathered it in and raced the rest of the distance to paydirt. This time the extra point try was good, as Koch flung a short one to Guard Ken Morin to make the score 13 to 0.

In the third quarter came the Vetmen's greatest bid for points as they drove down to the Sigma Chi 22 yard line on two consecutive passes and a run, but here their power lost momentum and the drive failed.

Sigma Chi's reserves proved just as potent, as Norm Henwood took over the passing duties and proceeded to pass 30 yards to Lineman Bob Gloss for a six pointer, and repeated the performance to Koch for another touchdown, making the final score 25 to 0.

Pi Kap Game Hot

The Chi Psi-Pi Kappa Alpha tilt was hotly fought all the way

through, but neither team managed to connect consistently enough to score.

Chi Psi came closest to pushing over a counter as Jim Ellison, fullback, and Quarterback Chuck Rufner teamed up and passed their way down to the 20 yard line from deep in their own territory. Then, with only 10 seconds remaining before the half, an attempted pass to Rufner in the end zone failed. Again, Chi Psi pushed deep into enemy territory in the last quarter on consecutive passes by Ellison to Rufner, but they were stopped on the six yard line and play ended as the Pi Kaps took over on downs.

The Pi Kap's greatest chance appeared early in the first stanza when Quarterback Clark Coffee

threw a long pass to Don Gilbertson, fullback, for a first down, and then completed another one to the 25 yard marker. After two attempted passes were knocked down, Coffee started around right end, cut back through guard and appeared to be away, but fast-moving Rufner stopped him on the 18 and ended that threat. The Pi Kaps failed to make a serious advance the rest of the game.

Chi Psi completed a greater percentage of passes, with five completed out of 14 tries, but the Pi Kaps led in downs, two to one.

| Team | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Total |
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| Chi Psi | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pi Kap | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sigma Chi | 6 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 25 |
| Vets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Webfoots Leave For Bear Tussle

The Oregon Webfoots, 36 strong, plus coaches, trainer, and managers were off last night amid the cheers and chants of 300 rabid supporters. It marked the first departure of the 1946 season for the gridders as they headed for Berkeley and the University of California game October 5.

Cheers were plentiful and spirits high as the squad boarded the south bound Beaver. And though several of the gridders were far from top shape, injuries were not apparent as they boarded the train.

Oregon's claim to All-American recognition, Jake Leicht, moved about with ease despite a wrenched knee which had kept him out of uniform all week.

Leading the squad was Coach Tex Oliver, expressing confidence that his men would come through with a fine game. "The experts haven't treated us too well this week, but I think we have a good club that will make the Golden Bears a lot of trouble," he added.

Typical of the player comment was big Brad Ecklund, 200-pound blond center. "Before the COP game we looked great in our final practice and then showed poorly in the game. Tonight I thought we looked rather poorly on the practice field, so we should be tops on that field Saturday. I think we're really ready to play ball this week," big Brad added.

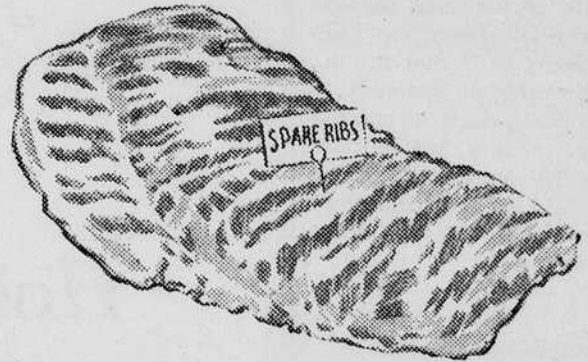
Also on hand for the departure, but not traveling with the team, was Ben Winkelman, backfield coach. Ben is scheduled for a quick hop to Missoula today, where he will scout tonight's contest between Montana and Eastern Washington College of Education.

Griffin's Market

Roy Butcher

Helen Butcherette

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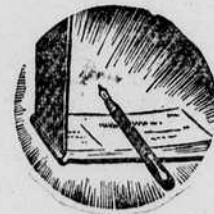


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