

# DUCK TRACKS

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Tex Oliver's resignation yesterday as head coach effective at the end of the current season was big news to many Webfoot followers, but certainly not unexpected to many others. The most newsworthy angle was undoubtedly the fact that Oliver is currently coaching an undefeated team with possibilities of continuing so, yet he decided to throw in the towel.



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The Register-Guard's Dick Strite came out quite definitely a couple of months back with the statement that Oliver would not return even should he coach a winner in 1946. Many of the locals gave him the big Bronx cheer at the time, but his shrewd observation has now become a reality.

Speculation as to the effect on the morale of the team is perhaps unwarranted. If the resignation does have any effect upon the squad it will undoubtedly be favorable, as it is now definitely known that Tex Oliver is not winning games this year to insure his job at Oregon.

Several grid fans have expressed their disappointment at the poor showing of the Oregon supporters in welcoming their team home following the California win. The Thursday evening sendoff rally was only fair as far as the turnout was concerned, while the rooters on hand for the return was scarcely visible, so few were their number.

Oregon's yell king, Tom Hazzard, deserves a few words of praise for his fine work at Berkeley during the game. Reports indicate that he did a fine job of organizing the 1400 Oregon rooters on hand and giving the Lemon and Green eleven the backing they needed.

## Criticism Not Pointed at Hazzard

And so when criticism is aimed at the sendoff and return rallies it is certainly not pointed toward Hazzard. Rather it is directed toward the student body of 5600 students who shed bitter tears while demanding seats on the 50-yard line for the ball game, but somehow found it beyond their capacity to transverse those few blocks down to the train station to give the team the support it so richly deserved.

Examples of team backing at other colleges could be quoted indefinitely. One might suffice. At West Point the Cadets meet their returning Army team en masse as the train comes in. The gridders are packed from the train and placed aboard a waiting bus.

The return trip to the campus then includes a long hill, but the bus does not make this route under its own power. Instead the cheering Cadets pull the bus the remaining distance.

Needless to say, the gridders are somewhat reluctant to accept such a display of loyalty when returning from a defeat. The tradition holds, however, as the rooters prove their zeal in backing the team.

Other schools make ample use of bands, local celebrities, organized stunts, etc. The rally prior to the Cal departure was limited in scope because of early-season redtape. That, however, was no excuse for the poor turnout of rooters.

If the University of Oregon is ever to have a football team that will fight bitterly for victory despite odds or breaks, the Oregon rooters must stand behind it. And oddly enough, that was just the type of play that won the Cal game. The Webfoots were outyardaged, outdowned, and out-figured in general. They won because they were the fighting team, the one that scrapped and made the best of the breaks. Their welcome home—perhaps fifty fans!

## "Country Club Sunday Morning"

It is admitted that the Sunday noon return was a bit awkward to some. Students attending church are certainly encouraged to do so. However, it is highly improbable that the entire student body, with the exception of those few at the station, was at church. It is more likely that the "Country Club School" had a "Country Club Sunday Morning."

From the bold and apparently somewhat cocky sportswriters of the Montana Kaimin, school paper for the Montana Grizzlies, comes the big prediction that the visiting Grizzlies expect to win in style. To quote Dick Kern in his column, Foul Shots:

"This game will be the Grizzlies first real chance to let off steam. The result will give the coast papers something to write about for weeks because when the smoke goes away, the Oregonians will be beaten by two touchdowns."

However, on reviewing the potentialities of the Oregon club with its Iversens, Newquists, Kochs, Reynolds, Bells, and perhaps even Jake Leicht, there are plenty of those greenbacks lying in wait in the Emerald Sports Shack, should any aspiring Montanans venture around.

# Sigma Nus Smother Dorm 'CC', 21 to 6

By ELWIN PAXON

A well-coordinated passing and running offense, combined with a heads-up defense enabled the Sigma Nu team to administer a 21-6 thumping to a scrappy "CC" dorm squad yesterday afternoon. Campbell Club automatically received credit for the victory in the second game as Vet's dorm "DD" failed to appear.

After receiving the opening kick-off, the Vet's were only

able to pick up five yards in three tries, and punted to their opponent's 32 where the potent Sigma Nu attack lost no time in racking up a six point lead. A ten yard pass clicked and then Brown, rangy left end, snagged an aerial from Ed Crane to give the winners a first down on the Dorm's 25. Two short passes, one to Keith Watson and one to mountainous Hugh Steers, placed the ball on the 3, where it was a simple matter for Crane to fire a bullet heave to Ed Dick for the first counter of the game. Hugh Steers made the extra point on a short pass.

The Sigma Nu's nearly crossed the goal line again in the same quarter, as Ed Crane proved himself an able ball packer as well as flinger, by skirting his own left end for thirty yards. However the TD was nullified by an illegal block thrown by an over-eager interference man.

Early in the second period, the Dorm "CC" became the aggressor and opened up an aerial offense of their own, as signal-caller Fred Van Horn spiraled a 45 yard pass to Paul Huntsinger, and put his team in scoring position. The touchdown punch was supplied by Bob George on an end sprint, but the Vet's failed to knot the score by missing the conversion try.

Two plays later Sigma Nu grabbed a permanent lead after Watson displayed a fancy bit of running to return the kickoff 20 yds, setting the ball on the 43. For the second time, Crane's hurling arm was a deciding factor in the point-making as he unfurled a 50-yard pass to basketball star Dick Wilkins, who ran the total for his club up to 13 markers and the winning margin. Crane threw one down the slot to Ed Dick for the extra point.

The out-classed Vet's Dorm aggregation received the second half boot in their own territory and drove to the enemy 40; but there Dick Wilkins, playing in the secondary, intercepted a pass and raced to the twenty, where he was forced out of bounds by the only opponent between himself and the white stripe. The Sigma Nu march was halted, however, by another illegal blocking penalty, and they relinquished the ball within 20 yards of the goal.

Sigma Nus, boasting both speed and size, added one more for good measure in the final stanza after the losers failed to make the necessary yardage for a first down with the ball on their foe's 40. Glue-fingered Dick Wilkin's rolled up 23 yards and Don Malarkey made about 35 as the Greek gridders took to the air and brought the ball to the one foot line, where a line plunge by Crane chalked the final TD of the game. Wilkins also hit the line to make the final score 21 to 6.

Lineup:  
Sigma Nu (21) t's Dorm CC (6)  
Steers ..... C ..... Nash  
Brown ..... RG ..... Frank  
Watson ..... LG ..... Hollowpeter  
Dick ..... RE ..... Duhaime  
Wilkins ..... LE ..... Schumaker  
Kimsey ..... F ..... George  
Crane ..... Q ..... Van Horn  
Malarkey ..... subs ..... Huntsinger  
Moore ..... Tassock  
Sigma Nu ..... 7 7 0 7-21  
Vet's ..... 0 6 0 0-6

## Money on the Line

In a recent issue of Montana's student newspaper, the Montana Kaimin, sports columnist Dick Kerns made the statement that Oregon would be two touchdowns shy of a victory at the final gun. Last night the Emerald sports staff wired Mr. Kerns and told him that they would be willing to put 100 bucks on the line if he is still willing to give away 12 points. The sports-minded Emerald staff is not quibbling over the possibility of two conversions—for Oregon.

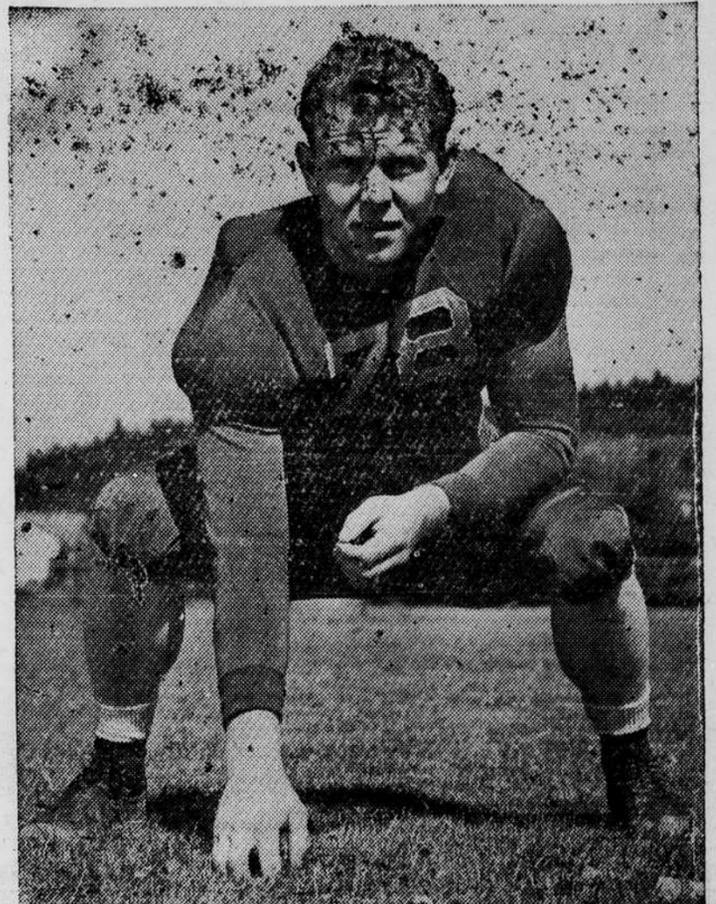
South Africa annually mines more gold than the United States, Canada and Australia.

## Board Approves 7 Major Sports

The educational activities board approved yesterday a proposal received in a letter from Graduate Manager Anson B. Cornell asking that major letters be given for seven sports at the University of Oregon.

The proposal, as approved by the board, would make football, basketball, baseball, track, swimming, tennis, and golf sports in which major letters may be earned. Under the previous setup, only two of the aforementioned sports—tennis and golf—were considered minor.

The approval is contingent upon unanimous acceptance of the other schools in the conference, however, and if full acceptance cannot be obtained, the plan will be dropped at Oregon. The proposal was made in an effort to standardize major sports at all schools in the Pacific Coast conference.



DUKE IVERSEN . . . Webfoot quarterback and ace linebacker, who will play a major role in the Montana game Saturday. The highly touted Grizzlies are expected to give the Ducks as tough a battle as they have had this year.



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