

DUCK TRACKS

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It was a sad Webfoot team that left Hayward field Saturday. They had entered the Homecoming tilt determined to win, but they lost to the mud and tied with the Cougars. For the Sorboemen it was a moral victory. According to reports drifting down from Pullman, Cougar fans were expecting a trimming, and though the WSC eleven naturally would have liked to win they were not too disheartened by the tie.

Losing the battle to the mud does not mean the Webfoots are though the WSC eleven naturally reveal that the Ducks were a weak eleven. It did, however, show that they are not the best mudders in the nation. They played good hard ball, certainly nothing to be ashamed of. Their defensive play was superb as the Cougar net of 34 yards from scrimmage acknowledge.



DON SHAFFER

Individual stars were not too prominent, with the line as a whole looking very good. It was an alert forward wall that picked up three Cougar fumbles early in the contest. And again when the Cougars made their scoring bid in the fourth quarter, the Duck defense rose to smear the Staters for a huge loss and then maintain its pace by knocking down three desperate Cougar passes.

One of the highlights of the game was the fine punting performance of Bob Koch. His first three kicks were none too long, and it appeared that the wet day was about to give his average a bad time. Bob proved himself equal to the occasion, however, and got off successive kicks of 43, 45, 46, 45, 42, 40, 42, and 40 yards to average better than 40 yards per try for the contest.

Shaffer and Newquist Save Scores

The two most breathtaking individual plays were contributed on the defensive side by Webfoots Don Shaffer and Jim Newquist. Both were determined last-ditch tackles that saved WSC scores. Shaffer caught Bob George on the 14 yard line after a 28 yard return of an interception, and Newquist nailed Wally Kramer after the final gun went off when Kramer intercepted a Webfoot aerial.

Encouraging to the Oregon fans was the appearance of Lightnin' Jake Leicht in the contest, his first showing since the season opener in September. Many were skeptical as to Leicht's condition because he was in the game for so brief a time. Fans overlook the fact, however, that because of the condition of the field, it was extremely doubtful if even Jake could spring loose.

He made one punt runback but could only pick up five yards, and when he did get his hands on the ball from scrimmage the Cougars were waiting for him en masse. With virtually no chance of Leicht breaking loose in the mud, there was no reason to risk further injury to him.

The mud was a contributing factor in Duke Iversen's leg injury. The big hard-blocking quarterback was driving hard downfield when his foot slipped in the mud—and bingo he had a pulled leg muscle, an injury he undoubtedly would not have sustained had the field been firm. The casualty, though not serious, will keep the Duke out of competition for a few days. A pair of strong sturdy legs are definite prerequisites of a good blocking back.

In Defense of the Jayvees

It must be admitted right here, that we are none too happy over the outcome of Friday night's JV shellacking at the hands of OSC by a 48-7 score. Oregon's JV mentor, John Warren, has little to say about the game, but this column feels just a bit more expressive.

Not that the Orangemen pulled anything underhanded; on the contrary, all was open and above board. But it must be pointed out that the score was certainly not an accurate comparison of the two teams.

The OSC varsity had the weekend off, and that may well have had some bearing on the situation. Warren was using real JV material. Varsity Coach Tex Oliver had a full four teams saved for Saturday and perhaps more. From the appearance of the OSC lineup, that was not the case with the Beavers.

We are not too well acquainted with the Corvallis turnout, but several of the boys have been getting varsity publicity who saw action in the JV tilt. Offhand, three backs—Bert Allinger, Bud Twenge, and Vic Hartman—come to mind. One of the three—Hartman—was a letterman last year. If these boys are anywhere near the class drummer Irwin Harris has been publicizing them to be, then they certainly were above the calibre of the Duck JVs.

Hobson Looks Over '46-47 Varsity Talent

Eleven Lettermen Answer First Call

Basketball Coach Howard Hobson was given an opportunity to look over a crop of over 100 basketball candidates when the season was declared officially underway yesterday. Included in the initial turnout were 11 lettermen who are expected to form the nucleus of the 1946-47 varsity.

Hobson said that because of the huge turnout, he will split the squad into three divisions—varsity, junior varsity, and freshmen. The varsity will compete in the regular Northern Division circuit, the JVs will play the local industrial teams, and the Frosh will have a full schedule against the OSC Rooks and Oregon high schools.

Assisting Hobson this year will be Ted Schopf, who was basketball coach at Washington High in Portland last year when they won the state prep title. He will train the Frosh.

Three Giants

The lettermen that are expected to form the backbone of the 1946-47 team include such giants as Roger Wiley who is 6-8; Ken Hays, 6-7, and Marv Rasmussen, who is 6-7. Other lettermen who will be vieing for a starting forward slot are Ed Dick, Dick Wilkens, Bob Wren, and Roy Seeborg.

Four fast lettermen guards who answered Hobby's call today were Sam Crowell, Al Popick, Stan Williamson, and Reedy Berg.

Although it will be a rough road for the freshmen who are anxious to take advantage of this last season to play varsity ball as a frosh, one or two of the outstanding neophytes may have an opportunity to move up. Height will probably be a deciding factor for the freshmen, however. Bob Amacher is the tallest of the group at 6-8, Jack Loomis is 6-7, Bob Don stretches 6-4 $\frac{3}{4}$, Jerry Switzer of Eugene stands 6-4 $\frac{1}{2}$, Dick Howell is 6-7, and Bill Wang stretches 6-5 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Schopf has plenty of all-state material on hand to be divided between the Frosh and Jayvee teams. To Lovelace, Lynn Hamilton, and Bob Lavey are on hand from last year's team; Ken Johnson and Amacher are present from the 1945 all-state second team; Don and Bryce Harting were all-city in Portland; and Bob Henderson, Paul Sauer, Ken Seeborg, Jim Bocchi, and Wade Cowan, who were on previous all-state squads, have entered the University as freshmen this year.

Eighteen Lettermen Report at Idaho

MOSCOW, Idaho, Oct. 21.—(AP)—One hundred candidates, including 18 lettermen and four regulars from last year's Northern Division championship team, turned out today for the first University of Idaho basketball practice.

Only Captain Len Pyne, who graduated, was missing today from the "Five Ironmen" who were runners-up to the California Bears for the Pacific Coast conference title after winning the circuit's northern crown. The other four "Ironmen," so called because they played nearly all of every week which brought Idaho its first sectional title in 23 years, will be back. They are Grant Mortenson, Jack Phoenix, Bill Carbaugh, and Fred Quinn.

The pre-conference schedule takes Idaho to Madison Square Garden where they will meet City College of New York on December 3.

UO Runners Look for Meets

University of Washington's announcement Wednesday that it had sent invitations to University of British Columbia, Idaho, Washington State, Oregon State, and Oregon asking these schools if they were interested in participating in a cross-county run sponsored by Washington has not been received by Oregon, according to Bill Hayward.

Hayward, Oregon's track mentor, said that if the invitation is received, Oregon will field a team of some six or seven men for the four mile hill and dale race. He had not had any word of the announcement yesterday but was glad that someone had taken the initiative in organizing a first-class run.

The Oregon harriers are without any competition if this meet is not held, Hayward announced. He has contacted Oregon State and University of Washington to see if they were interested in a dual meet with Oregon at the time the football games were held between the schools.

His plan was to have the race start before halftime and finish inside the stadiums before the second half was underway. The aspiring members for this year's team are working out on Hayward field. Few of the runners have tried the full four miles yet.

Hayward listed Hugh Stapleton, Johnny Joachims, Dale Harlan, Bob Forbes and Al Pietschman as the men conditioning themselves.

Bruin Rossi Qualifies For Hard Luck Medal

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 21 (AP)—Galloping Cal Rossi, UCLA sparkplug halfback cut down by a broken leg against California last Saturday, qualifies for some sort of hard luck medal, if they're handing any out this season.

For the second straight year, fickle fate has "done him out of" All-America recognition.

Last fall, playing with a much weaker team than this season's, potent Bruin, Rossi rolled up 700 yards running from scrimmage in five games, second nationally at the time only to Bob Fenimore of Oklahoma A&M.

Then he was transferred by the Navy to Harvard to finish ensign's training, and had to be content with small-type honorable mention when the All-America picks were made.

Decommissioned last July, the southpaw peppercorn from Santa Barbara returned to UCLA to take his regular right half post.

His injury, diagnosed as a fractured right fibula, will probably keep Rossi out of the rest of the regular season. But he hopes to be ready for a Rose Bowl engagement next a January 1.

And, All-America can wait till next year.

Track Coach Calls Cross Country Men

All men interested in the cross country race scheduled by the University of Washington in Seattle November 27 are asked to meet with Colonel Bill Hayward in his office in Mac court at 8 p.m. Wednesday afternoon. Oregon will send a team if there are enough men and interest to warrant holding the four-mile run.

Basketball Turnout Swamps Edmundson

SEATTLE, Oct. 21—(AP)—Approximately 100 were on hand today when Coach Hec Edmundson sized up University of Washington basketball prospects for the first time this season. The turnout is so unwieldy it will be some time before he can even begin to concentrate on a first string lineup.

Washington faces two major inter-sectional series here in late December—with Ohio State and Minnesota.

Rebec, Gerlinger Win

Rebec house and Gerlinger led the parade of winners yesterday afternoon at Gerlinger hall in the women's volleyball league. Rebec swamped the Zeta Tau Alphas, 75 to 22, and Gerlinger nipped Alpha Xi Delta, 39 to 35, in the tightest contest of the afternoon.

In other games Highland house whipped the Alpha Chis, 37 to 18, Alpha hall smothered Kappa Alpha Theta, 44 to 19, and Susan Campbell ran wild against Alpha Delta Pi, 43 to 12.

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