

DUCK TRACKS

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Johnnie Cherberg, assistant to Pest Welch at the University of Washington, has come up with the very latest in kickoff equipment—well, perhaps not the latest, but boasted as the best. According to 1946 football rules, when kicking off the ball may be placed upon a tee, and the rule specifically implies that it must be a tee and not over one inch in height.

It seems that Cherberg experimented with different types of kickoffs while coaching at Queen Anne high school in Seattle and came up with some sort of a wooden semi-circle for a tee. This year with rubber once again returning to the public he really went to work. Presto! He comes up with the "Sure-Kick Tee."

The Seattle drum-beaters have been booming their toe-expert Bob Mikalson all season, both as a kickoff and as a try-for-point artist. According to the Seattle scribes, Mr. Mikalson has had only one mediocre kickoff thus far this season. Needless to say he uses the "Sure-Kick Tee."

With all due credit to Cherberg's device, however, it must be said that Tex Oliver's Webfoots have been doing fairly well this season with the old fashioned "you hold the ball while I kick" method. In four games this year, the Ducks have kicked off 12 times for an average of just about 50 yards per try, and that's a fair kickoff average in any league.

Michigan Has Tee Sent by Air

Cherberg's tee has become quite popular throughout the nation, Tom Stidham, coach at Marquette, being the first distant customer. Shortly after Stidham's acceptance of the tee, Coach Fritz Crisler of Michigan sent in an order and had the tees air expressed to the Ann Arbor school.

Other clubs currently using the tee are UCLA and St. Mary's on the Coast, and Notre Dame and North Carolina back East. The gadget has also crept into the pro ranks with both the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Yankees giving it a try.

The bulging enrollment at the many universities has resulted in a number of problems to the many administrative offices, and definitely included in this category is the athletic department. Oregon's Anse Cornell, constant buffer between a conservative athletic board and the streamlined thinking of the Oregon student body, is currently losing his hair over football problems, but before long will have some tough decisions coming up regarding basketball as well.

McArthur Court Seats 6600

The Webfoots have been most fortunate in having the huge McArthur court as an athletic pavilion. It has served adequately for many years. This season, however, it looks as though the Igloo will bulge come basketball time, with many a fan turned away because of insufficient seating capacity. Maximum capacity for a cage event is 6600 fans, and with 5600 students enrolled in the school that leaves but 1000 seats to spare.

Such a margin is better than most schools can boast this year, but it certainly does not care for all those who would like to attend. There are still the faculty fans, complimentary tickets to the players, working and complimentary passes to the press, alums, etc., to be taken care of.

Several plans have already been proposed and vetoed by Cornell as being too severe. No definite word is expected for a few weeks yet, but one thing is certain—there will be no attempt to limit the students to a certain number of games for the year as many of the other schools are doing. All students wishing to see the games will be assured seats. One possible restriction, however, might be to require all students to be on hand early so that noses can be counted and the number of seats available for the public determined.

Shorts From Here and There

Latest glamour shot at Mac court is big Duke Iversen strutting his stuff with the aid of a cane; a pulled leg muscle leaves him hobbling a bit, but he'll be ready for Southern Cal . . . Down Texas way they are getting mighty proud of those undefeated Longhorns; reports have it that they will be mighty unhappy if they don't receive Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl bids. Even should they be asked, however, it is doubtful if the Texans would come West, as the conference champs are committed to a New Years Day appearance in the Cotton Bowl.



FRITZ CRISLER

DU's Tip Omega 7-0; Vet Dorm A Forfeits

The DU squad slipped and sloshed to a 7-0 victory over Omega hall yesterday afternoon in a makeup game on Howe field.

The treacherous footing made offensive maneuvering extremely difficult and, except for a pass interception by DU Jim Nelson in the second period which put the Greek team on the Omega twenty, neither team penetrated their opponents' territory deeply enough to threaten seriously.

The only touchdown of the fracas was racked up early in the third frame. The DU's scoring march began in their own territory after they received the kickoff on their own thirty and on a lateral from Les Wright to Herb Tainer, returned the ball nearly to midfield. A left flank gallop and a short pass rolled up a first down, and another well-executed lateral, Tainer to Wright, picked up ten yards, placing the ball on the Omega's 35.

Wright Scores

Behind the outstanding blocking of Gordie Jones, Les Wright skirted his own right end for the remaining distance to shove his club into a six-point lead. Leader, ball-snagging left end, slipped in behind the opposing secondary to grab Tainer's aerial, making the score 7-0.

The only other DU scoring opportunity failed to materialize after they drove to the Omega 24 in the final quarter, only to lose the pigskin on downs.

Sherry Ross won by default when Vets' Dorm A failed to make an appearance.

Line-ups:
DU (7) Omega (0)
Jones C Buchanan
Barney RG Seymour
Wright RE Bradley
Liever LG Moorhead
Leader LE Olts
Nelson F Pickens
Jones Q Van Vactor..

Mentor Meets Distance Men

Col. Bill Hayward explained to cross country aspirants the plans for this season in a special meeting of all distance runners yesterday. Hayward pointed out that the only meet scheduled for the cross country season is the University of Washington three-mile invitational meet around Green Lake in Seattle.

"If everyone is in shape and wants to go, we will send a team. I want Oregon to be in the meet, but I don't want to send men not properly conditioned for the long grind," Hayward said. He pointed out that there must be organized practice in the future to determine the proper pace for the new men on the team.

Two running periods are now scheduled. One at 10 a. m. with Hugh Stapleton taking over the chores of pacer. The other workout will be at 3 p. m. Hayward plans to be present at both times and stressed that group running was essential in cross country.

Penn Tackle Rated AP Lineman of Week

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (AP)—A former Marine lieutenant, once believed killed in action on Okinawa, won the "lineman of the week" award in this week's Associated Press poll of outstanding linemen on college gridirons. He is Bernie Gallagher, tackle on the unbeaten and untied University of Pennsylvania eleven.

Standing six feet 1/4-inch in height and weighing 213 pounds, the 24-year-old Gallagher gained the top spot by his work against

Virginia. All the Penn coaches feel that he has played better than any lineman on Franklin field this season and that he is outstanding in every respect.

Sorboe Drills Cougars For OSC Saturday

PULLMAN, Wash., October 23 (AP)—Coach Phil Sorboe drilled three sets of backfield combinations today as he prepared his Washington State College Cougars for their Saturday meeting here with Oregon State College.

On the defensive side, the squad was practicing against Oregon State formations.

Sorboe said he was pleased with the spirit shown by the Cougars as they held the University of Oregon to a scoreless tie last week and said that spirit was missing when the team bowed earlier to the University of Washington.

He said that instead of getting tired, the Pullman crew actually grew stronger in the last quarter.

Nine Idaho Players Plagued by Injuries

MOSCOW, Idaho, Oct. 23 (AP)—Coach Babe Brown today listed nine University of Idaho players who "may or may not" see service here Saturday against the University of Oregon because of injuries.

Six of the nine are regular starters. Bill Miklich, fullback, has a broken hand; End Merlin Aldred has a shoulder injury, and John Kivus, reserve halfback, has a bruised hip.

Six others have leg injuries, including Ralph Paasch, center; Jim Hatch, halfback; Jack Hatch, reserve halfback; Frank Viro, tackle; Andy Walsh, reserve halfback, and John Christensen, halfback.

Pigskin Review

Ted Meland

By AL PIETSCHMAN

One of the mainstays of the Web-foot forward wall is Guard Ted Meland. This 5-foot 10-inch, 205-pound lineman has proved himself a valuable starting guard and is being looked upon for big things in the next three years at Oregon.

Meland played three years of ball for Bend high school, earning his letter and learning the guard's duties in this time for the Lava Bears. He also saw action with St. Mary's Pre-flight last year.

Three years in the navy interrupted his collegiate schooling, but upon his discharge he readied himself for the higher book learning and journeyed across the mountains to Eugene and the Oregon campus.

"No plans yet," was his retort when questioned about his future. Four years is a long way off and Ted is waiting for the alum status to take care of itself.

"We should have beaten Washington State, and we would have won on a dry field," Ted said when queried about football in general. The wet field had slowed down the usually "mudding" Ducks, as revealed by the movies of the game shown before the squad dressed down yesterday, making Ted's remark just about the general attitude of the team.

Although he has not played in the Pacific Coast Conference before, he figures that it is tougher than before and is glad that he is able to get his Frosh experience against top flight opponents.

This should serve Ted in good stead in the coming years when the current "big guns" of the Coast depart and the quality of the players returns to a normal status.

There is no doubt as to the correctness of Meland's statement concerning the toughness of the conference this year. Washington's head mentor, Pest Welch, recently mentioned that he would like to have had several of the men Southern California cut from its squad for regular starters in the positions the Huskies are not too strong in. In normal times the supposedly weak positions would be above average, but now the Washington coach calls them question mark positions.

Impressed By Spirit

"Oregon's a pretty darn good club," Ted remarked, and, like all the other players interviewed, he is

UCLA Bruins Drill For Santa Clara Tilt

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23 (AP)—The UCLA Bruins paid special attention today to ball-handling and punting, two departments in which they were shaky last week against California.

Backs were sent through a long drill guarding against fumbles, and Quarterback Ernie Case practiced getting punts away faster under pressure.

Case's substitute, Ben Reiges, flashed passing form which may be put to use Saturday against Santa Clara.

impressed with the spirit shown by his teammates and their cooperation shown in tight spots.

The prediction of Sam Hayes, coast football prognosticator, that Oregon would knock over the Vandals this week by a 35-7 count, drew forth a smile from the husky guard, but that was all. Comments on the subject were nil, but if types of smiles can be interpreted, his was in a "that's O. K. by me" classification.

Paul Williamson's rating of Tuesday morning, putting Oregon in forty-ninth spot in the nation, caused Ted to erupt, "That rating was kinda foul!" Williamson's listings are becoming a laugh as far as most of the players are concerned.

Ted figures that we can beat USC in the coming big tilt at Los Angeles and hopes that we turn the trick against the Trojans who have many wins posted against Oregon on the record books.

Trojans Stress Defense

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 23 (AP)—The Southern California Trojans went on the defense today against off-tackle smashes and end sweeps, such as Stanford's Lloyd Merriman specializes in.

The Trojans, who meet Stanford Saturday at Palo Alto, were told by Coach Jeff Cravath that to win they must stop Merriman, ninth ranking ground gainer in the nation.