

DUCK TRACKS

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Oregon's 1946 grid representatives go south today for the big test. Most of the experts have pretty well sold them down the river, and it is altogether proper that "yours truly" should come to the defense of the Lemon and Green machine which we call "our own."

First off, the opponent is Southern Cal, and say what you may, the fact remains that the Tex Oliver-coached Oregon elevens have a pretty good record against the mighty Trojan. Tex is himself an SC alumnus and takes particular pride in his showing against the LA club.

Tex makes no bones of the fact either. He admits the tremendous school rivalry between Oregon and OSC and that both he and the team feel the same way. The OSC rivalry in no way, however, lessens the desire to upset the Trojan. "Both the team and I really point for USC" as Tex would put it.

Reviewing the record, we find that Oregon did take a good thumping from the Southerners in 1938, Oliver's first year, 31-7 being the score. Since then the Webfoot stock has gone up. In 1939 the two clubs played to a 7-all tie, and that was a real moral victory for the Lemon and Green. In 1940 the Trojan bounced back for a 13-0 win, but in 1941 the Webfoots broke through, and not with a squeak win—it was a solid 20-6 triumph. And that's where things stood when Oliver went into the service. He gets his next and last chance at the Troyboys tomorrow.

When Oliver's record is viewed alongside the alltime Oregon-USC record it doesn't look so bad. For the two teams it stands SC ten games, Oregon two games, and one tie. For the Oliver-coached teams it reads two USC wins, one Duck win, and one tie. And that's no record to be ashamed of when playing USC.

Oregon Still a Darkhorse

Another factor that is liable to throw the experts off is the fact that no one knows the real potential of the Oregon team. Most fans view the record to date, shrug their shoulders, and forget Oregon. Maybe they're right, and maybe they aren't. Actually there is very little to go on to determine the actual possibilities of the Ducks Saturday.

They limped through early season in a none-too-impressive style, but they had the guts to win the Cal win. They found out that day that they were more than a one-man ball club. Jake Leicht watched that one from the bench.

They have looked sharp in one game to date—Montana. The following week, they were bogged down in the mud, a situation which happens to the best of ball teams. The WSC game was nothing to write home about, but it certainly did not prove that the Webfoots were no good.

Folks shake their heads over the Idaho results, that is those who view nothing but the score. Admittedly the Ducks didn't have the spirit when they started that contest, but they caught on. They rolled up four touchdowns and could have picked up a few more, but Oliver adhered to his policy of giving the boys on the bench a chance to play, too.

Tex has a two-fold reason in doing that: 1—the perfectly logical reason that the boys who work hard all year deserve a chance to play whenever possible; 2—some of the reserves are sadly inexperienced and need gametime. From that you can probably conclude that Oregon's reserves are not too sharp, and that may well be the deciding factor in tomorrow's tilt. The Trojans are umpteen men deep at every position.

May Like the Sun

Most coaches and players cry about the heat when they play down south, but it may work to the advantage of the Webfoots. They have played their last two games in the cold damp Northwest, and that's not exactly what the speedy Duck backfield likes.

When they take the field in the Coliseum under a warm sun, it may be just what is needed to loosen them up, make them feel like playing wide-open ball. Their last warm day was against Montana and they looked good. The land of sunshine may be just the thing needed to bring out the best in the '46 Webfoots.

At any rate, it's all on paper now. The Webfoots are as yet undefeated. Southern Cal is improving, but they have and can be beaten. A badly outweighed Stanford line pushed them all over the field for most of last Saturday's game and SC used a seven-man line! A spirited Green machine may do the same and go on to win. We'll know tomorrow night.

Pi Kaps, Phi Delt's Win

Howe Field Soggy With Scores Low

By virtue of a first quarter safety Pi Kappa Alpha managed to squeeze by Sigma Chi 2-0, while a break late in the second period set up the Phi Delt's for their touchdown to win over Delta Tau Delta 7-0, in the Thursday round of the intramural football league, played on a sloppy Howe field. Running plays were almost impossible, as the treacherous footing spilled gridders.

The Pi Kaps' score came after three minutes of play, as their kick from the 46 was downed on the Sigma Chi one foot line.

As Sig Fullback Bob Morrison went back into his end zone to kick out of the hole a bad pass from center hit the ground, and it was two points for the Pi Kaps. They made good use of the lead, as the game proved to be a toss-up the rest of the way.

The Pi Kaps came close to scoring again in the early seconds of the next quarter, as they drove to a first down on the Sigma Chi 20. From there Clark Coffey tossed one to Halfback John Gilbertson on the 11, but the defense stiffened, and the Sigma Chi gridders took over, killing the drive.

Phi Delt's Win

Making the most of an intercepted pass, the Phi Delt's crossed the goal line in the second quarter and then played tight ball the rest of the game to win their contest. On the first play after Phi Delt Kay Hoff had booted the ball down to the Delta 22, Fullback Zeb Czai-koski had to hurry his pass, and pitched the pigskin into the arms of Phi Delt End Don McCollom, who galloped down to the 11 yard line before being tagged.

From there, after two fruitless tries, Hoff passed to Jack Daly on the one yard line. On the fourth down, and with goal to go, Hoff lobbed the ball over the center of the line, and in the melee of players milling for the oval Dan Kreiger pulled it down for the score. Hoff passed to Daly over left guard for the extra point, and the score was 7-0, as the half ended.

At the start of the third quarter, after Chuck Mickelson had run a kick back to the Delt 28 yard line, the Phi Delt's threatened again.

Hoff tossed an aerial over left guard to Daly on the 20, and then packed the ball himself, through right guard down to the 16. Then, with fourth down and three yards for a first down, the ball slithered out of Hoff's hands and fell dead, and the Delt's took over.

The Delt's made their deepest penetration in the fourth quarter, as Czai-koski completed a pass to the Phi Delt 35, and then churned up to the 28 on an end run. But here the drive was stopped, as two incompletes killed off all chance of a score.

IM Volleyball

Action in the intramural volleyball league was of a wild variety yesterday with the Phi Delt's, Delta Upsilon, Chi Psi, Yeomen, Phi Psi and Sigma Chi posting victories.

In the first game Phi Delt showed the kind of power that may carry them to the league bunting by wrecking the Sigma hall squad 15 to 2 and 15 to 0.

The Sigma Chis' combined fine teamwork and defensive play to walk over the Legal Eagle's 15 to 0 and 15 to 6. The Eagles showed flashes of being an upper division club, but couldn't seem to get rolling against the strong Greeks.

Delta Upsilon and Sigma Phi Epsilon waged three well played battles in their initial league action.

The DUs finally won the final heat with a 15 to 7 score.

It wasn't Vet Dorm E's day as they succumbed to a sound 15 to 4 and 15 to 2 thumping by the Yeomen. Yeomen floored a well organized aggregation and were much superior to the hapless vets.

Chi Psi and Vet Dorm AA waged a three-game battle in their first league try. The millrace boys won the first game, 15 to 11, and seemed on their way to take the vets into camp until the vets rallied and took the second fray, 15 to 2. In the pay-off heat the Chi Psis won 15 to 6 to take home the victory.

Phi Psis won their contest the easy way on a forfeit from the Vets of Dorm BB.

American troops are still in Korea, with British troops remaining in Greece.

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