

DUCK TRACKS

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After every game—particularly when the home team loses—the Monday morning quarterbacks get together and re-hash the situation. They come to the conclusion that the coach did a bad job of quarterbacking from the bench and that the wrong players played at the right time and vice versa.

The majority of these people do not see the game, but draw their conclusions from what they hear over the radio. For instance, the local fans have been wondering why Oliver pulled Leicht out of the game last week when the Ducks were on the Washington 16 yard line. Unfortunately, the commentator did not say that Leicht had been hurt on the previous play, and it was not reported that he had a fever before he entered the game. Perhaps if Jake had been in shape to carry on, the Webfoots would have scored on that drive. As it was, however, there were less than two minutes remaining in the half and Oliver sent Erickson into the game to replace Leicht. Two successive passes from Reynolds to Erickson failed, and the Huskies took over on their own 18. Was this bad strategy? If Oliver had instructed Erickson to run the ball when he entered the game, the critics would have wondered why they didn't pass. So it goes.

Anything Can Happen Saturday

This weekend the Ducks travel to Corn Valley for the game of the year, and we say to the experts—throw all comparative scores out the window. Anything can happen, and if you are going to pick this game on the yellow sheet, flip a coin.

Although Leicht literally has a pain in the neck he is expected to be ready for the Beaver tilt, and there is a good chance that Tony Crish will be ready to go for the first time in over a month. Tony broke his leg during a scrimmage session shortly before the Washington State game and has been on the shelf since, but the break has healed remarkably well, and he will have an opportunity to end up his football career at Oregon in a blaze of glory Saturday.

Comparative scores and performances of both teams this season will give the Orangemen the nod, but if the Webfoots can get together with themselves and play the brand of ball they are capable of playing, there is no reason why they shouldn't dump the Beaver.

Last Victory in 1940

Certainly the team—from the coach on down—should have good reason for bringing home the bacon Saturday evening. This will be Oliver's final appearance as football coach at Oregon, and his teams have not beaten Oregon State since 1940 when Oregon shut them out 20 to 0 on Bell field. Nothing could be more satisfying than winding up the season with a win, and we are sure Oliver is not the only one that feels that way. There are a number of seniors on the squad that will be singing their swan song this weekend, and it is safe to assume that they will do everything in their power to bow out with a win under their belts.

Of course, that works both ways and there are a few fellows on the Beaver squad that feel the same way as the Webfoot seniors do. The only conclusion one could draw is that it will be a whale of a battle and isn't it a shame that only 1,500 seats have been allotted to the Oregon rooters.

Seating Situation Rough

When the tickets went on sale last week in McArthur court they went like hot cakes and there are many Webfoots that are disappointed. Seems like there should be a more even distribution of seats, but this game is an Oregon State function and as long as they are cracking the whip, there is not much we can do about it. Seating space will be definitely limited in McArthur Court for basketball games this year, and we are wondering what arrangements will be made for visiting rooters. It would hardly be cricket if a Duck rooter was forced to sacrifice his seat for a supporter of the visiting team.

The city basketball league opens tonight with a triple header in the Igloo and if you are interested in getting your money's worth, the independent games are a good investment. There are six fast teams in the league and plenty of good fast basketball is guaranteed. Two evenings of city league play and the regular varsity schedule should satisfy basketball fans this year.



TONY CRISH

City League Hoopers Open at Igloo Tonight

JV-Outdoor Store Tilt Scheduled for 9

Action in the city basketball league opens tonight on McArthur court at 7 p.m., as the six-team circuit plays the first of twenty scheduled tripleheaders.

Squads entered in the activities are the University of Oregon junior varsity, Oregon Lumber Sales, Outdoor Store, Richfield Oilers, Coos Bay Pirates, and the Eagles Lodge.

The junior varsity aggregation has the closing session tonight at 9 against the Outdoor Store's quintet, while the Oilers meet Lumber Sales and the Eagles run against the Pirates in the two earlier tilts.

Many Big Names

Membership in the league sports some former big names in collegiate and local prep basketball circles along with many rising lights on the University team. Outdoor Store's maple squad is led by Cal Bonney, former All-Conference center at Mt. Angel college.

The Oregon Lumber team is well manned listing Archie Marshik and Ted Sarpola, ex-Oregon players, along with Frank Marshik and Roy Pflugrad, former Oregon State lettermen, and topped off by Manager Bobby Anet, All-American from the University.

The Eagles will be paced by Barney Koch and Bob Caviness, ex-Oregon lettermen, while the Pirate's squad boasts a former UCLA letterman, Bill Huggins, and Chuck Stamper, an ex-Oregon man.

Richfield's entry is composed of former high school players from this region.

JVs Promising

Oregon's JV squad, while not as yet fully determined, shows some very promising talent in a number of former high school greats.

Dick Howell, lanky ex-Oregon City high hoopster, Pat Wohler, All-City from Franklin high (Portland), and Chuck Rufner, a star on Washington high's state finalist squad a few seasons back are only three of many rising young players.

Schedule for the first half of the season, all of the games of which will be played on McArthur court, is as follows:

Tuesday, November 19—Oilers vs. Lumber Sales, 7 p.m.; Eagles vs. Pirates, 8; Junior varsity vs. Outdoor Store, 9.

Wednesday, November 20—Eagles vs. JV, 7; Lumber Sales vs. Outdoor Store, 8; Oilers vs. Pirates, 9.

Monday, November 25—Pirates vs. JV, 7; Outdoor Store vs. Oilers, 8; Eagles vs. Lumber Sales, 9.

Tuesday, November 26—Eagles vs. Outdoor, 7; Lumber Sales vs. Pirates, 8; Oilers vs. JV, 9.

Wednesday, December 4—JV vs. Lumber Sales, 7; Oilers vs. Eagles, 8; Outdoor Stores vs. Pirates, 9.

Thursday, December 5—JV vs. Outdoor Sotre, 7; Oilers vs. Lumber Sales, 8; Eagles vs. Pirates, 9.

Tuesday, December 17—Oilers vs. Pirates, 8; Outdoor Store vs. Lumber Sales, 9.

Thursday, December 19—Eagles vs. Lumber Sales, 8; Outdoor Store vs. Oilers, 9.

Monday, December 23—Oilers vs. JV, 7; Eagles vs. Outdoor Store, 8; Lumber Sales vs. Pirates, 9.

Thursday, December 26—Outdoor Store vs. Pirates, 7; Lumber Sales vs. JV, 8; Oilers vs. Eagles, 9.

Wednesday, January 1—Eagles JV, 8.

Thursday, January 2—JV vs. Pirates, 8.

The pioneer father has never tipped his hat.

ATOs Out-Slop Phi Delts In Scoreless Mud Contest

By **ELWIN PAXSON**

After sloshing, slipping and sliding through five quarters of scoreless play, the ATO touch-gridders edged out a potent Phi Delt squad in the "4-downs from the 50" rule that had to be employed to determine the quarter final stalemate

victor. The winners racked up four mud-soaked yards in four attempts as compared to three for the Phi Delts.

The game was played under the worst field conditions seen this season, with neither club able to maintain its footing even on defense, much less stage a touchdown march.

The closest either team came to hitting pay dirt was a Phi Delt drive to the enemy 12-yard line as a 50-yard side-line punt return by Mickleson across the goalline was brought back to the 20-yard stripe after a whistle had sounded on the play.

ATOs Hold

A short pass to Don McCallum, rangy leftend, picked up three yards and a defensive offside penalty placed the ball on the 12. The hardhitting ATO line held at this point, and the ATOs took possession of the ball on downs.

The treacherous turf and rain-filled sky bottled up both air and ground attacks, although an occasional end spurt by fleet-footed Kay Hoff of the Phi Delts and ATO pass completions from Bill Barrett to Phil George or Wilbur Craig provided the rain-drenched spectators with a few thrills.

The score-book revealed that only a single first down was marked up by each team, both in the third period. The Phi Delts' was made on a 14-yard flank gallop by Kay Hoff and a bucket pass to Don McCallum.

Phil George grabbed a 15 yard heave from his own 20 to tally the ATO first down, but in both cases the attack bogged down immediately after the yardage was recorded.

Hoff Kicks Well

Kicks figured heavily in both teams' maneuvers, and Kay Hoff's talented toe sent several punts deep into enemy territory and averted any opportunity for the ATOs to capitalize on a poor or blocked boot.

Two injuries were recorded during the encounter, both of them ATO players. Bill Dempsey twisted his back in the early part of the game, and Moe Thomas suffered a cut over his eye in a later melee.



TED SARPOLA ... one of the many sharpshooters scheduled to get underway in tonight's tripleheader city league basketball opener at McArthur court, is a former Oregon star, and is playing for the Oregon Firs.

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