

DUCK TRACKS

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Sunny California continues to buzz with repercussions of the PCC-Big Nine tieup. The move by the USC alumni association yesterday towards Southern Cal's withdrawal from the conference indicates the seriousness of the affair. El Trojan is admittedly No. 1 in West Coast sports if not for the entire nation. Many schools rely on the gate when meeting the USC team to pay the yearly athletic bills.



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Such action by California schools is not entirely unexpected. They have been booking intersectional games at an unprecedented rate, and a real crisis may occur next month when the conference "brain trust" again meets, this time to draw up the 1947 football schedule. With the intersectional games already signed and scheduled it will be mighty rough for the Northern schools to come up with a favorable 1947 football menu.

One of the prize statements was one reported by United Press Writer Hal Wood, who quoted an unidentified PCC official as saying the Coast conference preferred to sign with the Big Nine immediately and to ignore Army because the West Pointers had been proselyting.

All of which is probably true; but despite the great whitewashing supposedly given the PCC by the Atherton code, and the high-sounding statements of the Big Nine, the many of the affairs of the schools in these two conferences are certainly not open and above board.

Illinois on Thin Ice

Illinois for one has been the subject of much criticism. We are too far away to pass judgment, but the many rumors are certainly worth considering. UCLA reportedly made great efforts to enroll Buddy Young, but he returned to his native Illini. Maybe all was open and above board. We hope so.

The Midwest papers later made a great deal of Perry Moss, the great passer, transferring from Tulsa, his former school, to Illinois. To meet the requirement that he had to be enrolled for a term before being eligible for athletics, he went to summer school and took such subjects as camp cookery and various physical education courses. And not only that but he was so brilliant, he passed the courses in less than half the time required by a normal student. Once again maybe all was open and above board. We don't know.

UCLA itself has some rather striking examples. Phil Tinsley, an All-American from Georgia, transferred to the Westwood school. So did West Matthews, a big tackle from the Deep South. Orv Hatcher transferred from the University of California. Al Hoisch, a fleet-footed halfback, transferred from Stanford.

Maybe all these boys came to UCLA for purely academic reasons. If so fine. But it certainly presents a shady background, one which makes the charges that Army is the proselytor sound mighty out of place. Not that these are the only two schools that have possible skeletons in the closet. The same could be found at most schools. There are at present several promising freshmen on the Oregon State squad that were actually at Oregon ready to enroll when suddenly they appeared at Oregon State.

The point to be made is that while some schools have proselyted quite openly, the supposedly pure schools have also done much of the same thing even though under cover.

Webfoots Have Reasons to Win

Should Tex Oliver's Webfoot gridders need a theme to get them psychologically set for the Oregon State battle Saturday, they certainly have it in the Army-Oregon State game proposed by Portland business men for New Years Day in Multnomah stadium. Undoubtedly the Beavers had little if anything to do with the offer. That's beside the point. With the Orange bubble mounting that high, its about time for the Ducks to do something about it.

And there are plenty of boys back from the Webfoot 1941 team that was knocked out of a first place PCC tie when the Beavers upset them 12-7. They could easily work on a little revenge angle. Bob Koch, Jim Nequist, Cliff Giffin, Chuck Elliott, Tony Crish, and Duke Iversen were all on that club.

And there are the two defeats suffered last year that could stand a little avenging. The Beavers have had all the better of the inter-school rivalry the past few years. Some changes could well be in order. There are plenty of reasons why the Ducks should come through Saturday.

ATOs Edge Shysters; Playoff Tilt Set Today

Alpha Tau Omega won the right to meet Chi Psi for the intramural grid championship today by defeating the Legal Eagles last night, in another game decided by the yardage method.

After four scoreless quarters, in which the elements played as big a role as the participants, ATO launched the biggest attack of the day, to outgain the Eagles, 18 yards to 0.

It looked as though the lawyers might win as they had in the past, when on the first of the extra four downs the ATOs were penalized five yards for offside. The penalty gave them the down over again, but on the next try Dick Stoinoff, who carried the ball on every play in the game, for the winners, tried to get over guard but made absolutely no yardage.

But on the second down, Stoinoff passed the slippery oval out to sub-end Ramsey Fendall, who had just come into the game at the start of the extra session, and he dragged it in on the 18 yard line, erasing the deficit with three yards to spare. The rifle-armed Stoinoff then repeated the performance, this time to Center Phil George for ten more of the precious yards, and on the last down personally applied the clincher, scooting around right end for five yards. It proved to be more than enough to knock over the Barristers.

The Eagles took over for their try at picking up the yardage, but with defeat and such a big lead staring them in the face, they resorted to passing, and the ATOs gleefully knocked each one down.

ATO started off as though they would sweep the game early in the first quarter, when on the first play Stoinoff, who was the only man on the field able to make headway in the mud, slithered around the right end up to the 40 yard line for a first down. Stoinoff tossed an aerial to George for ten yards more, but the attack faltered here, and he was forced to kick. From then on the game was mostly an exchange of kicks, with Stoinoff hitting the pigskin for ATO and Roger Dick doing the same for the Shysters.

With almost two inches of water standing on the field, and a cold driving rain falling, the Legalites made only one threat during the course of the tilt. They drove to the ATO 27 on two successive laterals from Dick to Quarterback Al Gray, but the muddy going and a stiffened defense clamped down and stopped the push.

Lineups: Legal Eagles vs ATO. Lineup for Legal Eagles: Brown, Schiller, Brooks, Williams, Francher, Dick, Gray. Lineup for ATO: George, Raush, Aiken, Monroe, Gernie, Stoinoff, Craig.

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Who Wanted the Big Nine?

Cadets, Irish May Settle 0-0 Deadlock in Coliseum

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 21—(AP)—Army and Notre Dame may possibly play off their recent scoreless tie in a charity football game in Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum December 22 or 25.

Army authorities have promised to give a decision on participation "within 48 hours," and Notre Dame, although long committed to a policy against post-season games, indicated late today it would be guided by Army's decision.

City Councilman Harold Harby said he talked to Maj. Gen. Maxwell Taylor of West Point, who, Harby said, was "very receptive" to a bid by the council for the Cadets to play here, and that he would give an answer within two days. Army, it is understood, has received several Bowl offers.

Irish in Favor

Later today, Harby talked to The Rev. John Cavanaugh of Notre Dame, who told him, he said, that although the Fighting Irish are committed against post-season contests, they would be favorably disposed to reconsider this year.

dependent upon whatever decision Army reaches. Father Cavanaugh also promised an answer in 48 hours.

The Coliseum seats 103,000. The game's estimated \$400,000 receipts would be given to charity after guarantees to Notre Dame and the Army.

"The Rose Bowl always has been a freezeout," Councilman Le-land Warburton said. "The public never could get in. It has been limited to the alumni of the competing schools and their friends. I'd be in favor of inviting Army and Notre Dame out this January 1, but in any event let's get started January 1, 1948, and give the public a chance to see" the nation's top teams.

The council sidestepped the January 1 date for this season on the ground that the action might be considered a reprisal.

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