

DUCK TRACKS

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Looking over the 1946 football season, it appears that Oregon should have lost only one game. The Webfoots were not ready for USC in any way, shape or form, but there is no reason why the remainder of the games should not have been won. The finale today against Oregon State is the most unpredictable battle of the year and although the Aggies are odds-on favorites, the Ducks can overcome those odds if they play the brand of ball they are capable of playing.



PHIL SORBOE

After the first game against College of the Pacific the experts said Oregon wouldn't have a chance in the conference if they couldn't run up a higher margin of victory over little COP than one point. The odds-makers gave California a one point nod in Berkeley and the Webfoots managed to squeeze out a one point victory over the Bears. The Oregon team showed a great deal of improvement in that game and came home to prepare for Montana the following week. The Grizzly PRO really beat the drum preceding the game, but Tex Oliver's charges ignored the publicity and posted an impressive 34 to 0 win. Although the opponent was weak, it is our opinion that the Ducks reached their peak in that game.

The next weekend was homecoming and the Cougars from the Palouse country came to town. In previous games the Washington State crew had bad breaks and they were not regarded as push-overs by the book makers although Oregon was rated as the winner. Phil Sorboe's crew held the Ducks to a scoreless tie in the mud, but Oliver's crew won a "statistical" victory. On a dry field it would have been a wide-open battle, but it should have been an Oregon victory all the way.

Vandals Were Stubborn

A breather with Idaho was next, but the Vandals were stubborn. The Ducks came home with a 26 to 13 win, and Williamson dropped the Oregon rating on his chart because of the unimpressive win. Granted, the 13 point win did not look good against Idaho, but the two Vandal touchdowns were in the last quarter against reserves. Furthermore, it was Idaho's homecoming and they probably played their best game of the year against the Webfoots.

Then came the Trojan debacle. When Oregon State opened against UCLA and limped home on the short end of a 50 to 7 count we chuckled. When USC clobbered Oregon 43 to 0 we felt like going to Corn Valley for a sob session with northern editors. November 2 was not Oregon's day to play football and the Trojans had that one all the way with no strain.

Since then the Webfoots have dropped two straight. They were underdogs in both games, but should have won. In Portland, Oliver's crew looked great during the first half, but allowed the bowl bound Bruins two touchdowns in the final half. That particular game will be talked about for some time and we are not alone when we say it should have been an Oregon victory.

Opening Minute Scores Were Demoralizers

The Webfoots should have beaten Washington in a close game, but they muffed their chances to score and the Huskies took full advantage of all Oregon mistakes. The Ducks seemed demoralized when USC scored in the opening minutes and Washington's touchdown on their first play of the game might have had the same effect.

Today the Webfoot eleven plays its final game of the season against the traditional rival and Coach Tex Oliver sings his swan song. They should realize that although past games are history, they were the losing team in only one instance, and they certainly know they are capable of dumping the once-beaten Beaver. The weather cannot be overlooked, and if Bell field is wet, the Oregon chances of winning look much better. Wet or dry, however, odds mean nothing in this game and Oregon can win if they have the will.

Dedicate This One to Puddles

Tex Oliver would like to finish his coaching career at Oregon with a victory over the Beavers and the squad members, especially those who are playing their last game, should want to prove that they are not in the slump everybody thinks they are in. And don't forget Puddles. What a miserable week the poor soul must have spent in the hands of our country cousins. Perhaps this game should be dedicated to our beloved mascot.

Post mortems and prophecies prove very little, but it is consoling to know that the home team was capable of winning although they have dropped three in a row and are going into the finale as underdogs.

ATO's Grab I-M Title; Down Chi Psis, 7 to 0

Loop Resumes Action Monday

CITY LEAGUE
Basketball Standings

Team	W.	L.	Pct	Pt.	Op.
Firs	2	0	1.000	91	57
JVs	2	0	1.000	87	67
Eagles	1	1	.500	81	79
Oilers	1	1	.500	67	73
Pirates	0	2	.000	64	95
Outdoor	0	2	.000	61	92

The city basketball league goes back into action Monday night with three games at McArthur court. The Jayvees pit their clean slate against the Coos Bay Pirates at 7 p.m., the Outdoor Store's hoopsters run against the Richfield Oilers in the second tilt, and the lanky Oregon Lumber "Firs," victorious in both battles, meet the Eagles lodge quintet in the closing session at 9.

After the two nights of action a scoring battle appeared to be in the offing between four men, according to unofficial Emerald statistics. Chuck Taylor of the Eagles leads the circuit with 22 counters, but he is closely pursued by the Firs' Ted Sarpola with 21, Paul Sowers of the JVs with 20, and Chuck Stamper of the Pirates with 19.

The top scorers in the league are as follows:

Name	FG	FT	TP
Taylor, Eagles	9	4	22
Sarpola, Firs	9	3	21
Sowers, JVs	9	2	20
Stamper, Pirates	8	3	19
Applegate, Eagles	6	5	17
King, Outdoor	5	7	17
Plath, Outdoor	6	5	17
Warber, Oilers	7	3	17

Leading meanies of the action so far are Bobby Anet of the Firs and Harold Hagg of the Oilers, both of whom have seven personal fouls.

Skiing

By The Associated Press

The weather bureau yesterday issued the following report of ski conditions:

Santiam Pass: 8 a.m. temperature 35 degrees, partly cloudy to cloudy; 4 1/2 inches snow, 17 new, wet; tow operating; forecast, occasional snow and rain, rain Saturday and Sunday changing to snow Sunday afternoon; temperature range 33-40 degrees.

Willamette pass: no snow report available but forecast same as for Santiam pass.

The pioneer father has never tipped his hat.

Aerial to Hume Nets Winning Tally On Drive Starting From Own 42

A determined, smooth-operating ATO grid machine powered its way to the 1946 intramural touchball crown yesterday afternoon as it out-classed a hardfighting Chi-Psi club 7-0 in the final clash of the 1946 season. The winners overcame the 0-0 deadlock jinx that has plagued every IM contest the past week by hitting the end zone early in the game on a scoring drive that began on their own 43.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

B League
Minturn hall (CC) over Stitzer (A) 15-13 and 15-6.
SAM over Chi Psi, 15-6 and 15-4.
Sig Eps over Pi Kaps, 15-9 and 15-13.
Delts over SAE, 6-15, 15-12, and 15-1.
Kappa Sigma won over Minturn (C) by forfeit. In the game between Stan Ray (B) and (BB) neither team appeared.

Monday Games

B League
3:50—Court 40, Theta Chi vs. Vets' Dorm (D);
Court 43, Sigma Nu vs. Phi Gamma Delta.
4:35—Court 40, Villard hall vs. Legal Eagles;
Court 43, Vets' Dorm (DD) vs. Campbell club.
5:15—Court 40, Yeomen vs. Beta Theta Pi;
Court 43, Vets' Dorm (E) vs. Omega hall.



LON STINER, Oregon State grid mentor, whose team meets Oregon in classic clash on their home field.

The law school steps are made to stand on . . . and stare from.

Oyster shells in colonial days were used widely as blast furnace

After a pair of attempted passes had been knocked down by an alert Chi Psi secondary, Dick Stoinoff faded back and unfurled an aerial to Ramsey Fendall for 17 yards and a first down.

Flashback Stoinoff then packed the ball through center himself for 7, and the ATO boys racked up another first down on an eight yard pass to Wilbur Craig. Another heave to Craig with the ball within the 20 yard stripe picked up 8, and Tom Gurney snagged one for six more valuable yards.

Next Play Scores
On the next play the ATOs chalked up their victory margin, as left end Ken Hume broke into the clear and jumped high into the air to gather in an aerial for the lone TD of the game. Fendall made a wild dive and grabbed another aerial before it touched the ground to add the conversion attempt.

Only once during the game was the usually potent Chi Psi attack able to click for any significant gain.

The Millrace aggregation took possession of the ball after an ATO drive was halted on the enemy 25. Chuck Rufner shot a pass to Reims for a first down on the 44, and then Rufner raced around the flank to the ATO 40.

After a five yard pass to Bill Leader, however, the ATO defensive tactic proved too strong and the "champs" took the oval on downs.

Whistle Ends Drive
The winners threatened again in the closing minutes of the payoff tilt as a pair of passes to burly Bob Aiken carried the ball from the 46 to the 17. However, a clipping penalty was called against the offensive club and the final whistle sounded before another play could be attempted.

Lineups:
ATO (7)
George C Neiderholzer
Rouch R G Ruble
Gernie L G Hoefel
Fendall R E Ellison
Hamer L E Riems
Stoinoff Q Kroder
Craig F Ruffner



PLENTY OF OPPOSITION . . . Brains for the Beavers and plenty of brawn are pictured above. Head Coach Lon Stiner has been boss at Oregon State since 1933. The husky trio that will fill the center of the Orange line are from left Ray Crane, Paul Evenson, and Martin Chaves.