

DUCK TRACKS

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Along with the fine effort being made to stamp out the influence of gambling interests in college athletics, there is also considerable drum-beating by persons wishing to rid all schools of the so-called "taint of professionalism." At regular intervals some writer takes pen in hand and proceeds to tell the sports world that many heinous crimes are being committed in the name of college athletics.

Exposes are made of the fabulous sums paid to full-backs who can hit a little harder, to milers who can run a little faster, to basketballers who can sink more than average, and to baseballers who can hit 'em a mile. In short, the way the story goes, if a lad is fairly adept at bashing brains, sinking baskets or pounding out basehits he's set for life. The college or university supposedly hauls out the treasure and this buffoon with the strong back hauls off enough loot to last a lifetime.

Well, that may be the story some places—but for every place where that situation is true there is an even-dozen where it is a far cry from what takes place. According to the Coast Conference "purity" code an athlete is allowed to work and earn \$75 a month.

In earning this \$75 a month he is by regulation supposed to put in 75 hours of work that is assigned to him by the school. In other words he gets paid strictly for a job. There is no rule or regulation that allows him to get paid for the hours spent on the practice floor, field, or track. That is done gratis.

Won't Guess As to Interpretations

Making no attempt to go into the field of guessing just how strictly conference schools interpret these regulations, we can say that it is foolish to expect a man to play any kind of ball for a school and receive nothing more for it than the privilege of being allowed to work 75 hours to earn \$75.

It is not at all unheard of for a football player to put in a total of 15 hours on the practice field preparing for a game. Nor is it unusual for a basketball player to put in approximately 13 hours a week in his sport. And so it goes with the others.

High-test competition such as is found in college circles today requires a tremendous amount of preparation and the output of endless energy. And the athlete is expected by some to do this for the "privilege" of sweeping out a gym or caring for a practice field.

On Saturday when a spectator sits high in the grandstand wrapped warmly in a camel's hair coat with a jug between his knees it's pretty easy to say that those guys down there should do it just for the glory of it all. But it isn't all glory. There's a lot of hard work connected with any contest of athletic skill.

Glory Isn't Worth Much

And you can't pay a man off in glory. That isn't worth much to the biggest share of them. Witness last fall when an ambitious rally squad made sure that a representation of Oregon students was on hand to welcome the returning football team. Their big complaint was, that, "they (the football team) might at least stick around a few minutes and say a word or two to the people that had enough enthusiasm to come down to meet them."

Well—maybe. But then most athletic teams don't go too much for this rah rah business. They, as does anyone, like to receive praise for a job well-done. But it wouldn't go much further than that. Most ball players wouldn't fight for a front row seat at an assembly so that they could make a speech.

Do Away With "Purity Codes"

So, we say, recognize the work and energy that a man puts out on the athletic field. That may sound too much like professionalism—but that isn't so hard to take when you consider that, for example, in 1946 Notre Dame's football team, "after carrying a deficit from other sports netted \$240,000" which went to the school. The schools make money on athletic contests. Why shouldn't an athlete? Instead of making this an underground "Joe sent me" payment—why not drop the pretense of the PCC "purity code" which was first enforced by the late Edwin Atherton,



EDWIN ATHERTON

Vandals Dumped, 10-1

LEWISTON, April 3—(AP)—The Bremerton Bluejackets swamped the University of Idaho Vandals 10 to 1 today in the third straight victory of the training season for the Western International league club.

The line score:
Bremerton 210 201 220—10 15 0
Idaho 001 000 000—1 1 0
Kettle, Prosser and Clemts; Johnson, Auer, Simpson and Smith.

Spivey Tops Squad By Carding 74

Glen Spivey turned in the best card to date in the first qualifying round of the varsity golf team. Spivey carded a 74 for the first 18 holes of the 36-hole round.

He was two under par on the first nine, but had trouble on the wet greens during the second nine as he recorded the 2 over par 74.

Lou Stafford was a stroke over Spivey at 75 for his first 18.

Recording identical scores of 76 were Don Provost, Red Omild, George Kikes, Bill Barash, and Rod Taylor.

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Donut Softball Starts Tuesday; Golf, Tennis Underway Later

Four IM clubs swing into first-round softball action next Tuesday afternoon with a pair of contests slated for four and five o'clock. The games will be played on the intramural field where two diamonds have been laid out.

Golf and tennis schedules will be listed early next week.

The first week's pairings are as follows:

Tuesday—4:00—SAE vs. Delts, DU vs. Stitzer hall; 5:00—Sig Eps vs. Hunter hall, Omega hall vs. Phi Psis.

Wednesday—4:00—Sigma Chi

vs. Merrick hall, Kappa Sigs vs. Sederstrom hall, 5:00—Betas vs. Campbell club, Fijis vs. Nestor hall.

Thursday—4:00—Chi Psis vs. Yeoman, Awfuls vs. Sigma Nu; 5:00—Theta Chi vs. Stan Ray hall; Phi Delts vs. Sigma hall.

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