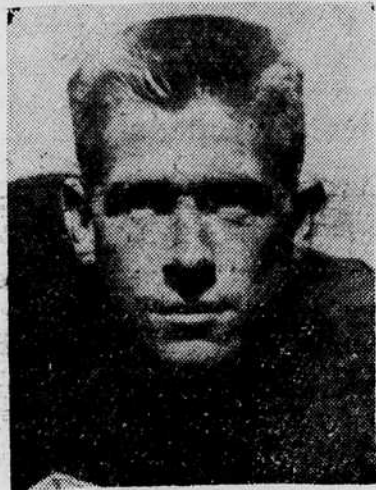


# DUCK TRACKS

By WALLY HUNTER  
Sports Editor

Well, they played the first one and they won it. And they did it in a fairly convincing manner. So now what do we know about Oregon's 1947 football team that we didn't know a week ago? Well, first of all, we learned that when Coach Jim Aiken said his boys would be in condition he meant it. We don't know



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how the individual athletes felt after that ball game was over, but long after the Montana Bobcats had turned into so many rag dolls out there Saturday, the Ducks were still able to hop around enough to slap the bejeebers out of them in the final quarter.

We also learned that when Aiken said his boys would fight he wasn't just making talk. From the day he arrived he emphasized that he expected to field a fighting

ball club. And Saturday we saw a fighting outfit. They came back in the second half and won going away after taking the best licks the Montana lads had to dish out—and that is not only unusual for an Oregon ball club, but it's somehow refreshing.

## Second Half Doldrums Have Disappeared

After watching able ball-players slow down to a dog-trot in the second half of nearly every ball game last year it's good to know that it isn't liable to happen here again. Not if the 11 guys on the field respond every weekend as they did in the successful one just past.

We also learned that the "big green machine" at present isn't a souped-up job that will mangle every opponent it hits this season. There was a rough spot or two that seemed fairly obvious even to the casual observer. But, here is no crime. Even the greenest, novice-type spectator at the height of naivette expected the Webfoots to step into high gear at the kick-off and remain a machine without a sputter for 60 seconds. That, and it is no state secret, is exactly why the Ducks scheduled that first ball game. Only under the white-light of action do mistakes and weaknesses stand out.

Perfection wasn't what most of us were looking for. The biggest percentage of people present wanted only to know that the Oregon guys would try hard and they wanted to know if the coaching staff was using available material to its best advantage.

## The Talent Problem is Tough

We know they were trying and after seeing the endless stream of substitutions flow onto the field as new situations developed most of us figured the staff is doing all they can with available talent. Consider the "plight" of such fella's as UCLA's Bert LaBrucherie who has only such few able backs as Hoisch, Meyers, Rossi, Rowland, Steffen, Roesch, Hunt, Shipkey and Reiges from which to choose a starting quartet. Those are, the main part, all around handy lads in the backfield who can do nearly every chore—and do it well. LaBrucherie is a coach who can send one unit after another out there and each unit can perform tasks equally well. Not so here at Oregon where the coaching staff has to be alert for minute changes in situations so that the proper man be substituted.

For example on a defensive set-up Aiken will give the nod to Quarterback Bill Abbey, but when offense again must be the keynote—then Norm Van Brocklin wheels into action. And there are so many such substitutions here. It's not only in the backfield that these manpower, talent problems develop. It goes much deeper than that. A big share of the squad can fall into the same specialty category. Some can do one job well and others are called on to fill in when their job is done. Of course there are exceptions such as big, blond, Brad Ecklund who can dish it out for 60-minutes either offensively or defensively. But, nevertheless it was Aiken's, Zazula's and Miller's problem and as it looks from here after short observation, they seemed to be doing pretty well in making good use of all available athletes.

At present the average Duck fan is a little leery of the power of Texas and talk about the Longhorns being able to field "eight backs as fast as Jake Leicht" has most of them worried. But then, the biggest share of them aren't ready to toss in the towel just yet. They'll have to see it before they tangle with the Texas gang show as much fight at the Duck believe it and all they ask is that the 11 Webfoots named to yell-leaders and the Longhorns will know they've had a battle.

## Hobson Schedules Basketball Meeting

Important preseason meetings for freshman and varsity basketball candidates have been scheduled for this afternoon by Coach Howard A. Hobson. Plans for the coming season will be talked over, and the meetings will be held in the reserved seat section of the balcony in McArthur court.

The freshman meeting is scheduled at 3 p.m. Tuesday and the varsity candidates will meet at 4 p.m.

## Majorettes Tryout

All applicants for drum majorette for the University of Oregon band are requested by Leader John Steen to report Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the R.O.T.C. shack.

Coffman memorial union is the most popular building on the University of Minnesota campus, a survey shows.

# IM Pigskin Registration Deadline Set at 4 p.m.

By Eddie Artzt

"Great trees from little acorns grow," and today Intramural Director Paul R. Washke's little acorn, the fall touch football program, starts to branch out with the expected registration of a host of crack outfits.

Deadline for team registration is 4:00 p.m. In a few days the grid schedule will be released and the round robin battle will be on its way.

In the 1946-47 campaign Alpha Tau Omega whisked away all around honors with a total record on the score chart of 760 points. The ATO's rambled home 50 points ahead of the Theta Chis, whose season total was 710 points. Third in the blistering intramural race was Phi Gamma Delta with 698 digits to their credit. These three athletic units raced off with honors in a field of 41.

Defending champions in foot-

ball are the top-placing ATOs. This bunch placed first in all the fall sports last year, which included football, volleyball "A," and volleyball "B."

Basketball "A," which along with basketball "B" and handball, is a winter term activity, was won by the second place Theta Chis. Basketball "B" was swept by the Beta Theta Pi five, while handball honors went to Sigma Alpha Mu.

Spring term found Delta Tau Delta mopping up in the softball division, and Phi Theta sporting the crown for golf. The tennis championships went to Phi Gamma Delta, the third highest all-around scorers.

In twelve years of excitement-filled intramural athletics, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta, and Beta Theta Pi have won the all-around title three times each. The only exceptions were a sweeping 200-point margin win for the Yeomen in 1933, a 50-point lead first place for Sigma Nu in 1942, and a three point edge win by Omega hall over the Phi Delta Theta outfit in 1945.

Points toward these coveted all-around championships are given in more than the aforementioned sports.

## Stag Lines

By AL PIETSCHMAN

This is the beginning of a new column for the men on the campus. If the women want to look it over, they are invited to, but STAG LINES is primarily for men.

In it you will find items on sports, fashions, women, records and anything else that men are interested in. Maybe you will have suggestions. If so let's have them. The only way to improve anything is to try new ideas. That's our policy. Let it stand.

**Sports:** Aftermath of Saturday's football game—a cop directing traffic and having the air let out of his tires by enthusiastic rooters. Took a tow truck and an hour of work to get the car rolling. Oregon spirit???

Good thing Van Brocklin doesn't wear lipstick, else the referee might have been embarrassed when Norm gave him the buzz after Leicht's touchdown.

It was good to see the team come roaring back in the fourth quarter. Aiken has put fight in an Oregon grid club, something missing for several seasons. Congrats Jim and team.

**Women:** Want to surprise the gal? Give her a ball-point fountain-pen type perfume container. Carries several days' supply and quite the deal.

**Fashions:** Newest thing in shirt collars according to Pete Hill is the Cary Grant roll. Pete boomed up from Beverly Hills with some and is even trying to show the stars on location the new collars. Speaking of shirts, if any of you fellows are still hunting for a tux shirt drop into Lipman Wolfe & Co. in Portland before Saturday's game. They just received a shipment.

**Sports:** Did you notice the absence of telephone poles at Hayward field Saturday? That's an accomplishment of Leo Harris, athletic director. He saw the poles that housed the lights and said "Out they go." The lights will be installed on top of the shed now that the poles are gone.

Big rally Thursday night. Be ready for it.

—Paid Adv.



BRAD ECKLUND . . . Oregon's 60-minute center and defensive bulwark. The big 200 pounder played nearly all of the Montana State game, and has his work cut out for him when he runs smack into the high-powered Texas Steers this Saturday in Portland.

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