

DUCK TRACKS

By WALLY HUNTER
Sports Editor

A recent report made by three physicians at the annual meeting of the National Safety council revealed that nearly half of the fatal injuries in football are due to skull fractures. And these same three physicians went on record with the statement that modern day equipment is the big reason for these injuries.

According to the report, shoulder and thigh pads worn by the players hurt opposing athletes more than they protect their wearers. They said that, "Protective equipment serves better for purposes of offense than for purposes of protection." It is their belief that the average football player, well-equipped with steel-hard plastic represents a, "human cannon ball charging into the line." Also coming in for a broadside as the result of their studies was the use of plastic and composition helmets.



Prink Callison

Cover Pads and Helmets Outside Too

Their answer to the problem would be to cover the thigh, shoulder pads and helmets with soft padding both outside and inside. This, they say, would give maximum protection to both wearer and opposing player. Concurring in this outlook was a later report by William F. Alexander, who is present athletic director at Georgia Tech. Strong in his condemnation of modern equipment Alexander said, "Take the helmets for instance. Knock the legs off a washbowl and you've got the same thing as on of these composition jobs."

Though the mortality rate in football is not staggering, it might be better for all concerned if something were done along this line. According to the story concerning Alexander's statements he will take action in the near future. An active member of the intercollegiate football athletic rules committee, he will probably broach the subject at the winter meeting of that group.

Heffelfinger Was Ahead of Them

This is not the first time that such statements concerning the use of pads and helmets in football has been brought up, however. Long before the war an old-time Yale man named Pudge Heffelfinger was in favor of banning all such types of rock-solid equipment. Heffelfinger was noted for being an All-American guard at Yale for the years 1889-90-91 and later played pro football until he was in his late fifties. Long before the Safety council ever considered the problem the doughty Pudge condemned the use of pads and helmets as "sissy stuff" that caused more harm than good. He aired his views on the subject in a Saturday Evening Post article.

Splints Would Go Too

Another recommendation by the council would outlaw any athlete from playing while wearing a splint. The council claims that this would protect both the wearer of the splint and the opposition athletes who might come in "violent contact with the hard splint." That statement must have brought a smile to the faces of old-time Oregon football fans who remember an ex-Oregon grid great named Bill Morgan. And this is why. In the season of 1932 Prink Callison was head coach here, and in addition to several well-known guys like "Iron Mike" Mikulak he had a tackle named Bill Morgan, who was one of the finer linemen on the Pacific slope.

Morgan Did It With Broken Wrists

Just before the Washington game early in the season Morgan managed to break not one, but both wrists. Ordinarily this would have meant the bench for the injured lad. . . but Bill Hayward was trainer at Oregon then. A little Hayward magic was applied and Morgan went on to play 60 minutes of football with both wrists encased in casts. And there were Coast sportswriters who later claimed that Morgan never had a better day on the field.

Wolves Howl in Seattle

From a column called "Sports Slants" written by Hal Moeller for the University of Washington Daily comes the following: "With only one conference defeat of the 1947 campaign behind Coach Ralph Welch's Huskies, Monday morning quarterbacks and a few scribes have begun to take "pot shots" at Welch." And so it goes, year after year. Coaches may get tired and athletes may get tired, but one group of citizens—the sharpshooters downtown—never ease up.

Kappa Sigs, Campbell, Theta Chi, French, Merrick, ATO Win in IM

TODAY'S GAMES

3:50

Phi Kappa Sigma vs Phi Gamma Delta

Yeomen vs Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Lambda Chi Alpha vs. Minturn hall.

4:45

Phi Kappa Psi vs. Delta Tau Delta.

McChesney hall vs. Pi Kappa Alpha.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Campbell club.

By EDDIE ARTZT

Sunny days brought no long sought for sunshine to a couple of intramural football teams, yesterday, for though the fields were dry and fast two top-notch powers were rocked from their thrones.

Phi Delta Theta suffered its first defeat of the season to Kappa Sigma 6-2 and Merrick hall upset highly touted Sigma Alpha Mu 2-0. Theta Chi rambled on triumphantly by crushing Phi Sigma Kappa 27-0. The Campbell club cashed in on Pi Kappa Phi 13-7, French hall got a win on first downs from Tau Kappa Epsilon after tying 6-6, and Alpha Tau Omega climaxed an undefeated season with a 1-0 forfeit win from Sigma hall.

Kappa Sig 6, Phi Delt 2

Upsetting the well known apple cart, and ending an unblemished record, Kappa Sigma strung up the powerful Phi Delt 6-2. Phi Delta Theta grabbed a 2-0 lead early in the game when Kappa Sig punter, Gene Wade had a kick blocked into the end zone, where he fell on the ball giving the losers two points. With two minutes left to play in the ball game, Bob Byers intercepted a Phi Delt pass on the Kappa Sig 30 and galloped down the field to the Phi Delt 30. A few plays later Jack Country-

man fired a 12 yard pass to Jack Donald, and Kappa Sigma walked off with the contest.

Merrick 2, SAM 0

Sigma Alpha Mu ran up against a tough outfit from Merrick hall with a tougher back named Win Wright, and after battling four heated quarters found themselves on the short end of a 2-0 count. The score came when a miscued center on fourth down punt formation sent the ball bounding into the Merrick end zone. Jack Scheider-

Manager Meeting

A meeting to discuss the football playoff procedure will be held at 3:30 this afternoon in the intramural office of the physical education building. The following team managers are requested to be present: Sigma Nu, ATO, Beta, Chi Psi, Kappa Sig, Phi Delt, Sigma Alpha Mu, and Theta Chi.

Intramural volleyball will start Wednesday, October 22.

man rescued the pigskin but was tagged for the fatal safety.

ATO by Forfeit

The ATOs preserved their unbeaten record the easy way in winning by forfeit over Sigma hall. The win keeps the defending champs in line for a repeat at the title.

Theta Chi 27, Phi Sig 0

Rolling up the most impressive undefeated record of the season, Theta Chi rated the top nod in playoff selections after they plowed under Phi Sigma Kappa 27-0. Bill Hutchinson was in on every touchdown, passing three and scrambling over unaided for one. In the first quarter Hutchinson moved the ball down the field and ended the march with a six-yard touchdown pass to Keith Baird.

In the second frame Hutchinson

added another six by hitting Bill Harber with an aerial from the 10-yard line. Another tally came in the third quarter when whip-arm "Hutch" sailed one 20 yards into the waiting arms of Dale Boyer. Adding the final TD in the fourth frame Hutchinson tramped six yards around end.

Campbell 13, PK Phis 7

Pulling up from behind in the fourth quarter, Campbell club laced Pi Kappa Phi 13-7. Piercing the scoring column in the second quarter, the Campbell men camped on the thirty-yard line where Mel Krause unfolded with a touchdown flip to Don Severtson.

The Campbell crew kicked off, and Al Ruddy toted the pigskin some seventy yards on the kickoff return for a Pi Kap score. On an end run conversion play sent Pi Kappa Alpha out in front 7-6.

Mel Krause saved the day for the Campbell club by firing a fourth quarter pass to Joe Coughlin that went forty yards to the winning touchdown. Krause heaved to Lloyd Dwigans for the extra point.

TKE 6, French 6

Rolling up six first downs to their opponents' one, French hall gained the nod over TKE, after a 6-6 draw. French scored first in the second period when John Diehl unleashed a 30-yard heave to Lou McCumsey. TKE tied the count on the first play of the final quarter on a 9-yard pass, Ted Johnson to Ray Frank.



By AL PIETSCMAN

SPORTS: It took the Kappas and Pi Phis to set the stage for 1947-48 sports. Their grid struggle will go down in history at Oregon. The usually demure fans let their hair down and went to town and from all reports put on a terrific show. Maybe the idea will carry over to other sports. True, the gals have their intramural league, but how many fellows ever get a chance to watch the fairer sex perform?

It would be good to see some of retaliation in January with their teams put on a show in Mac court prior to a varsity ball game. Last year we had games between little kids and one game between football players. If the gals played, a record crowd would throng to the Igloo.

CAMPUS: Already the sophomores are complaining about their beards. They are especially provoked because they will have to keep the fuzz on during the Washington game and the weekend in Portland. Some of the big boys are trying to get their JC's quick because the ruling is that anyone with more than 93 hours and no JC is still a sophomore.

Maybe your watch isn't ticking the way it should or maybe you would like to get an idea for a Christmas gift, in either case stop at **CARL GREVE, JEWELER**, in Portland this weekend. They have the very latest in gifts for you.

WOMEN: The gals have had their fun—the AWS Nickel Hop is over. Whoever thought it up must have been a sadistic mind although meeting so many women was a pleasure.

Rumor has it that the men will one showing, beginning at 8 p.m. own Nickel Hop. The gals ought to do the tramping around just once, to know what it is like. Viva la Men's Nickel Hop!



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