

DUCK TRACKS

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Rain seems to be the forecast for this weekend's clash between Oregon and Washington at Multnomah Stadium. And thereby hangs a tale.

Last year a mediocre Husky football team trekked to the Portland area to meet the Oregon State Beavers, in the season's final for both teams. The stadium turf then, as it might be next Saturday, was a soggy miasma, following a week's rain. But the weather cleared up sufficiently, two days prior to the game to normally insure decent footing.

The Husky team, coached by Ralph "Pest" Welch was out for big stakes in priming to upset the high-flying Oregon Staters. But the Huskies were never in the contest, and dropped a 26-13 decision. The Beavers had the upper hand from the outset, and there was no doubt as to the final outcome.

The big blast from the game didn't come until two days later when Welch declared that he would never play on the Multnomah Stadium field again unless steps were taken to improve the drainage and turf which in turn would mean a better gridiron to play on. Welch was pretty bitter about the whole affair, and left no doubt that he thought the stadium field was a disgrace to Coast football, particularly in rainy weather.



PEST WELCH

Field Was in Bad Shape

We saw that field the day before the Beaver-Husky battle, and Welch wasn't far wrong in condemning the condition under which the teams had to play, following one of these never-ending downpours. At that time, working crews were spreading sawdust on the field to cover the obvious mud-holes, and from above or in the grandstand, the turf appeared to be in fair shape.

When you walked down onto the actual field itself, however, the mud was ankle-deep and the Oregon State team, which was practicing at the time, merely slithered through a few fundamental plays, and had to call it quits. We don't advocate that Washington would have won last year's game from the Beavers on a decently taken-care-of field, but it was plain that the stadium needed a face-lifting. And Welch's blast did the trick!

During the summer, Multnomah field was completely renovated—new drainage was installed, and the entire gridiron was returfed. The first game played there, following the improvements, was the professional exhibition opener between the Brooklyn Dodgers and Los Angeles Dons. Even with the rough churning that the pros dished out for four quarters, the field was in good condition when the final gun sounded.

Ducks Tried New Turf

The Ducks got their baptism on the stadium floor against Texas and again the field withstood the beating with few visible scars. However we haven't seen what wet-weather football teams can do to the new turf, and next Saturday, provided the rain doesn't let us down, we should have an answer to that one.

No Portland high school grid game is scheduled at Multnomah Stadium Friday night, as is usually the custom, so the field, come game time this Saturday, should be in reasonable condition, as rainy turfs go. To Oregon, playing in the mud will be a new occasion this season, but Washington has already dropped two decisions on soggy gridirons.

Welch's charges dropped their opener to Minnesota 7-6 in a downpour at Minneapolis, and the next weekend, the Huskies were measured by Oregon State 14-7 on a wet field. However there were no kicks from Welch on this loss to the Aggies—the game was played in Seattle.

Revenge Would Be Sweet

To the Webfoots, winning this game would be sweet revenge for some of the cracks that have been emanating from Seattle, and attributed to sportswriter Alex Shults in particular. However, the Ducks go into the game as two-touchdown underdogs, and will have to prove the "mudder" tag hung on them several seasons ago, to chalk up their first conference win.

Coach Carl Heldt's Frosh football squad travels to Seattle this weekend to meet the Husky Frosh in another Saturday afternoon contest. The Ducklings haven't fared badly this season, losing out in the last period to the Rooks 27-19 and then edging a beefy EOCE eleven 6-0.

Heldt and his assistants have moulded an exceptionally strong line, but their weakness, as is the varsity's, has been pass defense. The Rooks couldn't make yardage through the middle, and the eastern Oregon team, met a stone wall on line plunges.

Four Teams Gain Positions In IM Football Semi-Finals

By BOB REINHART

The 1947 intramural football season narrowed down to four teams yesterday afternoon on lower Howe field as three squads fought their way into the semi-final bracket to join the Sigma Nus and began pointing their sights on the championship toga to be awarded the winner of next Tuesday's battle.

ATO 13, Beta 0

The ATOs continued on their merry way yesterday as they thoroughly throttled the Betas 13-0 to renew their challenge for the 1947 blue ribbon and gave full notice that they weren't pausing for anybody when the going gets rough.

It was little Bob Barrett who opened the scoring midway through the first period as he hauled in one of Ramsey Fendell's heaves on the Beta 25 and raced the remaining distance for the tally. Fendell then passed to Joe Hall for the extra point.

The second score came in the fourth period as a result of a blocked kick when the entire ATO line broke through to blanket the ball and snuff out Chuck Kitchell's attempt to get the kick away. The pigskin rolled out of the end zone giving the defending champions their second tally. The try for point was no good.

The Betas drove deep into their opposition's territory twice during the game, but each time they were halted short of the goal on pass interceptions.

Chi Psi 13, SAE 0

Striking with deadly accuracy from the air, the Chi Psis nabbed their fifth straight win of the year as they trounced SAE 13-0 to enter the semi-finals. "Chuck" Rufner's throwing and Strader's receiving efforts were good for touchdowns and the margin of victory.

Strader's first payoff heave

found its mark late in the second period when he cut to the left and let fly with the ball which found its target 20 yards down field in the end zone for the score. Strader hit Dick Maxwell for the extra marker.

Again in the final stanza the combination clicked, this time for 40 yards and the final six points. John Kroder was the outstanding lineman for the winners as was Glenn Wilson for the SAEs.

Theta Chi 6, Phi Delt 0

For one brief moment in the third period the Theta Chis exploded with their only goalward march of the day as Kenny Seeborg picked off a Phi Delt aerial on his own 45 and scampered the remaining 55 yards untouched for the score, enabling the hill toppers to trip the high flying Phi Delt 6-0 for the biggest upset of the day.

Until that one disastrous moment the Phi Delt seemed headed for their first score of the day.

In the final minutes of play the losers drove down to the Theta Chi 15-yard line and all but scored as two passes were dropped near the goal.

USC Drills Defense

Los Angeles, Oct. 16 (UP)—For the third consecutive day Coach Jeff Cravath worked his Southern California Trojans on defense against Oregon State plays.

With second string left end Paul Salata out with a broken bone in his left hand, Stan Cramer moved up in his place at the wing spot.

More than half of the nation's supply of mushrooms comes from two Pennsylvania counties, Delaware and Chester, near Philadelphia.

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By AL PIETSCHMAN

SPORTS: Maybe Oregon has lost some games but end Dan Garza has brought fame not only to himself but also to the school. As someone remarked, "All we need is to have two Garzas and we would be set." Oregon has another good pass catcher in Dick Wilkins, but Wilkins has been awarded the purple shaft medal by the conference fathers. A hearty congrats to Garza for his accomplishments.

JAM: Are your pockets empty of the ole do rei me? If they are here is a news article that will interest you: Record collectors will pay \$100 for any original Dixie land jazz band platters that you may dig up. Here are two of the platters they are looking for: Zulu Ball played by King Oliver's Creole Jazz band and discs with an Aeolian-Vocalian label. That's just part of the list that will bring in dough.

Speaking of records, **RADIO LAB** on 11th street has Frankie Laine's "That's My Desire," "By the Light of the Stars," "All of Me" and "Sunday Kind of Love" on their shelves. Drop down and give them a listen.

WOMEN: Maryanne Thielen is worried. After her "Go to Hell" editorial she received a scroll for "meritorious service" from PBP. Now what she wants to know is who, whom or what is PBP. She is really puzzled.

FASHIONS: The first house dances aren't too far away and the big Homecoming Dance is November 22 and will be formal. Best to get lined up on a tux now. You can get them for fifty bucks at **MEN'S TOGGERY**, 40 E. Broadway.

SPORTS: Maybe you noticed in the papers that Oregon has more pass interceptions than any other college in the nation. We have thrown a lot of 'em and have had seven intercepted. Doesn't sound like many, but tops for the season thus far.

Tonight is the night for a rally. Portland, Benson hotel!

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