

DUCK TRACKS

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During a football game when play is tight and fast and the average spectator is on his feet shouting for blood there is always one place in the stadium where silence is the keynote. And that place is the press box high on the rim of the stadium. Up where people usually don't have time to indulge their emotions. The guys there have a seat for only one reason. They have jobs to do—and those jobs must be done accurately in spite of the excitement and fast play. Consequently, noise and cheering of favorites is held to a minimum. Saturday, at Multnomah field, however, the stadium was different.

With the exception of the several writers down from Seattle the press box seemed to be just another portion of the Oregon rooting section. Many of the writers there had covered previous Webfoot ball games and had seen the Ducks lose them one way or another. And most of them were downright glad to see the Oregon gang come through. And they proved it vocally. For once the staid atmosphere of the press box took a back seat and a good solid howl for the Oregon lads wasn't out of place.



TINY EVENSEN

Zazula Says Dons Are Tough

From all indications the Ducks face no pushover when they meet the University of San Francisco Dons this Saturday. Backfield Coach Frank Zazula, after scouting the Marquette game this past weekend, told Jim Aiken that the SFU gridders compare favorably with the University of Texas. That, of course, is quite a mouthful, but the San Francisco press releases thus far this year haven't shown any tendencies towards shyness when they talk of Don grid ability.

Before the Mississippi State game on SFU release flatly stated that the 1947 SFU ball club was the best in the history of the school. Now that is, indeed, quite a statement. Usually the publicity man and the coach stand back shyly until they have pulverized all opposition and then admit they had a fair season.

To go on record early with the statement that this is a big year is the closest thing to athletic suicide in the books—unless the team can back it up. However, the SFU releases have passed that information and that fact itself makes it doubly easy to believe the Dons will be a tough opponent.

The Vandals Got "Tiny"

Though Oregon State's Coach Lon Stiner has been accused many times in the past of being adept at fashioning a high grade injury "bear story" the Orange headman will probably have few accusers this season. This year the Bevos have really had 'em. First Austin and Evensen went via the injury route and then in the Southern Cal butchery Saturday Dick Lorenz was added to the list of ailing. Evensen received his bad leg in the Idaho battle and though the Vandals were badly outclassed they really dealt the Bevos a blow when they got to "Tiny".

All season Beaver publicity has called Evensen, "the most underrated lineman on the Pacific Coast," and having him watch Saturday battles from the sidelines will do absolutely nothing for OSC morale.

Screwy Diamond Tactics

While on the subject of Oregon State it might be well to quote from the Oregon State Barometer. In a column called Swan's Song—and written strangely enough by a fella' named Bob Swan the Baro scribe says, "The appointment of Don Kirsch as head baseball coach at Oregon was generally not much of a surprise. Don, who was quite the all around athlete, specializing in baseball, just before the war in Duck land, will be quite a change over the screwy diamond antics of Howard "Hobby" Hobson."

On that score we can truthfully say that whatever the antics of Hobby were, on the diamond, in the home, or on the highway—he still has an untouchable record in Northern Division baseball play. Count the number of pennants on the walls of the Duck locker room and you get a rough idea of the value of Hobby's "screwy diamond antics." They paid off.

Mobley, Coghill Please Heldt

Freshman football Coach Carl Heldt spoke briefly Monday at a meeting of the downtown Oregon club and among his comments were words of praise for his two first string ends Dick Mobley and Doug Coghill. Heldt said his two flankers were shaping up as pretty fair pass catchers—and that isn't bad news in view of the fact that Norm Van Brocklin is scheduled for two more seasons in Duck uniform.

Sig Nu's, ATO's Tussle Today for IM Crown

By BOB REINHART

The Sigma Nus and the defending champion ATOs boomed into the title picture yesterday afternoon on the soggy turf of lower Howe field as they edged by Chi Psi 7-0 and the Theta Chi 8-0, respectively. They face each other this afternoon for the intramural gridiron crown. The game is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on lower Howe Field.

Both teams have now run their unblemished win-streak to six straight. The title fray will feature the whip arm of backfield ace Ramsey Fendell and the all-around duty of Captain Moe Thomas for the defending ATO outfit.

SIGMA NUS STRONG

For the challenging Sigma Nus, it will be the fancy-dan pass snagging of Dick Wilkins and Ed Dick, and the bullet tosses and broken field running of Rog Dick and Doug Kimsely. With the tension of the battle keyed to a high pitch, the contest should develop into a ding-dong battle.

The onrushing Sigma Nus battled their way into the championship playoff yesterday afternoon as they edged by a "never say die" gang of Chi Psis by a narrow 7-0 count on the strength of a pay off heave from Rog Dick to Ed Dick late in the second period.

WILKINS RUNS

Starting on their own 35 yard line, the Sigma Nus traveled the distance to the goal line in four plays from scrimmage. It was lanky Dick Wilkins who sparked the attack as he cut off right tackle from his left half slot and galloped 30 yards to put the ball deep in Chi Psi territory.

After a running play failed to gain, Rog Dick faded back and passed to his brother 10 yards down field. On the following play he pitched the payoff heave to Ed that brought victory to the Sigma Nus. The same combination clicked for the extra point:

The Chi Psis manufactured their only scoring thrust of the day late in the fourth period as Chuck Strader hauled in one of Chuck Rufner's aerials on the Sigma Nu 35 and all but out raced the defender's secondary before being stopped on the 3-yard line.

With a first down and goal to go, the Chi Psi's attempted four

passes, all of which fell incomplete in the end zone and the Sigma Nus took over on downs. The Chi Psi line performed extremely well as they battled the heavier Sigma Nu forward wall to a near standstill.

The final scoring thrust of the day came with but one minute remaining in the game when Doug Kimsely broke through the center of the Chi Psi line and raced 60 yards to the enemy 25 before being stopped.

Flashing the same power and smart football that brought them the 1946 intramural pigskin title, the ATOs splashed their way to victory over an inspired Theta Chi seven yesterday as they eked out a shaky 8-0 win.

THOMAS SCORES

Glue-fingered Moe Thomas was the big gun in the ATO offensive as he grabbed four of Ramsey Fendell's spot passes to set up the deciding tally. The pay off toss came early in the second period when Thomas made a spectacular catch of Dendell's aerial as he juggled the slippery pellet several times before it finally came to rest for six big points.

The drive began on the ATO 45 when Frank recovered a Theta Chi fumble to set up the touchdown march which took but eight

plays from scrimmage to manufacture the score.

SAFETY TALLIED

The final scoring came in the last moments of the game. Bill Hutchensen intercepted one of Fendell's tosses and attempted to run it out of the end zone where he was nailed by the entire ATO forward wall for a safety and two points.

Theta Chi failed to get its gridiron machine into high gear and penetrated no farther than the victors 30 yard line. However, several times during the game Hutchenson passed to Kenny Seeborg for long gains, but they were to no avail.

Oregon Frosh

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by J.R. Savage was batted squarely into the arms of the intended receiver, Bill Peterson, putting the Pups in scoring position.

Their attack bogged down momentarily on the Duck's six as three running plays were smeared by the brilliant Oregon line, but the glue-fingered Peterson again snagged a pass, this time behind the last white stripe, to tally the Husky Babe's only tally. Doug McFarlane calmly converted the extra point to tie-up the game.

Ducks Lucky

A 65-yard sprint by Babe half-back Roland Kirby through the entire Oregon grid on a punt return, which would have provided the margin of victory for the host eleven, was nullified by a clipping penalty called on a downfield blocker.

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