

# DUCK TRACKS

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It is still too early to definitely pick the coast football champion, but one fact has already emerged from the gridiron scene: Oregon is on its way to the best record the Eugene club has had for many years.

If the Webfoots keep up their present steaming pace through their last four games they will wind up the season with a conference record of five victories against only one defeat, which will give the Ducks at least a tie for second place. And such a whirlwind climax to a slow start is not impossible for the Webfoots. At least two of the elevens to be faced, Idaho and Stanford, should prove small hurdles. Washington State, despite its poor showing this season, is always tough against the Ducks, but should be beaten.



**PRINK CALLISON** will be heavy favorites; they should be at least on even terms with the hot-and-cold Beavers.

### Best Since 1933?

If the Aikenmen do keep on their winning way till the season's end, it will be the most outstanding Oregon football team since 1933. That year Prink Callison's men racked up a conference record of four and one to tie for first place in the league with USC and Stanford, SC going to the Rose Bowl.

Looking at the season as a whole, including the non-conference game results, the Webfoots are certain to have the best year in at least a decade. Four more victories would make the record read seven triumphs and only three losses, the greatest number of victories since the same Callison 1933 record of nine and one.

Even allowing one defeat between now and the end of the 1947 grid year, the final standing of six victories against four defeats would top any since 1935, when another Callison team finished the year with six and three.

### Its A Big Jump

So it seems certain that Jim Aiken will hang up his working clothes at the end of November on the conclusion of the best year of football at the University of Oregon in at least 12 years. For a coach to take a team from sixth place, in or near which the Ducks have dwelt since the early thirties, and in one year boost that squad up into the upper ranks, is nothing short of a miracle. It is too much to expect, but that is what is very likely to happen this year, with Aiken at the controls.

Moreover, the present crew is a hard-charging, always-fighting outfit, a far cry from the demoralized squad of last season which after winning the first four failed to score a single point in five games. This feature alone would warrant keeping the head coach and his assistants around for another season.

Down in San Francisco, Don coach Ed McKeever was so impressed by the performances of first-string quarterback Jim Ryan and his imported passing hot-shot Don Panciera against the Ducks last Saturday he has moved them down to the second and third teams, respectively, and put third-string Fred Klemm in the starting lineup.

### A Few Extra Notes

A recent publicity handout reports that Jimmy Conzelman, coach of the Chicago Cardinal professional gridgers, used a television set to get a bird's-eye view of a game while directing his team from the bench. In this manner, it said, he was able to watch the defense and offense at the same time. The set can pick up regular broadcasts, and comes equipped with record player. The latter, no doubt, is to keep the reserves amused while the first team is in action.

Every week Associated Press sports writers are polled for their choices of the nation's top twenty grid teams. This week Notre Dame got the nod, with 78 votes. But Oregon was not entirely excluded. Both Oregon and Catawaba, a member of the 'Little 14' league, received one vote for a position among the leaders.

### WORK ON PASS DEFENSE

Pullman, Wash., Oct. 29. The Washington State Cougars devoted a long and grueling session to their passing technique today in an attempt to iron out a bad case

of the fumbles.

Coach Phil Sorboe, who spent the day with his new backfield combination, said the team was also working on its spotty ball handling.

# 'A' and 'B' League Teams Battle for Volleyball Crown

	3:50—B		
Court 40 Alpha Tau Omega	vs	Lambda Chi Alpha	
Court 43 Delta Upsilon	vs	Chi Psi	
	4:35—A		
Court 40 Tau Kappa Epsilon	vs	Yeoman	
Court 43 Sigma Hall	vs	Sigma Chi	
	5:15—A		
Court 40 Sigma Alpha Epsilon	vs	Sigma Alpha Mu	
Court 43 Westminster House	vs	Sherry Ross Hall	

By WARD BEBB

The "B" team of the Phi Deltas showed much promise of supporting their "A" team in the battle for the IM volleyball crown yesterday afternoon as they spiked out a 2 to 1 game win over the surprising Phi Sigs. In an exciting three game series the Phi Delt men won the opener 15 - 10, as a brilliant court game in setting up position for spiking was the deciding factor in the win. The second contest saw each team come from behind, mainly on accurate serving but the Phi Sigs outlasted their opponent to win a close 15 - 13 tilt. In the closing game the Phi Deltas trounced the undermanned Phi Sigs 15 to 2. As a result the Phi Deltas are at the top of both "A" and "B" team standings. The Betas gained

their first "B" win as the hallmen of Omega failed to put a team on the floor.

### Kappa Sigs Win

The Kappa Sigs won their first game in the series with French hall as they neatly battled their way to a 15 - 11 win, and eased up in the final to cop the contest, 15 - 4.

On the east court the Fijis never let down as they played a good game of rotation volleyball and went the full route of three games before winning 2 - 1. In the opening game, the melon thumpers of SAE routed the Fiji men by a score of 15 - 22, but were helpless during the next game as the Fijis opened up, dropping a 15 - 4 decision. In the last game the Fijis could not find their range until the closing moments, but set up good plays as

they finally won by a 15 - score, made fast work of Campbell Club and wasted no time in winning two straight contests and finished with their first "B" team win.

In the closing game of the day, the fast-playing men of Sigma Chi quickly routed the Sigma Alpha Mu squad by displaying fine teamwork and net play, and the result was 15 - 7 and 15 - 3 win which kept them in the running for the volleyball championship.

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