## **DUCK TRACKS**

By FRED TAYLOR Assistant Sports Editor

- 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



PRINK CALLISON

with the hot-and-cold Beavers.

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 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.

The big game of the four, of course, is the closing tilt with Oregon State. Against the other three the Webfoots will be heavy favorites; they should be at least on even terms

**Best Since 1933?** 

If the Aikenmen do keep on their wining 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 triumps 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 Jikely to happen this year, with Aiken at the controls.

- Morevoer, the present crew is a hard-charging, alwaysfighting 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 warrent 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 Klemenock in the starting lineup.

A Few Extra Notes

A recent publicity handout reports that Jimmy Conzelman, coach of the Chicago Cardinal professional gridders, used a teltvision set to get a bird's-eye' view of a game while directing - Itis 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 an attempt to iorn out a bad case handling.

of the fumbles.

Coach Phil Sorboe, who spent · Washington State Cougars devo- the day with his new backfield ted a long and grueling session to combination, said the team was their passing technique today in also working on its spotty ball

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

Court 40 Alpha Tau Omega Court 43 Delta Upsilon Court 40 Tau Kappa Epsilon

Court 43 Sigma Hall

Court 40 Sigma Alpha Epsilon Court 43 Westminster House

By WARD BEBB

The "B" team of the Phi Delts showed much promise of supporting their "A" team in the battle for the IM volleyball crown yester-Webfoots. At least two of the day afternoon as they spiked out a 2 to 1 game win over the surpris- as they neatly battled their way to game series the Phi Delt men won final to cop the contest, 15 - 4. the opener 15 - 10, as a brilliant court game in setting up position let down as they played a good for spiking was the deciding factor game of rotation volleyball and in the win. The second contest saw went the full route of three games ly on accurate serving but the game, the melon thumpers of SAE Phi Sigs outlasted their opponent routed the Fiji men by a score of closing game the Phi Delts troun- the next game as the Fijis opened ced the undermanned Phi Sigs 15 to up, dropping a 15 - 4 decision. In

Lambda Chi Alpha Chi Psi

Yeoman Sigma Chi

Sigma Alpha Mu Sherry Ross Hall

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

ing Phi Sigs. In an exciting three a 15 - 11 win, and eased up in the

On the east court the Fijis never each team come from behind, main- before wining 2 - 1. In the opening to win a close 15 - 13 tilt. In the 15 - 22, but were helpless during As a result the Phi Delts are the last game hte Fijis could not at the top of both "A" and "B" find their range until the closing team standings. The Betas gained 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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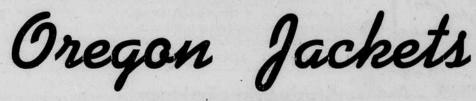
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