DUCK TRACKS

By WALLY HUNTER Sports Editor

Coming along with changes in the athletic department that have moved University of Oregon's football guys out of the doldrums is another change that has caused raised eyebrows on the campus. Saturday when the Webfoots were looking so good against Idaho the University band was also getting in a lick

or two. And very successfully. Back in 1940 and 1941 bitter were the words used to describe the antics or lack of antics of Oregon's band. There were cries of "let's have a swing band that can add a little color," and various that said ... when .. the ... Duck ... band played in practice sessions the termites in the ROTC shack held hands in sheer agony.



JAKE LEICHT

Last year there was a slight misunderstanding over participation of the Oregon band at

a rally function and a bitter word or two was spoken on the subject. All of this was along the same general theme as previous growls about the organization. But even that too has become a thing of the past. Saturday the band came onto the field at halftime decked out in the same old uniforms-but if wasn't the same outfit the lads were complaining about in past years. They worked out a nifty arrangement of "Jazz Pizzicato" that pleased fans nearly as much as did Jake Leicht's 73-yard chunk of touchdown stuff.

The Band Took Part

Stehn's gang also took time out for a little serious work with an arrangement of the "Whiffenpoof Song"-one of the favorites of the late Governor Earl Snell- and generally made themselves part of the entertainment. All of which was well-received. The assembled students voiced their wholehearted approval of the band's performance at the game and we can say that the student body as a whole was proud of director John Stehn and his organization.

No Depth at Quarterback

Coach Jim Aiken can't at present dig very deep into his player stockpile for quarterbacking talent, and it's probably safe to say that no coach on the Pacific slope has fewer men to choose from for this job. Norm Van Brocklin is at present grabbing his share of honors and handles the biggest share of the offensive work-but where can Aiken go from there? Bill Abbey is at present on a furlough from football duties and that leaves Arnett Johnson behind Van Brocklin. And Johnson isto put it mildly-inexperienced.

This is, in fact, his first year of 11-man football. Only previous grid experience he had was at North Bend, Wash. high school where he played 6-man football. Anytime the La Brucheries' or Cravaths' or Stiners' figure they have manpower troubles, they might look to Oregon and renew their belief that things aren't so bad.

Halfback Jake Leicht, who had such a field day against the men from Idaho now has an undisputed lead over the other Duck ball carriers in both yardage gained and carrying average. He has now gained a total of 486 yards, or more than double the 242 yards racked up by Jim Newquist. Leicht's average per try is 6.0 after lugging the ball 81 times this season. Next highest average made by a regular Duck back has been accumulated by fullback Bob Koch. In 28 ball packing attempts he has made 190 yards for a 5.0 average.

Ecklund Was a Runner

Newquist, second in line in the number of attempts with the ball, has averaged 4.5 for his 54 efforts at the line. Big, blond, center Brad Ecklund is thus far one of the three low men on the totem pole in the leather-lugging department. Oregon's line-backer de luxe has a minus two yards in the record books for his one plunging attempt. That in itself may be on the humorous side-but there was a day when Ecklund was a top-flight ball toter. Back in the days when Ingvaard "Inky" Boe was the scourge of Oregon high school gridiorns big Brad was his running mate at Mîlwaukie high school.

Boe, who later came to Ortgon but got it in the neck when the late Edwin Atherton began enforcing PCC purity regulations, and Ecklund were a Blanchard-Davis combo in high school. Boe, a mite of a guy who could run like a scalded dog, made 'em dizzy with sweeps on the outside and Ecklund made the preppers wince when he hit 'em down the alley. That was when Milwaukie was a high school grid power, and those two men are fine examples of why Merritt McKeel's guys could mow down with regularity.

Warren Sends Hoop Squad Through Hard Practice Drill

opening basketball With the game less than a month away, Coach Warren sent his charges through a hard workout yesterday, drilling the candidates on the fundamentals, and finishing up with short scrimmages.

Warren couldn't attend Friday's 15-minute games for he was in Portland scouting the Washington State-Portland game. Assistant Don Kirsch handled the varsity squad, as several men performed in a favorable fashion.

On the number one quintet were Reedy Berg and Stan Williamson, guards; Roger Wiley, center; and Jim Bartelt and Bob Amacher, forwards. Williamson engineered several down-court rushes, and in combination with Berg, made several baskets.

Wiley dropped a pair of beauties, but his play under the backboard wasn't up to his capabilities. The second team was composed of 'Al Popick and Bob Lavey, guards: shot from the corner. Under the Bob Don, center; and Marv Rass-

ManO'War **Rites Today**

Lexington, Ky .- (UP)-A 20 to 30 minute service was arranged for the funeral of Man O'War, and the seven race tracks operating throughout the nation were asked to observe a minute of silence when America's most famous race horse is lowered into his grave at 4 p.m. CST today.

The service, to be held in the paddock where the famous stallion died Saturday following a heart attack, will be climaxed with taps played by a bugler of the local American Legion post named in honor of Man O' War.

Ira Drymon, chairman of the Board of Commerce agricultural committee, in charge of arrangements, asked Churchill Downs at Louisville to lower all flags at 4 p.m. and requested that the track management ask the crowd to stand one minute in silent tributs. The Downs also was asked to play

"Through the press, I'm asking race tracks throughout the country now having meetings to do the same," Drymon said. The other race tracks operating will be Bay Meadows, Jamaica, Lincoln Downs, Pimlico, Rockingham and Sports

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mussen and Archie Gasek, for-

The limber-legged Rassmusser displayed uncanny accuracy with his shots, while speedster Lavey twice dribbled the length of the floor to sink cripple shots. Kirsch used Dick Unis and Kenny Seeborg. guards; Roger Mockford, center; and Lynn Hamilton and Paul Cooper, forwards, on the third quint.

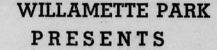
Unis unlimbered deadly onehand set shot from the rear of the key, which he sank three times in a row, and Seeborg pocketed a gathering.

boards, Cooper displayed a roughness which enabled him to capture several rebounds.

The fourth team was composed of Fred Wilson and Ken Johnson, guards; Bob Kehrli, center; and Bill Green and Al Rieble, forwards with Hal Mink alternating. Johnson lobbed in a pair of twopointers lanky Kehrli set up several plays and contributed to the team's power with his rebound



Jack-of-all trades John Warren is currently devoting most of his time to this year's basketball squad. Warren is basketball coach, track coach, and assistant football coach. Although working hard to prepare the hoop team for their opener in less than a month, Warren also does football scouting duty for Jim Aiken on Saturday.





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