

# DUCK TRACKS

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We wouldn't advise any reckless betting on this Saturday's Oregon-Washington State grid battle at Pullman. The experts have installed the Ducks as heavy favorites on paper, but several factors will decide the game.

The football wolves are definitely out for WSC coach Phil Sorboe's hide. Great things were expected of the Palouse eleven this season, but only two wins in seven has already started the often-heard cry of "Get a winning coach." Perhaps Washington State has not measured up to preseason promise, but most of the Cougars' schedule has been no daisy-chain either.

Sorboe's team opened against Penn State, one of the most powerful teams in the East, and list 27-0. The Nitanny Lions are still unbeaten. In their next outing, the Cougars met Southern California in the "jinx" Coliseum, and dropped a 21-0 decision. Nevertheless, the North-erners stole the show second half. The Trojans, too, are still unbeaten.



PHIL SORBOE

## First Win Over Idaho

Washington State crashed the victory column against Idaho, netting a hard fought 7-0 edge, but then lost to a hot-and-cold Michigan State team 21-7. The powerful California Golden Bears were next to trim WSC, 21-6, despite the Cougars out-playing Cal the last two periods, scoring once and holding the Waldorfmen scoreless.

The 13-12 loss at the hands of Montana was the payoff, for although the Grizzlies went home with the victory under their belt, the Cougars fumbled away at least four certain scoring opportunities. Last week's 35-0 victory for the Palouse men over Portland was the first indication that Sorboe's team may be finding its potential strength. Although the Pilots are winless this season, they were expected to put up more of a battle, especially on muddy Multnomah field where the game was played.

In every game the remainder of this season, the Cougars have absolutely nothing to lose and everything to gain when they trot on the field. And an upset verdict over Oregon will be just what they're out for Saturday. Sorboe can afford to throw the works. With the added factor of this being Washington State's homecoming, that, too, is reason enough for the Cougars to be at fever-pitch tomorrow.

## Tackle and Center Outstanding

WSC boasts two outstanding linemen this year, left tackle Bob Doornink and center Andy Lazor. Doornink is rated by Frank Zazula, Oregon assistant, as the top performer in the Pullman forward wall because of his aggressiveness and hard charging.

Lazor is a terrific line-backer. He intercepted two passes each against Montana and Portland. Against the Pilots, he snagged one heave and galloped for a TD. Lazor is said to pack the key to both the Cougar offense and defense. At the right tackle slot will be 216-pounder Jerry Houghton.

The Washington State squad has three good guards, led by Laurie Niemi who weighs 226. He twice received All-Coast honors, and last year was once named "Lineman of the Week." The other two are 160-pound Elwood Sturdevant, and John Godfrey, and rough-and-ready customers.

Top ends for the Cougars are Ing Thompson and Tom Baker, both weighing only 175 pounds. They are fast men on offense, and rate highly as pass receivers.

## McGuire a Sparkplug

Bobby McGuire, the sparkplug of the Portland victory, will probably start at quarter, with Dean Eggers and Bill Lippincott, All-Coast in '45, as understudies. Eggers is a dangerous runner, while Lippincott is the Cougar extra-point man.

Broken-field speedster Jerry Williams, brother of Idaho's Billy Williams, is the ace Pullman halfback. Jerry is exceptionally fast, and with some daylight can go the distance. At the other half is Don Paul, top-notch blocker.

The fullbacks for the Cougars are Hal Akins and Gordy Brunswick. Akins has a brother Frank playing for the Boston Yanks, while another brother Al performs for the Brooklyn Dodgers. Against Portland Hal netted 128 yards in 12 tries, and gained much of his yardage by hurdling would-be tacklers.

Brunswick is a quick-pass and quick-kick specialist. This is most unusual since the Cougars work from the T-formation. On these plays the ball is passed directly through the quarter-back's leg to Brunswick. He is unique in that he can pass with either hand, and kick with either foot.

# Six Volleyball Teams Survive

By BOB REINHART

In the tightest afternoon of volleyball play displayed yet this season, six clubs battered their way into the ninth round as they successfully turned back their opponents in a series of tilts which were in doubt until the waning moments of each contest.

## Phi Delt's Top SAM

Phi Delta Theta led the parade in the upper division as they took the nod in two straight games from Sigma Alpha Mu by posting 15-10 and 15-1 decisions, to gain third consecutive triumph. In the first contest, the Sammies jumped into an early advantage and appeared to be on their way. The

All intramural games which were postponed Monday will be played today at the hour they were originally scheduled. Any team failing to appear for the makeup games will automatically forfeit.

lead was shortlived, however, as the Phi Delt's soon found themselves, took the lead at the half-way mark, and coasted in. The second game was much like the latter moments of the first as the victors had things completely to their likings.

## SAE Clips Westminster

SAE had a shaky afternoon in recording its victories over an inspired Westminster house clan as the housemen twice came from far behind in both tilts, only to fall short. Starting like a house-afire, the SAE gang flashed a blistering net game and built up a decided advantage by holding Westminster scoreless. But boys on the short end of the score were not to be denied as they rallied to within one point of the leaders, only to see their effort go out the window as SAE pushed over the winning points and take the first game, 15-8. The second tilt was even closer than the first, as Westminster came within three points, but lost the decision, 15-13.

## SIGMA Drops TKE

Sigma hall came back after being swamped in the initial set 15-4, to take two out of three games from a fired up TKE team

as they turned in decisive 15-6 and 15-4 trouncings in the final two battles. The Sigma hall aggregation seemed headed for defeat following the first game, but came back in the second and

third battles to win handily as they displayed a terrific net game.

The final upper division action saw Delta Upsilon take two

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