

DUCK TRACKS

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What a difference the past two months have made in the fortunes of the Oregon football team. After the UCLA game, the most rabid Webfoot followers had almost given up on the Webfoots. Then fate smiled on the Ducks.

marches, chalking up six consecutive in a blaze of triumphant past grid campaign reveals just secutive victories to complete the most successful season since 1933. A brief recap of the past grid campaign reveals just how much the Oregon football squad did improve.

First game for the Ducks, who were picked to finish ahead of Idaho and Montana in the Coast, was against Mon-

tana State. The Bobcats had a big smooth working squad, and at halftime led Oregon 7-6, the lone Lemon and Green score coming in the first two minutes of play. Montana State added insult to injury in the third period, to lead 14-6. But in the final period, the Webfoots exploded for three scores and a 27-14 win. Jake Leicht and Norm Van Brocklin were the shining heroes of this one.

Oregon Outclassed by Texas

Texas was second on the slate, which was the revenge battle for the 1941 71-7 drubbing. Oregon had the spirit, fight, and drive, but they were outclassed by a strong Longhorn eleven 38-13, paced by the pitching of Bobby Layne and catching of Byron Gillory. The Ducks held Texas scoreless for a quarter, but trailed 20-0 at half. Van Brocklin unlimbered his pay-arm in this contest throwing six-point strikes to Art Milne and Lou Robinson.

The Texas game was the beginning of a gloomy three weekends for Oregon followers. A spirited, rough Nevada team, out to top its former coach, squeaked out a 13-6 upset decision. The Aikenmen scored first and appeared on their way to a win but fell behind 7-6 at half. A pass interception gave the Wolfpack their final score. This doesn't tell the real story, however, for Oregon spent most of the afternoon inside the Nevada 30, but couldn't make its drives pay off.

UCLA was the last team to draw blood from the Oregon eleven, when they outsubstituted the Ducks for a 24-7 triumph. The Webfoots were only down 12-7 at half, with Van Brocklin passing the Bruins wild, and Garza nabbing several of the heavens. The second half decided the contest as the Uclans reserve power just wore down the Duck defenders.

Huskies Feel Ducks' Wrath

Back to Portland, the Ducks trekked—this time with a grim determination to beat someone. They pushed the Huskies around for 60 minutes and had two touchdowns called back. Finally Leicht streaked across in the third period for a 6-0 triumph. In this game, the Oregon team unleashed a healthy ground attack, as the ball carriers ran around, inside, and through the Husky line.

Back to Hayward field for the first time in three weeks, the underrated Ducks smashed highly-touted San Francisco 34-7. The Dons came north rated the most powerful independent on the Coast, but after the first few minutes, they never knew what hit them. Everything Oregon did went right that Saturday, as the ground-gaining attack proved no fluke with the Duck line all over the turf.

Idaho was the third team in a row to feel the power of the Oregon team, as they fell by a 34-7 count. The Webfoots steam-rolled Dixie Howell's squad in the first half and then threw the wraps on the first-stringers to give the reserves a chance.

Webfoots Stave Off Cougars

The eighth game of the season was in Pullman against Washington State. Playing in rain, snow, sleet, and hail, the Webfoots slithered to a narrow 12-6 victory. Taking advantage of their lone scoring drive, and tallying again on a blocked kick, the Ducks grabbed a 12-0 lead and had to hang on for dear life in the final minutes before spirited Cougar drives. The Aikenmen now had four straight under their belt.

A supposedly fired-up Stanford club was next, as Oregon posted a comfortable 21-6 triumph at Palo Alto. The Webfoots never trailed and had easy sailing in this contest.

The Oregon State battle was the climax of the season. The Aggies led 6-0 in this game, the first time that Oregon had been behind since the UCLA game. But the Ducks had too much for the battered Beavers and came home with another scalp, this time by a 14-6 count, closing out the schedule with six consecutive decisions.

Yes, this season proves that Oregon football is on the upgrade. Just how far the Ducks will go in the seasons to come, no one can guess. But seasons like the one just completed draw good talent which may mean bigger and better teams in the future.

Susie Sinners Defeat Stars In Overtime

By KIT WILHELM

In one of the most exciting games ever played in Gerlinger gym the champion Susan Campbell Sinners edged out a team composed of the best players from the three runner-up teams, 21-20 in an overtime.

Starting the game with non-rotation play the combination team, sparked by their front line players, Barbara Borrevik, Jackie Tetz, and Robbie Mulkey, built up a 11-6 lead.

The second half was a reversal of the first as the Sinners caught up with their excellent teamwork and all-around ability to make the score 15-15.

The overtime was played with two three-minute halves, the first non-rotation and the second rotation.

The combination team played excellent ball and with a little practice together could have undoubtedly improved their teamwork. The Sinners team who played without the services of two of their regulars, is undoubtedly one of the best seen on the courts of Gerlinger.

They have spikers in Barbara Richter, Coralie Thomson, and Thelma Chaney, and the people to set them up in Pat Arnold, Eldene Balcom, Heidi Sachse, and Shirlee Smouse, plus the valuable help of Gloria Pesciallo, Esther Olson, and Denise Sewell.

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Volley Men Enter Showdown Round

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Championship Game
8:50, Court 43; Phi Delta Theta, A vs Alpha Tau Omega, A
Semi-Final Game
4:35, Court 43; Phi Delta Theta, B vs Delta Tau Delta, A.

By WARD BEBB

Volleyball action reached a peak yesterday afternoon on the P.E. courts as two upper-division teams battled their way to the final game for the championship today.

The Phi Deltas and ATOs were hard pressed by their opponents, but by virtue of displaying fine teamwork and a steady game edged fighting crews of Fiji and Sigma Chi volleyballers, in the crucial semi-final rounds. The Phi Deltas and ATOs also copped the "B" bracket action by winning sets from the same teams.

The largest crowd of the season witnessed some outstanding volleyball set-ups and returns which were in the air almost every minute.

Phi Deltas Enter Finals

With the lead changing often in the initial game, the smooth working Phi Delt gang outlasted their Sigma Chi rivals to win 15-13. A smart net game and an uneasy Sigma Chi outfit was the main factor in the loss, but a last minute rally by the losers was almost enough to gain the five point deficit which they held.

The Sigma Chis, finding their range, ran rough shod over their opponents in the second contest from the cooling Phi Deltas with a 15-5 win. In the finale with the hard spiking of Will Urban and Ed Devaney, the Phi Deltas crew won handily 15-3 to take the set and the right to vie for the champion-

ship laurels.

"B" Team Wins

Another thrilling set the "baby" Phi Deltas copped a three game set by downing a Sigma Chi gang 15-9, 15-12, and 15-10, in a trio of fine games. The opener saw some fine serving and net play give the Sigma Chis their only win, as they failed to receive the serving honor in the remaining games. They could not edge the early leads built up by the Phi Delt team in the closing games and dropped the pair 15-12 and 15-10.

ATO's Again

A versatile gang of ATOs playing a near-perfect set up game of their set with the Fiji men by winning 15-10.

Alert backcourt men saved many points for both sides and a variety of "place" shots were made from the post positions at the net. The ATOs, hotter than both sides of a depot stove, pounded the melon ball to the mapleboards.

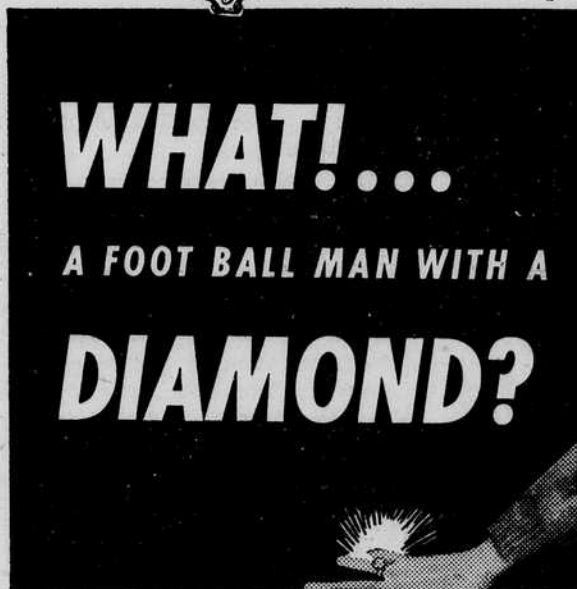
The never relenting Fiji gang countered almost every time, but not enough to win. The Fijis found themselves in the next game and with much hustling and Chuck Taylor, who spiked for vital points in the waning moments, narrowed the gap and surged ahead to a 15-11 win. It was to no avail as the quick serves of the ATOs developed into a rout in the closing game and the ATOs won 15-3 and a place in the finals.

Lower-Division Win

A slow affair most of the way, the ATO lower division gang took two straight from the Fiji "B" team, 15-8 and 15-13. The ATO's took quick advantage of the faltering Fijis by quick serves and a fast net game, and lashed their way to dual wins in the final games of the day.



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