

DUCK TRACKS

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A good year has been forecast for the University of Oregon. An all-around good year, so it seems, and things look especially bright on the athletic side of the picture. We'll tag along with the crowd on this, and say that things are looking up around the Eugene campus. But just what change has taken place in Oregon athletics or what is planned for the future that will help to make that "good year" prediction for the Webfoots a reality?

First off, the Oregon football team has had a great deal to do with the rapid rise in Duck stock. Jim Aiken has promised to field a pretty fair grid squad this season, and from the looks of things, he'll do just that. Aiken's boys have received more national publicity during the past few months than Oregon has accumulated for quite a while, and old fashioned pan-banging publicity doesn't hurt anybody.

Several Oregon footballers, Norm Van Brocklin, Don Stanton and Dan Garza, have been nominated as possible All-American material. Is it possible that the powers that be finally have realized that football is really a major sport way out here in Oregon?



JIM AIKEN

High Hopes for Aiken's Webfoots

In the torrid race for the roses, the Webfoots have been rated anywhere from a strong third in the conference to a possible contender for the pennant. It's been a long time.

Oregon's fine coaching staff is another strong reason for the good year prophecy. The athletic department plucked one of the biggest plums in the state when they signed Bill Bwoerman as head track coach. Bowerman, who piled up a brilliant prep coaching record while at Medford high school, will also take over duties as Frosh football coach.

John Warren, who is assisting Aiken with football until basketball season, can be counted upon to come up with a top-flight basketball team, and Don Kirsch, baseball headman, should do a good job with the diamond hopefuls when spring term rolls around.

Other Intersectional Games on Tap

Doing as much as any one man could in the spirit re-building department, Jim Aiken is Oregon's candidate for Coach-of-the-Year. Any better suggestions? Working as Aiken's right and left-hand men are Frank Zazula, backfield coach, and Dick Miller, line coach. Both Zazula and Miller are Aiken products, as is Bob Sullivan, new addition to the coaching staff as assistant football coach.

A good-natured gent named Leo Harris is another man who has worked wonders with Oregon athletic policy. Leo holds down the title of athletic director, and his directing has helped Oregon crack the headlines over the summer. He is the man responsible for scheduling the Oregon-Michigan football game.

The men behind the typewriters and multigraph machines, Art Litchman and Bill Stratton of the Athletic News Bureau, have done a lot to keep the Oregon ball rolling. Snappy news releases covering all the angles, a first-class football dope book, and stacks of glossy pictures of Oregon athletes will go far in keeping Oregon at the top of the pile.

Road to Rose Bowl, 1948 Style

Aiken's crop of Webfoots certainly have their work cut out for them this year as a look at the 9148 schedule will show. On successive Saturdays, the Oregons have ten games facing them, not one of which could be classed as a real breather.

After the Gaucho contest, the Ducks face a tough Stanford game away from home in the conference opener for both teams. Michigan is next on the list October 2, and watch 'em climb on the band wagon if Oregon gives the mighty Wolverines a good show. Dixie Howell's Idaho Vandals get their turn October 9 at Moscow.

First of the big conference games comes October 16 at Portland, when the Ducks square off with Southern Cal. Washington State is next in the Homecoming game, followed by St. Mary's also at Eugene.

After the Oregon-Washington game November 6 in Seattle, the Webfoots take a big jump to Los Angeles to meet the UCLA Bruins November 12 in a night game. Civil war flags will then be hoisted for the annual Oregon-OSC battle, set for November 20 at Corvallis.

That's a mighty rough row to hoe in anybody's league, and the team that carries PCC hopes to the Rose Bowl January 1 will have to be on their toes during the next two or three months.

High Bids Force Postponement Of Additions

Plans for two University athletic plant enlargement projects were brought to a virtual standstill this week when bids submitted were found to be some 150 per cent higher than original architect's estimates.

University Athletic Director Leo Harris said Friday that no construction would get underway until costs go down. The proposed projects would add about 3000 seats to McArthur court and up the seating capacity of Hayward field stadium by 5000.

Specifications call for a second balcony in McArthur court, which would necessitate slight alterations in the court's exterior. Mac court now seats about 6500 for hoop contestants and the projected balcony would up the capacity to 9500.

Additional stadium space accommodating 3500 more fans is slated in the Hayward field project. The new construction would replace the 1500 bleacher seats at the south end of the field.

Harris said that the bids for the Hayward project were sufficiently within reason to enable work to begin at that quarter, but that the two projects must be linked together for maintenance purposes. Harris added that the low bid for the McArthur court job would have brought construction costs to almost \$100 per seat. He further added that the athletic department was "keenly disappointed," but that the department could not feel justified in expending such amounts of University funds.

Plans are drawn and all is in readiness for both projects as soon as suitable construction terms can be reached.

Manager Applicant Interviews Called

Freshman or sophomore men interested in becoming assistant managers of the University of Oregon football team will be interviewed next week beginning Monday afternoon by Bill Green, senior manager, at the athletic office in McArthur court.

A new system of advancement has been inaugurated this year. An unlimited number of assistant managers will be chosen for the 1948 fall season, and from this group three associate managers will be named during next spring practice.

One associate manager will make the road trips along with the senior manager next fall, and all three associates will be awarded letters and sweaters for their work.

OREGON DAILY EMERALD SPORTS

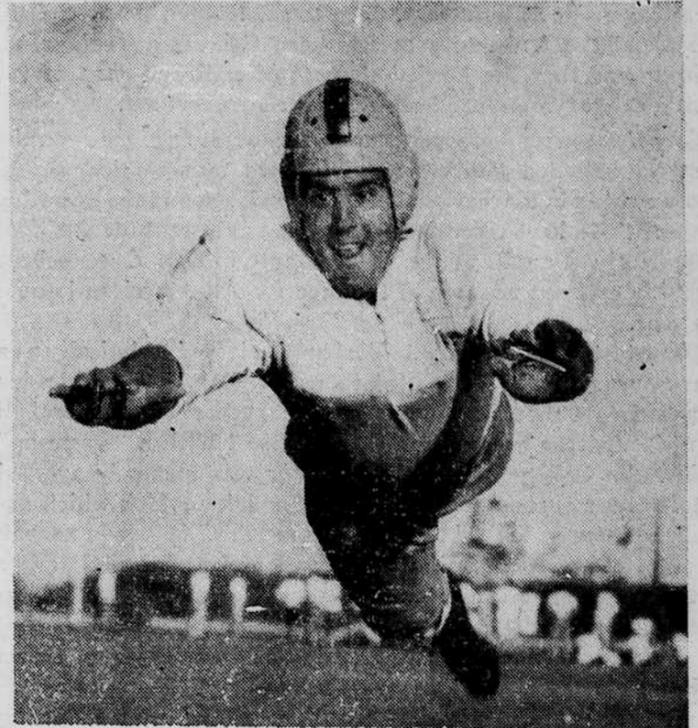
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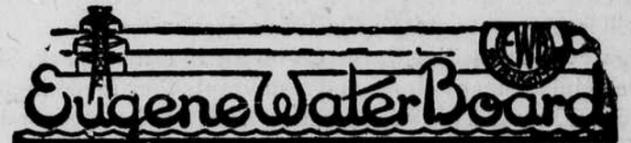
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FRANK KIRKLAND, CENTER ON STAN WILLIAMSON'S Santa Barbara college eleven, may take to the air this afternoon on Hayward field, when the Gauchos meet Jim Aiken's Webfoots.

Good Luck to the DUCKS



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