

DUCK TRACKS

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We read with interest a letter published in yesterday's Emerald editorial page column, "In My Opinion." For those Emerald readers who skip the edit page and concentrate on the two inside pages, Foster Provost, Jr., Oregon student and earnest composer of said letter, is of the opinion that newspapers in general and sports writers in particular are ruining whatever chance Oregon has to go to the Rose Bowl by—and we quote—

"falling for the 'Rose Bowl fever'."

Mr. Provost's point is well taken, but he may be assured that the Emerald sports side has not fallen for any kind of fever. To be sure, our stories have included the sacred words "Rose Bowl" more than one time. And we continue to boom Jim Aiken's football team as one of the best in the conference; we do because we sincerely believe this to be so, and cold statistics are available to support our beliefs. This type



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of journalism has been called unwise. This may or may not be true. Final standings in this season's PCC race should answer that question quite adequately.

As to the "smart sports writers" who have helped to generate this bowl fever, we have only this to say. A smart football team will not be taken in by any amount of favorable publicity thrown their way. A smart football team will not get "the old swell-head" from reading any number of pages ground out by "smart sports writers." We think Aiken's Webfoot team is smart.

One final comment, and we again quote from Mr. Provost's letter. "... smart sports writers who know the surest way to ruin a team's championship chances is to make them think they are champions before they have yet won a game." We believe the opposite to be true.

"A Team That Won't Be Beat..."

Any football team, whether a weak JC school or a big conference power, should believe in themselves. If they think themselves to be champions, what is to stop them from becoming champions? Only their own mistakes. We are reminded of an old cliché that's been kicking around a long time. "A team that won't be beat, can't be beat."

What has been said above is, again, our own opinion. If proven wrong, we shall be the first to admit it when the time comes.

It also has been noted with interest that the Northwest metropolitan dailies are giving Lon Stiner's Oregon State Beavers quite a play lately. Right now, the Aggies are labeled the conference darkhorse, always dangerous to any team. That's right where Stiner likes his teams to be, but what about all this favorable publicity? This is one time when publicity is deserved, since the Beavers have been going great guns thus far.

Repeat for the Optional Pass-Run

Halfback Dick Gray, a good passer and runner from Portland's Roosevelt high, should provide the spark for Stiner's single wing. In two consecutive games, one against Nebraska last year and this year's opener against Idaho, Gray has completed 15 passes in the same number of attempts and he can run like a rabbit. Don Samuel also gets a break in Stiner's left-handed passing roll, so it looks like the old pass-run optional all over again this year.

The elite have spoken! California sports writers have fensive game. Perfect passes from the quarterbacks were dropped judgement on Oregon's football team, and we'll certainly have to agree with them in saying that Oregon end play was not up to par in the Santa Barbara game. We'll limit ourselves to offensive end play, for the boys played a good defensive game. Perfect passes from the quarterbacks were dropped all over the place, but the blinding sunlight may have had something to do with this.

It's also good to know that the southern scribes think a lot of Johnny McKay, and we think that when Woodley Lewis gets going, he'll show just as well. Those two are a good pair of left halfbacks who should rate a lot of good copy before the season's over.

Aiken Called the Play for Stanford

Jim Aiken has called the play in naming the Stanford game a key in the Oregon schedule. If the boys get by this one, a conference opener for both squads, their morale will be hard to break down. They do face a roaring lion in Michigan the following Saturday, but in a no-count, extra contest. Not to say the Michigan game isn't important, for we expect the team to work as hard for this one as any other, but the pressure won't really be "on."

An Efficient Scout



FRANK ZAZULA, DUCK BACKFIELD COACH and head scout, returned from the Stanford-San Jose game with detailed notes on Stanford personnel, offensive plays, and defensive formations. This material will be invaluable to the Oregon team in planning strategy for the Indian clash.

Schwartz's '11'

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Dick Flatland and Quarterback Ainslee Bell.

Back for another season are five ends, six tackles, five guards, two quarterbacks, eight halfbacks, and one fullback from last year's lettermen. Backing these boys up are four men from last season's team who did not letter, 14 stars up from the undefeated freshman team, three members of the "B" team, and 10 transfers.

Two members up from the Cardinal Frosh played high school ball in Oregon. Johnny Banks played end in his prep days at Eugene high, but was converted to halfback last year and is trying to work up to the starting right half post. A former all-city man from Grant

high in Portland, Tom Shaw, was rated a good enough ball player to to start at quarterback against San Jose.

Head Indian coach is Marchie Schwartz, starting his fourth year at Palo Alto. Two times an all-American at Notre Dame, Schwartz came to Stanford in 1940 as backfield coach under Clark Shaughnessy. When Shaughnessy left in 1942, Schwartz was named to take over the top spot, and he's been at the helm ever since.

The one-time South Bend halfback got off to a fine start in 1942, winning six and losing four. Stanford then dropped football and didn't start the grid sport until 1946. That year the Indians won six, lost three and tied one, and last year, failed to break into the victory column by losing nine straight.

Frosh Team Scrimmages For Huskies

Rough and tumble scrimmage was on the schedule for Bill Bowerman's frosh footballers yesterday, as the new coach turned on the steam to "find out who can and can't play ball."

During the workout, three men were sent to the showers with minor injuries. Fullback Grant Dearey, from Sacramento, California, was taken in hand by Trainer Tom Ragsdale after Dearey sprained his right ankle going downfield for a pass. Two other men, both linemen, left the drill with minor facial cuts.

Working up and down the frosh practice field, Bowerman alternated three quarterbacks on his offensive squad, and rotated his defensive men to give everyone a chance.

Leo Gillnett, a new turnout form Longview, Washington, traded off with Tony Geremia and Jim Calderwood in the quarterback slot for the offensive team during the scrimmage. Gillnett, a tall, slim lad who received honors in Washington prep circles last fall, looked good with his whip-like passes. Geremia turned in his usual fine performance, flipping hard, on-the-spot passes, and showing remarkable deception while executing Aiken-style "T" hand-offs.

Lewis Langer, from Ashland, displayed line-punching power from the right halfback position, and looks like a possible candidate for the spot.

At the ends, Chuck Bafaro of Portland and Jerry Leslie of Ashland showed rugged blocking ability on the offense, and got downfield fast on interference.

On the defensive side of the scrimmage, Bill Abbey kept the Ducklings fired up, and many of Bowerman's plays were piled up on the line because of stiff resistance. Ken Kirkpatrick, from Lewiston high in Idaho, was the bulwark in the center of the defensive line, breaking through several times to catch the ball carrier before the play got started.

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