

DUCK TRACKS

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Although it doesn't say so in their contracts, these guys who coach football are hired to win games, and firing comes with lack of same. This thing they call "character building" is strictly okay in its place, but when you see football players on the field, rest assured they're not trying to impress anybody with their gentlemanly habits.

This should explain why two of the country's top coaches hit the headlines recently. Everybody cheers a champion. But cheers can change to jeers in a sport in which the present is the all-mighty, and the past all forgotten.

That's why a couple of ample-sized firecrackers were dropped in the laps of Wisconsin's Harry Stuhldreher and UCLA's Bert LaBrucherie a few days and weeks ago.

The Stuhldreher case seemingly glared up over night. Loser of three-of their first four, the Badgers had certain fractions of the student body breathing fire.

However, the truth of the matter is that the greatest of the great "Four Horsemen" hasn't turned out a crack outfit since 1942, when he had Dave Schreiner playing a lot of end for him. Harry's been harried by defeats and, as we pointed out, they just aren't compatible with a low mortality rate. Not in the coaching fraternity.

Harry Waiting for Pruning Knife

So there's Harry sitting on the block, waiting for the pruning season. They say he's a nice guy and his players have backed him to the most hilly of hilts, but the man with the tongue-twister name isn't receiving paychecks for teaching his huskies how to knit wool panties.

The what-gives with LaBrucherie is a different matter. Bert's side was laid bare as early as January 1, 1946, after a rather sound thrashing at the hands of Illinois. This Rose Bowl riot, which set unhappy precedence for subsequent PCC-Big Nine battles, was weathered fairly well.

Then the roof all but caved in. The Uclans opened their 1947 campaign with a bang, and closed with a whimper. They fell before Northwestern and SMU in games they deserved to win, lost to Cal in a game they deserved to lose, and finished by dropping a 6-0 heart-breaker to USC in the Memorial Coliseum.

A 5-4 record for a team supposedly right in the run for the Roses isn't the best way to win friends and influence students and alumni, and La Brucherie was in danger of being thumbed out only one year after having put the Bruins into the Rose Bowl for the second time in the school's history.

Richards Incident Caused Trouble

To add to this, the firing of Line Coach Ray Richards caused a team rebellion, an epidemic of defeats broke out like a rash this year, followed by another revolt when a lineman objected to the tactics used by End Coach Shelby Calhoun.

Students, alumni, and a news-hungry press gave Bert quite a beating, and still are. Part of his inability to win over the student body, the press, and in instances, players, results from his own approach to things.

Although sincere, and also quite affable to those he knows closely, LaBrucherie is an individualist. His concern is with turning out a football team, and he throws all his energy into just that. He is not smug with the press; it's just that he doesn't go out of his way to cow-tow to them.

The Richards incident is closed now. The two personalities clashed from the beginning, but the main thing was that LaBrucherie insisted on mapping out full defensive plans for the next game all by himself. Richards, who had been around for almost a decade, considered this a slap in the face.

Bert wanted a new man to teach newer methods, and he thought he had found him in Dutch Fehring, the Oklahoma line coach. So Fehring came to UCLA.

LaBrucherie's planning seemed to pay off in 1946, when the Bruins defeated Southern Cal for the championship.

'Football Fans Arent Human,' Says Wife

The plight of this year's Uclan squad is hard to explain. On paper it looks good, but no team can lose so many key men and still keep its slate unruffled.

Evidently, Mrs. Harry Stuhldreher knew what the score was when she wrote "Football Fans Aren't Human" for the Satevepost. Particularly if those fans happen to be uncontrollable alumni and an unknowing student body.

Louis Bout in Detroit

DETROIT, Oct. 28—(AP)—Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis will make his first home town exhibition appearance in four years here November 19 when he goes six rounds with Vern Mitchell of De-

troit at Olympia stadium.

Olympia's matchmaker, Nick Londe, said negotiations were closed today.

Louis flattened Johnny Denson of Indianapolis in two rounds here in a 1944 exhibition and hasn't appeared in a Detroit ring since.

Sports Side

'Lau System' Picks Saturday Grid Upsets

Season Rt. Wrg. Td. Pct.

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The grid schedule for October 30 promises more chills, thrills and upsets than any other previous week in the 1948 season. After last week's windfall, this column feels glib enough to predict a few upsets of its own. We may be wrong, but not until after Saturday. (*Indicates the home team.)

*Yale by 6 over Dartmouth
*TCU by 6 over Baylor
*Texas Tech by 6 over Rice
*Northwest'rn by 6 over Ohio State
*Kansas by 6 over Okla. A & M
*Clemson by 6 over *Boston Col.
*Portland U by 6 over Pepperdine
Cornell by 7 over *Columbia
*Temple by 7 over Bucknell
Villanova by 7 over *Detroit
Arkansas by 7 over *Texas A & M
So. Meth. by 7 over *Texas
*Wichita by 7 over Tulsa
*WSC by 7 over Idaho
*Stanford by 7 over Washington
San Jose by 7 over *Col. Pacific
Florida by 7 over *Furman
N. C. State by 7 over *Wake Forest
*Tulane by 7 over Miss. State
*Brig. Yng. by 7 over Montana
*Iowa by 8 over Wisconsin
N. Carolina by 10 over *Tennessee
UCLA by 10 over *Nebraska
Duquesne by 12 over *Ohio U.
Lehigh by 12 over *NYU
Maryland by 12 over *Miami (Fla.)

S. Carolina by 12 over *W. Virginia
N. Mexico by 12 over *Fresno St.
California by 13 over *So. Calif.
Mont. State by 13 over *Idaho St.
*Wm. & Mary by 13 over Richmond
Georgia by 13 over *Alabama
*Rutgers by 13 over Brown
*Willamette by 13 over Lewis & Clark
Penn State by 14 over *Colgate
*Harvard by 14 over Holy Cross
*Princeton by 14 over Virginia
Mich. State by 14 over OSC
Vanderbilt by 14 over *Auburn
Mississippi by 14 over *LSU

V-Ball Schedule

Twelve intramural volley ball "B" teams will fight it out this afternoon, as the 1948 V-ball season races into its fifth day of competition.

Today's Schedule
3:50

Sigma Nu B vs. Kappa Sigma B
Hunter hall B vs. Phi Delta Theta B
Delta Upsilon B vs. SAE B
Stitzer B vs. Fiji B
Beta Theta Pi B vs. Phi Sigma Kappa B
Sigma Chi B vs. Stan Ray B

*Wichita by 14 over Tulsa
Geo. Tech by 16 over *Duke
Kentucky by 19 over *Cincinnati
Santa Clara by 19 over *USF
*Lafayette by 20 over Geo. Wash.
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