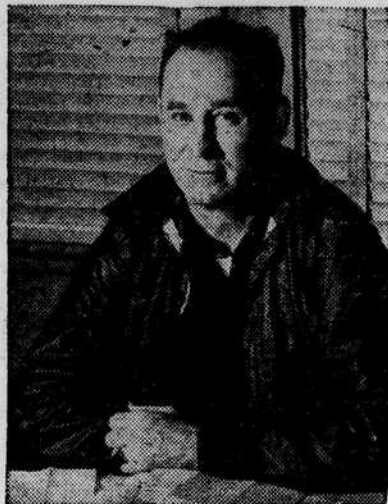


DUCK TRACKS

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What's there to say? The big boys have done their job, and the wonderful and glorious Golden Bears from California will represent the PCC in the Rose Bowl January 1. Rally, Rally.

What's there to do? A huge delegation at Tiny's and other campus establishments took care of that rather efficiently, after



JIM AIKEN

University officials cooperated by dismissing 3 and 4 o'clocks.

The wave of enthusiasm and confidence that enveloped the campus after Oregon's 10-0 victory over Oregon State changed to one of dejection and disappointment yesterday morning, when the news was announced over the radio. The mood changed again, this time to one of typical Oregon spirit. Next year, maybe. Even this year, with a bid to another bowl still in prospect.

But it still hurts, and goes against our sense of fairness. A great Oregon football team, one of the finest ever to represent this University, has been slighted. How did it happen? And more important, why did it happen?

Those questions remain unanswered. One or more schools here in the Northwest deserted, bowing to the influential Southern bloc. Ancient and rusty Conference machinery ground out the verdict, leaving Oregon backers stunned and unbelieving.

It's all over, and nothing can be done this year. Proper congratulations and condolences have been dispatched, the official statements issued. Pacific Coast Conference Officialdom has spoken, and the doors swing closed for another season.

It Really Isn't a Radical Policy . . .

This is the time, PCC rule-makers, for action. It's happened this year, and the same situation will undoubtedly arise in the future. Is it sound policy to permit ten conference representatives to select the Rose Bowl team when two schools are tied? Isn't this an unwise and antiquated policy, overdue for a thorough revision?

This rule revision, an efficient dusting of moldy Conference rule books, is necessary. A possible remedy is really quite simple, PCC Rule-makers. Just copy the methods of ten-year-old kids in their sand lot ball games. When two teams of the same league or different leagues end the season in a tie, a playoff game is held, winner take all.

Or take the high school interscholastic leagues. Playoff games are held here, too. It really isn't a radical policy, Mr. Rule-makers. They've been doing it for years, and it's remarkable how efficiently the system works . . .

A Truly Great Season for Oregon

Jim Aiken and his 1948 Oregon football team can stand back and take a bow. Nothing but congratulations and high praise is appropriate for the mighty Webfoots, the greatest team that Aiken has ever coached.

The 10-0 "civil war" victory over the Aggies was a fitting end for a remarkable season. It has been a football year of "firsts". This was the first undefeated Conference season for Oregon since the PCC was organized in 1916. The 9-1 Duck record matches the 1933 mark, when Oregon tied for the title. And the 1948 team can certainly be boosted as the finest in University football history.

The Webfoot game against Oregon State can be classed as one of the season's best. Playing on a field covered with deep, sticky mud, the Ducks proved their power to everyone present. Norm Van Brocklin's passing was hampered by field conditions, but he turned the game over to the backfield mudders. Oregon's statistical edge was impressive, as was the playing of every Webfoot on the field.

And the Aggies weren't taking things easy. Their coach praised them for playing a top game. Oregon was simply too good.

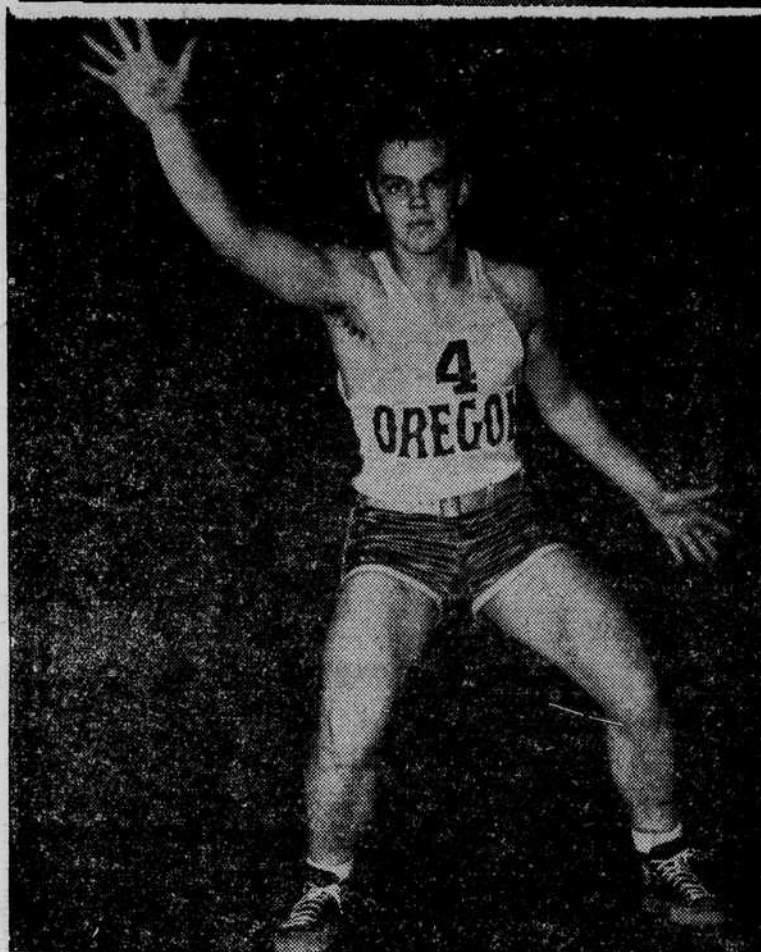
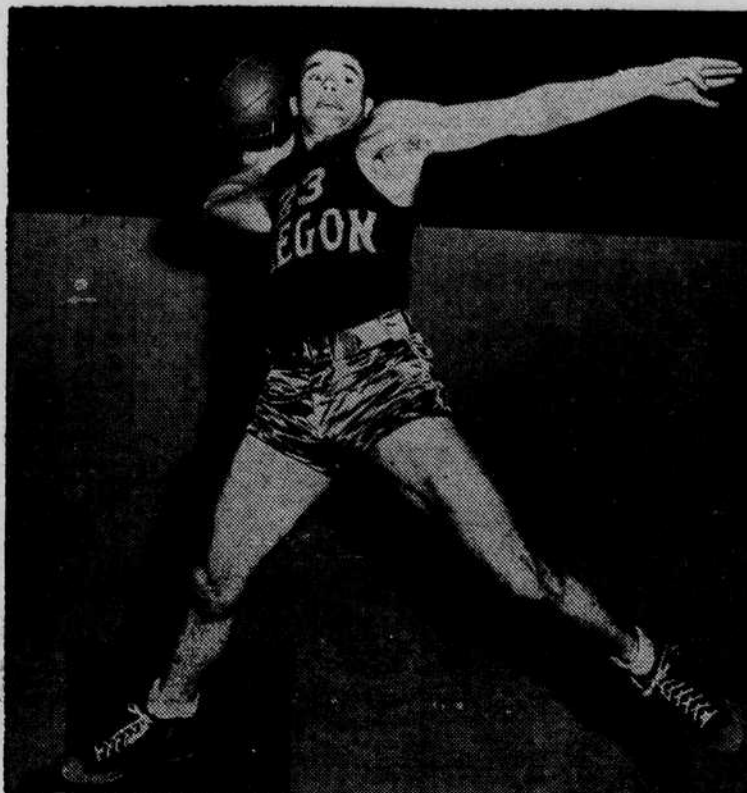
A Lot of Money Wasted

It seems a shame that this all-important game had to be played on such a miserable turf. Both teams were slowed, but Oregon took the handicap on Van Brocklin's passing.

If the field condition was any indication of what to expect in the future, the money spent to re turf Bell field certainly was wasted. The field resembled a flooded rice-paddy, seeing double duty as a close-order drill field. . . .

No more football forecasts this year, and Duck Tracks closes the prediction season with a .837 accuracy percentage. We hit eight for eight last week, bringing the total to 67 right, 13 wrong, and three ties.

Two Cage Lettermen



TWO DUCK LETTERMEN, one scrambling for a starting guard post and the other on the disabled list. Kenny Seeborg (top) will see plenty of back court action this year, while Jim Bartleit (bottom) is out with an injured ankle suffered in practice.

Volleyball Playoff Tilt Set Today

Five weeks of WAA intramural volleyball play will be climaxed this afternoon, when the teams from Hendricks hall and University house meet in the final playoff game to determine the WAA champion.

The two teams were victors in the semi-final games played Monday night, Hendricks beating Kappa Kappa Gamma and University house defeating Delta Gamma in two of the most hard-fought games this season.

In the Kappa-Hendricks contest, the teams were tied 11-all at half time, but the Hendricks squad surged ahead in the second half to come through with a 22-19 victory. Kappa Kappa Gamma represented league three and Hendricks led league 4.

In the game between winners of leagues one and two, University house overcame a 9-8 Delta Gamma lead at halftime, going on to win 23-15. Delta Gamma will meet the Kappas in a consolation game to determine third and fourth place playoff winners.

Just which team will win the final game tonight is anybody's guess. Both University house and Hendricks finished league play with perfect records. University won five games and Hendricks four. The two squads will fight it out for first and second place in the playoff standings.

Tentative plans are being formulated for an all-star game to be scheduled some time after Thanksgiving.

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margin in a narrow 10-8 win. Sowers was high for the winners with four with Switzer tallying the same amount for the losers.

The final game went to the "skins," 14-6 with Coleman scoring four points and Seeborg and Neeley tallying three each. Urban and Cooper were high for the "shirts" with two apiece.

"Women Like Men . . ."



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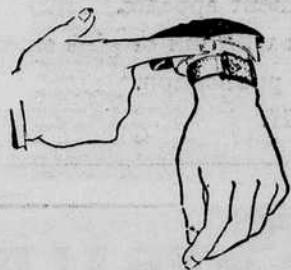
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