

DUCK TRACKS

By Tom King
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Recent reports from the sports grapevine which held that Norm Van Brocklin was bent on peddling his pigskin talents professionally next fall was nothing short of the real goods. Van, and this is straight from the feedbox, if you'll excuse the mixed metaphor, is definitely planning to join forces with the Los Angeles Rams of the National League, and there are no strings attached.

The original rumor was so worded that the entire idea hinged on whether Oregon and the Pacific Coast's most able passer of all passers would receive his bachelor's sheepskin by the end of the summer term.

Somebody got his vowels mixed up on that point. Van doesn't intend to do any summer work at all; at the present he needs only 18 more units to graduate, which he will do by June, and with consummate ease.

As far as he is concerned, his '49 debut with the pros is all set, since he has committed himself to the Rams "in everything except writing." How deeply Owner Dan Reeves of the LA eleven is digging into his rich reservoir of funds in order to hook Van was not revealed, but judging by Van's satisfaction, the bait must be sumptuous to say the least.

"I Haven't Received any Money . . ."

Concerning Van's negotiations with the Rams, some folks have let a smattering of friction seep into the rather thick atmosphere.

It seems that Coach Jim Aiken was quoted the other day with some remarks that carried somewhat of a twang to them.

"I think Van's going pro and I don't think we can do anything about it," Aiken declared, adding: "I believe he was spending some of that pro money around Dallas."

This Van denied vehemently. "I haven't received money from any pro team and I would just like to know where he (Aiken) got the idea that I was spending any in Dallas. During the whole time that I was in that city prior to the Cotton Bowl game, I went out on only two occasions. Bowl officials threw a luncheon for us one night and treated us to a hockey game on another. With the exception of two radio appearances I made with Aiken, those were the only instances I went out."

It was plain that Van wasn't pulling his punches.

Bowl Defeat Not Traceable to Ticket Selling

Insofar as the Cotton Bowl fiasco is concerned, Van said, and bluntly so, that "we were beaten on the field."

L. H. Gregory's accusations about the boys being too busy scalping tickets was passed off as so much literary prattle.

"And it wasn't because they spoiled us at Dallas, either," Van explained. "I've heard a lot of tall tales about how royally they treated us down there. Actually, they really didn't do so much for us before the game. We were too busy practicing to go any place."

As for the SMU Mustangs, Van conceded they were good, though certainly not among the best two elevens Oregon played all year. He praised Doak Walker for his all around ability and his quick eye in solving the specially-rigged Webfoot defenses. "But," he said, "Kyle Rote was just as good a runner as Walker."

Van Chilly to AAC Offers

With the meteoric rise from obscurity of the 190 lb. aerial wizard, professional outfits went on the scent. Every organization in both the National and All-America conferences has approached him.

Van claims he actually is not certain what team in the All-America Conference owns his draft rights, although he has an inkling it is the Chicago Rockets. Under AAC by-laws, a collegian does not necessarily have to graduate before being hitched to a contract, differing in this respect from the National League. In any event, the play-for-your-porridge operators were not asleep at the switch by any figment of the imagination.

However, Van expressed no concern for the All-America, saying that he would rather remain on the West Coast. In addition, the financial status of the Rockets, and the AAC in general, is pretty much on the reefs.

All of which means that Mr. Norm Van Brocklin will do a spot of footballing next season, with the Rams, and no one else:



NORM VAN BROCKLIN

Lamba Chi, Fizzed, Pi Kap Quints Post Cage Victories

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- 3:50 Court 40 Sigma Nu vs Stan Ray Hall A
- 3:50 Court 43 Signify Nothing vs Delta Tau Delta A
- 4:35 Court 40 McChesney A vs Westminster A
- 4:35 Court 43 Legal Eagles A vs Sigma Phi Epsilon A
- 5:15 Court 40 Theta Chi A vs Phi Kappa Sigma A
- 5:15 Court 43 Delta Upsilon A vs Sigma Alpha Epsilon

By Jerry Franz

As the third day of IM basketball surged on, three more A teams annihilated opponents. The Lambda Chi five set back the Agates 26-12. The Chi Psi five met the same fate at the hands of the Fizzeds, losing 24-14. In the free scoring fray of the day, the high scoring Pi Kappa Alpha quint cut loose with a barrage of buckets to trounce the Sherry Ross five 52-15.

In the Lambda Chi-Agate tilt the offensive playing of John Doolittle paid off in the end. Doolittle scored 12 points by sinking five field goals and two gift tosses. Other Lambda Chi's contributing to the win were J. D. Wade, Jim Crakes, and Vaughn Sterling, each getting four points. The halftime score was 12-3 for the Lambda Chi's with the final score Lambda Chi 26, Agates 12.

Ruppe Turns Out For OSC Cagers

CORVALLIS, Ore., (AP)—Dick Ballantyne took over an Oregon State starting spot at guard today as Coach Slat Gill drilled the Beavers for next week's clash with Idaho on the floor here.

Captain Cliff Crandall, benched with a cold since the Washington series, was back in action.

A newcomer to the floor is Rudy Ruppe, OSC football quarterback and a junior who didn't turn out for varsity basketball last season. He has looked good in defense, where Gill is aiming the Oregon State practice this week in the hope of slowing down the Vandal invaders next Monday and Tuesday nights.

NCAA Committee Mum on Changes

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., (AP)—The NCAA football rules committee kept the doors locked and official voices mum.

It was apparent, however, that adjournment is planned tomorrow, indicating that the committee must have reached agreement on whatever it's going to agree upon at this annual meeting.

The chairman, William J. Bingham of Harvard, and the members have adhered strictly to their own rule that there should be no announcement of action until the final session, or even after adjournment.

field goals. Playing a good game both defensively and offensively was Ted Dunbar of the Chi Psi's. Dunbar collected four points on two field goals. The Fizzeds won 24-14.

Reich Brothers Pace Pi Kaps

The offensive playing of the two Reich brothers, Ted and Dutch, gave the Pi Kapps an overwhelming win over the Sherry Rossmen. It wasn't until the second half that Dutch Reich cut loose, but nevertheless his 20 points from nine buckets and two gift tosses contributed to almost half of the Pi Kapp's score. Brother Ted wasn't idle by any means. His share came from five field goals and a free throw for a total of 11 counters. Also scoring for the Pi Kapps was Ward Beeb who got 12 points on six buckets.

The five from Sherry Ross just couldn't seem to find the hoop as they played a low scoring first half ending up behind at intermission 22-6. In the second half of the game the Pi Kapps collected 30 points, fifteen coming from Dutch Reich. Bill Hammerback from Sherry Ross was the only one on the Ross quint that seemed to have his shooting primed. He garnered six points from two long set shots and two chances at the foul line. The remaining nine points that Sherry Ross got were distributed among the rest of the team. The final score was Pi Kappa Alpha 52, Sherry Ross 15.

Amburn, Rufner Hot

Led by Bill Amburn and Eddie Gudgel, the Fizzeds were able to out score a scrappy Chi Psi quint. Amburn potted five buckets for 10 and Gudgel got two field goals and a free throw for five. Leading the Chi Psi scoring parade was Chuck Rufner who got eight points on four

Sherry Ross Wins

In intramural handball action yesterday, Sherry Ross defeated Hunter hall, three matches to none. In today's handball action, Theta Chi will play Westminster at 4 p. m.

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