

DUCK TRACKS

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If the Cabots and the Lowells lived in Eugene instead of Boston today, they indeed would be having a merry time of it. Over in Beantown the Cabots speak only to the Lowell's and the latter speak only to God. However, if they were collecting their mail here today, the Cabots would be speaking to God, the Lowells to the McGinnity's and everyone in general would be engaged in a lively fanfare.

For today Don Kirsch unveils his Varsity baseball team against a Linfield College nine, signalling the opening of the exhibition season in these hinterlands. And we can think of nothing better to serve for an excuse for letting the bars down than seeing the first batter go up to the plate, take a few ferocious practice swings, and then settles down to the task of making life miserable for the opposing pitcher.



DON KIRSCH

Right now the Webfoots look pretty much like dark horses. The question is whether a good infield and outfield can offset uncertain pitching and inexperienced catching. If some of the boys suddenly catch fire and deliver at the right moments, the Ducks could take it all and, in so doing, unseat Washington State, Northern Division champions for the past two years.

It will be quite a spell before this matter is cleared up, and before then final judgment must

be reserved. After all, all is well only if it ends well, as the saying goes. And only if it ends well would the Cabots and the Lowells become gregarious with the outside world again . . . if they lived in Eugene.

Since this publication last went to press Big Bob McClure has joined the coaching staff for spring football practice. Bob, an All-America nominee in his college days at Nevada, is going to direct the tackles and ends and will be arriving here within the next few days.

Colleges Depending More on Pros Now

The number of pros (McClure performed for the Boston Yanks last year) who are returning to the colleges to coach during spring practice is increasing yearly. Southern Cal is employing the services of Jim Hardy, and, in the past, called on Bob Snyder, ex-mentor of the Los Angeles Rams. UCLA has been using Bob Waterfield and Burr Baldwin. Other schools are following the same trend, and the day is coming when colleges will turn to the pros to hire their head coaches.

There is a vast difference between the brand of ball played by a group of fellows who are playing for \$75 a month (plus other conveniences) and because they like the game, and by a group of fellows who are gambling everything on their ability to stay in the pro leagues.

Pro coaches have been and still are ahead of their college counterparts—even if you take into consideration the fact that college kids can't absorb as much football know-how as the pros. And so the amateur ranks are more and more turning to their big brothers for help.

Alumni Scared Off Evashevski

In many quarters it was a shock that Forest Evashevski, assistant coach at Michigan State, nixed the job offered him at Oregon State. Word coming out of Corvallis is that the former University of Michigan blocking back was offered only a \$1,000 increase over his stipend at MSC.

The alumni figured to kick through with a few more sawbucks, but if Evashevski accepted it would mean he would be subjected to the same kind of pressure from that body as that which ran Lon Stiner out of town. They even dangled a five year contract in front of him, but he wouldn't budge.

If he had accepted, it would have made him one of the youngest head coaches of a major school in the country. He graduated from Ann Arbor eight years ago after a glorious career as path-paver for the incomparable Tommy Harmon.

No Big Name Coach for OSC

The Beavers, still on the search, will have to content themselves with someone other than a big name coach for next fall. They've all been grabbed up. And we are wondering who is going to take over the reins for spring drills.

What's this about the Stanford proselyting system hitting a snag? Seems as how quite a flock of prospective Indians who were planning to make the jump from the junior college ranks didn't make the grade, scholastically speaking.



IN AGREEMENT NOW — Ez-zard Charles (l.) and Jersey Joe son for winning its title by leading tract that will send them against each other June 22 for the world heavyweight crown. Middle man above is Joe Triner, chairman of the Illinois Athletic Commission. Interested onlookers in the rear are (l. to r.) Lou Radzienda, Joe Louis, Art Wirtz, and Ralph Metcalfe.

Wiley Captures Another Honor

Another accolade came Rog Wiley's way today when figures disclosed that he topped the Northern Division in field goal percentage for the past season.

"Hot Dog" was one point shy of the coveted .400 circle, and had a 15 point bulge over second place Eddie Gayda of Washington State. He also bettered Bill Sharman's SD average of .337, made for USC. John Neeley was second among the Webfoots with .377 good enough to third in the division.

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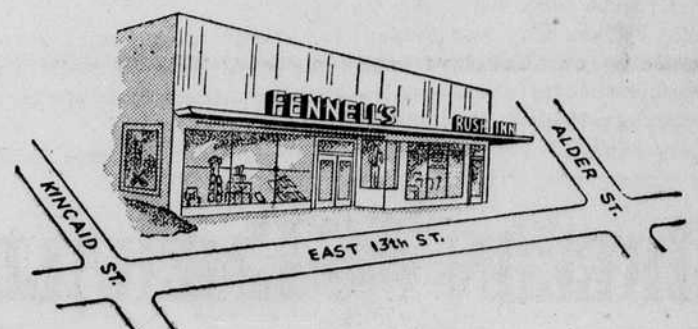
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