

DUCK TRACKS

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Oregon State's decision to release Lon Stiner was not an unexpected move, though we do think the Beaver alumni, the boys behind the dismissal, would have been smarter to do the deed a little earlier.

Stiner "resigned" because he had a couple of bad seasons. And, considering the paper strength of the Beaver gridders, the logical place to lay the blame was on Mr. Stiner. For instance, in 1948 Oregon State could get only ties with Washington, Washington State and Utah, three teams they should have beaten. One reason might well have been the pressure on Stiner after the 1947 season, when the Orange split even in 10 games.



LON STINER

The alums probably weren't at all happy about that, especially since Stiner's club was rated as one of the favorites to go Rosebowling that year. They are rumored to have put the pressure on the former Nebraska tackle to speed up the Beaver offense and score more points.

If So, Stiner Was Following Orders

If the rumor is true, and it sounds credible, Stiner did what the big boys wanted him to do. He switched from his own style of ball that was drab and colorless to watch, but highly effective when it came to winning games. Instead he came out with wide-open football and put the emphasis on offense. It did everything but win games.

The main excuse given out for the dismissal is Oregon's two straight wins over Oregon State. That seems pretty feeble. In both games the Webfoots were favored by larger margins than the final scores would indicate. And in both games the big wheel of the Beaver attack, Don Samuel, turned in poor performances.

We are not surprised at the dismissal of Stiner, but we were surprised at the time of year and at the reasons given. It appears that the Corvallis institution picked up a good man in Kip Taylor, but that has yet to be proved.

Beavers Tried for Michigan Men

Michigan State must have really impressed the Staters when they were out here last fall and bounced the hometown gridders. First they gave Forrest Evashvski a big rush, but he didn't want to be under the thumb of the alumni. Then they did land Taylor, like Evashvski a member of the Michigan State coaching staff. Now the question is whether Taylor signed for the salary his fellow coach from Michigan State turned down, or whether he is getting the extra "gravy" from the alums that Evashvski also turned down.

Taylor has a good coaching record behind him, but the job at Corvallis will be his first as a collegiate mentor. If he does come through it will be a major accomplishment. All of Stiner's supporters, and he still has plenty around, will be on his back if he doesn't have a big season. And if the alums are helping to pay his way, he might have a tough time staying around for too long without big winning years.

Stiner was really booted by the Beavers. He could have moved to Nebraska earlier this year, but he stayed on because they apparently wanted him to remain in Corvallis.

Crandall Sets OSC Scoring Mark

Still in Oregon State, the Beavers ace Cliff Crandall became the first cager in history to get more than 400 points in one season. The Astoria redhead garnered 439 tallies during the past year, more than twice as many as the next Beaver scorer, Al Peterson who had 205.

Oregon has had players who topped the 400 point mark, they even had three in one year. In 1945, when the Webfoots played a 43 game schedule, Dick Wilkins got 540 tallies, Bob Hamilton 496, and Ken Hays 406. The Webfoots that year also took the Northern Division title and placed third in the Western NCAA playoffs.

Oregon track could well regain some national recognition if George Rasmussen hasn't been too hampered by the weather and vaults up to his potential this weekend. The skinny junior has been doing very well so far and with his talent could go a long way.

The Webfoots haven't had a top star since Les Steers set the still-standing world record in the high jump back in 1941. But it looks like track fortunes are going up with Rasmussen and little Dave Henthorne leading the way.

Ducks Garner 10 Top-Flight Grid Transfers

That old chestnut about getting there the "firstest with the mostest" is getting a pretty good shake will get a pretty good shakedown from Jim Aiken and his coaching associated when they swing open the gates to Oregon's spring football practice Monday afternoon.

Not that the Ducks are the first, because some of the Southern schools have already been at it for over a week now. But they are still plenty early, and, too, things are going to pop on the very first afternoon of the 30-day grind.

Maybe they don't have the "mostest" either, but something like 115 strong will answer Aiken's first call, and that's a goodly volume of pigskin beef in any league.

Enrollment of ten transfers from junior colleges spices the turnout. Some of them are decked out with rather fancy reputations acquired back in their home towns, but just how many of them can crack big time college football won't be known for a week or two anyway. If a couple of them manage to make the grade, then this mass movement of junior college men will be tabbed successful.

In any event, here's a thumbnail rundown on each of them:

Don Roberts: This strapping 195-lb., 6ft., 2in. end has everyone dueling at the mouth. He comes from McRea Junior College, which is way down in North Carolina. There he made the second string All-America Junior College team, and as such, rates as the flashiest prospect of the group at the present. Keep your eye on this boy.

Len Diedrichs: He's a 230-lb tackle from Salinas J. C. Was good enough to make All-Northern California. Said to be agile for his size.

Nick Stevenson: From Santa Ana J. C., a school which has produced a flock of top-flight players. An 180-pounder, he was All-Eastern league end.

Russ Crocco: Hails from Sacramento Junior College. He's a half-back.

Stan Ruzicka: Played a lot of fullback for Glendale Junior College last fall.

Gene Snyder: A towering 6 ft., 4 in., 190-lb. end from Aberdeen Junior College. Landed on the All-Washington eleven.

Pete DeSantos: Big tackle, also from Glendale Junior College.

Dick Gauden: Third string center on the All-Southern California J. C. team. Comes from Compton, national junior college champion. Much is expected from this boy.

Ted Lea: "T" formation passer from Aberdeen. Uses his 6 ft., 3 in. to advantage.

Hale Paxson: Was first string All-Southern California guard while playing for San Bernardino J. C. in 1947. He weighs 190 and is fast. Also pushes the shot in track.

Supplementing these ten are Dick Patrick, who centered for the frosh in '47, but who didn't play last year because of ineligibility, and Gus Knickrehm, ex-All-Southern California tackle.

Ralph Hill, former Oregon star, was barely beaten in the 1932 Olympic two-mile run.

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Intramural Action To Begin Monday

Monday's intramural softball schedule

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North field . . . Kappa Sigma vs Sigma Phi Epsilon
South field . . . Fizzeds vs Sigma Nu
Upper field . . . Lambda Chi Alpha vs Omega hall

4:55
North field . . . Phi Delta Theta vs Sigma Alpha Mu
South field . . . French hall vs Phi Sigma Kappa
Upper field . . . Pi Kappa Phi vs Minturn hall

Spring term intramural action gets underway Monday afternoon in three sports on the campus, with softball, tennis, and golf matches slated for the day.

THE SOFTBALL set-up is to be, as usual, on a round-robin tournament in each league.

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plate, while Dibble replaced Pat Wohlers in the garden.

After today's two-game affair, the Ducks trek back to Eugene where they will play Portland U. on Monday.

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Tennis teams will consist of two doubles and one singles on each team, making a total of five men on the courts from each living organization.

OPENING THE tennis action Monday afternoon at the University courts will be Sigma Alpha Mu versus the quintet from Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Golf teams from each living organization will consist of four players, with matches being played in four twosomes, using the Nassau system of scoring, according to Paul Washke, intramural director. Phi Kappa Psi and Merrick hall are scheduled to open golf action on the links Monday afternoon.

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