

DUCK TRACKS

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Spring football started yesterday and along with it the search to find Norm Van Brocklin's successor. The air arm of the Webfoot attack is not planning to take any part in spring drills but is looking forward to graduation either this June or at the end of summer session.

When a team uses the "T" formation a good quarterback is an absolute must. And losing an all-American from this spot can hurt badly. Whether Van has signed with the pros yet or not is not known, but it makes little difference. He won't be back this fall and he must be replaced.

The only letterman available for the spot is Earl Stelle, but he was used more on defense than on attack. Last year DeWayne Johnson, after two years of stellar line-backing will probably see a lot more offensive action but it will probably be at either right half or fullback and not as Van Brocklin's successor.



NORM VAN BROCKLIN

Calderwood, Lea Quarterback Hopefuls

Jim Calderwood, who sparkled for the Frosh last fall rates as one of the better choices. He is a better passer than Stelle but lacks experience and that could hurt.

The only junior college transfer who played regularly at quarterback is Ted Lea from Aberdeen. He is big enough, 6-feet 3-inches, and if he has the ability he might grab the starting nod.

The other nine transfers will more than bolster Webfoot graduation losses. If Don Roberts from McRea J. C. can take Dick Wilkins place it will help no little. Darroll Robinson, hold-over letterman, could step in and handle the job too.

Coaching Problem Still Unsettled

Another problem Jim Aiken has to contend with is to find some capable assistants. With Dick Miller and Frank Zazula running things at the University of North Dakota, Aiken has still to announce their replacements. Bob Sullivan seems ready to handle the middle of the line as he did last year and Buster McClure will take care of the rest of the forward wall during spring drills.

But McClure is slated to go back to the Boston Yanks for the '49 pro season, which means that Aiken will still be in the business for assistants.

Aiken Has Fine Record at Oregon

Jim Aiken's two-year record is really something to howl about. Before he came to Eugene Oregon gridiron fortunes had sunk to a low ebb. The Webfoots finished in a tie for fourth in 1935 and didn't come that close to the top again until the former Washington and Jefferson end guided them to a tie for second place in 1947.

Oregon doesn't have a very impressive record in the Pacific Coast Conference. They have won or tied for the top four times since the PCC was formed in 1916 and have three seconds to go along with the firsts. And Aiken has two of those seven years to his credit.

How well he does this year cannot yet be seen. That will have to wait until the gridders are farther along in spring drills. But it will be up in the first division and might well be a title threat again. The schedule is unfavorable with most of the games away from home, but Aiken will be getting a lot out of his material and that is why the Webfoots will remain a title threat as long as he stays as head coach.

Frosh Stars Boast Great Potentialities

Two Frosh trackmen will be battling their varsity brothers for headlines this spring, and for good reason. Chuck Missfeldt, who narrowly missed the Olympic team last year, will be watched closely when he performs with the javelin. He is rated a top-notch prospect to threaten Northern Division and Coast marks in his specialty.

He might not reach top form this year since he will be alternating between track and football, where he is also rated a fine prospect. He is a big fast fullback with a lot of drive.

Unlike Missfeldt, Jack Hutchins, the other Frosh star, did go to London to participate in the Olympics. He ran for Canada in the 800 meter run and will handle the 880 and mile for the Frosh. He has already shown good early season form and should threaten the Oregon 880 mark of 1:54.8 set by George Scharpf in 1935.

Merrickmen Gain Links Win

Merrick hall's golf foursome defeated Phi Kappa Psi yesterday on the local links by a 9-3 count. All scores were in the seventies and eighties.

The winning team consisted of Chuck Tetherow, Eugene Smith, Ed Coursey, and George Armen.

Lindstedt Authors No-Hitter In Intramural Softball Loop

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

3:50

North field: Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Phi Kappa Psi
South field: McChesney Hall vs. Pi Kappa Alpha
Upper field: Campbell club vs. Sederstrom hall

4:55

North field: Delta Tau Delta vs. Theta Chi
South field: Sherry Ross vs. Phi Kappa Sigma
Upper field: Yeomen vs. Sigma hall

Lightning-fast action marked the greater part of intramural softball play at the PE diamonds yesterday. Biggest piece of it was authored by Fiji Don Lindstedt, who twirled a no-hit win over the Chi Psis.

Phi Gamma Delta whitewashed the Chi Psis, 4-0; Sigma Chi trampled Merrick hall, 20-7; Tau Kappa Epsilon edged past Nestor hall, 8-5; Alpha Tau Omega defeated Delta Upsilon, 5-2; Beta Theta Pi took Cherney hall, 3-0; and Stitzer hall won from the Legal Eagles, 15-6.

LINDSTEDT fanned six and was given a good mound duel by Jim Hayden.

But the latter was no match for Lindstedt who was the master all the way.

SPECTACULAR play of the afternoon was the crackling triple-play Nestor hall made against TKE's in the second inning. TKE Ray Frank drove a sizzler into the glove of Left Fielder Alan Peterson. Peterson rocketed the ball to Pat Leader on second, who quickly relayed it to Jack Nagasaki at third.

The Sigma Chi-Merrick hall tussle was another speedy affair, as far as the Sigma Chi's were concerned. They loaded the bases early in the first frame, and tallied five

runs before the Merrick men could retire them.

Two home runs highlighted the ATO-DU affair. Lee Bamber, DU pitcher, made the first in the second canto, scoring Carol Bump.

ATO hurler Ed Chrobat tallied the second round-tripper in the fourth inning, bringing in Tom Gurney.

Stitzer hall broke out like poison oak in the first inning of their game, chalking up nine of their 15 runs against the Legal Eagles.

THE BETA-CHERNEY fray can best be summed up in two words, Allan Mann, Beta's adroit hurler.

He struckout 14 and was touched for only two hits.

The Cherney crew played good defensive ball, but were handcuffed by Mann when at bat.

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planted him on third and a wild pitch that planted him in the dug-out and his name in the scoring column.

Arnold Thomas, a third baseman who was made over into a pitcher for the last two stanzas, (and who undoubtedly will stick to the hot corner hereafter), was the individual who played havoc with the pitching code during this period of unrest.



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