

DUCK TRACKS

By Tom King
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Let's drum around the sports circuit again, taking in some quick pickups picked up from here and there, with an everywhere thrown in to make the picture complete . . .

Betcha didn't know that the fabulous "Buck" Bailey was captain of the western team in first annual East-West Shrine game at San Francisco back on New Year's Day, 1926 . . . The Washington State coach, whose Cougars are going to have a great deal to say about the ND diamond race, has been at that institution almost 25 years. . .

Wonder what was the real reason why Steve Dotur suddenly did an about face and decided to hook up with the Webfoots for another year of football.

What with Sam Nevills performing so expertly these days out there on the lower practice field, the tackle situation seems to be in pretty good hands . . . At one time it was feared that this would be one of Jim Aiken's largest headaches . . . But with Dotur, the very much improved Nevills, and Bob Roberts, the position looks very secure indeed.

Don Roberts, large and also largely publicized end transfer, went the way of most Junior College flesh recently . . . Don, a nice guy, they tell me, but not a big time college football player, dropped out of school . . . He made second string All-America JC last year, but couldn't cut it with Oregon.

Pete DeSantes, another transfer, also dropped by the wayside
Old "Scrapiron" Pays Campus a Visit

Old timers of the pre-war era in these parts waxed nostalgic the past weekend when they saw Floyd (Scrapiron) Rhea visiting his old haunts . . . "Scrapiron," as tough a hunk of football flesh as ever came out of the North, lettered at guard in 1940-41-42 . . . He was known as the strongest man on the campus at the time, and also was said to have had the largest legs of any player in the country.

Sammy White, Washington's gift to professional baseball and the Seattle Rainiers, cracked out six hits in his first 12 trips to the plate in the PCL . . . He has it arranged with his bosses so that he'll be able to play pro basketball .

Kenny Carpenter, the best of a good Oregon State backfield quartet last fall, never tried out for baseball before this season . . . But the one-man show he put on the other day for the Beavers, both on the mound and at bat, makes it hard to believe.

SHAW PRESSED FOR QB SLOT

A couple of freshmen quarterbacks may have stolen some of Tommy Shaw's thunder down at Stanford . . . After two weeks of intensive practice, Marchy Swartz called for a regular Red-White intra-squad game, and Shaw found himself relegated to the bench, while a pair of young upstarts took charge.

The report carried in an Oregon paper (and several others,



Sammy White

too) claiming that UCLA's Ray Nagel refused to report for spring practice because Red Sanders was switching from the "T" to the single wing is erroneous Nagel, who completed more passes than any other player in Bruin history last fall, did crop up for spring drills, though a little late . . . Sanders is much more worried about whether his best tackle, George Pastre, will go pro or not.

Fans to Get Glimpse of Huskies' Brink

An Oregon tennis team that has as yet been unconvinced of its lowly pre-season press rating may really turn out to be something of a sleeper . . . After upsetting the Eugene Tennis Club, the Lemon-and-Green netters followed up by crushing Lewis & Clark.

However, it would be asking too much of them to outstroke Washington here this weekend.

At that time local followers will get a peak at Jack Brink, who went to the NCAA semi-finals last year.

Tom MacDonald state net king while in high school, dropped off the Frosh squad and is playing intramurals . . . He was doing pretty well by himself, too . . . Still, it doesn't take much wondering to figure out why he made the switch.

'Buck' Bellows Right on Schedule As Kirschmen Steal the Spotlight

By SAM FIDMAN

Lots of things happen during the course of a year. Restaurant men have silverware stolen; henpecked husbands rise from the depths and peck the old hen right back; and Buck Bailey brings his circus, otherwise known as the Washington State College baseball squad, to Eugene for a showdown with the Webfoots.

This year is no different from those gone by, for "Bloody" Buck is in Eugene.

Oregon's baseballing Webfoots drew their largest home crowd for yesterday's scrap with the Cougars, and the reason for that is no accident. Local diamond dusters are ever willing to take a free seat to watch the Bailey circus.

The Cougar coach is no man to rest on his laurels. His past performances on Northern Division diamonds would be sufficient for a man out to put on a show.

But that's not the case with Buck. He is out there to win ball games—and when his charges are headed anywhere except for a win—watch out.

This may serve as a fair warning for today's game against the Cougars. Nobody knows what Buck is going to do next—not even Buck himself.

For example, two years ago the bull-voiced head clown of the circus picked up a protesting umpire and

dumped the blue-coated torso bodily on the Howe Field turf. He has been known to push a dog's head into a bucket of water, and then drink from the same pail a few minutes later.

His number one antic, however, is kicking water buckets into the stands. Chances are nil that spectators at today's game will see this one though, since managers usually manage to keep the water pail away from Buck's educated toe.

Mr. Bailey also took out his wrath on the WSC players during games. Yesterday, for instance, after Don Paul misjudged a fly ball in left field, he managed to hide from Bailey until the ninth inning. Front row fans claim that Paul was crouched under the bench saying his last prayers.

Off the field, Bailey is as gentle as can be. After the last Cougar

batsman hit into a double play Monday, Buck stalked over to Don Kirsch, and both coaches shook hands.

Bailey commented to Kirsch that there wasn't much a team could do when the pitching failed. He also made note of the number of double plays concocted by the Webfoot infield.

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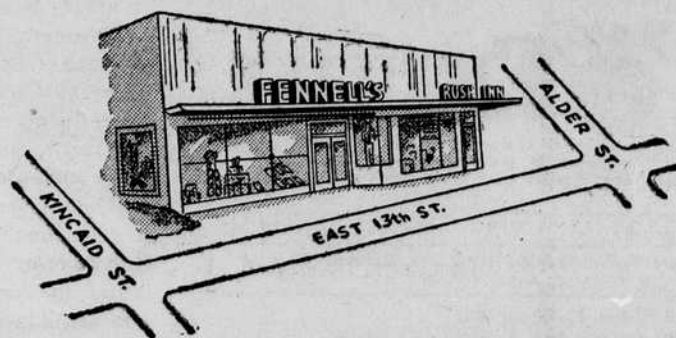
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