

# COASTING

By BILL WILLARD

Last Friday night the grunts and groans of our students served as sound effects for the populace of Eugene. Here's hoping it's the last time this season that we have the bitter taste of defeat.

A very interesting thing to watch is the number of supporters a team has when it wins, and then compare them once the team has lost. Oh, well, everyone likes a winner.

## Fumble-Itus

Excuses galore have followed from our loss last week to a scrappy UCLA eleven, but I feel that the facts have yet to be written. The truth is the Webfoot eleven went into the Bruin contest with only a few hours of defensive practice against the single wing formation. The main thing in a pigskin contest is holding onto the ball, but once again loose ball handling hampered our possible victory.

Offensively the Ducks looked good with the exception of their five fumbles, three of which helped tell the tale of the final score. This fumble-itus must stop or it will be the Green-and-Lemon's downfall . . . breaks usually decide a game.

I don't feel that enough praise can be given to Woodley Lewis for the fine game that he played last Friday. Offensively he led the attack and on defense he was a bull. It was this same Lewis that sparked a strong Los Angeles City College eleven to the Western States Conference Championship in 1947.

Oh, well, enough crying over slippery pigskins ! !

## The Coast Zoo

With a re-vamped backfield our hard fighting Ducks invade Pullman, Wash. (population 5,000) for a contest with the ready, willing, and able Washington State Cougars. The Cougars will upset someone this year but it won't be us.

The Washingtonians showed the Coast favorites USC how to play football for the first two and one half periods of play and then tired as the Trojans reserve strength seemed to mark the difference.

We too have reserve strength and will have a tough time during the first 30 minutes of play. In the ozone, Earl Stelle should find a lot of receivers, as this was the Cougars greatest weakness in their three previous contests. Even with the expected rain the Ducks should waddle to a 20-7 victory.

Washington's Huskies finally have an easy contest after meeting Minnesota and Notre Dame the Huskies at long last make their Pacific Coast Conference debut with Oregon State, some fun. Washington showed a strong defense in holding Notre Dame to only 27 points and should have little trouble seducing the eager Beavers. For those that believe in comparative scores the situation should be reversed; Washington beat Utah 14-7, while the Staters trounced the Ukes 27-7. But I like the tune—Washington 20 OSC 0.

## Limb Climbing

The major Pacific Coast Conference game will be played at Palo Alto, Calif, where our friend (friend that is) Joe Bruin meets Chief Headache, the Stanford Indian. Ach dis shouldn't happen to a sports writer (and I use the term loosely). Stanford and UCLA are the two dark ponys of the coast. Both have shown power in their three previous encounters.

The Bruins downed the opposition OSC, Iowa, and Oregon, while Stanford rolled over San Jose State and Harvard and were slightly stunned by the big and fast Michigan Wolverines.

Offensively the Bruins have a sharp edge with a diversified running and passing attack and the "punt happy" toe of Bob Watson. Defensively the Indians have an edge losing to Michigan largely on the grounds of poor hunting and sloppy ball handling. The UCLAn's have yet to display any defensive strength having 65 points scored against them in three contests. Before the Michigan game Stanford had only yielded 89 yards on the ground to their two opponents. Since scoring is what counts in football I'm a stickin' with the Bruins . . . say . . . 21-13 . . . Brother, am I on a limb ! !

(Not to get off the limb) I am going to predict a USC victory over a powerful Ohio State eleven at the Los Angeles Coliseum, Saturday afternoon.

Troy most likely will be rude hosts (as usual) as they seek vengeance for the 20-0 lacing the Staters gave them last year. Both clubs work out of the "T" formation and have speed, depth, and deception.

The Buckeyes slid by Missouri and paddled Indiana, while the Trojans beat Navy and Washington State. The contest figures to be a tough battle from the opening kick-off to the final gun. Lets climb back onto the tree and say USC 21 Ohio State 20., gulp!

## The Bear Facts

The University of California Golden Bears travel to Madison, Wis., to meet an improving Wisconsin eleven, but the Bears have little need for improvement. Pappy Waldorf again has a powerful line and a set of fast flying backs.

# Betas, Phi Delts Stay Undefeated in IM Play

By Ron Johnson

Late afternoon games in intramural football found Phi Kappa Psi edging Sigma Phi Epsilon, 14-6, Beta Theta Pi trouncing Westminster, 25-0, Phi Sigma Kappa taking a 6-0 nod from Omega Hall, and Phi Delta Theta outgaining Tau Kappa Epsilon by a margin of four first downs to two.

## PHI PSI WINS

Only a minute of play had gone by before Phi Psi Cal Smith threw a perfect strike to teammate Ken Allen for a touchdown. Allen caught the ball on his own 40 yard line, and outraced the Sig Ep secondary to the goal line. The extra point attempt was good and the Mill Race crew moved out ahead 7-0.

Apparently not satisfied with this lead the Phi Psis on their next set of downs moved again into scoring territory. With the ball on the Spee 30 Smith faded back again to pass. Not finding a man clear, he tucked the ball under his arm and streaked for the touchdown. Again the pass for the extra point was good, putting the Phi Psis in what appeared to be a comfortable 14-0 lead.

## Frosh Workout Despite Rain

Despite the adverse weather conditions, Bill Bowerman sent the Frosh football squad through signal drill yesterday in preparation for their clash with the University of Portland Babes Saturday at 2 p.m. on the turf of Hayward Field.

Bedecked in their new green and white game uniforms, the Ducklings toned up their offense on the blocking dummies. The Frosh will use the separate offensive and defensive platoon system in the coming tilt.

Other contests looming up on the Oregon yearlings schedule include the OSC Rooks, Oct. 14; University of Washington Babes, Oct. 22; Vanport Junior College, Oct. 28; and the Rooks again on Nov. 11. All but the last Rook game will be played on the local field.

## Swimmers to Meet

A meeting of varsity, Freshmen, and potential swimmers will be held Monday at 3:45 p.m. in Room 101 in the physical education building, John Borchardt, head swimming coach, announced yesterday.



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The determined Sig Eps, however took the kickoff and started a drive of their own. A series of four short completed passes good for three first downs moved the ball deep into Phi Psi territory. On the next play Jim Eckstrom, who incidentally passed beautifully all afternoon, connected with Don Bowman for the touchdown.

The pass for the extra point fell incomplete making the score 14-6. All of this scoring occurred in the first period. From then on neither team was able to "muster up" any kind of an attack due largely to the hail storm which lasted throughout most of the game.

## BETAS ROLL

The Beta outfit had little trouble in their game, with an outclassed Westminster team. Passes from Alan Mann to ends George McMath and Glen Holden were good for the first two Beta touchdowns and 12 points. Conversion attempts after both scores failed.

A punt blocked by McKinney set up the third Beta score. Dick Morton pitched to Tom Chapman who scored unmolested. Another Morton pass this time to McMath accounted for the last touchdown, making the score 25-0, Westminster offered very little offensively, gaining only two first downs.

The Phi Delt-TKE game was a tight defensive exhibition all of the way. Handcapped by a slippery ball and a "mucky" field, neither team was able to make extended drives of any kind. The final statistics, showing four first downs

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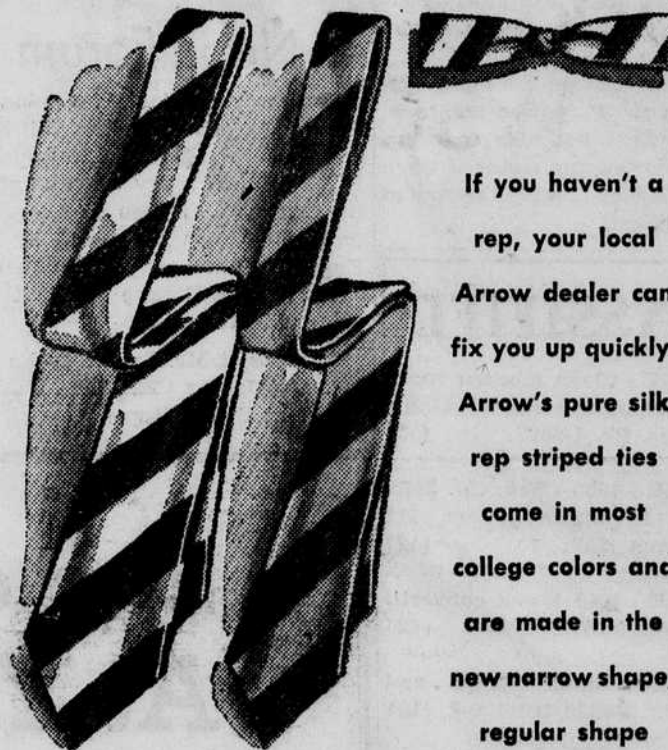
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