

# DUCK TRACKS

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L. H. Gregory, crack sports columnist for The Oregonian, recently came up with another article extolling the virtues of splitting the Pacific Northwest conference football map division-wise. This time he did it by way of a double-play through Dink Templeton, one of the most controversial and listened to sports observers in the Southland.

The idea that "northern teams don't give the California brothers enough competition to make it a strong conference. Take the Big Ten, for example. Any one of them, according to Templeton, is likely to up and smite the other just as David up and made Goliath blush mightily.

And Gregory has thoughts along the same line. Quote: "The real football future of Pacific Northwest teams is right here in the Northwest, not on those long trips to California. If they played a Northwest round robin with each other they could still meet the California teams on an intersectional basis."

## What's Good for Goose Isn't Good for Gander

So Gregory and Templeton are both on the same side of the see-saw and strictly palsy about the fact that what's good for your ache is good for mine, too.

Maybe these two highly respected gentlemen are right.

And then again maybe it would be proper to explore the matter piecemeal and see if what is good for one really isn't anything more than strychnine for the other.

Take the Northern Division. Playing in their own backyards, the teams' bank accounts would likely as not go completely dry. Financially, they would be bruised, battered and otherwise covered with welts. Oregon, OSC, WSC, Washington, Montana and Idaho would have a corkin' time flailing away at each other before a thimble-full of fans.

This only scratches the surface, though.

It is true that Oregon made more last year playing USC in Portland than it did this year when in Los Angeles. But Oregon played California Saturday. 76,000 fans were there to see them. And 76,000 fans makes for a lot of humanity. It also makes for a lot of dollars. Where else could one find that many dollars? Or even that much humanity.

## Implications Are Infinite, Etc., Etc.

Not in the Northern Division. Gregory says the Coast teams could still hold intersectional tilts. Would they draw 76,000 fans if nothing hinged on the outcome?

Half that many probably wouldn't have shown up.

But the surface, thick as it is, still has only been scratched.

Without the PCC setup the Northern teams would be ostracized. The ND argued until it was purple between the eye brows to make Southern teams promise to play ONE game in the North each year. It will not even get this concession until next year.

With their ties severed, California teams would cold-shoulder the ND even moreso than they have done in the past. Why play Oregon with what Multnomah Stadium's dinky 31,000 capacity when a team like Texas, Ohio State or Michigan would be available? The difference is both in spectator appeal and plain, hard finances.

Naturally, hard finances would try to formulate intersectional games of their own. A series with SMU would be dandy. But would any major institution East of the Rockies feel justified in playing a team whose only achievement was to defeat Idaho and DSC, or even Oregon State? Would Oregon have been invited to the Cotton Bowl last New Year's had it not trounced Southern Cal, UCLA and Stanford, among others? To detach California schools from the official schedule not only would bring on ostracization by the SD, it also would have the same effect from conferences all over the nation.

## Northern Division vs. Border Conference

The result: The Northern Division would have a stature similar to that of the Border or the Rocky Mountain Conference, at best.

As to the failure of Northern teams to provide enough competition—that can be doubled in spades in the very conference which Templeton cites as being so competitive, namely, the Big Ten. The Midwest is having a merry-mixup this year just as the PCC had in '49. But it's virtually always been Michigan and Minnesota at the head of the pack. Indiana, Iowa, Purdue, Wisconsin—they're the Idaho and Montana of the Big Ten.

While the Northern Division unquestionably isn't as strong as the SD, year in and year out, the solution lies not in splintering the two. Not from a ND point of view it doesn't.

But let's not leave the Pacific Northwest all alone to lick its wounds in its own quaint hovel. The struggle for recognition on the national gridiron map has been too hard as it is.

It would be nice to know that the foundation built for this struggle is made of concrete and not of quick-sand. Why cast the whole project overboard now? It might not hurt the California teams—but their is a different ache from that of the Northwest.

## Daniels' Educated Toe

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an automatic kicking machine. Tom Hughes, the Oregon trainer, says that Daniels is probably the best blocker in the line since Tom Meland left. According to Hughes, Daniels is the boy who makes the trap plays work. His home platoon is the offensive one in the Alken system, but it doesn't stop him from working on the defensive side a great deal of the time. This double duty line play for a 185 pounder can make life tedious long before sixty minutes are up. It takes a rugged player with plenty of spirit to spot the opposition 15 to 20 pounds and slug it out for the whole distance in bruising line play.

Daniels made All State back in Ohio where he played for the Bellaire high school team. He played center then. That limits a line-man's chances to make All State by fifty per cent. And Ohio isn't exactly an easy place to make the grade anyhow. They got lots of high schools and they got lots of good players.

The playing grounds of Genial Jim Aiken are found in that region. According to Daniels, Aiken is widely known up and down the Ohio valley. That was one reason Chet came to Oregon. That and the fact that he liked this part of the country.

## FOLLOW TROUGH

There has been some inquiry as to why Daniels bends over after kicking the football and picks up a blade of grass, which he puts in his mouth. There is a reason for all this and it's not because he is hungry. In golf they have what is called a follow through on the stroke. In

football they have what is called a follow through on the kick. In both sports the follow through is necessary to achieve near perfection of form. This makes for holes-in-one and winning football teams. Generally, that is.

When Daniels kicks for the extra point he keeps his head down and his eyes on the ball. After the kick he doesn't break his form to see if he made it or not. He bends over, selects the most tender, juicy blade of grass he can find, and then puts it in his mouth. By this time the kick is either good or it wasn't. His record this year indicates the strategy is rather effective.

Daniels' follow through is somewhat similar to that of the professional Cleveland Brown's "Golden Toe" Groza who stretches out several feet of tape between the ball and the goal posts, takes dead aim down the tape, boots the football, and then bends down and carefully rolls the tape up before he raises his head to see what happened. He makes plenty of field goals from around the fifty yard line.

## BIGGEST THRILL

The game with Michigan last year was the outstanding event in Daniels' football career.

"The competition was the best," he said, "and everyone on the team was really up for that one. It was the cleanest, hardest played game I have ever been in. Playing Michigan has my biggest thrill in college football."

As a junior in the BA school, Daniels will be around to keep the grass chopped off in front of goal posts next year. The cool papa is quite likely to go down as one of the great linemen in Oregon football history. He already has a good start.

## Champs Chosen Intramural Play

CLYDE FEHLMAN

Intramural "A" volleyball winners in eight leagues were made known at the end of net and standard action last night.

Last night the final winners of three leagues were decided. Chi Psi took league six honors; Delta Tau Delta, league seven; and Beta Theta Phi, league eight.

Earlier established winners were Sigma Chi, league one; Minturn, league two; Delta Upsilon, league three; ATO, league four; and Phi Deltas, league five.

## "B" COMPETITION

In "B" competition to date no winners have been established although only six days of action remain on the schedule.

In Monday's action the winners read chronologically: Sederstrom, Chi Psi, Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Legal Eagles, and Nestor.

It was "blue Monday" as far as forfeits were concerned. Sederstrom and Omega took respective "2-0" victories as Hunter and Stitzer failed to floor teams.

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