

DUCK TRACKS

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Spring football is rolling along at Northern Division schools now. Oregon State reports that Kip Taylor is greatly pleased with the spirit and hard working efforts of his men.

But, Taylor, admits, the technique in many departments is still poor . . . and those are his words. The Aggies had an intrasquad game last Saturday. Quarterback Gene Morrow, a sophomore next fall, led one team to a tight victory over the other half. Morrow threw two touchdown passes . . . both to halfback Ralph Carr.

As is the case with Oregon Spring football, several sophomores look to be the best material on the field at OSC. That quarterback Morrow is going to be a tough one to stop next fall. Last season he was a standout as a sophomore. Morrow took over the quarterback and signal calling duties around the time of the California-OSC game last fall.

Morrow has always been a star on just about any team he has played. With the Rooks two years ago, he was the main gun. And in high school at The Dalles, he led his team to the state championship from the passing fullback position of the single-wing.

Jake Leicht Lands Job

Speaking of The Dalles high school, you probably have heard that Jake Leicht, Oregon star from 1945 through 1947, has landed the coaching job there. Leicht was the leading just-about-everything in the Pacific Coast Conference in 1947, his final year with the Ducks.

He held the record in punt returns, kick-off returns, and scoring, plus two or three others which we haven't been able to track down. It will be interesting to see what kind of coaching record Jake can build up at The Dalles high.

People in that little town are right interested in having winning ball clubs. They got the taste of it in 1947 when Morrow led his team to the state crown, and they haven't gotten it out of their systems yet.

The retiring coach has been there just two seasons. He took over from one Dick Sutherland, an ex-OSC end great, who went to higher bidders after his great success with Morrow and company. Anyway, this fella who is leaving is, like Leicht, an ex-pro. He apparently was a good enough coach, but his system just didn't jell.

But Can He Hold It?

Leicht will probably introduce a "T" formation. That high school has never, in all its years of football, used a "T". It has always been a single-wing, double wing, or short-punt formations school. Leicht will undoubtedly use a "T", because that's what he has played under for the last three years. Will it work? Can he produce? Those are the woes of a high school coach in a town which wants, and almost demands, victory.

Quite a game on Howe Field yesterday. Looked like Idaho had the game in the bag. As it turned out, the Vandals DID have it in the bag, but that nine inning rally by Oregon was really a rally.

Coach Don Kirsch had to go through almost his entire pitching staff. At one point in the middle of the game, we couldn't take it any longer, and dropped down to one of the intramural fields to watch an IM practice game.

They Come and Go

Just as we left Art Litchman announced on the public address system that a certain Oregon pitcher would now take his stand on the mound in the face of the vicious Vandal hitting. We watched the intramural practice game for no more than 10 or 15 minutes.

Then we heard the crowd cheer (or hoot) a few times and decided to go back to the varsity game and see what was up (or who was up). As we passed the back door to Mac Court, who should be coming out of the door to the shower room but the Oregon pitcher who had entered the game as we left. And he was fully dressed, flushed with the thought of defeat. Yes sir, those Vandals really went through them fast yesterday.

You've heard about it until you probably think you've already seen it, but don't forget the Duck-Cougar track meet Saturday. Bill Bowerman himself said it will be one of the greatest track affairs ever to hit Eugene. And coming from Bowerman, that means a good show. It will probably be a race of points right down to the final gun.

One of the big question marks of the meet is the sore leg belonging to Jack Hutchins, Oregon distance star. Hutchins had a lame limb before the Idaho meet last week, and that running didn't do it any good. This week, he has been taking it fairly easy running on the grass. Track Manager Tom Ragadale said yesterday Hutchins will probably run Saturday. His points could mean the meet.

'God Knows' Says Rabbi Joseph Giten

By FRED SCHNEITER

Too many people think God is a stupid, deaf, and dumb creature, Rabbi Joseph Giten said last night in a lecture in 207 Chapman.

"They go to church," he said, "and then go out and do exactly what they want. They think that God doesn't know what they're doing. But salvation requires purity of heart, and God knows what's in your heart."

Rabbi Giten was discussing "The Book of Psalms." He is an expert on this phase of Biblical study, according to English Professor R. H. Ernst, chairman of the University Lecture Series, which sponsored the talk.

Purity Stressed

"The idea of purity of heart is stressed throughout the Psalms," the rabbi explained. "It is an inward as well as outward purity."

Rabbi Giten declared that the Book of Psalms is the greatest book ever written, and is "as varied as life itself." He maintained that no portion of the Bible is as well loved as the Psalms.

"The Psalms cover the gamut of human emotion. They're human, personal, and universal, and include suffering, joy, frustration, despair, and finding one's self.

"They show man the way to find God through his fellow man, by echoing the Psalms' thoughts and words," he said.

Written in Plural

"One of the greatest beauties of the Psalms is that they are written in the plural, and indicate that the psalmist is speaking for the community, not just for himself. This brings man closer to man, which is one of the principal aims of the Book."

Man seems insignificant when compared to the greatness of the universe, but Rabbi Giten explained that in the Psalms, man appears as a "majestic creature . . . a little lower than angels, but crowned with glory and honor."

The Psalms indicate that although God is omnipotent and the earth reflects his glory, man is master of his own fate, he noted.

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