

DUCK TRACKS

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The flames of controversy which at one time flared over the relative merits of Pacific Coast Conference football and that played elsewhere in the 48 (or is it 50?) may get another fanning soon. There wasn't much to argue about after the OSC-Michigan State game last week, but with three of the pre-season favorites moving into action against eastern and midwestern foes in the course of the next two weeks the picture may change.

Iowa and USC kick off this weekend's inter-sectional bill of fare with a Friday night tussle in Los Angeles. On Saturday, Washington will play host to the Minnesota Gophers in what stacks up as the more evenly-matched contest of the two. The Huskies and Minnesota are both picked to wind up near the top of their respective circuits, though neither are being given serious consideration at this stage for Rose Bowl berths.

Lots of 'em

The fun continues next week, when California returns to Berkeley for a showdown with Pennsylvania, and doesn't let up until December 2 when USC closes out the season against Notre Dame. Oregon won't be getting into the act until November 18 when the Ducks journey to the Rockies to meet Colorado. That same day will see Stanford's Indians engaging Army at Palo Alto in what may well be the Pacific Coast's game of the year. The Stanfords are the number one choice of 99.4 per cent of the so-called experts to carry the conference banner into the Rose Bowl on New Years Day—a dubious honor in recent years—while the Army is still the Army. Need we say more? Coming the week before the traditionally tough Big Game with Cal, this one could have a serious effect on the Indians' title aspirations. The last time they skirmished with the future generals, back in '48, they were mauled to such an extent that it was late the next season before they again reached top strength.

Bears After Record

Getting back close to home, any hopes that the Cal Bears will stub their toes on the Ducks this Saturday while looking ahead to their get-together with Penn a week hence are probably premature. Reason: Pappy Waldorf's charges will be out to write a new record for consecutive Pacific Coast conference victories into the books. The existing mark of 17, which Cal tied by beating Stanford last season, was hung up in the early 1930's by the USC powerhouse of that era. It was also El Trojan who gave the Bears their last conference licking, a 39-13 pasting in October of 1947.

Incidentally, by virtue of their victory over Santa Clara last Saturday and by getting into action a week ahead of many of the top ranked clubs, California is being rated at or near the top in the national rankings. Paul B. Williamson, who includes only teams which have already played, has the Bears first on his list followed by Kentucky, Southern Methodist, Michigan State and Tennessee. The United Press football coaches rating board, which ranks teams whether they've seen action or not, moved Cal from 17th place to 10th.

Somebody Noticed

In pre-season predictions, a pair of the country's top sports-writers tabbed Oregon placekick artist Chet Daniels as a likely candidate for all-star honors at the close of the season. The scribes were Bill Stern, writing in Sport, and Fred Russell, who did his prognosticating for the Saturday Evening Post. Besides Daniels, Russell singled out Earl Stelle as one of the coast's top backs and end Jake Williams as one of the most promising sophomores.

An interesting feature in connection with the Cal-Oregon tussle is that the rival coaches had almost exactly opposite replacement problems when the 1950 season opened. Last year's Bear line was wiped out from tackle to tackle, the very spots where the Ducks had the most holdovers. On the other hand, Jim Monachino came back to head a veteran Cal back-field while Jim Aiken's task of building a successful combination for Oregon has been a tough one.

A quick glance at the dope book put out by the Cal Athletic News Bureau provides fodder aplenty for the adding machine mind. Not possessing one ourselves, we'll pass along a few statistics for what they're worth.

Monachino is again the dominant personality in the field. The talented left half, who, incidentally, spent most of last season at the right half post, paced all Cal ground gainers with a net of 781 yards from scrimmage. That's almost eight times up and down the gridiron which is some runnin' in any league. He was also on the receiving end of eight passes for a combined gain of 190 yards.

The Bear roster also produced some facts which are probably giving rival coaches cold sweats when they think of years to come. To wit, out of a roster of 92 men, 73 are sophomores or juniors. If more need be said, you can say it, 'cause that's all from here.

Shooting Men For '51 Oregana Begins Tuesday

Shooting — with camera — of men's living organizations for the 1951 Oregana begins Tuesday, Editor Ruth Landry announced Wednesday.

Two schedules for picture appointments will be distributed to each living group from five to seven days before their picture day, Miss Landry explained.

One schedule is to be returned to Kennell-Ellis studios, who are again in charge of photography. The other schedule may be kept in the living organization to remind members of appointments.

Men's living groups will be photographed first in order to give them a chance to start beard-growing for the annual Sophomore Whiskerino, the editor said. Women's houses will be photographed later.

Men will be asked to wear suit jackets, shirts, and ties (no bow ties). Women's houses are requested to vote on one of two combinations: dark jacket with white sweater or white jacket with dark sweater. All pictures within one living group must be uniform.

This year's prices — 90 cents plus 10 cents for each additional picture.

In order to avoid unnecessary delays, students are urged to keep appointments, Miss Landry emphasized. Saturday mornings will be reserved for retakes and missed appointments.

Choral Program Named

The University Choral Union will perform two numbers sometime this winter term. Mozart's "Requiem" is the first of the two announced; Kodaly's "Te Deum" is the other.

ROTC Accepts Senior Veterans For Training

Eleven senior veteran students have been accepted for a year's advanced work in the ROTC, Col. Frank R. Maerdian, professor of military science and tactics, said Wednesday.

Under this enlargement program adopted by the government, senior or graduate veterans at the University may now take advanced courses in ROTC and become second lieutenants upon graduating.

Applications for the program will be accepted through Saturday of this week, Col. Maerdian, announced.

Previous ROTC experience is not necessary; however a minimum of 12 months previous service in the United States military forces is required.

Students enrolling for this course will be required to attend the six-week ROTC camp the summer of 1951, according to requirements sent from headquarters of the Sixth army.

Both advanced infantry and advanced transportation corps courses are included in the program.

Students in their junior year with previous military service and specific qualifications, may also apply for advanced ROTC as before.

Seniors or graduates already accepted for the training program are Charles H. Johnston, John H. Lindberg, Phil A. Wolcott, Stephen P. Dotur, Michael Novello, Kenneth W. Saxon, Silas B. Anderson, William E. Cleator, Arnett B. Johnson, Arthur H. Ross Jr., and Albert J. Volk.

When the census taker asked how old she was, she couldn't remember whether she was 38 or

Wickham To Return

Mrs. Golda P. Wickham, director of women's affairs, who has been quite ill the past two weeks is reported to be improving. She expects to be back in her office next Monday.

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