

# DUCK TRACKS

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Although the University of Oregon Frosh gridders dropped a 23-7 decision to the Oregon State Rooks Friday afternoon at Corvallis, the Ducklings still remain as contenders for the mythical honors if they defeat the Washington Pups on November 11 at Hayward Field and the Oregon State Rooks on November 18, also on Hayward Field.

Despite the fact that both opponents are loaded with material this year, Oregon's cause will be strengthened by the fact that the Ducklings will be playing on their home grounds. The Washington Pups, 61-7 conquerors of the Idaho Frosh, probably will be favorites in their Armistice Day clash with Oregon.

However, if the local Freshmen hurdle the Washington barrier, they should be able to give the Baby Beavers a rough struggle for Northern Division supremacy. Friday's skirmish could have been much closer. The Beaver victory margin was achieved by a 68-yard punt return, a 42-yard touchdown gallop, and a blocked punt.



Bill Bowerman

## Going Up

Coach Bill Bowerman's Ducklings include several gridders who definitely have varsity potentialities. Guard Howard Allman has demonstrated outstanding blocking and tackling abilities, and he should be ready to move into a varsity berth in 1951. In the backfield, the main Frosh offensive efforts have been sparked by a pair of talented halfbacks, Jack Morris and Howard Hostetler.

Morris has been noted for two things: speed and kicking. An all-state track man, Morris amazed the Willamette Jayvees by breaking into the clear and catching two touchdown aeriels during the first quarter of the Duckling-Willamette battle. Morris averaged over 40 yards per punt against Willamette, and his kickoffs almost always landed inside the Bearcat 10. Hostetler's abilities are chiefly concerned with carrying pigskins through enemy lines. He made several valuable advances against Williamette.

## Pioneers Top State

If anyone had prophesied back in 1949 (or any time previously) that Lewis and Clark's 1950 eleven would be the best gridiron squad in the state of Oregon, several million football fans would have suggested that he submit his cranium to a minute inspection by qualified psychiatrists. Who are Lewis and Clark? They died years ago. Nevertheless, there actually is a college known as Lewis and Clark, and its football team is listed in the latest Associated Press Poll as the 25th best collegiate squad in America. No other Oregon team was in the top 30.

Although this is humiliating, Oregon State will be able to salvage a fraction of lost pride if the Rooks defeat the Lewis and Clark Jayvees in their scheduled game. Oregon's hopes for jumping above Lewis and Clark in the national rankings rest upon the outcome of Saturday's Oregon-USC clash at Los Angeles.

## Trojans Poor Bet

That USC squad, incidentally, is more unpredictable than the 1940 German blitzkrieg. Jeff Cravath's Trojans have consistently followed policies which contribute to sudden loss of prestige by football prognosticators. If USC is picked to win, there is a good possibility they will lose. If they are underdogs, anything can happen. Notre Dame's great 1948 powerhouse was tied 14-14 by Troy's surprising underdogs, and the 1949 California Bears, picked to trample their way to victory, barely managed to eke out a 16-10 win over the Los Angeles crew.

On the other hand, that same 1949 Trojan machine was crushed 34-13 by a very unspectacular Stanford underdog eleven. That game, which USC was supposed to win, was the worst defeat a Cravath-coached squad ever suffered in a PCC skirmish.

The 1950 edition of El Trojans, reputedly loaded with talent, has not yet won a game. Every one of their first four tilts has contained major surprises for the experts. Cravath's boys reched depths approaching mediocrity as they were upset by Iowa and Navy and were victims of a 20-20 upset tie at the hands of Washington State. On the other hand, the Trojans came within a whisker of ending California's lengthy PCC winning streak, which was preserved only because a Trojan quarterback forgot to hand a football to a teammate.

## Student Dance Judged Success

The first student operated dance held at Willamette Park last Friday night was a success, according to Tom Barry, student manager.

Barbara Ness, senior in business administration, and Cal Houlard won the door prizes.

Intermission entertainment was provided by Ray Johnson, pianist.

Curt Finch and the Modernaires, all university students, will play again at this Friday's dance. The Singing Troubadour, Stan Smith, will be included in the entertainment.

Doors will open at 9 p.m. and dancing will begin at 9:30 and continue until 12:30. Style of dress is optional.

## Young Republicans Hold Conference

The Oregon College League of Young Republicans wound up its first annual conference here last Sunday in the Student Union. The two-day conference, which began on Saturday, passed several resolutions on international, national, state and local affairs.

The convention thanked Eugene's Mayor Edwin Johnson, the city of Eugene, the University of Oregon and the Student Union officials for their hospitality and assistance during the meeting.

The site of next year's convention will be chosen by the League executive committee.

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## Dads Committee Plans Meeting

Plans for the Oregon Dads Meeting for the term were laid by the Dads executive committee at a meeting in the Student Union Saturday.

President Harry K. Newburn spoke on the state of the University and the discussion centered around the forthcoming bi-annual budget. Reports from the presidents of the local units were given and the success of those students who had been granted scholarships by the organization was discussed.

Jack Foster, Eugene; Ben Dorris, Springfield; and the Rev. Wesley G. Nicholson, Eugene, were appointed to a committee to consider ways and means of scholarships. William G. Haseltine was appointed to fill a vacancy on the executive committee.

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