

DUCK TRACKS

By Charles Peterson

If comparative scores meant anything, which they don't this Saturday's Oregon-Washington State tussle should be a tooth-and-nail scrap, which it probably will be anyway. While the Cougars' record looks a darn sight better on paper than that of the Ducks, the two teams' records against four common opponents are as close as pages in a book.

They have both faced UCLA, Montana, Idaho, and USC. Oregon's record is a slim one win and three losses, while the Cougars have won one, lost one, and tied two. Both took Montana's Grizzlies into camp for one-touchdown victories, and both were trounced soundly by UCLA, Oregon absorbing a 28-0 thumping and WSC going under 42-0. Oregon came in second in its skirmishes with Idaho and USC, while the Homecoming visitors forced both to settle for a tie.

Offenses Are Equal

The Webfoots' hot and cold offense racked up 42 points while the cold and colder defense allowed 85. Against the same teams the Cougars scored a nearly identical 41 and got belted with 76 in return, 42 of them contributed by the burly Bruins of UCLA. It all adds up to an 8-point bulge for the Staters, but as we said these comparative scores are about as reliable as a Moscow newscast.

There has been nothing on the subject brought to our attention, so it is probably by accident rather than design that the press is engaged in a "Be Kind to Ducks" crusade this week. We don't mean the winged variety, by the way, but the local breed which gets shot at only by opposing linemen on Saturdays and, usually, by sports scribes on the other six days. But lo, it took just five minutes and two touchdowns last Saturday to turn the vinegar to honey. The inept fumble bums of the week before were transformed into a fiery, hustling crew which can again walk with unbowed head in football circles.

No Apologies Needed

Personally, we can't quite believe that the metamorphosis (see page 528, Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary—we did) was that rapid. It just took a while for unseasoned sophs who make up the bulk of the squad to get accustomed to the big time. For the sake of one Portlander's colyum, though, we hope they don't slip again, thus necessitating another apology on his part for their showing. We don't know just how or why this gent came into his role as chief Oregon apologist, but it must be quite a cross to bear. Lets' hope that he isn't burdened again soon.

We now come to that portion of our Friday presentation known as "Peterson's Follies" or "Picking Winners (?) with a Straight Pin." Last week's dismal 12 right, 9 wrong, 4 ties makes it look as though we spoke to the wrong end of the horse. But here we go again, firm in the knowledge that there couldn't be two weeks in a row like the last one. Or could there?

This Time—Maybe

Oregon vs. WSC—tough a one as there is on the list. Given a dry field to go with Homecoming, the Ducks might get through with their second win. We would almost call this a tie, but will stick with the Ducks for sentimental reasons.

Washington vs. California—game of the year in the Pacific Northwest and another tossup. It's hard to go against the Bears, who haven't dropped one in the conference since '47, but the Huskies will throw everything into this one. We'll take Washington.

UCLA vs. Oregon State—not too tough according to the record. It probably won't be a big score, but the Bruins should get the win.

Texas vs. Southern Methodist—the Mustangs will need all their horses for this one, but they always seem to have plenty when the chips are down. A good spot for an upset, but you can't write off the country's number one team, so we'll go along with SMU.

Penn. vs Army—the Quakers have come along fast since losing to Cal, but are not quite in the Cadet's class. Red Blaik's shock troops are the pick without even a look into the crystal ball.

Irish Picked

Notre Dame vs. Navy—the mighty have indeed fallen, but the Irish should be equal to this test. You can't count the Middies out, though. They're just as anxious to pick the bones of anyone else, but we like Notre Dame.

Northwestern vs. Ohio State—the Buckeyes are quite possibly the hottest team in the country at this stage. Even if they aren't it will take more than the Wildcats to stop their attack. Looks like Ohio State.

Elsewhere they look this way: Stanford over USC, Lewis and Clark over Whitman, Willamette over Linfield, COP over Santa Clara, Wyoming over Idaho, Oklahoma over Colorado, Wisconsin over Purdue, Michigan State over Indiana, Michigan over Illinois, Iowa over Minnesota, USF over Denver, Baylor over TCU, Nebraska over Missouri, Cornell over Columbia, Duke over Georgia Tech, Alabama over Georgia, Princeton over Colgate, Yale over Dartmouth, and LSU over Mississippi.

HC Violators Must Appear

Violators of Homecoming traditions must appear for punishment today, Jack Smith, Order of "O" traditions representative, said Thursday.

If violators whose names have appeared in the Emerald do not appear at the specified time they will be punished at the Homecoming game.

Women students whose names have appeared are to report to the pool between Fenton and Villard at 12:30 p.m. Men are to appear in front of Johnson Hall to receive hacks.

Students who are to appear are Bonnie Bressler, Joyce Sommerlade, Pat Dominie, Sally Stearns, Jeanne Hoffman, Gene Harrison, Jack Landrud, Dick Esty, Frank Lawrence, Tom Leikus, Wally Priestly, Bob Brown, Bill Hoey, Rodger Dackstader, Don Onthank, Biff Brainerd, Don Callahan, Don Stack, Jim Lustecoff, Donnie Anderson, Franz Niegemann, Bob Gray, John Gram, Sally Palmer, Ed Peterson, Jean Smith, Mary Lynn Cooper, and Ron Symons.

Rex Winters, Jim Gainnell, Pete Stadelman, Jim Vogt, Lillian Schott, Dale Underwood, Mert Hagadorn, Howard Aldman, Don Nation, Lynn Morgan.

Month Ends With Floods, Severe Storm

By Howard Lindbeck
Brother! What a month this has been!

October gave us a little indication of its future wrath by beginning the month with a thunder and hail storm. Rain, winds, and floods followed in quick succession, breaking many records.

The usual rainfall in Eugene for the month of October is 3.97 inches. This year saw 12.66 inches fall, beating the old record of 10.14 inches by 2.52 inches. Strangely, no daily records were broken, the highest amount of precipitation being 2.41 inches which fell between the 28th and 29th.

Five storms hit the city on successive days at the end of the month. The first four were wind storms. During one of these the gusts of wind reached a velocity of 46 miles an hour, and the barometer registered the lowest reading on record, 28.92. The fifth storm was the one which caused the river to rise to an unusual level.

River Sets Record

The highest level of the Willamette was 15.9 feet, over two feet above the old October record. In 1902, the river rose to the height of 21 feet.

But with her storms and floods, October showed she had a certain liking for the Webfoots. On the day the Ducks beat Montana, the highest temperature of the month was recorded, a balmy 78 degrees.

November is in now, which is something to look forward to. This month is usually the wettest of the year with an average of 6.42 inches. If it bursts its bounds as strikingly as October, we can look forward to a slight 20 inches or so.

On many dormitory doors these days can be seen Benjamin Franklin's famous words, plus a few. "Speak not but what may benefit others or yourself.—Gotta cram; EXAM!"

Lights Go Out At UO Library

It was mighty dark at the University Library Wednesday night.

About 6 p.m., lights went out in the reference and newspaper rooms and in the social science and humanities divisions of the new wing.

Electricians were hastily summoned. Then at 7:10 p.m. students in the remaining rooms found themselves suddenly plunged into total darkness.

A mass exodus ensued; puzzled students clustered on the libe steps. Others wandered by to inquire about the big blank spot which seemed to throw the whole Quad out of proportion.

"But I've gotta have that book for my midterm tomorrow," one moaned. Another remarked, "Glad I didn't get caught up there in the stacks."

At 7:30 lights flashed on again. Students poured back into the now-illuminated structure.

Electricians blamed the difficulty on a transformer failure and predicted that service would not be restored to the four originally darkened rooms that night.

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LOST—Schaffer pen (without cap) between Chapman and SU. Ext. 361. 32

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Laurelwood isn't just a mere golf course in Eugene. It is also a ski area, a battle-ground, and a one-way slide. Just wait until it snows!

Little Jack Horner, who sat in the corner Just couldn't find a date! So he took a look, in his "Pigger's" book And found just lots of bait!

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