

DUCK TRACKS

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Although Saturday's clash between Oregon and the Washington Huskies at Seattle might determine the unofficial 1950 Northwest gridiron championship, another battle, which will take place on our own Hayward Field, might give an indication of things to come in the 1951, 1952, and 1953 seasons. The latter event will feature a meeting between the freshman elevens of the University of Oregon and our rival institution at Seattle.

Having won their first three games of the season without generating enough sweat to cover a paramesium, the undefeated Husky Pups are heavily favored to outscore the Ducklings in Saturday's encounter, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. The Pups opened the season with a unique 61-7 triumph over the Idaho Frosh, although the Pups probably were playing under wraps for their next tilt, which was against the Oregon State Rooks. The Rooks jumped to an early two-touchdown lead when they met the Pups, but the young Huskies managed to rally and save the game—they won 33-18. The Pups also hold a 26-6 victory over the Washington State Frosh.

Dilly Coming

While the Husky-Duck clash will probably be one of the top local pigskin performances of the season, it should be closely rivalled in quality and thrills by the closing event on the Duckling schedule, the second game of the season with the Oregon State Rooks. The potent Rook offense is built around the running efforts of a speedy Negro left halfback, Dave Mann. This unstoppable Californian was one of the chief reasons for the Ducklings' 23-7 loss to the Baby Beavers at Corvallis two weeks ago. In the course of running wild during the afternoon, Mann broke away for two lengthy touchdowns and compiled an average of 9.1 yards per rushing attempt. His performance against the Lewis and Clark Jayvees also was tolerable. He was yanked out of the fray before the opening quarter ended, but he had already traveled 86 yards in 8 attempts for an average of 10.7. When will the OSC scribes begin calling him Super Mann?

Incidentally, the Rooks won that battle with Lewis and Clark. The muddy gridiron did not stall the Beaver attack, which covered 608 yards, 450 on the ground and 158 in the air. Fifty Rooks saw action in the game, which they won 65-0.

Not So Bad

Although several individuals have demonstrated discontent and unhappiness at the record of the 1950 Oregon (Register-Guard's Dick Strite hinted that it might be the Ducks' worst season in a quarter century), they ignore the fact that the 1950 warriors have a better defensive record than their predecessors. The 1949 squad yielded an average of 21.9 points per game to their opponents; the 1950 gridders have conceded an average of 21.86 per contest. The improvement does not constitute a great gain over the 1949 defensive results, but nevertheless, it is an improvement. Also, the 30 points yielded to USC at Los Angeles comprised the highest score yet recorded against the present Web-foot machine, while the 1949 eleven frequently rose to great heights of generosity, including the 35-27 loss to UCLA, the 41-14 defeat at the hands of the California Bears, the 40-13 thumping administered by USC, and the 34-31 unmentionable with Iowa.

Coach Jim Aiken's punt formation system this season has met with sensational success. Before Saturday's skirmish with Washington State, the Ducks had punted 43 times, and only 17 were returned by opponents. The enemy averaged an insignificant 2.3 yards per punt return. This brings back memories of the 1939 season, when Mississippi set a MODERN FOOTBALL RECORD by holding opponents to an average of 3.5 yards for each punt return. If that record is still in effect, it is seriously threatened by the Ducks.

It is true that the afore-mentioned punt formation system, which allows linemen to start downfield without waiting to block the rushers, requires the punter to be an additional five yards behind the line of scrimmage. Nevertheless, that has not been the source of any major difficulty—the Ducks have averaged 34.5 yards (from scrimmage) per punt (up to the WSC game), while their opponents have averaged only 36. The new sytem was introduced in order to take advantage of the abolition of the free catch. Unfortunately for Oregon, there is now a strong movement underway for the return of the free catch rule.

These Freshmen

Jim Doerfler, star tackle for the Oregon State Rooks and formerly a Shrine game griddier from Albany, was semi-kidnapped for the second time in three months when he picked up an anti-social hitchhiker Monday. Doerfler was driving northward from Corvallis when his attention was attracted by a hitchhiker's thumb. His attention was next attracted by the hitchhiker's knife, which was incidentally pressed against Doerfler's back. At the stranger's suggestion, Doerfler turned off the main route and took a logging road. Finally, the hitchhiker slugged the 220-pound griddier on the cranium, terminating his state of consciousness.

UO Rally Board To Increase

The ASUO rally board's membership will be increased Monday from five to nine through regular petitioning procedure.

Petitions are available at the ASUO office in the Student Union. The petitioning deadline is 5 p.m. Monday.

When the Executive Council approved this enlargement, it indicated that a member of the Pep Band should be among the new appointments. Previous rally or card section experience is not necessary, but is desirable.

Petitioners must have a 2.00 GPA and be interviewed by the Executive Council at 8:15 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Board Room.

Laughlin to Take Conference Trip

Because of his knowledge of Aleut Indians, W. S. Laughlin, professor of anthropology, has been invited to present a paper at the Alaskan Science Conference, Nov. 9-11, in Washington, D. C.

Laughlin was in the Aleutian Islands during last summer on a field trip to study the Aleut Indians. At the conference he will read a paper on Aleut health problems.

The conference was requested by "various groups of scientists and . . . government agencies actively concerned with Alaskan investigations," according to an advance program.

Opening ceremonies will include statements by Ernest Gruening, governor of Alaska; Oscar R. Ewing, federal security administrator; and Eric A. Walker, of the department of defense.

U. S. departments of the Army and Navy, and the Office of Naval Research will also be represented at the conference.

Metzlerto Attend Miami Conclave

Ken Metzler, senior in journalism, will represent the Oregon chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, men's journalism honorary, at the fraternity's national convention in Miami Beach, Fla., Nov. 9, 10, and 11.

Metzler, vice-president of the Oregon chapter, left by plane Tuesday. He was news editor of the Emerald last year, and is associate editor of the paper this year.

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