

Duck Tracks

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It's nine down and one to go for the Ducks as football, 1950 style, is about ready to head for the barn until next year. But the one coming up is the one which annually causes all the rest to fade into insignificance, especially when the Webfoots and the Peavers have nothing in particular they care to look back upon. That's the situation this time as the two unsuccessful-est elevens in the coast conference open preparations for the annual get-together Saturday at Multnomah.

Time was when the winner of the Duck-Beaver tussle could at least lay claim to the undisputed collegiate football championship of the state of Oregon, but matters have come to such a pass that such a claim this year would be labeled that of a usurper by a resolute band of Lewis and Clark supporters. Mind you, we don't give any credence to the L&C bid. It just illustrates how deep some observers judge things to have fallen around here.

Too Much Is Enough

Personally we'll never believe that the Portlanders could come within two touchdowns of Washington or nine points of USC or that they could hold a good Colorado team to three touchdowns and WSC to the same. But that's just a pet grudge this corner has against certain rating authorities and is neither here nor there as far as the OSC-Oregon tilt is concerned.

While the victory drought has been more severe here than up Corvallis way, Kip Taylor's crew has been having no little trouble winding up on the heavy end of the score. Montana and Idaho alone have been clawed by Br'er Beaver. Otherwise the Corvallis clan has had to depend on near misses for its notoriety. UCLA had some anxious moments before subduing the Beaver, while Stanford, Washington, Cal, and WSC put down Taylor's terrors with less difficulty in conference battles. OSC ventured outside the conference just once, unless you count Montana, and was treated rather shabbily by Michigan State. The Spartans avenged their '49 defeat by handing out a 38-13 thumping.

We've been noticing of late how the Oregon passing game has come into its own. Its growth as a long-gaining threat has directly paralleled the rise of Hal Dunham to the key spot in the Duck offensive picture. The lanky sophomore was slated for the signal calling post before the season opened, but was set aside for the more experienced Earl Stelle, and briefly, Jim Calderwood early in the campaign. When hopes for a winning season faded, Jim Aiken turned over more and more of the quarterbacking chores to Dunham, who now looks like a sure bet to add his name to the list of fine Oregon quarterbacks and passers.

Wait Till Next Year

Unless draft calls intervene, and chances are that they will, next year's Ducks should be the pass-happiest team to wear the Emerald and Yellow since the days of Van Brocklin. Coming back besides Dunham will be all his favorite targets, Tommy Edwards, Monte Brethauer, and Jake Williams. Edwards can and does roam far and wide from his flanker position and has developed an uncanny ability to get under the long ones.

Brethauer, who with 30 catches already is making a bid for the all-time Oregon pass receiving mark of 31, is a favorite mark for the shorties and the safety valve pitches to the flanks, predicted Williams as an all-around receiver. Jake can run, and when he masters some of the more subtle methods of eluding the defenders will be a distinct threat. He also seems to find Dunham's tosses easier to handle than those of Stelle.

Wonder why it is that the Ducks in recent games have done all their scoring with minutes to go either in the first half or in the ball game? Coincidence probably accounts for most of it, but a hesitancy to open up with the big guns except in desperation seems to us part of the reason. It all started against USC when Oregon got its last two scores within five minutes of the final gun. In the Washington State game both scores were racked up while the crowd was settling back for the halftime entertainment.

Give 'Em Five Minutes More

The Washington game saw the Ducks put on one scoring drive with time running out in the half and another as the crowd was filing out at the end. It was the same story Saturday in Boulder when the Dunham-Edwards combination clicked for a score at the end of the half and missed by a whisker with only seconds left at the end. If nothing else, it shows that nobody can risk a letdown against the Ducks until time has run out.

An interesting sidelight on these last minute scores is that five out of the last six came on pass plays while the sixth was set up by passing. Dunham has been on the throwing end of four of the payoff pitches, and Edwards has hauled in three of these. Don Sloan nabbed Dunham's other scoring toss, while Brethauer scored the other pass play tally on his memorable last play run on a toss from Jim Calderwood against Southern Cal.

Positions Open On Air Board

Both student and faculty officers of the Air Force reserve who are interested may apply for a position on the officers' examining board.

The boards' duty will be to examine candidates for commissions in the United States Air Force Reserve. The main part of the board will consist of officers from the ROTC unit, now stationed at the University.

Credits for inactive duty training will be given to officers participating.

Any officer, connected with the University who desires to volunteer for this detail may contact Major E. L. Hibner, Professor of Air Science.

Applications are available in the Student Union Browsing Room every day. Two reading copies of the Emerald

Audience Joins in Sing At Student Union

Strains of everything from "Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag" to "Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" were audible throughout the Student Union Wednesday evening. An estimated crowd of 200 in the ballroom spiritedly joined in singing favorite melodies over the "Let's Sing America" broadcast.

Joy Grimsted and Lorin Miller sang solo parts in "Over the Rainbow," "Winter Wonderland," and "Mr. Zip." Leading the audience was Maude Garnett, music instructor. Don Porter of KUGN was master of ceremonies.

The broadcast was recorded for representation at other colleges as part of the Experiment . . . Radio series.

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