

Duck Tracks

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They'll be stowing away the moleskins again this week after the least successful grid season in Oregon history. But before the 1950 campaign is written off as a total disaster—a 100 percent catastrophoscope as Jimmy Durante might say—let's glance past those nine losses for a minute or two and take a final look at the bright spots before the curtain rings down. Sure, there were mistakes; there were losses to teams which should have been beaten, but without plunging into pathos here are some of the things which it won't hurt to remember.

There was the fine play of the individual stars like Ray Lung, Earl Stelle, Dick Daugherty, Tommy Edwards, Dick Patrick, Monte Brethauer, and Hal Dunham. Week in and week out, Lung was on the bottom of the piles more often than the low man on the totem pole. He and Stelle, Patrick, and Daugherty at times seemed to be carrying the whole defensive burden. Stelle did everything for Oregon but carry the water bucket, and probably would have done that had he been asked. In a day of specialists, he stood out in all departments. Brethauer hung up a new Webfoot pass catching record as he blossomed into a potentially great wingman, while the Dunham-Edwards combination proved the most explosive punch the Ducks manufactured all year.

Something Wasn't Lost

And we won't soon forget Jim Aiken and his coaching staff which never gave up on its team. Jim hung up an enviable mark in his first three seasons at the helm of the Webfoots, and it is a tribute to this record that the wolves who all too often start to howl at the first sign of adversity have been conspicuously silent this fall. This corner takes its hat off to a guy who not once offered an alibi for a losing effort though the temptation at times must have been strong.

Last but not least, there was something the Ducks had which you don't often find in a losing team. Call it spirit, call it will-to-win, call it starry-eyed sophomorphism, or what you will, this ball club had it when the campaign opened and it had it when it closed. At times it even looked as though the Ducks were stubbing their toes trying too hard.

What More Could You Want?

We don't claim that the above includes all the noteworthy accomplishments of the 1950 Ducks, but they are a few items somebody might like to recall ten years from now when the memory of those losses has dimmed. And after all, with all the teapot tempests around Oregon this fall, who's had time to worry about football? What with deferred living and, if you'll pardon the expression, beer probes, Hallowe'en merry-making and Howe Field hostilities, even Van Brocklin would have had a tough time staying in the center ring.

Turning our attention elsewhere, let's take a gander at how the big bowl chase came out this year. Cal, yaawwnn, sewed up its third straight PCC title by tying Stanford, and at this writing is the best bet to carry the faded conference colors into the Rose Bowl. This time, though, Pappy's Bears are in the unenviable position of having everything to lose and nothing to gain as they go into the pit against thrice-beaten Michigan on New Year's Day.

A Rose by Any Other Name—?

The Wolverines barely stayed within shouting distance of first place in the Big Nine until Saturday when they combined forces with Mother Nature to upset Ohio State while Illinois obligingly lost to Northwestern. Michigan's overall record this season is only fifth best in the Big Nine, being topped by Illinois, Ohio State, Wisconsin and Northwestern, but its conference mark of 4-1-1 stacks up as the best in the circuit. A Cal win over this Michigan team would have all the effect of Joe Louis in his prime belting out a tank town bum. But if the Bears lose, they'll start calling the annual tilt the Schmoes Bowl, and renew the cry for the PCC to find itself a new playmate.

One more note on bowls before winding this up. Lewis and Clark up in Portland has set its sights on two bowl games in one season. Not satisfied with polishing off San Francisco State (don't confuse with USF) in Medford's Pear Bowl, the Pioneers are aiming for a bid to play in Honolulu's Pineapple Bowl. If they succeed in getting to Hawaii, next season they'll probably be known as the Carmen Mirandas of football.

Asklepiads Tap Six New Members Monday

Six new members were tapped Monday noon by Asklepiads, pre-medical honorary. The new members are Albert Brauer, James Harber, Hugh Kaffton, Herbert Spady, Ralph E. Thompson, and Forrest Tohpam. These men may be recognized by the traditional bone suspended from their necks. Initiation of those tapped will be held next Tuesday.

UO String Quartet To Present Show

The University String Quartet will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday in the SU ballroom, giving its second appearance of the school year here on campus.

Numbers to be presented are Beethoven's Quartet, Opus 74 in E flat, sometimes called the Harp Quartet, and Mozart's Quintet in G minor, K. No. 516. The latter will be assisted by Larry Maves, violinist and freshman in music.

The regular members of the quartet are George Boughton, assistant professor of violin; Mary Kapp Allton, second violin; Edmund Cykler, associate professor of music (viola); and Milton Dieterich, assistant professor of music, violoncello.

SU Doughnuts Rise

Inflation has hit the lowly doughnut!

Coffee-drinkers who take their cup with a sinker or two will be confronted with an 8-cent variety of the latter when they order them at the Student Union soda bar starting today.

According to SU Director Dick Williams, doughnuts have taken a jump up the price ladder due to the recent wage equalization authorized for state employees. The wage raises, he said, are costing the SU an additional \$1,000 a month.

The raise in price of doughnuts is a partial offset of the increased costs, Williams said. With doughnuts costing the SU 3 and 3/4 cents apiece it was considered necessary to elevate the cost of one from 5 cents to 8 cents or two for 15 cents.

Dec. Grads Should Register For Job Aid

December graduates who are not yet registered with the graduate placement service and who wish help in obtaining jobs after graduation, should register immediately with the office, Mrs. Marian Scheckler, placement secretary, announced Monday.

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