

Duck Tracks

By Phil Johnson

One factor which failed to aid Arizona during their one-sided loss to the Ducks Saturday was the failure to take advantage of the information relayed by their spotter in the pressbox.

Pressbox scouts can be very helpful to football coaches, prep, college, or professional. They can see many things which cannot be spotted by the head coach who is usually on the bench, which is practically the poorest place from which to view the game.

The spotter obtains a detailed view of line play, hand-offs, pass patterns, defensive formations, etc. Games are sometimes won by efficient spotters.

Nevertheless, the Arizona spotter was practically ignored by his buddies on the bench. One assistant had the ear-phones but he was located on the opposite end of the bench from Head Coach Bob Winslow, who consequently received no information.

Nothing Accomplished

As a result, the activity of the spotter was generally limited to the observation and reporting of weaknesses in the Oregon or Arizona arrangements with nothing being done by the coaches on the bench. His suggestions were received, but they were then mentally pigeon-holed because nothing could be done, since the character with the earphones would have been almost forced to send a telegram in order to contact Winslow.

Furthermore, said character with the earphones had a practice of tossing the earphones aside and intently watching the game, which increased the difficulty of communication from the spotter, who probably was slightly irritated by this procedure.

To summarize, the spotter might as well have stayed home. He left the pressbox with five minutes to play, anyway. Even high school coaches use spotters these days, so it is difficult to understand Arizona's failure to utilize this excellent source of vital information.

If such thing continue, Arizona might soon be seeking a new coach. This would lead to the usual newspaper blasts denouncing the idea of ditching coaches because they don't win when anyone knows that a coach can't win without material.

That is, it should be pointed out, incorrect reasoning. During these days of Frank Leahys and Robert Neylands, it should be fairly obvious that superior coaches frequently win with inferior material and inferior coaches frequently lose with superior material.

Honest Abe

Consequently, a school has just as much right to fire a coach as Lincoln had to bounce his generals around like ping pong balls when they failed to triumph. If coaches don't win, they usually leave. Lincoln had similar ideas concerning generals. He finally picked U. S. Grant, originator of the much-used World War I technique of sending helpless soldiers on suicide charges against well-entrenched opponents.

Grant happened to be administrator of the mob which moved forward when the ill-fed, ill-clothed, ill-equipped (also ill) Southerners collapsed, so he was widely acclaimed in the history books and elected President, capitalizing the whole ridiculous farce.

Returning to the subject of coaches, they are quite liable for removal if they don't come out on top enough, just as major league pitchers are through when their curve balls start curving out of the parks after bouncing off enemy toothpicks.

It's not a heartless proposition. A fired coach can always get a high school position, or he usually can go into business if he wishes to.

Nevertheless, the coach should be removed quietly. The public should not be told that he resigned unwillingly, because this is naturally embarrassing for the coach involved. Maybe colleges will handle the situation more diplomatically in the future.

Coast Schools Coast to Wins

Pacific Coast Conference schools seem to have recovered their pre-war status in the national grid picture. California's 35-0 triumph over Penn was somewhat convincing, and Washington's dazzling 58-7 annihilation of Montana was a tolerable showing.

In the latter rout, the Huskies' 29 first downs to the Grizzlies' 3 and 534 yards to 42 indicated that Washington had the better team. Montana completed one of sixteen passes.

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HONEST ABE

Music School Picks Operetta Soloists

Solo parts for Menotti's operetta "The Old Maid and the Thief," University Theater production set for sometime in April, have been chosen according to Herman Gelhausen, associate professor of voice.

Dorothy Anderson has taken the part of Miss Todd, contralto; Anita Macgregor, soprano, that of Laiticia; Audrey Mistretta, soprano, that of Miss Pinkerton; and Walter C. Martin, baritone, that of Bob.

Tryouts for "The Devil and Daniel Webster," operetta to be co-featured with the Menotti offering in April, will be held sometime during the early part of October. Horace Robinson, associate professor of speech, will direct the second production.

African Sculpture To Be Displayed

African sculpture from the Negy Art Gallery in New York city will go on display in the Student Union art gallery today, Donna Covalt, SU art gallery chairman, has announced.

The collection of sculptures will be shown until Oct. 21, with recordings of primitive music to be played as a part of the opening display tonight.

The longest place name in the United States is bestowed on a Massachusetts lake: Chargogagogamanchauhohchaubunagungam-aug.

UO Women Band Call For Members

More women are needed for the newly formed women's marching band, according to Ira Lee, director. At present only a 25-piece unit, Lee hopes to enlarge the group to 40 women.

Women in any school or department of the University who can play some instrument are invited to visit the music school and try out. There is a possibility that the new marching band may go to the next Portland game, Lee said.

Honorary Presidents To Report to Office

The presidents of all professional honoraries on campus are asked to report to the office of student affairs to fill out a roster of officers and give other information about their organization. Mrs. Paula Casebeer, secretary in that office, requests that this be done as soon as possible.

Geology Professor Finds Rare Minerals

Two rare molybdenum minerals have been discovered in the Clackamas river area of Oregon by Lloyd W. Staples, associate professor of geology.

Molybdenum is a ferro-alloy metal used for hardening steel.

In a recent issue of the American Mineralogist, journal of the Mineralogical Society of America, Staples describes ilsemannite and jordiste, which are found in a unique association with mercury ore on the Clackamas river.

Jordiste has never been found before on this continent, Staples said. Ilsemannite is known in only about a dozen places in the world. The geology professor said it is unlikely that these minerals will be found in sufficient abundance to constitute a commercial ore body.

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