

# Duck Tracks

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In the past month it has become more and more apparent that the Pacific Coast Conference is bent on de-emphasizing not only West Coast football, but the sport throughout the nation.

Three weeks ago Hugh C. Willett, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association predicted that the PCC will submit a proposal for outlawing spring practice, and also propose that the unlimited substitution rule be dropped; a rule which would doom the two-platoon system and in general return the game to its pre-war status.

University of Oregon President Harry K. Newburn only the week before, at a gathering of UO alumni in Los Angeles, set forth a broad plan to encourage Oregon partisans to concentrate on the benefits of "Selling Oregon" to the athletes.

### Not Idealistic

On the surface it might appear to many that Newburn and the University are highly idealistic and that they are attempting to slowly but surely throw in the football sponge. That is not the case, however.

Lack of attendance, which admittedly reflects a losing aggregation, has forced certain limitations on the University. It is predicted by Athletic Director Leo Harris that the school will finish in the red athletically this year.

Whatever the case may be, Coach Len Casanova has not become discouraged. He flatly predicted that the 1952 Oregon football team will be "very definitely improved." It is also believed by the congenial coach that the losses thus far incurred "shouldn't affect the players" in so far as developing a losing complex. One may say that things couldn't possibly get any worse, but Casanova knows whereof he speaks.

It may be noted that this year's club is one that was strictly prefabricated. Casanova had no hand in tailoring the team which he inherited.

This is not to infer that there is no ability in the current aggregation. Never blessed with the necessary depth to compete with the Washingtons and UCLAs and what have you, the unrelenting injury plague struck them a vicious succession of blows that have yet to cease.

### Casanova Satisfied

It is obvious that Casanova is satisfied with the "Newburn Plan," and unsatisfied with a losing aggregation. He pointed out that "The Northwest is a place of opportunity. It is one of the fastest growing districts in the United States and therefore the benefits of a young man completing his education at the University of Oregon are quite evident."

He also commented that "the students themselves are in a position to direct the flow of high school athletes in the state of Oregon to their State University. The Freshman and Sophomores especially can sell their high school prospects on the merits of attending the University of Oregon."

Asked whether the college was still on the lookout for out-of-state stars, Casanova replied with a smile "by all means." To qualify his statement he said, "Oregon is not the most populated state; for instance, in the Pittsburgh district alone there are over 210 high schools and the vast majority of those players fail to enroll at the University of Pittsburgh."

Thus, it is evident that if the University of Oregon is to have a worthy representative in future Coast Conference circles, the State of Oregon must literally be gone over with a fine tooth comb.

This problem of de-emphasis won't be easily solved. Consider the embarrassment that Washington State College officials may cause the conference. Instead of withdrawing further into their isolated shell, they, as Publicity Director Don Faris put it, are "getting into the swim." Whether the Cougars will drown in route is difficult to say.

### WSC Has Confidence

WSC has scheduled some real toughies for their 1952 campaign. In addition to a full seven game PCC slate, the Pullman college has booked Ohio State University at Columbus, Oklahoma A&M at Stillwater, and Baylor University (Waco) at Spokane. This schedule may be a drain on the resources of the college, but if the Cougars of 1951 are any indication of what this build up is going to lead to, WSC fans are going to be mighty jubilant. Can you blame them?

### Pigskin Predictions

Oregon 27, Idaho 20—Idaho's nifty defense may prove no problem to passer George Shaw. However, he'll be alone with Dunham on the shelf. Mr. Dunham was at his seasonal best against WSC.

WSC 20, Stanford 14—This is like asking for the Stanford axe—but in a season full of upsets, this looks like a natural.

# SAE's, Lambda Chi's, Delts, Win IM Tilts

By Lauren Loveland

The intramural volleyball games Wednesday afternoon were for the most part characterized by lop-sided scores. Sigma Alpha Epsilon ran over Pi Kappa Alpha 2 to 0, Lambda Chi Alpha downed Phi Sigma Kappa 2 to 0, and Sigma Nu downed Chi Psi 2 to 0. The closest match of the afternoon was between Tau Kappa Epsilon and Delta Tau Delta in which the Delts edged the Tekes 2 games to 1.

In the match between Sigma Nu and Chi Psi, the Chi Psi squad put up a much tougher battle than the score would suggest. In the first game, in spite of the fight shown by the Chi Psi men, Sigma Nu bested them by the decisive margin of 15-7. In the second game it was much the same story as Sigma Nu downed the millrae men again, this time 15 to 8, and so winning the match 2 to 0.

The Pi Kappa Alpha team was completely overwhelmed by Sigma Alpha Epsilon. It seemed as if SAE could do no wrong while the Pi Kaps were having trouble making a score. SAE downed the losers by a huge margin of 15 to 4. To add insult to injury, the SAE squad held the Pi Kaps to only two points in the next game while they scored fifteen to take the game and the match.

### Today's IM Schedule

- 3:50 Court 40—Sigma Phi Epsilon A vs. Phi Gamma Delta A
- 3:50 Court 43—Theta Chi A vs. Alpha Tau Omega A
- 4:35 Court 40—Kappa Sigma A vs. Delta Upsilon A
- 4:35 Court 43—Alpha Hall A vs. Campbell Club A
- 5:15 Court 40—Legal Eagles A vs. Philadelphians A
- 5:15 Court 43—Sherry Ross Hall A vs. Stan Ray Hall A

### Teke Contest Close

The most hotly contested battle of the afternoon was between Tau Kappa Epsilon and Delta Tau Delta. In the first game of the match the Delts dumped the Tekes 15 to 6. Not to be outdone, the Tekes came back strong in the second game while the Delts seemed to fall into a slump. The score of the second game was 15 for Tau Keppa Epsilon and 5 for the Delts. The third and deciding game was much closer than the other two. The Delts threw off the hex of the second game and came back to edge the Teke squad 15 to 11 and to take the match, two games to one.

Lambda Chi Alpha easily downed Phi Sigma Kappa in the first game of their match 15 to 6. It wasn't quite so easy for the Lambda Chi men in the second game but they came out on top again, this time by a score of 15 to 12.

### SU Bowling Marks

Sederstrom 3, Sherry Ross 0  
Frosh Counselors 3, Minturn 0  
Gamma 4, French 0  
Alpha 8, Nestor 0  
Ned Takasumi was the top bowler of the evening with a 580 series for Gamma Hall. Don Allen was next, carding a 520 mark.

### Bomber 'Protected'

CHICAGO — (U.P.) — Fading Brown Bomber Joe Louis won't be allowed to fight again in Illinois, according to the three members of the State Athletic Commission.

The commissioners agreed to veto any attempt by Louis to fight again in state rings if he decides to continue his career.

"We're trying to protect Louis against himself," said commissioner Lou Radzienda.

Chairman Joe Triner said the commission would take no formal action unless Louis tried to book a fight in Illinois or a promoter presented a card with Louis on it.

"But it is my personal opinion that the chances of his being injured seriously or even fatally are too great if he were allowed to fight," Triner said.

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# Taylor Stresse Fundamentals as Beavers Drills

CORVALLIS — (U.P.) — Ragged tackling and spotty blocking were bothering Coach Kip Taylor today as he prepared his Oregon State Beavers for the game with highly-regarded Washington.

The OSC mentor, warning his men they would have to "do much better," stressed fundamentals yesterday after his team's unfortunate showing against California.

Fullback Sam Baker, hit by the flu Monday, worked out briefly yesterday. His alternate, Bob Redkey, was unable to take contact work because of a shoulder injury received in the Washington State contest.

Right halfback Kaye Booth was out with an infected foot.

Statistics released yesterday show Dave Mann, with a 42.3 yard average, heads an outstanding field of punters in the Pacific Coast Conference.

John Thomas has caught 21 passes for 240 yards, taking third honors in that department.

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