

Duck Tracks

By Jim Haycox

Coach John Borchardt starts his aqua-ducks off for the 1952 season as one of Oregon's most promising swimming brigades—possibly the best—in the schools history. Some rather large holes need to be filled this year to make the team stand up to last year's aggregation. Apparently, however, those holes are going to be filled. And as usual, the Hawaiian boys will play no small part.

Borchardt will have, as his assistant swimming coach this year Pete Van Dijk (pronounced dike) who last year burnt up the northern circuit with his paddling efforts. Pete, who used up his one year eligibility, probably knows almost as much about the swimming trade as Borchardt, which is saying quite a bit. Van Dijk, incidentally, holds two varsity swimming letters from Cornell university. He lettered there in 1946 and 1947 at the age of 16.

Oregon Second in '51

Since the war, the Oregon varsity has, with one exception, had a reservation on the third place spot. The exception was that 1951 team. They finished a good, but not particularly strong second against the University of Washington. This year they well may do better pointwise but—first place—it would be something of a miracle against the Huskies. There's a reason, two or three of them to be exact.

Washington has three things Oregon doesn't have... a lot of money, a big pool and depth in numbers. All this plus three All-Americans: Pete Salmon, Dick Magnuson and Merrill Hodges. Washington should stay on top all right.

Ducks Sans Ducats

To coin an already overused phrase, its no secret Oregon doesn't have as much money (legal money) for grants-in-aid or athlete's work projects as she would like to have. It's also no secret the university has an inadequate, to say the least, swimming plant. Built somewhere back in the twenties, the building has poor ventilation, an unreliable chlorination system and, most important, it is too small. There isn't room enough for the whole team to work out at the same time.

As to the matter of depth, the university won't probably for a long time, be able to match Washington.

The three aforementioned factors should keep us well below the Washington strength. Last years Northern Division Championship meet in Seattle is a good example of how size works to advantage.

Huskies Enter Full Team

Washington entered four men in practically every scheduled event; Oregon could usually muster only two. The final score: Washington, 165; Oregon 73; WSC, 66; OSC, 19; Idaho, 18. The situation is similar to a track meet. A lot of thirds, fourths and fifths with a few firsts and seconds will win you almost any meet. As it turned out, Washington could have probably done it even without a couple of her "big three."

But says Oregon's varsity, "We'll be better this year." Owing to the freshman ruling, the Ducks will have some additional depth. Another reason is that this year's team shows amazing variety, many fellows being able to swim at least two events. Returning lettermen are:

Returning Aquaducks

JIM ALLEN. A junior from Weiser, Idaho. Jim was a member of the first place 400 yard medley relay team, took third in the individual medley relay and a fifth in the 220 yard freestyle event in last year's Seattle championship meet. He will swim two and possibly three races each meet this year.

DICK RUCKDESCHER. A senior from Portland, Dick captured a third in the 300 yard medley relay and sixth in the 100 and 200 yard breaststrokes at Seattle.

GORDON EDWARDS. A junior from Portland. Placed second in two events, the 220 and 440 yard freestyles and third in the 1500 meter freestyle at Seattle.

MIKE POPOVICH. Took a third in the 300 yard relay race at Seattle. Presently handling part time center spot duties on the football team, he should turn out when grid season ends.

Behind these four stand two Hawaiian kids, upon whose efforts may mean the difference between a fair and a very good year. They are:

YOSHINABU TERADA. A junior from Hilo, Hawaii. Yosh, ineligible last year, took a fourth in the national AAU competition in 1950 and holds the Oregon pool record for the 200 yard backstroke.

MILTON KOTOSHIRODO. A senior from Honolulu, Hawaii. Another of last year's ineligible, he holds the junior Hawaiian AAU record for the 100 yard breaststroke.

SAE Tops Delt Team As Spikers Sparkle

By Lauren Loveland

In the intramural volleyball games Wednesday afternoon, Stan Ray downed McChesney, French rolled over Nestor, SAE battled to a narrow win over Delta Tau Delta in "B" tilts. Tau Kappa Epsilon bowed to Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Chi took a close one from Chi Psi in "A" action and Sherry Ross forfeited their "B" game to Gamma Hall.

The game between SAE, a perennial volleyball power, and Delta Tau Delta was one of the finest played this season. Both teams showed splendid offensive power but their defense lacked the polish and finish displayed offensively.

SAE was sparked to their win by Bob White and Mike Kittredge, both of whom are outstanding spikers. The Deltas played their best in the first game as they downed SAE 15 to 9. Not to be outdone, the SAE squad came back to edge the Deltas 15 to 11 in the second game. SAE continued to roll and thoroughly trounced the Deltas 15 to 0, and took the match 2 to 1.

Lambda Chi Alpha easily downed Tau Kappa Epsilon 2 to 0. In the first game the Tekes scored 6 points to 15 for Lambda Chi but in the second game they were able to score only 2 while Lambda Chi scored 15.

Stan Ray fielded a team of only three men and still were able to roll over the McChesney team 2

games to 0. Stan Ray's team, made up of G. Links, D. Williamson, E. Meier, downed McChesney 15 to 6 in the first game and 15 to 9 in the second.

Sigma Chi, after getting off to a bad start, came back strongly to down Chi Psi 2 to 1. Chi Psi dumped the Sigs 15 to 5 in the first game but the Sigs turned the situation to their advantage and rolled over the Chi Psis 15 to 3. The third game was limited to a minute time limit as the game didn't begin until after six o'clock.

At the end of the ten minute period the Sigs were ahead 7 to 5 and so won the match. The Sigs were led to their victory by Steve Butler, a sparkling set-up man.

French Hall easily downed Nestor Hall in two straight games. They won the first game by a 15 to 4 margin and the second by a 15 to 10 score.

Sherry Ross failed to field a team and so forfeited their game to Gamma Hall.

Hoopsters To Meet AAU Team

Today Oregon's cagemen will engage in their second practice scrimmage of the 1951-1952 season. Their opponents, Copping's AAU, boast several ballplayers who should ring a familiar note in the ears of Oregon sports-fans. Keith Wade, ex-Southern Oregon College scoring standout will start for the visitors as will Bob Amacher, former Duck center and former varsity forward Ernie Baldini. These boys as well as the others who will play for Copping's are enrolled at the University now in accordance with Pacific Coast conference rules.

Wednesday the Ducks went through a short and snappy drill preparing for their next day's scrimmage. Coaches Borchardt and Kirsch stressed tip off plays, out of bounds plays, and half court offensive drills during the two and a half hour workout.

Working together in the first unit on those offensive drills were Chet Noe, Ken Hunt, Ken Wegner, Mel Streeter, and Bud Covey. The second outfit consisted of Keith Farnum, Bob Peterson, Hank Bonneman, Bob Hawes, and Ron Phillips.

Prep Champs Determined as Season Ends

The lineup for the closing rounds of Oregon's class "A" football campaign—the championship play-offs—were lacking only four district champions today with the first playoff round in the show-down for the state's elite 16 only a week away.

The four contested berths in the prep picture will be filled by next Monday.

Decisions Soon Complete

All but two district kingpins have been named in both division of "A" play and crucial games over the weekend will either decide the remaining champions or dump the issue in the laps of district committees, which have the final say in the case of ties.

Regular season schedules for schools grind to a close over the weekend with many traditional spicing the program. But of prime interest will be four games, that in each case could decide a district champion.

The hotly contested District Eight toga will be at stake when Corvallis High's injury-plagued Spartans meet the off-and-on Bulldogs of Albany Saturday at Albany. Corvallis, Bend and Salem were all very much in the title scramble. Corvallis, with a 3-1 mark in district play, including a win over Bend, must beat Albany to stay in the running with Bend, which finished district action with a 4-1 mark. Salem, victor over Corvallis, was beaten by Bend for a 3-1 record.

Committees May Act

If Albany takes Corvallis, the crown would go to Bend. But a Corvallis victory would leave the decision up to committee, thus once beaten Salem enters the picture.

The other decisive division one game is in District Five where Marshfield, unbeaten in three district games, meets North Bend with a 2-1 district mark, Saturday at Cos Bay. The Pirates could clinch the banner with a win, or create a three-way tie with a loss and put the vote up to committee. Roseburg was trounced 48-0 by the Pirates for its only district defeat in four tries.

"Quick Death" Coming

In division two, Rainier and Columbia Prep will stage a quick death battle for the District One bunting Friday in Portland. Vale, unbeaten District Seven leader, plays Ontario. A Vale victory would assure the nomination, but a loss would tie with Nyssa, a 1-1 club in district play.

Matson Leads In Nationwide Grid Scoring

NEW YORK — (U.P.) — Ollie Matson, San Francisco's burly six foot two inch fullback, had a strangle-hold on the nation's individual scoring leadership today.

By scoring three touchdowns against Santa Clara Sunday, Matson increased his total to 102 points, 18 more than his closest rival, according to National Collegiate Athletic Association statistics.

In addition to leading the nation's gridsters in scoring, Matson is the number one man in rushing, also, with a total of 1,279 yards gained, 352 yards more than his nearest competitor.

Matson (a 205-pounder who runs the 100 yards in less than 10 seconds, gained 228 yards in 31 tries against Santa Clara, marking the third time this season that he gained more than 200 yards in rushing in one game.

Johnny Bright of Drake, who played with a protective face guard to protect his broken jaw last Saturday, ranks second to Matson in ball carrying records.

Tobin Rote of Rice tossed 85 consecutive passes without an interception during the 1949 season.

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