

Duck Tracks

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Now that another football season is in the history books, it's interesting to look back on a few sidelights and highlights.

In the matter of intersectional contests, Coast Conference teams more than held their own against opponents from all the major conferences in the country with the exception of the Southern, Southeastern and Big Seven. The season score was eight to five in favor of the Coast teams, with USC's joust with Notre Dame still to be played.

The coast broke even in six games with Big Ten representatives. The midwesterners' victories were posted by Illinois, over UCLA and Washington, and Michigan State, over OSC. No shame in these losses, since they were to two of the country's three or four top teams.

On the credit side, both Washington and Cal cleaned up on lowly Minnesota, while Stanford beat Michigan early in the season. Stanford, of course, is the PCC Rose Bowl representative to go against Illinois on New Year's Day. Red Sanders, whose UCLA Bruins lost to both, is on record as saying that Illinois can beat anything the coast can put up against it. That's to be seen. Stanford's beating at the hands of California proves that the Indians aren't unstoppable.

Second Trip

Illinois, incidentally, will be making its second trip to the Rose Bowl in the six-year history of the Big Ten-PCC agreement. Ray Eliot's Illini were the boys nobody wanted back in 1946, when Los Angeles sports writers were up in arms because Army wasn't given the bid to face UCLA. Illinois proceeded to prove its worthiness by belting the Bruins from goal to goal all afternoon, winning 45-14.

The odds will be on the visitors again this year, with good reason, we believe. Maybe the PCC will learn some day—and the moon might turn to green cheese, too.

It's also interesting to note that only by 4 minutes and 22 seconds did Oregon miss a tie with Washington for the conference cellar. That, of course, is if you don't count Idaho, which went 0 for 3 in its abbreviated schedule. A tie with the Beavers would have given the Ducks and Huskies identical 1-5-1 records in conference play. As it was, they beat us out by half a game, hardly the difference you'd expect from the 63-6 tormentors.

If they gave prizes for disappointments, the Huskies would take the conference championship hands down. Not that they disappointed this writer—it's their supporters we're talking about. Fans, that is. They managed to beat only Montana, which should have know better. Oregon, which being in the conference had no choice, and Minnesota, which may have had lingering delusions of grandeur from the Bernie Bierman days. Against class-A opponents the Huskies faltered, except for their tie with UCLA.

Oregon Comes Back

And for comebacks, whose can top that of Oregon. The Ducks' stock was so low in mid-season that just talk of the Oregon State game brought tears to many an eye. Then came the awakening against Cal and the dead-game effort of last Saturday and the season was as great a success as if Oregon had won half its games, instead of just two.

The credit for this must certainly go to Casanova, the rest of the coaching staff, and the team, in equal measure. Not since Jimmy Phelan assembled his famous band of beardless youths at St. Mary's during the war has the coast seen a major team so studded with young players. One doubts that an older team could have had the resilience to bounce back from adversity that this bunch showed.

Youth Movement

The youth movement will pay off in coming years, unless the lads let their grades go to pot and get themselves drafted into Uncle Sam's army. With their first year as proven varsity players behind them already, freshmen like George Shaw, Hal Reeve and the others still have three years of varsity ball to look forward to. This crop of potential four-year men follows just one year after the last four-striper from World War II days ended his career. That was end Bob Anderson, who finished up last year.

But hardly is one sport finished for the year when another is ready to step into the spotlight. Thus it is with basketball, on which the curtain goes up this weekend in Portland, as far as Oregon is concerned. All eyes will be on the Ducks to see how much success Bill Borchers has had in molding a team with only two first stringers left over from last year.

Friday Marks Season Opener

With only four days remaining before their first game with Portland University, the Oregon Ducks went through a spirited practice Monday afternoon. Coach Bill Borchers juggled the 13 varsity members continuously in an attempt to find the right offensive and defensive combinations, and at the end of the day there was still doubt as to who would start on Friday night.

The Ducks stressed offensive practice on Monday, working against various possible defenses. Bob Peterson, Chet Noe, Mel Streeter, Ken Hunt, and Bob Hawes made up one squad while Jim Vranizan, Ken Wegner, Keith Farnum, Bud Covey, and Henry Bonneman were their opponents. Besides offensive drill, the team also engaged in a full court scrimmage and worked on ball control.

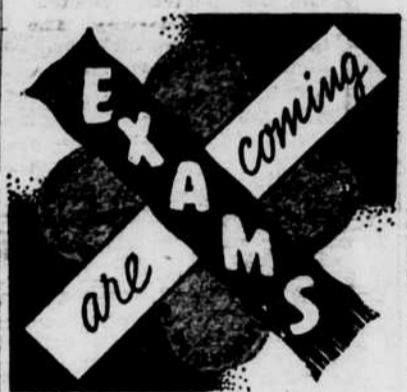
Winners Draw Places

There will be a meeting of all volleyball league winners this afternoon in the IM office at 3:00 p.m. At this time drawings for playoffs will be held. Those teams which should be represented are SAE, Sigma Nu, Fijis, Theta Chi, ATO, Kappa Sigma, Sigma hall, Philadelphia house, Minturn hall, French hall, Hunter hall, and Pi Kappa Alpha.

Faculty Bowling Scores

Stack Rats 4, Hot Rods 0.
Vitamins 3, Liberal Rats 1.
Flying Saucers 2, Grenadiers 2.
Jets 3, Nogoodniks 1.
The high series for the night was bowled by Eldon Hanes for the Jets. Mr. Hanes came away with a big 529 to his credit.

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Today's IM Schedule

- 3:50 Court 40—Hunter hall B vs. French hall B
- 3:50 Court 43—Minturn hall B vs. McChesney hall B
- 4:35 Court 40—Gamma hall B vs. Stan Ray B
- 4:35 Court 43—SAE A vs. ATO A
- 5:15 Court 40—Phi Kaps A vs. Phi Sigs A
- 5:15 Court 43—Sammies A vs. Pi Kaps A

Oregon Coaches Attend Banquet

University of Oregon Athletic Director Leo Harris and football coach Len Casanova left Eugene last night for Sacramento, Calif., where they will take part in the annual Radio Station KFBK-Sacramento Bee high school all-star banquet tonight.

Awards to the first and second string football teams of the Sacramento area will be made by the Webfoot officials and seven other college coaches. Included are Kip Taylor, OSC; Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf, California; Chuck Taylor, Stanford; Ted Forbes, Cal Aggies; Joe Kuharich, USF; and Henry (Red) Sanders, UCLA.

It is highly possible that Oregon may sign to play the Santa Clara Broncos either in Sacramento or San Francisco, Oct. 24, 1953. The date was left vacant when St. Mary's College abandoned the fall sport effective this year.

Stanford Wins Rose Bowl Berth

LOS ANGELES — (U.P.) — Stanford, kingpin of the Pacific Coast Conference, was picked yesterday to meet the Big Ten champion, Illinois, in the 1952 Rose Bowl game.

Stanford's selection was announced by PCC commissioner Victor O. Schmidt. At 12:35 p.m. PST two PCC ballots had not been received but the Indians were the choice on all other votes received up until that time.

The Indians selection was a mere formality as UCLA's upset defeat of Southern California Saturday eliminated any possibility of a conference tie and a split vote.

Illinois was named as the Big Ten's universal choice earlier this morning with its 3-0 victory over Northwestern Saturday assuring the Illini of the conference title and the bid to the Rose Bowl. It will be Illinois' second trip to the Rose Bowl, having downed UCLA 45 to 14 in the 1946 game.

Stanford racked a season record of nine wins and one defeat, the 20 to 7 loss to its traditional rival, California, last Saturday.

IM Volleyball Scores

- DUs over Sammies by forfeit.
- Campbell club over Nestor hall by forfeit.
- TKE over Delts by forfeit.
- Kappa Sigs over Fijis 12-15, 15-5, 15-7.
- Phi Sigs downed Chi Psis 15-3, 15-13.
- Theta Chi beat Beta Theta Pi.

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