

# Duck Tracks

By Phil Johnson

There is an old superstition saying, "Knock on wood," and the Whitman football team managed to accomplish that very feat during their 1901 clash with the Oregon eleven.

With 10 seconds remaining in the game and Whitman leading 6-0, the Washington squad reached the Oregon 2.

While the Whitman fans cheered wildly, the Washingtonians charged into the center of the Oregon line.

And then, according to an observer of the game, "Whitman's fierce rush collided with the goal post, the team was thrown back staggering under the shock and the ball, fumbled, rolled to one side to be pounced upon by a U. of O. player just as the whistle blew."

Maybe that's where basketball coaches got the idea for the post play.

## Earlier Days

One of the candidates for the 1898 Oregon grid eleven, three years before Whitman's timber operations, was a young The Dalles lad who immediately attracted the coach's attention.

Coach Frank Simpson noticed this serious business administration student because he was competing under a tremendous handicap—he only had one arm.

Nevertheless, he was determined to make the starting lineup—and he did. Oregon's opponents that season were faced by a one-armed right guard. His name was Homer D. Angell.

Angell's squad lost only one game and were scored upon by only one team during the season. They routed the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis 38-0, second-highest score in the 57-year history of the Duck-Aggie series.

They also provided a tolerable showing against Portland university, although the Eugene Guard had stated:

"Indications are that tomorrow's game will end with a very even score."

Oregon won 95-0, highest score in Duck history.

## Court Sport

The Duck Frosh basketball winning streak won't be continued this year, because Oregon won't have a Yearling hoop squad.

The Frosh captured 233 wins while losing only 46 games during a 16-year period beginning in 1934 (there were no Frosh quintets in 1944 and 1945).

During the past three seasons, Coach Don Kirsch guided the Yearlings to 49 triumphs while losing 6. All of the losses were suffered at the hands of the Oregon State Rooks, who nevertheless were defeated seven times in eight games with the Oregon Frosh last winter.

Kirsch's quint ended the 1950-51 season with an 11-game winning streak, and they suffered a termination of a 13-game victory streak in the middle of the same campaign when they lost 48-43 to the Baby Beavers.

## Diamond Action

Kirsch's varsity baseball players were not idle during the summer months. Several of them played in a four-team league in Anchorage, Alaska.

Leading hitter in the league was none other than Duck All-American Outfielder Earl Averill, Jr., son of the famous major league diamond star.

Averill, who will be a junior performer in the Oregon ranks this spring, captured his third batting championship in three seasons. He won a Washington league collegiate crown in 1950 and the Northern Division (PCC) title last spring.

Averill collected 17 hits in 39 trips to the plate to lead the Pioneers to the Anchorage championship. He hit four round-trippers and batted in fourteen runs. The Snohomish, Wash., lad also was credited with a .978 fielding average.

Leading hitter on the Pioneer nine actually was a gent listed in the record book as Earl Averill, Sr. The elder Averill collected two singles in four appearances for a .500 mark, which does not rate consideration for league batting honors, of course.

Three other 1951 Duckdiamond artists, Catcher Jack Smith, First Baseman Phil Settecase and Pitcher Jim Hanns, performed for the second-place Merchants. Smith led the squad with a .391 batting average, Settecase hit .267 and Hanns batted at the .125 mark.

## Henson Had 'Off Day'

Settecase, usually considered as a first sacker, tried some hurling in the Alaskan circuit and compiled a fine 1.04 earned run average, which was better than Hanns' 3.68 and somewhat superior to teammate Henson's 81.00 (rather unusual). Settecase fanned ten in eight and two-thirds innings.

Stan Aune, another 1951 Webfoot, finished with a 4.00 earned run average with the third-place Elks.

Irrelevant note: "Ditch the moleskins, deflate the pigskins and toss in the horsehides" is not a familiar cry echoing through dressing rooms from coast to coast at the end of football season. On the contrary, baseball play waits until spring.

# IM Championship Tilts See Slumps; Quick Comebacks

By Lauren Loveland

League championship games filled the intramural volleyball schedule Wednesday afternoon. In the "A" leagues French Hall edged Hunter Hall 2 to 1, while Theta Chi downed Alpha Tau Omega 2 to 0 and Sigma Hall nosed out Campbell Club 2 to 1. The Legal Eagles failed to put a team on the floor and so forfeited their game to the Philadelphians. In the only "B" game of the afternoon French Hall trounced Hunter Hall 2 to 0.

## Sigma Wins

Sigma Hall took a close one from Campbell Club, two games to one. Sigma started very strongly and controlled the match through the first game, which they won 15 to 8. After a rest of about a minute it was the Campbell Club's squad that showed fire and spirit.

Campbell Club completely reversed the situation in the second game and rolled over Sigma by the same score, 15 to 8. In the third game it was Sigma's turn once again as they displayed the same form that won the first game for them. After regaining their fire they downed Campbell Club 15 to 9 and took the game and match.

Meanwhile in the other court one of the largest crowds of the season watched while Theta Chi was having a fairly easy time of it with Alpha Tau Omega. Theta Chi had the upper hand throughout the match except for a few jittery moments when their setters were having trouble putting the ball up for the spikers in the front line.

## Caldwell Stars

In the first game Theta Chi dumped the ATO team 15 to 8. They had a little tougher time in the second game but were able to stop the Tau's 15 to 10. Pat Caldwell of ATO displayed some very fine offensive play throughout the game but this was partially offset by the adequate Theta Chi defense.

French Hall's "B" squad had no trouble in rolling over Hunter Hall's "B" team in two straight stands against the stronger offense and defense of the French unit. French took the first game 15 to 5 and the second 15 to 6.

## Tight Tilt

The Legal Eagles did not floor a team and consequently forfeited the match to the Philadelphians.

French Hall's "A" squad had a little tougher going than their "B" team but they were still able to eke out a win over Hunter Hall's "A" squad by a two to one score. The first game of the match was

the closest and hardest fought battle of the afternoon. The score was very close throughout the game.

Volleyball rules state that a team must win by at least two points so French was forced to score 16 points before they finally won, 16 to 14. In the second game it looked as if it was all over for the French team as their team completely fell apart and Hunter shellacked them 15 to 4. However, in another surprising reversal of form, the Frenchmen came back strongly in the third game to down Hunter 15 to 8 and take the match.

## Murray Is Good

Murray of French Hall displayed his usual form in aiding the French win. Little Jim Light did a fine job as a setter for Murray who is one of the finest spikers and all-around players in the entire intramural program.

## Today's IM Schedule

- 4:00 p.m. Court 40—Sigma Alpha Epsilon A vs. French Hall A
- 4:00 p.m. Court 43—Phi Gamma Delta A vs. Theta Chi A
- 4:45 p.m. Court 40—Theta Chi B vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon B
- 4:45 p.m. Court 43—Sigma Hall A vs. Philadelphians A

## Dorm Bowling

Minturn 4, Alpha 0  
Frosh Counselors 3, Nestor 1  
Sherry Ross 3, French 1  
Gamma 4, Sederstrom 0  
Ned Takasumi topped bowlers for the evening with a high game of 211 and high series of 554 for Gamma Hall; while his teammates Art Kegler and Dick Graham posted 515 and 512 series respectively. Goebel of Minturn had a 509 series.

## Football Meeting

There will be a meeting of all varsity and junior varsity football players today at 3:00 p.m. in the football dressing room at McArthur court, according to the athletic department.

Alabama's 2-0 loss to Fordham in 1933 ruined a perfect season for Coach Frank Thomas's Crimson Tide. Thomas took Alabama to the Sugar Bowl, Cotton Bowl, Orange Bowl, and Rose Bowl (twice). His last team defeated USC 34-14 in the Rose Bowl.

## Attendance Reported High at SU Dances

The social dancing program set up by the recreation committee of the Student Union is being continued on a free basis for students. Chairman John McAloon reported to the Student Union board Wednesday night.

McAloon stated that attendance has been very good and the program is running smoothly.

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