

# Duck Tracks

By John Whitty

The subject of college bowl games is coming to the fore again, much to the sorrow of the Pacific Coast Conference, as it is the host in what is supposedly the best of these post-season gridiron contests, the Rose Bowl, and the representatives of the PCC have been unable to win this annual contest for several years past.

The fact that the Big Ten champion each year has been able to come west and thoroughly humiliate the best that the Coast has to offer has led to a belief, steadily growing stronger, that the quality of football played on the Pacific Coast is not as good as that played in the Midwest.

John McKay, who has played football in both the Big Ten and in the PCC, states that in his opinion there is no difference in the caliber of ball played in the two conferences. McKay maintains that the relative strength of two grid leagues cannot be accurately measured on the basis of one game a year played between the first place unit in each league. The Duck backfield coach also said that a football team would have to go a long way before it could come up against a rougher outfit than California or Southern Cal.

### Harris Says Illegal Financing at Fault

In answer to the charges that post-season bowl games tend to make for professionalism among the contestants, Oregon's Director of Athletics, Leo Harris, declared that the majority of the evils of athletic systems are largely caused by illegal financing and proselyting and the efforts of misdirected alums.

To get back to basketball, few Oregon fans realize that Webfoot coach Bill Borchert also acted as assistant coach to Pete Susick, former Washington football great, at Marshfield High in Coos Bay. Susick in turn aided Borchert during the hoop season. Susick was an all-state basketball selection in his senior year at North Bend High school.

Evidently this cooperative arrangement worked out very well, for Borchert's basketball squads were perennial favorites in the state tournament each year, while the football teams turned out by the stocky Susick were among those most feared in the state.

### Trotters Can be Beaten

The fact that the Harlem Globetrotters are not unbeatable was proved by Johnny O'Brien and his Seattle university teammates Monday night when O'Brien dropped in 43 counters to lead his team to an 84-81 victory over the world-famous Trotters, led by Goose Tatum.

The University of Oregon is looking for two football opponents for the 1953 and 1954 seasons. The dropping of intercollegiate football by St. Mary's college leaves the Ducks with an open date during each of these years. Both tilts were planned as home games for the Ducks, but the low seating capacity at Hayward Field may compel the Webfoots to accept games away from Eugene.

One reason for the "buck fever" which reportedly seized Oregon's cage squad at Washington last week was the constant riding given the Ducks by the Husky rooters. Although no alibi for the poor showing made by coach Borchert's squad is intended, it is certain that the poor taste displayed by the Husky supporters added nothing to the contest in the way of promoting good basketball or sportsmanlike conduct on the part of either of the teams. It is hard enough for a basketball quintet to play on a strange floor without a jumble of uncomplimentary comments from several thousand "excited rooters."

### Duck Swimmers Never Lower Than Third

Oregon's basketball squad should be well prepared to face Northern Division competition next year. The pre-season schedule set up for the Webfoots includes such teams as Wyoming, Stanford, University of Southern California, Utah, Brigham Young, Wisconsin, Iowa, Seattle university, and Portland university.

Since the Northern Division adopted a regular swimming schedule and annual ND meets started, Oregon's swimming team has never finished lower than third in the conference. The Ducks have captured the first place title four times, second only to Washington, which has won the championship in ten of the sixteen conference meets. The only schools, other than Oregon and Washington, which have taken first place in the ND meet are Oregon State and WSC, each winning the championship once.

### 1942 Was Good Swimming Year

Oregon's best year in the water sport was in 1937, when the Mike Hoyman-coached team won the Northern Division and PCC titles as well as placing men, Jim Hurd and Bob Clinton on the All-American team. It was the second year as an All-American choice for Hurd.

Oregon also won the ND and PCC titles in 1942. The Ducks won every first place in the Northern Division meet for the second time in history, and defeated the Olympic Club of San Francisco for the first loss suffered by that group in five years.

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their breath. Nestor managed to add a free throw before the half-time horn to make the score 11 to 6 with French on top. French was able to continue to hold their lead throughout the remainder of the game.

### Meredith Blows Clutch Shot

In another close one Phi Sigma Kappa edged Chi Psi 10 to 9. The score at the close of the first period was 4 to 4 and neither team was able to grab a substantial lead at any time during the game. With 5 seconds remaining and the game count standing at 10 to 9 Gary Meredith was awarded a free throw which would have tied up the score if he had been successful in his attempt, but his push shot fell short.

Delta Upsilon "B's" downed the Sigma Phi Epsilon "B's" 14 to 10 in a slow moving low scoring contest. Tom Harney did an outstanding job on the backboards for Sigma Phi Epsilon and in addition scored four points to lead his team. Joe Tyler captured high scoring honors for the game with five.

### Today's IM Schedule

- 3:50 Court 40—Sederstrom hall B vs. Cherney hall B
- 3:50 Court 43—Phi Delta Theta A vs. Phi Gamma Delta A
- 4:35 Court 40—Phi Kappa Psi A vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
- 4:35 Court 43—Sigma Alpha Mu A vs. Phi Kappa Sigma A
- 5:15 Court 40—Delta Upsilon A vs. Kappa Sigma A
- 5:15 Court 43—Lambda Chi Alpha A vs. Phi Sigma Kappa A

### Handball

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In the intramural handball competition Pi Kappa Alpha took their match with Tau Kappa Epsilon 2 to 1.

Don Heinrich of Washington completed 134 passes during the 1950 season for a new all-time major college record.

### Bowling Lessons Start Today in SU Alleys

Bowling lessons for men and women will be held at 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. today in the Recreation area of the Student Union. These lessons are sponsored by the Student Union Recreation Committee, and are taught by Louis Bellisimo.

A charge of fifty cents per hour must be paid, which includes instructions, shoe rental, and bowling.

Students are asked to sign up at the recreation area desk.

### SU Billiard Tourney Continues Today

The second open men's billiard tournament will be held at 7:30 p.m. today in the Student Union recreation area.

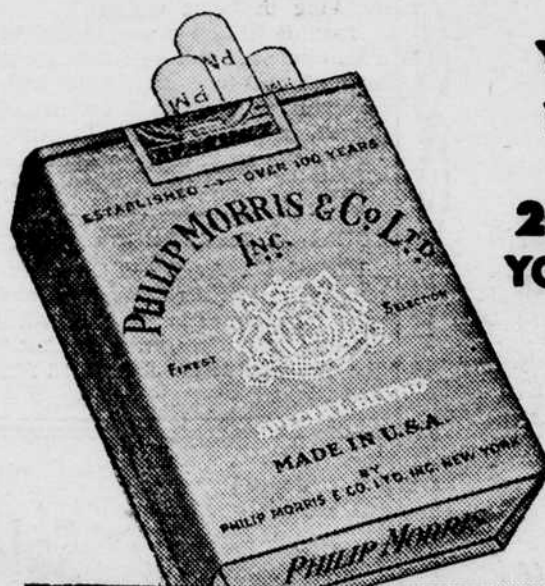
Entrance in this tournament is open to any men on the campus who are interested. The two men with the highest point average will compete in the Pacific Coast Tournament. The final tournament will be sometime in February.

All men are urged to attend.

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