

# Duck Tracks

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(This week's guest columnist, Bob Cole, sports writer for the Washington Daily, went to the University of Oregon last year. He would have taken over the position on the Emerald of assistant sports editor this term, but transferred to Washington.)

At last! The Huskies have begun to spark. After their early season woes when they were edged by Colorado and smashed by Michigan the Washington grid warriors have finally started to play decent football. Oregon State fell 28-0, and last week Southern California's powerful Trojans, then rated seventh in the nation, were battled to a 13-13 stand-still. It looks as though the Huskies are set on having a successful 1953 season.

With the change in the football rule book teams all over the nation have had to undergo major revamping and the Huskies have been no exception. During the years the two-platoon system of football was in effect the University of Washington played with the rule all the way. This season it has been necessary for the gridmen to learn many completely new assignments, and the difficulty they had changing over certainly was visible. Now, it appears, the Washingtonians have themselves well organized and are going to be hard for any team to beat.

## Fans Overwhelmed

Seattle fans were overwhelmed by the sparkling showing the Huskies made against Southern California. There are probably many football fans who weren't present at the game that believe the rain was the reason for Washington's fine showing. Of course, the Trojans, being from California weren't used to the wet playing conditions, but there was no doubt in the minds of those people present that Washington played the more outstanding game. Defensive play was really sharp for the Huskies that day. The tackling was efficient and rugged, and the Southern Cal backs were dropped for losses time after time. The final gun saw the Trojans with just four first downs to their credit.

It wouldn't be possible to name a single man as the spark of the Husky team, but there were several gridders who were especially impressive against the Trojans. Offensively Bob McNamee, Stewart Crook, and Jack Kyllingstad, all halfbacks carried the brunt of the load. McNamee, a sophomore from Roosevelt of Seattle, ran from the fullback slot part of the time and continually smashed through the Trojan line for good gainers. Sandy Lederman, the sophomore quarterback, handled the ball well but had lots of trouble passing with the wet ball.

Defensive play the whole of the Washington line was rugged, and it's hard to name all the standouts. Noticeable for their smashing blocking and tackling were Jim Warsinski and Jim Houston, ends, Duane Wardlow, a tackle, and the guards, Jim Noe and Milt Bohart. In the backfield Kyllingstad and Lederman both looked much improved on defense over their previous appearances.

Of interest throughout the Pacific Coast Conference has been the outstanding performances of the leagues sophomores. In that category the University of Washington has certainly produced their share. Sandy Lederman is considered one of the most promising passers in the conference, and has improved considerably through the first of the season. Bob McNamee, Bob McNamee, Bob Dunn, Corky Bridges, and Mickey McKinnon are all bright halfback prospects. Dunn has averaged over forty yards in his early season punting.

In the line Earl Monlux is a potential great at the guard position. Jerry Esser has shown promise at the tackle slot, and Pete Arrivey is an up-and-coming center. An early season injury cost the Huskies the brightest halfback prospect since Hugh McElhenny. Mike Monroe, who was rated as one of the best sophomore backs in the nation, broke a wrist in the Colorado contest and will sit out the rest of the season.

Here in Seattle the Ducks are well respected. It is easy to see that the Webfoots are improved over last year, and the University of Washington certainly doesn't expect a picnic in Portland Saturday. The Huskies have certainly gained confidence, though, and they have high hopes of returning to Seattle with their second conference victory. It must be remembered that the Washingtonians are still in a position to be contenders in the Rose Bowl. Their PCC record now stands at one win and a tie.

## Passes, If Field Is Dry

If the weather is fair and the field dry in Portland the Huskies will probably have a much more effective passing attack, and should use the passing talents of Lederman more than they did in the Southern Cal contest. Of course, after the success the runners had against the rugged Trojan defense there isn't any reason to believe they won't again be given heavy duty. Injuries in the Washington camp are at a minimum, and the Huskies should be at near full strength for the test. Monroe is missing, naturally, and Bill Allbrecht, who was also lost for the season in the Colorado game, will not be present.

A large crowd of Washington rooters can be expected to follow the team into the Webfoot stomping grounds, and you can be sure the Huskies will arrive in Portland all ready to go Duck hunting; and although their equipment won't be shotguns they still plan on bagging the game.

# James Sidelined by Injury

Oregon's hopes for an upset victory over Johnny Cherberg's Washington eleven were given a severe jolt Wednesday when it was found that star halfback, Dick James, has a very badly sprained ankle. James came to practice Wednesday without pads and was moving about with a definite limp.

Trainer Bob Officer stated that he was not certain just yet whether James would be ready for extensive action Saturday or not. If he isn't he will probably be replaced in the starting backfield by shifty Ted Anderson who was a regular last year. If James is unable to play he will be sorely missed. The tricky running little halfback has been one of the shining lights for the Ducks all season long.

Outside of James the team seems to be in pretty good physical shape for the coming encounter. Fullback Cece Hodges and End Emery Barnes appear to be ready for full duty action again after missing much playing time because of injuries.

Defensively, the Ducks have played pretty steady ball this year but on the offense little power has been shown when it was needed. If the Oregons could find the answer to the scoring problem they could be very tough to beat the rest of the way.



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DEAN PARSONS, Eugene product, is a one year letterman on the Washington squad. The 225 pound tackle is considered one of the Huskies' top prospects.

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## SAE, Fijis Blank Mural Opponents

by Doug May  
Emerald Sports Writer

Sigma Alpha Epsilon, with two sparkling long pass plays, dropped Alpha Tau Omega, 14-0, in a hard fought Wednesday contest. SAE scored on the opening play of the second half.

Rex Davis threw to Bob Brittain on a sleeper play, and Brittain went down the sidelines to climax a 70 yard play.

The game-clinching score came when Davis lateraled to Brittain who in turn threw back to Davis who crossed paydirt after going 30 yards.

Roger Zener's running and passing led the Phi Gamma Delta's to a 20-0 win over Chi Psi in the playoffs of league 2. Zener pitched to Ben Lloyd from 20 yards out early in the first quarter; connected a 10 yard pass with Joe Kirkwood in the third quarter; threw for one extra point; and ran to score the other extra point.

Lloyd scored the second TD by falling on a blocked Chi Psi punt in the end zone.

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