

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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Ground power is the key phrase in a description of Oregon's grid offense for next year, says Line Coach Vern Sterling. It's still a long way from next fall, but if we may be forgiven for turning our back to sports at hand for a paragraph or two, we'll take a look at the 1955 football picture.

Offensively the outlook last year boiled down to George Shaw's passing and no receiving according to Sterling. Next year it will be receiving, but no George Shaw passing.

Consequently the Ducks will be forced to take to the ground for their power and the brilliant passing duels the writers used to love to talk about during Shaw's reign will be no more. Of course that's not all that the much-honored quarterback's graduation will take away from Webfoot football, as the coaches are finding out.

Crabtree at Quarterback

The Oregon grid high command is currently planning on grooming Tom Crabtree, the Coos Bay star who understudied Dick James at halfback as a sophomore this year, for Shaw's wide open spot.

Crabtree is a good, but not outstanding passer, and is one of the top punters on the squad. He had a year at quarterback at Marshfield high school before being switched to halfback, where he picked up all-state honors and the award as the outstanding player in the 1953 high school Shrine game.

Tom also was a basketball all-stater and an outstanding pole vaulter and American Legion baseball infielder. He plans to continue playing only football at Oregon, however.

Johnny Keller, the only holdover letterman at quarterback has definitely not been left out of planning, however. Keller will miss spring training due to baseball, though, and will be a senior next year.

James, one of the coast's most underrated players, according to Sterling, will hold down his left halfback spot and not take on any quarterback chores as had been rumored before.

Right halfback is open to a flock of this year's returnees and freshmen, including Dick Pavlat, John Woyat, Hank Loumena, Jim Shanley, Leroy Phelps and others. Some of this crew will also be competing for James' number one substitute position.

McGee May Return

Letterman Larry Rose returns to help plug the fullback gap and George Krupicka of the Frosh and transfers may be looked to for additional aid. Sterling hinted there was a possibility that Jasper McGee could return, but the big sophomore would need a good report from a big study load at the junior college he is said to be attending.

The left side of the line is in fairly good shape. Phil McHugh will probably hold down the end spot. Captain-elect Lon Stiner, another underrated player, will be at tackle and speedy Reanous Cochran is slated for guard.

Letterman Center Art Weber will start, but Sterling said that the California junior needs defensive drilling. Freshman Norm Chapman from Medford is also expected to fill in here.

The right side of the forward wall is wide open. Letterman Jerry Nelson and Bill Alvarado of the Frosh are hopes at guard and monogram winners Chuck Austin and Harry Johnson, plus John Raventos of the Ducklings are contenders for tackle.

Right end is very vacant. Frosh Fullback J. C. Wheeler from Oregon City may be moved here and Bill Moore, who abandoned early basketball to aid the Ducks last year, might also give strength.

"We may not have so colorful a team as last year's," Sterling concludes, "but we might surprise some people."

Sigs, Phi Delts In B Playoffs

Sigma Chi and Phi Delta Theta marched into the final round of intramural B league basketball Thursday by winning close games from Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Phi Epsilon, respectively.

The Sigs and Phi Delts will collide Monday afternoon at 4:45 on court 40 following the A championship game between Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Byler Leads Sigs

Alex Byler's hook shots led Sigma Chi to its 22-20 win over the Sig Ep's, after the two teams were knotted at halftime 10-10. High scorer for the game was SAE's Tom Moss with 8.

Sigma Chi (22) (20) SAE
Reinhart 3F..... 8 Moss
Gildersleeve 4F..... 2 Rapp
Byler 6C..... Soderman
Barker 4G..... 6 Talbot
Walberg 3G..... 4 McFadden
Subs: Sigma Chi — Weber, Stamper 2; Sigma Alpha Epsilon — Bennick, Jennings.

Linger Scores 23

Greg Linger poured in 23 points as he led the Phi Delts to a 48-43 win over the stubborn Sig Eps. The sophomore center scored 11 points in the first quarter alone to start the winners off ahead.

Don Bowman and Roy Chase led the losers with 18 and 11 tallies apiece. Phi Delta Theta led at all quarter stops, with 14-7, 37-25 and 43-26. A Sig Epsilon rally almost allowed the losers

Frosh Schedule Intramural Meet

The first stage in track Coach Bill Bowerman's freshman intramural track and field competition is scheduled to get under way today as six frosh living organizations tangle in three dual meets.

The intramural track and the unfinished area of the gym will be the alternate sites of the competition, with French hall facing Nestor, Sederstrom meeting Omega and Cherney tangling with Sherry Ross today.

Hunter hall draws a bye for the first round of action, and will meet the Cherney-Sherry Ross winner as action resumes Monday.

Field events will be first on the agenda, with the shot put, broad jump, high jump, pole vault and two-pound softball throw beginning at 3:45.

Running events will begin at 4 p.m., with the 70-yard hurdles. Following each 20 minutes will be the 70-yard dash, 330-yard dash, three-quarter mile run and 440-yard sprint or shuttle relay.

Elimination meets will run Monday, Wednesday and Friday of next week, and then the same days in the next week if necessary.

Minnesota Quintet Faces Wolverines

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—Seldom-powerful Minnesota, hot after its first Big Ten basketball title in 18 years, meets a thin Michigan team Saturday afternoon in a nationally televised game from ancient Yost fieldhouse. Starting time is noon PST.

The Gophers led the Big Ten race with an 8-2 record, but their margin is a precarious one. Iowa is a close second with a 7-2 mark.

Four other conference games are on tap Saturday: Iowa at Michigan State, Illinois at Wisconsin, Purdue at Ohio State and Northwestern at Indiana.

to catch up, but the Phi Delt lead was too great.

Phi Delts (48) (43) Sig Eps
Marlett 2F..... 11 Chase
Heath 1F..... 4 Bye
Linger 23C..... 6 Huls
Hibbard 8G..... 18 Bowman
Holt 2G..... 4 Fraunfelder

Subs: Phi Delta Theta: Robertson, Stiner 2, Zenger 2, Briggs, Bond 8.

Wrestlers Bill Return Bout

Lewis and Clark's wrestlers will host the Oregon varsity grapplers Saturday in Portland for a return meeting, the Ducks dropping the Pioneers by a 20-11 count in the first match. In the preliminary contest the Oregon Frosh will be looking for their seventh win of the season when they tangle with Vancouver high.

The Ducks will be handicapped by the loss by injury of Roy Schlessler in the 123-lb. class, but will still have strong favorites in Bob Williams, Dave Newland, Roland Wilson and Ken Kesey.

The Pioneers will counter with Ralph Staley in the 177-lb. division and Harry McAdams in the heavyweight class. Staley is a former state champion and McAdams was a runner-up in Far Western AAU competition.

Oregon's Darrell Klampe will meet Max Weber in the 130-lb. class, and Williams will tangle with Butch Benner of the Pioneers in the 137-lb. match. Newland will grapple with Tex Cowart in the next event and Roland Wilson will go for Coach Bill Hammer against Jim Wiley in the 157 weight group.

Either Jack Hendrickson or John Woyat will oppose Howard Eyerly of the Pioneers in the 167-lb. tussle and Ken Kesey is matched against Staley. In the last match Oregon's Dick Barker will oppose McAdams.

The Frosh will be trying for their second win over Vancouver High as earlier in the season they handed the Van-Hi squad a 30-5 beating.

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