

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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Football for this fall is just a little more than half gone, and the basketball magazines are trying to hustle it out, but the 1955 grid year has already provided enough of the necessary characteristics of a full season.

As the Emerald prediction experts well know, we've had more than the usual share of upsets, tight games and unexpected runaways that mark a full year.

The dark horse teams have turned completely black and the sure bets for the cellar are up there fighting it out with the usual contenders. The pre-season all-stars have been hurt in early practices, and the third stringers have become sensations. Meanwhile the regular regulars just keep playing ball.

PCC Has Upsetter

The Pacific coast has had a giant killer tame a Big Ten pest or two in intersectionals, then get knocked over back home. Oregon and Oregon State have won a few games, and lost a few, too. Idaho has lost several games.

A man named Red has coached UCLA to a few victories with an assortment of side comments by a man whose boy does and doesn't like to play football alternately. Another coach named Red has made an All-American end into a quarterback and won several games for Army.

To mark this year further as a regular season, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Michigan State and Maryland are fighting it out in the top tens, and Navy is out Bowl shopping again. On the coast they all wonder what makes USC tick, beside Jon Arnett and two or three first string backfields.

Now It's Math . . .

But this business of predictions just goes up and down every week, except when some sharp eye relates elementary arithmetic to figuring out percentages.

So that's what happened to the unnamed sports editor this week. It seems that "Fearless Folly" Claussen was not the owner of the fabulous picking percentage which we have been assigning him each week.

Claussen's old rival "Redoubtable" Robinson pointed out a flaw in addition which gave the fearless one nine out of ten one week when he actually had only six right. Thus Claussen slumps to a level almost as low as the sports editor, who soon may take his battered prediction book and mathematical inability back to the farm if things get much worse.

Rice Leads Group

But on to another week's trials, where the select six are led by Editor Rice. Actually the venerable patriarch of the sports staff is tied with Robinson and the two upstart assistants for lead honors, but Rice's correct call of nine for ten last week elevates him to the top spot.

Gordon missed only the Ohio State reverse on Wisconsin to become the third staffer to get one miss honors. Rice was the sole picker of the Hofstra-Upsala mystery game, which Upsala won.

This week, in an attempt to spread out the percentages a tab, we have one or two closer games on tap—notably Notre Dame versus Navy, Georgia Tech against Duke and Wisconsin-Michigan State.

Dissension, But the Picks Go On

So as Claussen hurls old Woodward yearbooks at Robinson, the sports editor treks off to Math 10 and the assistants point proudly to their averages, Editor Rice tests the wind with two blades of grass and dramatically points east by southeast to the sixth week of Emerald predictions.

	Johnson	Wilson	Rice	Claussen	Robinson	Mitchelmore
Oregon vs. Idaho	.617	.617	.617	.596	.617	.553
Wash. vs. OSC	.24	.33	.14	.13	.20	.18
UCLA vs. Cal.	.12	.12	.13	.7	.6	.7
COP vs. WSC	.35	.18	.20	.21	.33	.19
Stanford vs. San Jose St.	.3	.7	.13	.7	.6	.7
USC vs. Minnesota	.10	.14	.7	.7	.18	.7
Georgia Tech vs. Duke	.20	.7	.13	.7	.6	.19
Notre Dame vs. Navy	.7	.7	.1	.1	.7	.3
Wisconsin vs. Michigan St.	.1	.6	.7	.7	.6	.6
Winston-Salem vs. J. C. Smith	.5	.13	.7	.13	.12	.6

Ducklings Face Baby Beavers

Oregon's 1955 freshman football team plays its only home game of the season this afternoon, facing the Oregon State Rooks. Game time is 2:30 p.m. on Hayward Field.

Coach Jerry Frei has named the starting lineup for the tilt: Ron Grottkau and Ron Stover at the ends; Jack Stone and Jerry Walling at the tackle positions; Larry Newsome and Bob Heard, guards and Dave Fish at center. In the backfield will be Herb Juran at quarterback; Charles Tourville and John Berg, halfbacks and Will Reeve at the fullback position.

In last week's 7-7 tie at Corvallis, the running attack sputtered against OSC Coach Dick Twenge's strong Rook line.

To smooth the ground game out, Coach Frei has been working his squad had this past week.

The Baby Beavers from Corvallis will be out to stop Stover, 6'2", 190 pound end, who caught six of the seven passes completed by the Ducklings last week. The Vallejo, Calif., youth also contributed fine blocking and tackling to the cause.

The teams are evenly matched, both possessing strong lines. Oregon will try to offset the Beaver running game with its passing attack and an interesting contest is in store for football fans.

B Volleyballers Hit by Forfeits

Three forfeits marred Thursday intramural volleyball action, but tight play and rule difficulties highlighted games played.

Theta Chi's B team dropped its first tilt to the Sigma Nu B's, but roared back to cop the next two and the match. Scores were 14-16, 15-7 and 15-9.

Delta Tau Delta scored a B victory over Sigma Chi with twin scores of 15-7; Alpha Tau Omega outscored Delta Upsilon, 15-0, 13-15 and 15-1.

French, Stafford and the Legal Eagles picked up forfeit victories from Cherney, Young and Barrister Inn.

Ex-Beaver Star Sets Pro Record

WINNIPEG (AP)—Ken Carpenter, who played four years for Oregon State before going on to star as a halfback for the Cleveland Browns, has set a touchdown record in Canada's Western Interprovincial Football Union.

He scored two touchdowns for Saskatchewan last weekend to make his total 17, one better than the 16 made by Tom Casey of Winnipeg in 1952.

Carpenter also leads the league in scoring with 85 points, 8 more than Winnipeg quarterback Buddy Leake has totaled.

Carpenter has played in Canada two years. He jumped Cleveland to join Saskatchewan.

IM Schedule

Volleyball

- 3:50—Sigma Phi Epsilon B vs. Phi Delta Theta B on court 40.
Beta Theta Pi B vs. Phi Gamma Delta B on court 43.
4:35—Chi Psi B vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon B on court 40.
Phi Kappa Sigma B vs. Kappa Sigma B on court 43.
5:15—Hale Kane B vs. Dorm Counselors B on court 40.
Sederstrom B vs. Cherney B on court 43.

Hobbling Vandals Leave for Eugene

The Idaho Vandals took a hurried workout in the rain Thursday afternoon, then ate dinner and boarded a train for Eugene and their game with the Oregon Ducks Saturday.

Coach Skip Stahley could muster only 33 players for the trip. The rest of the Vandal squad is hobbled with injuries.

Last name to go on the lame list was that of Howard Willis, sophomore quarterback and star passer. Willis worked out with a heavily taped ankle, but is expected to start against Oregon.

The Vandals spent most of their time trying to keep warm with loosening up drills and wind sprints. A few pass patterns were tried.

Coach Johnny Cherberg predicts a victory, but a narrow one, for his Washington Huskies in their Pacific Coast conference football clash with Oregon State at Seattle Saturday.

Washington regulars stopped cold the Oregon State plays run at them by the reserves. Washington's Cherberg, encouraged, said, "If they play this way Saturday we should

beat the Beavers — by one touchdown."

Tailback Joe Francis, key man in the Oregon State offense, is a doubtful starter against Washington. Coach Tom deGroat indicated. Ends Bod deGrant and Norm Thiel and tackle Howard Buettgenbach are also on the injury list. Francis has a leg injury.

Red Sanders gave his UCLA Bruins a look at California T-formation operations and then put the team through an hour and a half drill in offensive signals.

California Coach Lynn Waldorf gave his squad a session on goal line defense. Waldorf said the team's defense performance showed improvement. Don Tronstein, out since the Penn game with an injured knee, worked in scrimmage and will start Saturday at UCLA's Homecoming.

Coach Chuck Taylor of Stanford also stressed work in the goal line area, but his purpose was developing scoring punch inside the 10-yard line. Washington last week pushed Stanford back scoreless after a first down and goal to go on the three.

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