

Duck Tracks

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How many months of the year does a college coach work? Three or four you say. Not so. The figure is usually 12 months a year either getting ready or actually coaching their respective teams. Basketball Coach Bill Borchers' off-season activities are a good example of the business-like research and planning that must be used to find success in big-time sports.

Basketball practice for the 1955-56 season started only last Tuesday and the two dozen prospects have had 10 hours of practice. About 50 hours of practice time remain before the OSC opener Dec. 2. This isn't much, but Borchers has put in hundreds of hours since the last game of the 1954-55 season getting ready to make every practice minute count.

One advantage of being a college coach instead of a high school coach, besides the added prestige (also pressure) and salary, is that he seldom has to help with more than one team. In high school, a head coach in one sport is an assistant in at least one of the others. But in college, except for teaching physical education, a coach can concentrate on his specialty throughout the year.

Movies Aid Review

But back to Borchers and basketball. As soon as last year's cage season ended, the Ducks' youthful skipper got to work thinking about how to improve the club for this year's tougher nine-team conference race. Discounting past mistakes was the first job, and movies were the means.

Pacific Coast conference teams are allowed to have six game movies per season to review later. Borchers made good use of them, in fact practically wore them out. Being of the modern school in coaching methods, Borchers is a great believer in performance charts, showing everything that happened during a game practically right down to the way the players tied their shoelaces.

These charts, showing individual performances in shooting, rebounding and defense as well as the success of plays, were even more valuable than usual this time. The Webfoots lost only two seniors and six men altogether off the 18-man squad. Thus, player charts could be a great help in knowing what to work on in practice this year as well as giving ideas for play changes.

Loscutoff, Short Lane Gone

Much of the spring and summer is spent analyzing what happened the previous season and plans for the next are made accordingly. Borchers pointed out that the new 12-foot foul lane plus the loss of Jim Loscutoff cut down considerably on the Ducks rebounding strength. The offense thus was changed even more than usual this season.

During the summer months coaches usually go to at least one coaching school such as the one held here at Oregon in June. Borchers was also constantly in contact with other coaches and alumni, both to find ideas for his team and also to keep up on future prospects in players.

On this subject Borchers was disappointed about the results this year. Only two new transfers from junior colleges showed up for the hoop team this fall, as compared to half a dozen football prospects that entered Oregon last spring alone. Oregon State got the lions share of the state's top freshmen, also.

Prospects Still Good

This hasn't clouded prospects for a really good season, however. Sophomore Wimp Hastings is proving to be one of the best first-year guards in years, the club's three top seniors are vastly improved and Charlie Franklin, the big Negro transfer from Los Angeles, has potential than can be only labeled as "great."

Back to the get-ready routine. During the fall Borchers is really busy, getting his plays outlined, acting as counselor to his players and keeping alumni hopping watching for future prospects. Since PCC schools legally can offer little in the way of financial inducements (maximum of tuition and a \$75 a month job), alumni must use friendliness and sincere personal interest in each boy as the means of interesting him in coming to Oregon.

Meanwhile, the players are working out individually, getting ready for the Nov. 1 opening of practice. A week before the first organized workout, a meeting is held to fill out forms and a book of plays and drills is handed out to each player. Now they must bear the fruit of eight months of work by their coach.

Rams Wallop SF; Top West Division

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Los Angeles Rams made a brilliant second half comeback Sunday to defeat the San Francisco 49ers, 27-14, and take sole possession of the Western division lead in the National Football league. A crowd of 85,302 watched the wild contest in Memorial Coliseum.

Ducklings Take Win From WSC

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Oregon's freshman football team evened up its season's record at 1-1-1 by dumping Washington State college's Frosh, 14-7, Saturday night at Pendleton, in the final game of the campaign.

A 77-yard, third-period run by Duckling halfback Don Laudenslager provided the winning margin for the Frosh. Oregon had just taken over the ball on its own 20 after a WSC field goal attempt was no good. After Will Reeve made three yards, a fake handoff into the line and a pitch-out to Laudenslager completely fooled the Cougars.

Reeve Scores

Oregon's first touchdown came in the second quarter when big Will Reeve powered his way across from the two yard-line, to climax a 99-yard march by the winners.

The lone WSC score came on a seven yard pass from Don Ellingson to Dave Jones, ex-The Dalles standout.

Oregon, which had been passing in the first two games, came up with a powerful ground attack which rolled up 236 yards on the ground and only nine in the air for 245 net yards. WSC piled up 227 yards net, 125 on the ground and 102 in the air.

Few Penalties Called

An unusual feature was that there was only 10 yards in penalties during the game, all against Oregon. WSC was not penalized at all.

Score:
Oregon 0 7 7 0-14
Washington 0 7 0 0-7

Oregon scoring—TD's Reeve, 7 yard plunge, Laudenslager, 77 yard run. Conversion—Juran 2.

WSC scoring, TD—Jones, 7 yard pass from Ellingson. Conversion, Hare.

Trio Knotted For IM Lead

Delta Gamma, Alpha Delta Pi and Rebec house volleyball teams are tied for first place in women's intramural action after three weeks of action, all claiming 3-0 records.

In upcoming play, Susan Campbell-Highland house and ADPi-Rebec games are set for Monday; DG faces Alpha Omicron Pi Tuesday; Hendricks meets Gamma Phi Beta and Alpha Xi Delta while Carson 2 plays University house on Wednesday.

Thursday action will pit Ann Judson House against Chi Omega and Ordes against the Independents.

There's No Joy At COP

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP)—The faking of a quarterback was so good Saturday that he fooled the referee—and cost his team 27 yards.

It happened as College of Pacific bowed to UCLA 34-0.

COP quarterback Junior Reynsa faked a handoff to halfback Tom Perry. Referee Joe Vigna was so sure Perry had it that when the Bruins piled up the halfback Vigna blew his whistle.

As it tootled, the ball was sailing downfield from Reynsa to Roger Linn for a 30-yard gain to the Bruin 35. But since the whistle's sound had caused the Bruins' defenders to slow down, the referee nullified the pass.

The play went as a three yard gain for Perry—who didn't have the ball.

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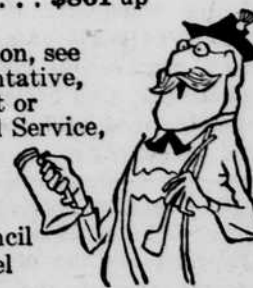


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