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Duck Tracks

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The 1955 season is one of the banner years of professional football. Never have the pros shown such skill and speed in their execution of play. Never have games been more exciting or division races closer.

Fans are breaking down the turnstiles as new attendance records are being set. Another 30 to 40 million fans are avid followers of professional football via television. Yet two words, "dirty football," blur this otherwise clear and happy picture. Otto Graham, quarterback of the Cleveland Browns, charged that pro football was "dirty" in a speech at Atlanta.

Graham had made the same charges in October, 1954, in a national weekly sports publication. Otto Graham is regarded as the number one passer in pro football. He has had this distinction during most of the 10 years he has played the game for pay. Graham has parlayed his football eminence successfully, not only on the field but also as a magazine writer and insurance man.

'Old Clean Pants' Speech Ill-timed

Anyone who has ever seen the Browns in action, may have noted the fresh and clean appearance of Graham's uniform at the end of the game. His bedraggled and grimy teammates have been knocked about trying to protect his hide so that he might pass effectively and help to win the game.

"Old Clean Pants," as Graham is known, was knocked cold in the New York Giants game. His "dirty football" speech was delivered in Atlanta the next day. Even Graham admits this was bad timing.

Giant coach Jim Lee Howell scaldingly threw aside Graham's comments. He pointed out it was "the easiest thing in the world to put a quarterback out of commission. If we wanted to get Graham we could have done it a long time ago. If anybody had wanted to get him it could have been done 10 years ago."

Mara, Giants' Exec, Blasts Graham

Wellington Mara, Giant's secretary, summed up his feelings by saying, "His farewell is a series of slurs impugning the respectability of officials, opponents and teammates with whom he has associated for 10 years. I don't know anyone who has gotten so much out of a sport who leaves with so little grace."

Don Paul, 230 pound linebacker of the Los Angeles Rame, was asked to express his views on the status of pro ball in a piece by SI writer Melvin Dursley. Paul, an eight year veteran and captain of the Rams, is generally regarded as the National Football league's most proficient exponent of rock-em and sock-em.

Paul separates the rough players into two carefully distinguished groups; the villains and the vipers. A villain is one who plays rough but legal, slipping in an extracurricular belt or two in a "coldly calculated plan of discouragement." A viper is a dirty player who tries to hurt a player and put him out of the game just for kicks.

Len Ford of Browns, 'The Hangman'

Len Ford, 260-pound defensive end of the Browns, is called "The Hangman." He gets this nickname from an occasional habit of charging with his left arm extended rigidly from his side. People going past him have been known to hang themselves on this limb, in the manner of one catching his chin on the clothesline."

Art Donovan, 270-pound Baltimore tackle, is known as "The Mincer." He specializes in pulverizing faking backs so forcefully that they will make sure he knows they don't have the ball and thus lost their effectiveness.

"The Humper," is Hardy Brown, defensive back of the San Francisco 49ers. Brown has an extraordinarily skillful pair of shoulders and can shoulder block a ball-carrier with a bang that will shake the ashes off the cigar of a gent in the tenth row.

Chuck Bednarik of Philadelphia is dubbed "The Clutcher." The 230-pound linebacker specializes in keeping pass receivers within his grasp unnoticed by officials. George Connor of the Chicago Bears is also highly regarded by Paul as a pass-receiver detainer. The 240-pound linebacker is known as "The Foot" and people seem to have a bad habit of tripping over Connor's outflung twinkies.

ATO's Grab Title In Greek Bowling

Alpha Tau Omega came out on top of the closely contested inter-fraternity bowling league when it wound up play for the term last Wednesday night.

Delta Upsilon was a close second, one game from a tie for first.

In Wednesday night's action the ATO's won three out of a possible four games from Lambda Chi Alpha; Delta Upsilon took all four points from Sigma Chi; Phi Delta Theta won four from Sigma Alpha Mu, and Theta Chi won three and lost one to Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Don Jacklin lead the DU's to their victory with the high series of 593, and Bryce Reimer lead the ATO's to their victory with the high game of 223.

	Won	Lost
ATO	21	7
DU	20	8
TKE	16	12
Sigma Chi	12	16
Phi Delt	14	14
Lambda Chi	11	17
Theta Chi	11	17
SAM	7	21

High Average—Don Jacklin, 190.
High Net Series—Bryce Reimer, 594.

Iowa Sophomore Snares NCAA Cross-Country

EAST LANSING (AP)—Charles (Deacon) Jones of Iowa finished like a sprinter Monday to win the 17th annual NCAA cross country run in 10:57.4.

Michigan State placed four men among the first 11 to take the team title. Kansas university was runnerup in the team race and Notre Dame and New York university tied for third.

The fight for individual honors was a two-man duel between Jones and Henry Kennedy of Michigan State. Both are sophomores.

Phi Delts, Hale Kane In Volleyball Finals

Phi Delta Theta and Hale Kane will battle it out in today's volleyball finals. With victories in A and B divisions, each organization swept Monday's semi-final play. All tilts were closely matched and spectator interest was high.

Heavily-favored Hale Kane A fought past a potent Delta Tau Delta squad, 15-11, 13-15, 15-12, in the afternoon's top thriller. Paced by Charley Oyama, the Straub sextet was forced to scramble against the Delts, who utilized a stiff defense. Rules trouble and an enthusiastic crowd added color to the series.

In further A action, Phi Delta Theta grabbed two from Sederstrom by twin scores of 15-5. Both games were much closer than the scores reveal, and Phi Delta's height edge was a factor in overcoming the improved Vets.

Hale Kane B dropped one game to Sigma Alpha Epsilon, then roared back to grab the series and a finals spot. Scores of 8-15, 15-6, 15-2 marked the SAE's downfall. Phi Delt B, led by Dave Earl, nabbed identical wins from a spirited Phi Kappa Psi outfit, 15-10, 15-10, to complete the day's action.

Today's finals will begin at 4 p.m. in court 40, with Phi Delta Theta A and Hale Kane scheduled to tangle. At 4:45 Hale Kane and Phi Delt B squads will meet in the same court.

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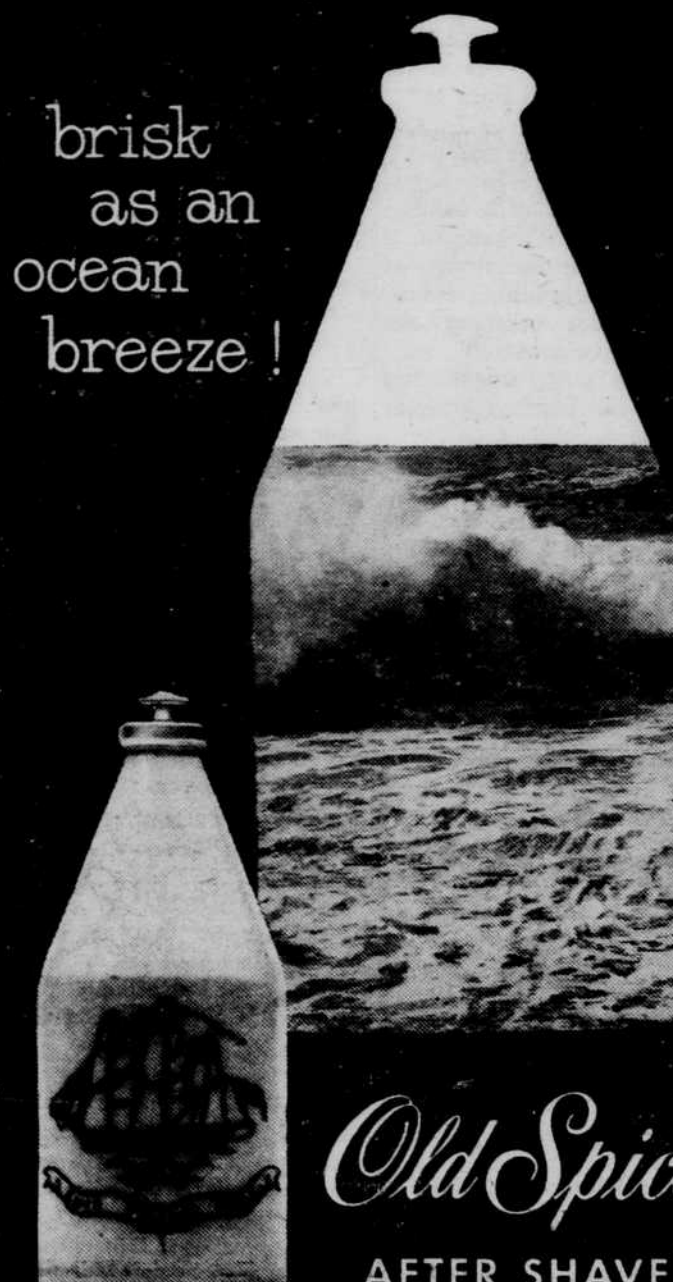


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