

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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King Football has been violently deposed. The fickle fancy of the sports fan has turned to basketball and anything that happens on the gridiron from now on is strictly anti-climax. To be sure, bowl games are on tap, with all their glamour and thrills, and all-star games galore offer a chance to see anyone's favorite football player in final collegiate action. But Wilt the Stilt scored 52 points and Charlie Franklin is back, and football just doesn't matter any more.

The football season of 1956 was unusual, to say the least. On the Coast, ineligibilities cut down the southern California schools and other penalties took away Rose Bowl chances for three teams, but Oregon State's Beavers didn't need to "back in" to the post-season classic. They won it by being the best team on the Coast.

The biggest noise across the nation was the sickening thud as Notre Dame's football fortunes hit rock bottom. The Irish managed only two wins all season, and rumors circulated that Frank Leahy would come out of retirement to put his boys back on top next year. Which is one of the more ridiculous rumors we've heard all year. Oklahoma kept rolling along, and a less ridiculous rumor, that the Sooners might add the Chicago Cardinals to their schedule, was heard.

Bowl Teams Duck Victims

At Oregon, the Ducks could boast of a 1-1-1 record with bowl teams but little else. The fumble jinx hit early and stayed late, and there was nothing that could be done about it. At least two of the four losses on the season's ledger could be directly blamed on fumbles, and they were enough to make the season less than a success.

Outstanding Webfoot was captain Phil McHugh, who played his end position with enough vigor and skill to earn all-Coast honors and a bid to the East-West Shrine game. The Oregon line, supposedly the weak spot in the team before the season opened, turned in one of the finest performances in recent years, leading the conference all season in defense.

But now it's basketball season, and the Ducks, given little chance to do anything this year, are ready to disprove that theory as they tackle the University of Portland and Texas this weekend. The Ducks are green and not brilliant shooters, but they're willing and they won't give up. Steve Belko has a man-sized job cut out for him, but he looks like a fellow who can get things done.

Pickers Face Final Week

The Emerald pickers had a slightly rocky time of it two weeks ago, but they all managed to stay above the magic .600 mark. Now they enter the final week with grim smiles on their drawn faces, knowing little about the East-West, Blue-Gray, North-South, Up-Down, Inside-Outside teams, but willing to give it a try.

Thus, the last Emerald football predictions:

	Mitchel- more (.681)	Howser (.681)	Wilson (.660)	Lari- more (.660)	Ramsey (.649)	Chapman (.638)
OSC vs. Iowa	OSC 3	OSC 1	Iowa 7	Iowa 10	OSC 7	Iowa 7
Tennessee vs. Baylor	Tenn. 6	Tenn. 7	Tenn. 13	Tenn. 3	Tenn. 13	Tenn. 12
Syracuse vs. TCU	Syra. 1	Syra. 6	TCU 7	TCU 6	TCU 7	Syra. 3
Colorado vs. Clemson	Colo. 6	Clem. 1	Colo. 7	Colo. 1	Colo. 6	Colo. 14
Georgia Tech vs. Pitt	Tech 2	Tech 7	Tenn. 13	Tech. 6	Tech. 7	Tech. 6
East-West	West 10	West 13	West 6	East 7	East 14	West 1
North-South	South 13	South 6	North 7	North 6	South 1	North 7
Blue-Gray	Blue 7	Blue 6	Gray 13	Blue 10	Gray 12	Blue 12

PCC Establishes New Grade Requirements

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — The Pacific Coast Conference boosted scholastic requirements for football players and other athletes Tuesday.

Approved by the faculty representatives for athletics from the nine member schools, who take official action for the PCC,

was a new rule requiring a "C" high school average for out of state students to be eligible for athletics at a member institution.

This rule will become effective at the start of the next semester.

Webfoots Open Basketball Play In Doubleheader

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Head Coach Steve Belko unveils his first Oregon basketball team Friday night in Corvallis, and the opposing Portland Pilots figure to see plenty of the new Duck offense before the evening is over.

Belko, who came to Eugene after six very successful years at Idaho State, has worked the hustling squad for six trying weeks of practice, and said early this week that "they're ready to go."

The first two tests for the young, inexperienced Webfoots are tough. After the Pilot tilt Friday the University of Texas comes to Eugene for part two of a doubleheader in McArthur Court. OSC and Portland tangle in the opening half.

Not everything is new to Oregon basketball this year, however, as seven lettermen return to the cage wars. The list was completed Monday when Charlie Franklin threw off his ineligibility wraps and resumed practice sessions. The 6'3" junior forward from Los Angeles, who had encountered scholastic difficulties, immediately began

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