

Duck Tracks

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With no thought of starting a "Civil War" with our Oregon State neighbors in printed words, but only to enlighten Chuck Wenstrum, Sports Co-Editor of the Barometer, of a few facts, we are reprinting, in part, his recent comments made on last New Year's Rose Bowl game under his "Orange Notes" column:

"Along with the long list of accolades conferred on our southern neighbors and their fine football team we would like to add our congratulations for a job well done.

"Coach Len Casanova and his green machine from Eugene' did the Pacific Coast conference, and especially the northwest division of said conference right proud.

"We from Oregon State knew for a fact, though there were some divergents, just how good the Oregon Ducks were. They gave our Beavers the fight of their lives before falling by the identical score of the Rose Bowl, 10-to-7."

Oregon Played Better Games

(Interruption: if Oregon's performance against the Beavers is the only means you had to tell the Webfoots' talent, then you didn't know how good Oregon's team was. It was a better offensive team that defeated UCLA, 21-0, California, 24-6, and Stanford, 27-26; it was a better defensive team that held Pittsburgh, 3-6, and beat UCLA, 21-0. In short you didn't see Oregon at its best.)

"Comparative scores is not the best way to judge the capabilities of teams. The best way is to pit the teams against each other and may the best team win. For this reason I cannot go along with those who say Oregon should have won, or that they had the better team. If this were the case Oregon would have won. The way it stands now the team with the most points at the game's end is the winner irregardless of how much they played, how many first downs they made or how much yardage they picked up."

(Interruption: You have failed to prove your point. What if Oregon HAD won; would that make the Ducks a better team than the one that lost? It still would have been the same team—same personel. Then how does one judge a team? Two methods are used: (1) by comparative records and (2) by say-so of authority—that is, by the say-so of top coaches and writers. On both counts, Oregon was superior to Ohio State. This corner will grant that Ohio State had superior personel, but the Webfoots had the best TEAM that day thanks to excellent coaching of Len Casanova and his staff and the stout hearts of the Oregon gridders.)

'One of PCC's Best Hours'

"This is not intended to belittle Oregon in the least. They gave the Pacific Coast Conference one of its finest football hours on January 1, 1958." (Interruption: There's no argument here. You're absolutely right.)

"Oregon State's claim to fame on this memorable Rose Bowl classic is that the Beavers dumped Oregon also by the score of 10-to-7. Also it might be mentioned that several of the Oregon Ducks thought that Oregon State played a tougher game. OSC's Nub Beamer was also mentioned as being just as hard if not a harder runner than Ohio State's Bob White."

(Interruption: Oregon State was in the same position in the "Civil War" contest that Oregon was in the Rose Bowl: everything to gain and nothing to lose. The spirit that carried the Webfoots to the Rose Bowl game was not present the day OSC scraped by with a victory in the annual big game. Oregon State's backfield certainly compared with that of the Buckeyes, but it was Ohio State's line play that made it a Big Ten champion. Don't start comparing Oregon State with Ohio State on comparative scores on the one hand and then say comparative scores is not the best way to judge a team on the other.)

Columbus A.C. Honors Crabtree

Oregon quarterback Jack Crabtree leaves this afternoon for Columbus, Ohio to be honored at the annual Touchdown Club banquet Friday night. He will stay at the Columbus Athletic Club until his return home Sunday.

The Webfoot star was voted the outstanding player of the Rose Bowl game by the Helms

Foundation and also by the Touchdown Club. Crabtree will stop in San Francisco before leaving for Ohio.

He will also represent the state of Oregon by presenting to the Ohio governor a fir sapling Governor Holmes of Oregon lost in a Rose Bowl wager.

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Smith, Sweetser, Eagles Capture 'A' Hoop Victories

High-scoring games were the order of the day Wednesday as three more intramural teams took first-round 'A' basketball victories.

Feature of the afternoon was Smith Hall's 37-32 squeaker over Stafford. In other action, Sweetser Hall downed Morton Hall, 35-29, and Legal Eagles whipped the Busads, 32-24. Joyle Dahl of the Legal Eagles took scoring honors for the afternoon with 16 points.

Smith Nicks Stafford

Hard play in the first quarter saw a tied 10-10 score as the squads went into the second quarter. In the second quarter Stafford scored four points to the Smith team's two points to make the half-time score 14-12.

During the third quarter Stafford and Smith Halls both hit for 12 points, with the score going into the final quarter 26-24. The hard-driving Smith team pulled into the lead early in the quarter and maintained the lead.

Box Score:
Smith (37) (32) Stafford
Griffin F (8) Nelson
Ballard (10) F (10) Eisner
Uhrham. (11) C (2) Grant
McCorm. (12) G (4) Perkins
Jordan (4) G (8) Nyssen
Scoring subs: None.

Sweetser Downs Morton

Morton outplayed Sweetser to talley a 6-2 lead by the end of the first quarter, but by the half

Sweetser take control of the hoop, point margin. Halftime score was 11-10 in favor of Morton.

The third quarter saw O. J. Balma and Walt Baranski of Sweetser take control of the hoop, with Sweetser coming out on top 20-17. Sweetser controlled the last quarter, with the final score reading 35-29.

Box Score:
Sweetser (35) (29) Morton
Collins F (2) Farmer
Balma (14) F Timmerman
Collier (2) C (7) Payne
Livesey G (12) Risinger
Hendrick G Hanson
Scoring subs: Morton—Simkins (2), Larson (4), Cameron (2); Sweetser—Baranski (14), Taafe (2), Hunter (3).

Eagles Bounce Busads

The Legal Eagles and the Busads both started slow, with the

first quarter score 4-0 in favor of the Legal Eagles.

Early in the second quarter the Legal Eagles took control of the court and held control until the final horn. The half-time score was 14-8 with the Busads on the low end.

A 24-12 lead was chalked up by the Legal Eagles by the end of the third quarter. Early in the fourth quarter the Busads pulled within four points of the Eagles, but lost out in the final minutes.

Box Score:
Legal Eagles (32) (24) Busads
Bick (4) F (2) O'Neill
Babcock (2) F (2) Wolfe
Jeub (4) C Murray
Bahl (16) G (4) Dolley
Kirby (6) G (2) Burler
Scoring subs: Busads—Drugan —(14).

Handball

Sigma Chi won the doubles and a singles handball match to down Sigma Alpha Epsilon Wednesday. The remaining match was called off because of an injury to the SAE player.

The 1945 Webfoot hoopers finished fifth in the NCAA championship tournament by dropping the first-round match to Arkansas, 76-79, and then defeating Utah, 69-66, in the consolation round.

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IM Schedule

Thursday, Jan. 16
Basketball

3:50 Young A vs. McClure A, Court 40.
4:35 Alpha A vs. Sheldon A, Court 40.
5:15 NWCC A vs. Barrister Inn A, Court 40.
Handball
4:00 Sigma Chi vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Courts 42, 44 and 46.

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