

Duck Tracks

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— Rich Good —

Our fine feathered friends from the south have changed from Ducks into green-eyed monsters due to all the wonderful publicity Terry Baker has earned for OSU. In fact, with a childish display of envy and the stamping of their little webbed feet, our neighbors from the Emerald (rough cut at best) Empire have demanded that Mel Renfro receive equal time on television. It sounds like they're running a political campaign to see who can corral the most students for next fall's registration.

The amazing part of the story is that they have succeeded in conning a Portland station (to the disgust of rivals) into doing a half-hour sketch on Renfro using the same format as the Baker documentary.

Show Comes Too Early

We are not arguing the validity of Marvelous Mel (his nickname sounds more like a soap commercial all the time) as a great athlete for he obviously is one of the finest in Oregon sports history. We do, however, feel strongly against this program for two reasons. (1) The program, set for Jan. 25th, is coming a year too early. If Mr. Renfro wins even half the honors that Terry Baker received we say go ahead, he deserves the show—next year! But up to now he has yet to receive anywhere near the amount of honors warranting a program similar to Baker's. What if Mel should flop next year (and these things do happen in sport) for some unforeseen reason? (2) Coming at this time all the show can do is cheapen itself and the honor such a documentary gave to Terry Baker.

After witnessing Renfro compete last June in the NCAA track meet at Eugene and witnessing him giving Oregon State fits on the gridiron we are convinced he is not only a great athlete but a great competitor. As a great competitor we are sure Mel is a proud man and therefore believe he would feel somewhat uncomfortable knowing he is receiving this honor while riding the crest of a wave of publicity started by another great athlete.

Rebuttal

We can't let an attack like this one go unnoticed. Mel Renfro, as well as Terry Baker, belongs to an exclusive group of men called "super athletes". Renfro, as well as Baker, not only does many things, he does them exceptionally well. Renfro, as well as Baker, has already been proven a fine athlete.

Mr. Good's two main points for showing why Renfro should not be given a documentary are that he hasn't received the honors that Baker has and that it would cheapen the honor that the original show gave to Baker.

Since the second point is not rational but merely based on the fact that Good is a school mate of Baker's and has a certain loyalty for him based on that fact, it is hardly worth discussing. However, the first argument needs a little redoing.

First, it is impossible for Renfro to receive all the honors Terry Baker collected. The politics involved in making post-season awards would never allow many of Baker's honors to be bestowed on Renfro. The Heisman and Maxwell Trophies would never be given to the state of Oregon two years in succession. Sports Illustrated would never make its Sportsman of the Year award to college football twice in a row. Thus no matter what Renfro does next year these awards will be denied him.

Second, the "clean sweep" of this year's honors by Baker was not the result merely of his fine play but also a fantastic publicity campaign by OSU publicity man John Eggers. We look back in our mail drawer and find something on Baker arrived every other day. It makes us wonder how much copy some of the major newspapers and influential writers and coaches received. Oregon has no setup like this on Renfro. Certainly the Webfoot P.R. men, Art Litchman and Hal Childs, sing his praises to the newspapers but they don't carry on an All-American publicity effort to build him into an All-American.

Finally, why didn't the T.V. station wait until Baker had a year in pro-football to run a documentary on him or even better yet why didn't they wait until he was dead so there would be no chance of failure. Sound stupid? It is, but it's the same type of logic Mr. Good wants us to accept.

Webfoots Meet Cougars In Clash of Dismal Records

The Oregon Ducks reach the halfway mark of the current basketball season when they travel to the land of the Cougars to engage Washington State in a two-game series.

BELKO'S WEBFOOTS will hope to improve their dismal 4-7 record against Coach Marv Harshman's hapless Cougars. The WSU squad boasts only one win in their last ten attempts.

The two teams met earlier this season and the Ducks managed their only win of the Far West Classic, 67-57. Last season they split four games with Washington State, each team winning on their home courts.

The high scorers for the Cougars are the two backcourt men, Byron Vadset and Jim Walton. Vadset, a dangerous outside shooter, scored 31 points in a recent win over Montana State.

HARSHMAN has been missing a productive front line. However, he is looking for increased scoring from forwards Dale Ford and

their four-game undefeated record on the line against two independent teams.

FRIDAY, COACH Don Kirsch's boys tackle Truax Oil of Corvallis at Camp Adair. Saturday they journey to Milwaukie high school to face highly-rated Claudia's of Portland in a benefit game.

Kirsch may be without starter Rick Potter. The six-foot guard from San Diego is off the court with a knee injury. In four games this year he has averaged eight points a night.

Potter's starting spot will be taken by Dave Kafoury, of Portland's Cleveland high school. Kafoury has scored 31 points this year. Twenty of them came in the game with Priestly Oil of Portland Saturday night.

The other guard for the week-end's games will be the brilliant Jim Barnett, who is averaging 23 points an outing. The rest of the starting quint are 6-8 center Gene Brockmeyer, 6-5 Bill Jennings, who is netting 11.5 points a game, and 6-5 John Franz.



INFERIORITY CAN BE FUN

The second gravest problem confronting college students today is inferiority feelings. (The first gravest problem is of course, the recent outbreak of moults among sorority house canaries.) Let us today look into the causes of inferiority feelings and their possible cures.

Psychologists divide inferiority feelings into three principal categories:

1. Physical inferiority.
2. Mental inferiority.
3. Financial inferiority.

(A few say there is also a fourth category: ichthyological inferiority—a feeling that other people have prettier fish—but I believe this is common only along the coasts and in the Great Lakes area.)

Let us start with the feeling of physical inferiority, perhaps the easiest to understand. Naturally we are inclined to feel inferior to the brawny football captain or the beautiful homecoming queen. But we should not. Look at all the people, neither brawny nor beautiful, who have made their marks in the world. Look at Napoleon. Look at Socrates. Look at Caesar. Look at Lassie.



We are inclined to feel inferior

What I mean is that you can't always tell what's inside a package by looking at the outside. (Sometimes, of course, you can. Take Marlboro Cigarettes, for example. Just one glance at that jolly red-and-white package—so bright and pert—so neat but not gaudy—so perfectly in place whether you are at a formal dinner or a beach picnic—so invariably correct for any time, clime, or condition—one look, I say, at this paragon of packs and you know it has to contain cigarettes of absolute perfection. And you are right! That pure white Marlboro filter, that fine, flavorful blend of Marlboro tobaccos, will give you a smoke to make the welkin ring, whatever that is. So those of you who have just been sitting and admiring your Marlboro packs since the beginning of the semester, why don't you open a pack and light one? Light a cigarette, I mean—not the package. Then you can settle back and smoke your Marlboro and, at the same time, continue to gaze rapturously at the pack. Thus you will be twice as happy as you are if that is possible.)

But I digress. Let us turn now to the second category—mental inferiority. A lot of people think they are dumber than other people. This is not so. It must be remembered that there are different kinds of intelligence. Take, for instance, the classic case of the Sigafos brothers, Claude and Sturbridge, students at Wake Forest. It was always assumed that Claude was the more intelligent just because he knew more than Sturbridge about the arts, the sciences, the social sciences, the humanities, and like that. Sturbridge, on the other hand, was ten times smarter than Claude when it came to tying granny knots. But no matter; everybody looked down on "Stupid Sturbridge," as they called him and looked up at "Clever Claude," as they called him. But who do you think turned out to be the smart one when their granny almost got loose and ran away? You guessed it—good old Stupid Sturbridge.

We arrive now at the final category, financial inferiority. One way to deal with this condition is to increase your income. You can, for example, become a fence. Or you can pose for a life class, if your college is well heated.

But a better way to handle financial inferiority is to accept it philosophically. Look on the bright side of poverty. True, others may have more money than you have, but look at all the things you have that they don't—debts, for instance, and hunger cramps.

And what about friendship? You don't need money to have friends, and let me tell you something, good people: the older you get the more you will realize that nothing is so precious as friendship, and the richest man in the world is the one with the most money.

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BOB YATES
... starting berth?

Allen Thompson and center Ted Werner in the weekend tilts.

The situation is the opposite in the Oregon camp. The long-range scorers have suffered a drought while the strong forward line of forwards Steve Jones, Jim Johnson and center Glenn Moore have fared well.

All three have countered well over a hundred points. Jones presently is hitting 46 per cent of his shots and averaging 15.5 points a game.

This veteran trio will start for Belko on Friday night at WSU. Elliott Gleason, a 6-2 sophomore, will probably start at guard. The other backcourt starter may be Bob Yates, John Mack or Pat Loy.

YATES, A 5-11 sophomore, is a deadly marksman from the outside. Last season, with the Ducklings, he averaged nine points a game and showed excellent qualities of leadership.

Loy, another sophomore, played his high school ball with North Salem. Rated one of the steadiest of last year's frosh, he scored seven points a game and was one of the squad's best playmakers.

Mack, a 6-3 senior, is a top defensive player but he is not much of an offensive threat. He was a starter last year and snagged 136 rebounds.

While the varsity is playing in the north, the Ducklings will put

IM Schedule

Basketball

Wednesday, January 16

3:50 Court 40—Omega B vs. Dymment B

4:35 Court 40—Delta Chi B vs. Phi Kappa Sigma B

5:15 Court 40—Chi Psi B vs. Delta Tau Delta B

Handball

Kappa Sigma vs. Collier

ADPi Victorious

Alpha Delta Pi won the woman's intramural volleyball championship recently in a play-off with Alpha Omicron Pi. The ADPi's won on a best two out of three play-off series.