

Quack Cracks



Divers Good

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DIVING AND SWIMMING.

There's a switch for you.

Did you ever hear it said that way before? I mean, instead of vice-versa?

Diving and swimming—that's like saying pepper and salt, butter and bread, eggs and ham, or Lyndon and Bobby.

There are some names you just don't transpose.

Diving's gotta be small and inferior compared to the whole of swimming. It's just one-eleventh of the meet.

Furthermore, it's not appreciated. **WHY IS IT** often the first event held? So people can come in late and miss it.

It's actually a wonder there are any divers at all. Obviously, diving skill isn't required in order to swim. But it doesn't work the other way around. You always have a swimmer of sorts before you have a diver.

That is, if he ever becomes a diver. Which isn't very likely. Swimmers, being a dedicated bunch, are usually reluctant to try anything new... especially when that something involves complicated 2½ somersaults and high altitude hairpin turns during takeoffs.

The ones who do try those acrobatic takeoffs are naturally the ones who become divers. Not because they want to, mind you—but because when they finally hit the water after that dive they're so far behind that they'd have to be Aqua Man himself to catch up.

Such a boy is hopeless. That's why he turns to diving.

If, however, he thinks that decision will end his frustrations, he's got another think coming.

You'd have to see a diving practice session to believe it.

More twisting and turning goes on in some of those dives than comes out of any pretzel factory in a month. And pretzels have an advantage over divers: pretzels can be twisted an indiscriminate number of times. With a diver, it's either a double twist, a 1½, a full twist, a half twist, no twist, or no points.

That still wouldn't be too bad if they didn't have to somersault, pike, kip and point toes properly all at the same time. Most people's minds knot up in double somersaults just thinking about it.

The diver's got more problems.

He's unwanted.

Swimmers can't risk him practicing around them. That'd be like running the National AAU mile in a Vietnamese rice paddy.

America's swimmers were competing in Russia last month. Suppose one of them had been killed in the pool when bombed by a flying Russian 10-meter diver. How would that have been for East-West relations?

Swimming and diving in America is about the only sport an "anti-segregation" law isn't in effect.

Divers can't use the swimming pool during the prime afternoon hours. Usually they have to wait until the early morning or late evening.

If they're fortunate, there's a diving pool in the area. If not, they practice on the trampoline. That, however, exposes yet another threat.

Gymnastics coaches pick off more aspiring divers for trampoline duty than football prognosticators pick losers.

And gymnastics appeals to the boy. He's still a pretzel—but at least not a soggy one.

The true diver, however, is as dedicated an animal as is found in the zoo. He practices hours daily; he strives constantly for improvement; and when he reaches that "magic" 400 point mark for ten dives, he sets a new goal for 500 points and the NCAA championship that would probably go with it.

A good diver puts on a performance not to be excelled beauty-wise by any other sport. His height off the board isn't measured in high and low points, but in apogees and perigees. His grace makes you wonder if he's practicing some sort of airborne ballet. And his entry makes less of a splash than an egg foo young recipe on a Russian sports page.

When he talks, he's almost unbearably modest. It's as if he keeps reminding himself of his swimming failures.

He'll tell you that he was entered in a multitude of swimming and diving meets over the summer, if you ask him. And you'd better believe him. **YOU'D BETTER BELIEVE** him because he'll be showing the results of the practice soon. Oregon opens its dual meet season later this fall against Oklahoma at Leighton Pool.

Is it worth seeing? If it isn't, nothing is. The Webfoots have far and away the best diving team in the conference—possibly in the nation.

Larry Folinsbee, past PAC and reigning Canadian National Champ, will be there for Oregon in addition to Wayne Schwandt, a sophomore who, as a freshman last year, beat Folinsbee, Greg DiCristopharo, a former all-American Junior College Diver from Foothills College, Calif., and Tom Speight, Northwest AAU champion.

So when you get to the meet, get to it early.

Diving may be the first event.

P.S. Oklahoma will bring more than a swimming team to Oregon on that trip. Their wrestling team (second in the NCAA last year) is going to challenge Coach Art Keith's upcoming Webfoots. A couple years ago any thought of Oregon meeting a powerhouse like this would have been a laugh. But Webfoot wrestling—thanks to Keith—has progressed remarkably in the last two years—and it could be a good meet. We'll keep you posted on that as the time draws near.

Prognosis: Maybe

Backs Injured in Drills

Oregon's football team received a setback Tuesday when highly touted sophomore tailback, Claxton Welch left the field due to an injury during drills.

Welch had not played since being injured in Oregon's opener with Oklahoma, but had been expected to be ready for Oregon's PAC opener against Stanford in Portland's Multnomah Stadium Saturday. His condition is as yet uncertain.

Duck fullback Arlen Elms also was injured and became a doubtful starter for Saturday's encounter when he pulled a muscle in light workouts last Monday.

If Elms is unable to start Saturday, Ken Grote will likely get the fullback job, reported Oregon coach Len Casanova. Grote is a 6-2, 195-pound rookie.

Also listed as doubtful for Saturday is 6-0, 207-pound sophomore starter George Dames who bruised

his knee last week against San Jose State and has refrained from contact during this week's drills.

Oregon's starting quarterback for Saturday, Mike Barnes, has also been bothered by injuries but is expected to be ready. Barnes injured an ankle against San Jose, his first game as a college quarterback, and had to be removed after piloting the Ducks most of the way.

Against San Jose Casanova sent in most of the plays from the bench due to Barnes' inexperience at running the offense. Saturday, however, Barnes may be ready to call his own plays.

"It all depends on how he picks it up," said Casanova.

Tuesday the Ducks went through what Casanova termed a "mediocre" practice session with harder drills scheduled for the remainder of the week. No workout is scheduled for Multnomah Stadium.

In preparation for Stanford Casanova had the freshman team run Stanford offensive plays against the Oregon defense.

This week's drills will not concentrate on anything in particular, reported Casanova. "We're trying to improve on anything," he said.

Moore Takes Over PAC Rushing Lead

Washington's bulldogging Donny Moore plowed to over 220 yards to take the brushing lead in PAC statistics released Tuesday.

Mel Farr of the powerhouse UCLA Bruins took the scoring lead from teammate Gary Beban as he tallied two TD's against Missouri and now has 30 points.

Beban, who was second in total offense last week, now leads that category as he passed Gene Washington of Stanford with a total of 263 yards running and passing against the Tigers. He has 628 yards total offense compared to 580 for Washington.

All other team and individual leaders remained atop and in some cases increased their leading margins.

WSU's Jerry Henderson hit for 12 completions, while USC's Troy Winslow got 10, to increase his lead over the Trojan field general Gene Washington of Stanford has four TD passes to lead the PAC.

Ron Drake, also of the Trojans, took over second place in the receiving department, but leader Doug Flansburg caught 10 to up his total to 27 for the season and nine over Drake.

Dave Lewis, the Stanford punter, upped his average from 44.4 to 46.0. He needed the long ones to stay ahead of OSU's Gary Houser who raised his mark to 44.5 with excellent punting against USC. One of Houser's punts went for 65 yards.

INDIVIDUAL

Scoring

Farr, UCLA — 30 (5 touchdowns). Jordan, Washington — 24 (4 touchdowns). Shoemaker, Stanford — 21 (6 conversions, 5 field goals). Beban, UCLA — 20 (3 touchdowns, 1 conversion). Zimmerman, UCLA — 20 (14 conversions, 2 field goals). Bradley, Cal — 18 (3 touchdowns). Sherman, USC — 18 (3 touchdowns). Gerela, WSU — 15 (1 touchdown, 3 conversions, 2 field goals). Reina, Oregon — 14 (2 touchdowns, 1 conversion). Busby, UCLA — 12 (2 touchdowns). Moore, Washington — 12 (2 touchdowns). McCall, USC — 12 (2 touchdowns). Stewart, Cal — (2 touchdowns).

Rushing

Moore, Washington — 320 (5.5 average). Farr, UCLA — 252 (6.5 average). Washington, Stanford — 233 (5.0 average). McCall, USC — 218 (5.0 average). Pifer, OSU — 217 (4.9 average). Jones, Oregon — 197 (3.0 average). Root, Stanford — 185 (4.5 average). Sherman, USC — 166 (7.2 average). Lewis, Stanford — 166 (11.9 average). Grim, OSU — 165 (8.7 average).

Passing

Henderson, WSU — 438 (.539 percentage). Winslow, USC — 453 (.571 percentage). Beban, UCLA — 482 (.605 percentage). Washington, Stanford — 347 (.377 percentage). Brothers, OSU — 129 (.364 percentage). Sparlin, Washington — 143 (.385 percentage). Bronk, Cal — 162 (.500 percentage). Brundage, Oregon — 108 (.355 percentage). Berry, Cal — 140 (.333 percentage). Barnes, Oregon — 126 (.444 percentage).

Receiving

Flansburg, WSU — 27 (298 yards, one TD). Drake, USC — 18 (226 yards, one TD). Busby, UCLA — 14 (247 yards, two

TD's). Conrad, Stanford — 13 (197 yards, one TD). Sherman, USC — 9 (96 yards, one TD). Bradley, Cal — 8 (120 yards, one TD). Bunker, Oregon — 8 (104 yards). Grim, OSU — 8 (59 yards). Blunt, Stanford — 6 (125 yards, one TD). Reina, Oregon — 6 (89 yards, two TD's). Gearhart, Cal — 6 (87 yards). Cope, Washington — 6 (70 yards). Williams, Washington — 6 (38 yards).

Punting

Lewis, Stanford — 7 (46.0 average). Houser, OSU — 17 (44.6 average). Gerela, WSU — 4 (44.5 average). Cox, UCLA — 9 (42.1 average). Engstrom, WSU — 14 (41.1 average). Berry, Cal — 18 (39.8 average). Leon, USC — 10 (37.4 average). Sisul, Oregon — 5 (36.6 average). Brothers, OSU — 1 (35 average). Martin, Washington — 12 (31.4 average).

Interceptions

Stewart, Cal — 4 (132 yards, 2 TD's). Grider, UCLA — 3 (73 yards). Herrera, UCLA — 3 (42 yards). Battle, USC — 2 (15 yards). Enyard, OSU — 2 (10 yards). Norris, WSU — 2 (3 yards). Smith, Oregon — 2 (no return). 24 with one each.

Total Offense

Beban, UCLA — 83 plays (146 rush, 482 passing). Washington, Stanford — 108 plays (233 rushing, 347 passing). Winslow, USC — 86 plays (24 rushing, 453 passing). Henderson, WSU — 95 (22 rushing, 438 passing). Moore, Washington — 54 (320 rushing, 0 passing). Berry, Cal — 69 (130 rushing, 140 passing). Pifer, OSU — 55 (217 rushing, 0 passing). Farr, UCLA — 39 (252 rushing, 0 passing). Bronk, Cal — 31 (3 rushing, 162 passing). McCall, USC — 44 (218 rushing, 0 passing).

TEAM

Total Offense

USC — 1228 (729 rushing, 499 passing). UCLA — 1196 (684 rushing, 512 passing). Stanford — 1154 (732 rushing, 422 passing). Washington — 913 (741 rushing, 172 passing). WSU — 896 (399 rushing, 470 passing). Oregon — 756 (344 rushing, 412 passing). OSU — 700 (571 rushing, 129 passing). California — 669 (377 rushing, 302 passing).

Rushing Offense

Washington — 741 net (778 total gained). Stanford — 732 net (885 total gained). USC — 729 net (777 total gained). UCLA — 684 net (749 total gained). OSU — 571 net (628 total gained). WSU — 399 net (467 total gained). California — 377 net (479 total gained). Oregon — 344 net (471 total gained).

Passing Offense

UCLA — 512 yards (.630 percentage). USC — 499 yards (.569 percentage). WSU — 470 yards (.530 percentage). Stanford — 422 yards (.406 percentage). Oregon — 412 yards (.420 percentage). California — 412 yards (.435 percentage). Washington — 172 yards (.367 percentage). OSU — 129 yards (.356 percentage).

Total Defense

USC — 573 (368 rushing, 205 passing). UCLA — 601 (188 rushing, 413 passing). Washington — 829 (349 rushing, 413 passing). California — 851 (426 rushing, 425 passing). Oregon — 909 (392 rushing, 517 passing). WSU — 927 (507 rushing, 420 passing). Stanford — 955 (542 rushing, 413 passing). OSU — 1257 (634 rushing, 623 passing).

Rushing Defense

UCLA — 188 yards. Washington — 349 yards. USC — 368 yards. Oregon — 392 yards. California — 426 yards. WSU — 507 yards. Stanford — 542 yards. OSU — 634 yards.

Passing Defense

USC — 205 yards (.429 percentage). Stanford — 413 yards (.571 percentage). UCLA — 413 yards (.559 percentage). WSU — 420 yards (.468 percentage). California — 425 yards (.486 percentage). Washington — 480 yards (.536 percentage). Oregon — 517 yards (.630 percentage). OSU — 623 yards (.529 percentage).

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