

Quack Cracks



Beavers & Spirit

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CAN YOU THINK of anything safer than "making predictions" on games that have already been played?

I can. Here's some scores that even a typographical error can't contradict:

AMHERST 15 over Notre Dame: The college from the Atlantic Seaboard can't lose this one. It's their homecoming. Besides, their smaller and more fragile backs can't afford getting hit—they'd break into pieces. So look for the underdogs to slip, slide and run under legs to a big victory.

NORTH-NORTHEAST ABILINE COLLEGE 22 over Michigan State: Since this one is played in Texas; it's in the bag. The Staters' fingers won't thaw in time to help them.

PRAIRIE WRINKE TECH 3 over Alabama: After that big game with Southern Louisiana earlier this year, the Crimson Tide will be in for a letdown.

Had enough? Read the editorial page of Monday's Portland Oregonian and you'll get one more:

OREGON STATE by any score over "any team in the country." The Oregonian, however, was referring only to last Saturday's Beavers—the Beavers who beat Washington 24-13.

Why? Because "Football games cannot be predicted as accurately in advance as TV election results," the editorial explained.

Very good, Oregonian. We agree—predicting nonsense games is much easier. And no matter how nonsensical—even going to the point of overlooking number one ranked Notre Dame's 64-0 victory over Duke—much safer.

THE TRADITIONAL answer to the query, "Where's the school spirit in Oregon?" has been, Corvallis."

That—as of now—is basically true.

Certainly various members of the rally squad didn't do much to change things this year when they conducted themselves in such bush fashion during the San Jose State and Washington State games.

But that doesn't deserve comment.

What does is Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. It has a new idea—a Victory "V" relay, described in Monday's Emerald—which could be the best thing to hit Oregon spirits since Seagrams.

Saturday before the game about 80 members of that fraternity will take turns running a four-foot high block of wood fashioned in the shape of a "V" from Hayward Field to Parker Stadium in time for the game.

The organization of such an operation—especially for one fraternity—is exceedingly difficult. But if all goes well, at 1:15 p.m. the final PKP runner will enter the stadium to present the wood to the rally squad.

Phi Kappa Psi fraternity has to deserve a standing ovation for that. The work they put into the project may not quite equal the total manhours the footballers put into their practice this year—but the cause is the same.

In 1967, hopefully more than just Phi Kappa Psi members will be participating in such a project.

And if the rally squad next year still has not taken on their responsibility to promote school spirit as it should be at Oregon, the best course of action would be for groups such as Phi Kappa Psi to leave them out of their plans entirely.

We want all kinds of spirit at Corvallis Saturday. We want the right kind of spirit. And we want all of that to be Oregon's.

Barnes Ready for Beavers

Ducks Prepare for Mud

Oregon's Ducks departed from their usual practice format Tuesday in preparation for Saturday's civil war clash with Oregon State Saturday at Corvallis.

"We didn't work quite as hard as usual," reported head coach Len Casanova. "We worked a lot on blocking and hitting and worked on our kicking game," he said.

Ordinarily the Ducks go through a series of hard dummy scrimmages on Tuesday in which the offensive units run against a freshman unit and the defense works against another unit

which stimulates the next opponents' offense.

"It wasn't a particularly good practice," Cas commented. "We are just preparing for a real muddy field."

The OSU field, which generally holds up well under the rain, was soggy enough last week to end to cause even the Beavers' 220 pound fullback, Pete Pifer, problems with his footing.

And with the rain continuing through this week, the field promises to cause the Ducks as much concern as Pifer himself, who needs only 42 yards Saturday to

become the first runner in conference annals to gain more than 1,000 yards twice.

"The rain won't work to our advantage," Cas explained. "They depend more on the running game than we do."

He also reported that quarterback Mike Barnes, who left last week's Arizona State game due to hyperventilation and a re-aggravated charlie horse, will be ready to guide the Oregon offense.

The only Ducks whose playing conditions are doubtful are starting tackle Roger Stalhut and fullback Arlan Elms.

Pifer Nears Historic Mark

UO Top PAC Pass Defender

With only one game remaining Oregon's Ducks have taken over the Pacific Athletic Conference's top spot in pass defense with an average of 116 yards allowed per game via the air. The Ducks, who were second last week, overtook season long leader Washington State.

Oregon's pass defense lead came, however, under rather ironic circumstances. It was the passing of Arizona State quarterback Rick Shaw which led to last weekend's 14-10 Sun Devil win over the Ducks in Tempe.

While Washington State was giving up 220 yards passing to Arizona, Oregon allowed Shaw 126 yards, but two Shaw passes to Dewey Forrester for 45 and 34 yards set up the Sun Devil's two touchdowns.

The Ducks have a five-yard per game edge over second place WSU and have a good chance of holding that lead when they play Oregon State, primarily a rushing team, at Corvallis Saturday.

In other PAC nine-game team

statistics, Oregon maintained its third place in passing offense and total defense and held its fourth spot in rushing defense.

UCLA and USC, which had a bye last week and has only played eight games, continued to dominate the top positions. The Bruins lead in total offense and rushing offense, but lost the top position in passing offense to USC, which also leads in total defense and rushing defense.

In the individual categories, Oregon State's bruising 220-pound senior fullback, Pete Pifer, created most of the statistical news. Pifer gained 129 against Washington last week and now needs only 42 yards against Oregon to make him the only ball carrier in the history of the PAC to gain more than 1000 yards in two different seasons.

Pifer has a 216 yard lead over UCLA's Mel Farr for the rushing championship and leads in scoring with 66 points. Bruin Gary Beban has 64 points and Farr has 62.

Beban was injured in last week's Stanford contest but he has a safe lead over Washington's Tom Sparlin in total rushing. Beban has 1699 yards to Sparlin's 1057.

Oregon's Steve Jones regained

the number three rushing position he held briefly after the fourth game of the season. Jones carried for 53 yards against ASU to pass Stanford's Jack Root by 8 yards.

In other individual categories WSU's quarterback Jerry Henderson, and left end Doug Flansburg, held their leads in passing and in receiving and in punting OSU's Gary Houser kept his lead with a 42.8 average.

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IM Schedule

Results of individual matches in the intramural wrestling finals will be run Wednesday and Thursday.

- 123
5:30—Jacobs (Spiller) vs. Miller (Stafford).
137
5:18—Buck (Sigma Chi) vs. Lunan (Theta Chi).
160
5:18—Banta (Sigma Chi) vs. Brown (Phi Delta Theta).
167
5:24—Hachiya (Theta Chi) vs. Varley (Theta Chi).
177
5:12—Coffman (Collier) vs. Caster (W.L.).
5:24—Blucher (Sigma Phi Epsilon) vs. Hogan (Counselor).
191
5:30—Wright (Theta Chi) vs. O'Donnell (Alpha Tau Omega).
HEAVYWEIGHT
5:00—Rehoe (W.L.) vs. Connelly (Delta Tau Delta).

Volleyball

- 3:50—Court 40—Douglas A vs. Sherry Ross A
Court 43—Collier A vs. Dymont A
4:35—Court 40—Bean West A vs. Hale Kane A
Court 43—Bean East A vs. Dead-enders A
5:15—Court 40—Delta Upsilon A vs. Sigma Nu A
Court 43—Tau Kappa Epsilon A vs. Lambda Chi Alpha A

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