

Quack Cracks



Not 14 Points!

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THAT ACE OF THE CRYSTAL ball, Prestigious Prognosticator, 14 out of 14 writers at a recent Salem athletic luncheon, nearly all local fans, four out of five Emerald sportswriters, and virtually everyone else who knows anything about it, have predicted an Oregon State victory in Corvallis Saturday.

Which could be expected. In their last five games, the two schools have played four mutual opponents, Oregon State winning against all four of these schools—Idaho, Washington State, Arizona State, and Washington—and Oregon beating only Idaho.

Looks bad. Not any better is the fact that the Beavers outscored the above squads by 97-50 overall, while Oregon "won" by only 58-45.

Not any better? Compare more closely. Add up State's total point advantage (47) and then Oregon's (13). Then subtract 13 from 47, and divide by four.

The answer is approximately eight—the average number of points State—in the best part of its season—did better against these teams than did Oregon.

Hardly a basis for predicting a resounding defeat.

Yet writers around the state have installed the Beavers as 14-point favorites, a prediction which—in all plausibility—is hard to understand.

The last time the Beavers beat Oregon by that much was in 1942.

The last time the Ducks were that much of an underdog was in 1958 when 21-point pick Oklahoma beat them 6-0. That Oklahoma team had lost only once in its last 54 games and was rated first in the country.

Oregon's unexpectedly fine play knocked them from that spot, and they haven't been there since.

Two games before that, the Ducks were 19-point underdogs to the UPI national champion Ohio State team in the Rose Bowl. That 10-7 win for the Buckeyes is a story most people know.

Obviously, the writers were impressed with Oregon State's victory over Washington last Saturday. But even then, at their best, OSU won by only 11 points (24-13), and against a club Oregon definitely could have and should have beaten.

Nor is Oregon's State's 41-13 victory over Washington State especially significant. The Ducks did lose to WSU 14-13, but in probably their worst game of the season. Had they gotten the kind of momentum that carried OSU to that 28-0 halftime lead, it is hard to tell where the Webfoots would have gone.

AND EVEN IF ONE were to argue that relative scores against a team such as WSU were a good way to predict an outcome, you could come back and compare the two teams' performance against Idaho. The Beavers, in Coach Dee Andros' words, "were lucky to win" 14-7 while Oregon handled the same team, 28-7.

Okay. We go to Arizona State. The Ducks lost there 14-10; the Beavers won 18-17.

ASU Coach Frank Kush said the two teams were the toughest he played all year—and he couldn't say which one was better.

"But the Beavers won and the Ducks lost," sportswriters counter.

"We played better against Oregon," Kush answers. And assuming that's true, the five point advantage the Staters hold in that comparison rapidly melts into nothingness.

Fourteen points just doesn't make sense.

What's most surprising about this game, however, is the University of Oregon student body. The consensus here expects a resounding defeat.

Suggest that the Ducks even have a chance, and they'll tell you that you're either: (a) sentimental, (b) foolish, or (c) both.

I suggest you reply, "wait until Saturday."

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WOW! .767. That, believe it or not is what my percentage was last week. I hit 23 out of 30 to bring my season percentage up to .698, so I may make it to .700 by the end of the season.

Last week was great, except for Oregon's loss. I really don't know what to do about the Ducks. I've only picked one Oregon game right all season.

I've had my five brains working on the problem but they aren't helping me at all. All they do is give me headaches. Every time something goes right something else goes wrong, usually a miscalculation of the Oregon game, and I can never quite get rid of those headaches.

This week doesn't look any more promising. In fact I may not even make the .700 mark, with so many important games scheduled.

One thing is sure though: my headaches won't go away thanks to the Oregon-OSU game. My five brains went with the Beavers so either way I lose. The headaches will be there if Oregon loses, and I never like to see that, and if the Ducks win that will mean I missed another one. I guess I'll just have to hope Oregon wins.

Here are this week's picks. Remember an "A" means all five brains agreed; a "B," 4-1; and a "C," 3-2.

(B) OREGON STATE 3 over Oregon. I'd like to go with the Ducks here but the Beavers were just too convincing in clobbering Washington last week. With the field muddy the running attack of OSU, with Pete Pifer leading the charge, will have an advantage over Oregon's passing minded offense.

(A) USC 4 over UCLA. This one will decide the Rose Bowl representative and what chances UCLA had to begin with were diminished with the loss of Gary Beban. USC has more depth and all around ability and they're still smarting from last year. For them the success of the season rests on this game.

(A) WASHINGTON 10 over Washington State. Both teams suffered losses last weekend and looked worse than usual, but the Huskies have shown better through the season. True, they were outclassed by OSU last Saturday, but then WSU was beaten by the Beavers 41-13.

(C) CALIFORNIA 2 over Stanford. The Golden Bears haven't won this rivalry in five years and

are about due. Cal has the home field advantage and unless the Indians can iron out their offensive problems, they fumbled many times last week, the Bears could give their fans and coach Ray Willes a big win.

(B) NOTRE DAME 8 over Michigan State. This is the biggest one of the year. The Fighting Irish lost the national title two years ago on the last day of the season, but won't be denied it this time. Both teams have had relatively easy opponents in the last three games, but Notre Dame will be too strong for the Spartans, especially now that the Baby Bombers, sophomore end Jim Seymour and sophomore quarterback Terry Hanratty, are back together.

(B) WYOMING 1 over Brigham Young. This is going to be a real bruiser. Both teams are big and strong and anything could happen especially with the Big Sky Conference title on the line.

(B) ARIZONA STATE 14 over New Mexico. Arizona State may have solved their quarterback problems last week when Rich Shaw led them to a 14-10 win over Oregon. If they did, they should have little trouble against New Mexico which has allowed 312 points in its last eight games.

(A) ARKANSAS 21 over Texas Tech. An Arkansas player died early this week from an injury suffered in last week's game and the Razorbacks will be out to win this one, and the Southwest Conference championship, in his name.

And around the country:

(A) Colorado 21 over Air Force. (A) Florida State 12 over Wake Forest. (B) Harvard 10 over Yale. (C) Weber State 5 over Idaho. (A) Illinois 14 over Northwestern. (A) Iowa State 10 over Arizona. (A) Louisiana State 12 over Tulane. (A) Miami 14 over Iowa. (C) Ohio State 2 over Michigan. (A) Minnesota 17 over Wisconsin. (A) Mississippi 17 over Vanderbilt. (A) Missouri 14 over Kansas. (A) Nebraska 3 over Oklahoma. (A) North Carolina 13 over Duke. (A) Oklahoma State 15 over Kansas State. (A) Penn State 9 over Pittsburgh. (C) Texas Christian 1 over Rice. (A) San Jose State 7 over Fresno State. (C) Baylor 2 over Southern Methodist. (A) Syracuse 24 over West Virginia. (A) Tennessee 30 over Kentucky. (B) Texas 6 over Texas A&M (Thanksgiving Day). (A) Utah 7 over Utah State. (C) Notre Dame 4 over USC (November 26).

IM Schedule

All intramural managers of volleyball teams that won divisional championships are expected to be in the IM office at 2 p.m. Monday for a mandatory meeting. A playoff bracket for both "A" and "B" division champions will be drawn up.

The wrestling tournament went through its final day of action Thursday — and team champion Theta Chi finished with a record 129 points, 48 more than last year's champion Sigma Chi, which finished second.

The rest of the top 15 included: 3) Alpha Tau Omega 80, 4) Tau Kappa Epsilon 73, 5) Sigma Alpha Epsilon 62, 6) Kappa Sigma, and Phi Delta Theta 59, 8) Phi Kappa Psi 54, 9) Phi Gamma Delta 49, 10) Sigma Phi Epsilon 44, 11) Delta Upsilon 42, 12) Delta Chi 41, 13) Willcox 38, 14) Campbell Club 37, 15) Phi Kappa Alpha 33.

Individual champions in three weight classes were also decided.

Bob Varley won the 167-pound title by beating Theta Chi teammate Wayne Hachiya, 11-0. Then another Theta Chi wrestler, Rich Lunan, pinned Dave Dunn of Delta Chi in 3:10 to win the 137-pound title.

A forfeit was awarded to Cliff Gorton of Burgess when Jack Banta failed to show up in 160, but Scott Brown of Phi Delta Theta was already the champion of that weight, winning the title Wednesday.

In the heavyweight division, Tom Connelly of Delta Tau Delta got a reversal in the final 30 seconds to nip Dick Dennis of Tau Kappa Epsilon and win the crown. Connelly drew with Rolfe Rehse Wednesday, but was declared the winner because of fewer bad points before the finals.

Beall Named Trustee Horn Elected to Position

Chandler B. Beall, professor of Romance languages at the University has been appointed to the board of trustees of the Center for Applied Linguistics.

The appointment is for a two-year period from 1966-68.

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