

Quack Cracks



Prove You're No. 1

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IF ALABAMA'S PAUL (Bear) Bryant would stop crying long enough, he might conclude that discrimination does not exist on his campus. . .

. . . discrimination, that is, which is directed toward the Bear. But you can't convince Coach Bryant of that.

"Why aren't we number one?" is his typical refrain these days. "We were the national collegiate football champions last year and the year before; we're undefeated this year."

"We were picked to win all our games, and we won all our games. What more can you expect? If the voters want something besides winning, we'll try triple reverses, forward laterals, lateral forwards, dippy-doodle, or even run a quarterback sneak on a third-and-nine. . ."

And on Bryant goes . . . mentioning anything and everything except Notre Dame and Michigan State.

Okay, Bear. We'll forget about the Irish and the Spartans for a while, too. We'll look at YOUR accomplishments.

Last Saturday, you won the Southeastern Conference's unofficial small college championship by beating Southern Mississippi 34-0. That made you 2-0 in that league, your team having beaten Louisiana Tech a month earlier.

Very good. And you've beaten seven "major" colleges, too—Tulane, Mississippi State . . . —whose combined season's record is a heart-stopping 34 wins and 41 losses.

Now, about Michigan State and Notre Dame. . .

About the time you were blanking Louisiana Tech 33-0, the Spartans were humbling Rose Bowl favorite Purdue 41-20. And last week when you were rolling over Southern Miss, Notre Dame was humiliating Purdue's Rose Bowl opponent—Southern Cal—51-0.

Notre Dame's other opponents were hardly of the Southern Mississippi caliber, either. Playing the best of the Big 10 and the West Coast, they won more than 55 per cent of their games. And if teams such as Indiana and Wisconsin—both tougher than a number of teams 'Bama has played—could be subtracted from Notre Dame's schedule as small colleges the way Southern Miss and Louisiana Tech were from Alabama's, the ND opponent figure would stand at about 65 per cent wins.

Michigan State isn't much different.

Coach Bryant should realize that the win-loss record alone doesn't qualify anyone for a national title.

The era of the "sit back and watch everyone else knock each other off" method of winning a championship is still not at hand.

SOME FOLKS SAID it was last year when Alabama won the championship by playing much the same regular season schedule as this year, and then ascending to the top when top-ranked Michigan State and second-ranked Arkansas were upset in the post-season Bowls.

But the 'Bamans did a creditable job in a bowl game themselves—beating Nebraska 38-25 in the Miami (Fla.) Orange Bowl Classic. That—not the others' losses—did the trick.

Travel to Nebraska, Kansas State

Cagers Face Rough Opening

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The 1966-67 edition of Oregon's basketball team swings into action Friday night against the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, with the Webfoots moving to Manhattan, Kansas Saturday to take on Kansas State University. More pleasant ways of initiating a season can easily be thought of.

Duck coach Steve Belko—beginning his eleventh season in Eugene—calls the two-game road voyage "the toughest opening we've ever faced," and there is no reason to disagree.

Nebraska finished "only" second in the rugged Big Eight last year, posting a 20-5 record of the season. However, this year the

concentrate on containing any one player.

John Pinkstaff, Oregon's 6-7 center faces the unusual prospect of not being at a height disadvantage against Nebraska. For one of the few times during the season Pinkstaff will probably be defended by a shorter pivotman, 6-6 soph Roger Leitner.

When the scene shifts to Kansas State the following night, John will have some looking up to do, however. He'll be paired-off against the Jayhawks' awkward giant, 7-1 270-pound Nick "The Stick" Pino. Even hometown Manhattan fans have been known to laugh at Pino's antics in the past, for at times he had difficulty moving from the baseline to the top

include 6-2 senior Nick Jones and 5-11 junior Mike Nicksic at guards, 6-6 senior Bill Thomas and 6-4 junior Kenny Smith at forwards, and Pinkstaff at center. Key reserves are 6-7 Bob Craven and 6-4 Mike Powers at forward, 6-6 Glen Campbell at center, and 6-2 Rick Abrahamson and 6-3 Lee Harvey in the backcourt.



Optimism in a Different Sport

Cornhuskers have a good chance to atone for their previous failure to win the league title—Coach Joe Cipriano has virtually his entire starting five returning.

Leading a Nebraska squad which features great speed, shooting, and tremendous rebounding, is forward Nate Branch, a 6-5 senior from East Palo Alto, California. Branch made several all-America teams last year although he averaged just 13 points per game. All the Huskers can score in double figures, and all of them do, with the result being that opposing teams are unable to

of the key without one of his knees colliding with the other.

However, this season a heavier, stronger, more mature Pino is supposed to come into his own on the court, and if he does Coach Tex Winter's men could wind up higher than their third place finish in the Big Eight of last winter.

For more than a month Belko has been running the Webfoots through tougher practice sessions than in previous years to prepare them for opening games. Concerning recent practices, Belko says, "It's been a real spirited week. I've never had a group that was trying so hard. No one expects much of them, but these boys don't know it."

Without any one outstanding performer the Oregonians will rely on a balanced attack to carry them through the season. Offensive patterns concentrate on working one man into the open, then hitting him with a pass for an easy basket.

Probable starters for the Ducks

IM Schedule

3:50—Court 40—Beta Theta Pi vs. Deady B
Court 43—Tau Kappa Epsilon B vs. Hauna B
4:35—Court 40—Delta Upsilon B vs. Sherry Ross B
Court 43—Spiller B vs. Sigma Chi B
5:15—Court 40—Sigma Alpha Epsilon A vs. Theta Chi A
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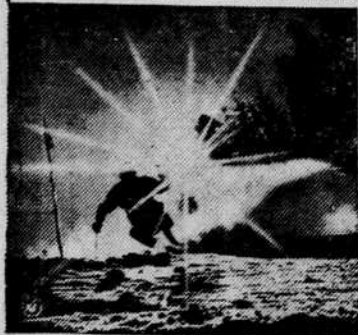
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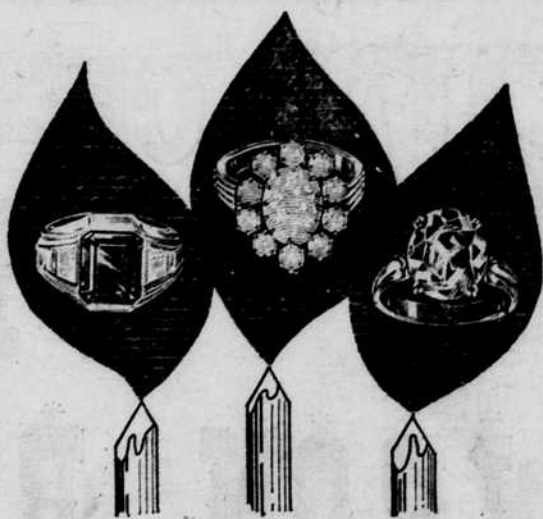


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