

Resume of the Football Season of 1908



Is everybody happy? Well, rather! By way of explanation we might state that the Corvallis and Multnomah people are not included in the above statement. The late football season, being closed with the two significant victories achieved by the Oregon eleven in Portland, although not a straight line of successes, can be said to bring more satisfaction than any other in the gridiron history of the University. The defeat of Corvallis in return for the bad taste left in our mouths by that 4 to 0 score of last year, is particularly gratifying to those who have followed closely the athletic relations of the two colleges.

The first step in the career of Oregon's 1908 team was the game with the Oregon Alumni eleven, made up of nine All-Northwest stars, including some of the greatest players that ever donned the moleskins on behalf of the University. By a streak of good luck and the aid of Captain Moullen's trusty foot, the old grads were vanquished by the narrow margin of one place kick.

The week following came the game with Willamette. By good individual play the Varsity warriors were able to roll up a score of 15 to 0 against the Methodists. Our team showed up fairly well for so early in the season and everyone was encouraged, for visions of the Northwest championship loomed up in the distance. With the winning of the Idaho game, 27 to 21, these visions took on still more definite form and the Oregon smile began to bud on the campus. Special mention must be made of that notable Idaho game. From all reports it was the fastest and most exciting game ever played in the Northwest, this claim being amply substantiated by a look at the score. The game see-sawed all the way through, first one team leading and then the other. Idaho was ahead 6 to 4 at the end of the first half and yet every Oregon student knew that the Eugene fighters would triumph.

It is amusing to see just how the scores grew. The second half