

California Bears and Washington Rated as Conference Powers

With the opening of conference football coming up faster than a Chinese retreat, the time is at hand to take a quick trip around the circuit and find out just who is going to play in the Rose Bowl, and why and how and other pertinent details.

The closest outfit to her, but not Pasadena, is our friends down the road, Oregon State. Lon Stiner, the bushy-haired Orange mentor has his squad in top shape for their opener against Idaho this Saturday. The Beavers, generally rated as one of the best teams to represent the state institution in many years, are flaunting a pair of potential all-American backfield candidates in Joe Gray and Elmer Kolberg, left half and fullback, respectively.

Veterans fill every post in the line and Stiner claims his current ball club as good as the famed "Iron Man" eleven of several years back. That Oregon State will be a much harder hurdle this year than last is the general consensus.

Washington

Keeping in the northern clime the next candidate—regarded by many as a repeater for Rose Bowl honors—is the ever-potent pack of Huskies from the University of Washington, who are "mashed" along by that genial Irishman, Jimmy Phelan.

Faced with the loss of his immortal backfield combination of By Haines, Jimmy Cain, Elmer Legg, and Ed Nowogroski, Phelan has dug deep in his parka and fished

out another potentially as good, Fritz Waskowitz, teamed with Jimmy Johnston, Al Cruver and Chuck Newton, will endeavor to make Husky fans forget the stars of former years.

While Phelan is gloomy as usual over his prospects, railbirds rank his team, along with the youthful Southern California squad, as the teams to beat this year.

Southern California

Down in Los Angeles under the careful eye of headman Howard Jones, a bevy of youthful prospects, have been working hard to put Southern California back in the gridiron limelight, which they once so dominated.

Heading the list of outstanding performers is Ambrose Schindler, hard-driving 175-pound signal barker, who has first call at the quarterback post. If he escapes the injury jinx which followed him last year he should have a big year with the men of Troy.

Except for left tackle and center, Headman Jones will have two lettermen turning out for each berth on the team. In addition to 19 returning lettermen, a host of outstanding performers are up from last year's frosh team. This is Jones' thirteenth year at the Trojan helm but it promises to be a lucky one.

Washington State

It might be wise to jump back north to the Palouse country where Orin Hollingsberry has been stepping a squad of 40 players in double time in preparation for nine tough games on successive weekends.

Activity on Rogers field leaves little doubt but that the Cougars will go in strong for aerial maneuvers in 1937, as Hollingsberry has had his passing artists busy firing pigskin bombs steadily since the opening day.

Loss of big Ed Goddard, all-American backfield star, will be keenly felt but Eddie Bayne, slender passing threat, is expected to carry the brunt of the backfield burden. With three left-handed passers, a strong line, and good reserves, the Cougars will have to be counted in for the New Year's day gravy.

Now to size up the UCLA (Please turn to page three)

DUCK TRACKS

By ELBERT HAWKINS

Stupendous! Colossal! Super DeLuxe! That's the heading of a book put out this summer by Bruce Hamby, Oregon publicity chieftain, about Prink Callison's Webfoot gridmen.

Well—we wonder about that, Bruce. One thing sure about it, Oregon's gridiron history will read UP this season. That is the only direction the Ducks can travel. Down on Los Angeles turf this evening Oregon's green sophomores face their first opposition in a scrappy UCLA team which remains to be tested.

Down in the Uclan stronghold they're saying this, "A chain is as strong as its weakest link—a football team is as strong as its line. Behind a crack line the Bruins could easily skyrocket into the front rank of Pacific coast contenders, for the backfield is second to none." Right there is where foxy Bill Spaulding pauses to scratch his head.

Oregon's 1936 eleven presented a reverse headache to silent Prink. Line Coach Gene Shields had a forward wall paced by blonde Del Bjork, all-coast tackle, that would compare with the best. There was no Mike Mikulak at fullback, no Leighton Gee for those stirring outbacks off tackle, nor no Johnny Kitzmiller, however, so for the first time in many years an Oregon team finished in the second division.

It is a very different story now. The bottom was reached, and with a lineup sprinkled by ambitious sophomore talent, the Webfoot coaching staff is starting a New Deal this fall—a period of reconstruction. Mistakes will be made—sophomore teams always do—and games will be lost, but the Ducks are certain to pull some surprises. A "darkhorse team" has all of the breaks in psychology.

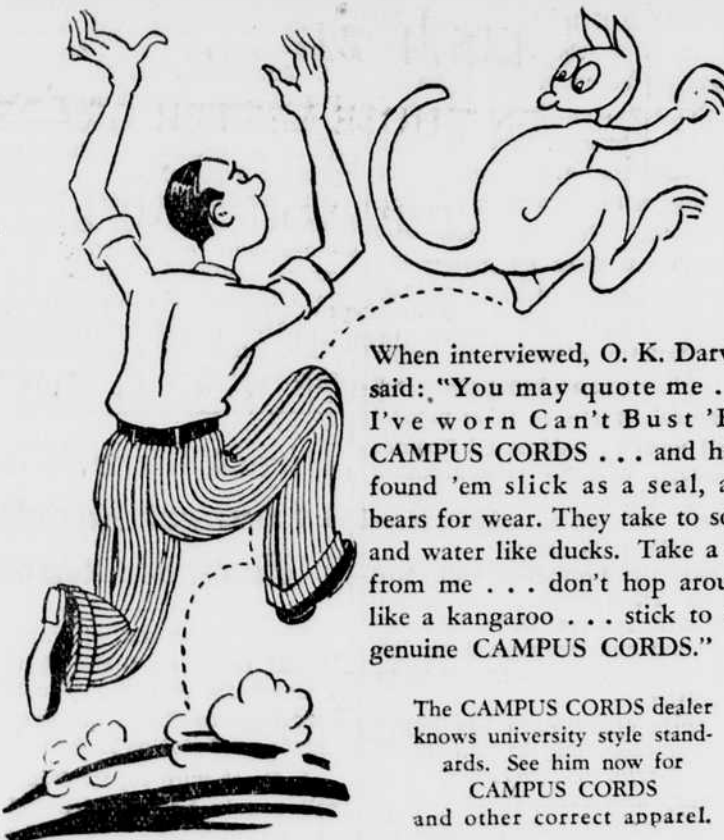
Most of the wise boys are picking Washington's 1936 Rose Bowl team and Stub Allison's California Golden Bears as potential coast conference champions. They have the material and on that basis rate it. Placed upon the pillar for first division honors are also Howard Jones' rejuvenated Trojans from USC, and Tiny Thornhill's laughing Stanford boys.

That leaves Oregon, Babe Hollingsberry's always-tough, but Goddardless, Washington Staters, Lon Stiner's merry razzle-dazzle Oregon Staters, and the Bruins of UCLA out in the cold. Those four teams aren't expected to produce much under existing conditions, but are a cinch to make those favored lads sweat this fall.

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The names of the new members will not be released for publication because of reported subsidizing by fraternities and other independent groups, who are interested in taking over the Comets, bag and baggage. Yes, Don Casciato's Comets will ride again to greater heights.

Donut Board To Ponder Slate

The fate of intramural touch football will be decided next week when the Intramural Administrative Board, composed of R. K. Cutler, Paul R. Washke, Earl E. Boushey, H. S. Hoyman, and R. E. Dickey, will gather to discuss and decide plans for this year's donut slate.

According to Mr. Washke, volleyball will probably be moved up from the winter term, where it conflicts with basketball, to replace touch football. Golf and tennis may also be moved up to fall term from the spring term program to take advantage of the better fall term weather. The rest of the schedule will

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