



Duck Tracks

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Just lots and lots of folks say Oregon CAN beat Stanford next year and CAN eventually land in the Rose Bowl. There is no doubt that the Webfoots have the weight in the line, the speed is in the backfield, but—look at the schedule.

Naturally, Stanford looks good. All the Indians did last year was to walk through the coast conference undefeated, whack Nebraska in the Rose Bowl, and rank third nationally. They lose three regulars. What can be more natural than to pick them to cop the crown again?

Howard Jones just doesn't bring his USC Trojans through a poor season twice in a row. Stub Allison will have a top-notch team at Cal. UCLA will be stronger. Washington will be a surprise. Everyone figures Jimmy Phelan to end up low, but he has the material to produce a couple of surprises, Washington State has Billy Sewell, the nation's best passer. Oregon State is always well grounded in fundamentals.

Texas Will Be the Best

It's almost more than a fan can expect of a coach to think he can wade through that list of football opponents. As if that weren't enough, Oregon plays Texas. All Dana X. Bible has at Texas is one of the strongest if not the strongest teams in the nation. Santa Clara is very strong. Idaho is the one breather on the schedule. Everyone else thinks so, too. Francis Schmidt didn't put out typical Idaho teams while he was at Ohio State, so it's a safe bet that nobody will push the Vandals around.

Coach Tex Oliver still insists that Oregon can beat any one of these teams. The Ducks should. There is a quiet sort of confidence and good will that sticks out in Oregon practice sessions like three aces in a poker hand.

Part of this "good" feeling is due to the new type of end play which Oliver and Manny Vezie are advocating. Last year the end spent all afternoon "crashing" through the tackles at a 45 degree angle or so. This exposes the flank which must be covered by a halfback. This year it's different. The Oregon end strategy will be to "crash and fade," which is the way Santa Clara, Washington, and several of the other coast teams work it.

Rockne's Brain Child

This strategy confuses the opposing tackle. Picture the ends and tackles bobbing back and forth. The opposing tackle tries to figure out what happens and can't so he finally gives up and waits for the play. The whole scheme was devised by Knute Rockne at Notre Dame. Rockne was just a little fellow—about 160 pounds—and played end. He worked out this type of end play to draw out the defense and thus equalize the difference between a light end and 200-pound opposition.

Taken pound for pound, the heavier player will force the light player all over the field. But by using this new type of end play, the end can catch the opposition at an angle and the weight difference is equalized. The end's block will be effective. With this "crash and fade play" the end makes the tackle on defense much of the time.

Vezie got this directly from Rockne. He played in 1927, '28, and '29. In 1930, Vezie was freshman coach at Notre Dame. So as far as the Oregon ends are concerned, they're learning it from one who got it first hand from Rockne. This type of end play also develops individual thought on the field. It takes brains to play this ball—Oregon has it, and will demonstrate it next fall.

Hayward's Vaulters

Colonel Bill Hayward has always come through with a pole vaulter of note. His top vaulter was George Varoff who came through with a world record or two. Then came Rod Hansen. Bob Hendershott, for all his weight, holds his own. Hayward's newest prospect is Homer Thomas, so say track enthusiasts. Thomas flipped his frame over 12½ feet yesterday—Hendershott hasn't yet wiggled over 12 feet.

Should Sophomore Thomas keep this pace up, he'll climb to 13 or 13½ feet before the season is dead and gone. Rod Monroe, frosh vaulter, tossed himself over 11 feet in highly unfavorable conditions. The runway was muddy, the pole-box was filled with water, and a stiff wind continually brushed the bar off the standards.

Boyd Brown, Oregon's javelin pride and joy, is now tossing for the San Francisco Olympic club. He'll still go to school here and fly to San Francisco for the meets to throw. The Olympic club will pay his fare to and from Eugene.

Oregon Nine Bogs Down

'Jupe Pluvius' Sabotages Opening Duck Baseball Tilts

J. Pluvius called old man winter back to Oregon and did a perfect job of spoiling the Webfoots second attempt to get the 1941 baseball team underway.

The Ducks were all set to leave on a 3-game journey to Pacific university and the University of Portland, when wind and rain called all action to a halt.

Unless a miracle returns the sun to the Willamette valley, today's game with the University of Portland in the rose city will be postponed.

Without these preliminary games, the Webfoots' power on the diamond is still a matter of conjecture. Coach Anse Cornell is confident that his sluggers will come through and is fairly sure of his fielders. A lot will depend on the men on the mound and if they don't get their much-needed practice the skies may still look dark to Duck fans.

If It Rains?

If they do not play the Portland Pilots today, their first mix will be with Oregon College of Education at Mon-

mouth. Monroe (Munk) Karterman, recently released from the infirmary, will be ready for action as an alternate hurler.

The probable starting lineup: Nick Begleries at pitcher, Bill Calvert behind the plate, Chuck Clifford at first, Jack Shimshak at second, Buck Berry at third, Bill Hamel at short. In the outfield will be Bill Carney, Dick Whitman, and John Bubalo.

Four Join Greeks

Added to the ranks of the Greeks this week were Harold Maddren, Sigma Chi, Los Angeles; Frank Boyd, Sigma Chi, Riverside, California; Douglas Caldwell, Phi Sigma Kappa, Los Angeles; and Thomas K. Beard, Sigma Nu, Modesta, California.

Rain Dings Trackmen

Showers and wind proved no help to frosh cindermen in their first time-trial run Friday, although several turned in laudable performances.

Wilson Stands Out

Standouts of the trial runs were Don Wilson, state prep champion miler, and Stanley Ray, 440-yard man. Wilson turned in a very good time for this stage of the season in the mile orgy, while Ray showed up well in his quarter-mile specialty.

After yesterday's runs Mentor Johns figures that he can depend on two men in the mile besides Wilson. They are Marion Hufford and Stan Skillicorn.

FRED'S CAMPUS SHOP

Men's Haberdashery
by
Wilson Brothers

Across from Sigma Chi

Cleaning Ph. 3141

TIES WORLD INDOOR MARK



Les Steers (left) last night became co-holder of the world indoor high jump record at 6 feet 9¼ inches. Coach Bill Hayward gives Steers a few pointers.

Les Steers Equals World Indoor Mark

Les Steers last night equaled the world indoor high jump record held by Ed Burke, Marquette ace, with a leap of 6 feet 9 1/4 inches. Three AAU officials checked the height of the standards after the Oregon jumper went over in the Hill Military academy meet atop Rocky Butte, Portland.

Cornelius Johnson's and Dave Albritton's 6 feet 9¼ inch outdoor mark still held up, but virtually every other one from here to there came tumbling down. Among them were Steers' best University of Oregon mark of 6 feet 7¾ inches, his own best all-time northern division record at the same height, and his national AAU senior outdoor mark of 6 feet 8¾ inches.

Steers will compete in the Portland-Oregon warm-up meet this afternoon.

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