

# Oregon Heads South for USC Game



After the fervor of every football game comes the rather unpleasant task of "mopping up the blood" and of tabulating injuries accrued during the battle—a fistful of broken noses in the center of the line, a cracked rib or two farther out along the forward wall, a dislocated shoulder and a bashed head in the backfield.

What, at first glance, would appear as the most devastating injury burdening any Pacific coast conference team at present is that plaguing California Halfback Jim Jurkovich. A head ailment that kept him bench-ridden during a large portion of last season was again aggravated in last week's Bear-Cougar game, and has finally compelled the Allison speed merchant to desert the gridiron for keeps. However, a more thorough survey would reveal that the Bears probably aren't as bad off as the ordinary layman would suppose.

Len Casanova, who scouted the WSC-California brawl for Buck Shaw and the Santa Clara Broncos, was very much impressed by Jurkovich's play but came away with an almost unbelievable opinion—that "Big Jurk's" understudy, Billy Reinhard, who passes, runs, kicks, and quick kicks, is a better all-around back than Jurkovich.

## Injuries Plague Oregon

Oregon too is laboring under the handicap of injuries, latest of which is the incapacitated foot of Frankie Boyd. This will shelve the Webfoot halfback for this Saturday's Southern California game. Boyd's loss is magnified in view of Kenny Oliphant's Idaho-inflicted shoulder dislocation, a hurt that retires him also from this weekend's tilt.

Both these losses have riddle Oregon's left halfback "fort," for only Tommy Roblin of the veteran trio remains. However, Jimmy Newquist, a regular fullback, may reinforce Roblin at left halfback, along with two from the reserve bag—Clyde "Tex" Lee and Chester Stevenson—leaving Bill Dunlap to plug up the fullback slot. In any case, we are assured Oregon will field "a very representative team."

## Not Since 1915

Incidentally, not since 1915 has Oregon dumped Southern California, and then in glorious fashion, as the lopsided 35 to 0 score will reveal. Five years of inactivity, punctuated by a tiff in 1920, preceded a 10-year moulting period after which both teams emerged to renew grid rivalry. Came the fall of 1939, and Oregon edged to within a tail feather of finally humbling the Trojan nemesis.

After having the game all but sewed up and ready for delivery, the Webfoots were besieged with Dodger luck. Jay Graybeal, Bob Smith, and company ran into a classy battery—Doyle Nave-to-"Antelope" Al Krueger—the same one that wrenched the Rose Bowl classic away from a avliant gang of Blue Devils from Duke university at the termination of the previous season. Net result, a miscarriage in the dying moments of the tussle Nave pitched to Krueger in the end zone and USC converted to gain a deadlock, 7 to 7.

## Stanford-OSC Battle Pending

A pending battle that is probably keeping more sports scribes along the coast in suspense than any other will materialize this Saturday about 40 miles north of Eugene. Stanford's Model T rolls into Corvallis for a joust with Oregon State's Beaver grid machine, still fired up after messing Washington 9 to 6 on Multnomah field last week.

Though there is no logical basis for comparing both teams, don't go goggle-eyed over a Beaver victory should the field be wet and soggy. The mud on that Corvallis field is mud from way back and can very well be the undoing of Coach Clark Shlaughnessy's wild T attack. Profuse exchanging of the ball among backfield men coupled with intricate criss-crossing and backtracking and whatever else those ball carriers may do before deciding to squirm through or around the line, requires split-second timing. Slowed down by mud, the Indian club may discover, to its dismay, that its timing is shot to that place and back. In addition, increased passing around around of a wet ball makes opportunities for fumbling soar out of normal proportion.

## Meager Squad of 31 Makes Trip; Webfoots, Trojans Rated On Par

By WALLY HUNTER

University of Oregon's football team rolled south last night into the land of eternal sunshine, to keep a date with a shell-shocked bunch of Southern California Trojans on the turf of the Los Angeles Memorial coliseum, Saturday.

A meager squad of 31 men boarded the train, along with Head Man Tex Oliver, Line Coach Vaughn Corley, Trainer Bob Officer, and Anse Cornell.

## INJURED



Val Cullwell, injured Duck lineman, who spent the week on the bench nursing an ailment.

## Yearlings Drill Tex's Varsity For Trojan Tilt

Coach John Warren's freshman pigskinners continued to furnish the opposition for the Oregon varsity as the final home practice was held yesterday on the Hayward field annex in preparation for the Southern California game on Saturday.

The yearling first string faced the varsity first and second team alternating on the plays to be used against the Trojans Saturday. Tex Oliver, varsity mentor, engineered the offensive strategy and Warren had charge of the fresh defense.

Varsity backs continued their performance of the first frosh-varsity scrimmage and gained yardage almost at will. The frosh, however, showed a great deal of fight and in spite of the fact that the pea-greeners have had only a week and a half of work together, the squad gave the varsity a tough workout. The frosh line showed a lot of fight and were forcing the varsity linemen to extend themselves to gain ground.

Yesterday's tussle with the varsity was the last until the team returns from the Trojan game in Los Angeles next week. Today Warren's boys return to intersquad practice with the usual scrimmaging scheduled.

The remainder of the frosh squad spent the afternoon under the watchful eye of Don Mabee, assistant frosh coach, banging away at the practice dummies and engaging in dummy scrimmage.

Cadet Robert Showalter, who conducts a column in the Wentworth Military academy magazine called "Behind the 8 Ball," presents a real pool ball to cadets or faculty members who make prize "boners."

## GONE SOUTH



Vaughn Corley, who headed south last night to watch his line tangle with the Trojan front wall.

Roblin and Bill Dunlap.

The complete traveling squad follows:

Ends—Tony Crish, Jim Shephard, Bill Regner, Bill Borchert, Russ Nowling, and George Van Pelt.

Tackles—Ed Moshofsky, Chuck Elliott, Tom Terry, Dick Ashcom, Merritt Kufferman, and Cliff Giffin.

Guards—Ray Segale, Floyd Rhea, Morris Jackson, Steve Bodner, and Bob Davis.

Centers—Elliot Wilson, Hersh Patton, and Don O'Neill.

Quarterbacks—Duke Iverson, Vic Collins, and Len Surles.

Left halfbacks—Tom Roblin, Chet Stevenson, and Jimmy Newquist.

Right halfbacks—Curt Mecham, Tom Oxman, Clyde Lee, and Frank Boyd.

Fullbacks—Bill Dunlap and Bob Koch.

Average yearly earning of a student working on the University of Minnesota campus is \$100.

## Roblin, Mecham High In Coast Offense Listing

Tommy Roblin and Curt Mecham are running high in coast conference offensive tactics and they'll still be running when Oliver and his Oregons meet Southern California Saturday at the Memorial coliseum. Gail Fowler's Associated Press total offense rankings have the elusive, hard-running Duck duo ranking next to Frankie Albert and Troy's Bob Robertson.

Mecham gained 207 yards in 28 plays, giving him a higher per-play average than the leaders. And Roblin collected 185 yards in 36 plays. Pete Kmetovic, Stanford, Sewell of WSC, Dethman of Oregon State and Howard Manson of Idaho follow the list in respective standings.

Respective averages of Mecham and Roblin are 7.4 and 5.1 yards per play—and gains like these don't happen in every

game. Both men are booked for the kickoff in Saturday's fray, with a physical okay putting them in top form. Dry weather should lease a wide-open passing attack, duplicating the Stanford game in which both men made their largest gains. An Oregon victory would be the first over the Trojans in 26 years—the twelfth game on record—and newspaper polling seems to give the Ducks the edge in pre-game odds.

Both Roblin and Mecham hail from California and played oppositions in junior college ranks. This will be their last season of collegiate football. Smooth teaming and coordinated playing have figured largely to put them among the coast's, and probably the nation's, best ground gainers.



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