


Experts Pick Ducks Over USC



By LEE FLATBERG

Comes Friday night and a sport columnist drags his weary frame into the sports room, parks in front of a typewriter and with his fingers questingly tensed on the keys, starts thinking. Of course its easier to think of that tall brunette on the Chi O house but he's got a column to put out. What's happening tomorrow? Football — advance dope — predictions. That's it.

Lots of questions are in the minds of football followers concerning the game this afternoon between Stanford and Oregon State. Most people are asking if rain would give the Beavers a chance at tipping the scale. Others are curious about the reported injuries of Hoot Armstrong, or the touted passing attack of Oregon State, or that Albert lost two teeth in the UCLA game. The rain is good for a paragraph later, Armstrong is slated for the bench for most of the game and it is doubted in the highest football circles that Albert's loss of his molars will affect the T.

To Rain or Not to Rain

Up and down the coast for the last week have been circulating reports that a good healthy rain would raise the Beaver stock a good dozen points. I even hear that Buchwach has been praying for moisture. This column would like to see OSC trip the Indians but it doesn't think the rain will do it.

Of course a good sloppy field would put a hook in the T but it would also raise havoc with the Oregon State team. Some scribes have overlooked the fact that Oregon State isn't exactly a power team. Their heaviest offensive weapon is their passing attack, which incidentally rates tops on the coast. Also, the top men in their backfield, Durdon and Dethman, are speed merchants, not power runners as is usually the case over Corvallis way.

After the Oregon State-Washington State game last week many scribes were paying tribute to the Beaver line in big handfuls. Sure, Lon Stiner has a good front wall and under the guidance of Quentin Greenough who directed it defensively last Saturday, it did a good job. But brother, don't overlook that Stanford line. It's great.

The picture isn't a glum one for Oregon State however. They have the top passing aggregation on the coast and Stanford has one of the weakest pass defenses. If you're pulling for the Beavers (and that would be a novelty on this campus) don't depend too much on the rain but more on a flurry of passes thrown by Durdon and Dethman, and on a little fight.

Ducks Through the Line

Oregon takes on their second southern foe today. The Trojan team this year is a novelty for the California school. Year in and year out California has had men three deep in every position. This year they missed. While they still have the power and speed men three deep in the backfield, (and special agent X-13 says that their third string backs could make the first string at Oregon) the middle of their line bears a marked resemblance to a sieve. With a running offense that has netted some 216 yards to date, Oregon should pour runners through the middle of the line like a panzer division going through Russia.

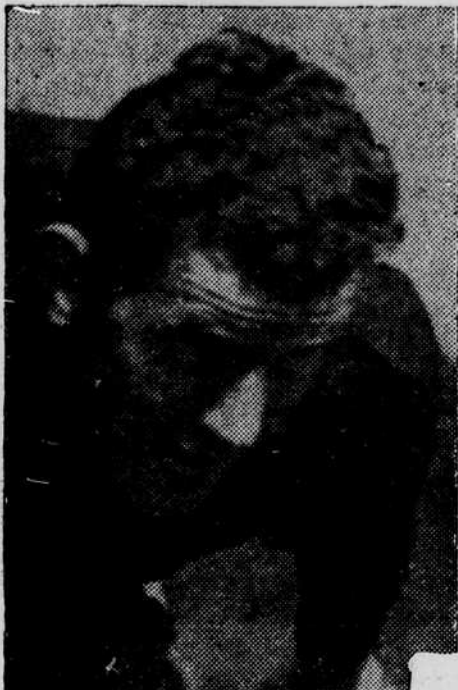
But the ever-present injury bug still hangs heavy. Frank Boyd went south but it is supposed that he will spend most of the afternoon wrapped up in a blanket watching the game. Kenny Oliphant is out for the game as is Val Culwell.

On the Limb

Now for a few predictions for the coast. Hey waiter, a short aspirin. At Pullman Washington and Washington State meet in a classic. Orin Hollingbery took California last week, but his pet love would be to tip Washington. We think he could and should do it about 13 to 7.

Alas, we shall have to take Stanford and the T, rain or no rain to beat OSC. Dry field, 20 to 7, on a wet field about 14 to 0. The Oregon backs should get through the middle of the Trojan line for about two touchdowns to beat USC 13 to 7. Buck Shaw's Santa Clara team should beat California, minus Jurkovich, some 20 to nothin. Another aspirin please.

GUARD



Webfoot "Red" Davis, who'll probably see a wealth of action against USC today.

Probable Game Starters

Crish	RT	De Lauer
Elliot	RE	Heywood
Rhea	Q	Anderson
Wilson	LH	Bundy
Segale	RH	Robertson
Ashcom	F	B. Musick
Regner	LE	Bledsoe
Iverson	LT	Willer
Roblin	LG	Woods
Mecham	C	Danehe
Dunlap	RG	Pranevicius

KORE will carry a broadcast of the game starting at 2:15 p.m. today.

Tex Oliver Flies to Los Angeles For Session with Oregon Scouts; Trojans' Taylor Bench-Locked

By WALLY HUNTER

For the first time in the history of the rivalry between Southern California and the University of Oregon, Coach Tex Oliver's mighty Webfoots found themselves on the long end of the odds, as last-minute preparations were under way for the impending clash today, in Los Angeles.

Cagey Tex Oliver, employing fifth columnist tactics, Thursday swooped into the Trojan stronghold ahead of his ball

'Amphibs' Hold First Tryouts

Eighteen coeds splashed around in the women's pool Thursday night, as the Amphibian club, campus swimming honorary, staged its initial series of tryouts for the coming year.

Girls participating included: Lois Clause, Lorraine Davidson, June Hitchcock, Vesta Miller, Olive Morton, Pat Smith, Lona McCalley, Jean Kabisius, Marnie Foster, Sherry Sheridan, Nancy Harvey, Carol Greening, Peggy Wright, Marlo Woodward, Katherine Ross, Yvonne Umphlette, Verne Gunnison, and Barbara Taylor.

Second-half tryouts are scheduled for next Thursday evening in the women's pool.

club—supposedly to receive inside information from Oregon scouts. This, coupled with the fact that injuries have been giving the Trojans no end of trouble casts a rosy glow on the Webfoot side of things.

USC Fullback Out

Pitchin' Paul Taylor, ace USC fullback, is still out of the lineup, and according to Cal releases will not be able to play. Tackle Bob DeLauer has also been on the ailing list but nothing definite about his condition is known.

On the other hand the Ducks have lost only one first string man to injuries—Val Culwell at guard. To replace him Oregon has husky Dick Ashcom, one of the biggest men on the squad. Things have been a little cramped in the backfield, but everything seems to be under control. Kenny Oliphant,

'TEX' OLIVER



Webfoot boss may knock over Trojan "jinx" in Oregon-USC fray today.

Clark Weaver, senior swimming manager, asks that all sophomore and junior men interested in trying out for managerships report to him 4 p.m. Monday at the men's pool.

reserve halfback, is the only back that didn't make the trip. Another halfback, Frank Boyd, was also injured but made the trip—even though it is unlikely that he will see action. To make up for the deficiency at half, Jimmy Newquist has been switched from fullback.

On past performances the Webfoots are receiving the finger from the experts as the team to win. While Barry's boys were looking very dreary in their tete a tete with Ohio State the Ducks were giving first class performances in losing to Stanford and taking the starch out of Idaho's raz' ma' dazz.

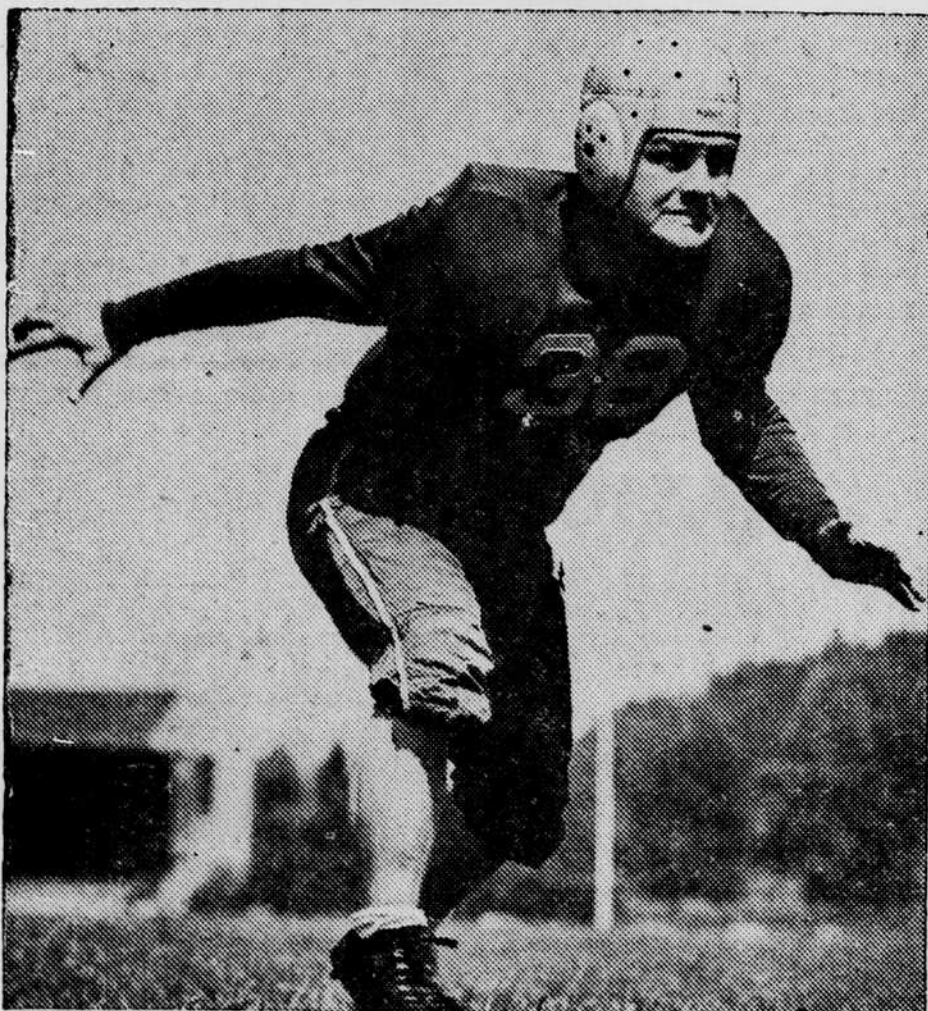
Trojan Power Respected

Oregon's coaching staff has been listening to none of this ballyhoo. They still have plenty of respect for Southern Cal power, and they make no bones in telling the world about it.

Line Coach Manny Vezie's last words before he left to scout the Santa Clara-California game were words of praise for Sam Barry's outfit. According to Vezie the farther the Trojans go the stronger they will get. Barry's style of football is naturally different from that of the Head Man's and it takes time to get the proper coordination between coach and team.

Vezie said that the Southern Cal weakness was not at the guards and tackles—as many reports had it—but at the ends. "Ohio made their gains at the flanks, not at the tackles and guards. Of course they were weaker at tackle when DeLauer was hurt but that wasn't their main weakness," said Vezie.

INJURED DUCK



Val Culwell, regular Webfoot guard, is a doubtful starter against USC, a bum knee being the reason.