

Driving Rain Sends Webfoots to Cover



Why this voluminous moaning and groaning over the possibility that the team eventually waking up in the Rose Bowl comes January 1 will have dropped two games in the current Pacific coast round robin series? We've heard it and winced. You've lent an ear to a few wails of that particular species: "Wouldn't it be simply terrible if Stanford hobbled into the bowl with two defeats?" . . . and Oregon State for that matter.

Now what's too bad about that? Does a team that romps through its schedule without keeping its hide intact stink? We can point to a few examples of teams that have lost games in round robin competition and still commandeer the utmost respect from critics and opponents. In fact, any attachment of "stink" to its playing, though more harmless than not (the term has grown innocuous through excess use), would be considered rank blasphemy.

Take the Chicago Bears for instance. Everyone, nearly everyone, admits that the Bears are nothing short of terrific. Their Model T., a cousin of Stanford's, has purred with precision and zoomed through, over, and around opponents for tremendous yardage and huge scores. But even the Bears weren't invincible on their rampage last year.

Bears Lost

At least once they had been knifed before they roared up and down the field against a hapless tribe of Washington Redskins and made a corner of the scoreboard look like an adding machine gone berserk. Incidentally, the Bears won the game, 73 to 0, and strutted off the field with the national professional football crown roosting between their collective ears. They've lost a game again this year in donut compet—to the Green Bay Packers, 16 to 14—and are behind the Packers in current league standing, but nobody howls, "They stink!" Now if Stanford pours itself into the Rose Bowl, please, don't shriek, "They're lousy . . . they've lost a game!"

Exeunt Yell King Earl Russell who with Dukes "Bud" Steele and Max Miller, formed a trio of the finest rah rah men Oregon has ever had. Russell wielded a large spade, and with vigor, to shovel away the moss that enveloped last year's Webfoot cheering section, a section that, sad but true, was one of the most anemic and feeble on the coast. Of course, a great deal of the credit should be doled out to the students themselves for their excellent cooperation and to the team that gave them the incentive to howl themselves hoarse Saturday after Saturday. But this doesn't detract from Russell's superb work fronting the chorus.

Ere football season had gathered momentum, Coach Howard Hobson was sending basketball aspirants scurrying around the floor of the Igloo in preparation for this year's Webfoot hoop campaign. Already the Ducks have flapped off Eugene's Rubenstein outfit in scrimmage tilts. After watching them whip through drills and these scrimmages, we seriously considered staging a contest in quest of a monicker to replace the now-a-misnomer "Tall Firs."

Jackson, Marshik Tallest

Two-year Letterman Archie Marshik and Sophomore Lloyd Jackson protrude 6 feet 7 inches up there. One-year Letterman Warren Taylor and Sophomore Les (Butch) Thompson hover up there 6 feet 5 inches immediately upon rising in the morning, but that about exhausts the "Paul Bunyan" category.

No matter how you attempt to classify their physiques, however—round, square, short, long, skinny, fat—what we've seen of their maneuvers we've liked. On November 21 in Eugene, the Webfoots take on the Signal Oil quintet and launch their season's schedule.

Ducks Splash Regularly

If one meanders up to the men's pool every afternoon, one will see Oregon's swimming team churning through the water on seemingly endless journeys, all this supervised by Coach Mike Hoyman and in preparation for this year's northern division swim competition, a year that should see exceptional local interest revived in this sport.

Both the northern division clambake and the Washington-Oregon dual encounter will unravel in the men's pool here on the campus. This is quite an accomplishment on Hoyman's part, getting both meets to be staged here; for years Oregon had to fiddle in second chair while Washington, with vastly superior facilities, garnered both the roundup and dual meets.

While we're running along in this vein, we'd like to express our gratitude to Washington officials who cooperated splendidly in surrendering these meets to Oregon's rather cramped quarters.

HOBBY



Hobby Hobson, whose "Tall Firs" get their first taste of basketball competition next week when they mix with the Signal Oil five.

Ducks Polish Running Plays In Preparation for Huskies

By WALLY HUNTER

A driving rain forced the University of Oregon's Webfoots to cover last night—but plenty of work was on schedule for the Ducks so practice went on as scheduled in the unfinished portion of the PE building.

Washington has been scouted by the Oregon brain trust and they have plenty of respect for the Huskies. Manny Vezie reported that the line is very strong. "They're experienced, big and those boys are rugged," says the Oregon end tutor.

Polish Running Attack

As a result of this, and other information that the Oregon coaches have about the Huskies, the Webfoots are polishing up their running attack. Most of the drill was spent in polishing up on the Duck ground formations. Oregon will probably throw their book of ground plays at the Huskies and are expecting the same thing in return.

The entire band of Ducks is expected to be in suit and ready for the Seattle clash. Several of the regulars were played only sparsely in the Santa Clara game to give their minor injuries a chance to heal.

Shaping Up

This week all of these men have reported to practice in good condition and barring further injuries this week will be in A-1 condition by game time. Frankie Boyd, the hardest hit player in the way of injuries is still in the doubtful stage—but the coaching staff is still, hopeful. Vezie said last night that Boyd is working hard in order to be in condition to play—although he isn't working in regular practice.

Today the Ducks will get an extra day of rest. No practice is scheduled until Monday and then regular scrimmage sessions will be in order.

In the meantime at Seattle Coach Jimmy Phelan is following in the same general plan of workouts for his Huskies. Light conditioning practice have been held all of this week and they too will hit the road for the hard work Monday.

Injury Hex Threatens Webfoot Basketeers

As long as the Igloo roof doesn't spring a leak this raging deluge of rain will hold no terror for Hobby Hobson's basketeers. While football is being held at a standstill by Jupe Pluvius' merry-making, the Duck casaba aces carry on their workouts, totally ignoring the erratic elements.

More offensive and defensive group work was on the bill for the Webfoots in dry, old McArthur court yesterday.

Three Injured

Injuries have caught up with three members of the squad. Letterman Rolph Fuhrman has been out of play for a week after having infected tonsils removed. However, the tall forward felt good enough to shoot a few baskets last night and Hobby expressed belief that by next week he would be once more practicing regularly.

Bob Newland, stellar guard from last year's frosh outfit, has been hampered by a bad cold and sore throat, which has kept him out of uniform for

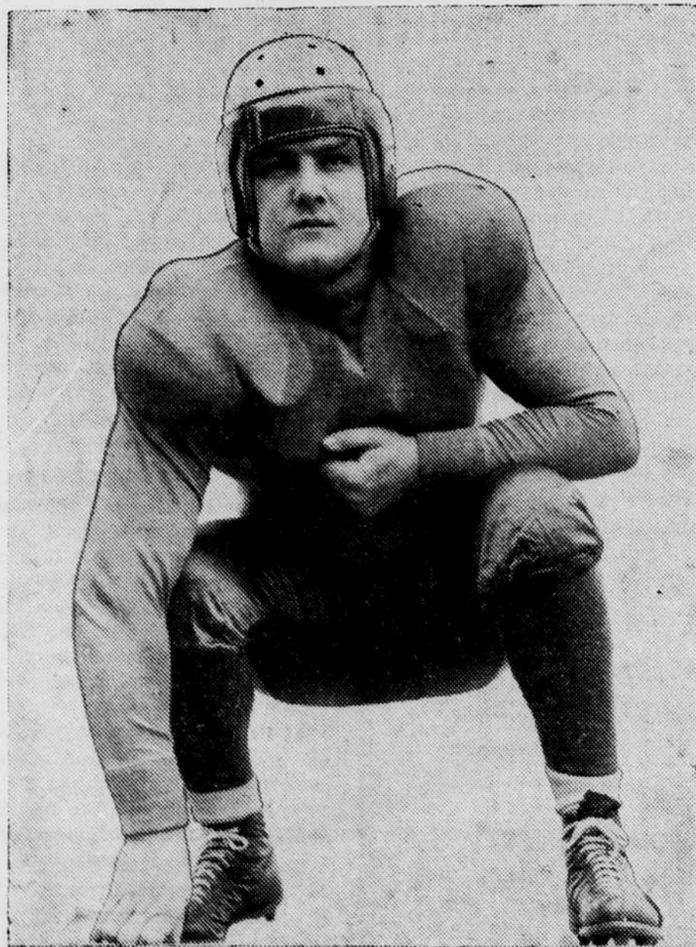
over a week. He, too, it was believed, will be able to see action in a few days.

Third ailing Duck was Cliff Anet, varsity reserve, who was bothered by a finger infection.

Astoria Newcomer

Offsetting this gloom which is bound to pass over in time was the turning out of a new basketball player, swelling the squad to 15 men. His name is John Erickson, a sophomore from Astoria, who up till now has been playing for Rubenstein's Oregonians. A tall boy, Erickson played high school ball two years ago, but stayed out of competition in his freshman year in 1940.

BIG CRUISER



Dick Ashcom, hefty Duck linesman, takes over the tackle spot on the Oregon front wall with a great deal of regularity. Ashcom, a junior, has seen a lot of action this season and is slated for plenty more against the Huskies next Saturday.

Textiles Displayed

On the second floor of the art museum is a Cambodian textile display which has just been hung on the walls and will be there for only a few weeks. This display consists of skirts used in temple dances. They are 8 feet long and 3 feet wide. The colors are very rich and the design of the patterns are brought out by metal threads. Mrs. G. B. Warner, director of the art museum, purchased these textiles when she was in Cambodia in 1923.



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