

# Duck Tracks

By JOE MILLER

Al Wesson was in town today. Wesson, if you don't know it by now, is the former Southern California publicity agent, Esquire feature writer, and general man of letters. He is currently Lt. (s.g.) Wesson, public relations officer for the U. S. Navy, meaning he is front man for the ball club that Lt. Commander Tex Oliver is bringing north with him for Saturday's little tussle in Portland.

## Wesson—Named After A Certain Oil?

Al is quite a character. In fact for many years around Los Angeles it was rumored that a certain oil was named after him—he is that smooth. Today, when quizzed about the Air Devils he was singularly uncommunicative, but did loosen up to admit that Tex Oliver had potentially the greatest club to ever play on the Pacific slope—and that they should beat Oregon on Saturday.

"But we expect the Webfoots to be tough, especially in their own backyard. Tex has every respect for John Warren's coaching abilities—he remembers the freshmen that used to come to his varsity after being coached by Warren," Wesson disclosed.

This coming game in Portland—we honestly can't say that we believe that Oregon is going to win it—the Saint squad of 60 men is in itself enough to wear down the Webfoots, outside of the fact that there will be a lineup of all-Americans and pro stars fielded by Tex. Add to this an edge of 25 days practice and a warm-up game for them, and no unemotional prognosticator can help but pick the Navy Aviators by a couple of touchdowns or more.

## Webfoots Hard Club

### No Count Out of Navy Fray

But we've been watching this gang of Webfoots for several weeks, and in our modest opinion and several people that know having been connected with Webfoot athletics for a span of years, this is one of the most spirited squads that Oregon has ever had. These boys have got fire—it's hard to tell a club like this one that they aren't going to win, because they are liable to go out on that Multnomah turf and send Tex Oliver, Jim Newquist, and company, back to Moraga, California, in very uncomplimentary fashion.

Incidentally, there are no bones about that. The boys will have no sentimental pangs about trying to humble Gerald A.—Or they won't mind setting any of their former mates on their panties. As a matter of fact, the punting of the Ducks has been impressive lately. We hear the Saint "star," Jim Newquist, doesn't like to wait for towering punts—especially with 220-pound linemen like Val Culwell and Scrap-Iron Rhea coming down under them, ably assisted by playmates Russ Nowling and Jim Shepard.

"Honest John" has been driving the boys hard—no doubt about that. They have worked harder under him in the last few weeks than they ever worked under Oliver.

## "You and Me, John"

### Quote, "Akim Tamiroff" Roblin

The Oregon Aleocalypse, Thomas R. Roblin, characterized the way the team feels about "Honest John," when he casually clipped Warren on the back and said:

"You know, John, I kinda like you. I think you and I ought to do big things this fall!"

That is the nicest thing about Tommy—he doesn't mind letting other people share the glory with him. Honestly, though, we think the Pittsburgh Powerhouse has a great chance for the all-America this fall. He's got "it" in every department of the game—ten time over in the courage department.

Oregon's troubles this year center at the quarterback and center positions—not because of lack of lettermen but lack of men experienced in the positions. Len Surles is a good ball player, but he is not a quarterback. And he can't be expected to be—being converted from a guard position only recently. The same is true of Steve Bodner. For two years Steve has been an outstanding varsity guard. But he has never played center or backed up the line in his life. No coach in the world can expect him to step into the fastest conference in the country and give a polished performance. If Bodner does it will be a great tribute to his remarkable learning powers.

Reserve strength is a question mark—a big one as they are practically all sophomores. The Webfoots field an all-senior starting lineup, but after that it is sophomores throughout, outside of the tackles, which are well-ported with five lettermen. However "Honest John" knows those sophs since he coached them last year. As a matter of fact, I think he is a little partial towards them—"his boys."

# Hobson Sees Good Season For Webfoots

Oregon basketball will depend on the sophs next year.

This is the opinion of a man who should know, Webfoot mentor Howard Hobson. "Hobby" has an outstanding frosh aggregation to blend in with his eight returning lettermen, and the balance of power should be in the hands of these promising sophomores.

Captain Don Kirsch, senior guard, is a floorman par excellence and dealy in the clutch. His bucket in the last seconds of play beat OSC 47-45 last winter. A good leader.

### Tough Scrapper

Warren Taylor, senior guard, is a tough scrapper and an all-Northern Division player. He suddenly came into his own last year and developed into Oregon's most valuable man. A skyscraper, he should hit a high peak this year.

Wally Borrevik, sophomore, was out last year filling out his 6 feet 8 inches and will be more mature this year. His return bolsters the all-important center position, where the Ducks have been markedly weak for the past few seasons.

Bob Wren, junior forward, is the Tommy Roblin of the basketball team—which meanse he supplies a very essential fire and dare-devilism to the club. Bob Bob should settle down and be consistently very good this year.

### Newland Back

Bob Newland, junior forward, was handicapped last year by illness, but this year is all set to go strong through the entire season. "Bones" is one of those quiet dependable guys that does everything he is supposed to, and then more than a little more.

Other lettermen that should see plenty of action are Rolph Fuhrman, senior forward, "Weezy" Maynard, junior guard, and Big Lloyd Jackson, junior center.

### Looks Stronger

The Webfoot quintet looks stronger than last year. Three one-point last second losses separated Oregon from the top last year, and it looks as though that little extra strength is present this season. Incidentally the entire squad is composed of all-Oregon boys. Intensive practice will begin around the first of November, and in the middle of December the Ducks are tentative-

# All-Out PE Plan Set for Ducks

Starting next Monday all physically able men students will be required to take one hour of physical education five days per week. The schedule that Dean Ralph W. Leighton has mapped out is a rigorous one and, although giving only one hour of credit, entails a thorough and intensive competitive physical education program.

The Leighton plan for mass PE differs from the systems being set up in other universities in that it stresses competitive sports and is not just a group calsthenic program. Leighton wants to have his classes playing tackle football this fall, and if he can get enough uniforms for them, they are sure to scrimmage every afternoon.

### Intramurals as Usual

Intramurals are expected to continue as usual, and Leighton expects that the mass PE program will boom them. A lot of men will become proficient in sports like football and feel more like playing for their living organizations, stated the PE school dean. "I expect intramurals, sparked by a lively Independent-Greek all-star rivalry, to hit a peak in student interest," finished Leighton.

The program will consist of:

1. Football and basketball—two terms of one of these sports for all men.
2. Track and field—two terms for all men.
3. Boxing, wrestling, tumbling, and apparatus, weights, and judo—two terms of one

of these sports for all men.



Anse Cornell takes over frosh reigns in addition to duties as athletic manager.

4. Swimming—two terms for all men.

5. An elective from any of the three groups after completion of these six required terms—four terms.

The physical fitness of special cases will be determined by physical examinations given by the university doctor.

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