

# Duck Tracks

By LEE FLATBERG

The freshman team of 1940-41 has always sort of been our favorite. Our first bit of sports writing was about those teams and we can't quite forget 'em.

They were the likely bunch of athletes that caught it in the neck when Atherton started cleaning up the Pacific coast athletic setup. We've tried to keep track of the guys that were booted out but it's been hard. We have sort of traced one down—Bert Gianelli.

## Bert a Guard Now

On this page we always called him Bert, but Santa Clara, his newly adopted football stamping ground, has changed it to Bart. Bert or Bart, he's doing pretty good at Santa Clara and is listed as one of their potentially great linesmen, a guard to be exact.

His being a guard now may come as a surprise to those who watched him shag passes from his position as end on the frosh team. But if you go back to Everett high school records you'll find that he played guard there and was changed over to end by John Warren to strengthen the outside of his line.

Two of the Athertonized boys we lost track of: Larry Olsen and Larry Casper. Casper went to Portland U last year but we can't seem to find him now. Olsen, one of the best passers we've seen for some time, just up and disappeared. Inky Boe, a mite of a fireball, is playing for Seattle's entry in the Shipyard league and doing a neat job.

## Sheridan Still at WSC

Bob Sheridan, who transferred to Washington State to get in some more basketball is still there. We saw Bob over the weekend when we went up to Pullman to see the game and he likes WSC and looks forward to a good season in basketball.

As long as we're playing Washington come Saturday, it might be a good idea to take a look at the Washington team. It's the same old story. Oregon will match them in the line and probably do a bit of pushing around, but in the backfield it's the same old story.

The quarterbacking job is weak; no experienced men are back, but the rest of the backs look potent. Bob Erickson, who played along with Ernie Steele last year, is back and better than ever. Then there's that man Peter Susick. A quiet, dependable lad, Susick does a bit of everything. He runs, blocks, punts, and even does a bit of passing. And if things come to worse the versatile hooper may be moved over to quarter.

## Twenty of Husky Speed

Gene Walters, the climax runner of the Huskies for two years, is back and as dangerous as ever. A new addition is Fred Provo, the tricky little runner who Duck fans saw last year roaring against the frosh. While only weighing 165 pounds he handles himself well and is a demon in a broken field.

The fullback spot is heavily fortified with Neil Brook, a red-headed powerhouse, and Mark McCorkle, who loves to show his drive on a wet field. But if you're worried about the morale of the Ducks, with a load of power like this facing them, here's some lightening news. Tommy Roblin took our bet against the Ducks and promised to take all comers.

With Washington State and Oregon State now in the driver's seat in Coast league, football history on the coast is being penned. Two agricultural schools riding atop the field. If you like your football fast and good, trek up to Portland next weekend where the two tangle. It should be nothing but good.

The Rose Bowl trip and win for the Beavers is paying off now. A roster of frosh football from the Corvallis town shows 106 men out for the frosh sport. They came from everywhere—Hawaii to New York.

## Kahananui Pens Another Gem

We heard from Johnny Kahananui, last year's co-worker, and suggest the letter as best reading of the week. Kahan is stationed at Santa Ana, California, and the address is Squadron 33, S.A.A.A.B. He'd like to get some letters from Ducks.

Says Johnny: "... part of the time is devoted to learning to fight dirty ... with me it just comes natural. We learn how to deliver paralyzing kicks to the region of the family tree, how to break a guy's arm, how to kick an opponent's teeth through the top of his head, et cetera. ... they teach us how to be quick. ... as the instructor put it, in war there are only two kinds of soldiers—the quick and the dead. In this dirty fighting, the maxim seems to be, "When in doubt, punt!"

# Grid Dope on . . . . Tommy Oxman

By FRED BECKWITH

Two hundred pounds of T.N.T.—that's Tom Oxman. Just ask Webfoot opponents who collided with him last season. He answers to the name of "Tom" or "Ox." His buddies on the varsity call him "Rim-Rock."

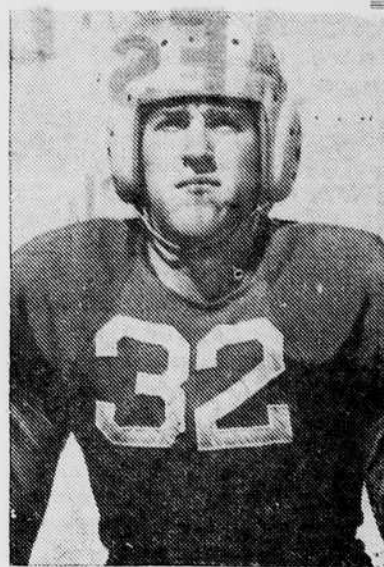
"Ox" hails from Ontario, where he played four years of high school ball, always with the idea of some day packing the pigskin for his present alma mammy. He's studying for a B.A. degree, with emphasis on pre-law.

Twenty years of age, Tom's in the Marine Corps Reserve. Texas is as far away from home as any places he's been, and it was there that he and his team-

mates took a 71-7 drubbing at the hands of that state institution last fall.

Oxman missed the first two games of this season, thanks to a leg injury sustained in scrimmage. He thinks Washington State is the team to beat in the Pacific Coast conference this year. "Ox" does the booting for Oregon when he's in the line-up.

He has one hobby that he doesn't tell many people about—poetry! In his words, "It gives me a sense of relaxation to knock the stuff out." After the war, Oxman will stay in the Northwest and take up farming or agriculture.



# Duck Gridders Regain Spirit; Prepare For Aerial Attack

Saturday's traditional fray with the University of Washington the Huskies shapes up to be more of a tossup than ever regardless of the past reputation of the two elevens. In this phase of the approaching game the Huskies over the edge—having humped over the College of Pacific, 27 to 0, and having pushed Southern California all over the field, although tying them 0 to 4. In the meantime the Webfoots have been anything but successful losing to the Navy Pre-lighters, 10 to 9, and Washington State, 7 to 0.

Wednesday's practice revealed one fact—that if the Ducks continue their fiery brand of play that they have shown in scrimmage they are liable to run the Huskies right out of Multnomah stadium. The squad was hopped up for the Navy contest, but the spirit the Webfoots have now far surpasses anything they have had previously.

## To Shoot Works

The Duck eleven seems ready to shoot the works on Saturday. Changes are being made—in the backfield—and if the Ducks' new offense doesn't come through it won't be for lack of originality.

Merritt Kufferman is definitely slated to start in Dick Ashcom's left tackle post, but Len Surles will stay in his blocking back post instead of moving back to guard as was previously planned. He will start although Ray Blatchley has pushed him very hard of late.

Bill Davis will open against the Huskies despite the fact that Tom Oxman is ready to go again after being laid up for several weeks with a twisted knee. "Rim-rock" may be used in a long passing role hinted "Honest Jaw." The Ducks are going to open up aerially regardless of whether they get a decent chance or not.

## Old Stuff to Coaches

Being odd favors the eleven from the shores of Lake Washington by 10-7. Ralph "Pest" Welch, who is an old rival of John Warren's—both having faced each other four times with the Babe and Duckling neophyte clubs—will be no stranger to coaching against Oregon teams. Last year the Frosh took the measure of the Babes by 12 to 0.

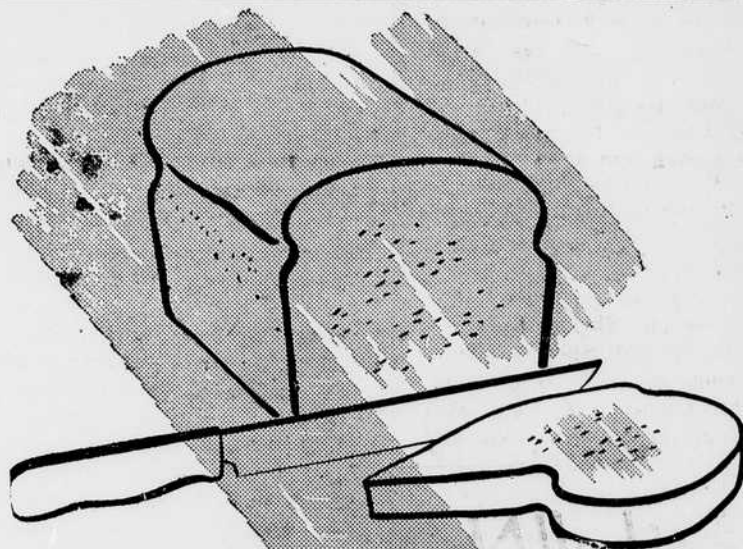
Advance ticket sales seemed to indicate that the crowd would be of a larger proportion than the 10-odd thousand that were on hand for the Pre-flight tilt. A large flock of alumni and students from both institutions are expected to overflow Portland to witness

the fortieth contest between the Ducks and the Huskies. The series is sewed up tighter than a drum with each school having won 16 apiece and tied four.

This may be the last game between Washington and Oregon for the duration, and interest will be skyhigh to witness either eleven take the lead in this bitter rivalry—the oldest in the

Northwest. Last year the Webfoots took a riotous 19 to 16 triumph home from Seattle after coming from behind on a spectacular show by Oregon fireball Tom Roblin.

Although Clemson college offers no course in journalism, the student newspaper, The Tiger, and student yearbook, The Taps, both are rated as "All-American."



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