

Duck Tracks

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We forgot to clean out our cubbyhole last weekend so we'll do it today. But before we throw all the stuff away we might pass just a little of it on to you.



Milt Smith

What with all the talk these days of the UCLA Bruin we note that in our heap of junk is a scrap of paper with two names scribbled on it: Milt Smith and Kenny Snelling.

They're both, as you realize, U-clan men. It's funny we haven't heard more of the Smith boy. In 1940, his sophomore year, he was All-Coast as an end at UCLA. He's a pretty big boy, weighing 190 and stretching upwards to the extent of six feet three inches. He's one of the most dangerous offensive ends in the conference and is said to put in a pretty good game on defense. As to how he stacks up with Russ Nowling, Oregon's pride and joy, a week from Saturday will tell.

But even more interesting perhaps is this man Snelling. He came to UCLA from Oceanside J. C., via St. Marys, where he played his freshman year, thus losing one year of eligibility.

A Fine Place Kicker

If your sports memory is good you'll remember that he was the coast's leading place-kicker last year. All in all he booted 15 touchdown conversions and a field goal and those kicks figured prominently in UCLA's winning two of their games all year and tying another.

But that isn't the story of Snelling. You see, when the 1942 football season rolled around for the Bruins the fullback spot, Snelling's stamping ground, was taken care of very well by a gent named George Phillips. He had turned in a terrific season last year as a soph, gaining a total of 354 yards, and boasting a pretty decent average of 4.68 yards per try.

But then that fickle gent named Fate stuck his hampering hand into things and early this year Phillips sustained a leg injury which threatens to keep him out of the lineup definitely.

The Full in 'T' Antics

Of course his punting ability, as he's also one of the top punters on the coast, would not be missed so sadly because Bob Waterfield was around. But the Q-T will just not function properly without some power in the fullback spot. That was obvious after watching the Indians run riot with the "T" when they had Norm Standlee at full. When Standlee was gone from their lineup they still had Hugh Gallernau, who was also a powerful runner.

The Q-T looked washed up. And it was in the first two games. TCU went by UCLA easily and the Navy place-kicker followed suit. Snelling was still a nice place-kicker but the clan wasn't getting him any touchdowns so that he would have a reason to boot extra points.

Then came the Oregon State game. And there was talk amongst the boys. And they sort of hinted that they wished they had a good powering fullback. Snelling got a little sore about the whole thing. That afternoon against OSC the Bruins had a powering full in a Mr. Snelling and OSC got their ears pinned back. And Mr. Snelling kept right on bruising through opposing lines and Cal and unbeaten Santa Clara fell in the way.

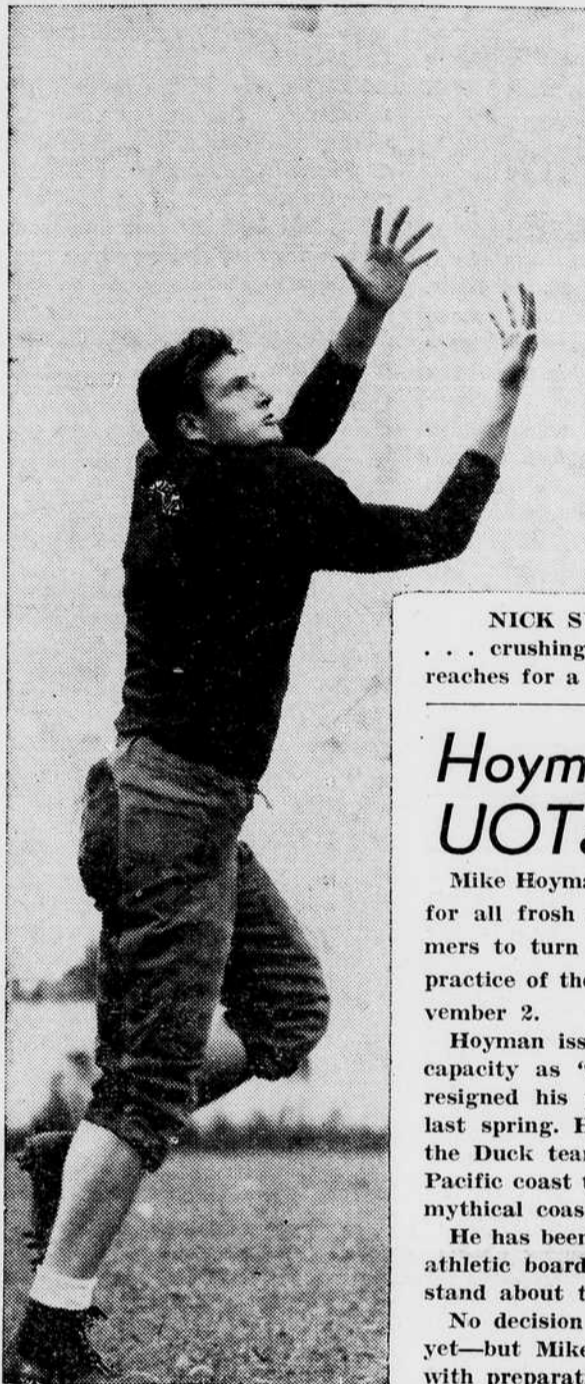
Therein Hangs a Tale—Maybe

That might not be the story behind the story of the sudden flash to fame of the U-clan but we'll bet it's one of the chapters.

Speaking of the role a fullback plays in the T and the many variations, we come back to Bill Davis. Oregon doesn't employ the T and yet when after the Idaho game it was still doubtful if Davis' shoulder, hurt in the game, was all right or not, John was heard to mutter, "We may as well call the trip south off."

Taking a look at Oregon's backfield you can't help but notice that it's nearly all speed—Reynolds, Roblin, Deeds, Oliphant. That speed would go for naught except for the fact that Davis is there as a constant threat through the line. The defense can spread out to hem in the Duck speed but they can't maintain the spread because Davis is apt to tear through the line for sizable gains at any time.

Webfoots' Hopes Rise; Injured Men Return



(Courtesy the Oregon Journal)

When John Warren and his Ducks embark Thursday for the California Bear camp, the squad will be nearer full strength than it has been at any time this season. There is only one man who is doubtful—Tommy Oxman.

New light fell on things yesterday, when the announcement that Bill Davis, husky sophomore fullback, has recovered from the shoulder injury he encountered in the Idaho game.

For the two games before the Vandal fray, Davis had been a 60-minute man, and a mainstay of the Duck squad. He didn't play full time Saturday, but it was the last half of the fourth quarter when he was injured.

No Experienced Relief

It is indeed fortunate that his shoulder has recovered. Who would take his place? Bud Cote is the only other fullback on the squad in shape, and he is inexperienced. Chances are it would create a weak spot in the Duck backfield. Even though Cote is green, he is a potential and should be a valuable player next year.

The only returning fullback at the beginning of the season was Tom Oxman. He was injured before the first game, and hasn't seen action yet. Although his condition is questionable, he might be able to see some action, making the Webfoot team full force for the first time this season.

The return of Roy "Tippy" Dyer to the Oregon lineup also is heartening. Dyer has been out since the first quarter of the Washington game—which contributed much to the Husky win in that particular game—and his return will add much to the strength of the Oregon backfield in the right halfback spot.

Ready Before Idaho

"Honest Jawn" said that he was ready for the Idaho game, but let him give the injured shoulder more rest while he still could.

All in all, the chances for a win Saturday against the Bears, who rest in the same position in the Pacific Coast conference as the Webfoots, are fair.

The Ducks outplayed the highly rated St. Mary's pre-flight squad, held the rampaging WSC squad to the least score any team in the conference has, and outplayed Washington—although the Huskies did win 15 to 7.

NICK SUSEOFF . . .
. . . crushing Cougar flankman reaches for a high one.

Hoyman Calls UOTankmen

Mike Hoyman has issued a call for all frosh and varsity swimmers to turn out for the initial practice of the '42 season on November 2.

Hoyman issued the call in his capacity as "acting coach." He resigned his post as head man last spring. He had just guided the Duck team to the Northern Pacific coast tank crown and the mythical coast title.

He has been "petitioned by the athletic board to reconsider" his stand about the job.

No decision has been made as yet—but Mike goes right ahead with preparations.

Frosh Have Chalk Talk; Eye Coming 'Babe' Tilt

With bad weather turning the football field into a sea of mud and grass, Anse Cornell and his Duckling grid aspirants confined themselves to a locker-room chalk talk last night instead of their usual scrimmage.

Already the head man of the frosh squad is laying plans in readiness for the clash with the Washington Babes at Seattle November 7. Last year in Eugene the Ducklings walked away with the game 12-7. This year the story may read the other way for already reports are floating down from Seattle as to the prowess of the Babes.

Roy Sandberg, Husky freshman coach, is well pleased with several of his prospects and mentions in particular Lyle Stotts, a former Yakima backfield ace. In the line Gail Bruce and "Red" Hale, both first string tackles, have been sparking the team.

On the Oregon side of the fence Anse has an all-around team that has already proven to have the stuff it takes to win. The Ducklings outgained the Rooks in last Saturday's game, although the OSC frosh came out on the long end of a 6 to 2 score.

The passing, running, and punting ability of Benny Holcomb can be expected to cause the Washington aggregation trouble no end.

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