

# Grid Season Gets Underway

By WALLY HUNTER

With September 28 and a football date with Coach Alonzo Stagg and his College of Pacific Tigers looming large on the horizon, Tex Oliver and his eager Oregon Ducks are laboring behind the confines of Hayward field in what daily turns into a rough and tough scramble by all concerned for a first line slot on the Webfoot varsity. Thus far the Oregon coaching staff has been silent concerning team choices and with a few exceptions there is a ding-dong battle going on for the starting nod.

Last night the Webfoots spent a grueling two hours on conditioning and drills designed to sharpen up blocking assignments. This was topped off with a light fast scrimmage.

Since Tex Oliver took over the coaching duties at Oregon in 1938, the present turnout of 21 lettermen, 11 returning frosh numerals, 14 transfers and a host of inexperienced athletes is the largest and finest looking squad to don the Lemon and Green.

At left end lettermen Tony Crish and Dick Brown are battling it out with Dan Garza, North Texas State transfer, and Jim O'Neil, a Marshfield high school luminary.

The left guard position has developed into a contest with Ted Meland, a former Bend high school and St. Mary's pre-flight athlete, John Kauffman, an Oregon letterman and Long Beach Junior College transfer, Tony Novacic, who lettered at Idaho, Jack Schneiderman, another Marshfield high school star, and John Ruecker, who played his prep ball at Jefferson high of Portland, all getting the attention of Oliver and Line Coach Vaughn Corley.

**ELLIOTT HAS COMPETITION**

At left tackle Chuck Elliott, a two year letterman, is finding his competition in letterman Cliff Gif-

fin, and transfers Howards Frary and Harold Mayer. Frary, a rugged lad, comes from Colorado State college. Mayer won his letter at the University of Idaho Southern Branch.

The pivot post thus far is being worked by big Brad Ecklund, who won his frosh numerals with the undefeated 1941 Duckling team and who played service ball with the Jacksonville Air Station, Lou Busch a Fresno State transfer, Clark Stokes, another 1941 frosh letter winner, Rudy Sherych, center for the Marshfield high school co-state title winners in 1942, and Jack Bunnett, a league all-star from South Gate.

Bill Murphy, Jim Berwick, Harold Lloyd and Steve Mezzera are the top contestants at right guard. Murphy played frosh ball at Oregon in 1942, at Maxwell field while in the service, and at Bend high school. Berwick, a transfer from the University of Washington, played high school ball with The Dalles in 1942. Lloyd comes back from the Army to take up where he left off as a letterman. Mezzera made his letter with the 1945 Oregon squad.

At right tackle three lettermen, Bill Morin, Curt Dskin, and Harry Edwards are being pushed by Don Stanton, a frosh numeral winner, and Pete Miller, who teamed with Stanton in 1942 as a freshman.

Lettermen Hymie Harris, George

Dugan, and Pete Torchia, are right end candidates along with Art Milne and Wayne Bartholemey. Dugan made the grade originally in 1942, as did Torchia. Harris lettered last in 1939. Bartholemey held down a flank position on the Jefferson high school city championship team in 1938 and 1938.

**Leicht Leads List**

In the backfield Oliver and Backfield Coach Ben Winkelman have a horde of eligibles. Leading the list are Jack Leicht of all-American fame, big, rugged Duke Iverson, Jim Newquist, Bob Koch, and Bobbie Reynolds. At quarter Duke Iverson leads the way followed by letterman Bill Abbey and Fresno State transfer Don Shaffer.

To take care of the left halfback spot are Jake Leicht, Jimmy Newquist and newcomers Bill Behrens, George Redden, Norm Van Brocklin and former frosh Ben Holcomb.

At right half Sam Ramey, Bob Reynolds, Aubrey Van Loo, and George Bell are all top-flight contestants for the job as regular. Glenn Bostwick, of glittering prep fame at Medford, is alternating between right and left halfback.

At fullback Oliver and Winkelman have a choice of lettermen Bob Koch and Walt Donovan. Koch played varsity ball in 1942 and had service experience with St. Mary's pre-flight. Donovan was leading

scorer on the 1945 Webfoot team. Backing the aforementioned Koch and Donovan are Sacramento Junior college transfer Glenn Wilson and Robert Oas, Ken Maine and Bob Sanders, all of high school fame.

## Prospective Actors Try out Tonight

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