

# Blocking Workouts Occupy Webfoots

By WALLY HUNTER

Oregon's weather man turned a surly eye, in the form of rain, on the University of Oregon's football proceedings last night, but preparations for the Saturday engagement with the University of California went ahead on schedule.

In yesterday's workout the Webfoots continued to spend their time in putting a razor edge on offensive blocking assignments. Offensive blocking, or lack of it, was one of the Webfoots key reasons for coming away with such narrow win margin of 7 to 6 in the season opener with Alonzo Stagg's Pacific Tigers.

Coach Oliver's Ducks, while rolling up an impressive statistical record against the Tigers, foundered badly at times when approaching payoff soil. Accordingly the Webfoot staff has seen fit to school the Oregon forward on its offensive assignments.

## JV's Use Cal Plays

Coach John Warren and his junior varsity "nuggets" are providing the varsity with a first hand look at the California style of offensive play. Though the California Bear lost a bit of his lustre in receiving a resounding 28 to 7 thumping from Wisconsin, the Oregon team is not taking the game lightly.

**Backfield Coach Ben Winkelman returned from the Wisconsin-California fiasco with opinions about California strength not based altogether on the final score. Winkelman was especially impressed with California reserve strength.**

In the meantime the Oregon varsity received a boost at right tackle, when husky Merritt Kufferman, pre-war two year letterman, reported for duty. Kufferman lettered at tackle for Oregon in 1941- and 1942. Besides a year of frosh football and two seasons with the Oregon varsity, Kufferman played service football with the 89th Division overseas, serving as player-line coach.

At guard the Webfoots lost one man and gained two, when Bill Hanna was declared ineligible because of scholastic difficulties, and Henry and Howdie Steers turned out for practice. Both of the Steers twins have had varsity experience at Oregon, with Henry making his letter at left guard in 1942.

## Unofficial Travel Squad

Though Oregon officials have not named a traveling squad to take the junket south unofficial observers are making choices as to possible travelers. At left end will probably be Tony Crish, Hymie Harris and Dick Brown. Left tackles having the best chance to get the nod will be Chuck Elliott, Howard Frary and possibly Harold Mayer or Cliff Giffen.

At left guard Oliver has John Kauffman and possibly Ted Meland. Other left guards on the doubtful side are Jack Schniederman, Don Ruecker and Pete Torchia. Torchia, an end, has been shifted to bolster the hard hit guard spot.

Centers to go will probably be Brad Ecklund, Lou Busch, and Clark Stokes. Leading the right guards will be Bill Murphy, Tony Novicic and possibly Harry Edwards or Steve Mezzera. At right tackle Line Coach Corley can muster Don Stanton and Pete Miller.

## Bill Abbey Recovered

Right flank men standing near the top of the list will be Wayne Bartholemey, George Dugan and Art Milne. Leading the Quarterbacks are Duke Iversen, Don Shaffer and Bill Abbey, who has recovered from an injured shoulder.

To back Bob Koch at the fullback post will be Bob Oas and Ken Maine. Bob Sanders who has shown well in

the season, thus far, will not make the trip because of a leg injury.

**George Bell, Sam Ramey and Walt Donovan will probably do the chores at right half. Jim O'Neal, who was lately switched from end, still needs more seasoning and will not go. Glenn Bostwick is being held because of a shoulder injury.**

All-American Jake Leicht tops the list of left halfbacks. Also

scheduled to see duty at this post will be Jim Newquist, who is back in his pre-COP spot, and Bob Reynolds.

Other possibles at left halfback are Ben Holcomb, George Redden and Norm Van Brocklin.

## Be There Tonight!

At 7:50 this evening the University of Oregon football team departs on the Southern Pacific train Beaver for Berkeley and the University of California football game there next Saturday. The team will be accompanied by Head Coach Tex Oliver, assistants, and trainer.

According to information revealed late last night, no send-off rally has yet been planned. Should the activities board act favorably this afternoon, the rally squad will be present for the departure. However, in the case of no action being taken this afternoon, no official representation will be available for the departure.

An appeal, therefore, is expressed to the 5000 students who jammed the grandstands last Saturday. Redouble your enthusiasm this evening by giving the team a heartwarming sendoff.

The team is crippled with injuries and ineligibilities. They need your backing.

Be there tonight!

## Cal Bears Get Big Shakeup

The University of California Bears underwent a big shakeup early this week, as Grid Coach Frank Wickhorst expressed dissatisfaction with the Golden Bear showing against Wisconsin last week.

"I had hopes for better things," he said, "but I am not discouraged. The personnel is okay and will get better. Right now it's a question of finding the strongest combination."

Wickhorst conceded that the eleven he started against the Midwesterners was not the answer to his problem and added, "I'll have to admit that the reserves did a better job."

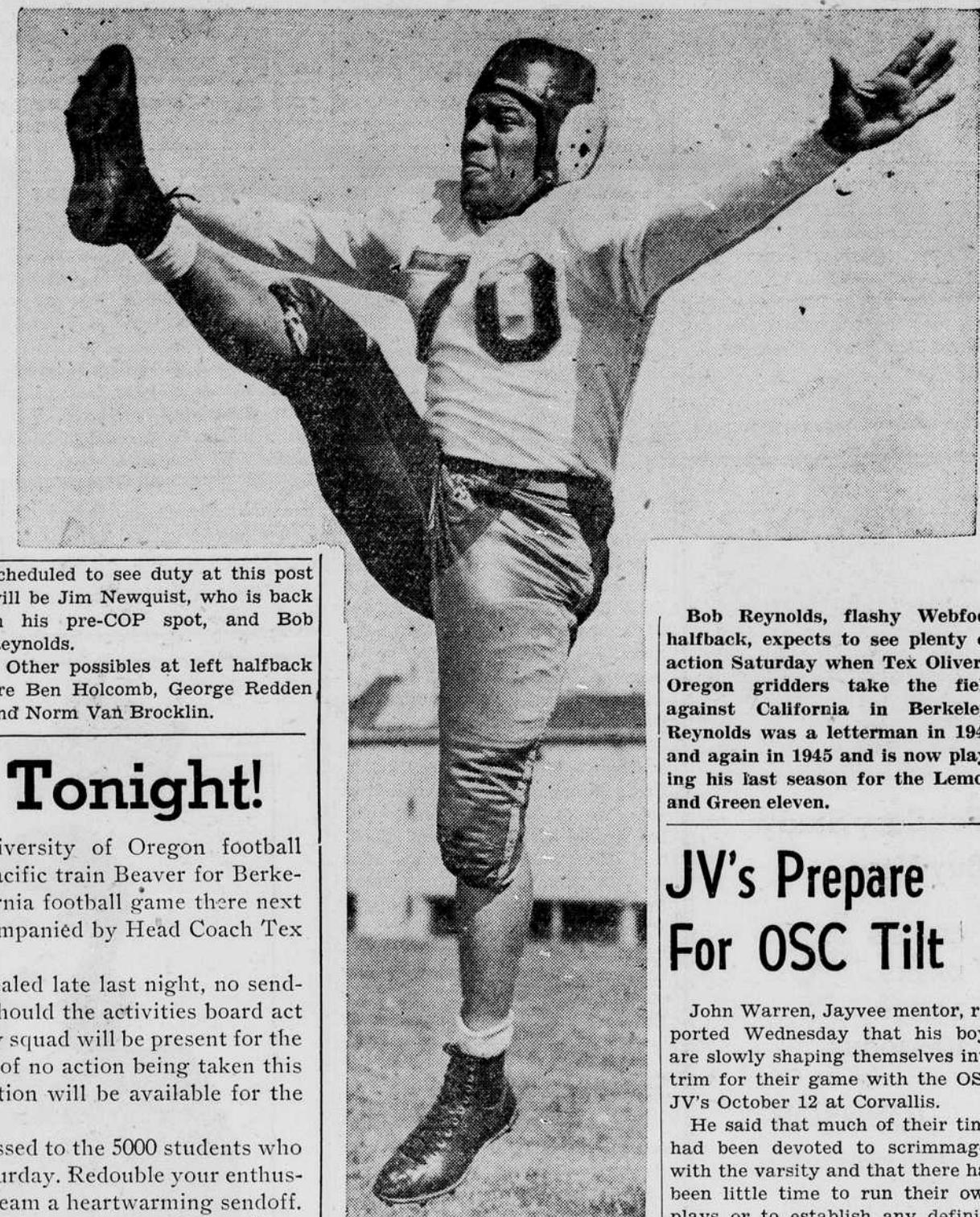
Scheduled for promotion are at least three second and third string men with a like number demoted from the top eleven. Among those due for advancement are Bob Dodds, guard; Roland Sockolov, tackle; and Doug Duncan, center.

This trio put on an outstanding performance in the third quarter, the only portion of the game in which the Golden Bears outplayed the superior Wisconsin club. Through the remainder of the contest the Cal line took a terrific mauling from the rough Badger forward wall.

Sockolov, a San Francisco lad, looked especially alert as he pounced upon a pair of fumbles which eventually led to the lone Cal touchdown.

Also scheduled to move up is Jackie Jensen, the Oakland flash at a halfback post, who made the paydirt jaunt for the Bears with a thrilling 66-yard punt return.

It is estimated that the United States will export 400,000,000 bushels of grain and grain products of 1946.



## Tickets Now on Sale

Reserved seat tickets for the Oregon-Montana game are now on sale at the ASUO ticket office, Athletic Manager Anse Cornell revealed today. All reserved seats for this game are priced at \$2.00.

The only general admission tickets now being sold are to University of Oregon students who are married and wish a ticket for the husband or wife.

## Pigskin Review....

By AL PIETSCHMAN

Would-be tacklers of Oregon's ball carriers topple like wheat in the path of a combine as blocking back Duke Iversen moves down the field. The big 210-pound, 6-foot, 2-inch quarterback is one of the most effective blockers on the coast and leaves the men he takes out with the impression that they have been blocked not for just one play, but for two or three succeeding formations.

The big Oregon blocker has had plenty of experience in this position as he played on the Oregon varsity in 1940 and 1941. In those pre-war days he was rated as one of the top blocking backs on the coast; since that time he has improved in both speed and power making him one of the big headaches in any opposing team's "stop Oregon's backfield" hope.

A marine corps tech sergeant, Duke played for the Jacksonville Air Station in 1943 and was named on the all-service team. Later he took up the coaching chores for the "Gyrene" team at Kingston, North Carolina. His service period runs just short of four years as he put in 3 years and 11 months with the marine corps before his discharge March 23 of this year.

Baseball also took up a few of his extra minutes in the service, as

he played with several of the post teams throughout the country. At Oregon, however, he has kept his athletic prowess strictly to the gridiron.

## Williamson All Wet

Yesterday's listing of Oregon as 90th in the nation's football standings by Paul Williamson drew forth the comment "He's all wet," by the Duke. Duke couldn't see how the newscaster could put Colorado ahead of Oregon when the former team lost to Texas 78-0 last Saturday. Iverson's logic was supplemented by his saying that Williamson was "like all the eastern football writers."

Oregon's tiff with California this week will be a hard contest in his estimation but he expects the Ducks to take the Bears before the final gun sounds. He also expects Oregon to display a better brand of ball against the Berkeley crowd than was shown in the contest against College of Pacific last Saturday. He feels that once Oregon can rid the injury bug-a-boo the Ducks will surprise football fans and the aforementioned Paul Williamson.

## Never Carries Ball

Most quarterbacks carry the ball once in a while, but not Iversen. He confines himself to his specialty of knocking over hopeful tacklers. Only on the T-formation does he

Bob Reynolds, flashy Webfoot halfback, expects to see plenty of action Saturday when Tex Oliver's Oregon gridders take the field against California in Berkeley. Reynolds was a letterman in 1942 and again in 1945 and is now playing his last season for the Lemon and Green eleven.

## JV's Prepare For OSC Tilt

John Warren, Jayvee mentor, reported Wednesday that his boys are slowly shaping themselves into trim for their game with the OSC JV's October 12 at Corvallis.

He said that much of their time had been devoted to scrimmages with the varsity and that there has been little time to run their own plays or to establish any definite starting lineup. There are a few men, however, who have demonstrated good ability in blocking and line play.

In the backfield Foster Thorton has been devoted to scrimmages may be depended upon to clear the way. In the line three ends Dulich, Ketchal and Murphy—have so far given a good account of themselves.

Warren said he had no definite lineup in mind for the Beaver tilt and that positions are still open. Later in the week the Jayvee will hold intrasquad scrimmage and at that time Warren may have some idea of what his squad can do.

## Duke Iversen

get his hands on the ball.

Physical education is Iversen's major, and he expects to graduate this spring. Next fall he intends to play pro ball with a yet un-named professional team. With his superb blocking, some team will add a valuable member to the roster.

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