

DUCK TRACKS

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Saturday again—Homecoming, too—and once more Tex Oliver's 1946 machine takes the field in an attempt to preserve its thus far perfect record. Today it is the Cougars from Pullman, and although upset by a second half rally last week, the boys from the Inland Empire should offer the Webfoots all the competition they want, and perhaps even a little more.

The Lemon and Green Ducks should enter the game in their best physical condition since the COP opener. Once again Line Coach Vaughn Corley is three deep with really topflight guards. The rapid progress of several late comers at the tackles—Cliff Griffin and Merritt Kufferman—give plenty of strength at that spot. The end posts have been weakened by the loss of Tony Crish but are otherwise in good shape. Centers Brad Ecklund, Lou Busch, and Clark Stokes are ready to go.



BILL ABBEY

In Ben Winkelman's backfield every man will be available for call, although several are not in top condition. Bill Hayward has devised a wierd piece of gear for Lightnin' Jake Leicht that borders on the Rube Goldberg. The speedy Jake may not see too much time, but he is ready for a first-performance without unnecessary alarm over a recurring injury.

George Bell, injured in last week's tilt, also will be ready, though perhaps not to start. Bill Abbey has improved fast late in the week and may also be ready. Summing it all up, the Webfoots should be shy only a pair of men, Ends Tony Crish and Dan Garza, and perhaps Pug Mayer. The remainder of the squad should be available for at least part time duty.

Ducks Have Chance to Prove Selves

And luckily for the Ducks they are in good shape, for they will need every break possible to win today. They started slow against COP, outfought the Cal Bears to win by a point, finally hit their stride against the Grizzlies last week, and today really have an opportunity to prove they have the class to label them a worthy claimant of some of the accolades the UCLA Bruins are now receiving.

The Cougars are a twice-beaten ball club, but certainly not one to be counted out. They were tabbed a definite PCC threat when they dropped a last minute 13-7 decision to USC in the opener. They roared back to win decisively the week following, and were on the road to victory over the Washington Huskies last Saturday, when the bottom dropped out. Scouts and critics alike admitted the first-half WSC superiority; the Cougars tired in the last half, however, and really bogged down once the Huskies grabbed the lead.

Of great interest is the poll being taken at present in the Midwest to determine whether or not the Big Nine wishes to participate in future Rose Bowl games. The argument over the relative strengths of Big Nine and the PCC has raged for many years. It would undoubtedly be a great spectacle to get the top team from each loop to play off in a post-season contest.

Are Big Nine Proposals Acceptable?

However, are the present plans as proposed by the Big Nine acceptable to us here on the coast? This column is inclined to say no! There is nothing official as yet on the matter, but it is certainly worth considering. The Rose Bowl is the PCC's baby; the West is the host, and as such we should certainly try to be accommodating. This does not, however, mean acceding to all of the Big Nine demands.

The Midwesterners among other things have included the provision that no one team could play in the Rose Bowl more than once every three years. If one school is tops in the Big Nine for two successive years, they will send someone else the second year. Granted they have a point—they want to give more schools a chance to go West. But the Rose Bowl game is not sponsored with the idea of giving all the fine Eastern schools a trip West. The objective is rather to put on a topflight contest—a game between the best team in the PCC and the best team available elsewhere in the country.

It appears, then, that the Big Nine is just a little selfish in this demand. They want an agreement closing out all schools but those in the PCC and the Big Nine, and even then aren't willing to send out the best team of the year.

The Big Nine is a powerful and a respected conference. Their scholastic standings are as a whole very high. They offer much the same eligibility and "amateur" standard as do we. Competition with them should be encouraged.

They are not, however, Lords of the Gridiron. There are many other outstanding schools and conferences as well. Perhaps they have an exalted opinion of themselves that will once again prevent more frequent inter-conference contests.

OSC Rooks Run Wild Over Ducklings, 48-6

CORVALLIS, Oct. 18 (Special)—"Honest John" Warren's University of Oregon Ducklings were beaten 48 to 6 in their first game of the season by the Oregon State Rooks before a crowd of 5000 on Bell field Friday night.

The Oregon team was crippled at the last minute when it was discovered that many of the players were ineligible.

The Rooks started their scoring spree early in the first quarter when English of Oregon State stole the ball out of the hands of Oregon's Paul Pearson on the OSC 10 yard line and ran to the 20. After a series of line plays, the Rooks gained their own 30. On the next play, a pass from Ditz to Vallincour was complete on the Oregon 35, and he ran for a touchdown. The conversion failed and the Rooks led, 6 to 0.

After an exchange of punts late in the first frame, Don Vallincour skirted his left end and ran 66 yards to the Oregon goal. Plasket's place kick was good and the Rooks led, 13 to 0.

The Oregon State scoring spree really got under way in the second quarter. Two minutes after the second quarter started, Bayless' punt was blocked by the Rooks and they recovered on the Oregon 11. Twengy plunged to the two, and went over the center on the next play for the third OSC tally. The conversion was good and the score was 20 to 0.

OSC kicked off, and after an exchange of punts, Hartmen passed to Hellberg on the Oregon 14. Twengy scored on a reverse, Harper's placement was true, and the score was 27 to 0.

The next Rook touchdown was set up when Oregon's Bill Hutchinson fumbled on his own 25. DeSylvia recovered for the Rooks, and two plays later Hellberg scored on an end run from the Duck 20. Harper's conversion was again good. Score—34 to 0.

Oregon could not crack the OSC line, and after Bayless' quick kick, the Rooks returned the ball to the Duck 35. A pass from Twengy to Hartmen was good for 27 yards to the four yard line. After two line plays, Twengy plunged for the tally from the one yard line. The conversion was good, and the score was 41 to 0.

OSC's last counter came later in the second quarter after an exchange of punts put the ball on the Duck 25. Allinger went to the one, and then plunged for the TD. Harper converted and the count was 48 to 0.

The lone Webfoot touchdown came in the third quarter when Bayless' punt was downed on the OSC 15 by Duckling George Murphy. OSC was penalized five yards and the ball was on the Rook 10. Ditz fumbled when hit by Dean Sheldon and Lou Robinson recovered for Oregon on the OSC one foot line. Bill Bayless plunged for the score. Paul Pearson's kick was no good. Final score, OSC 48, Oregon 6.

The last quarter saw much sawing and some good running by OSC's Paul Lee, but he could not get across the coveted goal stripe.

Race Feelings Topic At Lutheran Meeting

Jackie Wmctrot will lead the discussion on interracial feelings on the campus at the Lutheran Students association meeting in the YWCA bungalow, Sunday, October 20, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Singing, refreshments, and games are also included on the evening's program and all Lutheran students and their friends are invited to join.

Stage is Set for Final Home Game Against Washington State

Oregon's vaunted gridmen took to the field yesterday afternoon in preparation for their final game at home. Ticket sellers, caretakers, and those who make pre-game preparations can now draw a sigh of relief until next year. The Ducks face all their coming opponents on fields away from home, putting Hayward field into the "antique" class, as far as football is concerned, until the 1947 season.

With two games behind them, the entire staff that prepares everything for the tiffs had everything ready to go without any difficulty. All the kinks in organization and readiness were ironed out in the previous home games.

"Homecoming" was the keynote in the new posters displayed in McArthur court's basement today with

a green and white show card urging "CAGE THE COUGARS FOR HOMECOMING."

Everyone connected with the football team, from the water boy to the athletic director, Anse Cornell, has done everything possible to make this game an outstanding one from the spectator's viewpoint. Returning alums to the Duck campus and Hayward field are in store for a real display of Oregon football on parade.

The team jogged in quickly from their workout of last night, and showed a lot of pre-game spirit in the showers. If the alums are looking for Tex Oliver's men to give them action, their seeking can stop, from the moment the yellow and green clad football men make their appearance on the field.

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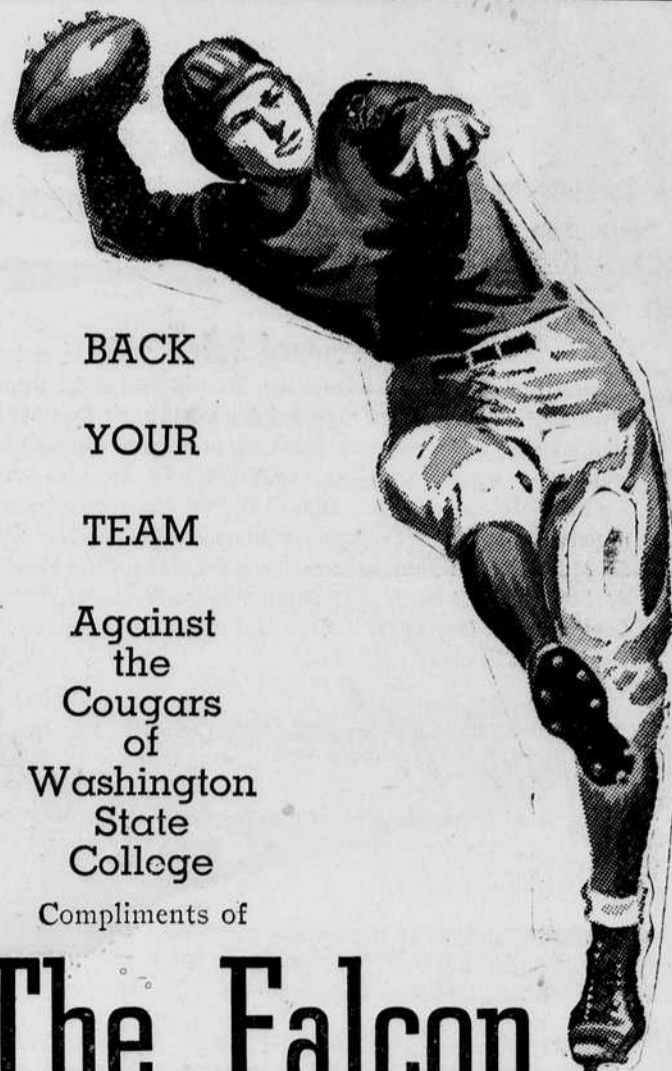
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