

Ducks, Trojans Vie on Coliseum Turf Today in Crucial PCC Game

Webfoots 14½ Point Underdogs; Injuries Plague Harris, Iversen

By WALLY HUNTER

University of Oregon's Webfoots, led by Whippet-back Jake Leicht, hold an undefeated record up for the inspection of a dubious horde of Southern California Trojans today in Los Angeles' Coliseum in one of the key games of the Pacific Coast Conference.

Oregon's Tex Oliver coached eleven will hit the LA turf with a five game record marred only by a 0-0 tie with Washington State College. The much ballyhooed Trojan trundles into battle with a large dent in his war gear placed there by a win-happy Oregon State Beaver.

In spite of Oregon's victory stuffed ledger, the men of Troy are given a 14½ point advantage over the Ducks by the bookies and prognosticators. Basis for the two-touchdown plus margin handed the Trojans by the "experts" are the slim margins by which the Webfoots have rolled to victory, and the lack of top-flight competition in the backwash of the Oregon schedule.

Coach Oliver's machine has thus far in the season greased the skids for College of Pacific, California, Montana and Idaho. COP and California held the Ducks to one point victory margins. Idaho and Montana on the other hand were badly clobbered by the Webfoots. This has not added much to Duck fame, however, because this pair has been consistent league cellar dwellers. Washington State made a sad Homecoming for the Ducks when they held Oliver's men scoreless on muddy Hayward field.

Coach Jeff Cravath's Trojan hordes—picked by early season guessing as the team to beat for Rose Bowl honors—has just begun to roll in predicted fashion. Though rocked and socked by Ohio State, the Trojans have bowed only to OSC in the Coast conference. Oregon Backfield Coach Ben Winkelman scouted the USC-Stanford game and came home with healthy respect for anything labeled SC. Winkelman calls them a team that "has everything."

Dependent on Leicht

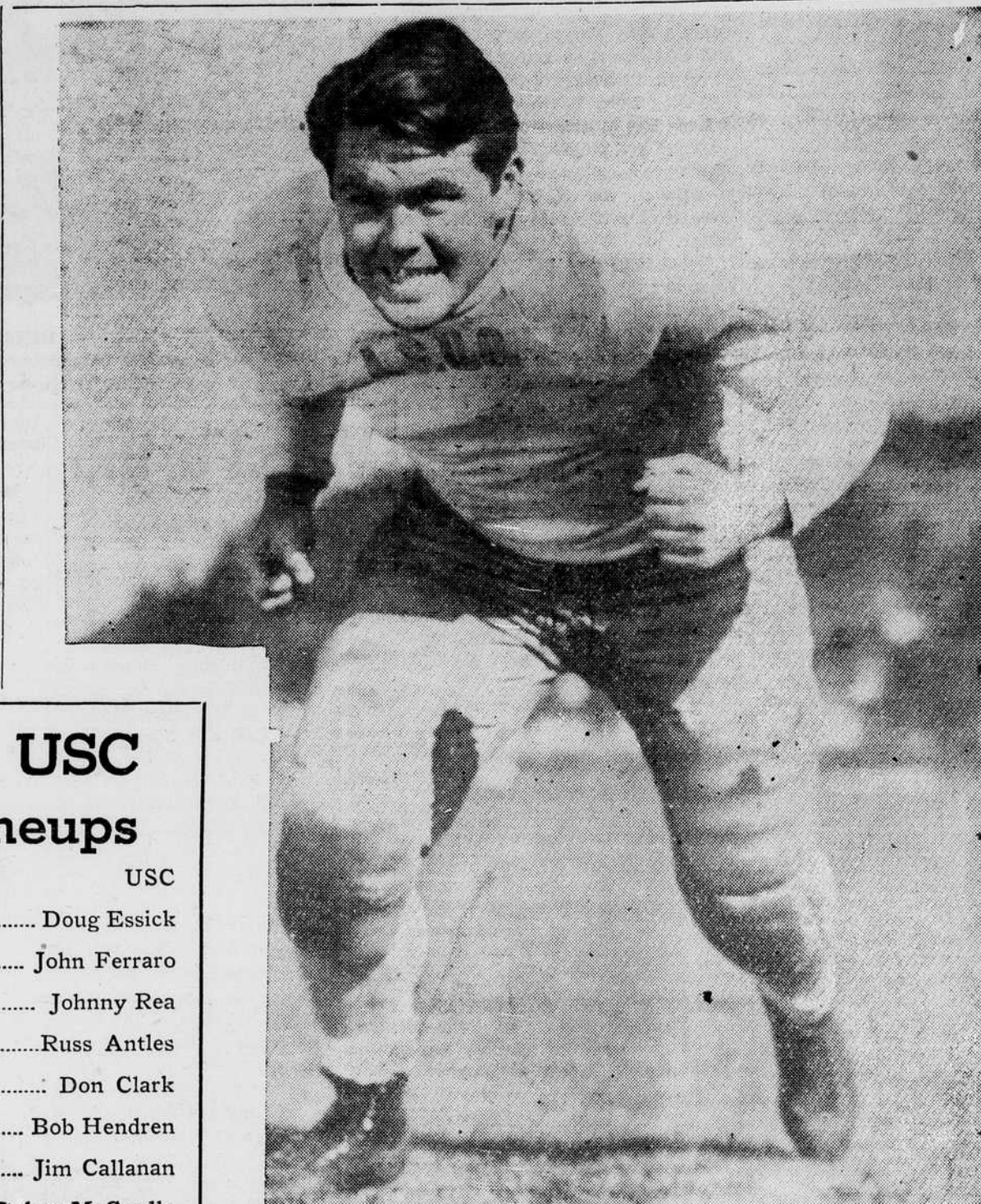
Oregon's hope for a win today will ride on the shirt-tails of mercury-footed Jake Leicht. Tabbed as one of the fastest men on the coast, Leicht has been bothered by a leg injury that has held him bench-bound most of the season. Along with his varied talents Leicht has, of late been assigned a new role as pass catcher. Leicht's fine condition coupled with the fact that Coach Tex Oliver has been working overtime on developing some brand new strategy to pitch at the Trojans may give the underdog Webfoots a new lease on life.

Two Webfoot injuries cast the only shadows on the Oregon picture today. Quarterback Duke Iversen was classed as having "an outside chance" of seeing action today. Should this be the case, Coach Oliver will run reserve blockers Don Shaffer and Bill Abbey into the gap. First string Left End Hymie Harris is also ailing from a practice injury. In a scrimmage against the junior varsity, venerable Hymie injured a leg seriously enough to make it doubtful as to how much he will be able to play today.

Radio

Today's football broadcasts:
 10:45 a. m.—Army vs. West Virginia, KUGN, 1400 Kc. (ABC)
 1:45 p. m.—OSC vs. Stanford, KALE, 1300 Kc. (ABC)
 2:00 p. m.—Oregon vs. USC, KEX, 1190 Kc. and KUGN, 1400 Kc. (ABC)

The "Mole" was a University sensation in 1941.



GUARD TED MELAND . . . is slated to start in the left guard spot against Southern Cal in the Coliseum at Los Angeles today. The former Bend prep star has been one of the stalwarts of Tex Oliver's forward wall and is being looked upon for greater performance in the next three years. Meland was declared ineligible shortly before the COP game, but regained his eligibility in time to aid in the defeat of California's Golden Bear.

Oregon vs. USC Starting Lineups

OREGON	USC
Dick Brown L E	Doug Essick
Chuck Elliott L T	John Ferraro
Ted Meland L G	Johnny Rea
Brad Ecklund C	Russ Antles
Bill Murphy R G	Don Clark
Don Stanton R T	Bob Hendren
W. Bartholomey R E	Jim Callanan
Duke Iversen Q B	Mickey McCardle
Jake Leicht L H	Johnny Naumu
Jim Newquist R H	Art Battle
Bob Koch F B	Bob Musick

Pigskin Review

By AL PIETSCHMAN

End George Dugan is one of the mainstays in the Oregon line this year, and is another of the pre-war lettermen adding power to the yet undefeated Webfoot team. Dugan played Frosh football in 1941 and earned his letter under John Warren in 1942.

George has three years of high school ball behind him, but not at the end position. At Cottage Grove he played tackle, but he was switched to end when he came to Oregon.

During the war, Dugan served in the Army Air forces as a B-29 pilot in the Pacific. He served for three and one-half years before he was discharged February 1 of this year.

Dugan heartily approves of transporting the football team by air. He mentioned that it would have been just the thing for the Idaho trip, and wishfully said that he hoped the Ducks would be able to get more flying time in the future.

Former air force men are abundant on the Oregon varsity this year and George said that he is not the only one who would like to take over the controls on the trip south.

The lanky end is a pre-dental major, but he says it is not his intention to chip his opponent's teeth in order to drum up future business, although his front teeth have taken a beating this year. His mouth was the recipient of a cleated foot in scrimmage several weeks ago, and as a result he has gold tips on his front teeth.

After next year Dugan hopes to enter the Oregon dental school in Portland to polish off his training. He will play one more year for the Webfoots before entering the northern branch in Portland.

Good Oregonian

George appears to be a true-blue Oregonian. Although he doesn't know exactly where he will practice dentistry, he is convinced that it will be in the state of Oregon.

"Southern Cal has a terrific club and is loaded with lettermen," George remarked, "but nevertheless I think we can take them by putting into practice the improvements and lessons we have learned in the past five games.

According to Dugan, the USC game should be a low-scoring affair, but he opined that if the field is dry there should be an abundance of passing. George's primary ambition tomorrow is to snag as many Oregon—and USC—passes as possible.

Oregon teams have always been plagued by the Southern California sunshine, but Dugan thinks it will have little effect upon the Webfoots today.

Idaho Inspired

He said the Idaho team became surprisingly inspired in the last quarter last week and showed more fire than most observers gave them credit for having. Though Oregon did not play up to par against the Vandals, Dugan thinks they will have the proper mental attitude today. "I expect to see a real showing when we hit the Coliseum turf," he said.

The 200-pound end thinks Oregon showed more strength in every department against Montana. As for UCLA, George thinks there is a good chance of beating the Bruins in Portland next week.

It is Dugan's opinion that if Leicht can be turned loose against the Trojans today, Tex Oliver will display before the critical Los Angeles crowd the top post-war ball club of the west.

George Dugan

Bruins Wallop Gaels, 46 to 20

By BILL BECKER

LOS ANGELES, Nov 1—(AP)—The power-packed Bruins of the University of California at Los Angeles rolled to a 46-20 victory tonight over St. Mary's Gaels from Moraga, California, in a thrill-minute football game in Memorial coliseum before 92,976 spectators, largest crowd of the season anywhere.

The Bruins' great passing combination of Ernie Case and Burr Baldwin far overshadowed All-America Herman Wedemeyer, although the versatile Hawaiian and his mates never stopped battling.

Baldwin, brilliant end, scored three touchdowns, two of them on tosses by Case, covering 49 and 23 yards, including runs.

The Bruins, using Wedemeyer as the goat for their first four touchdowns, scored in every period. The Gaels gathered steam only in the fourth quarter against UCLA reserves.

It was the Bruins' sixth straight win, but a nonconference clash with no bearing on their Rose Bowl

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