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The Pacific Coast conference and Western conference (Big Nine) formally signed an agreement yesterday which will make the annual New Year's Day Rose Bowl game a closed affair. It was the culmination of a campaign first publicized when the Western conference passed a favorable resolution September 1 of this year.

The agreement provides that a Big Nine representative will oppose PCC's top team for the first three years, and that in the final two years the Western conference can nominate any eastern team it wishes although it is not mandatory that the PCC accept a nominee outside the Big Nine. Should there be a disagreement, a Western conference eleven will be chosen.

Eliminates Army

The agreement signed eliminates all possibilities of the undefeated Army eleven appearing in this season's Rose Bowl. Reliable sources had virtually assured the Cadets willingness to accept the January 1 bid, and the agreement came as a blow to most West Coast grid fans who were confident of a good PCC showing against the Cadets, undefeated in 27 starts.

Although no explanation has been given as to the PCC's willingness to accept the five-year close-out, many observers believe it is due to a fear that other topflight opponents may not be available for the Pasadena affair. The Southwestern conference is at present sending its leading team to the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Texas, and the outstanding team from that area is not, therefore, eligible.

Teams from the Southern and Southeastern conferences are still available, but some authorities fear they may obligate themselves to Sugar or Orange Bowl

Our Departed Friend

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20—(AP)—Enclosed by heavy black funeral type, Sports Editor Paul B. Zimmerman's column in the Los Angeles Times tomorrow will lead off with:
"In memoriam . . .
The Rose Bowl
Born . . . January 1, 1916
Died . . . November 20, 1946."

Other conferences from which the Rose Bowl entry could be drawn include the Big Six and the Missouri Valley conferences, as well as certain outstanding independent schools throughout the nation.

Most western sports writers, however, feel the situation has been over-exaggerated. Southern and Southwestern schools have in the past been quite anxious to accept the Rose Bowl bid. Following the 1941 season Duke was very accommodating in inviting Oregon State to participate in a transplanted bowl contest at Durham, North Carolina when it was impossible to stage the event on the west coast.

Sources of much criticism are the provisions that no Big Nine team can participate in the Bowl contest oftener than once every three years and that no school need play the post-season game should it care to decline.

Gophers, Illini Against

Inasmuch as both Minnesota and Illinois have already registered negative votes it is possible that they may refuse to come west. And should another team win the Big Nine race two successive years and the next two teams refuse to go, the Midwest representative could be the fourth-place team, a condition certainly not conducive to a top-flight post-season match.

The failure to obtain Army for this season's affair has caused a

great deal of disappointment. It marks the first season since the Cadets' ascendancy to football power in which the Army eleven would have been free to come west. In past seasons travel and war conditions would have made it somewhat embarrassing for the Cadets to make the 3500 mile trip.

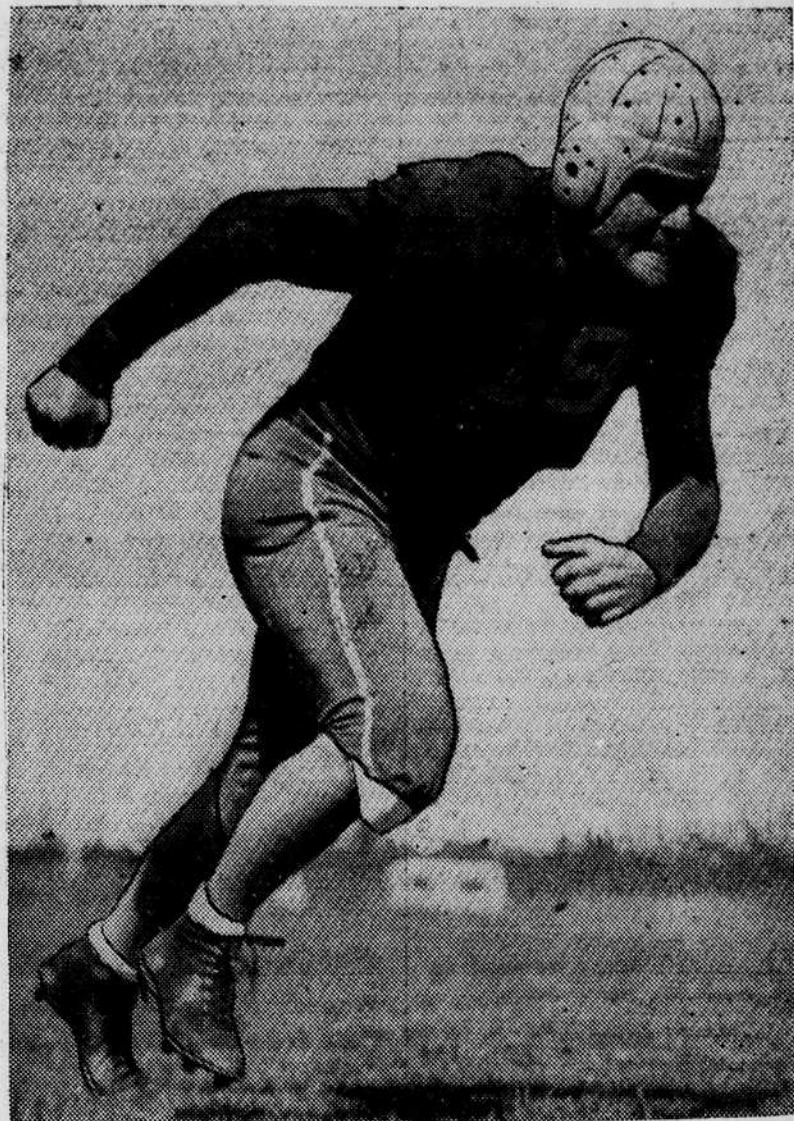
Another criticism of the PCC action is the fact that at the expiration of the five-year period there will be no assurance of an eastern entry for the Rose Bowl. The Big Nine will be under no obligation to continue the agreement, and other schools in the nation will undoubtedly have a critical attitude toward the Rose Bowl after being shut out for a five-year period.

The last appearance of a Big Nine team in the Rose Bowl was in 1921 when California defeated Ohio State 27-0. The Big Nine has refused all overtures from the PCC since that time. At present the top team in the Western conference is Illinois with a record including two defeats.

The Tuesday and Wednesday meeting of the PCC faculty committee that made the decision, and though Oregon's representative, Orlando J. Hollis, was present at the Tuesday session he was forced to return to the campus early and missed the Tuesday evening and Wednesday sessions when the decision was actually made.

In line with conference policy Mr. Hollis had no statement as to the proceedings but appeared quite disappointed at not being present when the decision was made.

The ATOs and the Legal Eagles tangle in today's semi-final IM touch battle. The winner will be pitted against the Chi Psis for the intramural championship tomorrow.



CHUCK ELIOTT . . . two-year letterman tackle, will be playing his last game for Oregon Saturday against the Beavers in Corvallis.

Chi Psis Gain IM Finals; Tip Betas in 4-down Playoff

An inspired Chi Psi touchball team clinched a finals berth in the intramural playoffs yesterday afternoon as they not only played the highly-touted Beta boys to a four-quarter 0-0 tie, but took advantage of the overtime four-down rule to knock the props from under their opponents in rousing fashion.

After the final whistle sounded in the scoreless mudfest, the Betas were given possession of the oval on their own twenty and allowed four downs to make as much yardage as possible. On the third down a fast-charging end nabbed ball-toters Leo Rubstello 7 yards behind the line of scrimmage, and the Betas were unable to gain the precious yardage back.

As a result the Chi Psis employed a double "T" formation when their four-down chance came, and did not attempt any long gain plays. However, an offside penalty against the Betas gave them five yards, more than enough to provide them with the victory margin.

Despite the condition of Howe field, both squads gave an exhibition of wide open football with Rubstello's sparkling end sprints and

Kroder to Rufner passes highlighting the contest.

The winners lost a golden scoring opportunity early in the game, after they failed to hit pay dirt with a first down on the one-yard mark. Chuck Rufner, outstanding Chi Psi ball-packer, intercepted an enemy pass on the Beta 30 and then snagged a fine spiral from John Kroder for 20 yards.

A ten-yard gallop brought the ball to the one, but the powerful Beta forward wall, and Bob Svenson knifed in from the secondary to throw the Chi Psi club for a five-yard loss which they were never able to gain back. Kroder uncorked a pass into a waiting lineman's arms, but he was a few feet beyond the end-zone and the Betas took over.

Not to be outdone the spirited Betas roared back in the final minutes of play to cross the opposing goal-line on a thrilling 50-yard run by Rubstello only to have the ball called back to midfield on a penalty. Another scoring thrust by the losers was averted when Vic Smith's pass slipped through the fingers of a receiver on the two-yard line.

Webfoots Scrimmage For Aggie Civil War

University of Oregon's Webfoots slogged through a rugged scrimmage drill last night on sloppy Hayward field as the Duck squad prepared for the annual feud with Oregon State college Saturday, November 24, at Corvallis. With only two practice days left before the big game of the year the Ducks are rushing plans designed to stop the high riding Beaver squad that is rated one of the toughest on the coast.

Should the Staters' Bell field be a sea of mud come Saturday the Oregon gang should be well prepared to do the 60 minute stint in the slop. The Hayward practice field, never a solid turf after the first good rain, is in unusually soggy condition.

Though the Oregon squad has had its share of injuries in the season thus far, Webfoot Trainer Tom Hughes will probably be able to give the go-ahead signal to all members of the squad by Saturday. Ailing at present on the Duck squad are End Wayne Bartholemy, Guard Ted Meland, and Quarterback Don Shaffer.

Leg Bothers Bartholemy

Bartholemy, the most seriously injured of the trio, is still ailing from a leg injury received in the Southern California fracas. Though his condition is improving he may not be ready for much action. Meland and Shaffer are both slowed by shoulder injuries. These injuries are not expected to keep them bench-locked, however.

Newest recruit to the Duck ranks is End Tony Crish who has recovered from a broken leg and will end his grid career against Lon Stiner's team.

Expected to lead to Duck offense in their effort to make a success of the season finale will be

ball carriers will be Quarterback Duke Iversen who has been called one of the greatest blocking backs in Webfoot history.

To handle the punting duties Coach Tex Oliver will call on Fullback Bob Koch. Should the playing field be as soupy as expected Koch's towering punts will undoubtedly be a vital factor in the outcome.

To round out the backfield Oliver can fill in with either pass-catching Sam Ramey, break-away back Bobby Reynolds, or place-kick artist Jim Newquist.

1945 All-American Lightnin' Jake Leicht. Though the Ducks have gone down in defeat in their last three stands diminutive Leicht has been a consistent threat.

Iversen Leads Way

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