

Remember the Day Before Pearl Harbor . . .

Gridders Eye Texas Revenge

Ducks Face 10 Game Slate; Five Here, Two in Portland

All eyes are on Multnomah stadium in Portland and a long postponed return engagement with the Texas Longhorns September 27, as the 52nd University of Oregon football season nears under the direction of Oregon's new head mentor, bull-voiced Jim Aiken.

The day before Pearl harbor in Austin, Texas was the most disastrous in Oregon football history as the Ducks suffered a 71 to 7 clobbering from the Longhorns. Aiken is confident that the 1947 fray will not be a repeat performance.

Both teams will have a warm-up game. The Longhorns will tangle with Texas Tech on September 20 and Aiken's Ducks begin their 10 game schedule against Montana State September 20 and Aiken's Ducks begin ber 20 on Hayward field.

Oregon fans will have an opportunity to see their team in action at home more this year than ever in the past. Five games are scheduled on Hayward field and two in Portland. Montana State, Nevada, San Francisco U., Idaho, and Oregon State will meet the Webfoots at Eugene; and the Portland schedule includes Texas and Washington.

Only three road games are scheduled for Oregon-Stanford at Palo Alto, UCLA at Los Angeles, and Washington State at Pullman.

Large Turnout Expected

Several new names are expected to appear on the varsity roster this season, and there should be a large turnout when practice sessions begin September 1.

Aiken will not be without experienced material, however. Twenty lettermen are expected to return with several varsity reserves and Jayvee regulars from last year's team on hand to back them up.

Last season, Tex Oliver's back-field material was rated the best on the coast, and this year the situation is as good, if not better.

Quarterback the Key

The key to Aiken's "T" formation offense will be the quarterback, and Norm Van Brocklin, the rifle-armed passer who saw little action last season, filled that position very well during spring drills. Bill Abbey, a two year letterman, is also rated a good "T" formation quarterback along with Abe Johnson, who joined the squad last spring.

Aiken has a fine crop of fleet-footed halfbacks, headed by All-American Jake Leicht. Jake was out of action most of last season with a leg injury, but he should return to his old form this year. Playing behind Leicht at left half will be Lettermen George Bell and Bob Oas; and Benny Holcomb, a numeral winner in 1942.

The battle for a starting position at right half will be between Lettermen Jim Newquist, DeWayne Johnson, and Walt Donovan; Keith DeCoursey, a letterman transfer from Washington, and Bud Boqua.

Koch Top Punter

Letterman Bob Koch is the leading candidate for the fullback spot, but he will be pressed by Ken Mane and Bob Sanders, 1946 varsity reserves. Koch was one of the leading punters in the nation last year.

There seems to be no lack of experienced ends due to return

with four lettermen—Dan Garza, Wayne Bartholomey, Art Milne, and Pete Miller (a tackle last year); and varsity reserves Lou Robinson and Darrell Robinson all top candidates for a starting nod.

Lacks Tackles

At present, Aiken lacks depth at tackle with Lettermen Don Stanton and Harry Edwards, Steve Dotur, a letterman transfer from Cornell, and varsity reserve Bob Roberts the only experienced men on hand. But there should be more material when the season opens.

Letterman Ted Meland and Ed Chrobat, who played freshman ball at Notre Dame, held down starting guard roles during spring practice, but they will get stiff competition from Lettermen John Kauffman and Steve Mezzera; and Jim Kirsch.

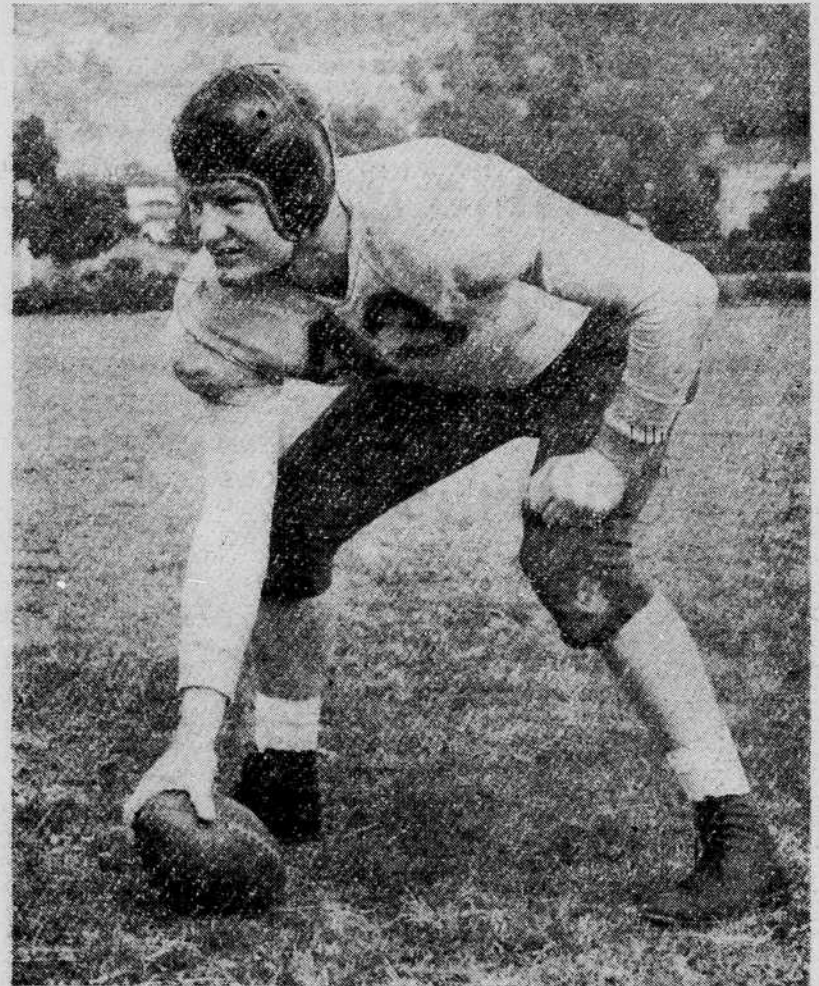
Letterman Brad Ecklund was impressive both offensively and defensively at center during spring drills, and Lettermen Lou Busch and Jim Berwick give added depth.

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DUCK GRID STALWARTS . . .

Ed Chrobat (above), stocky guard who played frosh ball at Notre Dame, held down a first string guard post during spring drills. Brad Ecklund (right) was the regular center on the 1946 team and a tower of strength offensively and defensively in the line. Jake Leicht (bottom) gained All-American honors at Randolph field while in the service in 1944 and at Oregon in 1945.



Carl Heldt New Frosh Mentor; Don Kirsch to Assist Hobson

The coaching staff for the University of Oregon was completed recently with the naming by Athletic Director Leo A. Harris of Carl Heldt as freshman coach and Don Kirsch as assistant basketball and baseball coach.

Heldt, who is a graduate of Purdue, arrived on the Oregon campus with his wife Tuesday. His most recent coaching position was at La Porte, Indiana, high school.

He is the first freshman coach at Oregon since 1941, when John Warren was moved up to varsity football coach. His assistants have not been named.

It is expected that the Frosh

eleven will have a complete five game schedule, although it has not been outlined to date.

Kirsch is not a newcomer to the Oregon athletic department. He played three years of varsity basketball and baseball under Hobson before the war, and he is familiar with the Webfoot system.

His brother, Walt, was elected by his teammates as captain of the 1948 baseball team. Don is currently playing in the Cascade league, holding down the regular second base position for the Snellstrom Braves.