

# Ducks Prepare for Second Foe

## Defense Plays Revised To Stop Texans' Attack

By FRED TAYLOR

New defensive formations, against both air attack and ground play, have been devised by Coach Jim Aiken for his Oregon gridmen, aimed at stopping the fast-moving, accurate-passing Texas Longhorns in Saturday's tilt at Multnomah stadium in Portland.

In a light workout Monday Aiken attempted to correct the mistakes in the defense tactics that allowed the Montana State college bobcats to score twice last

weekend and throw such a scare into the Ducks, at the same time introducing the variations to be employed against the Longhorns. The gridgers worked without pads in the first practice of the week, but heavy scrimmages are scheduled for today and Wednesday.

Backfield coach Frank Zazula, just returned from scouting the Texas-Texas Tech game, in which the longhorns overan a strong Tech squad, 33-0, reported that the invaders have eight backfield men as fast as Oregon's Jake Leicht. Offensive operations are geared to these speedsters, using the T-formation as a basis. Coach Blair Cherry, of the Texans, relying on the fleet-footedness of his backs, uses plays in which the whole forward wall breaks downfield immediately upon centering the ball to act as interference for the backs against the secondary defense, instead of blocking out the charging opposition.

### Good Shape

Oregon came out of Saturday's fray in excellent physical condition, according to Aiken, with none of the members suffering more than minor bumps and bruises. Every man on the squad is expected to be ready to play against the Longhorns. Superior conditioning was attributed by Aiken to be one of the reasons for the Ducks' victory over Montana. The visitors were unable to stand up under the constant Webfoot pounding, and finally came apart in the crucial last quarter.

Lightning Jake Leicht, Oregon's All-American hope, proved to be the workhorse ball-carrier for the Webfoots. Besides his two touchdown jaunts Leicht packed the ball 13 times, for an average of 7.9 yards per try. Right behind him was Jim Newquist, who lugged the leather 7 times, for an average of 7.0 yards per carry. Honors for leading ground-gainer of the day, however, fell to the Bobcats' right halfback, Buzz Erisbin, who crashed through 6 times for an average of 9.16 yards.

### Bobcat Outpasses

Quarterback Gene Bourdet managed to outpass Oregon's quarter, Norm Van Brocklin, completing 16 out of 25 passes, against 6 completes out of 15 tosses by the latter. In comparison with these figures, Texas' quarterback, rifle-armed Bobby Layne against whom Van Brocklin will be slinging the pigskin Saturday, completed 11 out of 12 passes in the 1946 Cotton Bowl game against Missouri. His record for the 1946 grid season was .550.

Oregon's lineup Saturday will remain about the same. Aiken used 29 players in the tilt last weekend, of which about 20 were in-and-out of the lineup frequently. With the unlimited substitution rule the lineup was constantly changed to keep the squad at peak effectiveness on both the offense and defense.

### Gridmen Lost

Two more gridmen have been

declared scholastically ineligible. Last week basketball player Dick Wilkins, who proved a sensation at pass-catching and kicking in his first try at college football, and Bud Boqua, Springfield flash, who showed signs of developing into a rugged halfback, were declared ineligible, and an appeal to Commissioner Schmitt of the Pacific coast conference was turned down. This makes three gridmen who have been given the axe, as earlier in the week it was announced that Fullback Ken Maine was ineligible.

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## Frosh Begin Schedule Soon

The Oregon Frosh football squad opens the 1947 season in the first game of the home-and-home series with the OSC Rooks on Bell field on October 4, according to the schedule recently released.

In the last "little civil war" encounter in 1942, the Rooks powered over the Lemon and Green frosh 27-0, and in the season opener during the same season squeezed out a 6-2 triumph over the Eugene gridmen.

The next week-end the first-year men again journey into the enemy camp, this time meeting the Eastern Oregon College of Education at Pendleton, and wind up the scheduled tilts away from home against the Washington Babes in Seattle. The records reveal that the frosh hit the victory trail in their last northern trek in '42, by eking out a 7-6 win over the Huskies.

### Game Slated

There are no games slated for October 25 and November 1. After that the freshmen roll into action against Portland in the inaugural Hayward field contest.

Winding up the seson will be the final Rook affair on the Ducklings own gridiron, set for October 14th.

### The 1947 schedule:

- Oct. 4 - OSC at Corvallis
- 11 - EOCE at Pendleton
- 18 - U. of Wash. at Seattle
- 25 - Open
- Nov. 1 - Open
- 8 - U. of Portland at Eugene
- 14 - OSC at Eugene

Southern California reports that non-student fans have only small chance of obtaining tickets for the Trojan-Notre Dame game this year.

## Forty Texas Gridgers Leave Thursday for Webfoot Battle

AUSTIN, Tex., Sept. 22—Forty Texas Longhorns will leave here by air early Thursday, bound for Portland, Ore., and a date Saturday afternoon in Multnomah stadium with the regon Webfoots.

This is the first all-air journey for a Texas football squad. A four-engine DC-4 will carry the party to Portland, with plans to arrive in time for a short workout there in the afternoon. The party will pause

en route at Denver for 20 minutes.

Besides the 40 players, the party will include Athletic Director D. X. Bible, Head Coach Blair Cherry and two of his aides, H. C. (Bully) Gilstrap and Ed Price, Student Manager Johnny Thompson, Trainer Frank Medina and Team Physician, Dr. Charles Bintliff.

The squad will leave Portland, on the return journey, early Sunday, and will be on hand for classes Monday morning.

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