

# Sports

## One Texan



Tough Dan Garza, who played his prep ball at San Antonio, Texas, will anchor down the Duck forward wall from his left end position.

## Rain May Change Texas Plans for Oregon Grid Tilt

Possibilities of a muddy field for the University of Oregon-Texas grid battle in Portland Saturday loomed Thursday night with the report that it was sprinkling rain in the big city, with more expected.

The official Portland weather report read: "Cloudy Thursday night, cooler Saturday with increasing rain."

A sloppy field is expected to harm the Texas style of play more than it will Oregon's. The Longhorns' offensive is supposedly geared completely to its speedy backfield men, with only slight attention given to power. The Webfoots are not as completely dependent upon speed to make their plays click, because of only one exceptionally fast man doing ball-carrying chores, Jake Leicht. And Leicht has proved to be a pretty capable mudder in past action.

Other Duck leather merchants who have had their share of work in the rain with satisfactory showings include Fullback Bob Koch and Halfback Jim Newquist. Keith DeCoursey, fast-moving transfer reserve halfback, also served time on a slippery field when he performed for Washington.

A big question is how the rain will affect the performance of the passing quarterbacks, who are such important cogs in the T-formation machine. Both Bobby Layne, Texas' great throwing star, and the Webfoots' Norm Van Brocklin are practically untried with a slick ball. This is Van Brocklin's first season of steady action, and Layne has seldom run into wet weather.

Condition of the turf itself will remain unknown until game time.

Multnomah stadium, scene of the battle, underwent a complete re-vamping during the winter. According to James J. Richardson, stadium manager, the new drainage system is expected to carry off any surplus water that falls.

Portland prep schools open their football season at Multnomah stadium Friday night, and if the weather is really bad it may result in a badly mangled turf for Saturday's tilt.

Early in the season Coach Jim Aiken expressed his intention to tentation is that although the T re-Oregon football weather. His contention is that although the T requires more ball-handling there is no more chance for a fumble than in the single-wing, where the ball must be centered all the way to the backs.

A remote chance that Dick Wilkins, basketball player turned end, who was recently declared ineligible, may be reinstated was voiced Thursday by Leo Harris, director of athletics. Wilkins' petition for review of the case is to be submitted to members of the Pacific coast conference for a vote, according to an official announcement.

Wilkins, who had demonstrated sensational pass-catching and kicking ability in his first try at collegiate football, was ineligible because of a technicality in the conference regulation. He supposedly made up three needed credit hours in an extension course this summer to become eligible for football. The difficulty lies in the definition of the term "extension course."

Decision of the conference is not expected to be made in time for Wilkins to play Saturday. He was not named on the traveling squad.

# Longhorns Work Out Kinks On Multnomah Stadium Turf

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All intramural football officials will meet at 3 p.m. at room 122 in the physical education building.

Left End Dan Garza made a remark on the practice field typical of the Ducks' attitude toward the Texas game—"Come on gang, two days till "T" day."

Forty tough Texans went through a light workout late yesterday afternoon on Multnomah field under the eyes of Coach Blair Cherry and his two aides, Horace C. Gilstrap and Ed Price. The Longhorn squad arrived by air about 3 p.m. and shortly after were perfecting their signal drills on the Stadium's revamped turf.

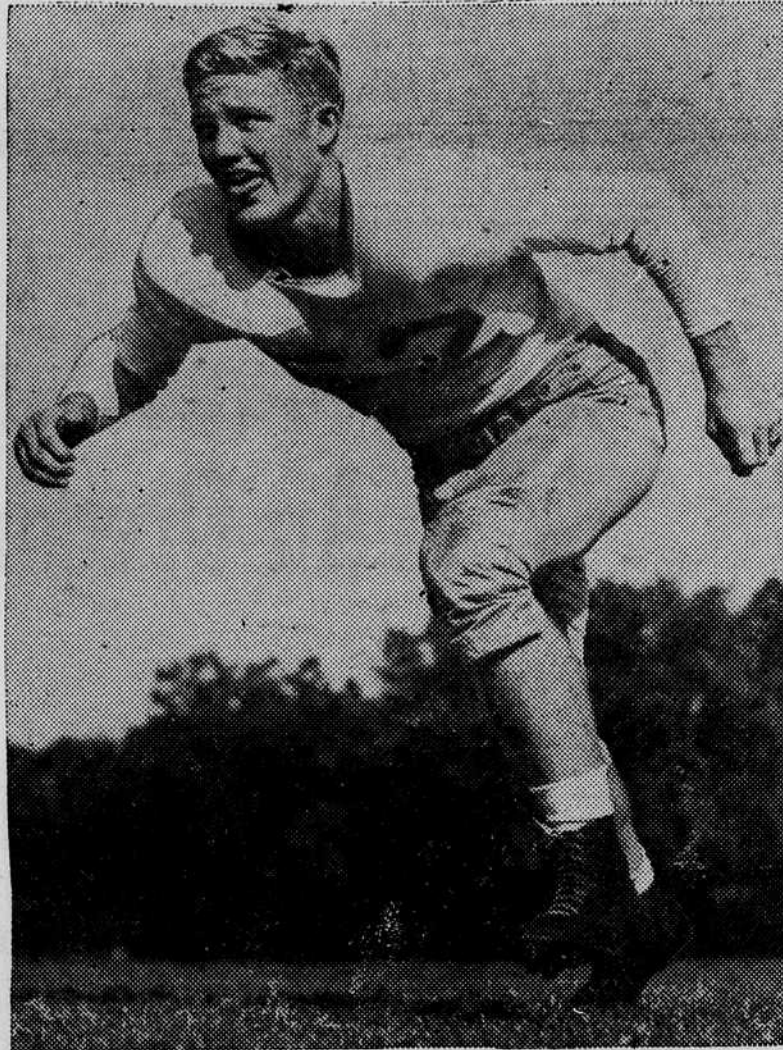
The Texas aggregation is expected to be in top shape for tomorrow's encounter with the Oregon Webfoots, slated to start at 2 p.m. Although no members of this year's Texas team played on the '41 eleven which handed the Oregonians that 71-7 thumping, they will all be out to convince Pacific Coast fans they play a good brand of ball in the Lone Star state.

Key man in the Longhorn offense will be bounding Bobby Layne who is playing his first year as a T-formation quarterback. Layne was fullback for three seasons in the former Texas single wing. He piled up a terrific record during the 1946 season and is being boomed this year for an All-American backfield post. Placing second nationally last year in the total offense and forward passing columns, he led the Southwest Conference in total offense, passing, punting, and scoring.

Possible starters for the Longhorns, on the basis of recent showings, will find Max Bumgardner (co-captain) and Dale Schwartzkopf at ends; Dick Harris and Ed Kelly at tackles; Joe Magliolo and Joe Mitchell at guards; Joel Williams, center; Layne at quarterback; Byron Gillory and Jim Canady at halves, and Raymond Jones (co-captain) at fullback.

Canady at right half can be expected to haul down his share of Layne's heaves if he lives up to his reputation as the top receiver in the Southwest Conference. Joe Mitchell at right guard plays minus a left hand, but is considered the hardest man to get by in the line. Gillory, Canady's running mate at left half, is a 9.8 sprinter on the Texas track team, and the trickiest runner among the host of fast, shifty halfbacks on Coach Cherry's roster.

## ... Meets Another Saturday



Veteran footballer Dick Harris has moved over to plug a tackle spot in the Texas line, after two years as All-Conference center.

## Frosh Pass in Preparation For Impending Rook Battle

The Oregon frosh stressed passing, on both an offensive and defensive basis yesterday afternoon, as Coach Carl Heldt sent his charges through another stiff practice session in preparation for the looming Frosh-Rook battle one week from today.

Heldt, aided by assistant back-majority of the afternoon eyeing passers and receivers in an effort to put together several combinations which will click when the season starts. Working from the "T" all backfield candidates received a chance to show their skill as they ran off several variations of plays which kept the defense guessing as well as the spectators viewing the skirmish.

The running attack also is being primed for action as the ballcarriers have greatly improved in both running condition and timing. Following the passing session the squad was divided into separate groups where they ran through assignments and smoothed the ragged ball handling which has hampered the improvement of the club during the past few days.

The traveling squad of 35 players will be selected within the next few days for the Rook tilt, which will open the five game slate of the freshman ball club. The game will take place on Bell Field at Corvallis.

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