

Muddy Turf Looms For Weekend Tilt

Oregon's gridders got a taste of things to come Wednesday when the Webfoots ran through a rainy, sloppy practice in preparation for the tilt with the Washington Huskies at Portland this weekend.

It was the first really muddy workout for Coach Jim Aiken's charges this year. Main purpose of the drill was to give quarterback Norm Van Brocklin a chance to adjust his timing on the bullet passes that make the Oregon aerial attack so potent.

Power plays with DeWayne Johnson as halfback, Bob Sanders at fullback and George Bell at left halfback were also worked over and it appears that Aiken will make greater use of these three than ever before against the Huskies. Sanders displayed plenty of punch last week against the UCLA Bruins, as he blasted across the only Oregon touchdown.

No letup in the heavy rainfall is anticipated before the Saturday tilt, so a sloppy fray is expected, despite the claim of James Richardson, Multnomah stadium manager, that the stadium's new turf and drainage system will take care of any excess of water.

Lots of Passes

The pass combination of Van Brocklin to end Dan Garza will undoubtedly see heavy service against Washington despite the rain. Yesterday's practice saw Van Brocklin quickly accustom himself to the muddy handling of the ball, and he managed to complete a number of tosses in the closing stages of the session.

Van Brocklin's accurate passing against the Bruins last week boosted him up to third place in forward passing in the nation, according to statistics released by the National Collegiate Athletic board. Van has racked up 565 yards via the air, with 38 completed heaves in 94 attempts.

Van Third

Van Brocklin also has climbed up to third place in the nation in total offense, with 581 yards gained.

The other end of that lethal aerial combination, Dan Garza, mainly on his pigskin-grabbing efforts against the Bruins, has shot up to first place in the nation in yardage gained from passes. His 257 yards is 69 yards better than his nearest competitor. Garza has snagged 11 passes in four games, two of the tosses for touchdowns. He ranks eighth in the country in number of passes caught.

Condition Tops

Physical condition of the Ducks will be tops for the Husky tilt. Ted Meland, who has been nursing an injured wrist, will be ready for service Saturday although Jim Berwick may take his right guard starting spot.

Art Milne, pass-snagging end who has been out of uniform for two weeks because of the flu, may be ready also. The slender letterman will see considerable action Saturday if he plays as a target for Van Brocklin's passes. Milne exhibited his touted sticky-fingered ability against Texas when he snagged an aerial from two defensemen to score one of the Webfoots' touchdowns.

Methodists Plan Retreat

The first annual fall retreat of the Oregon Methodist student movement will be held at Camp Magruder, Barview, Oregon, October 24 to 26. Members of groups on all of the Oregon campuses will be present.

Swim Team Reports For Fall Season

All men interested in turning out for the swimming team are requested to attend the meeting at 4 p. m. today at the Men's pool....

The swimming team started preparations for the coming Northern Division season, as Coach Ray Kireilis called for a meeting of all prospective aquaducks today.

Kireilis, a former swimming star at the University of Illinois, replaces John Warren who moved into the top position on the basketball and track squads.

Despite the loss of five lettermen, Kireilis is pointing toward a good season. Gone from last year's second-place team are Ralph Huestis, breaststroke; Tom Corbett, diver, Bob Hiatt, Don Rush, and Aldin Sundlie.

Back for another try at the Northern Division crown are five lettermen. George Moorehead and Earl Walters should be the top men in their events. Moorhead was the 1947 high point winner and Oregon State champion in the 100 yard freestyle. Walters was runner-up last year to Moorhead, while winning the state championship in the 100 yard backstroke and the 100 yard breaststroke.

Ben Holcomb, also a footballer in the fall, will be trying to fill Corbett's place on the diving board. Paul Thompson and John Miller round out the list of letter-

Four Huskies Out Of Webfoot Game

Four University of Washington football players are definitely out of Saturday's game with Oregon as a result of injuries suffered in the St. Mary's game, Coach Ralph Welch said yesterday.

End Dick Hagen and halfback Fred Provo were the victims of injured shoulder bones, halfback Whitey King went out with a lame ankle, and sub quarterback Fred Whede was benched with a broken bone in one hand. In addition, guard George Meyers suffered a sprained ankle which has kept him inactive all week, but which should not keep him out of the Saturday date with the Webfoots.

Hagen, picked on some All-American second teams last season, also was out of action against St. Mary's. Sophomore Al Kean, a rugged and able replacement for Hagen, opened at the left end position against the Gaels. If Kean should fail to get the starting nod, Jelly Anderson, a two year veteran, will probably open at the wing post.

Although the loss of Freddy Provo is a serious one, Welch can call on Larry Hatch, a triple-threat, who had been pressing Provo for the regular left half position all year. Hatch, an Everett boy, looked very impressive in Saturday's St. Mary tilt.

If Meyers is unable to start

against the Ducks, it will likely fall to Alf Hemstad, an All-Coaster at the guard position in 1945.

Hemstad tried his hand at quarterbacking for last season's Huskies and developed into a regular early in the year.

Vandals Hurt

Moscow, Ida., Oct. 15 (UP)—Coach Dixie Howell today benched Carl Kilsgaard, 212-pound tackle of the University of Idaho football squad, who is suffering from an elbow injury.

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