

Oregon Battles Huskies

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Muddy Turf Likely to Hurt Van-to-Dan Pass Combine

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Oregon's fighting Webfoots, smarting from three straight grid defeats, clash with the Washington Huskies today on a muddy Multnomah stadium turf in Portland. Kickoff time is 2 p.m.

It will be the second conference tilt of the season for both squads. The Huskies dropped their opener to Oregon State, 14-7, and the Ducks were knocked off in their first coast game last week by UCLA, 24-7. The loser today will definitely be out of the coast title picture.

Don Stanton, burley 218 pound tackle, was named captain of the Webfoot team for today's tilt. Stanton is playing his second varsity season as one of the "ironmen" of the Oregon line, having played nearly 50 minutes of every game this year.

Oregon's hopes rest with the weatherman. A letup in the rain today would give the Webfoots a chance to unleash their lethal passing attack. Workouts in the mud the past week have shown that the Duck passing ace, Norm Van Brocklin, will have plenty of trouble if called upon to deliver under sloppy conditions.

The power system, that Coach Jim Aiken has been grooming to take over in the event an aerial barrage is impossible, is relatively untried. Two sets of ball-carriers have been drilled the power plays, a department in which the Ducks have been ineffective this year.

No relief from the rain is in sight, however, as the weatherman predicts scattered showers throughout the day. In Portland this is likely to mean heavy down-pours.

Dopesters in Portland are giving the Seattle squad a 12-point margin. It will be the third time this season that the Webfoots have been rated as the underdogs. Last week on straight running. They were picked to knock off the Montana State university squad and given a one-point margin over the Nevada Wolfpack. The latter squad's win was rated as an upset.

The Webfoots will probably cut loose with a series of passes in the early stages of the game, to determine whether Van Brocklin will be able to overcome the mud and the Huskies' touted pass defense. If the aerial attack is not successful Aiken will switch the offensive machinery over to the power system, and try to overrun the Huskies on the ground.

Oregon's powerful forward wall will outweigh the Huskies by a five pound margin. The Ducks' line boasts an average of 208 pounds, to 203 for the northerners. However, in the backfield Washington has a slight advantage, 194 pounds, to 186 for the Lemon and Green.

The same line that has started the past four tilts this season for the Ducks is expected to open hostilities today, with one exception. Jim Berwick, number one line reserve and all-around handy man, turned in such an impressive performance last weekend that he may gain the starting nod over Ted Meland at right guard.

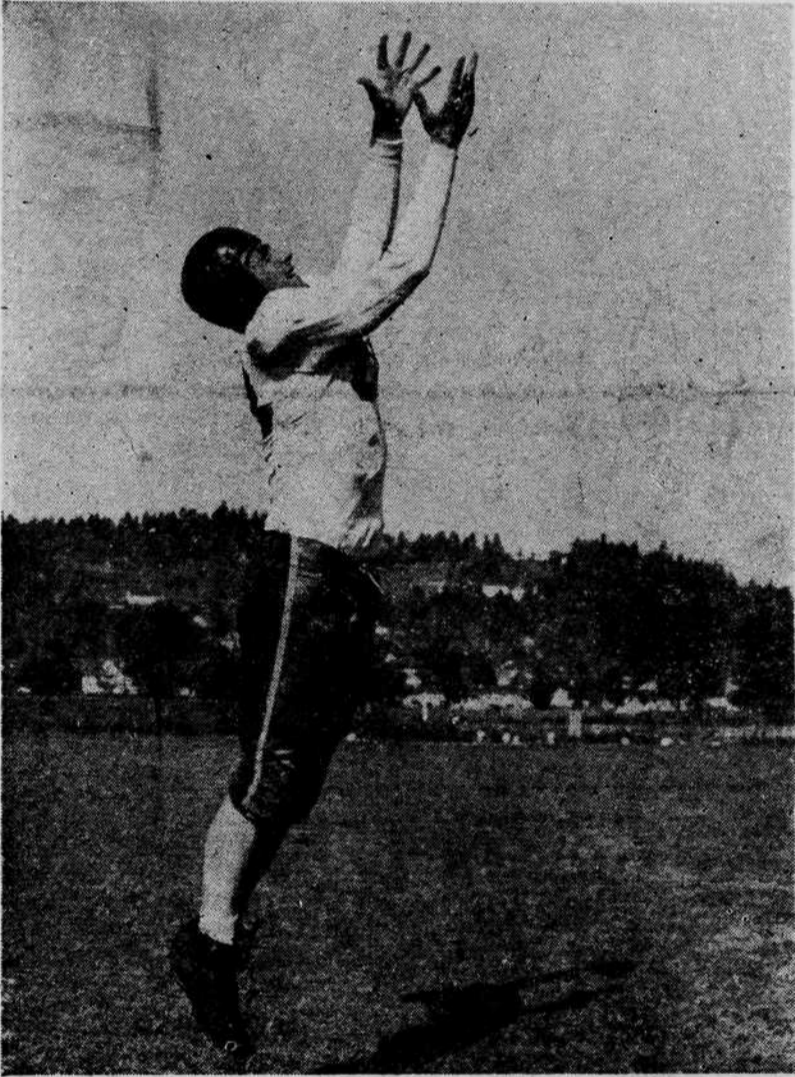
Berwick to Start

The nation's top pass receiver, Dan Garza, will start at left end and Lou Robinson will open at the other flank. Tackles will be Captain Don Stanton at right, and Steve Dotur at left. Chunky Ed Chrobot will be in his customary left guard position, with Berwick probably at right. Reliable Brad Ecklund will handle the pivot chores for the Webfoots, to finish out the line.

In the backfield for Oregon will be the same four who have been the big offensive guns in the past. At quarter will be rifle-armed Norm Van Brocklin. The half spots will be filled by Jim Newquist at right and Lightning Jake Leicht at left.

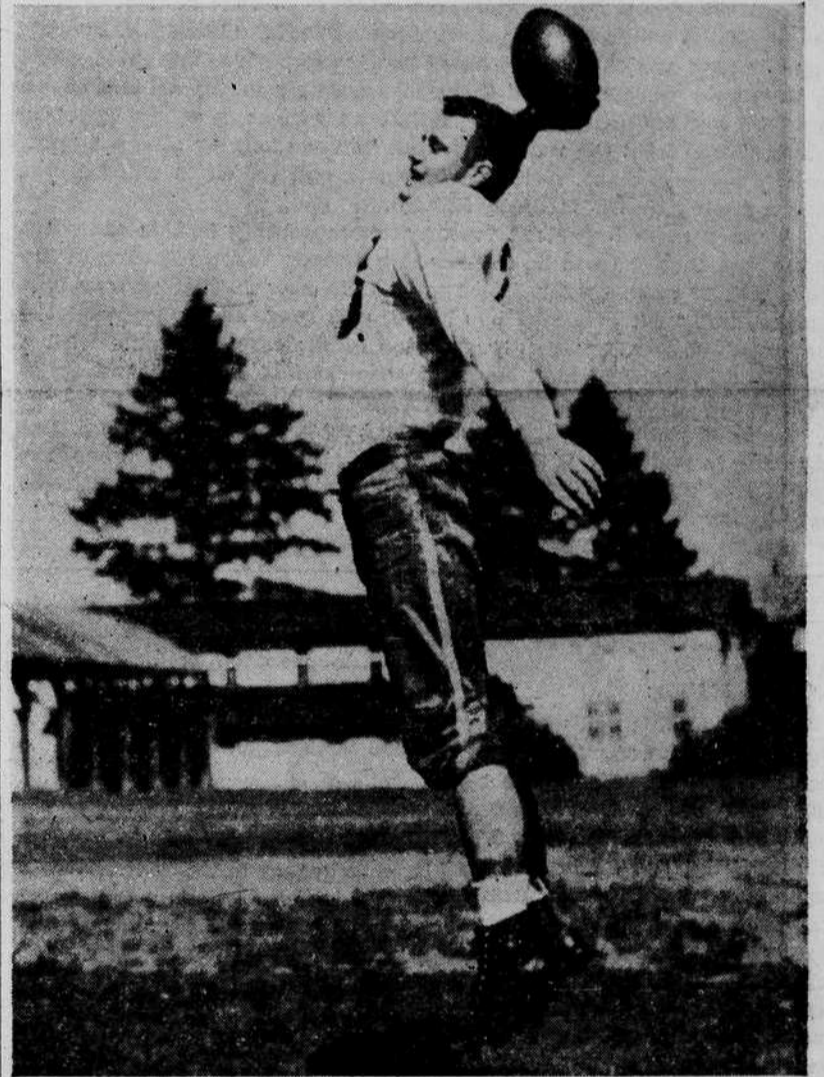
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Garza Catching



Durable Dan Garza shown in a familiar pose of gathering in a Van Brocklin aerial. The wingman has nabbed 11 passes for two touchdowns and 257 yards, in addition to playing a rugged defensive game.

Van Brocklin Pitching



Whip-arm Norm Van Brocklin pictured as he was about to unleash another of his deadly-accurate heaves. The rapidly-improving Web-foot quarterback has let fly with 94 such tosses, connecting on 38 of them.

Welch a Husky Fixture

Serious-minded Ralph "Pest" Welch is in his sixth year as head football coach for the University of Washington. More amazing is the fact that he has never coached anywhere but at the Seattle school.

Welch came to Washington, with Jimmy Phelan in 1930, fresh from Purdue university. In 1942, when Phelan took over the reins at St. Mary's, he was elevated to head man. His record to date with the Washington grid teams stands 26 wins, 15 losses, and 3 ties.

Welch gained his unusual nickname of "Pest," when as a 12-year-old he insisted on tagging along with older boys. In high school at Sherman, Texas, he gained letters in football, basketball, track, and baseball, and in his final year at Purdue, Welch was named on virtually every all-American team as halfback.



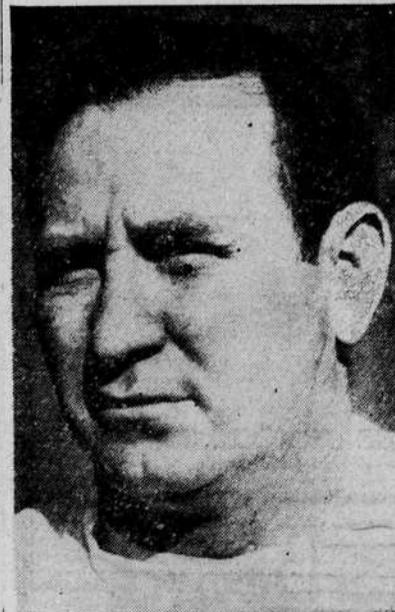
PEST WELCH

Aiken Has Good Record

Bull-voiced Jim Aiken, in his first year as head Oregon football coach, comes to the University after compiling good records at Nevada, Akron, and in Ohio high school circles.

Aiken completed his college career in 1922 when he was graduated from Washington and Jefferson. He played end on the W & J team of 1921 which went undefeated and tied Andy Smith's California "Wonder" team 0-0 in the Rose Bowl.

In Aiken's first year of coaching at East Washington, Pa., his team went undefeated in 10 starts, and he followed this up with another unbeaten season at Steubenville, Ohio. His high school record shows 121 wins, 16 losses, and two ties. Aiken's college squads have won 47, lost 33, and tied 4.



JIM AIKEN