

Van Leads In Yardage By Aerials

Norm Van Brocklin, quarterback passing ace for the Oregon grid squad, leads the nation in yardage gained through the air for the second consecutive week, according to statistics released from the National collegiate association.

The rifle-armed sophomore aerial sensation has bulleted 49 completed passes for a total of 647 yards gained, for a percentage of .432. In number of passes completed Van Brocklin stands third in the nation. He also rates third in total offense, the combination of passing yardage and ground gains, with 663 yards.

Left end Dan Garza, one of the main targets of Van Brocklin's throws, still leads the nation in yardage covered after receiving passes, with 265 yards on 12 catches. Garza grabbed only one aerial last weekend against the Huskies, but it was enough to keep him in front.

Oregon as a team ranks 15th in the nation on forward pass offense, and all but one of these losses was made by Van Brocklin. Jake Leicht has completed one pass this season, to bring the Webfoot total to 49 completes for 670 yards.

Wednesday's practice session was devoted to a hard workout on offensive plays, as Coach Jim Aiken readied his charges for the weekend tilt with the fast-moving San Francisco Dons on Hayward field. The gridgers spent the early portion of the practice on pass defense, but concentrated heavily on the offense machinery that is hoped will click Saturday.

Again, this week two separate sets of backfield men are being worked as a unit. The first string, composed of Jake Leicht, Jim Newquist and Bob Koch, is being pushed by the unit of George Bell, DeWayne Johnson, and Bob Sanders. So far this season Johnson has not seen offensive action. Van Brocklin has been doing most of the quarterbacking for both sets.

Starting berths in the line are still being hotly contested for, and a shake-up may occur in the right end position. Lou Robinson is being pushed by Wayne Bartholemey, who played considerably last week, and Pete Torchia.

Right guard is the scene of a contest between Jim Berwick and Ted Meland, as Berwick gained starting honors last week.

Practice today will probably be devoted to the defense tactics to be employed against the Dons. The bay city club is one of the most offensive-minded elevens on the coast, and sport a potent combination of ground strength and air power.

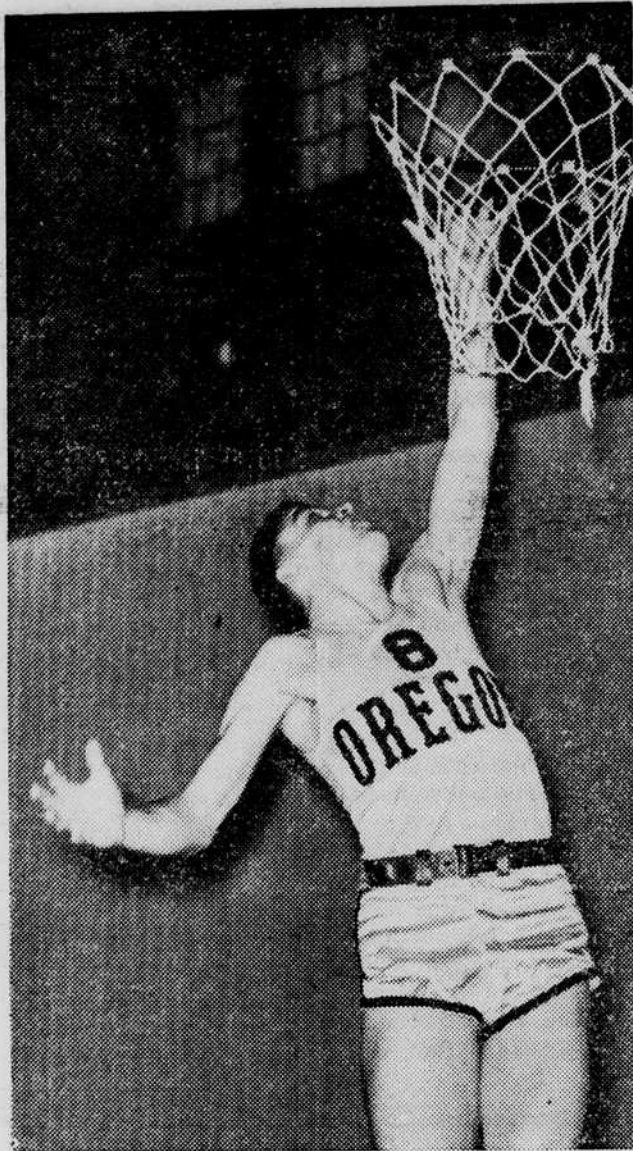
The Webfoots' line has proved plenty tough to opposing ball-carriers lately, and will face another stiff test this week. The defense against air attack has been slowly improving, but will have to be at its best against the aerial sharp-shooting of the Dons. Last week the Huskies tried only two passes the whole afternoon, and one was intercepted by Jake Leicht.

Oregon's standings in the grid-iron world, under Paul Williamson's system, moved from 116th to 74th in the nation this week as a result of the victory over the Huskies. The Dons are rated far above, in the top 35.

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Duck Hoopsters Slate Thunderbirds

Shaping Up



Roger Wiley, 6 foot 8 inch letterman center, has already given indication that he is returning to pre-war form, when he led the league in point-making. Wiley has almost certainly nailed down the first string pivot slot.

Varsity to Run First Scrimmage As Squad Swells to 33 Hopefuls

Basketball coach John Warren announced that the Oregon quint's first games of the '47-'48 season will be held November 28 and 29 against the University of British Columbia. Warren said that the sites for the two contests haven't been definitely agreed upon; as it is not known whether Oregon will travel to Vancouver B.C. or stay in Eugene.

With the addition of Bob Amacher, 6'8" center from last year's JVs, and Fred Wilson of the Frosh, the total varsity turnout was swelled to 33 candidates. The third practice session was spent in polishing up on fundamentals and ball-handling.

Roger Wiley, Jim Bartelt, and Bob Lavey, lettermen, showed up well during the practice. The elongated center Wiley has displayed some of his pre-war form in the sessions, with a noted improvement in his footwork, passing, and backboard play.

Lavey, a little speedster, has lost none of his fleet-footedness

in quick weave-runs down court, and Bartelt's performance has been favorable.

Dick Unis, a wiry, little speedball from Franklin high in Portland, gives promise of developing into another of the famous Oregon running guards, as does Kenny Seeborg, who sparked the JVs to a successful season. Still missing from the workouts is Jerry Switzer, who played center for the JVs last fall and was a capable performer under the boards.

Warren also revealed that the first basketball scrimmage will be held Friday afternoon, with all who are out for varsity taking part. Although he has not given the Webfoots any offense to work this season, Warren said that the boys will go out and run through the practice game using what know-how they have.

It will take 1000 pounds of buffalo meat to feed 3000 homecoming guests of the University of Colorado.

USF Gridgers Prime For Webfoot Collision

By DICK MASE

The University of San Francisco ran through a light dummy scrimmage yesterday in their final practice session before taking on the Oregon Webfoots Saturday.

Coach Ed McKeever reported that the Dons were in good shape

after their convincing victory over Marquette, except for a few minor bruises. The USF mentor has come up with a team this year that ranks along with the best on the coast. The Dons have swept four out of their five contests thus far this season and all by a healthy margin.

San Jose was the victim in the Don opener, taking a 20-6 beating. The Dons then took Nevada and Duquesne in their stride, thumping them 37-13 and 51-0 respectively. Mississippi State was the lone stumbling block as McKeever's crew fell to Shorty McWilliams and co., 21-14. Last Saturday it was Marquette who absorbed the lacing by a 34-13 score.

The much-debated case of Don Panciera, former Boston College star, has finally been settled with Panciera now officially enrolled and listed on the USF roster. McKeever was accused of "buying" football players by Holly Cross officials with Panciera the motive behind the accusation. The ex-Crusader, who was classed as one of the most promising freshmen on the east coast is now relegated to the second team quarterback post behind Jim Ryan in the Don system.

The University of San Francisco is expected to be favored over their Webfoot foe on the strength of the Saturday encounter will initiate comparative scores this year. The Saturday encounter will initiate grid rivalry between the two schools.

Taylor Grabs Fairway Toga

Rod Taylor, former junior in business administration and member of last year's Oregon Northern Division championship golf team, defeated Don Leal, defending champ, one-up in the finals to annex the Eugene Country club title.

Taylor, who previously was crowned Eugene city golf king, was one-up on Leal at the end of the first eighteen holes played a week ago. Leal never bettered Taylor's score throughout the final round, although a 25-foot putt by the defending titlist extended the match to the final hole.

In the semi-finals, Taylor downed Sid Milligan, who coached last year's Duck golf squad on which Taylor was number two man in a tight battle, one-up.

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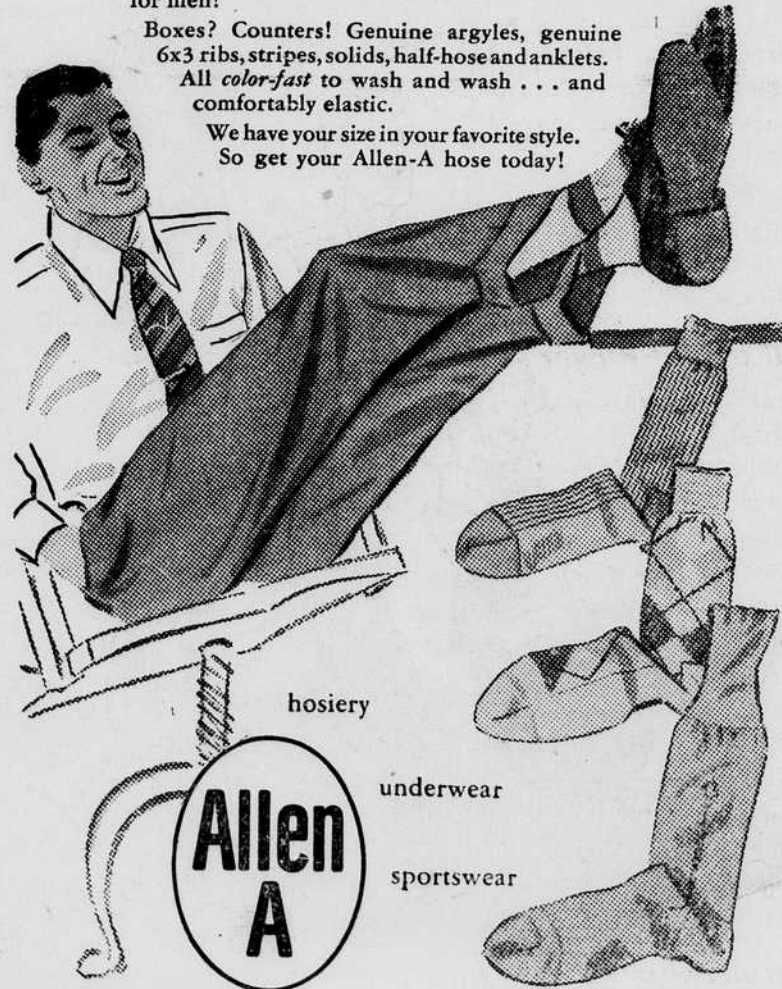
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