

# Dons-Ducks Battle Today

## Chrobot, Dotur To Lead Underdog UO Gridders

Oregon's rebounding gridsters, perennial underdogs, tackle the highly-rated independent San Francisco Dons today on Hayward field in the last non-conference game of the year for the Webfoots. Game time is 2 p. m.

Ed Chrobot, chunky left guard, and Steve Dotur, first-string left tackle, were named co-captains of the Duck squad for today's fray. It is the first time the honor has fallen to either one of the forward wall stalwarts, both of whom are in their first year of action for Oregon.

The weatherman still sticks with his forecast of showers for today, but clearing skies Friday afternoon indicated that dry weather will prevail.

Ranked as the top independent eleven on the Pacific coast the Dons bring to town a record of four victories and only one loss, as against the Ducks' two victories and three losses. With this comparison in mind the dopsters are picking the Dons to cop the game by from six points to two touchdowns.

Both squads rely upon slashing attacks for the major part of their offenses, combined with sets of shifty backs for line play. Both elevens have stars in the same key positions who have received nationwide publicity for their terrific performances this fall. But the Dons are conceded to have greater depth in capable, fast-moving reserve strength, and the game may hinge on this factor.

In the passing department a duel is expected between the nation's leading passer, Norm Van Brocklin and Don quarterback Jim Ryan who makes the California squad's T-formation click. In the Don victory over Marquette last week Ryan hit his receiver on every attempt.

The Ducks' leading receiver is end Dan Garza, who has been the number two man in the classy Van-to-Dan aerial attack, but the bay city club has an equally efficient target in Joe Scott, sticky-fingered right half. Scott has dragged down 12 tosses this year for 304 yards and three touchdowns.

Leading Oregon's ground forces will be fleet-footed Jake Leicht, who last week against Washington turned in his best performance of the season. But Leicht will be running against one of the most spectacular halfbacks on the coast, Forest Hall, who stars also at the left half position. Hall is used only as a spot player, but is a constant break-away threat while he is in the lineup. He has scored three touchdowns this year.

### Centers Shine

Defensive action should be highlighted by a battle between the two pivot men of the squads. Brad Ecklund, towering iron-man center for the Ducks, turned in a 60 minute performance against the Huskies last week and was outstanding as he backed the line. His opponents Tino Sabuco is ranked as one of the top line-backers on the coast, and plays best when the defensive action is rough.

Oregon has a slight advantage in weight over the speed-demon Dons. The Duck forward wall tips the scales at 208 pounds, to a San Francisco average 199. Backfield weights also favor the Webfoots, 186 to 180. But the Californians

have the vital edge in speed in all departments, except left half, which is a toss-up between Leicht and Hall.

Starting lineup for the Webfoots will probably see a new face at right end. Either Wayne Bartholemy or Pete Torchia is expected to get the nod from Coach Jim Aiken. Right guard opening spot will be between Ted Meland and Jim Berwick. The customary defensive backfield will be in at the opening gun, with George Bell probably at fullback spot for the kick-off.

## Grid Roundup

By UNITED PRESS

Keep a sharp eye out for the results from Michigan today for Minnesota may be primed to swing football's upset of the year.

"We weren't as bad as we looked against Illinois last week," said Minnesota Coach Bernie Bierman of the 40 to 13 defeat by the Illini.

Coach Fritz Crisler of Michigan apparently recognized the danger although his Michigan team is rated at 26 point favorite. "Minnesota's line will crunch our tackles," he said. "We won't know until the crunching starts whether we can hold them. We simply have to, or we'll be in trouble."

### Southern Cal at Cal

Jeff Cravath of Southern California—"It will be a battle of lines and the best line will win it. We respect California highly."

Lynn Waldorf of California—"We'll have to play our best game of the year. Even then the breaks will have to be at least even if we are going to defeat the Trojans."

### SMU at UCLA

Matty Bell of SMU—"We won't be keyed as high for the Rice game but I have faith after seeing our reserves perform so well last week."

Bert LaBrucherie of UCLA—"The Southwest is our nemesis. We've played six games with Texas teams and won only one. We'll have to come from behind the eight-ball if we expect to win this one."

## He'll Help Call The Toss



Co-captain for this afternoon's game with San Francisco is squatty guard Ed Chrobot, a 60-minute performer. The 200-pounder has been one of the strong cogs in the left side of the Webfoot forward wall, and he will share captain chores with his running mate at tackle Steve Dotur.

## Major League Status Again Asked by PCL

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 24—(UP)—Directors of the Pacific Coast league today formulated plans for a plea that the Coast loop be given major league status.

At their annual meeting the directors voted to present a resolution asking for a major league status at the December 1 meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues in Miami, Florida.

At the same time the resolution will be given to American and National leagues meeting jointly with the National association.

The Coast league committee is composed of Charles Graham, Victor Ford Collins, William Starr, Emil Sick and league President Clarence Rowland.

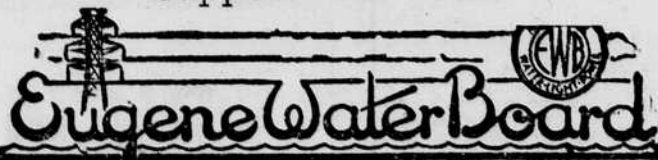


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