

OREGON EMERALD SPORTS

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Ducks Start Heavy Drills for WSC Tiff

Oregon's high-riding gridders started heavy preparations for their weekend invasion of the Palouse hills, where the Ducks tangle with the Washington State Cougars.

Yesterday's workout pitted the Webfoot reserves against the Frosh grid squad in their weekly mix-up, until heavy rain forced the practice to shift to the ROTC drill shed. The top 15 gridmen worked out without pads as the Ducklings gave the substitutes scrimmage practice.

Another wet weather tilt is in store for the Ducks Saturday at Pullman, and the Oregon offense is likely to again feature their power attack, instead of the passing wizardry of Norm Van Brocklin.

As a result of his sparkling performance against the Idaho Vandals last Saturday, the number one man of the Webfoot's ground attack, Jake Leicht, now paces the coast conference in scoring. Leicht's two touchdowns and four extra points against Idaho boosted his seasons' total to 45 markers. In eight carries he racked up 139 yards from scrimmage.

Oregon has already turned in a better season in the statistic department than the Webfoots did in the whole nine-game season last year. In scoring, the Eugene eleven is 46 points ahead of last year's total, and in first downs is 32 ahead.

Last season the Ducks gained 1428 yards on the ground and 440 in the air. Already this year the Webfoots have netted 1453 yards rushing and 766 yards from aeriels.

In individual statistics, Leicht's ball-carrying average jumped to six yards per carry as a result of his ground-covering against Idaho, to lead the Oregon team. Fullback Bob Koch, who had an outstanding day also, took over second place in the team standings, with five yards per try. Keith DeCourcey is in third place in the averages, with 4.8 yards per pack.

Left end Dan Garza still leads the receivers in both number of

catches and yardage, as he has snagged 14 tosses for 286 yards. Van Brocklin's passing average is now .430 percent, as he has tossed 55 completes out of 128 attempts.

Next Saturday's tilt at Pullman will be the twenty-fifth meeting of the two rivals. In the past the Cougars have belted out 11 victories to the Webfoots' eight, with four of the contests ending in ties. Last year on Hayward field the two clubs battled to a scoreless tie in the mud.

Cougars Gird For Webfoots

Keyed up after their 25-0 trouncing of Portland last week, Coach Phil Sorboe's Washington State Cougars ran through a spirited workout yesterday, concentrating on pass offense and defense for their game against Oregon here next Saturday.

A pair of Spokane boys supplied the punch and spirit that was the undoing of the Portland squad. Fullback Hal Akins counted two touchdowns and set up a third with a brilliant 31-yard runback of a Portland punt. The other Spokane boy, Jerry Williams, ripped off several long gains during the afternoon and propelled his 165-pound frame over several enemy tacklers in registering a TD from five yards out.

Phil Sorboe's gridders expect to be in top shape for their Saturday date with the Webfoots. The Ducks and Cougars battled to a scoreless deadlock in last year's fracas at Eugene.

Frosh - Varsity Tilt Halted by Weather; U of P Contest Next

The scheduled frosh-varsity reserve football battle was brought to an abrupt halt yesterday by a sustained downpour that turned the already-sloppy practice field into another Amazon Flats and halted the proceedings before a dozen plays could be run.

After the torrent had ceased, Heldt's Duckling charges spent the remainder of the abbreviated practice working on plays that will be used in Saturday's clash with Portland University babes.

In order to preserve the already badly torn-up turf on Hayward field, Saturday's game is tentatively scheduled to be played on the practice gridiron. Bleachers will be erected on the east side of the field to accomodate frosh rooters.

Coach Carl Heldt said yesterday that little is known of Portland's offensive power or the type of plays they will employ against the Ducklings. The only indication of their comparative strength was a 6-0 defeat handed to the OSC Rooks, in the final minutes of their clash two weeks ago. The Staters had previously downed the Oregon frosh by a score of 27-19 in the season's opener.

After this week's encounter against Portland, only one game remains on the Duckling's five-game schedule. They will meet the Rooks again, who will travel to Eugene November 15 for the return engagement.

Grid Briefs

By UNITED PRESS

Moscow, Ida., Nov. 4. University of Idaho gridders, hoping to stop Montana's aerial attack, today sharpened their pass defense in a hard workout in preparation for Friday's Grizzly game. The Vandals, after practicing in snow flurries today, were ready for any kind of weather for Friday's contest, Idaho's last conference game this year.

Los Angeles, Nov. 4. The UCLA Bruins today chose Guard John Nikevich and Fullback Jack Myers as co-captains for the Oregon State game. The Bruins went through a dummy scrimmage and a defensive drill against Oregon State plays.

Los Angeles, Nov. 4. Coach Jeff Cravath today sent his varsity through a brisk scrimmage against the junior varsity in preparation for their encounter with Stanford here Saturday. Paul Salata, second string end, worked out today for the first time since the Ohio State game when he broke his hand.

Seattle, Nov. 4. Line Coach Herb Duggins, newly returned from scouting the University of California, took over a red-shirted University of Washington second team today and ran Cal's offensive repertoire against the Washington varsity.

Meanwhile Head Coach Ralph Welch reported all his charges recovered from the numerous bumps and bruises suffered at the hands of USC last Saturday.

Corvallis, Ore., Nov. 4. The Oregon State college orangemen were working out today in preparation for the important clash with the U.C.L.A. Pacific Coast conference defending champions Saturday. It will be the Orangemen's only Portland appearance this season and a large crowd is expected.

UO to Rose Bowl?... 'Why Not' Asks Fan

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 4 (UP)—A discomfiting possibility was voiced tonight that the University of Oregon grid eleven, a three-time loser, might wind up in the rose bowl because of a freakish Pacific

outvote the four California universities 6-4; thus putting Oregon or any other club they decided upon into the bowl.

But even the most ardent Oregon boosters conceded that neither the Webfoots nor any other team had much chance of overhauling Southern California.

The Trojans have only a romp against Stanford this week and their battle with UCLA two weeks after that to finish out their fourth championship drive in five years.



COACH JIM AIKEN
Can He Do It?

coast conference football schedule. The Webfoots, although defeated by Texas, UCLA and Nevada, still have lost only one league game.

And by the breaks of a fantastic round-robin schedule, Oregon this season does not play either Southern California, the undefeated pacesetter, or the number one contender, California.

Instead, Coach Jim Aiken's improving Webfoots face a comparatively mild set of games against Washington State, Stanford and Oregon State.

Football representatives from northwestern schools, notoriously bitter against the "big four" teams from California, admitted if Oregon finished in a championship tie with USC and California, they might vote the Ducks into the post-season Pasadena classic.

"Why not?" one Oregon supporter asked. "The Ducks may wind up with as good a record as USC in the conference—and that's what counts."

The West's rose bowl representative is selected by a poll of 10 Pacific coast conference members with the champion generally getting the nod. In event of a tie, however, the northwestern schools conceivably might band together to

UCLA to Start New General

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 5 (UP) UCLA's erratic Bruins, still looking for a quarterback to get their sputtering T-formation football attack rolling, today pinned their fading rose bowl hopes on a sophomore who has been riding the bench all season.

Coach LaBrucherie will start young Roy Nagel in the key backfield post against Oregon State Saturday, in a battle that will bump one club out of the contention for coast title.

Nagel, a minor sensation in UCLA's loss to top-flight California last week, will be the third and last hope for a field general to fill the shoes of Ernie Case, who guided the Bruins to an undefeated season and the 1947 Rose Bowl assignment.

LaBrucherie previously tried Benny Rieges, Case's understudy, and then Carl Benton at the quarterback spot—but neither appeared capable of getting the big Bruin team untracked. Nagel, however, showed flashes of brilliance in both passing and signal calling against California, and earned a chance to take over the helm in the Uclan's "last chance" game against Oregon State.

The powerhouse from USC faced no threat this week, however, taking on a weak Stanford club that has lost all six games to date. The Stanford "woe boys" (successor to their one-time "wow boys" of 1940) planned a gambling aerial attack in an effort to make a decent showing against USC. But Coach Marchie Schwartz gloomily admitted the Indians had "absolutely no chance" to halt the Trojans.

Cal, USC Top Coast Statistics; UO Leads Conference Kickers

Los Angeles, Nov. 4. (UP)—Southern California and California, the two leading football teams in the west, topped Pacific Coast conference statistics today in offense and defense.

California, defeated by Southern California, had a slight edge in offense but the Trojans led in defense. The best projecting team in the west, however, was Coach Dixie Howell's Vandals.

California in seven games piled up 2364 yards for an average of 337.7 per game. Southern California, in six games had 1964 yards for an average of 327.3 for total offense. Oregon and UCLA tied for third with an average of 317 yards per game each.

In rushing alone, California was first with a total of 1643 yards and an average of 234.7. UCLA was

second with an average of 217 yards and Oregon was third with 207.7 yards.

In passing Idaho piled up 876 yards in six games for an average of 146. Southern California was second with an average of 127 yards per game and Oregon was third with 109.4 yards.

In total defense California held its opponents to 170.7 yards per game with Washington second with 217.2 yards and California third with 226.4 yards per game.

Southern California's rushing defense held opponents to 86.9 yards a game, followed by UCLA with 107 and Oregon with 121 yards.

Oregon led the conference in punting with an average of 40.3 yards per kick, followed by Montana with 39.2 and UCLA with 38.3.

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