

Last Pre-Indian Drill Today

Webfoots Out for Fifth Straight In Weekend Stanford Contest

By FRED TAYLOR

University of Oregon's rampaging Webfoot gridders, approaching the climax of the greatest Oregon season in over a decade, will work out today for the last time before heading south to battle Stanford's Indians Saturday at Palo Alto.

The Duck grid machine, showing tremendous improvement since the season's opener, will be gunning for its fifth consecutive victory this weekend. The last time the Eugene club was knocked off was on another California trip, by UCLA at Memorial Coliseum.

The Oregon gridders will be out to break the Webfoot's greatest jinx Saturday when they go against the Indians. Competition between the two schools started in 1900, and since then Oregon has managed to defeat the Stanford squad only two times, and battled to one tie, while the Palo Alto boys have pounded out 14 victories. This is Oregon's worst record against any conference opponent.

Although winless this season, Marchie Swartz's lads have been coming closer and closer to the victory column each game they play. Two weeks ago the Indians gave highly-favored Oregon State a real battle before bowing 13-7, and only last Saturday Rose Bowl-bound Southern California was forced to its utmost to win 14-0.

Early in the season, the California squad vowed to knock off at least one of the Oregon football teams. Having been dropped by the Beavers, the Indians are doubly preparing for the Webfoot game this weekend. The Indians would like nothing better than to break into the winning ranks with an upset victory over Oregon, now recognized as the top northwestern eleven.

This season marks the first time that the Webfoots have won four straight games since 1933, when they tied for first place in the conference. A victory over the Indians would give the Ducks the best season they have had since 1935, regardless of the results of the Oregon State fray.

Main burden of the Saturday tilt will rest again on the "Sacred Seventeen," the 10 linemen and seven backs who do the heavy work for the Ducks. Wednesday's practice featured emphasis on the high-powered ground attack, and it seems likely that Jake Leicht, the much-feared breakaway artist, will have a good day on the fast California turf. Also ready to churn up the Palo Alto sod are Jim Newquist and George Bell at the right half spots, and Bob Koch and Bob Sanders in their fullback slots.

If the Indians come anywhere near repeating their performance against the Trojans, the rifle-arm of Norm Van Brocklin is certain to be unleashed. For the past three games the quarterback's pitching has been used only occasionally, but is expected to cut loose this weekend if things get hot.

Van Brocklin is fifth in the nation in forward passing, according to statistics released by the National Collegiate Association, with his 785 yards gained, and six touchdown passes.

As a team, Oregon now ranks fifth in the United States in punting, with a 41.7 yard per boot average. This was a result of the 48 yard kick average by Oregon against Washington

State last Saturday. An interesting angle of this is that Van Brocklin, who is the only Oregon man to do the punting and is alone responsible for the team average, ranks only tenth in the nation in individual punting. This is possible because on most elevens the kicking assignments are handled by several gridders.

Jake Leicht is now number 12 man in rushing in the country, as he has racked up 521 yards on 93 dashes for an average of 5.6 per carry.

Frosh Gird For OSC Go

With clearing skies promising crisp, cold weather for Saturday's game, the Oregon frosh ran through a length practice session yesterday afternoon, during which both offensive and defensive weaknesses, evident in last week's drills, were given special attention.

The Duckling running attack was ineffectual against Portland last week, and this week's practices have been chiefly devoted to smoothing out offensive work before the "little civil war" with the OSC Rooks Saturday.

In the event that weather conditions permit the yearlings to unleash their potent aerial attack, veteran Earl Stelle and Lowell Rugg, a fast improving quarterback who was shifted from left half, will do the pitching.

Pass defense showed little improvement in the Portland game, and the Ducklings have been working on this angle which has cost both their two previous defeats. One of the losses was at the hands of the same OSC squad that will arrive in Eugene Saturday, and the deadly passing of Rook quarterback Walt Kelly was the chief cause of the 27-19 beating.

Although Carl Heldt, frosh mentor, has not officially announced his starting eleven, it will probably consist of the same players that started against Portland, with the exception of one or two possible changes in the backfield combination.

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COP Boasts Finest Squad In Its History

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12 (UP)—There hasn't been a great to-do about it, but the fact remains that College of Pacific is boasting one of its finest football teams in history this season as Coach Larry Siemering nears the finish of his first full year there as head man since taking over from Amos Alonzo Stagg.

The Tigers entertain University of South Dakota Friday night in the main intersectional clash of the West—and in this tilt they will be gunning for their eighth victory in nine starts. The only loss was a 21-20 decision to a comeback team from Santa Clara. COP led in this one, 20-0, at half-time and then got over-confident.

The COP attack is built around the sharp-shooting passing of 17-year-old Eddie Lebaron, termed by many the finest T-formation quarterback in the West. However, Lebaron has plenty of help from a fast, rugged line; and a flock of men who pack the ball with considerable brilliance.

In another Friday night game, Fresno State invades Santa Barbara State in the only CCAA game of the weekend. San Diego State plays Whittier Saturday night in Bordertown and Cal Poly invades Los Angeles to meet Occidental.

Among the prominent independents, University of San Francisco plays Loyola in a Friday night encounter; Portland tackles Willamette in Portland; Nevada plays host to Montana State and Santa Clara and St. Mary's renew their traditional feud in San Francisco in a Sunday battle expected to attract 60,000 fans.

In the Pacific Coast conference, UCLA hopes to keep alive its dim title chances against Washington; California does the same against Montana at Berkeley; and Oregon invades Stanford with the same thought in mind. Washington State and Oregon State meet at Corvallis—with nothing at stake except the game.

The loop-leading University of Southern California Trojans take a rest and Idaho goes outside the conference to tangle with Utah at Boise.

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Coast Grid Briefs

Petaluma, Cal., Nov. 12.—(UP)—Montana's Grizzlies, driven out of their home state by heavy snows blanketing their gridiron, arrived here today to concentrate on "fair weather" football practice before their clash with California Saturday.

Coach Doug Fessenden appeared unperturbed by the 4-1 odds prevailing against Montana here, and predicted the Grizzlies would be "troublesome" for California.

Moraga, Cal., Nov. 12.—(UP)—St. Mary's Gaels galloped through a heavy scrimmage today as they put the finishing touches to their aerial attack for the "Little Big Game" with Santa Clara Sunday at San Francisco. Coach Jimmy Phelan said his team was in good shape after a week's layoff.

Santa Clara, Cal., Nov. 11.—(UP)—A revamped Santa Clara lineup appeared to have developed new Bronco defensive strength, Coach Len Casanove said today after a heavy scrimmage.

Five reserves who showed well defensively against Michigan State last week were running with the Santa Clara starting team, including Quarterback Al Martin and ends Jim Buckley and Don White. The Broncos meet St. Mary's next Sunday.

Los Angeles, Nov. 12.—(UP)—USC Coach Jeff Cravath, dissatisfied with his backfield's blocking against Stanford,

cracked the whip at today's rugged practice workout following yesterday's rest.

Four injured ends back in action were Bob Stillwell, Oliver Fletcher, Paul Salata and Tony Linehan, all of whom probably will be ready for UCLA November 22.

Los Angeles, Nov. 12.—(UP)—The UCLA Bruins went through a light drill today in which Coach Bert LaBrucherie emphasized pass defense against Washington's newly acquired aerial attack.

LaBrucherie said he would not give the team a hard scrimmage this week because he wanted to keep them from going stale.

Moscow, Ida., Nov. 12.—(UP)—Idaho's star halfback, Billy Williams—second highest yardage gainer in the United States—will make his final appearance of the season Saturday when the Vandals clash with Utah, big seven champions, in Boise. The Vandals will leave here for Boise by train tomorrow night.

Corvallis, Ore., Nov. 12.—(UP)—The Oregon State Beavers were refurbishing their aerial game today for Saturday's homecoming tilt with Washington State college. An early season offensive point-getter, the Beaver passing attack failed to click last week against UCLA. Don Samuel, Dick Gray, and Dick Twenge handled the throwing assignments in today's workout.

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