

Hope to Break Jinx . . .

Ducks Picked to Tip Indians For Fifth Consecutive Victory

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Oregon's high-riding gridgers go gunning for their fifth consecutive victory today when they tackle the winless Stanford Indians on the Palo Alto turf. Kickoff time is 2 p.m.

Needing only one more triumph to sew up the greatest gridiron season since 1935, the Ducks go into the battle in the favorites' role for the third straight game. Dopesters are giving the Eugene club a two-touchdown margin over the vastly improved Indians.

Captains for the Ducks today are Norm Van Brocklin and George Bell, sophomores from the bay area. Both gridgers are seeing their first season of regular varsity action for the Webfoots.

The Oregon eleven will be out to break their greatest jinx by knocking off the Stanford club. In rivalry dating back to 1900, the Palo Alto crew has racked up 14 victories, while allowing the Ducks only two, and one tie.

Stanford Eyes Upset

Reports indicate the Indians are pointing for an upset over their visitors. The Stanford gridgers want to register at least one victory this fall and with only two opponents left, Oregon and California, the Ducks appear to be their greatest chance.

Marchie Swartz's charges have shown more fire in losing their last two tilts than any time this

A two-touchdown victory margin for Oregon was predicted on the eve of the Duck-Indian clash by Stanford Coach Marchie Schwartz. University of Oregon Coach Jim Aiken stated briefly that the Cardinals were, "an up-and-coming team and the game will be anything but a pushover."

Though the Cardinal coach is dour over his team's prospects for today the Indians were high in spirits as result of fine showings against OSC and Southern California.

season. Oregon State was forced to battle bitterly to win 13-7, two weeks ago, and last Saturday USC was held to 14 points.

Oregon will again be at full strength for today's fray. The Ducks have escaped serious injury all season, with only minor bumps and bruises resulting from their contests.

Fast Turf Promised

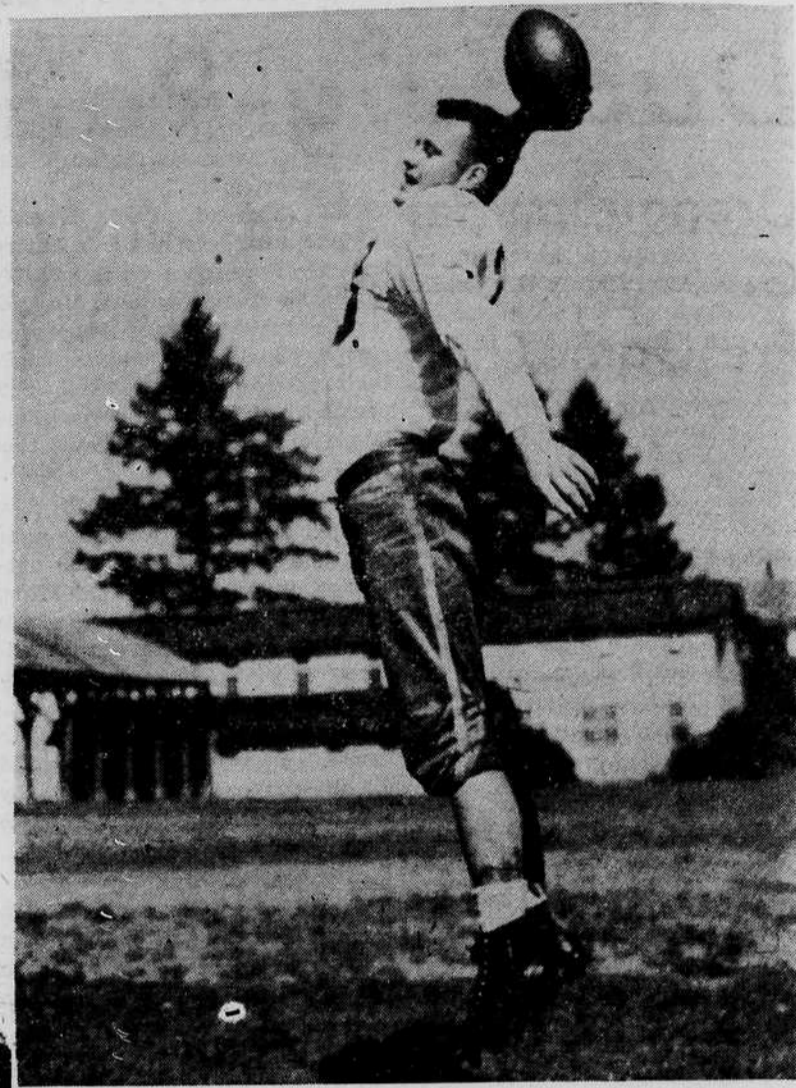
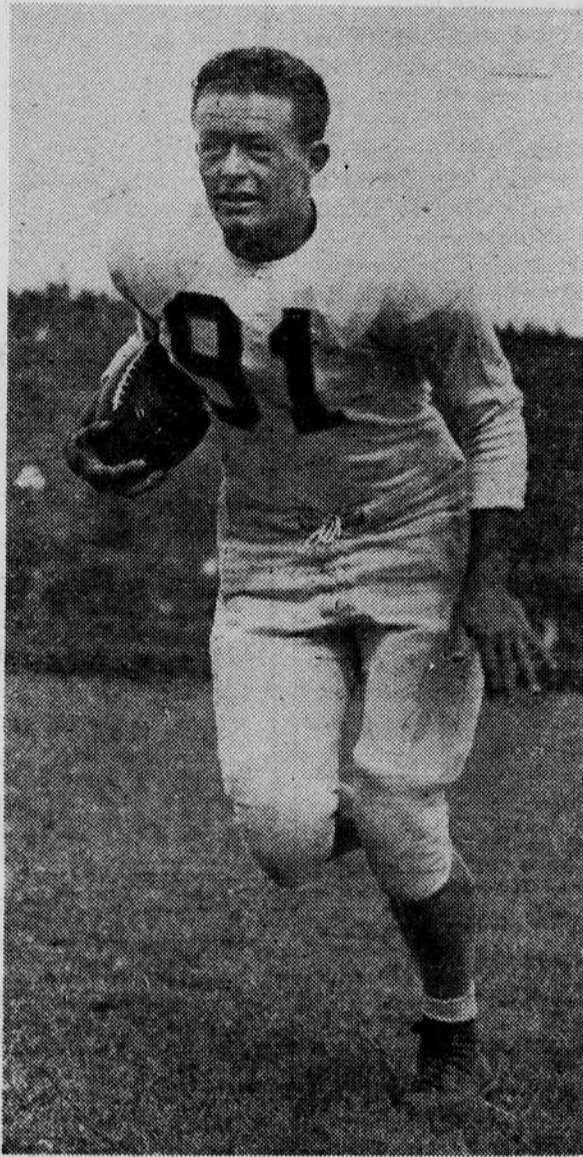
Fair weather at Palo Alto promises a fast turf, which turns the spotlight upon Lightning Jake Leicht, the Duck breakaway artist. Leicht flashed into sensational prewar form against San Francisco with several lengthy gallops, and topped his season's showing with a 74-yard touchdown sprint against Idaho. On a dry field Leicht, a constant threat while he is carrying the ball, is expected to get away for considerable yardage.

Main burden of Oregon's gridiron duties will again fall to the "Sacred Seventeen," the 10 linemen and seven backs who have seen the most action this fall. Backfield workhorses who will see plenty of action besides Leicht are Jim Newquist and George Bell, who alternate right half burden, and Bob Koch and Bob Sanders who handle the fullback plunging chores.

Van to Pass

Norm Van Brocklin, the coast's leading passer, will benefit by the dry ball-handling. The aerial wizardry of the quarterback has been under wraps for the past three games while the Ducks capitalized upon their potent ground attack, but plenty of tosses are expected today, especially if the Indians put up stiff opposition in the line.

Oregon's stalwart forward wall will be the same that has carried the Ducks through the season thus far. Right end is the only dubious spot, with the starting assignment a toss-up between Larry Stoeven, Pete Torchia, Wayne Bartholemy, and Lou Robinson.



Norm Van Brocklin (above) and George Bell (left) return to their home territory today to lead the Ducks in a scalping party as co-captains against the Stanford Cardinals. Bell, a hard-hitting 195-pounder, is expected to start at right halfback. Van Brocklin and his needle-threading passes have put the fear of God into Coast grid leaders, and he is expected to throw considerably from his quarterback post on the dry Stanford turf.

UCLA-Husky Tilt Tops PCC Semi-Final Round

San Francisco, Nov. 14.—(UP)—The "semi-finals" of one of the Pacific Coast conference's greatest football races will go on stage Saturday afternoon with four "still in the running" teams risking their chances for a Rose Bowl bid.

The headliner sends UCLA, the team holding the key to all the hopes, against University of Washington Huskies in Los Angeles before an expected throng of 50,000 in the coliseum.

University of California lays its chances on the line against a Montana university team that hasn't been beaten in conference play, with 35,000 expected to witness the battle in Berkeley.

Oregon, with only one loss in PCC competition, takes on the winless Stanford club at Stanford and about 25,000 will see the contest.

In the other Pacific Coast conference clash of the day, Oregon State and Washington State, both hopelessly out of the running, tangle at Corvallis. USC, the team with the inside track for the bowl bid, is idle.

Washington Troublesome

Coach Ralph (Pest) Welch's Washington Huskies are having one of their poorer years—but the club looked exceptionally good in losing by only six points to Cali-

fornia a week ago, and may cause Coach Bert LaBrucherie's team a lot of trouble.

However, the Bruins are heavy favorites to win this one behind a great flock of backs and a powerful line—and, if they do, their battle a week from Saturday with USC will tell the tale.



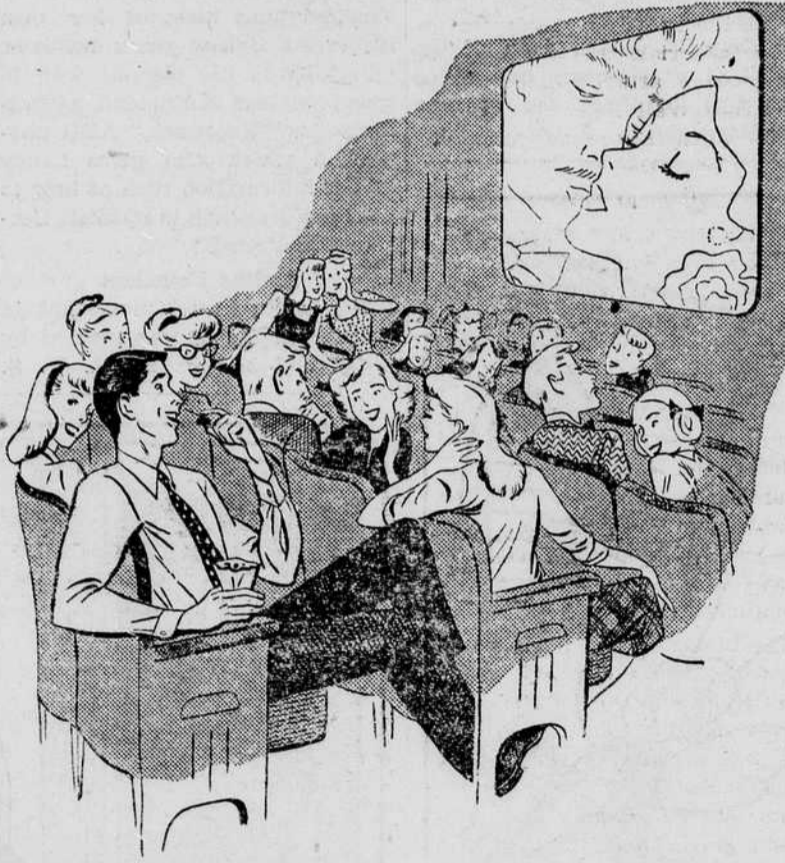
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