

Oregon Awaits PCC Race

DUCK TRACKS

By CARL CLUFF

The battle is on! It all started several weeks ago with a dispatch from Corvallis by Coach Lonnie Stiner and his Orange coaching staff predicting the University of Oregon Webfoot squad is the team to beat for the Pacific Coast conference football championship this fall, and placing his own burly Beavers in a second division finish. This, we predict, is a bit of Stiner skullduggery which has been used by the Aggie mentor on numerous occasions for the advantage of gaining his coveted underdog rating of the outset of the season.

Genial Jim Aiken, for one, isn't taking the Oregon State grid machine lightly. "Stiner will have one of the strongest teams this fall he has ever had," Aiken replied when reminded of the favorite role placed on his Ducks by the Corvallis coaches. "We're on the spot," Aiken continued, "our opponents are building us up hoping to knock us over."

Oregon's position as one of the favorites has grown steadily since a Seattle sports writer quoted Aiken last winter saying the Webfoots were bowl-bound this fall. What Aiken really said was, "Sure we're interested in the Rose bowl, we're one of the 10 teams in the Coast conference, aren't we?"

One thing is certain, and that is Aiken no longer will have to depend upon the "Sacred Seventeen" to toil on the gridiron every Saturday. He has added depth in every position and undoubtedly will be able to field a complete offensive and defensive team throughout the ten game schedule.

The Lemon and Green gridders will be in the national spotlight on the afternoon of October 2 when Aiken sends his team against last year's national champions and Rose Bowl victors, the Michigan Wolverines. This will be Michigan's first home game since walloping Southern California 48-0 last January at Pasadena. There is little doubt but what the Ann Arbor stadium will be fill to its 86,000 capacity by fans looking for a successor to the smooth-functioning 1947 grid machine.

Many of the top sports writers in the nation will be on hand to chronicle the contest, which also will be the first home appearance of Coach Benny Oosterban, who succeeds Fritz Crisler at the Michigan helm. A victory over the power-laden Wolverines, perennial Western conference title contenders, would bring a great deal of prestige to the Pacific coast conference which has suffered immeasurably in intersectional competition the last few years.

Aiken expects to leave Aug. 8 for the east where he will be the guest of Paul Brown, head coach of the Cleveland Browns professional team, at the summer training camp being conducted at Bowling Green, Ohio. Brown and Aiken were rival prep school coaches in Ohio not so many years ago. Jim's McKinley high school of Canton, O., and Massillon high, where Brown held the grid reins, were arch-rivals and produced many top collegiate athletes.

Before returning to Oregon Aiken plans to attend the Ohio high school coaching clinic at Canton. He will have a part in the program which is expected to attract 1,000 prep coaches from Ohio schools.

Large improvements Slated For Oregon Athletic Plants

Increased seating capacity for McArthur court and Hayward field was approved recently by the state board of higher education.

The board approved preliminary plans costing \$250,000 to construct a balcony in McArthur court seating 3000 spectators, and new concrete stands at Hayward field which will increase seating capacity by 7000.

These additions would boost the seating capacity of McArthur court to 10,000 and Hayward field to 27,500. Leo Harris, Oregon athletic director, said the balcony of McArthur court would include ten



JIM AIKEN

Bill Bowerman Complets Duck Coaching Staff

Appointment of Bill Bowerman to the position of head track and field coach and freshman grid mentor at the University of Oregon last June completed the Webfoot coaching staff for the 1948-49 school year. Bowerman succeeds John Warren as track coach and takes over frosh grid duties from Carl Heldt who resigned after one year as Duckling mentor.

Selection of Bowerman to the Oregon athletic staff was made by Athletic Director Leo Harris, Football Coach Jim Aiken, Basketball Coach John Warren, and Baseball Coach Don Kirsch. The former prep mentor is the second coach from the Southern Oregon city chosen for a head coaching position at the University.

Followed Callison

Bowerman's own prep coach, Prink Callison, graduated from the prep ranks at Medford to guide the grid destinies at Oregon in the early 30s. Bowerman followed Callison to the University and starred in football and track for the Lemon and Green.

After graduation Bowerman coached a year at Franklin high school in Portland before returning to his home town as grid and track mentor from 1936 to 1941, and from 1946 until last spring. He saw extensive service with the army in Europe during world war II as an officer.

Seven times Bowerman entered his Black Tornado track and field squad in the Hayward relays and on each occasion his team walked off with the class "A" crown. His teams also brought Medford three state track championships—1940, 1941, and 1948.

Bowerman's football record also is impressive. During his nine years at the Medford helm his teams won 64, lost 8, and tied 4 games. His 1935 and 1939 Medford teams were undefeated and only his 1937 and 1941 teams lost as many as two games.

Webfoots Face Ten Grid Foes During 1948 Season

Football enthusiasm in the Oregon campus is expected to reach a new high this fall when what looks to be one of the best gridiron machines ever turned out in Eugene awaits the starting gun for the opening of the 1948 football season.

Sports writers along the Pacific coast have picked California's Golden Bears and the Ducks as preseason favorites to cop the Pacific Coast conference flag won last year by Southern California. Oregon gleaned its favorite role from the whirlwind finish last year when the Ducks won the final

Ties Course Record



Lou Stafford, Oregon's Northern Division golf champion, fired a 32 on the first nine of the Stanford university course during the NCAA tournament this summer to tie the course record. Stafford lost in the quarter-finals to Ed Hopkins of Texas.

Advance Ticket Sales Expected

Heavy demands for 1948 season football tickets are expected, Leo Harris, athletic director, stated.

Oregon supporters are contemplating a good season for the Ducks in the gridiron this fall and want to be in on the action. Harris declared it will be "first come, first served on the good seats."

1948 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 18—Santa Barbara at Eugene.

Sept. 25—Stanford at Palo Alto.

Oct. 2—Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Oct. 9—Idaho at Moscow.

Oct. 16—U.S.C. at Portland.

Oct. 23—W.S.C. at Eugene.

Oct. 30—St. Mary's at Eugene.

Nov. 6—Washington at Seattle.

Nov. 12—U.C.L.A. at Los Angeles (night).

Nov. 20—O.S.C. at Corvallis.

six games of the season and ended in a second place tie with California.

Oddly enough, the two favorites do not meet on the gridiron this year because of the scheduling procedure adopted by the conference several years ago whereby northern schools play only three of the four southern schools each year.

Opening practice session is scheduled for September 1 on Hayward field. Aiken declared he will conduct two practices a day for the first two weeks and then taper off for the opening game September 18 against Santa Barbara. He said he has advised the squad to report in good physical condition because he intends to lose no time in getting down to serious work.

"We have a rough schedule this season," Aiken commented, "but with a few breaks we may go places. There's a lot of talk about Oregon going to the Rose Bowl but that will be determined at the end of the season. In the meantime we'll tackle the schedule one game at a time as they come up each Saturday."



Bill Bowerman, newly appointed U O track coach, is shown here with the late Bill Hayward.