

DUCK TRACKS

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Pacific Coast Conference leaders in total offense, rushing, and forward passing remained unchanged for the second consecutive week, with Oregon State's Don Samuel, Jackie Jensen of California, and Oregon's Norm Van Brocklin holding down their respective spots.



DON SAMUEL

Ray Nagel, UCLA Bruin quarterback, and Webfoot Johnny McKay, Oregon left-half and leader of his own team statistics, made determined bids to overtake the leaders.

Samuel, one of the unsubsidized Beavers, holds a scant three-yard lead over Nagel in the total offense column. The Orange tailback has combined 182 yards from rushing

with a bulky 309 gained by passing for a 491 total.

Nagel has piled up a 484-yard total from forward passing alone, but has managed to gain only four yards from rushing for his 488 total offense.

Jensen, the Golden Bear bid for All-American, has bowled through opposing lines for 398 yards, enough to put him ahead of the rushing column, and has passed for 20 yards to hold down third spot in total offense with 418.

Oregon's McKay now is in second place in rushing alone, with 385 yards, and in fourth place in total offense. This is significant, since the slight halfback has made all of his yardage on the ground.

Norm Van Brocklin, Duck passing quarterback, tops PCC passers, with 29 completions in 56 attempts, a .518 percentage. His tosses have gained 391 yards. Van Brocklin is fifth in total offense, making two Oregon men in the first five.

Ducks Rate Two of First Three Rushers

Duck Righthalf George Bell is the ninth-raning yardage producer in the conference, with his 269 yards, and is in third place in rushing figures. In this rushing column, two of the first three men wear the Lemon and Green.

In team statistics department, the PCC leaders also remained the same, with Lynn Waldorf's California squad still the strongest in the conference, as far as straight yardage goes.

The Bruising Bears have gained 1571 yards in four games, a per-game average of 392.8. That's nearly four times the distance of a regulation football field, and represents some mighty fine offensive equipment.

Our own Aggies rest in second place in total team offense, with 1430 yards, a good-sized number. Jim Aiken's Webfoots are right behind in third place with 1350 yards.

Webfoots Second in Rushing Column

In straight rushing, the Ducks move up one, second spot, with 1035, as compared to 1151 for California, the leader. The Oregons don't even figure in the first five in passing offense.

The Stanford Indians continue their tough roll on defense, holding the opposition to 212 yards per-contest. And the USC Trojans seem to be the hardest team to complete a pass against, with only 29 completed against them in 69 tries. SC ranks only fifth in rushing defense, something to remember for Saturday's game.

We're interested in watching what California will do against PCC opposition, and especially whether that flash Jensen can keep up his terrific pace. In the four Cal games against Santa Clara, Navy, St. Mary's, and Wisconsin, Jensen has carried only 37 times, but has a 10.75 per-try average.

Cal Finally to Play a Conference Game

That kind of running amounts to a first down every time Jensen packed the ball. In gaining his 424 yards, Jensen has lost only 26.

Due to the oddities of a conference schedule, the team rated number one in pre-season sketches doesn't play a conference game until the fifth week of action. That's this Saturday, when California finally gets around to a conference game, set with the OSC Beavers.

A few forecasters in the area are picking Lon Stiner's Aggies to cool some of that Bear fever. It's hard to conceive, although Nibs Price, California's head scout, has tabbed the 1948 Beavers "The best team Oregon State has had since its championship club of 1941."

The two lines will be matched in weight, but the Bears have an edge in experience. In the backfield, Waldorf has plenty of depth and talent, with a first string that stands up against any on the coast.

Two Injuries Mar I-M Football Play; Phi Delts, Theta Chi, ATO in Finals

Two injuries marred yesterday's rough intramural football action, when Campbell Club tailback Mel Krause was taken to Sacred Heart hospital with a fractured jaw, and Sigma Chi John Jones was sent to the University infirmary with a possible broken rib.

Krause, playing in the Campbell-Phi Delt game, was knocked unconscious on a blocking play. His general condition was described as good by hospital officials late last night, although his jaw is definitely broken.

Jones is all right, but is being held at the infirmary for a thor-

ough check. He was hurt in the Sigma Chi-ATO contest attempting to receive a pass.

In one of the roughest games,

Phi Delta Theta took a league championship from Campbell Club by a single first down, 5-4. The final score was tied at 6-all. Campbell scored first on a pass from Krause to Cece Clay, and the Phi Delts tied it up on a pass from Jack Keller to Maude. The Phi Delts tallied after Krause was carried from the field in the third quarter.

Alpha Tau Omega grabbed a playoff spot by downing Sigma Chi 12-0. Ramsey Fendell tossed a touchdown pass to Moe Thomas for the first ATO score, and Walt McClure intercepted a Chi aerial and romped 60 yards for the second touchdown.

Sigma Phi Epsilon defeated Stan Ray hall 6-0, in a close ball game. The lone tally came on a pass from Newton to Young.

Omega hall lost a game to Phi Sigma Kappa by two first downs. The Phi Sigs racked up five firsts, while Omega made three. The regulation game ended in a 6-6 tie.

A strong Theta Chi team continued its win streak by whipping Pi Kappa Alpha 13-0. Hutchinson threw two touchdown passes, one to Vannet and the other to Ken Seeborg.

In the day's highest scoring game, Delta Tau Delta made a bid for a final berth by rolling over French hall 21-0.

Safety First



BEN HOLCOMB may not carry the ball against USC, but he will see action as Oregon's defensive safety man in Saturday's game.

Ducklings Stress Passes for Rooks

Frosh grid Coach Bill Bowerman stressed pass offense and defense in yesterday afternoon's practice, a good indication that an aerial battle is forthcoming in the Ducklings' next game against the Oregon State Rooks.

The Rooks have an excellent passer in Gene Morrow, ex-The Dalles athlete, and he was largely responsible for Oregon State's 6-0 win over the Portland University frosh.

During the practice, Jim Calderwood, Harry Kannasto, and Tony Geremia divided the passing chores, and all three completed a good percentage of passes.

Bowerman emphasized protecting the passer, and all three quarterbacks had plenty of time to pick out their targets.

Calderwood was particularly effective on zipping, flat passes to halfbacks Tommy Edwards and Emile Holeman.

A short scrimmage followed the passing drill with the regulars lined up against a combined second and third team outfit.

The team distinction was hard to discover last night, since the inspired scrubs more than held their own against the first stringers.

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