

# Ducks at Peak Strength for St. Mary's

The Oregon Ducks, expected to be at full strength for the first time in three weeks, turned in an active scrimmage session yesterday afternoon, preparing for a game with St. Mary's this Saturday in Eugene.

Lefthalf Johnny McKay took part in the drill, and is expected to play against the Gaels.

Webfoot Coach Jim Aiken devoted time to both offense and defense in the drill, with the passing attack receiving more attention. Aiken's job is not one of developing Oregon offense, but of keeping it at the peak reached against the Cougars.

### Gaels Fast

The Oregon players received Scout Frank Zazula's report on Joe Verducci's gridders, which emphasized their backfield speed. Zazula reported the Gaels have the fastest backs he has seen all year.

The Ducks, now resting on top of Pacific Coast conference standings with four conference wins and no defeats, will have nothing but their reputation at stake Saturday. A St. Mary's upset would have no effect on conference standings.

Aiken is not taking the upset possibility lightly, re-

calling Nevada's win over his team last year. Oregon isn't expected to be up this week, with a tough confer-

## Wilkins Named Top End

Oregon End Dick Wilkins, on the basis of his publicized offensive performance against the Washington State Cougars last Saturday, has been named on the United Press All-American team of the week.

Wilkins caught five of Norm Van Brocklin's passes in the WSC game, good for 115 yards and two touchdowns. The three others were good for first downs.

Michigan's great Dick Rifenburg was named on the opposite end. Other players chosen on the weekly team include Stan Heath of Nevada, Charley Justice of North Carolina, Doak Walker of Southern Methodist, and Jack Swamer of California.

ence game against Washington following, and an upset is clearly possible

The St. Mary's game will present a test for the Web-

foots, since the Gaels played the California in a game earlier in the season. Cal defeated them 20-0, and Aiken's team will be shooting for a higher score.

Quarterback Norm Van Brocklin will probably depend on his passes for yardage this week, and with McKay back, the running backs will be ready to go at full speed.

Keith DeCoursey and George Bell will run at right halfback, and Woodley Lewis will alternate with McKay at left half. Bob Sanders holds down the fullback post, with Bud Boqua ready for relief duty.

### Final Home Game

Ten Oregon seniors will play their final game before a Hayward field crowd Saturday. Jim Aiken Jr., Wayne Barthoemy, Jim Berwick, Keith DeCoursey, Brad Ecklund, Don Garza, Ben Holcomb, Don Stanton, Dick Wilkins, and Win Wright are the Webfoots who won't return next year.

After the St. Mary's game the Ducks take to the road for three straight conference games away from home. Washington, UCLA, and Oregon State are scheduled in that order.

## Joe Verducci's Gaels Point for Second Win

St. Mary's has so far won their first game and their last, and they hope to pull a major upset this Saturday when they meet the Oregon Webfoots on Hayward Field.

Coached by Joe Verducci, the Gaels lambasted Loyola in the opener, were nipped by San Francisco, yielded only 20 points to mighty California, were snowed under by Nevada and the great Stan Heath, and then showed speed, power and spirit in beating Denver last week.

### Bowl Chance At Stake

PCC officials will be watching the outcome of the game closely, to see how well the Webfoots come off against the tricky Saints. California beat them 20-0 in a tight game, and the Webfoots Rose Bowl chances will be seriously impaired if they do not come close to that score.

## Injuns, Braves Dominate 1948 All-Star Squad

NEW YORK, Oct. 26—(AP)—The Cleveland Indians and the Boston Braves, rivals in the last world series, each gained two berths on the Associated Press' 1948 Major League All-Star team.

The remainder of the dream squad is composed of two players each from the St. Louis Cardinals and Boston Red Sox, and one each from the New York Yankees and New York Giants.

Manager-Shortstop Lou Boudreau and his keystone partner, Joe Gordon, are the Indians on the squad. Third Sacker Bob Elliott and Pitcher Johnny Sain are the Braves' representatives.

Of the ten men selected by 220 experts polled by the Associated Press, six are holdovers from the 1947 team. The incumbents are Gordon, Boudreau, Elliott, First Basemanman Johnny Mize of the Giants, and Outfielders Ted Williams of the Red Sox and Joe DiMaggio of the Yanks.

No player was a unanimous choice. Williams, the All-Star left fielder and American league batting champion, and Stan Musial of the Cards, National league batting king, drew the most votes, 212.

Verducci has built his team with speed and fight. In his first year as a collegiate mentor, the former San Francisco high school coach centered his offense around little Spike Cordiero, one of the top scats-backs on the Coast.

### 155 Lbs. of Whizz

Cordiero, a former Oregon student, weighs only 155 pounds, but his speed and shiftness have more than made up for his lack of bulk. He runs both into the line and around it, and occasionally throws a pass. Webfoot scout Frank Zazula rates him more dangerous than any back he has seen this year on punt and kickoff returns.

Around to help Cordiero out in the St. Mary's backfield is a fine quarterback, Dick Jarvis, who loves to throw long passes.

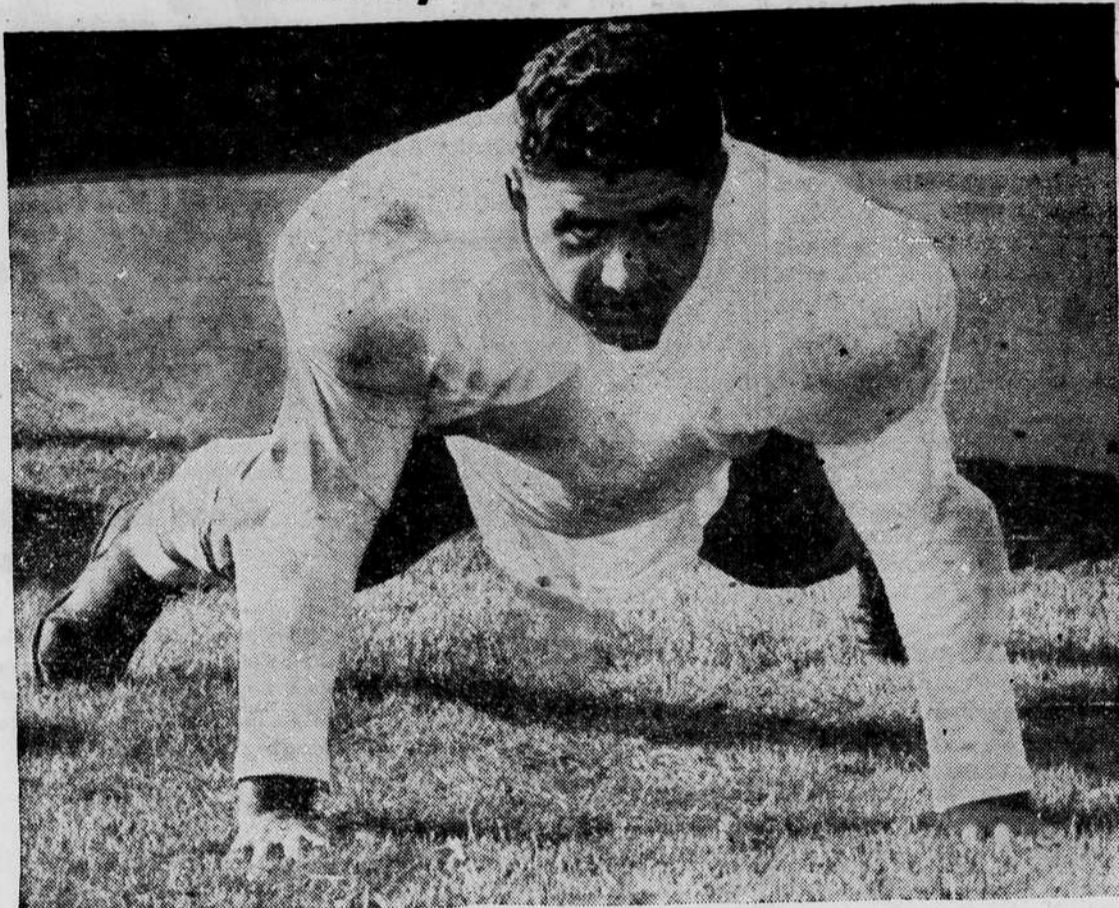
### Receivers Above Par

He is helped out by several very good receivers, Cordiero being one of his favorite targets. He can al-

so run with the ball, if all his receivers are covered.

Jarvis and Cordiero are the big two on the attack. They have a fast, rugged line in front of them with plenty of speed and power in the backfield to help them out. Their front wall will be lighter than the Webfoots, but Verducci thinks his boys have enough speed and drive to make the weight disadvantage up.

## Steady Eddie's Ready



**PUSHING HIMSELF UP** and maybe into the Rose Bowl is Oregon's scrappy Ed Chrobot, watch-guard, who does a lot of blocking up in the front lines every Saturday when the Ducks gain possession of the ball. The 165-pounder's immediate task, however, is giving St. Mary's a busy afternoon of it this coming weekend. If Oregon clicks against the Gaels, it will be six down and four to go.

### USC GUARD INJURED

PALO ALTO, Calif., Oct. 26—(AP)—Left Guard Bob Rohrer, banged up in last week's 7-6 loss to USC, probably won't be ready

to play against Washington's Huskies here Saturday, Stanford Line Coach Phil Bengston said today. Quarterback Aubrey Devine and Halfback Boyd Benson are Doubtful, too.

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