

# DUCK TRACKS

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When St. Mary's trots on to the field Saturday, take a good look at number seven, a little halfback named Spike Cordeiro. If he had gotten a more favorable reception here at Oregon a few years back, he might have played this game wearing lemon and green instead of red and blue.

There are two stories on why Cordeiro, who entered Oregon in 1944, left to go to St. Mary's. One is that he ran into "hula" Herman Wedemeyer, like Cordeiro, an Hawaiian, and was talked into going to the California school.



TEX OLIVER

The other one seems to be more prevalent, maybe because Tex Oliver is the goat for everything that happened while he was the Webfoot head coach. According to this, Oliver told Cordiero that he was too small and to "come around when you grow up."

No matter which theory is right, the little guy was starting right half for the Galloping Gaels when they had their great team in 1945. The most colorful team on the coast, the Gaels went to the Sugar Bowl, where they put up a fight before losing to Oklahoma A and M.

## Cordeiro Should have His Best Year

Spike was in the Merchant Marine when the 1946 season rolled around, but was back at St. Mary's in 1947. This is his last year, and from a quick look at Frank Zazula's scouting report, it will probably be his best.

Zazula says Cordiero is "probably the fastest and most shifty left half we can run against all year." He goes on to say the 155-pounder is dangerous whenever he has the ball. An exceptional pass receiver, he is even better on punt and kick-off returns than any of the WSC backs who rolled up better than 200 yards in those departments last Saturday.

He is also a good passer and can block well. He usually stays in the game on defense, being very good on pass defense, and also a good tackler. His best field is pass-receiving, where he is a favorite target for quarterback Dick Jarvis.

## Duck Stars Get National Recognition

The Webfoots, after getting good preseason writeups, are again beginning to hit magazine pages. Norm Van Brocklin has been the subject of two articles recently one in Sport Life, and the other in Sport Magazine.

Dick Wilkins has also gotten some national recognition, making last week's all-American team, for his brilliant play against Washington State. When Wilkins first went out for football, it was thought he wouldn't do anything but catch passes. Since then he has proved his ability at blocking and kicking-off, and has been used more and more as the season progresses.

Several former Oregon high school grid stars are doing right well down in California. The Webfoots will probably see two of them in action when they meet UCLA, both from Medford.

## Former Prep Stars Shine Down South

End Darrell Riggs saw a lot of defensive action against Oregon State, and was one of the main reasons the score wasn't higher. Right half Bob Watson is still hampered by a knee injury, but has been seeing action on PAT attempts.

Bernie Torkarz, a guard from Hood River, was in the Stanford Frosh lineup when they recently beat the USC Freshmen, including starting left half Pat Duff, from Grant High in Portland.

Two other former Grant High stars have been seeing varsity action, end Bob Stillwell at Southern California and quarterback Tom Shaw at Stanford.

## Coaches in Bad South

It looks like some PCC coaches might get the boot following this season, unless their teams start in winning games. According to letters received from a Stanford student, Marchie Schwartz isn't as popular with the student body as the press has indicated. In fact, before the upset win over UCLA, some of the students were getting violent in their dislike for the one-time Notre Dame all-American.

Another hot spot is at UCLA, where Bert LaBrucherie, never very popular with the squad itself, has been having a hard time winning. LaBrucherie is used to student opposition, but he usually has won enough games to combat it. This year, he hasn't been able to do that.

At both Stanford and UCLA, there have been injuries to key players which have hurt them severely. The Bruins went into the OSC game minus their best fullback and with the top left halves injured too much to be of value. But no matter how many injuries and misfortunes befall them, they have to produce with hostile student bodies looking down their necks.

## Grid Briefs

### Spartans to leave

EAST LANSING, Mich., Oct. 27—(AP)—Michigan State college's football forces went through an extremely light drill yesterday as they prepared to take off in a chartered plane tomorrow for their Saturday clash with Oregon State.

They will leave the Willow Run airport at 9 a.m. (EST) and are due late Thursday at Salem, Ore., where they will remain until Saturday, when they move into Corvallis.

Injuries received in the Penn State game last week by End Warren Huey forced the MSC coaching staff to drop his name from the list of those who are to make the aerial trek to Oregon. Dorne Dible, a 19-year-old sophomore from Adrian, Mich., was named today as Huey's replacement.

### Waldorf Worried

BERKELEY, Calif., Oct. 27—(AP)—Coach Lynn "Pappy" Waldorf ran his University of California Bears through a routine practice session yesterday and proclaimed himself dissatisfied with the Bears offensive timing.

He said the Bears were high for their Wisconsin and Oregon State encounters, fell off somewhat in last week's Washington game and

## Ducklings Set For Vanport

Contemplating action against a single-wing attack both this Saturday in Portland and when they meet the OSC Rooks in a few weeks here, the Frosh spent most of yesterday playing defense to stop the opponents offense.

The fourth string ran from the single-wing against the first team, and were tearing big holes in the regulars line and consistently picked up yardage.

The Frosh journey to Portland this Saturday to meet Vanport College, going up as slight underdogs. The Vanport team is more experienced and are expected to dump the Ducklings.

The Yearlings will be helped out by the return to regular duty of right half Emile Holeman, whose injured finger is almost well.

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Court 43 French Hall A	vs	Phi Delta Theta A
4:35 Court 40 Sigma Chi A	vs	Westminster House A
Court 43 French Hall B	vs	Alpha Tau Omega B
5:15 Court 40 Pi Kappa Alpha B	vs	Phi Kappa Sigma B
Court 43 Sherry Ross B	vs	Delta Tau Delta B

expressed hope they'd regain their stride for Saturday's conference game with the USC Trojans.

### Murphy to Start

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 27—(AP)—Skies were gloomy and threatened rain, but Southern California's Trojans practiced late today, girding for the invasion of unbeaten California Saturday.

Coach Jeff Cravath put his charges through intensive offensive drills and indicated again that experienced George Murphy will get the call to start the game at quarterback.

### Michigan Faces Illini

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Oct. 27—(AP)—With 19 straight victories in hand, Michigan' Wolverines

turned their defense yesterday for Saturday's invasion by Illinois, which handed Michigan its last setback on the gridiron just two years ago.

### Bruin Injured to Play

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 27—(AP)—A squad of 37 UCLA football players will fly today to Lincoln for Saturday's game with the University of Nebraska.

Coach Bert La Brucherie said if the team arrives early enough today, a workout will be held on the Cornhuskers' field.

Two doubtful starters probably will see action. They are Fullback Art Steffen, out three weeks with an injured rib, and Left Half Ernie Johnson, benched two weeks ago with an ailing ankle.

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