

Ten Seniors Set for Final Eugene Clash

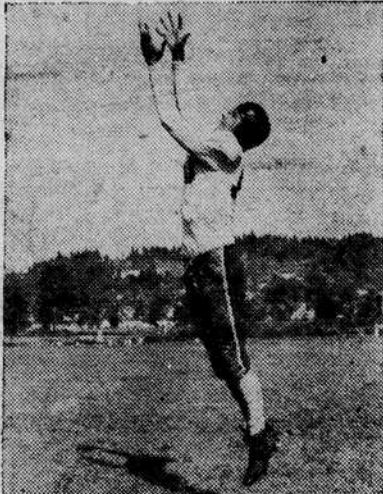
Webfoot Co-Captains Finish Hayward Season



DON STANTON



BRAD ECKLUND



DAN GARZA

Three Linemen Ready For Win Against Saints

When the Oregon Webfoots and St. Mary's Gaels meet in a football game today on Hayward field, ten members of Jim Aiken's league-leading squad will be playing their last home game in an Oregon suit.

Jim Aiken, Jr., Wayne Bartholemey, Jim Berwick, Keith DeCourcey, Brad Ecklund, Dan Garza, Ben Holcomb, Don Stanton, Dick Wilkins, and Win Wright are the ten who will dig their cleats into a lush Hayward field turf for the last time this afternoon.

Three of these grid veterans, Stanton, Ecklund, and Garza, are co-captains of this year's Oregon team, and the other seven have contributed plenty to Oregon's lofty standing in the Pacific Coast Conference.

Stanton Honored

Stanton, a 220-pound ironman at right tackle, will win his third Oregon "O" this season. He was outstanding during the 1947 campaign, playing 523 minutes of a possible 600. Named on the coaches' all-conference team last fall, Stanton was nominated as a possible All-American in pre-season forecasts this year.

Stanton came to Oregon in 1942, and turned in a season of Frosh ball before entering the navy. He returned in 1946 to earn a varsity starting tackle spot, and has been there ever since. Weight, speed, and football sense make Stanton a key man on both offense and defense.

Garza Outstanding

An All-Coast end last year, Garza is doing a repeat on his fine play in 1947. His offensive play is outstanding. On the famous "Van-to-Dan" passing combination last year, Garza received 21 passes for 367 yards and three touchdowns, and scored two others on a blocked punt and a pass interception. In six games this year, he has caught 11 aeriels for 129 yards and one touchdown.

On defense, Garza can't be moved from his left end position, breaking up plays in the secondary and shedding interference to smear end-runs. His blocked punt against USC gave Oregon the game-winning safety.

The rugged 190-pound Texan, also in line for his third letter, should turn in one of his best seasons for an Oregon team this year.

Ecklund Rugged

One of the toughest men in the middle of the Webfoot line, Ecklund plays a rugged game at center. Opposing teams have respect for the 215-pound towhead, and for good reasons. Brad is best known for his crushing defensive play as a line-backer, and many a scampering halfback has come to fear the big blond.

He's hard to move on plays through the middle, and often brings down his man way back in the secondary. Smart on pass defense, Ecklund has several interceptions to his credit. After four years in the marines, the Milwaukie, Oregon, prospect returned to Eugene in time for the 1946 season.

On offense, Ecklund is rated as a key blocker in power and quick plays over the center, besides his ball-snapping duties. Another candidate for a third letter, Brad is very much in the running for all-coast honors this year.

Four other linemen, Wilkins, Bartholemey, Berwick, and Wright, are playing their last season.

Rookie Stars

Breaking in as a college football rookie, Wilkins has made a brilliant rise as an offensive end this season. He played football in high school,

this year. A natural athlete, Wilkins also has lettered four times in basketball and played baseball last spring.

Although his defensive play is on the rise, Wilkins is better known for his amazing pass-receiving ability. He was named on the United Press team-of-the-week for his performance but didn't turn out at Oregon until after Washington State last Saturday.

So far this season, Wilkins is leading Duck receivers with 13 catches for 256 yards and three touchdowns.

Two outstanding defensive linemen, Berwick and Bartholemey, are included in the departing ten.

Bear On Defense

Berwick started the 1947 season as the handy man of the line, but was shifted to defensive left guard later on in the year. He holds down this spot now, alternating with Ted Meland, who moves in on offense. Berwick has plenty of drive and is a hard tackler, helping to make the middle of Oregon's line one of the toughest in the conference.

A two-year letterman, Berwick will receive his third monogram this year. From The Dalles, he came to Oregon in 1946.

Bartholemey, a regular in 1946 and alternate last year, plays defensive right end on the 1948 Duck squad. He originally planned to leave Oregon last year, but decided to complete his eligibility.

A fair offensive player, Bartholemey is at his best on defense, making driving tackles to break up plays that come his way. He leads Duck pass interceptions, with five for 83 yards and one touchdown.

Wright Fast

Final lineman playing his last season is Win Wright, a trackman trying his first year of college football. Wright, a fast hurdler, shines on defense as a halfback pass defender, and also is a fair pass-receiver. He's speedy and may see considerable action before the season is over.

DeCourcey, Aiken and Holcomb are the backfield men who are making their last home bow today.

Good Runner

DeCourcey, another The Dalles boy, has seen plenty of duty this season as alternate right half, behind George Bell. After a slow season last year, DeCourcey has developed into one of the better runners on the 1948 squad, going for long gains when he's in there.

His two touchdowns last week in the WSC game boosted his scoring total to 18 points. DeCourcey is slated for heavy duty in the remaining games.

Safety First

Holcomb, first-line defensive man, blossomed as a first-rate defensive player last season, playing second string behind Jake Liecht.

He's a good safety man, showing on punt and kickoff runbacks. Holcomb, a good diver on the swimming team, is a hard man to get through on the ground, making

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DUCK TRACKS

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A short column's on the books today, so we'll knock out our weekly grid predictions and retire to the hock shop to pay off our bets. We're rolling along with a .790 accuracy percentage, so this week's ten better be good.

Many Pacific Coast Conference teams, including Oregon, are taking an extra breath this week, playing non-counting independent of intersectional games. The three conference clashes—California-USC, Stanford-Washington, and Washington State-Idaho—all are tough ones to pick. It looks like a week of upsets.

OREGON vs. ST. MARY'S—Third and last home game for the Webfoots this year, and Hayward field fans will get a good show. Gael Coach Joe Verducci must have a fair outfit, with Spike Cordeiro leading the way, but the Saints are out of their class.

We're not as sure as Larry Lau, who tabbed the Ducks by 34, but Oregon by 21 points to be safe.

It's Now or Never for California

CALIFORNIA vs. SOUTHERN CAL—If Lynn Waldorf's Golden Bears will be defeated, this is the week. The Trojans have a big chance for THE major upset of the week, but it would be a true miracle. Cal by 20.

STANFORD vs. WASHINGTON—The red-hot Indians are due for an arrow in their backs, and we'll pick the Huskies to turn the trick. It's at Palo Alto, but Howie Odell's boys are ready for a win.

In a close one, Washington by seven.

WASHINGTON STATE vs. IDAHO — After watching the Cougars last week, it's a hard decision. Another traditional game, and both teams can be mighty tough. By comparative scores against Oregon, the Vandals rate an edge, but we're staying with Phil Sarboe's speed boys. WSC by 13.

Midwest Teams Over PCC Squads

UCLA vs. NEBRASKA—Those down-trodden Uclans take a big jump back to Lincoln to play a fair Cornhusker team. The Bruins had better win one for LaBrucherie pretty soon, and we're not sure whether today's the day or not. Flip a coin and it's heads. Nebraska by seven.

OREGON STATE vs. MICHIGAN STATE—This intersectional rivalry goes back to 1915, and today's game should be close. The Spartans have been around, meeting strong opponents like Michigan and Penn State.

Stiner's Aggies are on the go from a 28-0 win over UCLA last week, but those Spartans know how to play football. Michigan State by 13.

Big Nine Action Attracts Attention

MICHIGAN vs. ILLINOIS — The Fighting Illini came through for us last week with a win over Purdue, but not today. Oosterbaan's Wolverines are headed for an undefeated season, and Illinois is just an oil-spot on the road.

Michigan by three or four touchdowns, in a game that will have many western listeners.

MINNESOTA vs. INDIANA—The Hoosiers have dropped three in a row, and look good for a repeat. We're all for a 20-point Gopher victory.

NORTHWESTERN vs. OHIO STATE — The team that wins this one should go to the Rose Bowl. Northwestern in a tight win, by six or seven points.

SOUTHERN METHODIST vs. TEXAS—A big game way down in Texas, and Matty Bell's Mustangs are listed as favorites. We'll ride along, and pick SMU by one or two touchdowns.

Cordeiro, Jarvis To Lead Young St. Mary's Team

St. Mary's Galloping Gaels will roll tomorrow as 20-point underdogs, but they have some stars to watch. Top man for the Saints will be little Spike Cordeiro, 5-foot, 5-inch 155-pound tailback, who starred in last week's 33-22 triumph over Denver University.

Cordeiro is a fast, receiver runner, and a frequent receiver of passes from Dick Jarvis, Gael quarterback. Jarvis can throw either long and short, but with fast and good pass-catchers, he prefers to throw for distance.

And St. Mary's has the receivers, with Dan McGeehan and Tony Kotoski, both speed-demons ends. Cordeiro and Frank Cassara at the halfbacks are also frequent targets.

The Gael running attack is based on Cordeiro's shiftness and the plunging of Cassara and Glen Bell at right half. Frank Massero and Dave Haffner, 215-pound blaster at fullback will make their share of yardage. Bell is a Don Paul type of runner, fast, tricky, and hard to stop.

A tough Gael line, averaging 197 per man, plans to give the veteran Webfoot forwards a tough battle. They will be outweighed, but will fight to make up for it with speed and drive.

Ducklings Slate Vanport Battle

Coach Bill Bowerman takes his 33-man Duckling football squad to Portland today, for a game with the Vanport college gridders tonight at 8 p.m. on the Jefferson high school field.

The Oregon Frosh defeated the Washington Pups 25-24 in their opening game, but lost a 32-14 decision to the Oregon State Rooks in their second encounter. Vanport is favored to win tonight's game.

Looking good in scrimmage this week, the Yearlings will be in top physical condition for the game.

Bowerman's probable starting lineup will be:

Eddie Glass, center; Ken Kirkpatrick and Don McCauley, guards; Dick Hudson and Dave Hall, tackles; Jerry Leslie and Bob Wilcox, ends; Jim Calderwood, quarterback; Tommy Edwards, right half; Emile Holeman, left half; and Chuck Missfeldt, fullback.

After today's game, the Webfoots play three conference contests away from home.