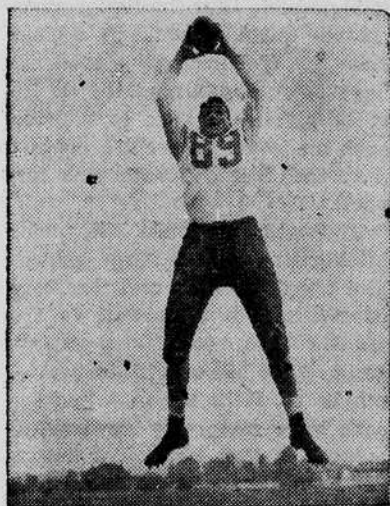


DUCK TRACKS

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In spite of the mediocre showing as a team against St. Mary's last Saturday, Oregon individual stars strengthened their leads in individual statistics compiled by the Athletic News Bureau.

These figures are the total result of seven Webfoot football games, and are given to you each week for what they may be worth. Statistics are interesting to study, really, and they can show a lot about a team. Especially these individual statistics.



DICK WILKINS

minute desperation passing attempts to even the score. Washington made 183 yards in the air to 105 for Stanford, and the Huskies lost 20-0. Ditto for the Cal-USC game, where the Trojans made 183 yards passing compared to a scant 68 for the Bears, while losing the game 13-7.

Statistics Sometimes Misleading

Individual statistics can sometimes be misleading, and the St. Mary's game offers a good example. Although we thought Spike Cordeiro was a little overrated, he did play a good game of football. His rushing average was only 2.1 yards per carry. Glen Bell, leading ground-gainer for the Gaels, rushed for 83 yards in 19 carries, a 4.3 per-try average.

But back to Oregon's statistics, the thing we started to talk about in the first place.

With a big 60 yards gained against St. Mary's, Johnny McKay leads the Webfoot rushing column, but not by a decisive margin. The little scatback has gained 447 net yards in 64 carries, for a 6.9 per-try average. That's packing the ball. Righthalf George Bell is right behind with a net of 442 yards in 100 carries, a 4.2 average.

Woodley Lewis sticks to his number 3 spot in rushing, with 301 net yards in 56 tries, a healthy 5.4 per-try average. Blasting Bob Sanders, at fullback, has bucked for 238 yards in 63 tries for a 3.8 per-carry average.

McKay Leads Oregon Scorers

McKay leads in another important department, total scoring. With one tally against the Gaels, McKay brought his point total to 42 on seven touchdowns. Dick Wilkins follows with four touchdowns and 24 points, and Keith DeCoursey has three TD's and 18 points.

Norm Van Brocklin didn't throw many passes Saturday, but he completed six of the eleven he did throw to boost his passing percentage to .515. In 99 attempts, the Duck quarterback has completed 51 for 759 yards. That's an average of 100-plus yards per game.

Four catches in the St. Mary's game brought Wilkins even farther ahead in the pass-receiving column, with 17 catches for 351 yards and four touchdowns.

Wilkins' performance in games so far has been a pleasure to watch. This college football rookie has a fine chance to gain All-Coast or higher honors for the 1948 play, and his selection would be a wise one.

Dan Garza has received eleven passes for 129 yards and one TD, while Bob Sanders has caught ten aerials for 55 yards. McKay is next with seven catches for 144 yards. Wayne Bartholmey, defensive right end, holds to his pass interception lead, with five for 83 yards and one touchdown.

Webfoot Passers Hold Edge

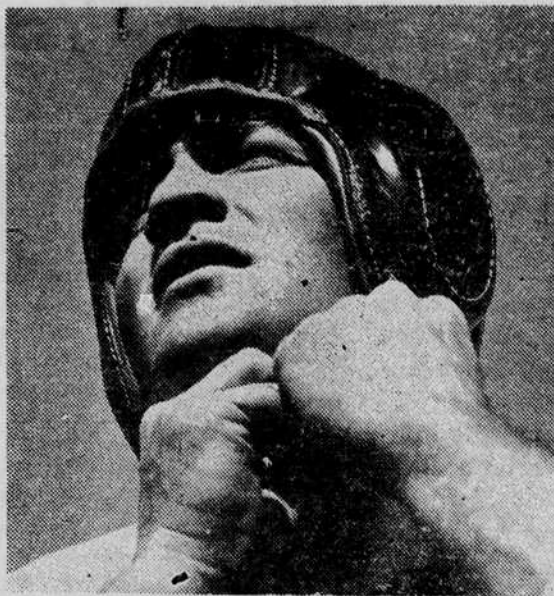
As a team, the Webfoots have gained 1618 net yards rushing and 783 yards from passing, a total of 2401 net yards from rushing and passing. Their opponents have gained 1057 net yards on the ground and 652 from passing, a 1708 total.

Oregon has made 108 first downs compared to 91 for the opposition. Duck quarterbacks have attempted 108 passes, completing 54 of these, while enemy passers have thrown 107 for only 38 completions. Only seven Oregon passes have been intercepted in the seven games, while Duck pass defenders have grabbed 15 of their opponents' passes.

The team statistics, however, can often be misleading. For instance, in the Oregon State-Michigan State football game last week, the Aggies actually out-first-downed the Spartans 13 to 11. The final score was 46-21, Michigan State. The Spartans showed their superiority on the ground, 241 yards to 117, but Oregon State made more yardage on passes, 135 to 116.

The losing team is often ahead in passing yardage, and could be accounted for by last-

Couple of Prime Ribs of Beaver



TWO OAC AGGIES, Arvid Niemi (left), a 227-pound sophomore left tackle, and Ken Carpenter (right), two-year letterman at left halfback, will see action this Saturday when the Beavers entertain the Washington State Cougars at Corvallis.

Swimmers Anticipate Good Year

It has been a bumper crop of swimming candidates, both varsity and freshmen, that have greeted John Borchardt, new Oregon coach, and it won't be stretching things to say that he and the squad are looking forward to a fairly rosy season even though this is his first year in the PCC.

This seasons victories will have to be accomplished without the help of Jim Anderson, sensational freestyle sprinter who last year unofficially tied the national 40-yard-sprint record twice at 17.4 seconds.

The varsity team will be led by

three outstanding seniors. One is Earl Walters, last year's captain and high pointer who in the last two years has been an all-conference team member in the backstroke. Earl is a two year letterman. Another, George Moorehead, a three year letterman, was high point getter in 1946-47. An outstanding sprinter and one of the finest freestylers in the PCC for two years. George should snare plenty of points this year for the ducks.

The senior who will end his swimming career at Oregon this year is Bob Hiatt, who was out of school last year. In 1947 Hiatt was second top point getter and a high class 220 and 440 man.

Giving their utmost support to

the varsity in their second year or their first as some are up from last years frosh team will be: Bill Vanatta an outstanding sprinter; Rod Harmon, breast stroker who has an excellent chance of equalling the outstanding swimming of the great Jack Dallas, and Spike Baget, another good breaststroker.

Jim Stanley is up from the frosh and is a fine diving prospect. Bill Auburn, a letterman from last year, specializes in the breaststroke. Diver Willie McCullough is another letterman from last year.

Frosh Look Good

This year's frosh team stands a good chance in winning some of

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