

Aiken Prepares Ducks for Bruins In Los Angeles

Coach Jim Aiken sent his Webfoots through their last batch of body contact drills yesterday prior to the all-important UCLA football game slated for Saturday at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Reserves dished up the opposition for the first and second stringers, going into Bruin play patterns to test the Webfooted attack.

The Ducks polished both ends of their aerial game, concentrating on both pass defense and offense.

Oregon's gridiron hierarchy plans to run the Ducks through light drills today, plus some brush up work on plays. Aiken plans to herd his beef trust out of Eugene, via the airlines, Thursday afternoon, arriving in Los Angeles in

time for a night workout at the Coliseum.

With the exception of end Les Hagen, who is out for the season, the Oregon gridders are in excellent physical condition for their first major Pacific Coast Conference test of the year.

The Ducks will be out to rack up their 14th consecutive loop triumph at the expense of the Uclaps, who bowed to the 1848 Aikenmen by 26-7.

At least one added incentive for an Oregon triumph is steak. Larry McLain, Eugene hotel executive, has purchased a blue ribbon specimen of steak on the hoof (from the Lane County Fair), and plans to serve it up to the Webfoots next Monday night—if they beat UCLA.

Hagen In Hospital, Seeks Another Year of Play

By Jack Landrud

"I know the team is going a long way this year and I only wish that I could have played out the season with them," commented blonde Les Hagen from his bed in the Sacred Heart Hospital yesterday.

Les, who was spending his fall afternoons hauling down passes as an end on the Oregon football team, broke his left leg late in the third quarter of last Saturday's game with the University of Idaho.

Les is a huge six foot two inch, 200 plus pound flanker who starred for Jim Aiken's gridders in last year's Cotton Bowl classic. He attended high school in Everett, Washington, and played football, basketball and baseball there. After graduation in June of 1944, Les enrolled at the University of Washington and earned a varsity football letter in his freshman year, as allowed under wartime eligibility rules.

After receiving his discharge from the Air Corps, Les entered Everett Junior college in January, 1947. At Everett he tried his hand at basketball and helped send his team to the Pacific Northwest junior college championship. In the fall of the same year, Les held down an end spot on an Everett football team that went through 10 straight games without a defeat.

Hagen transferred to Oregon in April of 1948 to do further work for his physical education degree and also tried out for spring football. At that time he was playing defensive end behind Dan Garza. By the time the fall football sea-

son had rolled around he had already built himself a reputation as being a defensive Gibraltar, as his play in the Cotton Bowl game proved.

As a returning letterman from last year's grid machine, Hagen was being heavily counted on this season and his unfortunate accident is a great handicap to the whole team. This was to have been his final year of play, but another season's eligibility is being petitioned for because of his leg injury.

Les is in good spirit now and although he may be forced to miss most or all of this term in class he will definitely be seen around campus as soon as possible. He wants all friends to visit him and to autograph his already well-covered cast and said yesterday, "I wish to thank all the many students and friends who have sent gifts and cards, and want them to know that I really appreciate all they have done for me."

Rasmussen Vaults Well On Swedish Trip Last Summer

George Rasmussen, Oregon's nationally famous pole vaulter, carried the banner of the Lemon-and-Green halfway around the world and back during the summer when he was chosen a member of a 22-man aggregation of American track and field athletes to represent the United States on a tour of Norway and Sweden.

Rasmussen, a 21-year-old senior from Bend, has spearheaded the Webfoot's track team for the last three years. He headed a three-man vault team that gave up only one half a point to opposing teams in the Northern Division last spring.

George or "Ras" as he is known throughout the sports world and the rest of the American stars sailed from New York in late July and opened their road trip with a meet in Oslo, Norway, then moved into Sweden where they held major meets in Goteburg, Stockholm, and Malmo. After the Malmo meet, the Americans split into groups varying from 2 to 10 who went to various sections of the Scandinavian countries. Ras went to Southern Sweden.

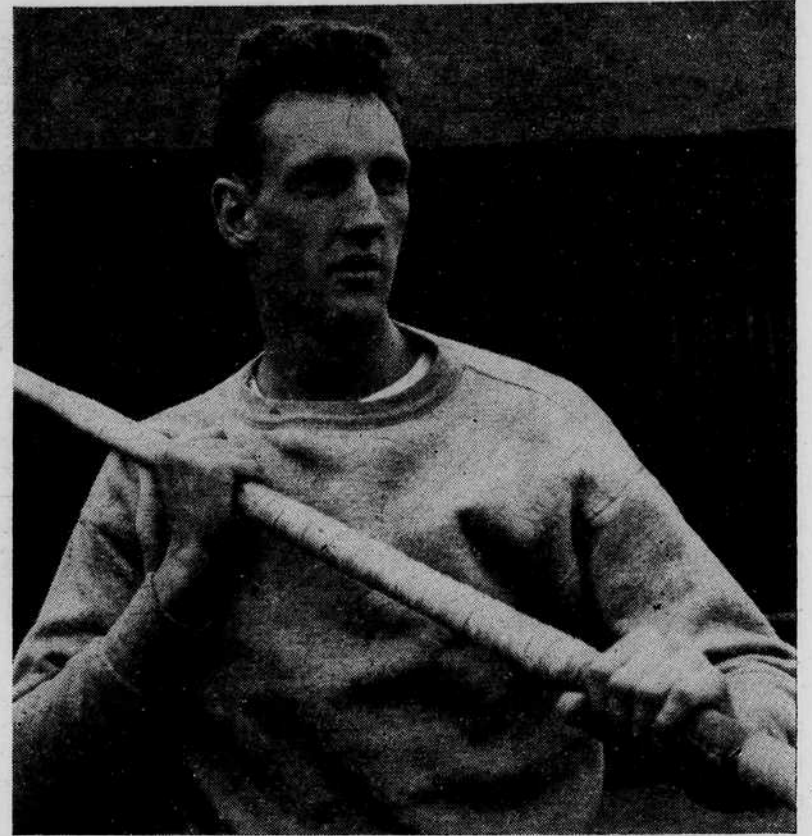
RAS TIES RICHARDS

It was after this segregation that Ras really did himself proud while competing against Bob Richards, Illinois Athletic Club's ace vaulter and National AAU vault king. The two aerialists crossed paths three different times and tied at a height of 13 feet 10 inches on each occasion. Ras took one of these on international rules; that is, if both men go out at the same height, the total number of misses determine the victor.

Besides his friendly feud with Richards, Ras broke two records established by his equally famous predecessor, George Varoff, with leaps of 14 feet 1 inch and 13 feet 10 inches.

Varoff, who held the world record at 14 feet 6 1/2 inches for a time, went on a similar tour into the Northlands while attending the University. Ras also tied Cornelius "Dutch" Warmerdam's record in the Baros, Sweden stadium at 13 feet 10 inches.

To loyal Rasmussen followers,



George Rasmussen, Oregon Ace Vaulter

these heights may be disappointing since the Bend star always went up 14 feet or better while competing in the United States. However, jumping into a sand pit instead of the usual deep sawdust shavings plus the cool, wet weather of the Scandinavian area has kept all US vaulters considerably lower than their American achievements.

Immediately after reaching the continent, Ras, as did all the Americans, had trouble with the metric system of measuring used in Europe.

Ras was jumping at about a 4.4 meter clip when he started knocking the bar down. He was rather disgusted with his performance, but changed his mind when he converted it into a very healthy 14 feet 5 1/2 inches, his best height of the entire trip.

Ras said the Swedish and Norwegian people treated the visitors like kings everywhere they went

with the Americans performing before stands filled to capacity in all but one meet.

RAS HOLDS MANY RECORDS

Ras holds all the Northern Division vault records except the Oregon-Washington dual meet record, and is co-champion of the Pacific Coast Conference with John Montgomery, USC, at 14 feet 4 inches. He won the NCAA vault crown in 1947 and '48, and holds the Texas Relays record in the vault with a mark of 14 feet 2 1/2 inches. He also owns the Oregon state high school record of 12 feet 9 inches which he upped from 12 feet 6 inches to take the crown from his present Webfoot teammate Lloyd Hickok.

STARS GLITTER IN ROSTER

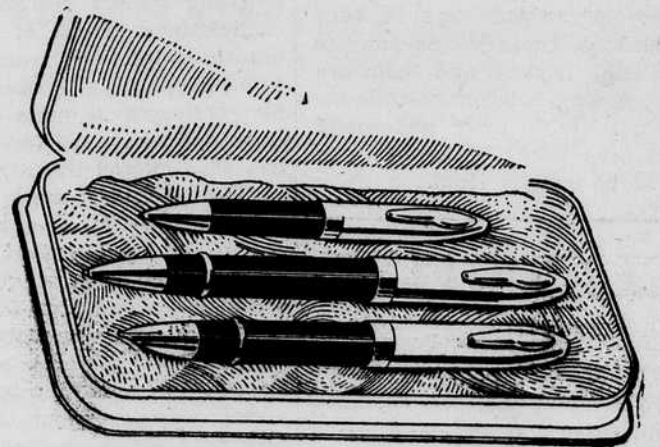
Included on the traveling squad besides Rasmussen and Richards were such luminaries as Craig Dixon, UCLA's great hurdler who was undefeated on the trip; Jim Fuch, Yale shot putter who broke

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

3:50

Sigma Alpha Mu vs Minturn Hall.
Phi Gamma Delta vs Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Phi Kappa Psi vs Merrick Hall.
Sigma Chi vs Sigma Phi Epsilon.

4:45

Phi Delta Theta vs French Hall.
Phi Sigma Kappa vs Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Sigma Nu vs Beta Theta Pi.

Alpha Tau Omega vs Cherney Hall.

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