

DUCK TRACKS

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Southern California's 16-to-10 defeat to the Golden Bears last Saturday may be another bad break for Jim Aiken's Webfoots when they invade the Los Angeles Coliseum this weekend. The Trojans will be pointing their attack at stopping the Duck backfield to get back on the victory train.

Probably the one man that Head Coach Jeff Cravath will prime his tacklers on most will be Oregon's Woodley Lewis, PCC kickoff runback king. Lewis, who ran a kickoff back 102 yards for a touchdown against the Colorado Buffaloes, had his feat duplicated by Frank Brunk of California for the winning margin of the game. Lewis now is solidly lodged in first place in his favorite department with a 46.3 average on six returns for a total of 278 yards.



Jeff Cravath

Preseason reports of the Troy Gridiron team ranked them tops on the coast, but since that time Cravath's men have failed to live up to advance notices as fully as expected. They drubbed Navy in their opener September 24, followed through with a 27-to-7 triumph over Washington State a week later, then tied the Ohio State Buckeyes 13-13, and fell to the Golden Bears last week. Looking at this record the men of Troy need an impressive win to gain back their early season prestige.

Revenge Game For Men of Troy

Another reason the USC team will be gunning for the victory is that 8-to-7 defeat the Ducks handed them last year in Multnomah Stadium in Portland. It will be a revenge battle from the opening whistle for both teams. Aiken's Webfoots will be aiming at regaining some of the recognition lost in their 1949 debut in the Coliseum when UCLA dumped them 35-27. Incidentally, that 8-to-7 defeat the Ducks handed Southern Cal last year was the only conference loss suffered by the Trojans during the '48 season.

Cravath, now in his eighth year as head man of the SC's grid fortunes, has a rather auspicious record on the coast. Since taking over in 1942, he has brought the Pacific Coast Championship home four times, and has never finished worse than fourth in conference standings. Cravath now rates second in length of tenure as Trojan grid boss. Only the immortal Howard Jones, who coached 16 years from 1925 through the season of 1940, served longer as head coach of the Trojans.

Southern Cal Led by Powers and Stillwell

Leading the Southern Cal attack will be their excellent passing combination of quarterback Jim Powers and end Bob Stillwell. Powers, according to statistics released by the Commissioner's office yesterday, is the fifth ranking back in total offense. He has amassed 475 yards in four games for a 118.8 yard per game average.

His average per game is the best in the PCC, but has played in only four games while leaders Ken Carpenter, OSC, Bob Celeri, Cal, Tommy Kingsford, Montana, and Ernie Johnson, UCLA, have five games to their credit. Of that 475 yard total, 444 have come on 35 completed aeriels, which definitely proves the Ducks' pass defense better be on its toes Saturday.

The USC offense it not limited to the airplanes, either. Fullback Bill Martin has proved himself capable of breaking into any end zone. So far this season, he has scored six touchdowns to put him in a second place tie with UCLA's Ernie Johnson, both of whom are behind Oregon's Bob Sanders with eight. Martin is also a powerful linebacker who can be compared to Oregon's Swede Johnson, Dick Daugherty, or Dick Patrick.

Both Teams Need the Game

Both teams need the victory to remain a threat in the Coast race, so both coaches will go all-out in an effort to keep his team on top. However, the Ducks will probably be fighting from the underdog role for the first time this season. How this will affect them psychologically, no one can say. This is their first test against a major gridiron power since they fell to UCLA. One thing for sure is the Webfoots won't quit trying to cross that goal strip until the final gun. That can also be proved by looking back at the UCLA beating.

Blaik Calls Galiffa Equal Of Great Arnold Tucker

NEW YORK—(UP)—A passing attack? Certainly Army has one but, Coach Earl Blaik said today, "why pass when our ground attack can roll up 50 points or more a game?"

That was the story of this Cadet eleven — undefeated, untied and, for the most part, untested. Its only close score was the 21-7 upset over Michigan, and even in that one Army got off to such a fast start that it never trailed and never trembled.

"We have no flash men like Blanchard or Davis," Blaik said, "but we do have a good, sound club with plenty of pep and sparkle—maybe more than any before."

"Arnold Galiffa is a very able field general, a better than average passer and a very strong runner. We added some new plays to make him run more and they paid off in the Michigan game."

"I would say he is the equal of Arnold Tucker and Doug Kenna and in some respects—running, for example—he is better."

The Cadets play Columbia this week and, by the records, this should be a perfect pushover. The Broadway bookmakers consider it so lop-sided that they won't even quote points.

"Ah, but I remember when we played a 'pushover' with Columbia in 1947," Blaik said. "That's when our unbeaten string of 32 games was broken. Remember?"

However, Blaik admitted nothing

but satisfaction with his team: "Army is in very good shape now that Gil Stephenson is back. I have a high regard for his open field running."

"Our left halfback, Jimmy Cain, has plenty of speed. He comes pretty near to being as fast as Davis, but he lacks Davis' open field running and general know-how."

"Our line is good. Dan Foldberg is one of the best pass catchers ever to come to the Point and Harry Maladowitz is a very good center. End Johnny Trent and Center Elmer Stout are our best on defense."

And what about that kid named Blaik—Bob Blaik, the coach's son? "I'm pleased with his work," said the coach, "but he's not as good as Galiffa."



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Husky Pups Host to Frosh

Two undefeated freshman teams will collide in the Husky Seattle stadium Saturday when Oregon's high schooling yearlings travel north to meet Coach Johnny Cherberg's offense-minded Husky pups.

The Ducklings convincingly trounced the Oregon State Rooks 33 to 6 Friday at Eugene while the Washington frosh rolled over Olympic Junior College of Bremerton 43 to 0. It was the second successive win for both frosh elevens.

Standout feature of the Oregon game was the Duckling passing combination of quarterback Hal Dunham to end Jake Williams. Dunham pitched six times to Williams for 160 yards and two touchdowns. The Duckling aerial star also threw a TD strike to end Monte Brethauer to round out a full afternoon.

One of the Oregon yearlings is Wayne Parsons, the Seattle All-City standout from Queen Anne. Parsons has been playing left end at Eugene and is the extra point specialist of the Ducklings, kicking three for five in the OSC engagement.

Cherberg indicated that some of his reserves are coming along well and may see a lot of action against the Ducklings. Despite the one-sided victory over Olympic J. C., the Washington frosh mentor feels that his team will have to do much better to beat Oregon.

At Bremerton, the Husky pups traveled almost exclusively on the ground, grinding out over 400 yards from scrimmage. Only five times did quarterback Sam Mitchell unlimber his pitching arm as the yearlings rang up their second straight victory.

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