

# Webfoot Grid Spirit Draws Aiken's Praise

By JOHN BARTON

Daily double workouts, inexperience and willing spirit—that's the way Coach Jim Aiken described his 1950 Oregon Ducks Friday after a rugged afternoon scrimmage.

"The boys look good," he said, "But they're green. They're hard workers and plenty willing."

Aiken said he'll have plenty of depth this year in all positions, even though most of it will be inexperienced. Only two regulars will be playing on the first string offensive unit. These are Earl Stelle and Dave Gibson.

Gibson is playing a tackle position, while Stelle is playing everything in the backfield except right halfback. Aiken thinks the 1949 Webfoot quarterback will play left half or fullback.

### Edwards Energetic

Tommy Edwards, tiny (166 pounds) left halfback who has been dazzling his physical superiors in most of this fall's workouts, drew special praise from Jim Friday. Edwards, Aiken declared, makes up for his size by his extremely rapid rate of travel and very sturdy constitution. The mentor hinted that Edwards, now a junior, may draw the starting left half berth against UCLA next week.

At the quarterback position, Jim Calderwood apparently has this spot wrapped up with his accurate passing and signal calling, which Aiken called "sharp." Behind him is promising Al Dunham, up from last fall's frosh team.

Right halfback number 1 in most of the pre-season workouts has been Big Carl Ervin, the lad who makes like a steam roller while carrying a football.

Irvin, although still somewhat of a slow starter, packs the wallop of a Pershing tank when he gets moving and has looked sharp at the line-crashing right half spot.

### Big Boys

After Friday's bone banging workout, Aiken allowed a brief look at what may be his regular defensive team for this fall. Outstanding on this defensive unit are two huge ends, J. D. McGowan, (6 feet, 4 inches, 224 pounds) and Emery Barnes (6 feet, 6 inches, 211 pounds).

# Good Year For Millers

By PHIL JOHNSON

Coach Don Kirsch and several candidates for his 1951 University of Oregon varsity baseball squad have been in training during the summer months. Kirsch and seven prospects played for the Eugene Millers, a semi-professional nine which tied for the second half championship of its league and won 14 games while losing 11. Managed by Kirsch, the Millers reached the quarter-finals in the state semi-pro tournament at Silverton, where they won three and dropped two.

Pitching chores for the Millers were handled by Jim Hanns, a two-year Duck letterman; Lloyd Brown, who hurled for the Oregon Frosh last spring; and Eugene High's Don Sigmund, who also played right field.

Jack Smith, a first-string varsity catcher for the 1950 Ducks handled the receiving chores for the Millers. Another 1950 regular, Phil Settecase, played his regular position at first base. Kirsch played second base, while Ray Coley, who played varsity ball in 1950, held down the shortstop position. The remaining Miller infielder, Nick Schmer, also a 1950 letterman, played at third base and turned in some fine defensive plays. Jim Livesay, a member of the 1950 Frosh nine, played in center field.

# Aggies End Double Duty; Await MSC

Corvallis — Coach Kip Taylor sent his Oregon State football squad through a final heavy intersquad game Saturday afternoon before the Beavers' intersectional opener against Michigan State at East Lansing on September 23.

Daily double drills ended here Wednesday and the squad will work out only once a day between onw and departure time. The heavy work on fundamentals and conditioning have been concluded and the Beavers will now concentrate on the adding of polish to play execution and preparation of special defenses for the Spartans.

### Bear Stories Yet

Absence of front-line backs because of injuries has greatly handicapped offensive work this week. Jack Hoxie and Gene Taft, who last week were battling it out for the starting nod at left half, have not scrimmaged yet this week because of leg injuries suffered last weekend. Bob Cornelison, another promising newcomer at left half, also is laid up with a knee bruise.

As a result, Walt Kelly, two-year letterman, has moved into the top spot at the tailback post. He has shown great improvement this fall that the injured left halves might find it mighty tough to dislodge him when they return to the lineup.

### Carr Capers

Another back continuing to rate special praise from the coaching staff is Ralph Carr at right half. He has been the hardest running back on the squad this fall and probably will open against Michigan State. Sharing the position with Carr is Bill Sheffold, one of the best defensive backs on the coast last fall.

Big Sam Baker and Bud Woodward are still fighting on even terms for the starting fullback job.

# Remember?

By Clyde Fahlman

Word comes from Bruinville that the UCLANs expect victories over two teams in Pacific Coast Conference football action this year: Oregon and Washington State.

However, Mister Aiken's crew might upset the proverbial dope bucket. Why? Okay, let's take a looksee at last year's clash:

First game of the season: UCLANs touted as leading contender for PCC crown; Ducks out for fourteenth consecutive conference game—and boom!

And when the dust cleared, Ernie Johnson had steered the Bruin club to a 35-27 victory—a spine tingler to top spine tinglers.

Dick Short will have to fill the shoes of ex-QB Johnson, but Bob Wilkinson, all-American candidate at left end, will still be around.

Never-the-less, Webfooters will be looking back at the heart-breaker of '49 and the fire may be a little warm for LA prognosticators.

# Van To Start

Norm Van Brocklin, one of the all-time greats of Oregon gridiron history, is scheduled to play quarterback today for the Los Angeles Rams when they meet the Chicago Bears at Los Angeles, according to Ram Coach Coach Joe Stydahar.

It will be the second start of the season for Van Brocklin, who is entering his second season of professional play. He started against Baltimore for his initial 1950 opener and led the Rams to a one-

### Members of the 1950-51 Student Body

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The staff of the Athletic Department would like to welcome back the old students and say hello for the first time to those of you who are on the campus for the first time.

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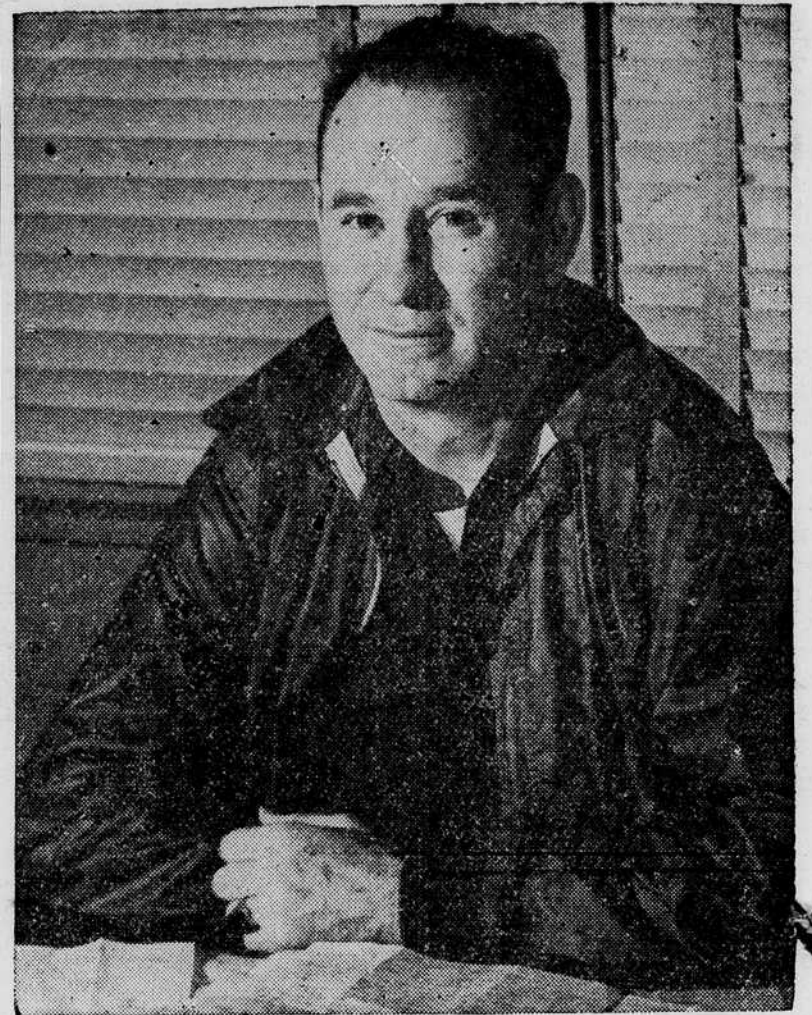
Once again, welcome, and the best of luck during the coming year.

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# Jim's Message



Greetings to the New Students:

Welcome to the Oregon campus and the start of a new football season! 1950 promises to be an interesting year for Webfoot followers. Our team is green and young, but the boys are very willing. They have been working hard all fall, preparing for our opening game next Saturday in Los Angeles, against UCLA. Last year the Bruins got the jump on us and we couldn't catch up. The boys are eager to even the score this weekend.

Football fans will see a lot of new faces in the Oregon lineup this year. We have 22 sophomores on the squad, and many of them are going to be playing regularly. Most of these lads played with the 1949 freshmen and have lots of promise, although they lack experience. There are also 16 transfers on the team this fall who will be a big help. And, of course, we have the 16 returning lettermen who are the backbone of the 1950 team.

We are using the T-formation again this season, and will feature plenty of passing, along with some hard running. We have a tough schedule this fall, opening with UCLA and then meeting California. Both teams are always very strong. But what we lack in experience we have in enthusiasm this year. We are going to be a fighting team! Win or lose, our opposition is going to know it has been in a battle. I hope that you students will support us all the way. A loyal crowd encourages coaches and players alike.

Yours very truly,  
Coach Jim Aiken

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