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DUCK TRACKS

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When the Beavers of Oregon State and the Ducks of the University of Oregon tangle on Multnomah field this coming Saturday past records and performances of the two teams can be entirely disregarded. For no matter how good or how poor a season either team has had, the contest is always a close one, and the team which emerges victorious can say, "We've had a good season."

This season, for the first time in a good many years, a battle between Oregon State and Oregon has developed for the cellar position. Usually at least one of the two teams has made a good showing and is somewhere near the top of the league.

The Season's Record

So far this year, with the exception of one game, Oregon State has had a fairly good season. The Beavers, in their initial outing were downed by Michigan State, currently ranked as one of the top teams in the nation. In practically every game following this context, the Beavers were tabbed as a hard-luck team—again, perhaps, with the exception of one game.

The Beavers second game of the year, against Stanford, then the conference favorite, was a much closer battle than the score would indicate. The Indians, with the exception of All-American candidate Bill McColl, were battled on even terms, and scored two of their three touchdowns on breaks.

Luck Played No Part

The third game, against Washington, proved to be one of the few games where the Beavers were actually beaten without the element of "bad luck" entering the picture. Washington at that time was also rated one of the top ten teams in the nation.

The Beavers fourth opponent, California, was prepared for an easy battle, but they hadn't reckoned with the fighting spirits and irrepressible will to win which dominated the Orange camp. The powerful running attack of the Golden Bears, the best on the coast, was responsible for only two touchdowns, the other two coming directly as a result of breaks. It was in this game that the Beavers assumed their title of the "hard luck team."

The fifth game, against Montana, proved to be the Beavers initial win. Here the Beaver attack began functioning smoothly for the first time.

The sixth game, against the UCLA Bruins, was perhaps the Beavers "unluckiest" game. The highly-favored Bruins were held to a one-touchdown advantage, and then only after a Beaver TD had been called back. And one of the Bruin's touchdowns was on a Beaver fumble and another on an intercepted pass.

Breaks Did

Against Idaho the Orangemen played one of their best defensive games. This game saw the Beavers' offense function without the many bad breaks which had so hindered them previously.

Then this last Saturday against WSC, the Beavers main strength, their outstanding line, failed to function for the first time this season, with the ensuing consequence the Beavers lost the game.

The Oregon State defensive line, which had given ground to no team prior to last weekend, was perhaps best exemplified by the UCLA game. The Bruins were known all season as possessing one of the hardest-hitting surest-tackling teams on the coast. Yet when they played the Beavers, many observors, including one time All-American Tom Harmon, said that the Beaver forward wall had actually out-played the Bruins. Yes, you'll be proud to say, a Go "It Came from Carl Greve"

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How They Lineup

When the whistle blows this Saturday in Portland, football fans will see a lot of the Beaver backs. Sam Baker, a standout sophomore fullback, and Gene Taft, the Beavers high-scoring junior college transfer at left half, are two of the Orangemen's most consistent and best groundgainers.

The other halfback position is taken by little Ralph Carr, the smallest man on the Beaver team, but an extremely tricky and hard-to-bring-down runner. At quarterback is Gene Morrow, one of the finest quarterbacks on the coast and currently fourth in passing in PCC statistics.

The starting offensive line for the Beavers is at left end, Don Bradley, a newcomer to the ranks of the first team who has shown a lot of hustle and pass-catching ability. At left tackle is Arvid Niemi, captain of the Beaver squad. Don Zarosinski, a 175-pound scrapper from Klamath Falls is the left guard. At center is Pete Palmer, one year letterman junior. At the right guard is tackle positions respectively are the two Hawaiian brothers Jim and Herm Clark. Jim, the little brother who is older, weighs only 220 while Herm tips the scales at 240.

At right end is the Beavers star pass-receiver, John Thomas. Last week in a losing battle against WSC Thomas caught seven passes to break the PCC record of 31 catches in a season and surpass Bill McColl of Stanford, who was held to only one completion by Army.

