

# Duck Tracks

By Phil Johnson

Although the experts have relegated Coach Len Casanova's Oregon Ducks to the unhappy position of eighth place in the nine-team Pacific Coast Conference race, the ex-Pittsburgh mentor does not intend to justify their predictions.

Here is the schedule which is faced by the 1951 Ducks: **STANFORD.** September 22 at Portland. The Indians won only five games in 1950, but they tied Cal 7-7 and lost to then-mighty Army only 7-0 in a rainstorm.

The Stanford forward wall, anchored by All-American End Bill McColl, is strong at all positions except tackle, and transfers or members of the undefeated 1950 Indian Frosh might be able to handle that position.

Indian Coach Chuck Taylor will be hoping for his first college coaching victory when he meets the Ducks. This is Taylor's first varsity coaching job, although he guided three Stanford Frosh squads to 14 triumphs, no setbacks and one deadlock.

## Arizona Tough

**ARIZONA.** September 29 at Eugene. The Webfoots meet Arizona for the second time. Arizona won the first one 20-6 in 1937.

Wildcat Coach Bob Winslow expects "a very successful season." Arizona, favored for the Border Conference championship, will be tough to beat.

**COLLEGE OF PACIFIC.** October 6 at Stockton. Coach Larry Seimering (won 35, lost 5, tied 3) is gone, but the COPs apparently will continue to win more than their share of the victories.

The 1950 Tigers set an all-time major college single season record by attempting 800 rushing and passing plays, more than any other major college has ever attempted during a single season. Halfback Eddie Macon is back to lead the COP running attack.

## Huskies Ready

**WASHINGTON.** October 13 at Portland. Despite the shoulder injury of All-Coast Quarterback Don Heinrich, the Huskies will be ready with two other signal callers, Sam Mitchell and Dean Rockey.

When Heinrich injured his wrist during spring practice, Coach Howard Odell devoted an unusual amount of attention to Mitchel and Rockney. They'll be ready. So will Fullback Hugh McElhenny, who averaged 6.18 yards per rushing attempt in 1950.

If Washington has a weakness, it will be a lack of defensive strength. Odell employs a 5-4-2 defense.

The Oregon game comes on a Saturday between the Huskies' October 6 battle with USC and their October 20 meeting with Illinois, so they might be subject to a "letdown" and could be ripe for an upset.

**UCLA.** October 20 at Los Angeles. The UCLAns reportedly have the best set of backs since Coach Red Sanders arrived in 1949. They dropped USC 39-0 last fall and lost to powerful Washington only 21-20, so their 26 returning lettermen should prove to be useful.

## Cougars Hopeful

**WASHINGTON STATE.** October 27 at Pullman. Cougar Publicity Director Don Faris says, "Watch out for the Cougars." Obviously, the staters expect to have a better season this fall. Their 1950 eleven won four, lost three, tied two.

**IDAHO.** November 3 at Eugene. Oregon probably will be favored to win this one, although the Vandals defeated the 1950 Ducks for their first victory over an Oregon squad in 25 years. The all-time Duck Vandal record: Oregon, 29 wins, Idaho 3 wins, 4 ties.

**BOSTON U.** November 10 at Boston. Terrier Coach Aldo T. Donelli has won 49 games while losing 17 and tying 1, but he probably won't continue to win at that rate in '51. This first meeting between the two schools should be a close game.

**CALIFORNIA.** November 17 at Berkeley. Although Coach Len Casanova has a habit of preparing his gridders for fabulous upsets, he can hardly "point" for this one without risking a "letdown" against the old traditional rivals from the agricultural institution on the following Saturday.

**OREGON STATE COLLEGE.** November 24 at Eugene. The Aggies expect a better season. Fullback Sam Baker and Halfback Dave Mann will lead the Ag ground attack.

## Stanford Squad Battles Ducks In PCC Opener

Coach Charles A. "Chuck" Taylor returns Saturday afternoon to his birthplace, Portland, Oregon, where he hopes to see his Stanford Indians open his first college coaching season with a victory.

The Stanford - University of Oregon battle also will signal the inauguration of Duck Coach Len Casanova's Pacific Coast Conference career.

The Stanford squad includes highly touted All-American End Bill McColl, rated by Indian publicity officials as the "Greatest lineman in Stanford history."

The Indian eleven also includes an outstanding ball handler and passer, Quarterback Gary Kerkorian, "the best quarterback the Indians have had since Frank Albert."

Probable starters in the offensive halfback positions are Left Half Bob Meyers, shifted from fullback, and Right Half Ron Cook, a sophomore.

Starting at fullback will probably be either Skip Crist, hard-hitting letterman, or Bob Matthias, who holds the world record in the decathlon and is turning out for his first grid season in three years.

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