

Duck Tracks

By John Whitty

When the 1951 football season opened, most Oregon grid followers tabbed it as a building year for Coach Len Casanova and his varsity prospects. Casanova was brand new on the job, and the fact that there were only fifteen lettermen back from the unimpressive Duck squad of the year before led to dire predictions on the part of observers all over the coast.

Casanova and his boys heeded these notices not a bit, and went on to prove that though they lacked experience, they had more than their share of that quality known to football players as "guts". Perhaps the most significant exhibition of this fighting spirit on the Webfoot team was in the California game, where the Ducks went against a vastly favored Golden Bear team on the latter's home grounds, and matched touchdowns with them, losing finally on the strength of two extra points....

During the season, two things were evident. First, Coach Casanova was relying mainly on the younger members of his team to carry the squad, and secondly, perhaps due to the youth of the players, this was one team that would never admit defeat. It became evident that the phrase, "a building year," often used in derision, applied in all seriousness to the 1951 Oregon football team.

Nine Fresh Lettermen

An indication of the number of underclassmen who saw action for the Duck eleven is given by the fact that nine freshmen received varsity letters for their performances during the year. A brief run-down on each of the nine will provide a prediction of the type of football Oregon fans can expect in years to come.

Harold Reeve, end: Converted from fullback to end in the Shrine game, Hal continued to hold down the wing position for Casanova. Playing mostly on defense, the 205 pound Reeve made good use of his speed to keep plays around his end on the inside.

Dick Davenport, end: Although injured halfway through the season, Davenport made a name for himself as a pass receiver which was unequaled by any other freshman performer on the coast. Although he weighs in at only 175, it is stretched over a 6-foot, 2-inch frame, and Dick uses his height to the best advantage.

John Reed, tackle: Reed is a former Eugene high star who is now playing his first year of collegiate ball after three years in the Army. He played for two seasons at Fort Ord, Calif., as well as spending one season at Newberg Preparatory in New York. John spent most of his playing time on defense, and with a little more weight he should see much action next year.

Another Shriner

Jack Patera, tackle: A 210 pounder from Washington high in Portland, Jack used his tremendous power to the best advantage. He was both a hard man to move and a hard man to stop. He also participated for the Portland team in the annual Shrine game.

Pat Curtis, guard: A very fast man for his size, Curtis is another player who played fullback in high school for Jefferson of Portland, then was shifted in the Shrine game. He played each brilliant ball at the line position that Casanova left him there after he arrived at Oregon. Pat weighs 201 pounds.

Harry Mondale, guard: Harry is probably one of the shortest men ever to play football for the Webfoots. Standing only 5-foot, 6-inches, he weighs 195 pounds. Harry uses his speed to get the jump on bigger, slower opponents and then opens the way for the ball carriers following.

Eastern Addition

Lou Kollias, center: A sturdy linebacker from Elizabeth, N.J., Kollias gave a good account of himself all through the season. Weighing 198 pounds, Lou is one of those rough, tough boys who plays the game for sheer love of competing.

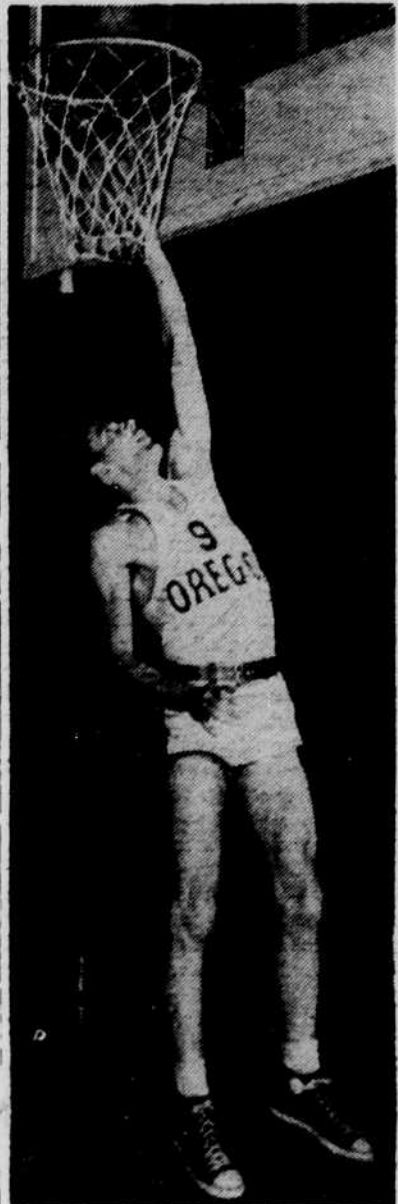
Charlie May, center: A very large man for a freshman, Charlie stands six-feet, two-inches, and weighs in at 215 pounds. He played prep ball for The Dalles high school and saw considerable action for the down-state team in the Shrine game. Charlie is another boy who should play a lot of football for the University of Oregon.

George Shaw, quarterback-halfback: One of the most heralded high school players ever to graduate from an Oregon high school, George twice guided the Grant Generals to the State Championship. A great passer, Shaw throws well on either long or short passes. He is also a tricky faker and his speed and agility make him as good a halfback as he has already proved himself to be a quarterback. He set a new national record for pass interceptions this year, which shows that his ability is not confined to offensive play alone.

Washington Whizzers Monopolizes ND Statistics

LOS ANGELES — (UP)—The high-flying University of Washington Huskies held the lion's share of the statistical honors today in the Pacific Coast conference Northern Division basketball race.

Figures released by the PCC commissioner's office showed the Huskies' dangerous duo of Frank Guisness and Bob Houbregs were running one-two in scoring, while teammate Duane Enochs was the loop's best marksman.



—Photo by Dean Bond

PICTURED ABOVE is Jim Vranizan, University of Oregon forward, who is expected to see action in tonight's series opener in McArthur court with the University of Washington Huskies.

Webfoot Jayvees Host Clark Quint

Friday and Saturday nights the Oregon JV's play the Clark J.C.'s from Washington and Everybody's Drug from Eugene at McArthur court. Both of these tilts are preliminary games to the Washington-Oregon series and will start at 6:00 p.m.

Thus far the Duck juniors have won eight of 12 tilts. Coach Don Kirsch's tentative lineup will probably include Howard Page and Ron Phillips at guards; Doug Rogers at center and Don Siegmund and Hugh Marxer at forwards.

In eight games, Phillips has scored 92 points for a 10.2 average per game. Phillips hit his peak against the OSC juniors last week when he potted 25 counters in one game. To complete the rest of the starters' scoring, Page has 79 points in 11 games, Siegmund has 53 in nine games, Rogers 39 in nine games and Marxer 33 in eight games.

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Pasadena Junior College defeated John Muir J.C. 33-19 in the 1951 Turkey Tussle Bowl. Wow!

Wake Forest had the best major-college defensive record in the nation during the 1950 campaign.

Oregon's total offense record for a single football game is 454 yards (against Santa Barbara in 1948).

Shaw's 'Major Barbara' Is SU Sunday Movie

The film adaptation of George Bernard Shaw's "Major Barbara" will be shown at 2:30 and 4:15 Sunday in the ballroom of the Student Union.

The movie concerns the daughter of a multi-millionaire who joins the Salvation Army. The showing is sponsored by the SU movie committee.

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