

SPORTS TODAY

University of Oregon's track and field team will meet the Oregon State college cinder squad at 2:30 DST this afternoon at Bell field, Corvallis in a Northern Division PCC dual meet. If the Ducks win they will be the Northern section's dual titlists.

Both the Oregon tennis and golf teams will invade Seattle today for matches with the University of Washington Huskies. The Washington tennis team hasn't been defeated in ND play since 1937.

Ducks Slate Final Drill Today

By Larry Lavelle

With all of the other Webfoot teams scattered throughout the vast Northwest, University of Oregon's annual spring football climax, a full-dress rehearsal in Hayward field, will have a monopoly on the spotlight today.

The annual scrimmage between the Whites and the Greens will begin at 10:15 a.m. DST. There will be no kickoffs, punts, field goal attempts or conversion tries, but otherwise it will be a regulation football game. No admission will be charged.

The Finish

Oregon has completed 19 days of practice and with today's scrimmage will have exhausted the 20 allowed by the National Collegiate Athletic association.

The Webfoots are coached by Len Casanova, who was named head football coach when Jim Aiken resigned last summer. With Casanova at the helm of an inexperienced crew, the Ducks won two and lost eight in 1951.

His aides are Jack Roche, assistant coach, who has worked under Casanova at Santa Clara and Pittsburgh; Johnny McKay, backfield coach, who was one of Oregon's better backs in 1948 and 1949; Gene Harlow, line coach and chief scout, who has tutored at both Alabama and Idaho; and Bill Bowerman, end coach, who is presently occupied with the varsity track team.

The Big Four of Oregon football has worked overtime on a concoction which they hope will raise the University of Oregon's stock from

the vicinity of the Pacific Coast conference's basement.

Thus, some 40 athletes, many of whom are short on experience will gather some vital, game-like action this morning at Hayward field in the final drill of the 1952 spring grid program. Head coach Len Casanova, sporting a cumber-

few years the Ducks have had the backfield horses to go places, but they haven't had the depth, numerically or talent-wise.

The following self-evaluation by the Oregon coaching staff may throw some light on the present status, position-by-position:

ENDS—Of the entire Webfoot



LEN CASANOVA

some brace as evidence of a spinal disc operation last month, shows some signs of optimism.

"We'll be mighty thin, but the men are willing to learn," he stated. Just how thin the Ducks are, especially in the line, is the key to whether or not the Webfoots can improve on their eighth place finish of 1951. In the past



JACK ROCHE

line, the flank positions are best set. Veteran Monte Brethauer, Quarterback Hal Dunham's favorite target, sets the pace, but only a shade ahead of Ron Lyman, who would get the starting call today at right end if the Ducks were playing UCLA.

Assistant Roche calls Lyman "a natural-born end" who can and will play a defensive half-back slot equally well. Brethauer also will be cast in that role. Behind these two is Wayne Johnson, who can

play either end, on defense and offense.

TACKLES — Hal Reeve and Don Hedgepeth, at left and right tackles, respectively, are rated number one at the moment. Both are former ends. The other tackles are Chuck Laird, a 1951 center, and Len Beerie, the ex-Southern Cal man. All are inexperienced, but are progressing, the report indicates.

GUARDS—The left guards are ranked in the following order: Ken Swietzer, also a punter and last year and end; Harry Mondale and Chuck Greenley, a former end from the jayvees. Right guards are Emmett Williams, John Reed and Jack Patera. Only Williams is familiar with the post, but the guards, too, have looked good in the sessions.

CENTERS — Brad Ecklund: "They've a long way to go, but they should shape up." Oregon's blond-thatched contribution to the Dallas Rangers was sipping up the work of Ron Pheister and Dick Stoutt who have the sizeable task of filling Dick Patrick's shoes.

QUARTERBACKS — The pass-happy Ducks have come up with a smooth-working, fast-thinking and sharp-passing senior by the name of Hal Dunham, who looks to be the most improved footballer in the entire Pacific Coast conference.

Johnny McKay, the Webfoots' backfield charge d'affairs has labeled Dunham 1000 per cent better than in 1951. Given good protection by his line, Dunham may rack up all-coast honors in 1952.

Backing up Dunham is Junior Barney Holland, a hold-over from last season. George Shaw, of course, did not suit up for spring. (Please turn to page five)

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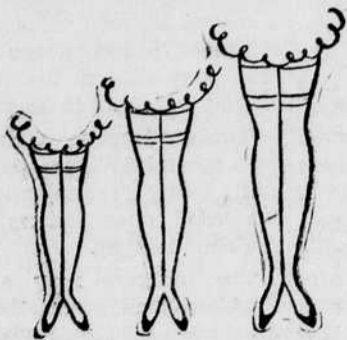


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