

Duck Tracks

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Spectators at the Oregon-WSC affair Saturday will see one of the most talked-about teams in the nation in the Washington State college Cougars. As early as a year ago Inland Empire tub-thumpers were already chanting ecstatically over the prospect of their "champions."

After the athletic department at Pullman had drafted a suicidal schedule—Baylor, Ohio State, Oklahoma A&M plus seven Pacific Coast conference opponents—it happened. The popular Forest (Evy) Evashevski up and quit. His resignation came as an ominous warning to the overly enthusiastic Cougar supporters.

Al Kircher, an avid follower of the Evashevski system, was elevated to the head coachship. Everyone, even Butch, the Cougar mascot, felt certain that Kircher and his Michigan single wing attack would be too much for Stanford and Baylor and even Southern Cal and Ohio State.

The Big Dud

Washington State, primed for its grand opening in the Los Angeles Memorial coliseum on the night of Sept. 19, received a bevy of publicity labeling the Cougars as the power of the Pacific Northwest. The Cougars generated no power at all, but folded like a tent—35-7—as the famed Southern Cal defense greedily took advantage of every mistake the jittery Pullmanites committed.

And they made plenty of errors that night. Bob Burkhart, who completed more passes than any other man in collegiate football last year, was rushed incessantly; he couldn't hit either Ed Barker or Don Steinbrunner and both of those fellows are pretty big targets. The 200-pound halfback Jim Head made no headway against the Trojan line—neither did his running mates.

Never have we seen a team so thoroughly disorganized and demoralized as the Cougars after Jim Sears had finished running back a punt for 77 yards and a touchdown. A couple of pass interceptions by Jim Psaltis, good for more tallies, was more than the Cougars could take.

Following the original disappointment, trouble came in triplicate for the sleepers. Stanford stung them with a 14-13 defeat before a sellout crowd at Pullman; the Baylor Bears collared the Cougars 31-7 and Ohio State poured it on 35-7. But at this point the WSCers revived, at the expense of lower-calibered clubs—Idaho and Oregon State.

Why Did He Leave?

Two questions probably will go unanswered for ever. Was Evashevski such a sound thinker that he was positively certain the Cougars couldn't go anywhere? Or is it possible that he was afraid—afraid that the alumni would expect a champion if he remained and afraid that if they didn't win his reputation would be damaged? Was he a shrewd analyzer or merely scared out of the place?

Guest selectors in the Emerald's football guessing contest are making a runaway of the race. Messrs. Borchers, Lemons, McKay, Sterling, Roche and Litchman have come up with an amazing percentage of .857—48 correct guesses in 56 attempts. Two of their wrong predictions were tie games. Quite a record.

Now for the less reliable selections:

Washington State 27, Oregon 20—The Cougars have evidently caught fire in the last couple of weeks. Quarterback Burkhart has been throwing bulls-eyes to his ends Barker and Steinbrunner. Wayne Berry is set to go and apparently the Cougars mean business.

Speaking of Barker, he is only 16 pass receptions away from a three-year NCAA record. Barker has caught 90 passes and the record number of 106 was set by Bill McColl of Stanford last year. Monte Brethauer of the Ducks has 85.

A Vandal Victory

Idaho 20, Montana 7 ... The Vandals' stout defensive line and the threat of Anderson to Ogle should out-ogle the Grizzlies. Washington 21, California 14 ... Although the Bears have lost two in a row, a win for the Huskies would be an upset. If Heinrich is on, the Washington passing attack will click and if the Washington passing attack clicks, the Washington running game will click. It's not complicated at all.

UCLA 33, Oregon State 0 ... Baker can't go at full-speed—Withrow has a broken thumb. The Uclans better not look past this one. Southern Cal 21, Stanford 14 ... Mathias did it last year for the Indians, but the Trojan horse is in full gallop.

COP 26, Santa Clara 14 ... Aggressive Broncs still haven't lit the win column and the Tigers looked plenty good last Saturday. Kansas 21, Nebraska 19 ... Should Reynolds play for the Huskers, it'll be this close—if not, Kansas in a landslide.

Guest Margin Grows; Harris Tabs Troy, Cal

With only four weeks to go in the Emerald prognosticating contest, the guest selectors have a



LEO HARRIS
Picks No Upsets

substantial, if not invincible lead over the four sports staffers. Bill Borchers, Howard Lemons, John McKay, Vern Sterling, Jack Roche and Art Litchman have teamed up to amass 48 correct calls as against eight wrongs for a statespheric .857 average.

Their rivals — Larry Lavelle, Rick Tarr, Ron Ricketts and Jim Shea — are closely bunched. Lavelle has .767; Tarr, .750; Ricketts, .750; and Shea, .673. Only expert in six weeks to gain a complete sweep is McKay, with a 10-0 record.

Athletic Director Leo Harris will attempt to add fire to the blistering pace set by the guests. Harris, and for that matter—the rest of the Friday morning quarterbacks—have stuck closely to form. Next week's guest will be Don Kirsch, varsity baseball coach and frosh basketball mentor.

	Harris	Lavelle	Tarr	Ricketts	Shea
Wash. St.-Oregon	46-14-.767	45-15-.750	45-15-.750	45-15-.750	35-17-.673
Montana-Idaho	27-20	31-13	27-20	27-20	34-19
Calif.-Washington	27-6	20-7	20-7	14-7	13-7
Oregon St.-UCLA	14-7	21-14	28-13	27-13	35-14
So. Calif.-Stanford	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA
Santa Clara-COP	21-7	33-0	34-12	35-13	34-13
Nebraska-Kansas	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC
Oklahoma-Notre Dame	14-7	20-14	17-6	20-13	19-6
Army-Georgia Tech	COP	COP	COP	COP	COP
Georgia-Penn.	21-7	26-13	27-14	21-9	19-13
	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas	Kansas
	21-7	21-19	28-10	27-6	26-14
	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
	21-6	34-20	41-20	28-7	21-15
	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech	Ga. Tech
	28-12	35-14	28-13	28-7	20-7
	Penn	Penn	Penn	Georgia	Penn
	14-7	13-9	20-13	13-7	16-7

Shea: Missouri 20, Colorado 17; Columbia 28, Dartmouth 20.

Cougars Arrive For Homecoming

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proaching the peak expected of them," said Roche.

Washington State End Ed Barker, who has caught 90 passes in his three-year career, is only 15 receptions away from the National Collegiate Athletic Association record, set by Bill McColl of Stanford last year. So one of the season's greatest individual duels should develop, since Monte Brethauer of the Ducks already has 85 catches to his credit.

Al Kircher is expected to utilize his veterans Bob Burkhart, quarterback, and runners Jim Head, Al Charlton, Duke Washington, Wayne Berry and Blackie Bower. Burkhart, from the single wing, also tosses to Don Steinbrunner and Harland Svare, both ends. Anchoring the Cougar forward wall are giant defensive tackle Howard McCants, six foot nine inch, 255 pounder; Art Fiero, senior guard; and Bob Hardy, 210 pound center.

Webfoots Healthy

The Webfoots are in good shape. Cece Hodges and Tom Novikoff will both return to the lineup. Coach Len Casanova worked his Ducks lightly on offensive and defensive plays against WSC formations. A short, signal drill is on tap for today.

Probable Oregon lineup: Monte Brethauer and Ron Lyman at ends; Hal Reeve and Don Hedgepeth at tackles; Jim Jacques and Emmett Williams at guards; Ron Phiester at center; George Shaw at quarterback; Ted Anderson and Farrell Albright at halfbacks; and Tom Novikoff at fullback.

Ho, Hum! Taylor Picks Indians Again

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — Coach Chuck Taylor of Stanford has come through with his usual prediction that his Indians will win Saturday. Chuck does this nearly every week and it provides a refreshing contrast to the usual pre-game gloom of the average coach.

But Taylor has gone even further and indicated some of his strategy for the game. With his tongue in his cheek, Taylor said he is grooming big Bob Mathias to make two punt runbacks for touchdowns — instead of just one, as he did against USC last year. Chuck also said he is going to instruct his charges to make one touchdown and then hold on—not try anything hazardous like passing.

Humorous or not, this is a tribute to the trip-hammer Trojans of '52 — an alert bunch of big fellows who have made a habit this season of ramming the other team's game down its throat. The Trojans don't boast of any offense this year. Their explosive defense takes care of most of the scores.

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Frosh Invade Corvallis

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by Coach Hal Moe's Rooks, may very well turn the game into a tight contest.

The Rooks have a poor record but lost nine men—four on injuries and five who quit school—shortly after initial practices and Moe has had to do a lot of shifting around in his lineup. The boys play hard but as yet have not started clicking as a unit.

The Rooks have a good passer in Mel McCain not listed in the starting lineups and a top receiver in Jerry Exley, but McCain has trouble getting his passes away as the Rook forwards supply him with little protection.

OREGON	OREGON STATE
Ted Overton	LE Howard Butenbach
Lon Stiner	LT Bob Riggert
George Mutchler	LG Andy Skiet
Art Weber	C Larry Stevens
Troy Bellah	RG Vern Stewart
Harry Johnson	RT Vern Samples
Larry Schweinfurt	RE Jerry Exley
Johnny Keller	Q Bill Parrott
Dick James	LH Ed Kelly
Chuck Boydston	RH Arnold Riebe
Larry Rose	F Irv Garrison

ATO's Trip Betas

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effecting the Yeomen defeat.

The outstanding game of the day was between the B teams of Alpha Tau Omega and Beta Theta Pi. The ATO's Dick Wood played an outstanding game close to the net coming through consistently with effective spike shots. Both teams displayed good teamwork and spirit with ATO topping the Betas by scores of 15-12, 15-5.

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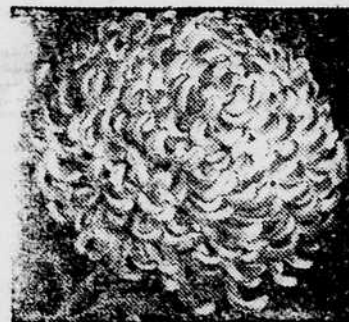
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