Duck Tracks

_By Larry Lavelle

Several weeks ago a nationally known wire service came up with a mid-season all-Coast football team. Now mythical all-star squads have an uncomfortable habit of pleasing some of the folks some of the time and—well, you're familiar with the rest of that line.

But we were slighted, perhaps unintentionally. The name of Monte Brethauer was nowhere to be found among the first and second-string selections or even with the honorable mentions. This is an amazing oversight since Brethauer, at that time, had caught more passes than any player in the Pacific Coast conference.

Easy to Overlook

It might be natural to look for good material on a winning outfit and since the PCC is wallowing in football wealth this year, Oregon's unimpressive 1-7-1 mark with two games to go may have served to repel the talent scouts. So what happens to real stars like Brethauer and Idaho's Don Ringe and Bob Holder and Oregon State's Sam Baker? Nothing. And that's what is wrong.

Len Casanova, Webfoot grid coach, disagrees with the prevailing attitude that poor teams fail to produce outstanding players. Says Cas: "One year when I was coaching at Sequoia High school in Redwood City, Calif., we had a championship team, but not one of those boys could have made the grade in collegiate ball. Yet on the worst team I ever coached there were three fellows that could have stepped right up to a berth on any college team in the country."

Hold on to your chair, grandpa—this news'll rock you: MONTE BRETHAUER IS NOW THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S LEADING PASS RECEIVER. There won't be a player in the country who will take the field this Saturday with any more catches to his credit than Brethauer's 94, which he has picked up in slightly less than three seasons of competition. What's more, the nation's first and foremost receiving genius is only 12 receptions away from Bill McColl's career record of 106.

What does Casanova think of his prize protege? "He's definitely a fine team player—good for team moraie. He can get into the open easily because of his ability to fake the secondary out of position. His pass receiving is good. He has as much football sense as anybody that I've coached. Monte has made himself a great football player through hard work." These are words of high praise from a coach who is not inclined to dish out flowery compliments."

Knows What to Do

Hal Dunham, senior Webfoot quarterback, has this to say about his teammate: Monte is the best team player the game will ever see. He knows just exactly what to do in every situation. He's cool-headed. He makes up for what he doesn't have in size by his ability to be in the right place at the right time. He's an ideal pass-catcher and his timing leaves nothing to be desired. Monte's a ball player's ball player."

Brethauer, at six-one and 172 lbs. isn't the biggest target in the world; neither is he the fastest man on the club. But Brethauer, on the button-hooks down the middle and the over and out passes to the sidelines, gives opposing coaches the creeps. If they can stop Brethauer they've just about got the Webfoots by the throat.

Here's our reasons why Brethauer is beyond all doubt an all-Pacific Coast end: (1) The pressure is always on him because the Duck running game isn't potent enough to worry the opposition; there is nothing like a high-geared ground game to break down the pass defense. What would Black do without Heinrich and Earley? How effective would Stockert or Jones be with no All-American Paul Cameron?

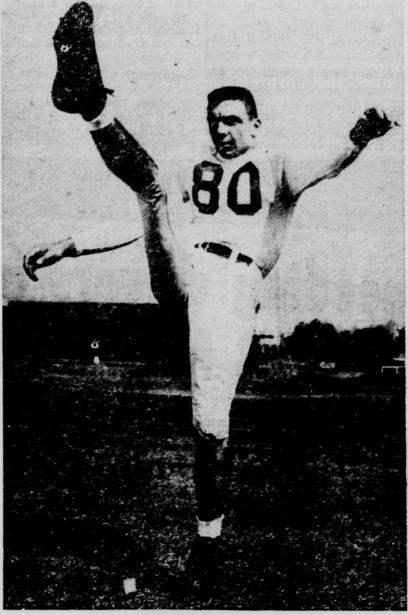
What Can't He Do?

(2) There is no limit to his versatility. Brethauer can kick and punt with the best of them. Monte is one of the better defensive halfbacks on the club—but Casanova hesitates to use him too much because it might cut down on his offensive skills. Against Washington State Saturday, Brethauer intercepted a Bob Burkhart pass and recovered a fumble.

He added nine more pass receptions to his total of 25 which pulls him to within 12 of Ed Barker's national record of 46 for one season. His three-year yardage mark now stands at 961, even though he is almost always knocked down immediately after he receives the ball.

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Heinrich Heads Total Offense

NEW YORK (AP)—The top six offensive leaders in college football ranks are T-formation quarterbacks. Only once in history has a T-formation quarterback come-out first in total offense at the end of the season. That was in 1948 when Stan Heath of Nevada turned the trick.

But this year, it's a virtual cinch one of the six T-men will stave off any outsiders. Washington's Don Heinrich is the leader with a total of 1,492 yards in eight games. Second is Gene Rossi of Cincinnati who has accounted for 1,277 yards in eight games. Tommy O'Connell of Illinois is third with 1,276 yards in seven games. Then come Ted Marchibroda of Detroit, Johnny Borton of Ohio State and Zeke Bratkowski of Georgia. All of these are T-quarterbacks.

Oregon to Host Hockey Conference

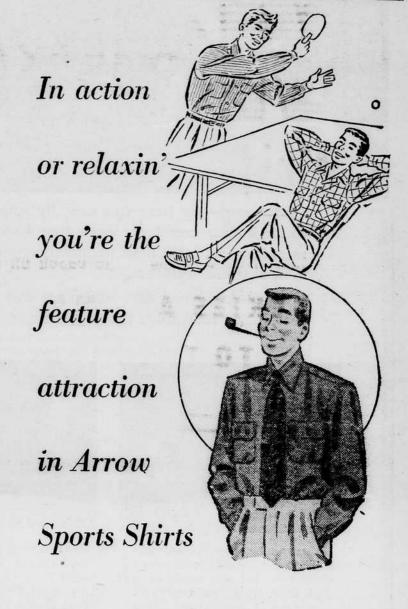
The Pacific Northwest Field Hockey conference will be held on the Oregon campus this weekend sponsored by the Field Hockey association of the physical education department.

Sixteen teams from the Northwest will participate in the three day meet. They include one team from the University of British Columbia, University of Washington, Washington State college, University of Idaho, Boise junior college, Clark college, Linfield and Reed, an independent club from Southern Oregon communities, the Vancouver Town Team, and two teams from Western Washington College of Education, Oregon State and University of Oregon.

Teams will arrive on Friday night and play three games in all.

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