

# Duck Tracks

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Oregon's unpredictable football team will have the opportunity to make or break itself this weekend when the Ducks face the also unpredictable Stanford Indians coached by Chuck Taylor in a contest to be played at Palo Alto.

This year's Webfoots have not proved to be a good team to bet on, either for or against, if any points were being given or taken by the prospective gambler, because they look good when they could be expected to look bad, and when a poor performance is expected of them, they have come up with some very good games.

In the season opener with UCLA, for instance, the Ducks were two or three touchdown underdogs, yet they threw a scare into the Bruins that will be hard for them to forget, and when the tilt had ended, the men from the U of O left the field losers by a mere seven points.

## Game Was Toss-Up

In the next contest, which was played against the Cornhuskers of Nebraska, the game was predicted as a toss-up, with the edge, if any, being given to Nebraska. Yet in this game the Ducks went down to defeat by two touchdowns and three extra points.

The Idaho game finished just about as was expected by most Idaho fans, but only after a tough battle. The Vandals are still sending out an occasional "We wuz robbed" in reference to what they term the biased officiating at the contest.

Next on the agenda was the California game, which found the Ducks again the underdogs by anywhere from two to four touchdowns, but no one would have known it at the end of the first half of that tilt in Multnomah stadium, because Coach Len Casavona's men came up with another of their amazing first halves. In the second part of the contest, however, the Webfoots fell completely apart.

Then just when Oregon supporters had begun to think that the Webfoots might have found the right combination in that first half against Cal, they dropped a humiliating 49-0 decision to the Huskies of the University of Washington.

## Down in the Dumps

Perhaps the all-time low of the season was reached the following weekend in the Montana game. Montana was reported to have a very weak team and pre-game reports were that the Ducks would emerge the victors by approximately two touchdowns. Instead, the Webfoots were able only to garner a tie game with the Grizzlies.

The Ducks have showed signs of settling down a bit and perhaps getting on their feet in the last two contests, however, as both the College of Pacific and WSC games came out just about as was expected, with the Webfoots not looking particularly bad in either contest.

The ten fumbles recorded against the Oregon squad in the Washington State game certainly did little to increase the chances of the Ducks, especially since the Cougars recovered exactly one-half of them.

What will happen this Saturday is a mystery, but there are a few facts which might lend an insight to what the final result may be. In the first place, Stanford suffered a disastrous loss last week at the hands of Southern California, going down in defeat by a score of 54-7.

Considering this, it is likely that the Indians will undoubtedly be down this weekend, while Oregon might be expected to take heart from the drubbing received by their opponents.

## Give 'Em the Axe

Furthermore, on the following weekend, that of November 22, Stanford will play California in the traditional "big game," which is an annual contest between the Indians and the Golden Bears, and is probably the biggest game of the year for both teams.

Also, last year the Webfoots nearly upset the Indians in a see-saw battle at Multnomah stadium, with the Stanford eleven finally winning out by a 27-20 score. Coach Chuck Taylor's squad then went on to win the Pacific Coast conference championship.

Combining these facts, we will point out that it is entirely possible that the Webfoots will return from Palo Alto with the scalps of eleven-odd Indians hanging from their belts, and that it would not be a great surprise to us if they did beat Stanford.

As far as an actual prediction is concerned, however, the factors pointing to an Oregon victory are too uncertain to be definitely counted upon. This is undoubtedly a week of emotional lowness for Stanford, while the Ducks may be up for the game.

The last time an Oregon grid squad traveled to Palo Alto was in 1948, when the Webfoots, led by Norm Van Brocklin, took the measure of the Indians, 20-12. In 1947 also, the Ducks invaded the southland to defeat Stanford by a 21-6 count.

## Ron Lyman Plans Coaching Career

By Al Peters  
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(Ed. Note—This is the first in an informal series of interviews with varsity football players.)

Ron Lyman is a senior physical education major experiencing his first year at end position. In high school and through three years of college ball he played half back. Nevertheless, Ron says he likes to play end and wishes that he had started playing this position before.

### Former 'All-Stater'

Ron is a "foreign" student coming from Carson City, Nevada. He attended Carson high school where he played three years of football. He was selected from high school as an all-state end for the state of Nevada.

After graduating from school this June, and after a two year stretch in the Air Force, Ron plans to become a football coach. He is a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity. His favorite pastimes are fishing and hunting.

### Impressed by Bears

According to Ron, the best defensive football team Oregon has played this year is University of Washington. Of this Ron said, "They gave me more trouble than I thought was possible." He said that he was particularly impressed by California backfield on offense and by Nebraska's Bobby Reynolds.

He still is trying to live down his nickname given him by former Coach Jim Aiken. Aiken referred to him as "Cookie, from the City of Sin."

## Sam White Named Husky JV Coach

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP)—Catcher Sammy White of the Boston Red Sox has been signed to coach the University of Washington junior varsity basketball team. White will handle the team until he reports for spring training with the Red Sox.

White was a brilliant basketball player with the Husky teams of 1947-49, and paced the club to Northern Division and Pacific Coast Conference championships. He was the first string catcher for the Red Sox in 1952 and one of the top rookies in the league, boasting a batting average of .282.

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## Ducks Go Indoors

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The Ducks will be in good physical shape for the Indian tilt, as Defensive End Emery Barnes is the only man working out without pads.

In last year's game, the heavily favored Indians edged out the Oregon squad by a 27-20 count, and rate as favorites this year in spite of last week's shellacking at the hands of the Southern California Trojans. The Webfoot team is determined to pull an upset, however, and could give Stanford a rough afternoon.

## SPORTS FARE

Thursday, November 13  
3:50 Court 40 Kappa Sigma B vs. Phi Kappa Sigma B  
3:50 Court 43 Beta Theta Pi B vs. Chi Psi B  
4:35 Court 40 Tau Kappa Epsilon B vs. Sigma Nu B  
4:35 Court 43 Sigma Alpha Epsilon B vs. Delta Tau Delta B  
5:15 Court 40 Sigma Alpha Mu B vs. Lambda Chi Alpha B  
5:15 Court 43 Theta Chi B vs. Delta Upsilon B

## ATO's Capture Bowling Crown

one team in the Inter-fraternity Bowling league, but Sigma Phi Epsilon is not only bowling a close second, but the Sig Eps have captured three of the individual championships. Jim Ekstrom has the top net series of 605; Dick Graham has a top net game of 244; and George Troeh has the highest average of 175.

Other individual champions are Bruce Koppe of Theta Chi, who has the highest gross series, and Lambda Chi's Cardinale and ATO's Jerry Shaw, who are tied with the highest gross game of 226.

Team standing for the current week are Alpha Tau Omega, won 20, lost 8; Sigma Phi Epsilon, 19-9; Theta Chi, 18-10; Pi Kappa Alpha, 14-14; Sigma Alpha Mu, 14-14; Lambda Chi Alpha, 12-16; Pi Kappa Phi, 12-16; and Phi Sigma Kappa, 3-25.

## Kircher Suspends Two Cougar Backs

Pullman, Wash. (AP)—Fullbacks Jim Head and Dick Bower have been suspended from the Washington State football squad for the balance of the season. College sources said that Coach Al Kircher ordered the two players to turn in their uniforms after an incident at yesterday's drill. Head was one of the leading ground-gainers for the Cougars this year.

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