

Duck Tracks

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Similarities are a dime a dozen when you compare the 1951 Oregon Webfoots with the club that bows out against Oregon State Saturday at Multnomah stadium.

The Ducks of a year ago started fast, holding Stanford to a 27-20 decision and drubbing Arizona 39-21, then lapsed into one lost weekend after another only to finish strong against California and the Beavers. And now the not-so-green Eugene machine of 1952 has molded a record that more than slightly resembles its predecessor's.

Fighting the tropical, 112 degree heat of the Los Angeles coliseum and a Bruin team that was given token opportunity to trouble the favorites—California, USC and Washington State—the Webfoots came through with a brilliant, but losing effort against Henry (Red) Sanders' unbeaten eleven. Injuries, an old Duck bugaboo, struck again and produced another mid-season touchdown drought which only now is disappearing.

Ducks not Futile

Not quite hale and hearty, but in better shape than they had been for quite a spell, the Ducks surprised Stanford 21-20 last Saturday and immediately became the odds-on-choice to dump the Beavers. For a while it looked as if the Webfoots were a prime candidate for Oscar Fraley's Futility Bowl; after Saturday's results the obvious candidate is OSC. Who else?

Seriously, the Oregons have been badly crippled by a raft of injuries and had they been more fortunate could have taken the measure of Washington State and College of the Pacific to say nothing of the Montana fiasco, which they should have won regardless.

The one big problem facing Len Casanova is to see that the Webfoots remain in the same frame of mind for Oregon State as they were for Stanford; so far Cas has had little to worry about. Be it the chilling temperatures or the fever to get even with the Beavers, the Ducks have set a torrid clip in practice this week.

Improvement Needed

Passing, running, blocking and tackling all are razor sharp. Admittedly the pass defense could be better and maybe it will have to be. The way Oregon State press releases have been treating the Jim Withrow thumb case you can't be sure whether they're passing out a bunch of baloney or malarky or both.

From Palo Alto to Corvallis is a good 600 miles but from reliable resources we hear that the Orange line was all but reclining on their respective sit-downs, but the fast-charging Idaho line is liable to do that to anyone. If the Beaver linesmen are hard at it Saturday they'll prove a more difficult assignment to run through than the Indian forward wall.

We don't believe in one man outfits. That's just why Sam Baker alone isn't going to ruin the Ducks this year. Remember last season that there were a few guys like Gene Morrow, Dave Mann and Bill Sheffold to ease the pressure on Big Sam—even if they didn't run or pass much. They were still out there. They'll miss the Clark brothers and John Thomas in the line too, if they haven't already.

Go Get 'Em, Ducks

So here's hoping that Tom Novikoff, Cece Hodges, Ted Anderson, Emmett Williams, George Shaw, Barney Holland, Hal Dunham, Don Hedgepeth, Len Berrie, Hal Reeve, Jack Patera, Ron Phiester, Monte Brethauer, Ron Lyman and Emery Barnes and company will click like they did at Palo Alto and hand our country cousins a licking that have been due them since 1948. And at long last it's Oregon 20, Oregon State 7.

There's another game on the coast this week-end which merits a little attention—USC vs. UCLA. With the aid of mirrors, cards and dice, we have come up with a case for UCLA which will satisfy the superstitious but few others.

Here goes—Oregon was defeated by Stanford 27-20 in the opening game of the season last year. Bob Mathias, the leading Indian rusher, sat out the game with an injury. Mr. Mathias came back to sear the Trojans in a game which sent the Cardinals into the Pacific Coast conference championship and Rose Bowl.

This year the Webfoots opened with UCLA and lost—again by seven points—13-6. All-American Paul Cameron was hurt and didn't play against the Ducks. Cameron will be ready for El Troy and he could be the difference Saturday.

Unfortunately we try to use logic. Southern Cal has the better defensive club and has an offensive which you can single out no one man as the boy who makes the club go. Hence the Bruins can stop Sears or Psaltis or Nickoloff and still they won't be sure they have the Trojans stopped. If a sound outfit like SC can throttle Cameron (no one else has done it yet) they'll win in nothing flat. We think they will.

On Receiving End of Passes



JACK GOTTA

Hold Down End Spots on OSC Line



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Three Catchers Vie for Honors

LOS ANGELES—Three brilliant West Coast ends are staging a down-to-the-wire battle for honors as the No. 1 pass receiver in the Pacific Coast Conference, according to figures released today by the PCC Commissioner's office.

Head for Record

George Black of Washington is leading with 38 receptions for 536 yards. Monte Brethauer, Oregon, has 37 for 419 and Sam Morley, Stanford, 36 for 494. Each has one game to play and the Conference record of 46, set last year by Ed Barker of Washington State, is within sight.

Johnny Olszewski, California fullback, has a big lead in rushing with 723 yards in 135 tries. Teammate Bill Powell is second with 597 yards. Don Heinrich, Washington, who may be called into military service before his final game, has passing honors all wrapped up with 130 completions in 254 attempts. He has pitched for 1502 yards and 13 touchdowns. Bob Garrett, Stanford quarterback out for the season with a shoulder separation, is second with 60 receptions.

Heinrich also leads in total offense with 1506 yards. Jim Sears, Southern California's all-purpose back, is second with 826 yards and Garrett third, 787.

The scoring race is wide open with Don Johnson of California, Black, Olszewski and Powell each

having seven touchdowns for 42 points.

Stits Leads Interceptors

Bill Stits, UCLA, has seven interceptions to six for teammate Milt Davis and Southern Cal's Lindon Crow and Jim Psaltis. Des Koch of SC, Conference punting record holder, has averaged 43.7 yards on his punts, and has had one blocked, as has Sam Baker of Oregon State, who ranks second.

Van Brocklin Leads Passers

(AP) — A great day Sunday against the Chicago Bears has boosted Norm Van Brocklin of the Los Angeles Rams into first place among passers in the National Football league. Van Brocklin jumped from tenth to first in the standings by completing 11 of 20 passes for 304 yards. The former Oregon star now has completed 59 of 115 attempts for 951 yards, an average gain of 8.27 yards per pass. Last week's leader, Tobin Rote of Green Bay, is second.

Fullback Eddie Price of the New York Giants remains the leading ground gainer. He has gained 641 yards to 601 for "Deacon" Dan McTowler of the Rams. San Francisco's rookie, Hugh McElhenny, is third with 589 and has the best average per carry — about eight and one-half yards each time.

End Gordon Soltau leads in scoring by one point over Cleveland's kicking specialist, Lou Groza. Soltau has scored 65 points on four touchdowns, 26 extra points and five field goals. Groza has 64 on 22 extra points and 14 field goals.

SPORTS FARE

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3:50 Court 43 Sherry Ross B vs. Stitzer Hall B
4:35 Court 40 Barrister Inn B vs. Hale Kane B
4:35 Court 43 Counselors A vs. League Eagles A
5:15 Court 40 Sigma Alpha Epsilon A vs. Phi Sigma Kappa A
5:15 Court 43 Lambda Chi Alpha A vs. Beta Theta Pi A

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