

Duck Tracks

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Now that the football season is over for 1952, at least as far as the University of Oregon is concerned, and the uniforms have been turned over to the managers for storing until next year, it seems that a recap of the fortunes and misfortunes of the Webfoot grid season is in order.

The final accounting reveals that the Ducks played a total of ten games during the past two and one-half months, winning two, losing seven, and playing one tie game.

The first game of the year, against UCLA on September 20, at Los Angeles, was one of the two most impressive battles staged by the Ducks all year. Although losing by a 13-6 count, the men of Coach Len Casanova threw fear into the hearts of Red Sanders and his Bruins.

Ducks Surprise Bruins

The Webfoots scored first, but were unable to stop the UCLA attack and hold their lead. Oregon's outstanding players in the game were Monte Brethauer on both offense and defense, and big Emery Barnes, who played so well at his defensive end post that the pro-Bruin crowd gave him a tremendous cheer when he at last left the field.

The second tilt, against the Nebraska Cornhuskers, resulted in a big disappointment for Oregon fans. The Ducks were favored to win, but spectacular little Bobby Reynolds of Nebraska was just too much for the home squad, and the mid-westerners returned home with a 28-13 victory to their credit.

On October 7, the Oregon eleven managed to squeeze a close 20-14 victory from the hands of a fired-up band of Idaho Vandals in a contest held at Moscow, Idaho. The Idaho rooters credit the loss to the officials, but a spectacular 59-yard run by sophomore Dean Van Leuven with approximately four minutes left in the game provided the real clincher.

Bears Pour It On

California's Golden Bears were next on the schedule, and Multnomah Stadium in Portland was the scene. All that can be said is that it was a good half of a game. After the first two quarters, the score stood 7-7, but in the second two periods John Olszewski and company chalked up 34 counters while the Webfoots stood helplessly by.

Sophomore quarterback George Shaw was the shining light on the Duck squad as he set a new PCC record of 23 pass completions in one game, eclipsing the week-old mark of 21 completed passes recorded by Washington's Don Heinrich.

Just one week later, however, Heinrich got back into the record books by completing the 24th touchdown pass of his career, setting a new PCC mark, while the Webfoots were unable to crack the Washington defense for a single score. Washington reserves saw a lot of action, but even so the Huskies ran up a total of 49 points.

Montana was next for the Webfoots, and the pre-game reports gave the Webfoots a considerable edge. When the final gun sounded, however, most Duck fans felt that the Oregon gridders had been lucky to gain a 14-14 tie. It was the first time in six contests between the two teams that Oregon had not won, and it marked the season's low point for the Webfoots.

Pacific Whips Webfoots

College of Pacific invaded Eugene for the next game, played at Hayward field on November 1. COP walked off with a 14-6 win, in a game which was just about as close as the score indicates. It never quite seemed as if Oregon would win, but the Tigers of College of Pacific at no point were assured of victory.

Homecoming at Oregon was a very successful event, in all respects but one. The Webfoots lost the football game by a 19-6 score. Washington State was the opponent, and Cougar quarterback Bob Burkhardt was the biggest monkey-wrench in the Oregon machine. Burkhardt's passes kept the Ducks in the hole during most of the game, as well as accounting for all three of the visitors' touchdowns.

California got another look at Len Casanova's football machine on November 15, when Oregon traveled to Palo Alto for a tilt with the favored Stanford Indians. The weather down south must agree with the Webfoots, for once again they played a marveolous game.

Rather than losing, as they did against UCLA, however, the Webfoots fought their way to a rousing 21-20 victory over the Indians of Chuck Taylor. The passing and play calling of junior quarterback Barney Holland played a major part in the Oregon victory.

The season's finale for the Ducks brought them to Multnomah Stadium for their annual clash with the Oregon State Beavers. On the strength of the previous week's win, the Webfoots were favored to win by a slight margin.

A field goal in the closing minutes of the first half by team captain Jim Cordial of OSC provided the margin by which the predictions were reversed, however, for Oregon went down to defeat by a 19-22 score.

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Ducks to Run Aggies In Portland Opener

Run, run, run! That's going to be the policy of the 1952 edition of Bill Borchers' Webfoot casaba outfit. Wednesday evening the Oregon quintet staged a scrimmage with a squad consisting of alums and students. The Ducks looked as though they are rounding into pretty good shape for the coming season.

With a disadvantage in the height department, the Duck quintet has emphasized speed in their preseason practices, hoping to develop a potent offensive game. Ball handling and shooting has looked good the past several days, as the cagers prepared to embark on a lengthy rugged schedule, which opens Monday night in Portland against the arch-rival Oregon State Beavers.

Coach Bill Borchers indicated he will use an aggressive man to man defense, aimed at breaking up the opposition's offense before they can get a set play pattern under way. Almost every team in the Northern Division should hold a decided height advantage over the Oregon aggregation, showing the need of a ball hawking defense.

Monday's encounter in Portland shows promise of ushering in the hoop season with plenty of fast action. The Beavers from Corvallis have a potentially strong outfit, and will have no lack of skyscrapers this year. Tony Vlastelica, a transfer with a deadly hook shot, stands 6' 6" and should break into the starting lineup. Danny Johnston, an all conference player last year, will be at one of the guard positions. There are a host of candidates for the other starting posts, and no indication has been made as to what combination the Beavers will open with in Portland.

The fast breaking Oregon crew will carry twelve men on the squad for the curtain raiser. A tentative starting five listed by Coast Bill Borchers would consist of Keith Farnam and Ed

Halberg, forwards, Chet Noe, Center, and Ken Wegner and Bob Hawes at the guard positions. Noe represents the tallest starter at 6'7", while Wegner and Hawes, just under six feet, are the smallest.

The OSC clash will give Borchers his first chance to see how the speedy Duck squad can stand up under fire.

All Teams Set For Top Clashes

(P)—The major bowl picture has been completed with Tulsa, offered the Gator Bowl assignment on New Year's day. Tulsa will face Florida.

Here are the rest of the games and teams:

Rose Bowl — Wisconsin versus Southern California.

Sugar Bowl—Georgia Tech versus Mississippi.

Cotton Bowl—Texas versus Tennessee.

Orange Bowl—Alabama versus Syracuse.

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