

TEAM ON WAY

Thirty-Eight Ducks Travel to Nebraska

Head Football Coach Len Casanova and his thirty-eight man traveling squad boarded an Alaskan Airlines plane this morning, bound for the 1953 grid opener at Lincoln, Neb., with the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

The team will arrive at their destination this afternoon with enough time to hold a light workout. The Ducks plan another practice Friday in preparation for the Saturday battle.

The Eugene eleven ran through light defensive pass tactics Wednesday afternoon. They have been working all week on defensive maneuvers to stop the Big Seven school's single wing and "T" formation offense.

Big Question

Nebraska is a big question in the Big Seven this year. Some of the experts pick them right behind the Oklahoma Sooners in the midwest scramble. Others set them in fourth place.

But from the looks of the returning lettermen on the Cornhusker squad, the Webfoots will be in for a tough afternoon.

Probably the key cog in the Huskers' attack will be dangerous John Bordogna, who broke Oregon's back in last year's battle in Portland. Operating from his quarterback-tailback position, the five-foot nine-inch star is a double threat with his running and passing.

Last year he outscored his All-American teammate, Bobby Reynolds, and also led his Husker mates in running and passing yardage.

In the Nebraska line, the Ducks will run into a tackle picked on Collier's All-American squad. He's Jerry Minnick, 220 pounds. A third Nebraska trouble maker is little Ralph Fischer, an outstanding sophomore, weighing 160 pounds.

Nebraska Favored

Nebraska is favored to take the game, but it'll be a "toughy" for both elevens. The team from the middle west won its first contest from Oregon last year, 28-13.

Assistant



JACK ROCHE, Jr.
Cas's Right Hand Man

Oregon was at almost top strength when they left Thursday morning with only two questionables on the injury list. Tom Elliot, end, and George Mutschler, guard, worked without pads in the Wednesday afternoon drills.

The Webfoots' starting eleven is not certain, but it looks like George Shaw at quarterback, Dick James and Walt Gaffney at the halves, and Cece Hodges at fullback.

'Bill' Hammer Takes Over Freshmen, Wrestling Duties

University of Oregon's newest addition to the athletic coaching staff is Willard "Bill" Hammer, who this year takes over the reigns of the Frosh football team and the newly organized wrestling squad.

Hammer steps into the freshman grid job as the replacement for Bill Bowerman, who last year was appointed to the position of Assistant Athletic Director in charge of the grants-in-aid program.

The 34 year old newcomer has gone a long way in his athletic career before coming to Oregon. He was born in Sommers, Mon-

tana, and went to high school in Anacortes, Wash. During his high school days Bill played football, basketball and track.

To Springfield

His next move was back to Springfield college in Massachusetts. After playing one year of college football, he quit playing the sport and turned to coaching.

New Coach



WILLARD "BILL" HAMMER
Mentors Frosh, Wrestling

His first assignment was at his Alma Mater, Springfield. For four years he held down the responsibilities of varsity football line coach, mentor of the frosh wrestling team, and assistant track coach.

The next two years Hammer spent at the United States Coast Guard Academy. He retained his job as varsity line boss, but was promoted to the head coaching job of the academy's matmen. During the spring he helped with the field events of the track squad.

The blond mentor ended his job at the Coast Guard school this spring and since July 1 has been working on the Eugene campus.

Two Games Only

Hammer is married and has three sons: twins six years old, and another little fellow who is two.

Bill has no idea how good his junior eleven will be. He joked, however, that if the opponents cooperated, his Ducklings would win all their games. Hammer will lead his team through only two contests under the Pacific Coast Conference's new frosh football rule.

The schedule has two games, both on the road. The first is Oct. 17 at Arcata, Calif., against the dangerous Humboldt State varsity. The last battle is slated for Nov. 5 against the Ducklings' cross-state rivals, the Oregon State Rooks.

When winter rolls around, Hammer is anticipating two wrestling teams for Oregon. He is now attempting to arrange some type of grappling schedule with seven Northwest foes.

Tentatively on the schedule are engagements with Oregon Technical Institute, Lewis and Clark, Washington State, Oregon State, Linfield college, Portland State extension center and the Multnomah Athletic club.

Hammer says that both he and his family like their new location. And he adds, "I think this will be my finest opportunity."

Nineteen Frosh Pick Baseball

Although it might be pushing the season a little bit, Head Baseball Coach Don Kirsch announces that 19 frosh baseball enthusiasts have arrived on campus.

Lincoln high school in Portland is well represented on campus as three of its state championship team are here.

Out of the nineteen boys on campus, seven have gained All-Star honors in their conferences. These first year men have come to the university from three states, Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

Spring term is a long way off now, but with experienced material like this, things should look bright for the frosh next spring.

The new diamond men now on campus are Les Averill, Snohomish, Wash.; Red Bell, Lewiston, Idaho; Ken Bond, Baker; Jim Davis, Payette, Idaho; Jim Hanson, Renton, Wash.; and Jim Lehl, Coos Bay.

Others are Stan Lewis, Coos Bay; Fred Sandgren, Molalla; Sam Notos, Ernie Pascuzzi and Denny Ryan, Lincoln high in Portland; George LaGrandier, Drain; and Rick Sherrill, Arlington.

From Medford are a set of twins, Ned and Ted Sanders.

Managers Needed

Any student interested in helping to manage varsity football can get a job with this year's team by contacting Jim Schroeder, head manager, at the athletic department in McArthur court. The phone numbers are campus extensions 281 and 285. Schroeder says that there are three spots open.

How the stars got started ☆☆☆



Mickey Mantle says:

"My Dad played semi-pro ball and wanted me to play ball, too. He put a glove on my hand when I was just a kid. I loved baseball from the start - and I worked hard at it to be good. So far it looks like it paid off."

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