

Duck Tracks

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Although the Pacific Coast conference football scramble is barely two weeks old, it's beginning to look like the nine grid powers have learned well the role assigned them at the beginning of the current campaign, at least at the top and bottom of the ladder.

UCLA, picked in a coaches' poll as the top team in the conference, has followed its script to a letter, winning easily from Oregon State and Kansas. Southern Cal, tabbed as the runner-up, has also won two, although not as impressively, from Washington State and Minn-

on in the middle of the ladder. College of Pacific defeated Stanford, but then lost to the WSC Cougars. And Oregon fell before Stanford. According to comparative scores, this would rate WSC two spots ahead of the Ducks, and just behind the California Bears.

What all this adds up to is that the final standings are hard to pick at the beginning of the season, especially fourth through seventh place. It does look, however, like WSC is destined for a higher finish than a lot of people thought; and Washington is going to be a lot lower.

The bottom two rungs have just about been conceded to Oregon State and Idaho. From the looks of things, though, it'll be a tie. Neither has shown any scoring punch; yet on the other hand, neither has shown any defense.

PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct.
UCLA	1	0	1.000
Stanford	1	0	1.000
California	1	0	1.000
USC	1	0	1.000
Washington	0	0	.000
Idaho	0	0	.000
Oregon	0	1	.000
WSC	0	1	.000
Oregon State	0	2	.000

esota. And California, number three team, lost to Baylor, but came back Saturday to crunch the hapless Oregon Staters, 26-0.

But here's where the race tightens up. At the beginning of the season, the next four, in order, were Washington, Stanford, Oregon and Washington State.

Washington, under a new coach, is still trying to make the change one platoon football. The Huskies have lost badly in their first two outings. Stanford looked bad the first week against College of Pacific, but upset the Oregon Webfoots Saturday. Oregon got off to a good start against Nebraska, but then ran aground down Palo Alto. WSC dropped to SC, as expected, and tipped COP

two days ago.

This creates quite a phenom-

NO BREAKS SATURDAY

Oregon Ducks Lack Power In Clutch; Indians Win, 7-0

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University of Oregon showed plenty of power—but none in the clutch—Saturday at Palo Alto, and dropped its 1953 Pacific Coast conference grid debut, 7-0 to a tribe of Stanford Indians, who just wouldn't move when they were backed into the shadows of their own goal posts.

Five times during the contest the Webfoots launched attacks which carried deep into Indian territory—and five times the Stanfords met these attackss with a stalwart defense that wouldn't fold under a passing or running onslaught.

Both teams almost reversed their previous Saturday's performances. Stanford had fallen to College of Pacific a week before. The Indians had showed a polka-dotted defense that melted when the heat was on.

Oregon Had Won

Oregon, on the other hand, had won its grid opener a week earlier from the Nebraska Cornhuskers. In their first contest, the Ducks had showed a nation full of television viewers a crushing ground offense that seemed almost unstoppable. The Webfoots had also taken advantage of two early Husker mistakes.

Down at Palo Alto, the Stanford crew made no errors for the Green and Yellow team to take advantage of. Instead it was Oregon's miscues that slowed its own attack.

James Fumbles

Behind, 7-0, late in the second quarter, the Webfoots began a drive on their own 24. The march came to an abrupt halt just five yards short of a touchdown when Halfback Dick James fumbled

and Stanford's Len Doster recovered.

The Oregons were on the move again in the second half after taking the Indian kickoff. George Shaw, quarterback, plotted the course for the Ducks, mostly on the ground.

Pass Incomplete

It took 14 plays for the visitors to hack their way to the enemy two yard marker. On third down, James was thrown back to the five by Indian End Marv Tennessee. The fourth down pass from Shaw to Oregon Captain Emery Barnes was just a little too high for the 6 feet, 5 inch end to handle.

The game was all wrapped up, as far as scoring, early in the first quarter. With Quarterback Bob Garrett calling on the plays, Stanford marched 65 yards, with Garrett going over from the four

Team Statistics

	ORE.	STAN.
First Downs	16	12
Yards gained rushing	234	230
Yards lost rushing	7	22
Net yards rushing	227	208
Passes attempted	11	3
Passes completed	2	1
Passes intercepted by	1	3
Net yards passing	35	9
Net yards gained	262	217
Yards penalized	20	70
Fumbles	3	2
Ball lost on fumbles	2	0
Punting average	30.3	37.4

Individual Statistics

Oregon	Tries	Yds.	Ave.
Rose	1	9	9.0
Van Leuven	1	6	6.0
Shaw	8	43	5.4
Albright	16	70	4.4
Anderson	2	8	4.0
James	19	72	3.6
Gaffney	5	18	3.6
Holland	2	1	0.5
Stanford			
Cook	9	56	6.2
Dorn	9	47	5.2
Tarr	4	18	4.5
Watson	9	38	4.2
Wentworth	4	16	4.0
Rogers	11	38	3.5
Sorenson	3	-2	-0.7
Garrett	4	-3	-0.8

on a bootleg play around his own left end.

This was all the score the home team needed, as they set up a defense which wouldn't hold too tight in midfield, but which couldn't be cracked inside their own twenty.

Stanford Lacks Push

With the exception of the early Stanford push, Oregon had the ball in Card territory the whole afternoon. Only once, after the first frame, did the Indians penetrate to the Oregon 45, and only twice did they cross the midfield stripe.

Coach Len Casanova, whose gridders had defeated Stanford last year, 21-20, was disappointed with his team's lack of scoring punch; although he commended his boys on their powerful ground game.

The Ducks remain in good physical shape, after two games. Cece Hodges, whose absence was sorely felt in the Duck ground attack, still has an injured neck, but could be in shape for this Saturday's first home game with UCLA. Barnes showed the effects of a mid-week ankle injury, and Halfback Ted Anderson has taken out of the fray in the second period, with a sprained ankle.

SPORTS FARE

Monday, Sept. 28
Touch Football

3:50 p.m.
IM field: Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Phi Kappa Sigma.
Field 1: Pi Kappa Alpha vs. Beta Theta Pi.
Field 2: Phi Gamma Delta vs. Sigma Alpha Mu.
Field 3: Delta Tau Delta vs. Pi Kappa Phi.
4:45 p.m.
IM field: Susan Campbell I vs. Merrick hall.
Field 1: Stitzer hall vs. French hall.
Field 2: Nestor hall vs. Susan Campbell II.
Field 3: Campbell club vs. Philadelphia house.

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