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Set For Vandals Oregon dals all season long and is tabbed, last Saturday in the Trojan upset. terback, Barney Holland. James is changes in his starting line-up for

Webfoots After **Fourth Victory**

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Going into a game as the favorite for the first time in many weeks Oregon's up and coming football team finished preparations, Thursday afternoon, for their tussle with the Idaho Vandals on Hayward field this Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Although the experts are quoting the Ducks an edge of from two to three touchdowns over the Idahoans, Coach Len Casanova's lads are not taking the game lightly by any means. The Oregon players, who treked to Moscow last year and barely edged the Vandals, 20-14, know better than to concede them anything. They are almost always touch and seem to play their best against Oregon.

This season Coach Babe Curfmans' Idaho eleven has had a rugged time. The Vandals opened the season on a sour note by falling to San Jose State, 34-6, and since then have been able to win only one encounter. Their lone victory was over a weak Montana university team.

In their last two games the Casanovamen have blossomed out with a new found offensive punch to go along with their stubborn defense, which has been tough to crack all season long.

By comparing the two teams' records it appears that Oregon should have an easy time with the opposition this week-end. But before coming to this conclusion one

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USC	3	1	1	.750
Washington	2	1	1	.667
Washington State	2	3	0	4.00
California	1	3	Ö	.333
OREGON	1	4	0	.200
Oregon State	1	5	Ō	.167
Idaho	Ō	2	Õ	.000

should take a couple of things into consideration which statistics cannot possibly reveal.

A Little Let Down

First of all, it should be realized that after their great game of last Saturday the Ducks are almost sure to have a little letdown in their next encounter. It would be next to impossible for the Oregons to reach the tremendous heights that they did last week.

Second, it should be noted that the past Idaho has nearly al-

as one of the better backs on the He proved in that game that he is one of the leading ground gainers the coming tilt. With Dean Van Pacific Coast. Kleffner, besides leading the conference in punting, is well up on the lists in both rushing and pass receiving.

Kleffner vs. Shaw

Oregon's counterpart to Kleffner will be quarterback George Shaw. Shaw, who has played great ball this season, was especially terrific

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definitely a triple-threater. Miraculous George was a constant head-

ache to the U.S.C. eleven as he ran, passed, and kicked his team to victory. For his tremendous performance Shaw barely missed being selected as "Back of the Week" by both the United Press and the Associated Press.

Also expected to play important roles for Oregon will be halfback Dick James and second team quar-

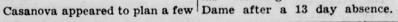
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very impressive in the last few games with his missile-guided passing arm.

The Ducks showed lots of spirit in their Thursday work-out and the cold weather and rain that was setting in over their heads didn't seem to be worrying them or the coaching staff too much.

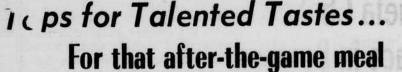
on the coast and Holland has been Leuven out of action indefinitely it looks like Cece Hodges will be back in the fullback post. Two other changes are likely. Dick Mobley is slated to open in place of injured Len Barrie at right end and Walt Gaffney will probably draw the starting nod at right halfback.

> Frank Leahy has resumed his coaching duties at Notre



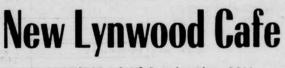


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ways played over their heads against Oregon. For some unknown reason Idaho seems to always have an extreme desire to win when they take the field against the Ducks.

Cotton Bowl Year

A prime example of this occursed in the 1948 season. That was the year when the Oregon Cotton Bowl team was rolling along in high gear. Against Idaho, who wasn't supposed to be any match for the Ducks, Norman Van Brocklin & Co. were forced to give everything they had before finally squeaking by the determined Vandals, 15-8.

This year the Vandals will have even more incentive to win than usual. Idaho will consider this game a splendid opportunity to erase many of the black marks of their previous games. Because Oregon has done so well in their past two frays the visitors could redeem themselves a great deal by pulling an upset. It is certain that Curfman has been doing a lot of talking to his team in an effort to get them into this upset mood.

Idaho will bank most of their hopes for an upset on the sturdy shoulders of their outstanding fullback, Flip Kleffner. Kleffner has been a shining light for the Van-

