

# Ducks, OSC Set for 'War'

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The game that Oregon and Oregon State have been awaiting for the last nine weeks will get underway today at 1:30 p.m. on Hayward field.

Neither squad was given much chance for a high berth in the Pacific Coast conference when the experts mulled over the coast elevens at the beginning of the year. And now, after the season has almost rolled itself up, these predictions have come mostly true.

### Slow Starts

Both Willamette valleys got off to slow starts in PCC action, and thereby eliminated themselves from the Rose Bowl running. Now, it all depends on this last game. Whoever wins this one will have a successful season. The loser will end the year on a sour note.

Both coaches, Len Casanova of Oregon, and Kip Taylor of OSC, anticipate a win for their respective boys. Taylor doesn't beat around the bush about predicting an OSC triumph. He came right out in the open Monday at a Corvallis luncheon and said the Beavers will come out on top.

### 'Cas' Also Confident

"Cas" though not so bold, is also confident of a triumph. The genial mentor, in his quiet-mannered way,



LEN CASANOVA  
Hopeful Duck Mentor



KIP TAYLOR  
Forecasts OSC Win

stated, "We're not going out there to lose." But we're certain his feelings are quite a bit stronger than this. He had his boys "up" psychologically for the Southern Cal upset, and also for the fine job they did last week in tying mighty California. He's sure the Ducks will come through victorious this afternoon, too.

The home club will sorely miss the services of Halfback Dick James when the two elevens take the field. You can't take the third best ground gainer in the conference out of a backfield and not feel his absence.

But the Ducks are blessed with a surplus of fine halfbacks this year, and the vacancy will be ably

filled by Senior Ted Anderson, fastest man on the Oregon squad.

Most fans are acquainted with the individual stars of each squad. For the Aggies, Jim Withrow, Ralph Carr, Jack Peterson, Tommy Little and Jim Rock, freshly recuperated from a term on the injury list, stand out in the ball packing departments.

### No Wilted Lilies

Captain Laverne Ferguson and Joe Fulwyler, guard and center respectively, make one of the strongest middle-line duos on the coast.

Ends Dick Van Lom and Wes Ediger are no wilted lilies.

Likewise, the Ducks field a star-studded backfield. George Shaw, quarterback, is almost a cinch for a spot in the All-Coast lineup. Walt Gaffney, although not too big in stature, is a giant in competitive spirit.

The Webfoot line is the only one on the coast that has held all opponents to less than two scores per game. Jack Patera, Ken Sweitzer, Ron Pheister, Keith Tucker, Hal

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## THRU THE YEARS...

# Alum Day Game Always Tops; This Year's Tilt No Exception

By John Cary  
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For the past 33 years, the annual Homecoming game at Hayward field has provided football fans with plenty of excitement and this year's battle with Oregon State promises to be another thriller.

The Webfoots haven't beaten the Beavers since Norm Van Brocklin and company turned the trick in 1947 and '48. The '47 game was Oregon Homecoming. Oregon is favored to win Saturday's contest, and it's the first time in five years that the Ducks have been given the nod in the traditional battle.

Looking back over past Homecoming results, Oregon's performances have been quite satisfactory. In 1948, the Cotton Bowl-bound Ducks ran over Washington State 33-7. All-American Quarterback Van Brocklin



Van Brocklin really made life miserable for the Cougars that afternoon with his accurate tosses to Dick Wilkins. The '47 tilt saw Halfback George Bell reel off a 78 yard TD run to give the Lemon and Green a 14-6 victory over OSC on rain-soaked Hayward field.

### Bruins Humbled

The last pre-war Homecoming game in 1942 saw UCLA come to town with big Rose Bowl ambitions. Oregon had other ideas, however, and sent the Bruins home with a 14-7 defeat. In 1941, Oregon State edged the Ducks 12-7 but it was a game many fans still remember. That was the year the Beavers' ship and whip Duke in the transplanted Rose Bowl game at Durham, N.C.

UCLA was Homecoming foe again in 1940. Oregon was low in conference standings, but they managed to wallop the Bruins 18-0. Incidentally, UCLA's 12-0 victory over Oregon earlier this season was the first Bruin win on Hayward field.

### Utah Falls in '33

The 1933 team was one of the best in Oregon history. Coach Prink Cal-

lison's club downed Utah 26-7 in the Homecoming game. A big star that afternoon was All-American Fullback Mike Mikulak. The Webfoots were denied a trip to the Rose Bowl in favor of Stanford that year.

In 1928, rugged Johnny Kitzmiller, another great name in Oregon football, paced the Ducks to a 31-6 rout of Montana. Kitzmiller was undoubtedly one of the best athletes to perform for the Lemon and Green.

### Rose Bowl in 1919

Last but far from least, we come to Oregon's Rose Bowl team of 1919. Led by Skeet Manerud and

Bill Steers, the Ducks defeated Oregon State 9-0 in the Homecoming fracas. These were the good-old-days of long ago; in fact OSC was then known as Oregon Agricultural college.

Regardless of the outcome of Saturday's classic, the spectators are in for a good afternoon of football and Homecoming activities. Many Oregon alumni will leave colorful Hayward field talking about the performance of their Alma Mater, and of such grid heroes as George Shaw, Ron Pheister, Walt Gaffney, Dick James, Jack Patera, Hal Reeve and all the others.

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