

# Duck Tracks

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Although the Pacific Coast conference, along with several other football leagues in the nation, has notably "de-emphasized" football to keep it from being too "mercenary," the caliber of ball has not gone down.

A big lift was given to the game with the return to one-plateau football after NCAA officials found that the fans, plus some of the schools, did not favor the dull and highly-specialized two-plateau system installed to give more players a chance to play. Decreasing attendance convinced the grid-iron big-wigs that the rule was making football a dull mechanical game with the differences between the "have" and "have-not" schools greater than ever.

The PCC has weathered all of the various controversies with the best of them and perhaps is a better balanced circuit this season than at any time since the war.

Coast conference teams have faced some of the nation's top teams this season and in only one contest, Washington State against powerful Texas at Austin, was a PCC team really walked over. It's true that USC got upset by TCU last week, but perhaps that wasn't much of an upset at all, considering the Horned Frogs' strong showing so far this season.



FORREST EVASHEVSKI  
His School Smallest

## Coast Teams Win Big Ones

California put up terrific fights before succumbing to Oklahoma and Ohio State in inter-sectional battles with two of the top ten teams in the nation. Washington showed surprising strength in bowing to Michigan, conquerors of Iowa last week, by only 14 points.

On the win side of the coast's ledger so far has been UCLA's walloping of Kansas and its win over Maryland, the No. 1 team in the nation last year and very strong again this season. These plus USC's lacing of Pittsburgh and Northwestern and Stanford's victory over Illinois makes the coast look like one of the best balanced leagues in the country.

Considering enrollments of colleges across the nation, one wonders how the coast schools do as well as they do with what they have to work with. In comparison with the Big Ten schools, which sponsor the coast's Rose Bowl opponent each year, the differences in size are startling.

This year's enrollment figures tentatively give the 10 Western Conference schools an enrollment of about 133,600 including 94,800 men for team prospects, an average of over 13,000 and 9,000 respectively. The coast teams, meanwhile, have about 82,700 students, including 66,000 men, an average of about 9,200 and 7,300 for each school.

## Cal Teams Raise Average

The averages show the coast to be about two-thirds as large as their big ten rivals on the whole, but still don't show the true picture. Most of the coast's population is concentrated in the South where the three big California schools of USC, UCLA, and California have 16,500, 13,500, and 15,500 students respectively. Washington, in the metropolitan center of Seattle, has 13,000 students, but WSC, Idaho, Oregon, and OSC have only about 17,500 students between them, making them some of the smaller major conference schools in the country.

The Big Ten, on the other hand, has as its smallest school the University of Iowa, coached by former WSC'er Forrest Evashevski, and a top power this year, with 7,700 students. Every other school except Northwestern has over 10,000 students, ranging all the way up to Minnesota's staggering total of 19,000.

A lot of complaints have been heard the past few seasons about the Pacific Coast conference's record compared to other schools in the nation, and a lot of wolves have howled at the coast's seeming inability to win the Rose Bowl. But we believe that Oregon, OSC, Stanford, and the rest of them have nothing to be ashamed of in athletics. They're a lot better than the critics think.

## Conference Games Feature Weekend Of Action on Coast

Three Pacific Coast conference clashes highlight this Saturday's football schedule as all nine teams get into action.

The three counters are Washington State vs. UCLA at Los Angeles and Southern California against Oregon in Portland.

Washington State, gathering momentum with a 34-6 drubbing of Oregon State last week, runs head on into a tough California team smarting from three losses received by Texas, Oklahoma and Oregon.

Stanford, after being knocked rudely from the undefeated ranks last week by Navy 25-0, will attempt to get back on its feet against highly respected UCLA, which weathered a stormy final half to squeak out a 21-20 win from the University of Washington last Saturday.

In the "Game of the Week" to be televised nationally, Oregon takes on Southern California, which was tripped up last weekend by TCU, 21-6. Oregon, fresh from a close win from California will attempt to duplicate last year's 13-7 upset win over USC.

In inter-sectional clashes, Oregon State college travels to the Midwest to meet Nebraska, which lost a tight game to Kansas State 7-3 last week.

Baylor and the University of Washington, who both lost by identical 21-20 scores, Baylor to Arkansas and Washington to UCLA,—meet at Waco, Tex.

Idaho, which has yet to win a game, takes on Arizona at Tucson. Arizona recently walloped Utah 54-20, which in turn dumped Oregon 7-6, but lost to Colorado last week.

# Oregon Runner Named to Team

Ralph Hill, a one-time distance runner for the University of Oregon, was named to the all-time American Olympic games team Tuesday night at a banquet of U.S. Olympians at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York.

Hill placed second by just one foot to Finland's Lauri Lehtinen in the 1932 games in Los Angeles. Lehtinen's winning time of 13:30 was a new record at that time.

### Awards Presented

The presentation of bronze victory awards was made by Col. Edward F. P. Egan, New York lawyer and ex-Olympic bobsledder and boxer at a banquet attended by 1000 New York civic and sports notables.

The selections of the 22 athletes was made by representatives of the press, radio, and television, along with the Olympians, an organization of one-time athletes.

### Others Listed

The 21 others were: Eddie Toland, 100 meter dash, 1932; Mel Patton, 200 meter dash, 1948; William Carr, 400 meter dash, 1932; Mal Whitfield, 800 meter run, 1948-52; Mel Sheppard, 1,500 meter run, 1908, 1912; Louis Tewanima, 10,000 meter run, 1912; John J. Hayes, mara-

thon run, 1908; Harrison Dillard, 100 meter hurdles, 1948-52; Charles Moore, 400 meter hurdles, 1952; Horace Ashenfelter, steeplechase, 1952.

Joseph B. Pearman, 10,000 meter walk, 1920; Ernest Crosbie, 50,000 meter walk, 1948; Walter Davis, high jump, 1952; Jesse Owens, broad jump, 1936; Myer Prinstein, hop, step, and jump, 1900-04; Bob Richards, pole vault, 1952; Parry O'Brien, shot-put, 1952; Sim Iness, discus, 1952; John J. Flanagan, hammer throw, 1900-04; Cy Young, javelin, 1952; Bob Mathias, decathlon, 1948-52.

## USC Looking For UO Star

LOS ANGELES-(AP)—Hampered by a leg injury or not, Quarterback George Shaw will be a marked man on the Oregon team when the Trojans of Southern California meet the Webfoots at Portland Saturday.

USC Coach Jess Hill calls Shaw the best back and the best passer in the Pacific Coast conference.

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