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Duck Tracks

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The second major rhubarb in the 1954 Pacific Coast conference is now history. About this time each season, some argument or protest arising in important games jumps into the headlines, threatening to crowd out news of the games themselves.

The latest incident involved a so-called "holding" infraction in the USC-California game at Los Angeles last weekend. The Trojans' winning touchdown came on a disputed play. SC halfback Lindon Crow scored it, but the other halfback, Frank Clayton, was called for holding illegally.

Game officials signalled the penalty after the touchdown had been counted, and consequently tacked the 15 yards against the Trojans on the next kickoff. Bear mentor Pappy Waldorf declared that the TD should have been disallowed. But the commissioner's office upheld the officials and the controversy subsided.

USC coach Jess Hill, the 29-27 winner, called the whole thing a case of judgment while Waldorf was somewhat more bitter in his comments on the situation.

Similar to this was the affair of the quarterbacks, recently a hotbed of discussion on the Oregon State and Washington campuses. The whole business came about when two UW signal-callers were injured within minutes in the second period. Charges flew madly, mostly from a disgruntled Seattle sports-writer, about the deliberate "getting" of these players.

OSC Protests Trojan Game

And in 1951 and 1952, the USC Trojans were involved in like situations. In 1951, Oregon State lost a highly-disputed 16-14 decision to Troy. Game movies showed that SC halfback Frank Gifford tossed a vital pass when past the scrimmage line, hence the Beaver protest. In '52, the California fullback named Johnny Olszewski was injured during a critical Bear-USC battle by a hard tackle. The nature of the tackle stirred the feelings of many again, but it finally subsided.

So it seems that California's powerful elevens, too, are capable of loud protests when their records are dimmed. And the USC have been on top of the arguments three straight times. Such incidents do happen to the best, but usually boil down to just a welcome diversion in the football news.

NCAA statistics thus far in the season have revealed some surprising trends about the relations of great stars to great teams. Unlike the usual situation of the top clubs claiming outstanding individual performers, the majority of the top ten AP-rated teams claim no really great performers, with the exception of Wisconsin's Alan Ameche and Ohio State's Howard (Hopalong) Cassady.

George Shaw of Oregon and Paul Larson of Cal, national pace-setters in total offense and passing, respectively, perform for teams which started strong but which now have been tossed onto the national also-ran scene. Only quarterbacks Len Dawson of Purdue and Jim Miller of Wisconsin rate highly in passing as representatives of top teams.

Most Coast Teams Down

But for all this individual acclaim, where are Coast teams nationally? Only UCLA, with no big name men, is up there, holding down second. And then USC is pegged anywhere from 13th to 27th, and it claims only Jon Arnett as a top individual.

Western teams as a whole this year boast better individual performances and poorer team standings than in past seasons. Arizona, Colodaro, Denver, Montana, Washington State, Stanford and Idaho players rank high, but their teams obviously do not.

Tilt Scheduled For Journalists

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The Oregon and OSC chapters of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, will renew their "Little Civil War" in touch football Saturday morning on Oregon's intramural field. A large crowd is expected to view the contest, which begins at 10 a.m.

Last year the rival journalists battled to a 0-0 tie in a game played the morning of the Oregon-OSC game. Saturday's game will be the first of a home and home series, with the second game scheduled for the OSC intramural field the morning of the Oregon-Aggie game, Nov. 20.

The Oregon SDX'ers, coached by Martin Jurgenson, the portly professor, will have in their lineup Bob Robinson, Ed Beejer and Jerry Claussen (an Aggie transfer) in the backfield and Jerry Harrell, Len Calvert, Dick Lewis and Buz Nelson in the line in the seven-man contest.

Members of the OAC team include Cliff Kuhlman, sports editor of the OSC Barometer; Dick Spight, Barometer editor; and Duance Bodtke, Jim Lattie, Dick Davis, Dick Coyner, and Tam Moore, other Aggie daily big-shots.

UCLA Heads Team Marks

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Boasting one of the greatest rushing game averages in the history of the Pacific Coast Conference, the UCLA Bruins dominated the weekly team statistics released this week by the PCC Commissioner's office.

UCLA has averaged 318.3 yards a game rushing—and if the Bruins maintain that pace it would be the best game average by a PCC team since World War II, topping the 304.4 yards per game of California's in 1951 when two-plateon football was at its height. The all-time Conference record of 345.5 yards per game was set in 1929 by Southern California.

Bruins Top Total Offense
UCLA holds the total offense leadership with 381.8 yards a game to top the No. 1 team in passing, Oregon, which has 345.3. Oregon has averaged 185 yards per contest passing and has thrown eight TD passes.

UCLA and Oregon also excel in the same departments defensively. UCLA has allowed the fewest yards to opponents rushing, 90.2 yards a game, and total defense, 193.8, while Oregon has given up the least via passing, 76.3 yards, and ranks second in total defense, 220.

Punt Return Record Beaten
Southern California has the best punt average, 37.3 yards, closely followed by Oregon State, 37.2, and California has the best average on kickoff returns, 22.8. UCLA has intercepted the most passes, 21, and has the best punt runback average, 23.6 yards per return. UCLA's return of two punts for touchdowns last weekend ran their season total to five to set a new PCC season record. (Old mark: 3, held by several teams.)

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Frosh, Rooks Clash Today

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Final practice was confined mostly to kickoffs and kickoff returns and punts and punt returns. Coach Bill Hammer also worked his kickers on point after touchdown attempts.

Hammer forecast a hard-fought game and praised the

Two Frosh starting lineups were named, one if the Frosh kick off and another if they receive. The offensive lineup shapes up with Ken Klauer and John Robinson at ends, Hal Duffy and Jerry Kershner, tackles; Bill Alvarado and Jerry Collins, guards, and Bob Reiter, center.

Jack Henkel, former Eugene high ace, will start at quarterback, LeRoy Phelps and Bob Woods will be at the halfback spots, and Chuck Withers at fullback.

Defensive Team Named

The defensive team includes Milt Blevins and Mel Flohr, ends; John Raventos and Tom Hale, tackles; Alvarado and Steve Bigelow, guards, and Norm Chapman, center; Len Read, quarterback; Jim Shanley and Stacy Gibson, halfbacks, and J. C. Wheeler, fullback.

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