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Duck Tracks

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A prospective post-season grid game between unbeaten UCLA, kingpin of the coast, and Miami university, the only unscathed team south of the Mason-Dixon line, was given the thumbs-down treatment from NCAA moguls this week to prove again that when a school gets penalized by the college organization, it's for real. Earlier in the season, Miami was given a one-year suspension from playing in any post-season games because of illegal "recruiting" of players.

Football still has another month to go before it hangs up its togs for the year, but it isn't too hard to pick out the most surprising teams of the 1954 grid campaign. They both come from the always-exciting Southwest Conference where often-trampled Arkansas is leading the parade to the Cotton Bowl New Year's Day.

The Razorbacks, after winning only three games all last season while losing seven, including a murderous 47-0 decision to Rice, have rolled up six straight victories this year to become one of the nation's six remaining unbeaten and untied teams. In virtually every game they have been rated as underdogs but have come through with victories over strong Mississippi, a tough Baylor team, Tulsa, Texas Christian, Texas, and Texas A. & M. to take the number four spot in the Associated Press poll.

Texas Heading for Cellar

Meanwhile the pre-season favorite for the conference title, Texas, has fallen flat on its face in winning only two games in seven assignments, neither of them from conference opponents. The Longhorns were picked by virtually every predictor to be in the Cotton Bowl come January 1, but now they will have to struggle to keep out of the cellar.

Quite an entertaining article about Oregon's George Shaw has appeared in the latest issue of Sport, which appeared on the news stands Tuesday. It is written by Al Stump, one of Sport's top writers for several years and is accompanied by a full-page color photo of the Duck All-American quarterback candidate. The article also has its share of mistakes, such as the remark that "It's true enough that Oregon's state flower is the Rose." (Really the Oregon Grape) but in general it makes enjoyable reading.

The Duck football team in particular should cast their eyes through this piece on Shaw and Oregon. They should be very interested in a quote from a member of UCLA's football coaching staff that "Oregon... doesn't belong in this league." Maybe they can change his attitude tomorrow.

Basketball Opener Coming

Basketball fans are in store for perhaps their greatest treat of the cage season in the Ducks' opener with Santa Clara December 3 in a doubleheader together with Oregon State and California at McArthur court. OSC is the favorite for the Northern Division title this year and it will be interesting to see just what Slats Gill's Beavers can do without "Swede" Halbrook at center until January.

The teams from the south will bring with them two of the top cagers in the nation in Bob McKeen and Ken Sears. Sears is in his fourth season with the Santa Clara Broncos and each year has led them to the NCAA regional tourney. McKeen was the top scorer for a strong California Bear team last year and he is being ballyhooed as the top player in the western half of the country.

Sears and McKeen, 6' 9" and 6' 7" tall respectively, should provide the Ducks and Beavers with big problems and the fans with a lot of enjoyment on Friday night only four weeks hence.



SLATS GILL
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Bruins All Ready For Eighth Win

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — UCLA's unbeaten Bruins, flying high after seven straight victories, will be out to make it eight at the expense of the country's No. 1 total offense backfield leader, George Shaw, and his talented Oregon Webfoots in an important PCC football game at the Los Angeles Coliseum Saturday at 2 p.m.

The fabulous Shaw has piled up 1245 yards, 1068 by passing and 177 by rushing, to pace the nation's backs this season, including the player who flashed his greatness against the Bruins last week, California's peerless Paul Larson. Larson trails Shaw with 1117 yards.

Shaw is worth the price of admission. He also punts, kicks off, place kicks, calls signals and is a superb defensive back. This will be his final collegiate appearance in the Coliseum and he alone figures to draw a big crowd to the Coliseum.

Larson gave the Bruins fits last week, completing 25 out of 38 passes for 280 yards but no touchdowns. How will Shaw fare against the team which is catching the attention of the nation with its all-around brilliance?

However, Oregon is definitely not a one-man team. George Dickerson, Bruin scout who has seen the Ducks in action twice this season, says they also have standout in halfback Dick James, fullback Jasper McGee, center and linebacker Ron Pheister, guard Jack Patera and ends Hal Reeve and Dick Mobley.

James is a speedy halfback who is Shaw's favorite target. He's caught 21 passes for 324 yards even though he missed one game. McGee is a 208-lb. fullback who is rated one of the top sophomore prospects in the conference. He's averaging nearly four yards a crack so far this year.

Coach Len Casanova's Webfoots come to town all pepped up and raring to pul an upset, following their impressive 26-7 victory over Washington's favored Huskies last week. Oregon now trails only undefeated UCLA and SC in the PCC standings with three wins (Idaho, California and Washington) and two defeats (Stanford and SC). The visitors boast a 4-3 seasonal record.

Red Sanders' Bruins continued on their triumphant way, scoring a convincing 27-6 win over a strong Bear team and a red-hot Mr. Larsen.

Aussie Miler Picks Oregon

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Ranked as the foremost half-miler and second to the fabulous John Landy in Australian track and field is Jim Bailey, a freshman majoring in geology at Oregon.

But it is only by faith that Bailey ended up here instead of some other institution.

Arriving in Vancouver, B.C., in mid-July to participate in the British Empire Games, Bailey began thinking of attending school in America. Having friends in Vancouver, he decided to stay as close to them as possible, and not wanting to enroll at too large an institution, he picked Oregon.

At the Empire Games this summer, Bailey was the Aussie half-miler. He won the preliminary half-mile with a time of 1:54.2 but suffered a broken foot just prior to the finals. He was also an entry in the mile "race of the century" between the two greatest milers today, Roger Bannister of England, and Landy.

Bailey, a native of Sidney, never considered himself a trackster until after graduating from high school in 1946. He ran in

high school but "not seriously." At that time, he was considered as an outstanding rugby prospect.

Bailey, after graduating, enrolled for night session at Sidney Technology college majoring in surveying. He was employed by the Sidney Irrigation during the early hours of the day.

It was while attending Sidney Tech that his father insisted that he join a track club. So he joined the St. George aggregation of Sidney. At first, as in high school, Bailey thought only of keeping in condition for rugby but it wasn't long before he discovered that he could run longer than faster. Bailey credits part of his endurance to his high school where the students were required to go for a ten-mile hike every Saturday.

Bailey scored his first major triumph in 1950 by winning the two-mile and five-mile state races.

It was in 1951 when Bailey became a national hero in Australia after winning the national half-mile run. He repeated this feat again this year. His best time for the

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