

# EMERALD Sports

## Duck Tracks

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Despite the failure to live up to the expectations of some pre-season forecasters, Oregon still enjoyed its most successful football season since 1948. There were satisfying wins over Oregon State and California. And there was the brilliant play of George Shaw, who led the nation's major colleges in offense and was named to the West's Shrine team along with Guard Jack Patera and Center Ron Pheister.

Together with nine other seniors these stars wrote finis to their collegiate careers at Corvallis Saturday. The others are Linemen Hal Reeve, Dick Mobley, Leroy Campbell, Chuck Greenley and Keith Tucker and Backs Lloyd Powell, Don Holt, Walt Gaffney and Dean Van Leuven.

The Oregon coaching staff is faced with a big job in finding replacements for these men. Some of 1955's starters will come from this year's varsity bench. But it is no secret that the coaches are looking for a wealth of material from this year's undefeated freshman team.

### Freshmen Undefeated

The freshmen finished with a 3-0 record, beating the OSC Rooks 13-6 and 13-2 and rolling over Grays Harbor JC 26-6. Frosh Coach Bill Hammer and assistants Cece Hodges, Tom Winbigler and Bob Basich believe they have a number of good prospects and expect 25 or 30 of the freshmen to turn out for varsity practice this spring.

**Thumbnail sketches—Good quarterbacks in Jack Henkel, Len Read and Dick Jarvis.** Henkel, from Eugene, is a top-notch passer but rather short (5' 9"). Read (Santa Rosa, Calif.) is a strong runner and handles the team well as does Jarvis (Auburn, Wash.).

There are a number of halfback prospects. Jim Shanley (North Bend) is a good runner and tough on defense. There are other running threats in LeRoy Phelps (San Bernardino, Calif.), Jim Williams (Portland), Bob Woods, (Grants Pass), and Pete Lopez (Ontario, Calif.).

Fullbacks and Chuck Withers (Portland), J. C. Wheeler (Oregon City), Stacy Gibson (Burns), and Rudy Herr (Brownville). Wheeler and Withers are good blockers, Gibson, though only 180 pounds, is tough on defense. Herr performed well in making the transition from the 6-man football he played in high school.

### Tackles Should Help Out

The tackles are big and tough and should help the varsity. Hal Duffy (Portland) was named to the Catholic All-America high school team and stands 6' 5" and weighs 227. Tom Hale, a 200-pounder from Milwaukie has power and speed. Jerry Kershner, 215 pounds from Tacoma, is very fast and a good tackler. And add John Raventos (Menlo Park, Calif.) as another good prospect. Raventos weighs 214.

Centers are Norm Chapman (Medford), a good field leader, and Bob Reiter (Astoria) who may be moved to tackle.

The guards have good size and several rate as outstanding. Bill Alvarado (Puento, Calif.) and Jerry Collins (Portland) are big and speedy. Steve Bigelow (Marshfield) is counted on heavily and is a sure-fire PAT converter. Bob Lopez (Pacific Grove, Calif.) and Vern Scott (Portland) also performed well at guard.

Some of the promising ends are Milt Blevins (Grants Pass), Mel Flohr (Santa Rosa, Calif.) and Ken Klauer (Hollister, Calif.). Klauer is a top-notch punter.

This by no means exhausts the list of freshmen prospects. George Krupicka (Molalla) was moved around but played well at all positions. Center Dennis Lenhart (San Gabriel, Calif.) was a good converter. Others were injured and didn't get a chance to play much.

Some of the others who gave a good account of themselves were Backs Don Graham (North Bend), Jim Pifer (Baker), Jim Demetrakos (Eugene), Roger Hopkinson (Los Angeles), and Linemen Bill Woodward (Orland, Calif.), Jerry Finley (Milwaukie), John Flaxel (North Bend), Don Ainge (Eugene), Duane Shaw (McMinnville), John Robinson (Daly City, Calif.), Walt McCoy (Ashland), and Bob Sommerville (Harrisburg).

## Taylor Resigns; Gives 'Pressure' As Main Reason

CORVALLIS - (AP) - LaVerne (Kip) Taylor resigned Monday night as head football coach at Oregon State college, saying he was taking the action "in view of apparent increasing pressure in the Oregon State college football program."

Taylor, whose team won only one game in nine starts this year in one of OSC's worst seasons, asked the school's athletic board to relieve him.

Three assistants, Leonard Younce, Ward Cuff and Hal Moe,



KIP TAYLOR  
OSC Mentor Resigns

submitted their resignations at the same time.

The resignations were forwarded to A. L. Strand, OSC president, who said they will be presented to the state board of higher education at its Dec. 14 meeting "with my full expectation they will be accepted."

Taylor, former assistant coach at Michigan State, was signed as head coach here in 1949. In six years his teams won 20 games and lost 36.

OSC won the opening game from Idaho this year, then dropped eight straight contests including Saturday's meeting with its traditional rival, Oregon.

## All-Stars Get Pro Coaches

CHICAGO - (AP) - There'll be a new twist to the 1955 college all-star football game played against the National Football league champions at Soldier field.

Instead of using college coaches, the Chicago Tribune Charities, Inc., sponsor of the game, Monday night announced professional coaches will be used.

Tribune Sports Editor Arch Ward said Curly Lambeau, veteran pro coach, would head the squad and Hunk Anderson would be the line coach.

## Trojan Back May Miss Irish Game

LOS ANGELES - (AP) - Co-captain Lindon Crow of Southern California's Trojans has only a 50-50 chance to play Saturday against Notre Dame at South Bend.

The all-around Trojan backfield star suffered a wrenched knee in the third quarter of last Saturday's game against UCLA.

Coach Jess Hill may shift Tailback Aramis Dandoy to Crow's right half spot and is working him there in this week's practice.

Hill told the local Football Writers association Monday that his team figures to be let down for the Notre Dame game after being keyed for UCLA and losing that one, 34-0. The Bruins, said Hill, are "the finest football team in the nation, but I don't think they are 34 points better than we are."

## Dedication Due For Mac Court

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McArthur court, for 27 years the home of the Oregon Ducks basketball team, will be rededicated soon in ceremonies following the completion of new balconies and other improvements.

The rededication will take place Dec. 3 when Oregon meets Santa Clara and Oregon State meets California in a doubleheader.

Originally built in 1927, the McArthur court project was at one time considered as a "white elephant" and the people behind its construction were called "crazy."

### Hayward Field First

It all began in 1919, just after World War I, when the Oregon enrollment was high and interest in athletics keen. The present football stadium, Hayward Field, was first to be built.

But with support from Virgil Earl, then athletic director, Coaches Bill Hayward; Bill Reinhart, and Karl Onthank, attention was focused on building a pavilion in 1925. However, the man who really sold the pavilion idea to the board of regents was Jack Benefiel, then graduate manager.

Backed by student funds, bonds were to be sold to finance the construction and gate receipts were to be used to retire the bonds. The officials thought Benefiel was crazy. But he finally convinced the officials and the bonds were sold and construction was begun.

McArthur court looked as though it was headed for a great success in its financial operations after its first five years of operation but the depression set in. Despite the extra time granted for payment by the bonding company, the building was turned over to the regents for the final payments.

For the first 20 years McArthur court remained about the same. A series of smaller changes took place after World War II to make room for the increasing crowds. By 1950 the capacity had been boosted to 8,000 from the previous 6,000.

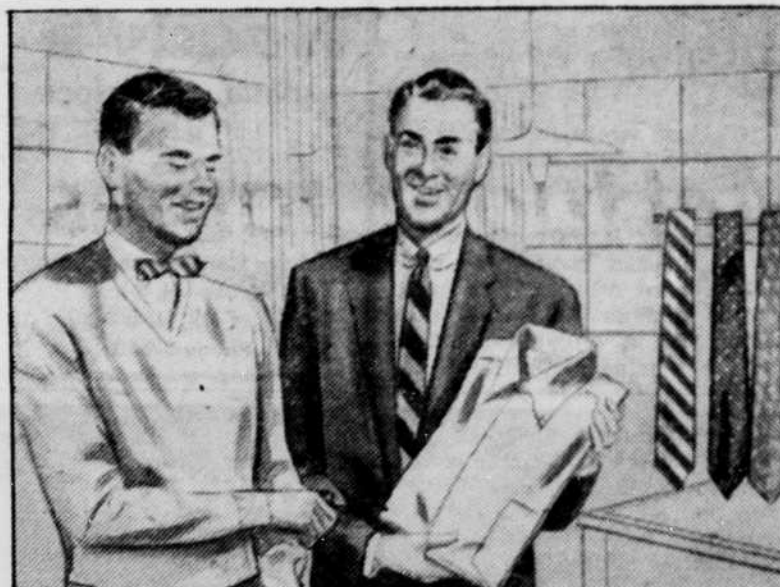
Now in 1954, McArthur court has 10,000 available seats with no posts to block the spectators view as in previous years.

### Balconies Built

Near completion are two new balconies on the east and west side of the court to accommodate the additional 2,000 fans. The addition and other general improvements cost the athletic department about \$275,000. Most of the funds came from the department reserves.

The posts which obstructed the fans' view have been removed. The new balconies are supported by two trusses constructed on the roof of McArthur court.

A new stair tower has been constructed at each of the four corners of the building to make the new balconies more accessible. Comfortable theater-style chairs have been installed in the balconies.



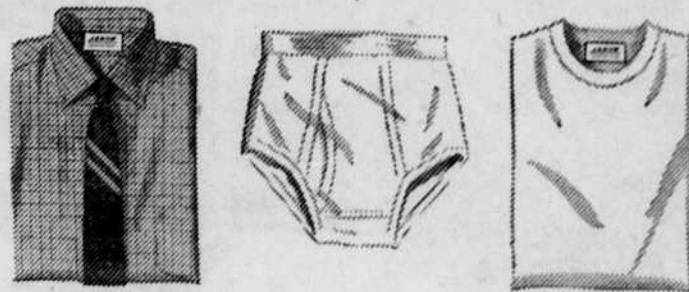
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