

Shaw Gets Hoffman Trophy

Stiner New Grid Captain

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Expressing it as his greatest thrill since coming to the University of Oregon, George Shaw was named by his teammates Tuesday night as the recipient of the 1954 Hoffman award, symbolic of the most valuable senior football player.

In the regular meeting of the Oregon club, staged as a banquet in the Student Union ballroom, Oregon coaches introduced players individually and Tackle Lon Stiner was presented as the 1955 football captain.

Jack Shaw, George's brother and football announcer, was scheduled to be the main speaker on the program but was forced to fly on to Portland as fog made a Eugene landing impossible.

Twelve Seniors Honored

Twelve seniors were honored by the club and were given individual awards. They were Ends Dick Mobley, Leroy Campbell, Hal Reeve and Chuck Greenley; Tackle Keith Tucker; Guard Jack Patera; Center Ron Pheister, and Backs Don Holt, Dean Van Leuven, Walt Gaffney, Lloyd Powell and Shaw.

For the first time since 1940, when Halfback Woodley Lewis got the award, the honor went to a backfield man. Guard Ken Sweitzer won it last year and Monte Brethauer, a standout end, was the 1952 winner.

With the honor, Shaw ended a brilliant career under Coach Len Casanova. Beginning as a freshman in 1951 along with Casanova in his first year at the Webfoot helm, Shaw was tabbed then as a potential great.



George Shaw, senior quarterback, receives the Hoffman award from Verne Hoffman at the annual Oregon club football banquet Tuesday night. In the foreground is a box of groceries presented to Coach Len Casanova by University President O. Meredith Wilson. The groceries were to go with the ham presented to Casanova after his Ducks lost to Utah earlier in the season.

Set NCAA Record

He proved it in his first season by intercepting 14 enemy passes as a defensive halfback and was named as an All-American freshman back. His inter-

ceptions set a national record which still stands.

Coming from Portland's Grant high school, along with Captain and Center Ron Pheister, Shaw was a prep standout in four sports. He garnered all-state football recognition in leading the Generals to two state titles, was named as an all-city basketball guard, twice an all-state baseball outfielder and once ran 100 yards in ten seconds to win the city track meet in that event.

Standing 6'1" and weighing a slight 178 pounds, Shaw was a true-jack-of-all-trades during his UO career on the gridiron. He saw action in his four years at quarterback, halfback and end.

San Jose Asks Gator Bowl Bid

SAN JOSE, Calif.—(AP)—The Chamber of Commerce has asked Jacksonville, Fla., Gator Bowl officials to consider San Jose State's Spartans for participation in the New Year's Day bowl game.

Pointing to the Spartan's eight wins against three losses this season, the chamber said:

"You can be sure of a very colorful participant in the game by selecting San Jose State, the top independent football power on the Pacific Coast."

The home town boosters mentioned San Jose State's upset 19-14 victory over Stanford and 38-7 triumph over Idaho, both in the Pacific Coast conference, and a 27-20 defeat of North Texas State.

Duck Bowlers Top Washington State

Led by Bob Boyle's high series of 620, the Oregon bowling team opened its drive to regain its 1952-53 intercollegiate title by overcoming Washington State 2739 pins to 2382 in a telegraphic match.

The Duck keglers rolled their winning scores Thursday, and the Cougar results were received Monday afternoon. Horn led the losers with a 532 series. High game totals were 983 for Oregon and 846 for WSC.

while catching 11 tosses for 249 yards.

Last season, Shaw led Oregon in a 13-7 win over nationally-ranked Southern California, and gained 652 yards on 49 aerial connections. Catching Barney Holland's tosses while at end and halfback, Shaw took 13 for 197 yards.

It was in this 1954 season, though, that Shaw became a nationally-recognized star. While leading the nation in total offense, Shaw was named to the West Shrine team for the New Year's classic in San Francisco.

George collected 1536 yards in edging Paul Larson of Cal. He gained 1358 of these in completing 91 tosses in 196 tries. Included were ten touchdowns. While rushing off the split-T formation, he tallied 178 yards.

Shaw Keeps National Lead

Statistics released by the National Collegiate Athletic association Tuesday confirmed just what everyone expected—that Oregon's George Shaw holds the national total offense lead.

Shaw finished the season with 1536 yards to 1485 for Paul Larson of California. Larson leads in passing with 125 completions and Shaw is second with 91. Lennie Dawson of Purdue is third in both departments.

California End Jim Hanifan finished the season with 44 pass receptions for 569 yards and seven touchdowns to lead in receiving. Dick James of Oregon was seventh nationally with 24 catches for 394 yards and four touchdowns.

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McHugh, James Join Cage Team

Coach Bill Borchert welcomed two Oregon football players to his Duck basketball squad this week as the team continued drilling for their opening game only nine days away.

The addition of Phil McHugh,



DICK JAMES Joins Hoop Squad

a top-notch guard, and Dick James, another promising backcourt performer, considerably strengthened the sophomore-studded squad. Both were important parts of Len Casanova's grid machine this fall.

McHugh was a standout for days and continued to look impressive as a Frosh player last year. He joined big Bill Moore, another football player who has been working with the team, in Monday and Tuesday drills.

James was a star halfback for

the football team and will be out for basketball for his second year. He was a first-stringer on the Frosh two years ago but hurt his leg last season which kept him out of regular play. He is taking a two-day rest from football before coming out.

Borchert and Assistant Coach Barney Holland continued to work the 18 squad members on fast-break patterns and offensive screening drills in preparation for the Santa Clara game Dec. 3 at McArthur court. Oregon State will play California in the other half of the double-header.

Five lettermen continue to hold down the temporary first-line berths on the Duck team. This list includes Ray Bell and Max Anderson at forwards, Jim Loscutoff at center, and Jerry Ross and Howard Page at guards.

Starting Role Battle Looms
Moore, Ed Bingham, Rich Costi, Jack Sherman and McHugh are also expected to be battling for top spots on the squad.

Court Annex Nears Finish

The new annex of McArthur court is scheduled for completion about Feb. 1. The annex is part of the project to modernize the athletic plant of Oregon.

The new annex on University street next to the main building will house offices now located in McArthur court.

Included are the offices of the athletic director, business manager, ticket office, secretarial staff, athletic publicity, coaches and the news bureau.

Rooms that now house these offices will be converted into a lettermen's lounge and trophy room, concert artist dressing room and storage space.

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