

# Webfoot Gridders Set Preview Clash Today

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Oregon grid fans will see a "new" Oregon football team today when Coach Len Casanova's forces wind up spring practice with a full-game length scrimmage on Hayward field at 10:30 a.m.

The scrimmage is a feature attraction of Spring Sports day and of Junior Weekend. Spectators are invited free of charge. The Oregon coaching staff

faces a mighty rebuilding job for 1955, with eight regulars gone from last year's team that finished with a 6-4 record on the season and 5-3 in the Pacific Coast conference.

For today's scrimmage the 60-odd men out for spring football, minus those on the injury list, will split into two teams. The first unit — the probable starting eleven for 1955—will likely team with the fourth unit and they will face another group made up of the second and third elevens.

Under PCC rules, teams are allowed only 20 days of practice and the Ducks have benefitted from recent fine weather. Casanova has called this spring's practice the most "enthusiastic" in years and is expecting great things from the youngsters who will step in for the departed veterans.

The biggest hole in the lineup was left by the departure of quarterback George Shaw, a four-year regular, and the National offense leader in 1954. At present, Tom Crabtree, who played halfback last season, is being groomed for Shaw's spot. Backing up Crabtree are Wally Russell and John Keller, who plays shortstop for baseball Coach Don Kirsch, which keeps him out of spring football.

At fullback all three letterman—Jasper McGee, Larry Rose, and Dean Van Leuven—are gone, but speedy Jack Morris, a four-year air force veteran, is counted on to carry the load.

The halfbacks size up as Dick James, top PCC scorer in 1954, and either Jim Shanley or LeRoy Phelps. James will be unable to play in today's game, due to an arm injury. Chuck Osborn, another halfback, will miss the game because of a bad foot, as will Jack Pocock, Reanous Cochran, Dick Pavlat, and Steve Danchock, all out with injuries.

In the line the Ducks will be missing the services of such stalwarts as Jack Patera, Ron Phiester, Hal Reeve, Keith Tucker and Dick Mobley.

Phil McHugh is back at end after a brilliant sophomore year and pairings with him will be either Bruce Brenn, Bill Tarr, J. C. Wheeler, or Mel Flohr.

Captain Lon Stiner and Harry Johnson are back at tackle, Johnson moving in for Tucker. Behind these two are Chuck Austin, Hal Duffy, John Raventos and Jerry Kerschner.

Cochrane returns at guard but will miss today's scrimmage. The other guard position is a battle, with Spike Hillstrom having a slight edge.

A gap was left at center with the graduation of Phiester. Art Weber, Nick Marculis, Norm Chapman and Pocock are fighting for the job, but Pocock will miss the scrimmage because of illness.

Assisting head coach Casanova, who will start his fifth year on the Oregon campus, will be Jack Roche, assistant coach; John McKay, backfield coach and Bill Hammer, freshman coach. Line Coach Vern Sterling has accepted another coaching position and a replacement will be obtained for him during the summer.

## Oregon Netmen Schedule OSC

Oregon's tennis team invades Corvallis today for a final Northern Division dual match with the Oregon State Beaver squad.

The Webfoots, now holding second spot in the division standings behind perennial champion Washington, posted two triumphs last weekend when they trounced both Idaho and Washington State.

Losers only to the Washington Huskies in match play, the Ducks edged Coach Irwin Harris' OSC performers in an earlier match in Eugene. A doubles victory by Dick Gray and Dick Hamilton provided the winning margin for Lee's forces by a 6-3, 6-3 margin.

In other results in the first match, Ron Carlson of the Ducks defeated sophomore Norm Merrill of OSC, 7-4, 1-6, 7-5; Pete Overton of the Staters took Bob Baker, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5; Gray beat another State sophomore, Bob Jensen, 6-3, 6-3; Hamilton lost to Emory Keolanui, 4-6, 6-4, 8-6 and Don Bonime of the Ducks lost to Dick Jacobson, 6-3, 6-4.

Second-year men Merrill and Jensen are expected to spark the Beavers again, with Jacobson, Overton and Keolanui in supporting roles. Merrill teams with Jensen and Jacobson with Overton in usual doubles tandems.

The regular first five men are looked for in the Oregon camp, with Carlson and Baker in one doubles team and Gray and Hamilton or Bonime in the other.

## Freshmen Meet Rooks in Battles

Two of Oregon's topflight Frosh spring sports teams go into action today along with varsity teams as both the track and tennis teams meet Oregon State Rook squads.

Both teams already hold wins over their freshman rivals from the north and will be out gunning for repeat victories. Oregon teams have yet to lose to any Oregon State teams this spring.

### Frosh Meet Slated

The Frosh track team, coached by Bob McCollum, graduate in physical education, will match performances with the Rook squad in conjunction with the varsity meet today on Hayward field. The two freshman teams will run at the same time as the Oregon-OSC track squads with the meet slated to begin at 1:30.

Coach Hilbert Lee's freshman tennis team will also go against its Rook rival today with a match scheduled for the OSC courts at 10 a.m. Both the Duck and Beaver varsities will also be playing at the same time at Corvallis.

### Morris Leads Tracksters

The Frosh tracksters will be led by sprinter-hurdler Jack Morris, who is the leading fullback candidate on the varsity football team. Morris is an air force veteran who last week ran the low hurdles in 23.3, a mark exceeded by only one athlete in the nation this year. The Rooks will be led by high-jumper Wayne Moss, who has topped the 6'4" mark.

Lee will probably use his usual lineup in the tennis match with the Rooks. This would include Stan Kalapus, Marv Woods, Stewart Jones, Brian Booth, Don Robinson and Phil Lowthian. The Rooks' top man is Gary Boedigheimer.

Southern California has won the Pacific Coast conference track title 14 times in a row. Oregon last won in 1924—its only first place finish.

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