

Duck Tracks

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Shaw Leads Colts to Win; Rams Whip 49ers, 23-14

Three teams which won only a total of 10 games last season played havoc with the National Football League's pre-season predictions Sunday as they defeated a trio of more highly regarded elevens, including the champion Cleveland Browns and the Detroit Lions, Western Division titleholders.

The Browns fell before Washington 27-17 with little Eddie Le Baron starring in the Redskins' aerial attack. The Lions were beaten 20-17 by the Green Bay Packers and the Baltimore Colts topped the well rated Chicago Bears 23-17.

Pete Brewster and the other to Ray Renfro.

All-America Alan (The Horse) Ameche of Wisconsin galloped 79 yards for a touchdown the first time he carried the ball in a regular season game and the Colts went from there for their surprise triumph over the Bears. Ameche broke through the big Bear line on the second play from scrimmage. In all, Ameche carried the ball 21 times and gained 194 yards for an impressive debut.

When a team with a great offense meets a team with inexperienced defense, the result usually reads something like this: 42-15. That pretty well covers what happened at Los Angeles Memorial coliseum Friday night as Oregon's fast-but green team was battered by Southern California.

The Ducks were about the same team that defeated Utah the week before, with the "new look" backfield showing flashes of brilliance at times despite running against a line averaging about 25 pounds per man more than the Duck forward wall. But the big Trojans, already conquerors of WSC by a humiliating 50-12 score, were about a year ahead in overall class.

USC was probably tougher than even the Ducks expected. The Trojans took a little time to get rolling, just as in the WSC game, but once they did, the TD's came in lightning-like rapidity. Oregon's big group of newcomers, although already a sharp offensive unit, simply were fooled by the complicated USC maneuvers.

USC Variety Hurts Oregon

The thing that made it tough for the Oregon defense was the great variety in the USC attack. Both the T and split-T were used liberally with reverses and double reverses being employed in almost every running play. The huge Trojan line helped to give the backs plenty of time to do their fancy footwork.

USC passes hurt the Ducks, also. Oregon intercepted three Trojan aeriels but the six completed came at the crucial moments. Of the first five completed, two went for touchdowns and three for important first downs. The averages read 20, 31, 10, 14 and 26. The last one, for two yards, came in the final quarter after the damage was done.

Almost every time, particularly on the two TD throws, USC receivers got behind Oregon defenders. But the receivers (five different ones caught passes) like 6'6" Chuck Griffiths, 253-pound end, also had a size advantage over the "small" Oregon backfield of Tom Crabtree, Jack Morris, Jim Shanley and Dick James, all under 6' tall.

UO Offense Sputters

The Duck offense looked good at times, but sputtered out on many occasions. In the first quarter it looked like an upset in the making. Oregon took the kickoff and, after an exchange on a punt and Spike Hillstrom's interception, went 56 yards in 10 plays for six points with the quarter about half gone.

After that, however, Oregon could never go more than 23 yards in one drive and only Shanley's 72-yard run late in the second quarter brought any more six-pointers to the Oregon side. In fact, the Ducks ran only nine plays altogether in the second quarter and, not counting Shanley's gallop, lost nine yards net.

As the game wore on it was apparent that the USC depth had a telling effect on Oregon's play. The Trojans had lettermen back to the fourth string and kept running them in there to check the Webfoot attack. With little or no passing attack (four completed passes netting no yards) Oregon stuck to the ground, but USC had the manpower and the breaks.

Shanley Tops Rushers

Individually Shanley was the big gun with a 17 yard average in seven carries. He now has a 13.5 average after two games and could well be a candidate for sophomore of the year on the coast. Reanous Cochrane, Hillstrom, J. C. Wheeler and James all were great defensively, while Morris again displayed terrific blocking skill in leading the way for Shanley and James. Crabtree showed prowess in running the option plays and fake line bucks.

After two games, here is an analysis of the Oregon team. **Offense:** good variety and well-executed running, passing attack poor although several good receivers available, need better blocking in center of line. **Defense:** good secondary against running, need better linebacking, pass defense needs improvement.

The third game for Oregon, another night affair with Washington at Portland, should prove how far the Webfoots will go this year. The potential is there and the loss to USC, a good bet for the PCC champ, was not disgraceful. The Huskies are vastly improved and the game should be a bang-up affair.

Hurlers Star In Closeouts

FINAL NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	GB
*Brooklyn	98	55	.641	
Milwaukee	85	69	.552	13½
New York	80	74	.519	18½
Philadelphia	77	77	.500	21½
Cincinnati	75	79	.487	23½
*Chicago	72	81	.471	26
St. Louis	68	86	.442	30½
Pittsburgh	60	94	.390	38½

*—Played one tie game.

FINAL AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	96	58	.623	
Cleveland	93	61	.604	3
Chicago	91	63	.591	5
Boston	84	70	.545	12
Detroit	79	75	.513	17
Kansas City	63	91	.409	32½
Baltimore	59	97	.370	39
Washington	53	101	.344	43

By the Associated Press

The major leagues wound up operations for 1956 Sunday and the way some pitchers worked you'd think the pennant depended on the results.

Of the 10 games, there were three shutouts, two one-run performances and three two-run jobs.

One of the shutouts was a team accomplishment with four pitchers dividing the honors. That came in Brooklyn's 4-0 conquest of the last-place Pittsburgh Pirates after Pirate Manager Fred Haney had been fired.

Brook pilot Walt Alston wanted to give as many of his hurlers as possible a workout in preparation for the World Series starting Wednesday. Johnny Podres, Russ Meyer, Clem LaBine and Roger Craig all had a hand in the whitewashing.

Dick Fowler of the Cincinnati Redlegs held the Chicago Cubs to a paltry four hits while his mates were slapping around three Windy City hurlers for 17 hits and a 13-0 triumph.

Billy Pierce of the Chicago White Sox limited the Kansas City A's to three hits while his club was registering a 5-0 triumph.

George Susce of the Boston Red Sox whipped the New York Yankees 8-1 in the second game of a doubleheader after the American League champions had taken the first 9-2 behind the assorted offerings of Bob Turley, Bob Grim and Johnny Kucks.

Curt Simmons and Jack Meyer combined to whip New York 3-1 in the nightcap after the Giants had licked Philadelphia 5-2 in the first game of a double header behind Pete Burnside. The second game marked the finish of Leo Durocher's reign as manager of the Giants.

It ended on a somewhat inglorious note for the Phils got the final three outs in the ninth inning on a triple play after the Giants had put two runners on with none out. Durocher announced his resignation Saturday. Willie Mays hit his 51st home run in the opener to tie the club record.

Bob Miller, a promising youngster, tossed a seven-hitter as the Detroit Tigers turned back the Cleveland Indians 6-2. In other action, the St. Louis Cardinals defeated the Milwaukee Braves 8-5 and the Baltimore Orioles triumphed over the Washington Senators 5-4.


Entry Blanks Due Tuesday for IM's

Fall term entry blanks for men's intramural sports participation must be turned in to the intramural office in the men's P. E. building before 2 p.m. Tuesday, according to Virgil Erickson, IM Director.


Houses not meeting the deadline may miss out on touch-football and volleyball competition, Erickson emphasized. Intramural managers are to meet Thursday at 4 p.m. in the IM office to vote on including wrestling in the fall program.

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