

# EMERALD Sports

## Duck Tracks

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Last weekend's round of collegiate and professional football action, the second game for most of the college elevens and the first regular season game for the pro clubs, proved once more the vulnerability of any team on any given day to the oldest of gridiron bugaboos—the upset.

Football, by its limited activity in comparison to baseball and basketball, sees many more reversals of predicted form. One chance is all a team gets and must make the most of it. In baseball, for instance, so many games are played during a season that a majority of wins over the same team establishes superiority. This is, of course, a fairer method, but hardly practical in football.

Oregon State's 10-0 victory over Stanford last Saturday night fell into this upset category. Prior to the game, the only yardstick for judging the merits of the two elevens was by their performance against one other opponent each. With Stanford's 33-14 win over a fairly strong College of Pacific team and the Staters' 33-0 triumph over a weak Brigham Young club, the Indians figured to be a bit better.

### Clippings Don't Decide Game

But, of course, all this conjecture goes by the way when twenty-two men line up for the kickoff and press clipping go out the window. OSC was evidently pointing for the Stanford contest and, according to the final score, was ten points the better team. Whether this was true or not will never be known to any further extent. The upset has probably removed a good deal of the incentive from the rest of the Indian season.

UCLA, in losing to Maryland, perhaps did not suffer a true upset, in the sense that they were generally favored to win. The Terrapins were quite probably up for the Bruin game, and the result showed in the final tally. This outcome ought to square things with Maryland boosters, after last year's loss to the west coast club.

In other collegiate upset contests over the past weekend, several surprising results either saw the favorite losing or being frightened thoroughly before winning. Ohio State's 1955 Rose Bowl champions trailed badly before rallying to defeat Nebraska, 28-20. And only the weekend before, the Cornhuskers fell before little Hawaii by a 6-0 count.

### Near Upsets Also Many

Texas Tech, a rising power in the Southwest although not yet a member of the conference, failed to find the right combination against TCU that had worked to give the Red Raiders a 20-14 win over Texas the week before. Texas Christian walked off with an effortless 32-0 win. And near-upsets were almost posted by North Carolina against Oklahoma and COP against Purdue's Boilermakers.

Even in the professional circles, upsets hit home in Sunday's action, though the play-for-pay boys play most of the other teams in their division twice a season. The Los Angeles Rams, who looked less than spectacular in pre-season games, came up with a season-opening 23-14 win over the power-laden San Francisco 49ers. This came despite a 31-10 triumph by the injury-ridden SF team two weeks ago in an exhibition contest. It must be remembered, though, that pro teams are able to draw the best from college talent and usually are rated as fairly likely to be upset.

Baltimore, the doormat of the NFL in recent years, has come alive this year behind Oregon's George Shaw, Wisconsin's Alan Ameche and Baylor's L. G. Dupre to give the other teams fits. The Colts opened their campaign with a 23-17 win against the top-rated Chicago Bears.

### All Pro Tilts Surprising

In the other pro contests, all surprising, the world champion Cleveland Browns lost to the Eddie LeBaron-led Washington Redskins, 27-17; the runner-up Detroit Lions dropped a last-second decision to Green Bay, 20-17; the Philadelphia Eagles downed the New York Giants, 27-17 and Pittsburgh topped Chicago, beating the Cardinals, 14-7.

Upsets being what they are, the game of football is certainly livened up by them. For evidence of the concern of the upsets, conversations with such upset-plagued coaches as Stanford's Chuck Taylor this year, Cal's Pappy Waldorf last year, and USC's Jess Hill the year before.

## Casanova Works Defense Over For Husky Tilt

Coach Len Casanova's Webfoot gridders spent most of Wednesday's practice working on a defense for their Saturday night game with the Washington Huskies.

The Huskies, 30-0 upset winner over Minnesota last week, have their best running attack since Hugh McElhenny left the Seattle campus.

Jim Jones, Bob McNamee, and Credell Green are all ranked in the top eight rushers in the conference. Jones ranks third, McNamee sixth, and Green eighth. Quarterback Steve Roake is in fourth spot in the passing list.

The Ducks hope to come up with a defense to bottle up the highly touted Huskies. Coach Len Casanova had his linemen working on blocking and charges, and the backs stressed defense and offensive pass patterns.

The Webfoot lineup is expected to remain unchanged for the game, as the few minor bruises received in the Southern California game were coming along in fine shape.

## Cherberg Cracks Washington Whip

SEATTLE (AP) — Players were shifted, a stiff running scrimmage was held and everyone got a chance to boot the ball Wednesday as the University of Washington football team sought a smooth-clicking answer to Oregon's Tom Crabtree.

Recognizing the aerial threat always posed by a capable Duck quarterback, Coach John Cherberg continued to stress pass defense in a lengthy drill.

Then he worked his linemen hard against Oregon plays and held an extensive punting session to seek the still unfound man with a toe.

His line prospects looked the best this season as Gene Petersen, a junior letterman guard, reported off the sick list for the first time; Ed Sheron was shifted back to left tackle from end, and Don McCumby moved from left tackle to guard.

Sheron went back to his old position because of the fine performance turned in by the regular ends against Minnesota.

## Beaver Bruisers Hurt, No Game This Week

CORVALLIS (AP) — Minor ailments sidelined two Oregon State football linemen Wednesday, and hobbled several others in scrimmage practice.

Tackle John Witte missed the drill because of a slight attack of influenza and end Dan Naranche was out with a bruised shoulder.

Tailback Ray Westfall, wingback Sam Wesley and tackles Andy Skief and Dave Jesmer took part, but were bothered by ailments.

They all will have time to recover. The team is not scheduled to play next weekend.

## Oregon, OSC to Host Rice Institute Five

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Next year's Rice Institute basketball team will make a December tour of the West Coast.

Coach Don Suman said Wednesday contracts have been signed for games with Oregon State and the University of Oregon. He said negotiations also are under way with UCLA and Southern California.

It will be the first basketball trip to the West Coast for Rice.

## IN THE SNOW, BUT

# Early Bowl Bids Excited Campus

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Oregon may not play in the Rose Bowl this season, but twice the Ducks played in the Pasadena classic and when they did, they were the campus's first topic of discussion.

The Webfoots broke even in two Rose Bowl outings. The Ducks humbled Pennsylvania in 1917, 14-0. The next time the game was played, in 1920, Oregon fell to Harvard 7-6.

### "Greatest Intersectional"

In 1920 the fray was described by Emerald reporter Herman Lind as "the greatest intersectional classic that has ever been arranged."

The Duck coaching staff was increased to six and several letters were reported to have been sent out in a plea for more help in the coaching department.

### Snow Hits Practice

When Coach "Shy" Huntington's squad was notified that it was to play in the Bowl, Kincaid field was covered with seven inches of snow. Trainer "Bill" Hayward reassured the doubters however, by announcing that he would get his Ducks in shape, "snow or no snow."

C. N. "Pat" McArthur, representative in Congress at that time said in a letter to the Emerald: "It is my candid opinion that if the six teams of the Pacific Coast conference were to meet six of the leading teams of the east on neutral fields . . . the

## IM Managers Will Meet Today at Four

House intramural managers will hold a special meeting today at 4 p.m. at the IM office in the men's physical education building, according to Virgil Erickson, intramural director.

The managers will vote on including wrestling in IM competition this fall. Erickson also emphasized the need for more officials. Those interested may contact him at the IM office.

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Pacific coast elevens would win a majority of the six games."

But McArthur's hopes withered as the easterners slipped by Oregon, 7-6.

In 1917, it was a different story. The Webfoots faced Pennsylvania before a crowd estimated at 27,000. Final score: Oregon 14, Penn 0.

### Penn Passing Undefeatable

According to an Emerald reporter, "The easterners were considered the ultimate in football perfection. Their system of aerial attacks was lauded as undefeatable."

"Pennsylvania's veteran coach R. C. Folwell conceded that the 1917 Oregon team was better than his own," the Emerald report said.

Anyway, if Oregon does miss out on the Rose Bowl this year, just remember the good old days 35 years ago.

## Work Progresses On Field, Lounge

Improvements in the outfield of Howe field and construction of a letterman's lounge in McArthur Court highlight Athletic department work this year.

The lounge, rated a \$10,000 improvement, is at the north end of Mac Court and will contain a kitchenette, sofas and tables and chairs. The outside wall facing the hall will house new Oregon trophy cases.

### Lettermen Financing

Lettermen are donating the money for furnishings. At present, however, the lettermen have had difficulties in acquiring selected cherrywood.

Ted Bouck, athletic business manager, stated that the project should be completed by basketball season.

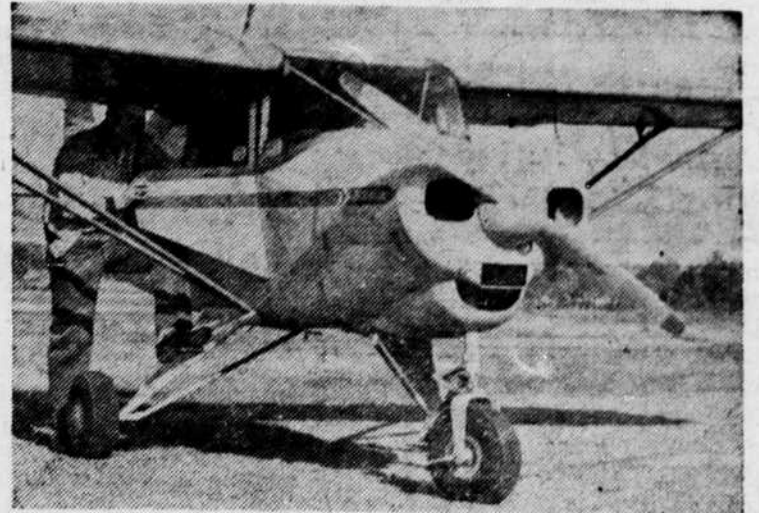
### Howe Field Gets Fence

Improvements in Howe field include leveling left field and rigging a fence around the entire outfield. Upon construction of the wall, a ball clearing the fence in the air will be an automatic home run and one bounding over the barrier will be an automatic double.

"This project should develop Oregon's diamond into the best collegiate park on the coast, with the possible exception of Stanford," Bouck stated.

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