

# EMERALD Sports

## Duck Tracks

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Football polls, a weekly feature of the sports pages during the fall season, are supposedly the measure for judging the abilities of college elevens. There are pre-season, weekly and post-season picks by wire services, magazines, newspapers, etc. The experts call their shots and the public can judge for itself.

Let's take a look at the latest Associated Press top ten teams and speculate on their chances of remaining in such favor. Many a favorite for national ranking in early predictions and ratings have fallen far into the depths of football limbo, such spectacular examples as Washington State and Mississippi being noted in recent years.

Maryland (1): The Terrapins are over their biggest hurdle in defending national champion UCLA and have a good chance of completing their schedule unscathed. With a devastating split-T attack under the guidance of quarterback Frank Tamburello, Jim Tatum's men have only five Atlantic Coast conference rivals, plus Syracuse and L.S.U., between them and another trip to the Orange Bowl on New Year's day.

### Kramer Leads Wolverines

Michigan (2): Bennie Oosterbaan's Wolverines will receive a stern test this weekend as they entertain Army's sixth-ranking club. Sparked by giant Ron Kramer, the Michigan club is a favorite for the Rose Bowl, but must yet play such Big Ten rivals as Northwestern, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio State.

Oklahoma (3): Aiming for a spot against Maryland in the Orange Bowl, the Sooners are again proceeding to make a shambles of the Big Seven conference race. In fact, they have yet to lose a circuit game in many years. They meet Texas, Oklahoma Aggies and six more conference rivals. Bud Wilkinson has another winner.

Georgia Tech (4): After their opening victory over a highly-regarded Miami team, the Engineers figure once again to be the class of the Southeastern section. Probably the toughest assignment between them and an unbeaten season will be an Oct. 15 meeting with Auburn.

### Irish Bounce Back

Notre Dame (5): Even after losing most of their 1954 team, the Irish have another top eleven. With 205-lb. quarterback Paul Hornung leading the way, the South Bend club will meet such toughies as Miami, Michigan State, Purdue, Navy, Iowa and Southern California.

Army's sixth-ranking Black Knights are no longer a question mark following a decisive 35-6 win over a good Penn State team. With converted end Don Hollender at quarterback and veterans in most other positions, the Cadets have yet to face Michigan, Syracuse, Columbia, Colgate, Yale, Penn, and the big one with Navy.

UCLA (7): Still up there after their close loss to Maryland, the Bruins demonstrated their awesome power with a smashing 55-0 triumph over WSC. A big game with Iowa in October highlights the rest of the Bruin sked, with conference foes Oregon State, Stanford, Southern California, California and Washington also remaining.

### TCU Tough on Ground

Texas Christian (8): The Horned Frogs have unveiled a blazing ground attack as they jumped to the fore in the Southwest conference's action. After a win over 1954 champ Arkansas, Abe Martin's club may go on undefeated, but will probably lose at least one game in the tough SW circuit. They also play Miami in an intersectional.

Wisconsin (9): Even after losing all-American fullback Alan (The Horse) Ameche, the Badgers are right up front in Big Ten contention and a possible Rose Bowl shot. Two Jims at quarterback, Miller and Haluska, lead a standout passing game. The Ivy Williamson-coached eleven meets USC in October in an intersectional top-notch.

USC (10): Jess Hill's Trojans, led by the swift Jon Arnett, have their usual top team, and have yet to be extended in 1955 competition. But a tough slate of conference action remains, in addition to the kings-X head-knocker with Wisconsin in Los Angeles Oct. 14.

## Pirates Top Prep Teams

By the Associated Press

Marshfield, winner of four consecutive games, climbed into the No. 1 position as Corvallis topped from the top spot in the Associated Press poll on high school football this week.

Marshfield picked up 14 first-place votes and piled up 184 points in the voting by sports writers and broadcasters to gain the biggest margin any team has had this season at the top of the list.

As Corvallis, beaten by Gresham 7-0 last week, fell to fifth place, South Salem and Gresham moved up the list.

South Salem received two votes for first place to take over the No. 2 position with 162 points and Gresham received three first-place votes to move up a notch to No. 3 with 147 points.

Pendleton also moved up a notch to No. 4, followed by Corvallis, Jefferson of Portland, Cottage Grove, Hillsboro, Central Catholic of Portland and Vale.

For Vale and Central Catholic it was the first appearance in the top 10. Central Catholic got there by knocking over last week's No. 8 team, Astoria, 20-0. Astoria fell into the also-ran class.

Also falling from the top 10 was North Bend, after dropping a 20-13 decision to Coquille, another 2-A team.

The top 10, with the season record and total points in the voting.

Rank	Team	Points
1.	Marshfield, 4-0	184
2.	South Salem, 4-0	162
3.	Gresham, 4-0	147
4.	Pendleton, 4-0	105
5.	Corvallis, 3-1	85
6.	Jefferson, 3-0-1	80
7.	Cottage Grove, 4-0	69
8.	Hillsboro, 4-0	58
9.	Central Catholic, 3-1	29
10.	Vale, 3-0	24

Others: Albany 21, Astoria 11, Washington of Portland and Klamath Falls 9, McMinnville and Beaverton 8, Ontario 5, North Bend and Medford 4, Coquille and St. Helens 3, North Salem, Eugene, Bend and Junction City 2, Prineville 1.

## SF Prexy Fails Before Committee

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Damon Miller, president of the "little corporation," which owns the destitute San Francisco Seals baseball club, struck out himself Wednesday before the San Francisco board of supervisors.

Miller, fighting to keep the Seals alive, had gone to the supervisors' finance committee to get them to buy Seals Stadium from Paul Fagan of Honolulu and then rent it to the club. The club's lease expires in three years and there are rumors it will not be renewed, even if the club survives that long.

The supervisors said no. The committee rejected Miller's idea that part of the \$5,000,000 bond issue voted last year to finance a stadium for a major league club might be used for his project.

## IM Schedule

Thursday

- 3:50 Beta Theta Pi vs Phi Kappa Psi, IM field; Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs Tau Kappa Epsilon, field 1; Phi Kappa Sigma vs Phi Gamma Delta, field 2; Kappa Sigma vs Chi Psi, field 3.
- 4:45 Sigma Alpha Mu vs Campbell Club, IM field; Stafford vs Morton, field 1; McClure vs Sheldon, field 2; Nestor vs Sederstrom, field 3.

# Coast Elevens Gird for Action

In an effort to curb Colorado's powerful ground-eating single wing and winged-T attack, Coach Len Casanova ran his grid charges through two hours of scrimmage last night, concentrating on both offensive and defensive maneuvers.

Lengthy Duck offensive maneuvers were concentrated on pass patterns with special attention directed at pass protection. Preceding the heavy scrimmage, the Duck linemen ran through brisk ball reaction, tackling and blocking practice while backfield coach Johnny McKay had his speedsters limber up sore muscles in ball handling drills.

First string junior end Phil McHugh kept Duck hopes alive for Saturday by demonstrating his sticky fingers in several spectacular catches yesterday. Casanova's Webfoot warriors will taper off to light signal drills this afternoon in order to be ready for the intersectional encounter with the Golden Buffaloes this weekend.

BOULDER, Colo. (AP)—Speed and breakaway ability were sought in Colorado's offense Wednesday as the ponderous Buffaloes ran through a brisk scrimmage that featured plenty of contact work.

Coach Dal Ward threw his first and second teams at a freshman squad for more than an hour, then worked the Buffs on pass defense.

Colorado, unbeaten in two games but facing a stiff test Saturday at Oregon, had sophomores Gene Worden, a 6-3, 193-pounder, and Bob Stransky, 6-foot, 180-pounder, running at second string tailback in the single wing attack. They will spell starter Homer Jenkins at Oregon.

SEATTLE (AP)—A sophomore back and sophomore lineman, both well upholstered, have moved into the Washington varsity as it polishes for Saturday's football bruiser here with Southern California.

Jim Harryman, a 190-pound junior college transfer from Compton, Calif., has shouldered into the fullback slot and 245-pound Dick Day of Longview, apparently has clinched the starting call at right guard. A third sophomore, right half Jimmy Jones of Tacoma, has been a starter since the season began.

Husky Defense Tops  
Ranked 18th nationally, Washington will send the Pacific Coast Conference's leading defense against 10th ranked USC, which is second on the Coast in offense. The Washington starters will

average 207 pounds, two pounds more than Southern Cal. In the line, however, the visiting Trojans will average 219 against Washington's 212.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—UCLA coach Red Sanders, attempting to out-guess his ex-aide, Tommy Prothro, had the Bruins on defense Wednesday against a spread formation Sanders expects Oregon State will use Friday night.

Prothro, who worked under Sanders nine years at Vanderbilt and UCLA, has installed a Sanders-like single wing at Oregon State. "It's unusual when two single wing teams meet," Sanders said. "I'm looking forward to the game."

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP)—Chuck Taylor, who wastes few words when discussing his Stanford University football team, made his usual optimistic observation Wednesday.

"I think we can beat Michigan State," he replied in answer to a direct question. "But we'll only do it by playing one of our real fine games."

### Indians Travel

Taylor's Indians, who put together a top upset of the young football season last week by beating Ohio State, 6-0, meet Michigan State at East Lansing on Saturday.

A week ago Taylor predicted his team would beat the Buckeyes by stopping Howard Hopalong Cassidy—and that's what happened. The red-haired All America halfback gained only 37 yards, one of the lowest totals of his career.

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