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Duck Tracks

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Michigan's juggernaut rolled on, over the weekend, as the Wolverines cemented their claim on the nation's peak of football superiority. With a 14-2 win over Northwestern, Bennie Oosterbaan's eleven captured its second conference win in four victories. But neither Wisconsin nor Purdue is on the slate this season, making the winning of the Big Ten somewhat easier.

Through playing a fairly easy schedule, Maryland's split-T wizards loom as top-rankers and will probably represent the Atlantic Coast conference in the Orange Bowl. The Terps don't play Duke this year and should go unbeaten, especially with the 7-0 win over a tough UCLA team already on the books.

Ranking third in the Associated Press poll this week are the all-winning Sooners from Oklahoma. Drubbing Kansas 44-6, the Big Seven behemoths captured their 23rd consecutive win. They will likely face Maryland in the Orange Bowl come New Year's day, though they still must get past a tough Colorado team Saturday.

Welsh-to-Beagle Clicks

Led by the peerless team of quarterback George Welsh and end Ron Beagle, the Navy tide washed over Penn State by a big 34-14 count. Still unbeaten, and until last week unscored upon, the Middies face big games with Notre Dame and Duke, in addition to the gigantic with twice-beaten Army.

Duke's Blue Devils jumped to the fifth spot with their comeback win over Ohio State last Saturday. Playing in the same league as Maryland, the Duke eleven must play Navy and Georgia Tech before completing an unmarred campaign.

Michigan State swarmed all over Notre Dame last weekend, and the resulting win gave the Spartans the number six spot. Losers only to Michigan, Duffy Daugherty's club frankly entertains no Rose Bowl hopes, but stands a good chance of going unbeaten for the rest of the year.

Uclans Eye Roses

Still in a strong position is UCLA, holders of the number seven slot. After a narrow escape against a determined Stanford team last week, the Bruins should breathe easier against Cal Saturday. With only the Maryland loss spoiling their record, the single-wing powered Uclans will host in the Rose Bowl if they get past USC and Washington.

West Virginia, the last major unbeaten squad in the top ten, plays a fairly light schedule in the weak Southern conference, but is still highly-regarded as a possible contender for a Cotton or Sugar Bowl bid. They may stumble on Penn State or Pittsburgh.

Auburn rates the top group with its upset win over Georgia Tech, 14-12. Rated high in the Southeastern conference, the Plainsmen have come back despite the loss of all-American end prospect Jim Pyburn to pro baseball to post a 3-0-1 record.

Trojans Move Up

Southern California's pile-driving win over a good Wisconsin team boosted their stock considerably since their loss to Washington two weeks ago. The Trojans must win all of their remaining games to take the PCC crown, plus play Notre Dame. They are ineligible for the return trip to the Rose Bowl.

Heading up the second ten are such former powers (ex-top-ten) as Notre Dame, Georgia Tech, Wisconsin, and Texas Christian. Also rated high are unbeaten Colorado, Boston college, Yale and Holy Cross; and Baylor and Texas A & M.

In standout games this weekend, Oklahoma will play Colorado in a battle of unbeaten; Miami takes on Texas Christian in an intersectional; Wisconsin attempts to regain stride against twice-beaten Ohio State; UCLA will entertain Iowa; and Purdue will attempt to make it two straight years of victories against Notre Dame.

Pirate, Gopher Elevens Keep Top Poll Spots

By the Associated Press

Marshfield topped Oregon high school football teams in a runaway vote again in this week's Associated Press poll, with Gresham again the runner-up.

Corvallis thumped Springfield, 32-14, last week, and moved up a notch in the standings, although by only the narrowest of margins. Corvallis received 107 points in the voting to 106 for Pendleton.

Pendleton recorded its sixth straight victory, but apparently lost some support by piling up no more than a 13-0 margin in its game last week against The Dalles.

South Salem ran up an impressive 53-0 margin over Lebanon, and moved up in the poll from No. 7 to No. 5. The capital team had 88 points in the balloting to 87 for Jefferson of Portland. Jefferson dropped from No. 5 to No. 6 after managing only a last-second victory over Lincoln of Portland, 18-13.

Cottage Grove, No. 6 last week, dropped from the top 10 after losing to Prineville, 26-12. Central Catholic of Portland, No. 10 last week, also dropped out, despite a 32-2 win over Parkrose.

Eugene and Prineville were the newcomers to the top 10. Eugene dropped its first two games of the year to Corvallis and Cottage Grove, but since has compiled an impressive string of four straight, including a win over South Salem and last week's 7-0 victory over strong Albany.

Eugene will take its newfound strength up against Marshfield in coming weekend's top game. It will be played at Marshfield.

Other games will send Pendleton to Hermiston, North Salem to Gresham, Tigard to Hillsboro, Milwaukie to South Salem, Corvallis to Sweet Home, and Prineville to Lakeview.

The top 10, with the season record for each team:

1. Marshfield, 5-0	180
2. Gresham, 6-0	158
3. Corvallis, 5-1	107
4. Pendleton, 6-0	106
5. South Salem, 5-1	88
6. Jefferson, 5-0-1	87
7. Hillsboro, 6-0	58
8. Vale, 6-0	46
9. Eugene, 4-2	34
10. Prineville, 5-1	26

Others: Cottage Grove 24, Central Catholic 18, Albany 9, Junction City and Medford 8, Milwaukie and Ontario 6, St. Helens 5, Grants Pass and McMinnville 3, Dallas 1.

Auburn Soph AP Line Pick

By the Associated Press

A sophomore seldom is named lineman of the week, but Jimmy Phillips of Auburn gained the honor Wednesday.

Phillips, an end, won the award for his stellar performance in helping Auburn upset Georgia Tech 14-12 last Saturday. He topped the nominations in the weekly Associated Press poll of sportswriters and broadcasters.

Behind 12-7, Auburn drove 80 yards for its winning touchdown in the last period with Phillips catching passes good for gains of 7, 12 and 20 yards despite the frantic efforts of Tech defenders. The last catch put the pigskin on the Tech 5 and set up the winning TD.

Phillips, hailed as the successor to Auburn's famed Jim Pyburn, was equally good on defense. He turned in a tremendous job in harrassing Tech's runners.

Jerry Elliott, Auburn's other end, likewise turned in a fine job as did end Ronnie Beagle for Navy against Penn State. Beagle was George Welsh's best receiver as the Middies crushed the Nittany Lions.

Buck Nystrom, Michigan State

guard, was praised for his part in helping MSU upset Notre Dame. So was center Jimmy Jones of North Carolina who scored his team's only touchdown against Maryland.

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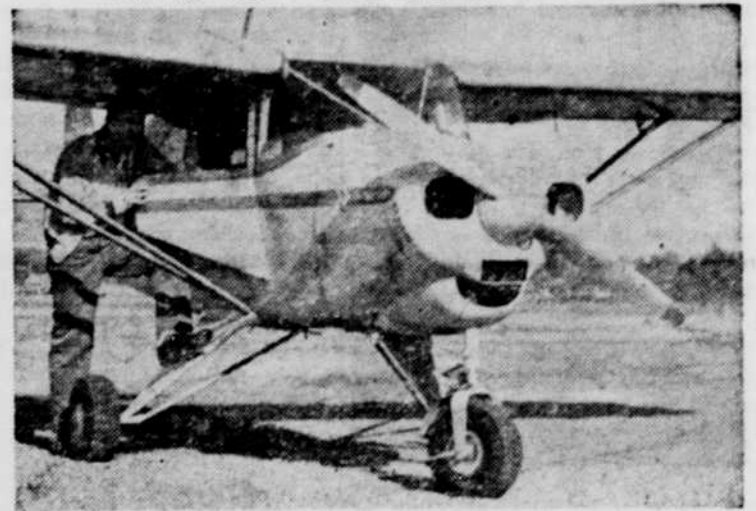
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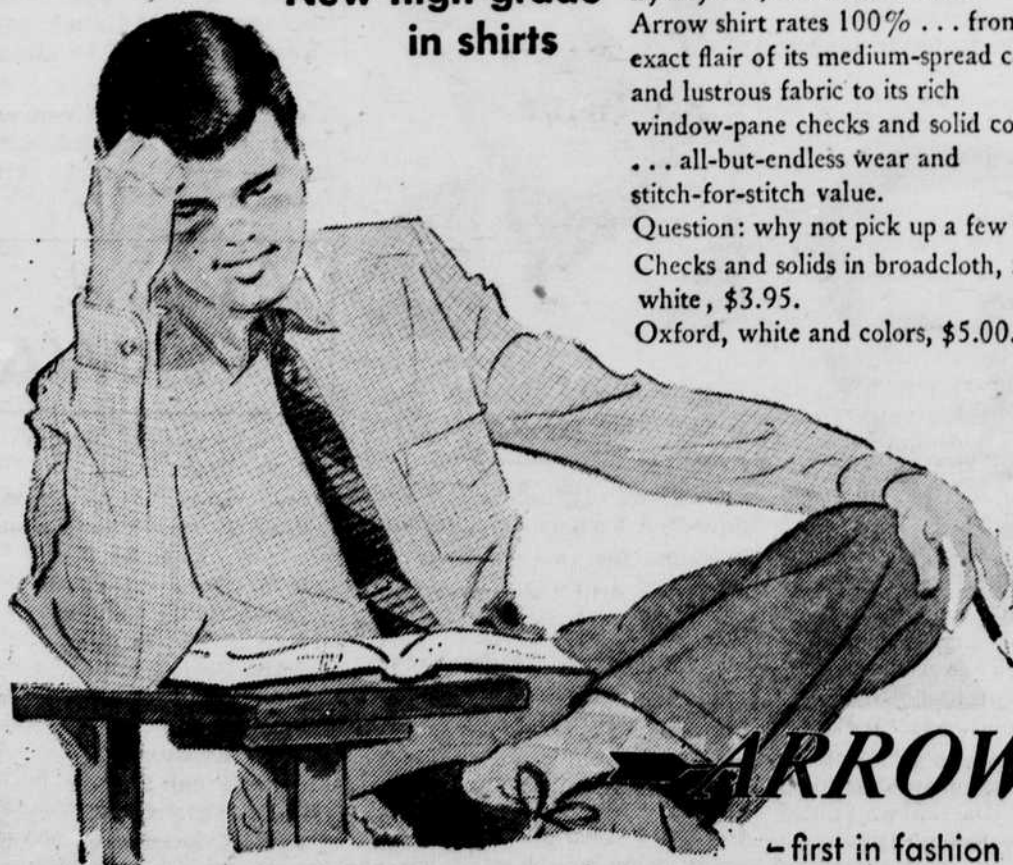
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