

EMERALD Sports

Duck Tracks

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The 1955 football season is on the downhill swing and a peek at the prospective bowl picture is in order. Which teams will participate in the post-season contests is not settled until all selections are made by the bowl committees and conference commissions, but certain ones are emerging head and shoulders above the others as candidates.

A look into the crystal bowl:

ROSE BOWL, at Pasadena, Calif. UCLA vs. Michigan.
The Uclans from Westwood, led by tailback Sam Brown, appear to be the best bet for a January 1 bid. According to a Pacific Coast conference ruling, Southern California is ineligible this year. Washington, which defeated USC and was tied Saturday by Stanford, faces UCLA November 12. This clash should decide the matter. A note of caution; the PCC votes for its representative on the basis of "its most representative team" regardless of the number or nature of its wins or losses during the season.

The Michigan Wolverine, with All-American end candidate Ron Kramer out with "a bruised chest," has stumbled through the past two Saturdays; defeating Northwestern 14-2, and coming from far behind to edge Minnesota's Gophers 14-13 for the little Brown Jug. With Kramer back in shape, the Wolverines should go all the way with Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio State remaining on the schedule. The strong, speedy Michigan State Spartans, defeated by Michigan, are at a handicap playing only six conference games this year. Michigan and Wisconsin play seven each. The Spartans can decide things this coming weekend by defeating the reefing Badgers from Wisconsin at Madison. Trounced by Ohio State 26-16 Saturday, and USC 33-21 the week before, this is a "must" win for Wisconsin.

Okies—Tops at Miami

ORANGE BOWL, at Miami, Fla. Oklahoma vs. Maryland.

This is the only clear-cut bowl picture as both teams appear to be shoo-ins in their respective leagues. The Orange bowl contract is between the Atlantic Coast and Big Seven conferences.

SUGAR BOWL, at New Orleans, La. Navy vs. Auburn
If the Middies get by Army they should return for their second Sugar bowl appearance in as many seasons.

The undefeated but once-tied (by Kentucky) Auburn Tiger edged Georgia Tech 14-12 and must be favored to win the tough Southeastern conference. They still need to get by four conference opponents: Tulane, Mississippi State, Georgia, and Alabama. Led by bone-jarring fullback Joe Childress, and one of the country's fastest lines, the Tigers look good.

TCU Dallas Bound

COTTON BOWL, at Dallas, Tex. West Virginia vs. Texas Christian.

The Mountaineers got by tough Penn State 21-7 Saturday and still must face Pittsburgh and Syracuse. The twice defeated Panthers upset mighty Duke Saturday, but a rugged schedule may hurt their chances against West Virginia. The Orangemen, thin in spots, must be reckoned with as conquerors of Army. If the Mountaineers from Morgantown win these two they deserve the shot.

Predictions of any nature are usually fatal in the Southwest conference. The lean and hungry Texas A & M cowpokes, rushing along two years ahead of schedule, showed class whipping Baylor 19-7 last Saturday. This solid performance after the stunning upset of TCU places Coach Bear Bryant in "coach of the year" consideration. However, the youthful Cowpokes are ineligible for bowl competition this year due to conference disciplinary action on recruitment procedure.

Southern Methodist is beginning to surge after a sluggish start and cannot be discounted. Neither can one let Texas Christian's vaunted ground attack be under-estimated. Many a writer has had his fingers scorched trying to gauge the fireworks in this interesting conference, but it looks like TCU in the Cotton Bowl.

Phillips '5' Pens Ex-Duck

The Phillips 66 basketball team has finally extracted the most irritating thorn in its side since the heyday of Frank Lubin, Ace Gruenig, and later, Don Barksdale.

Chet Noe, 6'7" cage powerhouse from Washington high school, in Los Angeles, by way of the University of Oregon, has, for the past three years, given the 66ers a case of the proverbial "fits." In 1953, Noe was virtually the entire show for Eugene, Ore. Everybody's Drugstore, the unheralded crew that astounded the basketball world by bouncing Phillips in the second round of the National AAU tournament. Noe scored 28 points as Everybody's won, 66-52.

From Seattle to Houston

During the 1953-54 season, Noe was the ace of the powerful Seattle Buchans and hit 25 and 21 points against the 66ers in two games. Last season he was with the Houston Ada Oilers, of the National Industrial Basketball league, and connected for 27 points in his final NIBL appearance against Phillips.

The meat in this chestnut? Noe is now a Phillips 66er.

With the withdrawal last summer of the Ada Oilers from the NIBL, Noe decided to cast his lot with the seven-times NIBL champions and current National AAU titleholders.

Starred in High School

Noe is by no means (no pun intended) a late flash in the pan. While at Washington high school, he was a two-year letterman and twice all-city choice. In his senior year, he set a new Los Angeles scoring record of 26 points per game and was honored as the "Player of the Year" in the city. Washington went undefeated (27-0) in winning the Los Angeles city championship under Coach Norm Schachter.

At the University of Oregon, Noe set a new freshman scoring mark, then earned three varsity letters under Coaches John Warren and Bill Borchert. In doing so, he was named to the All-Pacific Coast conference team in 1953, was voted to the all-northern division team twice, captained the Ducks in his senior year, became the highest scorer in Oregon history (20 points per game) and broke the PCC rebound record. He concluded his collegiate career by playing in the New York East-West game. He earned AAU All-American honors with Everybody's Drugstore in the 1953 tournament.

Position Switch Planned

Noe last year established himself as one of the top rebounders in the NIBL and scored consis-

tently in the top amateur league in the country. Phillips Coach Gerald Tucker is planning to use Noe at a forward position rather than at his accustomed center slot.

The redoubtable Chuck Darling, Bob Mattick, a one-year

veteran, and Burdette Halderson, All-American newcomer from Colorado U., will man the pivot position in fine shape, but it is doubtful that any of these three could move out to a forward spot like the extremely mobile Noe.



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4:35—French A vs. Hunter A, court 40.
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