

Ducks, Beavers to Battle

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JOE FRANCIS, Oregon State's sophomore sensation, is the key to the Beaver single-wing attack from his tailback post. Injured since the COP game, Francis has sparked the Staters with his accurate passing and deceptive running. Currently a question mark for the Homecoming battle Saturday, Francis will be in uniform and will probably see action if at all needed.

Probable Starters

Oregon	Oregon State
George Slender, 187.....LE.....	Norm Thiel, 182
Capt. Lon Stiner, 213.....LT.....	John Witte, 223
Reanous Cochrane, 198.....LG.....	Bob Riggert, 198
Art Weber, 196.....C.....	Bob Hadraba, 192
Spike Hillstrom, 189.....RG.....	Vern Ellison, 216
John Raventos, 214.....RT.....	Howard Buettgenbach, 202
Phil McHugh, 186.....RE.....	Bob DeGrant, 184
Tom Crabtree, 188.....QB.....	Ron Siegrist, 173
Dick James, 174.....LH.....	Ray Westfall, 188
Jim Shanley, 168.....RH.....	Sam Wesley, 160
Jack Morris, 188.....FB.....	Tom Berry, 182

Bruins, Beavers Still in Running For Coast Crown

PACIFIC COAST CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct.
UCLA.....	5	0	0	1.000
Oregon State.....	5	1	0	.833
USC.....	3	2	0	.600
Oregon.....	3	3	0	.500
Washington.....	3	3	1	.500
Stanford.....	2	2	1	.500
California.....	1	4	1	.200
Washington State.....	1	4	1	.200
Idaho.....	0	4	0	.000

It seems to be all UCLA in the Rose Bowl picture and the conference championship as the 1955 grid campaign on the west coast draws to a close.

The mighty Bruins, masters of the single-wing running and passing attack, top the circuit with a perfect 5-0 mark, though just edging Washington last weekend, 19-17, on a last-minute field goal.

Oregon State, the other team with a shot at the top spot, meets Oregon in the Ducks' Homecoming battle in Eugene. If the Beavers win and UCLA should lose to USC, the Staters will win the conference title. But an earlier 38-0 loss to the Bruins would probably keep them out of the Rose Bowl contention.

A vote of conference schools on the most representative team is required before a team may assume the host role in the bowl. The conference champion usually goes, but it does not necessarily have to.

Southern California will be attempting to salvage its season with an upset over its crosstown rivals. The Trojans had an idle week just past but have yet another game with Notre Dame.

Other traditional battles will send California to Palo Alto in an attempt to keep its Axe in the Big Game with Stanford; Washington State will leave its frozen campus to fly to Seattle for their annual game with Washington and Idaho will entertain Montana at Moscow.

Tickets On Sale

Reserve and general admission tickets will go on sale at 9 a.m. this morning. The 15th St. booths at Hayward field will be open. Reserved seats will sell for \$4. General admission prices are \$1 for children and students and \$2 for adults. The McArthur court ticket window will be closed today.

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Capacity Crowd Seen For Civil War Classic

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Oregon plays Oregon State today.

The game will excite little interest on the coast and less in the nation, but to the teams involved it is the only game of the long, hard season that really counts. It'll be a thriller.

The cross-state rivalry goes clear back to 1894, when Oregon played its second varsity football game and Oregon State (then Oregon Agricultural college) its sixth. The Beavers won that one, 16-0, but Oregon holds a 28-23 bulge in the series, with seven ties dotting the record book.

A capacity homecoming crowd is expected to fill Oregon's Hayward field for the contest, which pits the speedy

back when edged out by the flashy Francis. Against Cal he started at tailback and threw the touchdown pass, a perfect strike to Wesley on the 20. Westfall was second in total offense for the Beavers last year and had the best passing average—.469.

Ron Siegrist is the blocking back in Prothro's single wing machine, and he's a good one. He won letters in '52 and '53, but dropped out of school last year. Actually a defensive specialist, Siegrist clears the way for many a Beaver gain.

Tom Berry, another letterman, rounds out the Orange backfield at full. He dashed 71 yards for a touchdown against the Bears, but most of his running is confined to smashing gains.

The Oregon backfield, called by many observers the speediest in recent Duck history, operates from the split-T, designed to shoot fast-cutting backs Dick James, Jack Morris and Jim Shanley around end for fat gains. Running the option, quarterback Tom Crabtree, a converted half-back, can run, pitchout or pass.

If he elects to lateral back, Crabtree has three of the fastest backs on the coast to choose from. James, the old standby who will be playing his last game in Oregon span-gles, is winding up his third season of regular varsity duty.

He received the nomination of the Associated Press regional board for All-America honors for his hard-running feats on offense and his heads-up defensive play.

Balding Jack Morris, whose return from the service gave the track team as well as the grid squad a shot in the arm, is probably the fastest man—in uniform or out—on the coast. Clocking in 9.8 for the hundred last spring, Morris has given the Duck full-back spot tremendous speed as well as power.

Up from the Frosh and doing one of the best first-year jobs in a long time is stocky Jim Shanley, who led the Duck runners all season. Speed to burn and power when it's needed have been Shanley's contributions.

Crabtree's guiding hand has faltered a few times, but for a first try at quarterbacking, the Coos Bay junior is doing an outstanding job. His deception and passing have improved with every game.

Backing up the starters are Jack Brown, Hank Loumena and Chuck Osborne, all good fast halfbacks, Fred Miklancic, a jarring fullback, and Jack Crabtree, whose passing has been sharp in several games this year.

The Oregon State line has provided lots of opportunities for the Beaver backs. Tackle to tackle, the Orange forward wall has plenty of heft and ability.

John Witte and Howard Buettgenbach make one of the toughest tackle combinations the Ducks have seen all season. Witte at 223 and Buettgenbach (pronounced BITZ-en-aw) at 202 are big, fast and experienced—the latter is team co-captain.

Vern Ellison, 216-pound junior, and Bob Riggert, 196-pound senior, will probably start at the guards, while Bob Hadraba and Larry Stevens alternate at center.

Ends Norm Thiel and Bob DeGrant have been doing most of the pass-catching this year.

The Oregon line was holding its own against far heavier op-

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TOMMY PROTHRO
An awakening at Corvallis

T-formation Ducks against the powerhouse single-wing style used this year by the Orange.

The Beavers have surprised their way into second place in the conference and a 6-2 overall record. They opened the season by taking apart a weak Brigham Young team, 33-0. Next the hustling Orangemen upended the potent Stanford Indians, 10-0, but lost their next two games, 38-0 to UCLA and 13-7 to COP.

Then the Beavers launched a four-game winning streak, including WSC, Washington, Idaho and finally Cal in their conquests. Overall, they have tallied 126 points while holding the opposition to 92.

The Ducks, on the other hand, have a 5-4 record to point to, including four straight until the loss to Stanford last Saturday. They started off by edging Utah's Redskins, 14-13, but dropped their next three, 42-15 to USC, 19-7 to Washington, and 13-6 to Colorado.

In the Webfoot victory column are a 21-0 rout of Cal's Golden Bears, a 46-27 runaway over Arizona, and 25-0 and 35-0 whitewashings of Idaho and WSC, respectively.

The Webfoots are now tied for fourth in the conference, with a .500 league record.

Key man in the Beaver attack all season has been big tailback Joe Francis, the triple-threat Hawaiian sophomore. But Francis sat out most of the Cal game because of a bad right shoulder, and indications are that he will see only limited action at best today.

Surprise third-quarter fill-in for Francis at the important tailback post last week was little Sam Wesley, and he carried the load more than adequately. He scored one touchdown on a pass from Ray Westfall and set up the deciding field goal with his breakaway running.

Westfall, a junior from Honolulu, was the starting tail-