

Bridesmaid Ducks Try 9-Team PCC Season

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Oregon's basketball team, a bridesmaid in conference play for 10 years, gets set for a shot at the top of the nine-team PCC Friday with the opening game of the year, a non-counting contest with Oregon State here.

For the first time in many years, at least in the five since Coach Bill Borchers has skippered the Ducks, Oregon is being regarded as one of the teams to beat on the coast. This is doubly impressive since the champion will have eight teams instead of four to beat this year.

Last season Oregon finished second in the Northern Division race behind strong champion Oregon State. It was the third year in a row that Borchers had guided his team to at least a share of the Division's second spot.

The 1954 Oregon squad had few veterans and little experience. Only four lettermen formed the base of the unwieldy 18-man squad but Borchers' excellent coaching and a burly bruiser named Jim Loscutoff gave the Webfoots the strength to finish with a .500 season.

Gone from the 1955 team are Loscutoff and Howard Page, the amazing left-handed playmaker who Borchers turned from a second-stringer into a star. Only eight out of a squad of 18 who saw varsity play last season are on the 24-man squad this season.

Returning letterman are scarce. Center Max Anderson and Guard Jerry Ross, both two-year lettermen and starters last season, are back. Ray Bell, another two-striper, is also around for his final season. Two other junior lettermen, starting Guard Phil McHugh and sub forward Ed Bingham, are the other seasoned returnees.

Three varsity reserves from last year complete the list of old faces. Forward Frank Werner and Bill Moore plus Guard John Lundell played little but learned a lot.

Besides the terrific improvement shown by the lettermen since last year, two transfers and three sophomores figure to see a lot of action. Charlie Franklin, a starting football end, are both new to Oregon this year but have added much to the squad. Top sophomore prospects include Guard Wimp Hastings, Center Hal Duffy and Forward Paul Tucharadt.

The first five for the OSC game, and likely the season, shapes up with Anderson at center, Franklin and Bell at forwards and Ross and McHugh at guards. The rest of the traveling squad at the moment looks to be Hastings, Duffy, Werner, Bingham, Lundell, Tucharadt and Slender.

A run-down on the first five: Max Anderson — Sure to be starting center. Stands 6'7" and weighs 215 pounds, in his senior year. Two-year letterman, starter both seasons. Was 15th in ND scoring last year with 127 points and fourth in rebounds with 170. Has been hitting hook shots consistently in scrimmage, worked alone to improve during spring and summer. A tireless worker and top rebounder. Could be big star with Loscutoff gone.

Ray Bell — Set at one forward post. Rugged at 6'5" and 201 pounds, a senior. He has been hot and cold in winning two letters. Probably most improved player on squad. Has improved shooting and floor play tremendously.

Charlie Franklin — Has nailed

down a starting forward spot despite inexperience. Very agile with 6'3" spread over 184 pounds. Played freshman ball at Los Angeles City College after being all-star in high school. Picking up Oregon system fast. Good rebounder with variety of shots. Has potential to become one of Oregon's greatest in next three years.

Jerry Ross — Switched to guard from his last year's forward post. Starter most of time last year to win second letter. A real fighter under basket despite being only 6'1" and 176 pounds. Had poor shooting percentage in 1955 but much improved this season. An inspirational player and always a scrambler.

Phil McHugh — Back at starting spot at guard despite missing three weeks of practice until end of football season. A steady performer at 6'1" and 190 pounds. Coolest and smartest man on squad. Broke in as starter last year with only two weeks of varsity practice. Was top sophomore on coast. Seldom shoots but will be Oregon playmaker.

The Webfoot squad has been

working since Nov. 1 getting ready for the rough 26 game schedule ahead. The new 12-foot foul lane and a difference in personnel has changed the Oregon system somewhat, but speed will still be essential in the Duck attack. Rough full-length scrimmages have been frequent and the team should be at full pitch for the opener with Oregon State.

Following the Duck-Beaver encounter, Oregon will take on Colorado next Tuesday and follow that up with non-conference games against Brigham Young, Northwestern, Michigan, Colorado A. & M., Portland university and Washington.

Conference series with California, USC and WSC are slated for Eugene with the Ducks traveling to Idaho, Stanford, Washington and UCLA.

As for the conference race, Oregon has a definite title chance. Washington lost the least and looks stronger on paper, as does UCLA. But the Ducks have as good a first team as anyone. They could go all the way.

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Steeler Bonus Pick Surprise of Draft

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers passed over all the nation's more highly publicized college football players to select a 25-year-old defensive quarterback as their bonus Monday in the National Football league partial player draft.

Coach Walter Kiesling of the Steelers named Gary Glick, a comparative unknown from Colorado A&M college, after Dan Rooney, club personnel director and son of owner Art Rooney, drew the lucky slip from the hat.

No Northwest players were picked Monday.

After Pittsburgh dropped its bombshell by picking Glick, the first three teams in the regular

draft quickly grabbed the players everyone though were sure-fire bonus material.

San Francisco and Detroit, tied for last place in the league standings, tossed a coin for first choice and the 49ers won. Coach Red Strader unhesitatingly named Earl Morrall, the brilliant quarterback in Michigan State's multiple offense.

Detroit wasted no time picking Howard (Hopalong) Cassady, rugged running halfback from Ohio State's Big Ten champions, and the Philadelphia Eagles, badly in need of help for the fading Chuck Bednarik, grabbed Bob Pellagrini, the standout University of Maryland linebacker.

Other first round choices were: Art Davis (Miss. St.), Pittsburgh; Joe Marconi (West Va.), Los Angeles; Joe Childress (Auburn), Chicago Cards; Jack Losch (Miami, Fla.), Green Bay; Lanney Moore (Penn State), Baltimore; Menan Schriewer (Tex.), Chicago Bears; Charley Horton (Vanderbilt), Los Angeles; Ed Vereb (Maryland), Washington; Preston Carpenter (Arkansas), Cleveland.

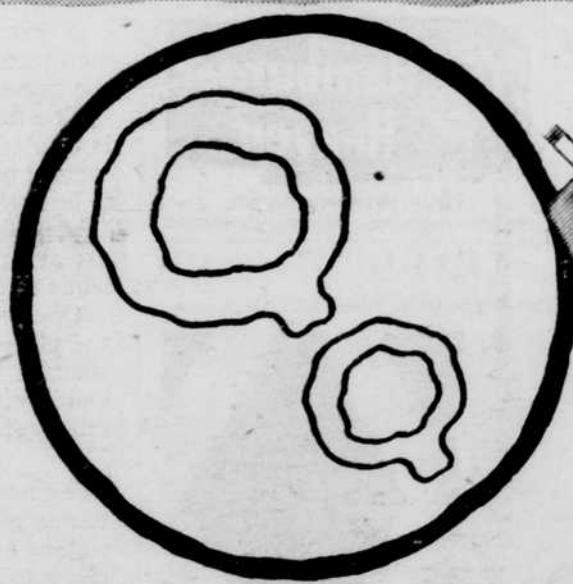
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