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Duck Tracks

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The wire services are currently buzzing with the news of the annual pro football draft selections and again this season it has local significance (besides regional) with the picking of Oregon backs Jack Morris and Dick James by the Los Angeles Rams and Washington Redskins, respectively.



DICK JAMES
Redskins, Eskimos or Army?

Of course last year was the big one around the Eugene scene with the choice of George Shaw as the number one bonus choice by the Baltimore Colts and subsequent naming of Jack Patera and Ron Pheister by the Colts and 49ers. The season unfolded with Shaw and Patera playing leading roles in the Colts' resurgence to grid prominence.

Now, with two more Ducks in the picture, things are again livened considerably. The speculation on whether Morris will remain in school (with two potential years of stardom ahead of him) will be indeed interesting. It will be recalled that in 1947, the Rams drafted Oregon's Norm Van Brocklin ahead of the completion of his eligibility. But, as in the Morris "case," the graduation of the player (under normal four-year progress) came before the draft, under the NFL rules.

Offense or Defense?

What the Rams have in mind for Morris is questionable at the moment. Possibly he could be used as a flanker back-end similarly to Bob Boyd and Tom Fears. Or his speed and running ability could prove useful as a defensive halfback, kickoff returns and punt returns. Or even offensive halfback like this year's star Ron Waller, would be a good spot for the shift Morris.

James' future is also somewhat uncertain, though he can, of course, go ahead and not worry about remaining collegiate competition. Drafted by the Redskins, the second-place team in the Eastern division this past season, James might be utilized as strictly an offensive performer, or exclusively as a defensive back. Among the other Skin draft choices were backs Eagle Day of Ole Miss, Ed Vereb of Maryland, Jerry Planutis of Michigan State and Pat Uebel of Army, all essentially offensive stars.

Another possibility for James is Canadian football. The Edmonton Eskimos have expressed an interest in James and may make a better offer. The Eskies are defending Canadian pro champions for the last two years, having beaten Montreal in two Grey cup games. The arm injury incurred while swimming (that kept James out of the Shrine game) may also keep him out of military service, but the effect on his football career may be less.

Backs Chief Selections

Among the other draft selections, it was apparent that backfield men were the chief objects as usual. With ten of the twelve teams naming a back as first choice, only Philadelphia (with center Bob Pellegrini of Maryland) and Chicago Bears (end Larry Ross of Denver, later traded to Cleveland) dissented. The Rams also selected backs Charley Horton of Vanderbilt's Gator Bowl champs, John Marshall of Southern Methodist, wingback Jim Decker of UCLA and fullback Joe Marconi of West Virginia (in a trade with New York).

And some of the top Coast players went to top teams in the league. Champion Cleveland picked up (if they sign) all-American tackle Paul Wiggin of Stanford and 6' 6" end Chuck Griffith of USC. UCLA's Jim Brown, all-American guard went to Chicago's Cardinals, ends Leon Clarke of USC and Jim Carmichael of UCLA went to Los Angeles, and end Johnny Herrman of UCLA went to the Giants. A Washington State end, Arnie Pelleur, also went to the Rams.

Bruin Ace Leads PCC As Team Averages 87.8

LOS ANGELES — UCLA's Morris Taft has hit the basket at the brilliant pace of 54.5% in maintaining his scoring lead in the Pacific Coast conference, it was disclosed today by figures from the PCC commissioner's office.

Taft has scored 105 points in his first four games for an average of 26.3 per contest. And his deadliest work has been from the floor where he got 84 of the points on 42 field goals in 77 attempts for 54.5%.

Franklin, Bell High

Others in the select group of 50% or better include Charlie Franklin, Oregon and Carroll Adams, UCLA, 53.5%; Ray Bell, Oregon, 52.8%, and Jim Kaufman, Southern California, 50%.

The shooting performance of Idaho's Bill Bauscher from the free throw line also has been a spectacular one. He has hit every one of 20 attempts for 20 points and 100%. Bill Bond, Stanford, has 87.5%; Bob Blake, California, 85.7% and Jack Mitchell, Idaho, 84.2%.

While Taft has maintained the scoring lead with his spectacular floor shooting, teammate Willie Naulls has held the second scoring spot with his rebounding. Naulls has captured 71 rebounds out of a possible 363 for 19.6%. Second in rebounding is Washington's Jim Coshaw, 16.1%, followed by Barry Brown, Stanford 13.8% and Franklin, 13.6%.

Naulls Close Second

Naulls' scoring average has been almost on pace with Taft's. Big Willie has scored 92 points for an average of 23 per game. Third is Larry Beck, Washington State, 85 points. Beck had the biggest scoring splurge of the yet young season as he scored 34 points against UCLA last Friday night.

Other scoring leaders include Dave Gambee, Oregon State, 70

points; George Selleck, Stanford, 62, and Jay Buhler, Idaho, 60. Max Anderson, Oregon, ranks 11th in total points but second only to Taft on averages. He has scored 47 points in only two games for 23.5 per game.

In team scoring UCLA's fast-breaking Bruins have averaged 20 points a game better than their nearest rival in the conference and rebounding is the vital department in which they have exerted their superiority, figures from the PCC commissioner's office showed today.

Bruins Hit 87.8 Pace

UCLA has averaged a blistering 87.8 points per game in their four outings to date and ranks first in rebounds, third in field goal percentage, fourth in free throws, fifth in defensive field goal percentage and seventh in total defense.

Southern California is second in total offense with 67.5 points per game with Idaho third, 66. UCLA has captured 224 rebounds to its opponents 139 for 61.8%, followed by Oregon, 55.7%, and Southern Cal, 53.5%.

Oregon has the best shooting mark on field goals, 44.6%, on 46 goals in 103 attempts, with USC, 41.8%, and UCLA, 40.7%, next in line.

Vandals Free Throw Leaders

Best free throw shooting team is Idaho with 86 points in 112 attempts for 76.7%. Washington has 71.7% and Stanford 66.3%. The best defense has been exhibited by Washington which has allowed foes but 50 points per game. Southern California has allowed 54 and Stanford 56.3.

Washington also has restricted foes to the lowest percentage on field goal attempts, having allowed only 32 goals in 112 shots for 28.6 per cent. Stanford has allowed 31.1 per cent and Southern California 32.9 per cent.

Final examinations at several

schools restrict the Conference schedule this weekend. Washington and Washington State meet at Seattle, Oregon and Idaho at Moscow and Stanford and Oregon State at Corvallis. All will be Friday and Saturday night series except at Corvallis where the Saturday game will be regionally televised in the afternoon (channel 6, 2 p.m.).

Scoring	G	FG	FT	PF	TP	Avg.
Taft, UCLA	4	42	21	11	105	26.3
Naulls, UCLA	4	31	30	9	92	23.0
Beck, WSC	4	28	29	12	85	21.3
Gambee, OSC	4	26	18	13	70	17.5
Selleck, Stanford	4	24	14	9	62	15.5
Anderson, Ore.	2	14	19	9	47	23.5
Franklin, Ore.	2	8	5	2	21	10.5
Bell, Ore.	2	9	2	9	20	10.0
Ross, Ore.	2	5	3	4	13	6.5
McHugh, Ore.	2	4	3	5	11	5.5

Field Goals	G	FGA	FG	Pct.
Taft, UCLA	4	77	42	.545
Franklin, Oregon	2	15	8	.533
Adams, UCLA	4	15	8	.533
Bell, Oregon	2	17	9	.528
Kaufman, USC	4	24	12	.500
Anderson, Ore.	2	29	14	.483

Free Throws	G	FTA	FT	Pct.
Bauscher, Idaho	4	20	20	1.000
Bond, Stanford	4	16	14	.875
Blake, Cal.	4	21	18	.857
Mitchell, Idaho	4	19	16	.842
Patnoe, Wash.	2	12	10	.833
Perkins, Wash.	2	6	5	.833
Anderson, Ore.	2	26	19	.731

Rebounds	G	Opp.	Reb.	Pct.
Naulls, UCLA	4	363	71	.196
Coshaw, Wash.	2	149	24	.161
Brown, Stanford	4	298	41	.138
Franklin, Oregon	2	140	19	.136
Anderson, Oregon	2	140	18	.129
Bell, Oregon	2	140	11	.079

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