

# Ducks, Buffaloes Collide Saturday

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The Oregon Ducks are airborne today, bound for Boulder, Colorado, and Saturday's season-opener with the Colorado Buffaloes. Coach Len Casanova and his band of Webfoots left early this morning via United Airlines, with revenge of last year's gift-wrapped defeat uppermost in their collective minds.

Webfoot fans should recall that contest with ease; six Oregon fumbles offset a 366-191 yardage margin to give Colorado their 13-6 triumph. The Ducks did everything well but hang on to the football, and chances are good



**JACK BROWN**  
Speedster Ready for Buffs

that this unhealthy situation will be remedied come Saturday, due to pre-season ball-handling preparation.

Colorado and Oregon first met in 1949, when Norm Van Brocklin and company boosted the Webfoots to a 42-14 rout of the Buffs. The next year saw a weakened Duck squad fall to their Rocky Mountain rivals by a 7-21 count.

Then followed a five-year interlude, broken by last year's heart-breaker at Hayward field. Thus the Buffaloes hold a two-one edge in the series, and the Ducks aren't forgetting this for a minute.

From the standpoint of experience, Oregon appears to hold an advantage over the Coloradoans, who were hard-hit by graduation last spring. Both clubs boast 20 returning lettermen, but a good percentage of Dal Ward's outfit saw only limited action last year, while most of Oregon's 20 are veterans.

The two teams are nearly even in size, neither squad possessing a really heavyweight average. Biggest man likely to see much action is 216-pound tackle Jerry Kerschner, while Colorado has a couple of sophomore linemen at 220.

In a breakdown and comparison of each position, the Ducks stand out particularly strong in the backfield, and appear more powerful in the center and guard slots, too.

Specifically, Oregon's fine quarterback trio of Tom and Jack Crabtree and Roger Daniels should offset the passing arm of Colorado's Dick Hyson, a heady junior who likes to throw the ball. The two Crabtrees are much improved since last year, and their ball-handling has been impressive since this fall's drills began. Senior Tom Crabtree will get the starting nod.

The Buffaloes don't appear to

have anyone to match the speed and power combination of Jack Morris, a fine fullback in any league. Due for a good season is Morris' understudy, genial Fred Miklancic, a power-house runner and blocker. Colorado will probably use LeRoy Clark, a good runner who is slated to alternate at times with an old face at the position, John "The Beast" Bayuk.

A good bet to gain national recognition this year is Oregon's right halfback, Jim Shanley. The quick, elusive Shanley will probably pair with trackman Jack Brown to give the Ducks real breakaway potential at the two halfback positions. Colorado is rumored to have a future great in right-half Dick Dove, but lack of experience will keep him from matching the efforts of Shanley and Brown.

Oregon and Colorado appear most nearly matched at the end spots, and if a passing game develops, this position may well hold the key to the final outcome. The Buffs definitely have two excellent wingmen in Frank Clarke and Wally Merz, both part-time regulars last year. Clarke, in particular, is a strong offensive ball-player, and should be the favorite target of any Buffalo passing attack. His defensive work of last season was below par, but the rangy end will be a definite threat.

The Webfoots can boast of only three lettermen wingmen, but that trio should provide a good nucleus for pass-catching duties. Captain Phil McHugh has been really outstanding in preseason drills, and can be counted on for a third and final great season. Husky J. C. Wheeler will probably fill the other end post, and he too has glittered in early sessions.

Right behind this pair, and definitely starting possibilities, are Bruce Brenn, Ron Stover and the third letter-winner, Bill Tarrow. If the Duck quarterbacks will throw, chances are good that there will be plenty of Duck ends to receive their offerings.

If the two teams look equally strong at the end spots, they seem to be similarly lacking in experienced tackles, a situation Coaches Casanova and Ward have bemoaned. The Ducks lost three out of last year's first four tackles via graduation: Shrine-game nominee and Captain Lon Stiner, and Harry Johnson and Jim Potter. Colorado will sorely miss the services of All-Conference Sam Sa-



**LEN CASANOVA**  
His Boys Look Good

lerno, a 225-pounder who did his work well against Oregon last year.

For replacements, the two squads will try large but inexperienced men. Oregon will probably field one letterman and one transfer. Due for this action are ex-Bend high star Chuck Austin and Everett J. C. transfer Jim Linden, a huge sophomore. If an injured shoulder permits, letterman John Raventos may replace one of these. Two other promising but green tackles are Jerry Kerschner and Bob Grottkau.

Colorado has a number of possible starting choices, all fairly hefty but no one of particular speed. Sophomore Dick Wooten and Senior John Golder should draw Coach Ward's nod. Several hopefuls up from the Frosh squad will provide an unknown amount of depth.

Two-year letterman Harry Mondale and one-stripe-winner Jack Pocock will give Oregon a one-two punch at guard, although last year's regulars Reanous Cochrane and Spike Hillstrom will undoubtedly move in before the game is old. The combination of these four stalwarts should provide a good margin over the Coloradoans, who are definitely on the shallow side here, with injuries and demotions rife during the past week.

Buffalo center Charlie Brown is known to be a "real hustler," and the starting position will fall to either him or veteran Charlie Uhlir, although the latter has had recent back trouble. Once again the Buffs aren't deep in this department, and Norm Chapman, Casanova's pick for starting honors, should hold the edge through experience. Backing him up is letterman Nick Markulis and promising sophomore Pete Welch.

Coach Casanova drilled his fast-moving machine vigorously during the early days of the week, concentrated on passing and pass defense on Wednesday, and tapered off Thursday in preparation for the Boulder game.

Interviewed Wednesday, "Cas" revealed a few facts about Colorado's new "multiple offense," a recent development of Buff coach Dal Ward. It will likely consist of one-third single-wing plays and approximately two-thirds split-T and wing-T. The Oregon mentor went on to say that such an offensive system is difficult to deal with, and remarked that "a lot will have to work out during the game."

Casanova expressed worry over his tackle situation, and named John Raventos as a doubtful player because of a shoulder injury. Raventos worked out without pads Wednesday, but finished the week's work back in his usual harness.

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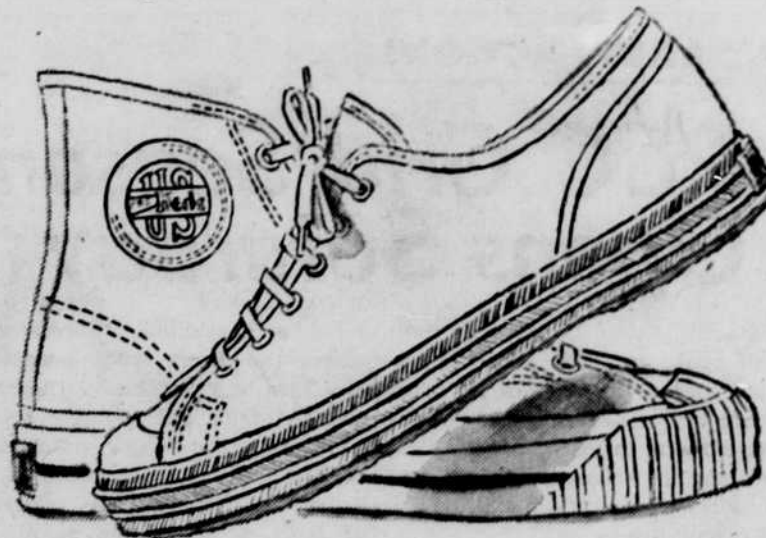
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