

# Duck Tracks

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College football makes its big bid to shoulder the national pastime out of the limelight this weekend, as most of the big time elevens take to the gridiron in the pursuit of victory or, at least, honor. Harassed by a sweeping purge of under-the-table aid, the Pacific Coast conference will still be able to field colorful, powerful teams.

**UCLA opens the parade Friday night by taking on a strong Utah aggregation in Los Angeles. The Ukes have lost most of 1955's stars, either through graduation, or the conference crackdown, but Henry (Red) Sanders has never been known to put a poor team on the field. It has often been said that UCLA has better football players walking around in street clothes than most schools have on the field, and this will be Sanders' chance to prove it. Utah's Redskins have been picked to nab the Skyline conference title, on the basis of Coach Jack Curtice's 24 returning lettermen, including a big, strong line and a fast backfield.**

Darrell Royal makes his debut at Washington as his Huskies meet the scrappy Idaho Vandals in the Washington stadium Saturday. Washington has line crashing Credell Green and the memory of last year's hard-fought 14-7 victory over the Vandals to spur them on to a win. Idaho, as usual, has little but spirit.

### Beavers Meet Missouri

Another game sure to draw the attention of Northwest fans is the Oregon State - Missouri tussle in Columbia. The Beavers, now acquainted with the Tommy Prothro single wing that took them to second place in the PCC last year, will be out to prove that they can do it again. Coach Don Faurot's Missouri Tigers may have the manpower to make his split-T operate this year, and if the guessers are right, they should pull a second place in the Big Seven.

Stanford travels to Pullman for a game with Washington State which should be little more than a workout for the powerful Indians. Chuck Taylor has his ace quarterback John Brodie back to direct the attack, and with All-America Paul Wiggin anchoring the line from his right tackle position, the Indians should have little trouble with the green Cougars.

California takes on the ornery Baylor Bears in Berkeley, and the Battle of the Bears should be a humdinger. New Coach Sam Boyd has a high-spirited bunch of Baylors, while Cal's Pappy Waldorf has a strong backfield, most of which was sidelined with injuries last year.

### Irish Strong Again

On the national scene, Notre Dame opens her third season under young Terry Brennan with a road game against SMU. The Irish have probable All-American Paul Hornung back in the fold as quarterback, and with this triple-threat around, they are always dangerous. Southern Methodist's Mustangs lost all of their starting backfield, so should yield little opposition.

Venturing out on a very shaky limb, and strictly on ye editor's own hook, here's our idea of a pre-season All-Coast team (or call it a roster of men to watch this year).

At the ends, we've got Cal's Roger Ramseier and Stanford's Gary Van Galder. Ramseier was one of the most under-rated players on the coast last year, as he was playing under Jim Carmichael's shadow. Yet he caught 17 passes for 209 yards. Van Galder caught 20 for 232. At the tackles, we've got to have Stanford's Paul Wiggin and Oregon State's John Witte.

At guard, we'll take Oregon's own Spike Hillstrom, a second-string Conference selection last year, and Don Gilkey, another Cal performer. At center we'll put UCLA's lone contribution, Jim Matheny. In the backfield: Stanford's Brodie, Oregon's Jim Shanley, Southern Cal's Jon Arnett (even if he does get only five games), and Washington's Credell Green.

Every fall, the Emerald sports crew attempts to match the Williamson system with game selections of their own. Remember, these picks are not to be used for any form of book-making. The selections:

	Howser	Larimore	Ramsey	Wilson	Chapman	Mitchellmore
Oreg. vs. Colo.	Oreg. 14	Oreg. 14	Oreg. 12	Oreg. 14	Oreg. 7	Oreg. 6
Wash. vs. Idaho	Wash. 6	Wash. 14	Wash. 14	Wash. 28	Wash. 12	Wash. 26
UCLA vs. Utah	UCLA 21	UCLA 20	Utah 2	UCLA 28	UCLA 14	UCLA 16
Baylor vs. Cal.	Baylor 21	Baylor 6	Baylor 1	Baylor 6	Cal. 6	Baylor 6
Texas vs. USC	USC 14	Texas 1	USC 7	USC 14	USC 12	USC 6
Mo. vs. OSC	OSC 7	Mo. 6	Mo. 14	Mo. 7	OSC 6	OSC 6
Stanford vs. WSC	Stanf. 20	Stanf. 20	Stanf. 28	Stanf. 33	Stanf. 14	Stanf. 16
N.D. vs. SMU	ND 6	ND 19	ND 13	ND 14	ND 20	ND 16
Baldwin Wallace vs. Geneva	B.W. 13	B.W. 13	B.W. 28	B.W. 6	B.W. 21	B.W. 66

# Pro Grid Teams Near NFL Season Openers

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Once again, the "big boys" of football, the professional ballplayers, start their league wars. Sporting lots of flashy backs and beefy linemen, the "play for pay" boys are looking forward to a year in which any team could look for the championship.

With such former college greats such as George Shaw, Dick James, Jack Patera, Alan Ameche, Billy Vessels, J. C. Caroline, Doak Walker and Hugh McElhenny, they sport a brand of football which cannot be matched anywhere else.

### Veterans Back, Too

To go along with this "younger blood," there are such veterans as Norm Van Brocklin, "Tank" Younger, Frankie Albert, Y. A.



DICK JAMES  
Local Boy Makes Good

Little, and Otto Graham to give the pros experience and cool thinking. With the lineups of stars which some teams collect, it is little wonder that the college all-stars have a rough time staying close in their series of games.

The National Football League, which is split into two divisions, can look forward to a prosperous season, with the upcoming close pennant races and the upswing of interest in pro games. (Witness the 27,000 fans who saw the Rams and Giants play in Portland as indication of the interest).

In the Western division, the Chicago Bears look like the team to beat, with the Rams and Colts pressing them hard. The next three places, as well as the first three, look like a flip of the coin affair. Green Bay looks stronger this year and could take fourth, while the 49ers and the Lions are generally picked for the bottom rungs.

Except for the Bears, who narrowly lost out in a close race last year and are much stronger this

year, the prospect of picking any order is about as good as finding a palm tree on the top of Mt. Everest.

### Browns Tough Again

In the Eastern division, the Browns look like the team to beat again this year, as they have been the last several. Here again, picking the order of finish is rough, but it looks like the New York Giants, the Philadelphia Eagles, the Washington Redskins, the Chicago Cardinals, and the Pittsburgh Steelers, in that order. Except for the Steelers, who could play a spoiler's role but little else, this race could also be tight and exciting.

The Bears, with a young team, are picked on the basis of a large return of youngsters from the service, and some of their choice draft picks.

Norm Van Brocklin of the Rams, and the venerable old man of Oregon football a la Cotton Bowl days, is starting to slow down and lose a little of the zing his arm used to have. He's still first class, but he's going over

the hill, as are Elroy Hirsch, Tom Fears, and "Deacon Dan" Towler.

### Wade Can Move In

Even without Van Brocklin, the Rams still have a highly competent signal-caller in Billy Wade.

Next on the list is the team dear to all Oregon hearts. With George Shaw doing a tremendous job of quarterbacking and Jack Patera playing vicious defensive ball, the Colts are followed avidly by Oregon fans. Their chances this year look extremely bright, and a slip by the Bears or Rams could mean the top of the heap for the Colts.

The Packers are putting most, not all, but most of their chips on versatile Tobin Rote, outstanding quarterback who frightened the league last year when okay, and panicked his coach, Lisle Blackburn, when injured. Blackburn has several good first-stringers, but lack of depth will probably hurt him this year.

The Pittsburgh Steelers play the Rams at Multnomah stadium this Saturday night.

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