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Duck Tracks

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The haze focused above the big bowls is clearing. Two weeks remain in the regular season, but the boys who pick the teams for the January classics can see through the football fog and the chance remains that the Rose and Sugar Bowls will offer a rematch of four teams that have already played each other in '56. The Orange Bowl gets the also rans, and the Cotton Bowl should remain undecided until next week.

Since Oregon State and Iowa have virtually clinched the Pacific Coast conference and Big Ten races, Pasadena fans can hope for a repeat of the 14-13 thriller won by the Hawkeyes on Oct. 6. The Beavers need only a split in their final two games against Idaho and Oregon to sew up the PCC. Iowa must beat or tie Ohio State this Saturday to nab the Big Ten.

Neither team has actually played in the Rose Bowl. Oregon State was the PCC representative in 1942, but the game was moved to Durham, N.C., because of World War II. The Beavers beat Duke 20-16 in that one. Iowa hasn't won a conference title since 1922.

Sugar Bowl Top Tilt

Another rematch at New Orleans could be the best game of the day if it comes off, that between Tennessee and Georgia Tech. The Vols beat the Engineers last Saturday, 6-0, both squads going into the game unbeaten. Tennessee is a virtual cinch to get the nod as host team, with the pick of Georgia Tech still a matter of doubt. They could wind up in the Cotton Bowl. Still an important factor, however, is the Louisiana segregation laws which forbid Negroes and whites to participate on the same athletic field. This should rule out any top Northern team.

The Orange Bowl at Miami should wind up with little to offer to viewers. Since Oklahoma, the certain Big Seven champ, is ineligible for a repeat visit, the nod should go to either Colorado or Missouri against the current Atlantic Coast leaders, Clemson. Colorado and Missouri battled to a 14-14 standoff Saturday, but the Tigers must play Oklahoma this weekend and need a victory to gain the nod over the Buffs. Let's consider this impossible!

Clemson had been tied twice, but remain undefeated against teams like Presbyterian, Virginia Tech and North Carolina State. Maryland tied them last week, but the Tigers have only one league game remaining, that against oft-beaten Virginia.

NCAA Sidetracks A&M

The Cotton Bowl is still in shambles. Texas A&M remains the favorite Southwest conference team, but must beat Rice and Texas to gain a clear cut crown, its first in 15 years. Besides Rice and Texas, the Aggies face one other obstacle, that off the NCAA who placed them on probation for certain recruiting violations (shades of the PCC) and this could force them out of any bowl.

If Texas A&M gets the big bounce, then the Southwest representative comes from the second place team, probably Baylor since the Bears currently are in the second spot.

Opposition to either A&M or Baylor should come from two top Eastern teams, Syracuse or Pittsburgh. The Orangemen have lost only one this year while winning six and play Colgate in their final outing. Pitt has been beaten twice, California winning 14-0 and Minnesota 9-6, but a super-human schedule which included Syracuse, Duke, Notre Dame, Army, Penn State and Miami among others, could be the reason for the two setbacks. Bar none, the Panthers have the nation's toughest schedule, and could get the Cotton Bowl nod.

Finally, the Gator Bowl. The Jacksonville game should wind up with either Pitt or Syracuse, probably the team that doesn't get the Cotton bid. Opposition could come from various teams, Texas Christian, Penn State, Mississippi, or what have you. This week should decide it all.

USC Next for Gridders; Belko Drills Hoopsters

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The rains came down Monday but the Oregon football Ducks ran through a light practice session in preparation for a Saturday tussle in Portland against the Southern California Trojans. Meanwhile the basketball squad went through their drills in the gym.

Head Coach Len Casanova sent the Webfoots through light defensive drills, then capped off the workout with movies of the Washington State game, away from the drizzle which fell during the latter stages of practice.

The Ducks came out of the Cougar tilt without serious in-

jury, although several starters came up with minor ailments. Bruce Breen, starting end, worked out with a gash in his leg, suffered in the first quarter against WSC.

Jack Brown, speedy halfback, and Tom Crabtree, quarterback who netted 166 yards Saturday in the Homecoming contest, turned up with minor charley horses.

Otherwise, the Ducks are in top shape for the afternoon skirmish in Multnomah stadium against the once-beaten Trojans, who lost to Stanford two weeks ago. To win this one, the Webfoots will be geared to stop C. R. Roberts, elusive Troy fullback and PCC rushing leader.

His counterpart Jon Arnett is gone, but Roberts has taken over where Arnett left off in driving coast defenders dizzy with his running.

While wet grounds hampered an all-out workout by varsity footballers, head basketball coach Steve Belko sent his hoopsters through offensive and defensive patterns, and finished off with a half-hour scrimmage.

Belko sent Wimp Hastings, Hal Duffy, Eli Morgan, Bud Kuy-

kendall, and Henry Ronquillo against Paul Tucharth, Ed Bingham, John Lundell, Dick Valentine and Don Steen to cap off the two-hour practice session, a bloody one at that.

Bingham suffered a gashed eye early in the scrimmage, forward Roger Diddock took an elbow in the nose, and forward Bill Moore twisted an ankle, but none of the injuries were serious and all three will practice tomorrow.

Belko is experimenting with Morgan at forward, the 6'6" former Grant high center possessing the height woefully needed in the coming campaign. If the change is successful, Morgan will team with another 6'6"er, Hal Duffy who could get the starting center post.

Opening action is slated for Dec. 7 against Portland University in a doubleheader at Corvallis. Oregon State will play the University of Texas, with the Oregon squads exchanging foes the next night at Eugene.

Vols Top Sooners On Weekly Ballot

By JACK HAND

The Associated Press

The Tennessee Volunteers are the No. 1 football team in the latest Associated Press poll, edging out Oklahoma by two points in the closest vote of the season.

Although Oklahoma earned 92 first place votes among the 159 ballots from sports writers and sportscasters and Tennessee received 58 first, the point total gave the Vols the nod 1446 to 1444.

Point totals are figured on the basis of 10 for first, nine for second and so on down to one point for tenth. Michigan State in third place was back with 293 points.

Despite Oklahoma's 44-0 romp over Iowa State for its 37th straight victory, Tennessee drew more attention from the voters by its 6-0 victory over Georgia Tech in the Atlanta struggle of the unbeaten.

One voter failed to list Oklahoma among the top 10 teams. Tennessee's strength rested in its harvest of 75 second-place ballots to 34 for Oklahoma.

Oklahoma led the pre-season poll and topped all other regular season voting with the exception of one week when Michigan State took over.

Michigan State advanced to third with three firsts after its 12-9 edge over Purdue while Georgia Tech dropped to fourth on its defeat by Tennessee. The Texas Aggies held tight to fifth on the strength of a 33-7 decision over Southern Methodist and Ohio State moved up a peg to sixth by thrumping Indiana 35-14.

Iowa made the most startling gain, all the way from 15th to seventh by its 7-0 conquest of Minnesota. Idle Miami remained eighth, Syracuse clung to ninth by bouncing Holy Cross 41-0 and Michigan again rounded out the top 10 with a 17-7 victory over Illinois.

Among the second 10 there was a great shuffling with Minnesota falling all the way from sixth to 17th. Texas Christian, Colorado, UCLA and Stanford dropped out of the top 20 and George Washington, Mississippi and Princeton took over. Oregon State moved to 11th.

The weekend schedule calls for four games among teams rated among the best in the nation. Tennessee (1) entertains Mississippi (19), Michigan State (3) is at Minnesota (17), Ohio State (6) at Iowa (7) on Saturday afternoon and Miami (8) plays host to Clemson (13) in a big Friday night game.

Marshfield Eleven Holds First Place

Seven of the eight teams in the class A-1 high school football playoffs are represented in the final Associated Press prep poll of the season, with Marshfield and Medford again leading the way.

Ever since the season-opening poll two months ago, Marshfield has won the No. 1 rating from sports writers and broadcasters voting in the AP poll.

'Mural Managers Scheduled to Meet

An important intramural manager's meeting has been scheduled for Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in room 206 of the PE building.

It will be necessary for managers of all teams with the possibility of entering the volleyball playoffs to attend this meeting as drawings for opponents in these playoffs will be made.

If there is any doubt as to whether a team is eligible for the playoff, the manager of the team should check with Tom Williams in room 206 of the PE building.

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