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Duck Tracks

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As usual, the outcome of the Oregon-Oregon State "Civil War" game will have little effect outside the state of Oregon. But this year there's a small difference. In most years, neither team was going anywhere after the game except, perhaps, to bed. Nobody cared what happened to Oregon and OSC because the Rose Bowl team and the title winner had long been since decided or was to be fought out in California on the same Saturday.

This year nobody cares because, regardless of what happens Thanksgiving day in Corvallis, the Beavers are going to the Rose Bowl. So neither team has anything to gain or lose. Except the glory of beating the other, which is plenty to make it the most exciting game of the season.

Although the season's records traditionally go out the window for this game, it's still tempting to toy with the figures. If you compare scores against Washington, Washington State, Stanford and UCLA, the Beavers are way ahead. But on the basis of games against Idaho, California and Southern Cal, the Ducks earn the nod. Maybe if you added them all up, found the mean and subtracted the average weight of the coaches, you might arrive at something. At least something as meaningful as any other statistics you could dream up to lean on.

Upsets Are Nice, But . . .

But let's not forget that the Black Bandits are favored by just about every "professional" picker we've seen this week. And they're not a Rose Bowl team for nothing; they've got some of the best backs on the coast and their line is led by All-American John Witte. Let's not get the idea that, just because upsets have been the rule rather than the exception in this game, we're bound to win. The Ducks have their work cut out for them, and here's hoping that a goodly number of fans can postpone their turkey dinners long enough to help 'em out.

This, of course, isn't the only traditional game being played this week. Northward, Washington and Washington State meet in what should be one of the best games of that series. Washington's Huskies suddenly found themselves last week, with an amazingly lopsided victory over Stanford. WSC was doing the same thing, edging Cal, 14-13. It should be a high-scoring, free-for-all type game, with touchdowns coming thick and fast, weather permitting.

The two California classics should also be good ones. USC meets cross-town rival UCLA, and Stanford takes on cross-bay rival California. Nobody except students and alumni ever puts much money on either of those games, but this year the Trojans and the Indians seem to hold a slight edge. USC will be stinging mad after losing to Oregon last week, and Stanford's John Brodie will be looking to justify his All-America choice.

Big games elsewhere: Iowa vs. Notre Dame, TCU vs. Rice, Michigan vs. Ohio State, Pittsburgh vs. Penn State, Tennessee vs. Kentucky and Hampton vs. Virginia Union. Thus the Emerald pickers, sidestepping upsets like true champions, hurl themselves at the tenth week of predictions, which should be the last unless the urge to pick bowl games flares too high.

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Oregon vs. OSC	Ore. 6	Ore. 7	Ore. 7	Ore. 1	Ore. 6	Ore. 10
Washington vs. WSC	Wash. 13	Wash. 14	Wash. 13	WSC 1	Wash. 21	Wash. 1
Stanford vs. Cal.	Stanf. 4	Stanf. 6	Stanf. 7	Stanf. 13	Stanf. 7	Stanf. 6
UCLA vs. USC	UCLA 1	USC 12	UCLA 2	USC 7	USC 1	UCLA 2
Iowa vs. Notre Dame	Iowa 13	Iowa 14	N.D. 1	Iowa 7	Iowa 13	Iowa 13
TCU vs. Rice	TCU 3	TCU 1	TCU 13	TCU 14	TCU 12	TCU 1
Michigan vs. Ohio State	OSU 6	Mich. 6	OSU 6	Mich. 6	Mich. 3	OSU 6
Pitt vs. Penn St.	Pitt 15	Pitt 14	P.St. 7	Pitt 7	Pitt. 3	Pitt 1
Tennessee vs. Kentucky	Tenn. 21	Tenn. 20	Tenn. 19	Tenn. 13	Tenn. 14	Tenn. 20
Hampton vs. Virginia Union	Hamp. 479	Hamp. 12	Hamp. 29	Hamp. 12	Hamp. 12	Hamp. 6

Belko's Hoopmen Drill for Opener

King football takes his last fling tomorrow at Corvallis, while the Oregon basketball Ducks, with an opening contest only two weeks away, continue extensive practice sessions in McArthur Court.

Head Coach Steve Belko locked the doors Monday for a week's practice devoted to defensive and offensive patterns, but even a probable starting lineup against Portland U., Dec. 7, remained a mystery.

Belko experimented with two squads Tuesday, pairing Eli Morgan and Henry Ronquello at forwards, Hal Duffy at center, and Dick Valentine and Bud Kuykendall at guards. They faced another five comprised of Roger Diddock and Ed Bingham at forwards, center Paul Tucharth and guards Wimp Hastings and Johnny Lundell.

Out of these ten, plus Charlie Franklin, Bill Moore and Phil McHugh, should come a starting five. Franklin is still ineligible, awaiting a make-up exam next week. Moore will be out for another week or two with a broken ankle, and McHugh is expected to turn out Monday, following the conclusion of the Webfoot football season.

Belko remains optimistic about the coming schedule, with the Ducks facing eight Pacific Coast Conference opponents plus a rough intersectional pre-season schedule. A lack of height poses the biggest problem with Hal Duffy and Eli Morgan, at 6'6", the tallest of the 16 squad members.

The height deficit should be particularly made up by the five speedy guards, Hastings, Valentine, Kuykendall, Lundell and McHugh, together with an offensive attack built around the five guards mentioned.

Valentine continues to impress observers in practice

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with an outstanding shooting ability, both from the inside and outside. Hastings, who broke into the starting line-up against Oregon State at the close of last season, has looked good in scrimmages this week, with a fast-driving style of play.

There will be no Thanksgiving vacation for the hoopsters, who will take Thursday off but resume drills Friday afternoon.

The action against Portland U will be the first of four double-headers scheduled at Eugene and Corvallis. Oregon State will play Texas in the other game, with the Oregon schools switching opponents the next evening at Eugene.

Lettermen Meet

Order of the O will meet today at noon at Delta Tau Delta, according to president Chuck Austin.

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