

Pro Clubs Aim For NFL Title As Slate Opens

Football fans throughout the country can expect another great season of pro-football. Each club is expected to give battle for their respective division crown and the N.F.L. title.

In the Eastern division, the defending champs from New York will again have back all the power that won the N.F.L. crown for them last year. With such greates as Frank Gifford and Charley Conerly holding the reins, the Giants can count on a repeat performance this year. Gifford last year ran up a total of nine touchdowns, eight extra points, one field goal, this and pro-football Player of the Year will be heavily depended upon.

Conerly, who completed 90 out of 174 passes for the champs last year, will be in the driver's seat.

So with Gifford and Conerly running the show, the New Yorkers should have little trouble gaining a top spot in the Eastern Division race.

A team that may prove to be a thorn in the side of the Giants is the Cleveland Browns. The Browns, who last year sported the oldest players in the N.F.L., have removed these antiquities and will sport a parade of new faces in their lineup this year.

Coach Paul Brown who had twelve players last year who were thirty or older, found out that you can't win games with old men. The season's results proved this as the Browns yielded their 1955 championship to a second division 5 win 7 lose record. Now that Brown has realized this, he has recruited a whole new backfield that looks really promising. To fill in the spot of the great Otto Graham, Brown drafted young Bobby Freeman from Auburn, Canada.

In the Western division, Chicago will depend on agile, Rick Casares to again lead the bears to a Western division championship. Casares led the N.F.L. in ground gaining last year, and if Casares can keep himself from injury, the Bears can't help to end up either first or second.

But as long as cool and confident Bobby Layne is around to lead the Detroit Lions, the fight will be a tough one.

He's quick, calm, and smart. His play calling is speedy and to the point. Layne can spot a weakness fast and make good use of it.

The Lions are full of talent and strength, but they'll have to be at their best all season long to get anywhere in such a well balanced league.

The kids from California, namely the Los Angeles Rams and the San Francisco 49'ers, will also be hard to beat. Los Angeles has already proved that they have a team of championship quality in pre-season competition. With Van Brocklin throwing and Brodie catching, a better combination couldn't be found.

San Francisco will be the team to watch. Their new mentor, little Frankie Albert, is confident that he can lead his Golden Gaters into the first position despite his lack of experience.

There's not one weak team physically or financially in the N.F.L. this year. For certain, another great season of Sunday football is in store for the many thousands of ardent fans.

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Webfoots Open Drill Sessions For UCLA Contest Saturday

Oregon's Webfoot gridders will be looking for more offensive punch this week as they open preparations for their coming PCC battle this Saturday night against UCLA's youthful, but powerful Bruins at Multnomah Stadium.

Head coach Len Casanova sized up his team's last-minute 6-3 loss to Pittsburgh Saturday night this way: "We were victims of our own mistakes."

He singled out the 45-yard pass play from Leroy Phelps to Jim Shanley late in the first half that was nullified by a penalty as one of the teams most costly errors.

Judging from UCLA's performance last Friday against Illinois, the Ducks won't be able to afford such mistakes again.

Red Sanders' Bruins pounced on an Illinois fumble that led to one touchdown, and a blocked kick that produced another. Along with a field goal and two key pass interceptions, the Uclans made their breaks count for a 16-6 triumph. It was their second victory of the season. Their first was a 47-0 drubbing of an undermanned United States Air Force Academy eleven the week before.

If Oregon can find the secret to success inside their op-



LEN CASANOVA
His Club Faces Bruins

ponent's ten-yard line, however, they will be mighty hard to beat. Against the Panthers Saturday night the Ducks rolled to the six-and four-yard lines in the third

period, but scored only three points on Jack Morris' 13-yard field goal.

Against Idaho the previous week, Oregon had first and one on the Vandal one-yard line but couldn't score—they won the game anyway 9-6 on another Jack Morris field goal.

The Ducks are expected to be stingy again on defense. Thus far they've allowed only one score a game and are especially tough when their opponents near yardage.

Statistically, the edge would go to UCLA, but they haven't faced the competition that Oregon has. The Bruins have gained 394 yards rushing and 221 passing for a 615-yard total, while Oregon has 375 yards rushing and 93 passing for a 468 offensive total.

Defensively, the Uclans have allowed 226 yards rushing and 193 passing. Oregon defenses have given up 358 yards rushing and 226 passing.

UCLA figures to be a better club than the team that defeated Oregon last year, 6-0. In that one Webfoot halfback Jim Shanley's 89-yard opening kickoff runback to the Bruin goal line was nullified by a penalty, and ended all chances for an Oregon upset.

This year the Ducks will

have the homey Oregon atmosphere to their advantage and a more experienced backfield. From their two showings thus far this year, the line looks just as capable as last.

Sanders has had almost all sophomores and juniors to work with due to the PCC penalties inflicted on the Bruins, but he has 15 lettermen to work with and a host of excellent first-year varsity men.

Watch halfback Kirk Wilson, and fullback Barry Billington to carry the brunt of the Bruin ground attack. The Ducks won't be so tremendously outweighed in the line as last week, but UCLA has a good line and a strong defense.

'Mural Football Slated to Begin

The Oregon Intramural program begins its 28th year here next Monday, Oct. 7, when touch football activities get underway. Under the direction of Dr. Paul Washke all these years, the IM's have become an essential and beneficial part of University life, serving as a sports outlet for Oregonians who are not participating in varsity athletics.

According to a release from the IM office, the Fall Term program will include touch football and "A" and "B" volleyball. A meeting of the Intramural managers of all participating organizations has been slated for Thursday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m.

According to Washke's announcement, "A" and "B" volleyball will be on a round-robin league basis. Organizations entering only one v-ball team will play in the "A" league, and "A" players may not play on a "B" squad. Further rules may be discovered in the IM Handbook.

Dr. Washke and his staff urge that all IM entry blanks must be turned in on or before 2 p.m. today (Tuesday).

Phi Delta Theta won last year's All-Year IM championship, which includes all points earned in fall, winter and spring-term intramural activities. Sigma Phi Epsilon and Hale Kane finished second and third respectively.

According to Tom Williams, IM coordinator, there is a shortage of touch football referees—persons interested should visit the intramural office.

Yanks Favored to Triumph Over Braves in '57 Series

The 1957 World Series opens tomorrow at Yankee Stadium with the champions as solid favorites to win their eighth championship in the last 10 years. Yanks receive their favorite role due to the world series experience of such men as Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra, Joe Collins, Whitey Ford, Gil MacDougald, Hank Bauer and others. New York defense is also a strong reason why the champs are favored to whip Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, however, cannot be figured out of contention as they have a better than average pitching crew and a fairly potent batting staff. Braves also will be able to compete with the Yanks in reserve strength. Much of Milwaukee's success this year is due to such stars as Frank Torre, Wes Covington, Bob Hazle and Felix Mantilla who played great ball when regulars were forced out of action because of injuries. Ed Mathews, Hank Aaron, John Logan, Del Crandall, Red Schoendienst, who has been the main cog of the Milwaukee infield since being obtained by the Braves from the Giants, and Joe Adcock are all top notch players and very good at their respective positions.

Mickey Mantle remains a big question mark and if his trick knee, which bothered him most of the season, forces him out of action the Yanks would have a

hard time beating Milwaukee.

A complete analysis of the various departments such as hitting, fielding and pitching would show the Braves and Yankees even. However, Series experience, speed and smarter base running are main factors for champs being favored.

The Series promises to be very interesting as pitching of Spahn, Burdette, Buhl and Conley should give Milwaukee hitting also is potent and could give Yank manager Casey Stengel nightmares.

Leading Prep Athletes Register at University

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The list of incoming stars of the University of Oregon was headed by Darryl Eisner of Santa Maria, Calif., starting quarterback in the California high school Shrine benefit game. The Ducks got their share of Oregon athletes including Jack Temple, McMinnville; Dave Urelle, Astoria; Gary Stensland and Jerry Olson, Gresham; and Riley Mattson, Grant of Portland.

In other sports coaches reported a large group of good prospects. They include:

Basketball

Ron Anderson, Lincoln of Portland; Sheldon Berg, Scappoose; Bob Hunt, Knappa; Butch Kimpton, Klamath Falls; Dennis McKee, Salem; and 6 foot, 9 inch Bjarne Jensen, Franklin of Portland.

Baseball

Denny Peterson and Ed Davidson, The Dalles; Sheldon Berg, Scappoose; Chuck Jacques, Jefferson of Portland; Jack Luhrs, Franklin of Portland.

Track

Jerry Close, Medford; Phil Paquin, Grants Pass; Joe Abra-

ham, Grant of Portland; Bob Sterett, Salem.

Wrestling

1957 Oregon prep 141-pound champion Larry Calcagno, Parkrose.

Golf

Joe Hallmark, Roseburg; Tom Shaw, Milwaukie; Jerry Smythe, Oswego.

Marshfield Retains Lead in Prep Poll

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Marshfield's crushing football power again has earned the Coos Bay team first place in the Associated Pres high school football poll.

But while Marshfield held on to the top spot—helped by a 39-0 victory over Lebanon Saturday—its first place margin was cut.

In the first poll of sports writers and broadcasters throughout the state last week Marshfield got 167 points, including 15 first-place votes.

Last week Marshfield held a 48-point spread over second-place North Salem.

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