

Ducks Enter 'War of Roses'

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BIG TEN CHAMPS

Bucks Have 8-1 Season

Ohio State head coach Woody Hayes goes into the New Year's Day Rose Bowl clash with what he calls "the best team in the nation," and the Buckeyes have chalked up a record to support such a statement.

The only loss of the season for Ohio State came in the season-opener when Texas Christian, on a third period 90-yard punt return by halfback Jimmy Shofrier, defeated OSU 18-14. It was only Ohio State's third opening-game loss since 1894 and they made up for that one by winning the remaining games on their schedule.

The Ducks traveled to Seattle for their second contest and after breaking a 7-7 half-time tie, they went on to roll over Washington 35-7.

Illinois was the first Big Ten team to taste defeat at the hands of the Columbus, Ohio eleven. The Buckeyes converted Illini gambles and fumbles into touchdowns to win 21-7.

Game number four was no contest. A hapless Indiana grid squad watched Ohio State ramble to eight touchdowns, six extra points, one field goal and a 56-0 thumping.

A third-period field goal by Don Sutherlin gave OSU its third Big Ten victory of the season 16-13 over Wisconsin. Both clubs scored twice in the first quarter, with one of the Buckeye scores coming on a 71-yard run by Don Clark.

Ohio State took the undisputed Big Ten lead the following week



with an easy 47-6 victory over Northwestern. Four touchdowns by Don Clark highlighted the rout.

A hometown crowd of 80,000 watched their Buckeyes pull five goal line stands and score three touchdowns to defeat Purdue 20-7. OSU scored three times in the first half; then spent the rest of the time holding the Boilermakers to one second-half tally.

The Bucks clinched the Rose Bowl berth against Iowa the following week with a 17-13 victory. Third string fullback Bob White led Ohio State with 157 yards rushing, scoring the game winning TD in the fourth quarter.

Behind 14-10 at halftime, Ohio State scored twice in the third period and once in the final stanza to drop Michigan 31-14 before 101,000 fans in the season finale at Ann Arbor, Mich.

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Two brilliant, bruising football teams will battle this New Year's Day, in the forty-second renewal of Pasadena's War of the Roses.

One, rated by its coach as "the best I've ever coached—the best in the world," enjoys as a matter of fact a number-one rating among the country's colleges.

The other team, called by its coach, "the most amazing bunch of kids I've ever known," has risen with plain determination from pre-season obscurity to the co-championship of the Pacific Coast conference and the privilege to play in the Rose Bowl.

The two great teams are Ohio State and the University of Oregon. You figure out which is which.

There's a rumor extant in the football-conscious Midwest that Woody Hayes' first-ranked Ohio Staters will do to Oregon what all but one Big Ten team has done to PCC troops since 1947: at least

defeat the Ducks, and probably pluck them "down to their yellow and green pinfeathers," as some Midwesterner has suggested.

Cas: "Good Account"

Take it from Coach Casanova, from the main cogs of the fearsome Duck attack—this dire prediction isn't going to come true at Pasadena. Cas says this: "Believe me, this isn't our first time in the underdog role; that doesn't bother us at all. This team came through from start to finish of the regular season, and they'll give a good account of themselves against whatever Ohio State has."

Last Wednesday, the Ducks jumped into their first post-season practice since 1948 to re-sharpen their Rose Bowl weapons. Following today's full-scale session, they'll take a week's "vacation" for finals, and then continue preparations at home until December 21, when they will depart for Southern California.

Cas is definitely impressed with what he sees of Hayes' charges, and doesn't hesitate to say so. They're really big—not particularly deceptive—but they evidently plan on running right over the top of you." The Duck headman was particularly keen on Ohio State's ground attack, though he rated their passing a potentially dangerous weapon.

Consider their mass: team weight average is way above Oregon's, around 207 pounds. Furthermore, this belligerent beef is well distributed: ends average out at 200, tackles 219, guards 210, center 211, and backfield about 195.

OSU Line Swift

Hayes uses both variants of the T to good effect, and the Staters' games this season seems to suggest that the interior of Oregon's line is in for an especial

ly jolting afternoon, though they will try sweeps from time to time. Briefly, their own line is tough and agile—"my best," says Woody.

From an individual standpoint, the Buckeyes, like Oregon, have nobody who was a consensus All-American, but like the Ducks, their fine season is evidently the result of terrific team effort.

Thus, Hayes has a terrific guard in Aurelius Thomas, who played alongside All-American Jim Parker last year. Thomas is big, fast and considered a good pro prospect. Most of the same applies to co-captain Leo Brown, whose 170 pounds have not kept him from becoming one of the loop's best ends—he's a fine defender, too.

A good example of the back-field depth Hayes has to work with is husky Bob White, who once upon a time played reserve center, but who racked up 157 yards in his first try at fullback to cinch the Buckeyes' crown.

Most consistent runner for the Bucks for two years has been Don Clark, a shifty left halfback who is fast when such things are required. Clark was leading ground-gainer and leading scorer last year, and teamed with White, fullback Galen (Kid) Cisco, quarterback Frank Theis, he's bound to make trouble for the Ducks.

More Amazing Yet?

Think back along the ups and downs of Oregon's season, and figure out for yourself what the Ducks have to offer in return. Remember what they were able to do with UCLA, with Stanford and with WSC, and consider something that Coach Casanova suggested just before that Stanford crucial: "they've been amazing me all season, but I think they can come up with something even better than all this."

