

Duck Tracks

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What Los Angeles sports writers said about Oregon's chances in last week's Rose Bowl must go down as one of the biggest boo-boos in newspaper history. Article after article claimed the New Years classic a "mismatch." That Ohio State escaped with a 10-7 victory is history. Sports writers in LA had to eat their words in January 2 editions of their papers.

Harley Tinkham of the Mirror News had this to say of the eve of the historic battle: "Any way you figure the game, Ohio State looks like a comfortable winner . . . This writer is picking the Buckeyes, 34-0. The way they manhandled Michigan in Ann Arbor convinced us Woody's brought something awesome here. That fourth quarter tomorrow could be terrifying." After the game Tinkham said this: "Oregon, of course, covered itself with glory in defeat. The Ducks never had to punt and amazingly led in both total offense (351 to 304 yards) and first downs (21 to 19)."

Maxwell Stiles of the same newspaper picked Ohio State by 21. Afterwards he called Oregon the "best team to represent the West since Oregon State upset Duke at Durham in 1942, three weeks after Pearl Harbor. It was the best team we've had since those teams because it had the guts and the will to win. Through most of the game it looked like a better team . . . and that's something that cannot be said on behalf of any Picfic Coast team playing the Big Ten at Pasadena since California's 28-0 win over Ohio State in 1921."

Ohio State, 42-7—Ouch!

One of Oregon's biggest "enemies" before the game was Bud Furillo of the Herald Express. Prior to the game he published a letter to Webfoot Coach Len Casanova. In it he said: "If you want to avoid running with Murder Inc. on the gridiron, get your boys out of town fast." The next day he picked Ohio State to win 42-7. He said after the game: "Best quote of the day came from Fritz Howell, the veteran Associated Press writer from Ohio, to wit: 'Ohio State looked like a champion with a black eye. They got the hell kicked out of them.' Wish I said that instead of something about a 42-7 rout. See what happens when you come from Youngstown instead of Eugene?"

Harry Culver's Rose Bowl advance in the Herald & Express told this story: "Like all good football champions of the midwest, the Ohio State Buckeyes today came to the Big Ten 'happy hunting grounds' in the Rose Bowl to celebrate New Year's Day with a scalping party against an errant Webfoot troupe from the Oregon trail . . ." The next morning his followup on the game had the same twist but a new tone: "Chins were held high in the west today, and self-respect was given a terrific 'shot in the arm' by Oregon's courageous stand in losing 10 to 7 thriller to the heavily favored Ohio State Buckeyes in the Rose Bowl."

Bob Shafer of the Pasadena Independent Star-News made this prediction: "As far as this corner is concerned, it must go the odds-makers a few points better. The prediction here is Ohio State 42, Oregon 7." After the game he said: "Quarterback Jack Crabtree and an inspired University of Oregon football team stole the hearts of 98,202 Rose Bowl spectators yesterday, but heavily-favored Ohio State 'stole' the game, 10-7."

LA Scribes Didn't Know Ducks

Of course Los Angeles sports writers hadn't really had a good look at the Ducks. Many of them saw Oregon in its average 16-7 victory over Southern California. A few of them probably saw Oregon's excellent 21-0 victory over UCLA, but seemingly they forgot about that early-season performance by Rose Bowl time. Southern scribes were apparently over-awed by Ohio State's record against Big Ten competition and paid little notice to the Webfoots' co-championship in the Pacific Coast Conference. Maybe Oregon's outstanding showing against the Buckeyes will open the writers' eyes by the time next year's Bowl rolls along.

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Belko's Cagers Edged In PCC Opener, 64-58

Oregon's basketball Webfoots built a nine-point lead, faltered, then tried to battle back before finally losing to highly-touted UCLA 64-58 in the opening Pacific Coast Conference clash of the season at McArthur Court Friday night.

The loss ended a seven game winning streak for Steve Belko's surprising hoopers but not before the Ducks put up a rugged fight in the game which saw no less than 51 fouls called.

Sophomore guard Chuck Rask paced the Webfoots to a 36-30 halftime lead and in the first 3:30 of the second half center Hal Duffy connected on a free throw and guard Bud Kuykendall added a short one-hander from the corner to increase Oregon's lead to 39-30.

From this point until 6:00 remained the Ducks were ice cold from the field while Bruin stars, center Ben Rogers and guard Jim Halsten, paced the hot-shooting Uclans to a rally which put them ahead 54-45.

Then the fireworks began. Duffy popped in a one-hander; Franklin followed with two free throws and the Bruin lead was cut to five points.

Rogers then gave UCLA two points with gift shots, but forward Dale Herron added two for Oregon from under the basket.

Following a layin by Bruin forward Denny Crum, UO forward George Padovan slipped in a lay-in of his own and added a free throw to cut the Uclan lead to four points, 58-54 with 2:26 remaining.

The Ducks got the ball back a few seconds later but couldn't hold onto it as Bruin guard Walt Torrence stole the ball and went in all alone for the layin.

Herron canned two gifters



CHUCK RASK
Leads Ducks Against Bruins

and made the free shot to give UCLA an unbeatable 63-56 lead.

The 3302 fans gave the referees a bad time at this point throwing paper onto the court and booing loudly until Belko signaled the public address announcer to tell the people to stop.

Three Webfoots and one Bruin fouled out in that wild final four

minutes. Duffy, Rask and Kuykendall of Oregon and Torrence of UCLA were blown out of the game with five fouls against them.

In all, the Webfoots were called 28 times on fouls and the Bruins 23 times.

Rogers and Halsten formed a two man team for UCLA, scoring 20 and 19 points respectively. Rask led the Webfoot scorers with 15, followed by Franklin and Herron who scored 13 and 10 points respectively.

Duffy led both teams in rebounds with 17.

The Los Angeles Californians connected on 20 for 46 and a .435 average from the field, a far sight better than Oregon's 18 for 61 which was only a .295 percentage. The Ducks' biggest downfall in accuracy came in the second half when they hit on only .207 of their shots on 6 for 29.

Belko's Webfoots travel south next week to face UCLA Friday night and USC Saturday night. Both games will be played in Los Angeles' Pan Pacific gymnasium.

UCLA	FG	FT	PF	TP
Burke, f	2	2	4	6
Underhill, f	0	0	2	0
Rogers, c	6	8	4	20
Halsten, g	7	5	2	19
Torrence, g	2	4	5	8
Miller, f	0	0	2	0
Crum, f	1	2	1	4
Archer, f	1	2	1	4
Brandon, g	1	1	2	3
Totals	20	24	23	64

OREGON	FG	FT	PF	TP
Franklin, f	2	9	4	13
Herron, f	4	2	3	10
Duffy, c	2	2	5	6
Kuykendall, g	4	0	5	8
Rask, g	5	5	5	15
Padovan, c	1	1	1	3
Davis, g	0	2	3	2
Hastings, g	0	1	2	1
Anderson, g	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	22	28	58

UO Five Runs Streak To Seven in Rockies

Wins number five, six and seven in a row were racked up by Oregon's Webfoot hoopers in their annual Christmas jaunt over the Rocky Mountain area.

After handing Utah State and San Jose St. two setbacks apiece at home, Steve Belko's cagers topped Brigham Young twice at Provo, Utah; then tripped Colorado State at Fort Collins, Colorado.

Webfoot guard Bud Kuykendall scored 19 points to lead the Ducks to a 63-55 triumph over BYU on December 21.

Oregon built up a 27-19 lead in the first half but although the hosting Cougars pulled within three points at one time in the second half, the outside shooting of the Ducks eventually paid off.

Oregon rolled up a big lead in the first half of its second game with the Cougars on December 23, then held on to take a close 79-76 victory.

Charlie Franklin, star forward on the Webfoot five, paced a strong UO first half with 15 points. At one point Oregon led by 19 points, but Brigham Young whittled down the lead to 45-34 at halftime.

The Cougars bounced back after intermission, narrowing the gap to two points with two minutes remaining, but Oregon held in a foul-filled finish.

Franklin ended the game with 20 points. He was followed by teammate Dale Herron with 18.

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