

Duck Tracks

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The second week of the 1958 Pacific Coast Conference basketball season gets underway tonight and the outlook doesn't look any clearer than it did before the season began. Surprising Southern California leads the pack with three straight wins; Oregon State is the only other undefeated club with a 2-0 record.

Steve Belko's Oregon hoopers move south in search of their first PCC victory of the season. The Ducks lost to UCLA in their only previous conference clash 64-58 but last Friday shot at less than a 30 percent clip in that one and should improve this weekend. They meet the Bruins on Friday night and the high-flying Trojans on Saturday night, both games being played at the Pan-Pacific Auditorium.

Idaho will also make the trip and play the openers in two double-headers in the Pan-Pacific. The Vandals meet USC on Friday at 7:30 while the Ducks meet the Bruins at 9:30. On Saturday, Idaho faces UCLA at 7:30 and Oregon meets the Trojans at 9:30. Coach Harlan Hodges has an improved Vandal squad which could surprise either club. Last weekend Southern Cal just managed to get by the Vandals.

Husky Five Drops

Washington has been the big disappointment in the conference thus far this season. The Huskies were defeated by USC last Monday despite 26 points by center Doug Smart. Apparently the loss of center Bruno Boin has hurt the club more than expected. Boin is staying out a year to return when the Huskies have their PCC eligibility back. Washington travels to Berkeley Friday night to face California's defensive-minded Bears; then move on to Palo Alto Saturday night against Stanford. The Golden Bears lost many of their outstanding players from the 1956-57 PCC championship team but still should be tough. Stanford, loser of both its conference games thus far, has a chance on its home court.

Washington State also makes the trip to California land. The Cougars, under coach Jack Friel for the 30th year, meet Stanford tonight and California on Saturday night. Picked to finish last in the PCC, WSC has already surprised the experts by defeating Stanford and losing a close one to USC 67-65.

Oregon State will take the weekend off but will resume action against California on Jan. 18. The Beavers have the best chance at the PCC championship. They defeated two toughies last weekend in California and UCLA and with all their starters back from last year, the Beavers look like the best bet at this time but one can never tell.

Shanley to Play Safety Position In Senior Bowl

MOBILE, Ala. (P)—Potent scoring machines were announced today for Saturday's Senior Bowl game, but the football philosophy of the opposing pro coaches was evidenced more by the defensive lineups.

South Coach Paul Brown, strong adherent of tight defenses, and Joe Kuharich, whose North team lost 21-7 last year because it couldn't stop fullback Don Bosseler's drives, placed some of their more publicized players on the defensive units.

The offensive platoons leave little to be desired, however. Kuharich's offensive backfield includes Michigan State teammates Jim Ninowski, quarterback, and Walt Kowalczyk, fullback. The halfbacks are Mike Sommer, George Washington, and Ray Nitschke, Illinois. Bobby Cox, Minnesota, will alternate with Ninowski.

Brown, Cleveland Browns coach, will counter with quarterback George Walker, Arkansas; halfbacks Phil King, Vanderbilt, and Dick Christy, All America from North Carolina State; and fullback Jimmy Taylor, Louisiana State.

The South's defensive unit will include Billy Atkins, record scorer for Auburn's national titlists; Ray Brown, star of Mississippi's Sugar Bowl rout of Texas; and All America lineman Bill Krisher, Oklahoma, and Charles Kreuger, Texas A&M.

Atkins will team with Oklahoma ace Clendon Thomas at sideback while Brown and Bill Anderson, Tennessee, will play double safety. Kuharich, Washington Redskin coach, will also use a double safety, consisting of Jim Van Pelt, Michigan, and Jim Shanley, Oregon. His sidebacks will be Les Walters, Penn State end, and Bob Stransky, Colorado.

Defenders up front for the North will include All America Alex Karras, Iowa, and Jim McCusker, Pittsburgh.

The South has a 5-3 edge in the series, in which the seniors turn pro.

Oregon won the NCAA championship tournament in 1939 by defeating Texas, 56-41, and Oklahoma, 55-37, in the preliminary rounds and then Ohio State, 46-33, in the final.

Webfoots Host UW Grapplers

Captain George Krupicka, runner-up for the Coast 167-pound wrestling championship last year, said that this year's team was in good shape and was entering Saturday's dual meet with Washington with confidence.

Krupicka has helped coach the Webfoot grapplers while head boss Bill Hammer was in the south firing up a football team. Hammer returned to his wrestling duties yesterday afternoon.

Washington, which lost last year's match to the Ducks, 40-0, will invade McArthur court at 2:30 p.m. Saturday. The Frosh will meet Sweet Home high school at noon.

Captain Krupicka said that there was a lot of spirit on this year's club, but pointed out that besides himself and 157-pound Howard Timmons no other Duck who will wrestle Saturday, has had much experience.

Besides Krupicka, who will be wrestling in the 177-pound bracket for this meet, and Timmons, other starters figure to be Gary Parks, a sophomore, 123; Ron Conner, soph, 130; Lynn Mathews, sophomore, 137; Jay Diering, junior, 147; Bob Curtis, junior, 167; and Rod Cottle, sophomore, heavyweight.

Thursday afternoon the Ducks went through a rather lengthy

workout, which included 20 minutes of callisthenics, 30 minutes practicing holds, and 30 minutes of contact or scrimmage work.

Former Mentor Denies Reports

MOSCOW, Idaho (P)—Charles "Cheerful Chuck" Finley, former University of Idaho basketball coach, denied Thursday that he had applied for the basketball coaching job at nearby Washington State.

"However, there is a possibility that I might be interested in the position," said Finley.

The Daily Idahoian said there were reports Finley had applied for the WSC post. Contacted at Fort Benning, Ga., where he is now civilian sports director, Finley issued his qualified denial:

"I have not applied for the Washington State basketball job nor have I been contacted by state officials. However . . ."

Finley coached at Idaho seven years and his teams had a record of 49 wins and 63 defeats in the Northern Division of the Pacific Coast Conference. He left after the 1955 season to coach at Mississippi Southern and then took the Army job.

Duckling Wrestlers Kick Off Season

Oregon's freshman wrestling squad opens its 1958 schedule tonight at eight against Grants Pass High School in McArthur Court, then it hosts Sweet Home High School Saturday at noon again in McArthur Court.

Saturday's match will precede the varsity's match against Washington.

The freshman team includes many outstanding prep grapplers. The Ducklings embark on a 10-match schedule which includes many of the state's top high school squads plus two meets with Oregon State.

The roster: Ben Arthur, Larry Calcagno, Roger Comean, Ned Dyal, Gerry Freerksen, Rocky Goodell, Don Hoiness, Ed Johnson, Del Jordan, Charles Lenhardt, Jim Moulds, Ron Portnoy, Garry Stensland, Roger Stephens, Duane Thompson.

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