

Duck Tracks

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What happened to the Webfoots Saturday?

This and many similar questions were asked by Oregon students, alums and townspeople following Oregon's poor weekend performance against Washington State. The result of Saturday's tilt clearly indicates how important it is for a ball club to have a proper mental attitude during grid practice the week before a given game and while the contest is in progress.

Coach Casanova expressed concern all week long regarding the attitude of Webfoot gridgers. The early season successes against Idaho, Oklahoma and California along with the press ballyhoo given the Ducks during the week preceding the WSC game definitely appeared to affect the attitude of the Webfoots.

From the start of the homecoming clash the esprit de corps and tremendous desire to win that had been so characteristic the week before against USC was lacking. The players appeared to only be going through the motions of playing football.

To the 18,500 spectators who witnessed the Duck downfall Saturday it must have looked like the Webfoot gridgers were so impressed with their football ability that they thought a win would result merely by stepping onto the Hayward Field turf.

With all the praise given the Ducks during the week and the high national rating, the Webfoots must have thought they were invincible and incapable of going down to defeat to a twice conquered foe. The Cougars proved otherwise Saturday.

Spirit Important Factor

Oregon does have a good ball club and is certainly one of the finest squads in the nation, yet it must be remembered that the Ducks are not so powerful that a fired up squad like the Cougars cannot defeat them.

Another point that stood out was the fact that Oregon's bench appeared to lack the spark and enthusiasm which has typified Webfoot squads in the past. Normally the Ducks' reserves are full of fire, but even this outstanding feature was lacking Saturday.

Webfoot fans know the Ducks have a much better club than the one that merely went through the motions Saturday. Most Oregon fans hope that the Ducks learned a valuable lesson this past weekend.

No team is unbeatable and a large amount of desire and spirit is needed along with playing ability to play winning ball every week.

Ability Not Only Ingredient

Ability is not the only ingredient needed for a successful football squad, but the spirit, desire, hustle and the will to win are essential features which go to make up a consistent winner.

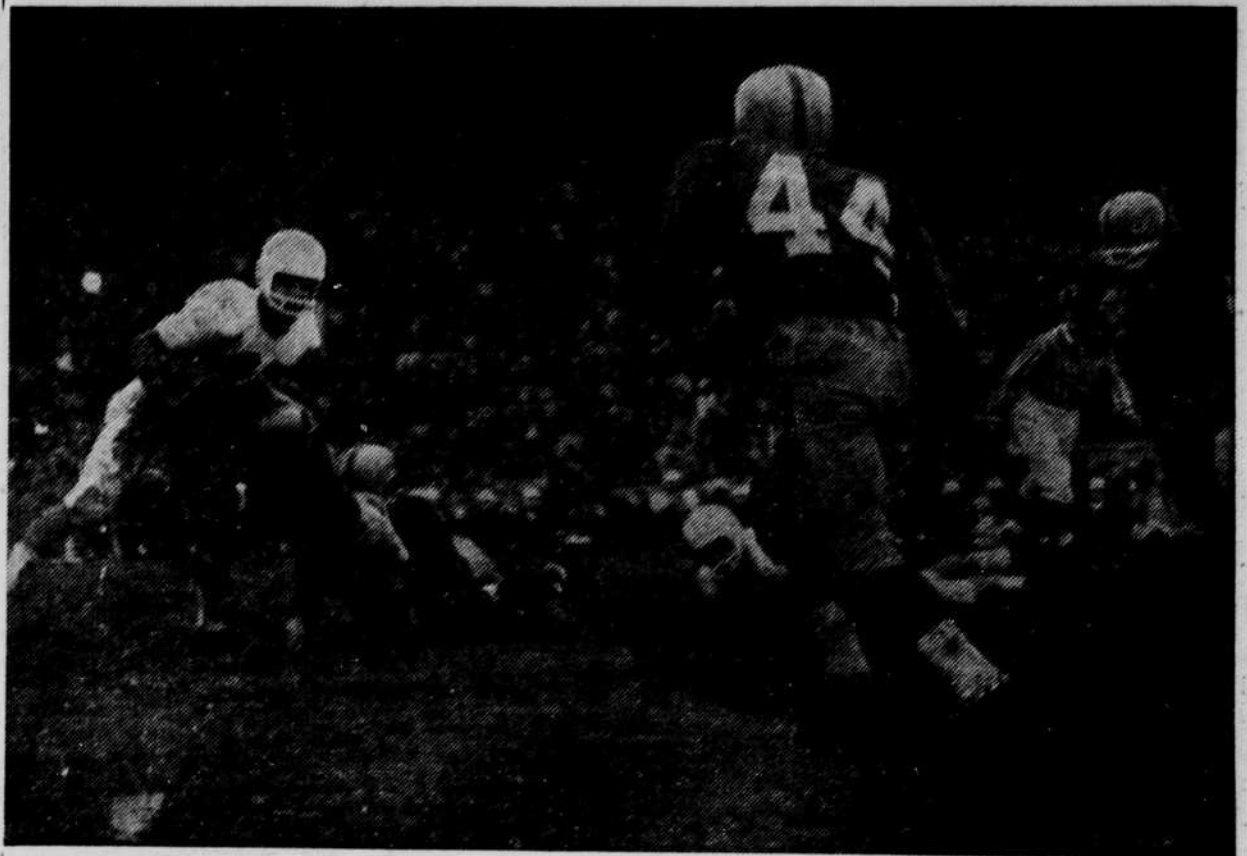
Many fine teams have come back after suffering a setback so disheartening as Saturday's loss, and this come-back ability is the mark of a truly great team. The Ducks have the capabilities to go all the way to the PCC crown this season, but it will take more team spirit and desire than was shown Saturday.

It has been proven time and time again throughout the last two seasons that on any given day a lightly-regarded spirited squad can rise to the heights and dump a highly-rated squad. This can be evidenced in Northwestern's trouncing of Michigan by a 31-point margin on Saturday.

Undoubtedly the Northwesterners are not that much better than Michigan, but a fired-up squad can combine football ability and spirit to win important games.

Last season OSC suffered a mental lapse and as a result was upended 26-7 by UCLA and 19-6 by Washington, but the Beavers then staged a strong comeback and managed to tie the Ducks for the Pacific Coast Conference title, proving that fine teams do lose, but can shake defeat off and come back.

The upcoming tussle with California is probably the most important game that Coach Len Casanova's squad has had to date. At the present time Cal leads the conference and Coach Pete Elliott undoubtedly realizes the importance of defeating Oregon this coming Saturday. If the Oregonians are to win the title, a win over California is a must, and most Oregon fans believe that the Ducks realize the importance of the task at hand and will prove once again that the 1958 Webfoots are the class of the PCC. However, it will take hard work and a better showing than was performed against the WSC squad Saturday to achieve this goal.



WASHINGTON STATE Quarterback Geoff Price (22) is brought to a halt on this play by unidentified Webfoot gridder while Marlan Holland (44) and tackle Jim Linden (71) come up to give assistance as Ducks lost a 6-0 decision to the spirited WSC squad on Saturday.

(Emerald photo by Louis Parker)

Ducks prepare for Cal

The Oregon Ducks, unable to avoid the familiar upset by losing to Washington State last Saturday, are back to work this week preparing for another Pacific Coast Conference crucial against the roused California eleven at Berkeley Saturday.

The Bears, currently leading the PCC with a 2-0 record, dropped their first two games, but have made an outstanding comeback with three straight victories.

Last weekend they clipped Southern California 14-12 and once again the big gun for Cal was all-American candidate Joe Kapp, the do-everything quarterback.

Kapp leads the conference in total offense. He's one of the top runners in the coast as well as a dangerous passer.

Cal's split-T attack has aver-

aged better than 23 points per game in five games.

The Ducks, while in pretty good condition physically, will have to improve their mental attitude if they wish to top the Bears. Saturday's 6-0 loss proved that.

The Webfoots now stand 2-2 on the season with a 2-1 mark in PCC games. This ranks a tie with OSC for third behind Cal (2-0) and WSC (3-1).

Physically the Ducks appear in good shape for the crucial California game as just two minor injuries resulted from the Cougar battle: end Ron Stover, with a bruised leg, and guard Joe Schaffeld, who injured a knee. Neither injury is regarded serious enough to prevent the two Duck gridgers from action against the Bears.

The Webfoot starting lineup

may be revised come Saturday afternoon in Berkeley as coach Len Casanova indicated after the loss to WSC that there might be some changes made.

Comparing the two team's performances against the Cougars gives the Bear's a decided advantage. Cal beat Jim Sutherland's club 34-14 in the same Memorial Stadium that Oregon must play the Bears.

If Oregon can pull itself together, however, the game could be a different story, as the Webfoots have one of the best defenses in the land. Even in their poor showing against the Cougars, they displayed a rugged defense near their own goal line.

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