

Webfoots face Washington football 'jinx'

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Oregon will run into more than a tough football team Saturday in Multnomah Stadium.

They'll be running once more into the Washington "jinx," which has seen the Ducks win only one game in the past ten years from the Huskies.

A Washington fan could state with accuracy that the Seattleites can beat the Ducks 90 per cent of the time. Oregon, however, stands a good chance of breaking the hex, if the Webfoots can play as well as they did against Air Force.

Injuries probably won't be a big factor in the contest, although Duck tackle John Wilcox and Riley Mattson don't appear to be in top shape after injuries Saturday and Washington halfback Carver Gayton has been declared out for the season with a bad knee.

Other than that, both squads are in good condition for what amounts to the "big one" for the Ducks, who will most certainly advance into high national prominence if they stop the Huskies.

A Duck victory would give coach Len Casanova his second win over Washington in the time he's coached at Eugene. He's lost to the Huskies seven times.

In 1951, when Cas first took over with a group of green freshmen and sophomores, the Huskies rolled up a 63-6 margin in Portland and followed it up the next season with a 49-0 victory.

Washington won again in 1953, 14-6, and then the Ducks, led by George Shaw, smashed the Huskies in Seattle by a 26-7 count.

Washington came back, however, and has won the last four games by margins of 19-7, 20-7, 13-6 and 6-0, the latter two coming over Webfoot squads which definitely rated the favorite's tag.

This year, the game will most likely be rated a tossup, although Oregon's 5-0 record may sway the odds-makers to pick the Ducks. The Ducks are rated 11th nationally and Washington 20th.

It must be remembered, however, that Washington has lost only to the nation's fifth-ranking team, USC, and that in a tight struggle, 22-15.

The Huskies boast three backfield men who average nearly six yards per carry between them, and that doesn't offer too much encouragement for the Ducks.

Ex-Duck Phelps leads AFB win

Former University of Oregon halfback Leroy Phelps switched to quarterback Saturday, and threw five touchdown passes in leading his Bolling Air Force Base (D.C.) team to a 78-8 win over Fort Gordon.

Phelps shared honors with alternate signal-caller Eddie West, who also passed for five touchdowns as the Bolling squad broke a team record for points scored in a single game.

The previous record of 60 was set in 1954 when such outstanding gridders as Tommy O'Connell, Dan Shannon, Billy Reynolds, and Menil Mavraides were playing for the squad.

Phelps' scoring tosses went for 21, 3, 1, 8, and 9 yards respectively as Bolling completely overwhelmed their opponents, holding a 28-0 lead at the end of the first quarter, and scoring 28 more in the final period.

Phelps played for the Ducks in 1956 at halfback, and had a brief tryout with the San Francisco 49ers before being released.



JIM OWENS

Head football coach, University of Washington

who have surrendered quite a bit of yardage to the opposition, although getting a bit better defensively with each effort.

Ray Jackson, Joe Jones, and Don McKeta have run for 202, 170 and 147 yard, respectively, for average gains of 5.8, 7.1 and 5.9.

Quarterback Bob Schloredt has not done a bad job passing, either, throwing 34 times and completing 18 for a 53 per cent average and 308 total yards.

George Fleming, the do-everything halfback, has scored three

touchdowns and kicked three field goals in three attempts as well as eight extra points for a total of 35 tallies, which makes him the top scorer on both teams.

Oregon's twin fullback threats, Dave Powell and Harry Needham, have each racked up four touchdowns; and flashy Willie West has accounted for three.

Oregon, overall, has averaged 23 points per game while holding the opposition to 10. Washington has done better both offensively and defensive-

ly, averaging 24 points to the opposition's eight.

Washington coach Jim Owens will likely start an all-junior lineup against the Ducks, and alternate with a capable second unit that has seen almost as much action as the first.

When the second squad is in, sophomore Jim Everett replaces Schloredt at quarterback, and halfbacks Don Millich and Sam Hurworth come in along with Jones, who combines with Jackson to give the Huskies almost as potent a fullback duo as Oregon.

McKeta has been the bread-and-butter man with the ball so far, carrying 10 more times than Jackson over the first half of the season.

Washington has been very adept at picking off the opposition's passes, snagging 13 aerials and seeing only four of their own intercepted.

Schloredt and Fleming have nabbed six between them, and the former returned one for a touch-

down against Utah in the Huskies' 51-6 victory.

Washington is essentially a ball-control team that makes few mistakes and doesn't give the opposition much of a chance to get its own offense rolling.

It'll take a top-notch effort by Oregon to whip the Huskies, but this could be the year.

At least the Ducks are off to a good start.

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