

P.S. UCLA Worried —About OSU

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Down Los Angeles way they're more worried about Oregon State than Oregon.

Says a release by UCLA publicity director Vic Kelley: "Oregon State looms as especially tough this weekend. The Beavers won the Far West Classic at Portland last week for the eighth (oops, he means ninth) straight year . . . and open against USC at Corvallis Friday with a solid 6-2 season record."

But Kelley's nice to the Ducks, too. "Oregon also can't be taken lightly," he adds.

Ducks Have Poor Record vs. LA Teams

Oregon has never done very well against either of the two L.A. teams. USC holds a 9-1 edge on Oregon. There seems to be some confusion on Oregon's record against UCLA. The Oregon press book gives an 8-0 edge to UCLA but the Bruin book says its 11-3 for their team.

Oregon State has fared better against both squads, posting an 8-14 record against UCLA and a 12-19 mark against the Trojans.

The Ducks aren't given much chance around here. But we won't bet against Steve Belko. He's said "you have to have a plan to beat any team, especially one like UCLA." He'll have a plan and it'll probably be a good one. And, after their showing in Portland the Ducks could just carry it through.

Don't Forget the Trojans

Don't forget that Saturday night's game will be a tough one, too. USC is no pushover. And the Ducks will be especially high Friday night. They could suffer a letdown Saturday.

USC coach Forest Twogood is an old friend of Belko's. He's also one of basketball's most distinguished coaches. And this year he's serving as President of the National Basketball Coaches Association. His overall record at USC is impressive (231-159).

USC has lost to North Carolina State twice, UCLA, Iowa, and Arizona. The Trojans beat Loyola, Santa Clara, and Michigan State. But, significantly, they've outscored their opponents, 573-569.

Berry to Play in Hula Bowl

Oregon quarterback Bob Berry will appear in the Hula Bowl Saturday. He will be one of the quarterbacks for the North squad. His teammate at the Shrine game, Cal's Craig Morton, will be one of the South's signal callers.

Sport Magazine decided to go against the grain again. Most everybody else agreed that fullback Jim Brown and quarterback Frank Ryan were the stars in Cleveland's NFL title win. But Sport gave its play-of-the-game award, a shiny Corvette, to flankerback Gary Collins.

Rebuilding Duck Wrestlers Open Against Washington

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Youth is a thing many men seek and usually never find. But Oregon varsity wrestling coach Ed Johns, much to his dismay, has discovered quite a bit of it. In fact, the starting team for

the Ducks first meet of the new year boast only one senior—Dennis Radford at 123 lbs.

Oregon begins its 1965 competition in Seattle as the Ducks meet the University of Washington Friday at 7:30 p.m. They will conclude the weekend at Bellingham Saturday when they will take on Western Washington at 2 p.m.

A Rebuilding Year

"This is primarily a rebuilding year," said Johns. "We have a very young and inexperienced squad." Oregon finished the 1964 season with a 9-4 dual meet record and a runner-up spot in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate tournament.

The Webfoots are strengthened by three returnees, none of whom are seniors. Curt Scott, a sophomore 137 pounder, was undefeated as a freshman and placed high in this summer's Olympic wrestling tryouts.

Also returning are a pair of juniors, Doug Robertson and Bob Mitchell. Robertson, a 137 pounder, finished second in the 130 lb. weight class in the '64 PCI tournament.

Mitchell nabbed a PCI championship in the 167 division, his weight class this year also, and finished the season with a 10-2 dual meet record.

"Those three will be our most consistent point getters," stated Johns.

Rest Inexperienced

But the remainder of the squad is inexperienced and leaves Johns with many worries. "It's question-

able at heavyweight—Ancer Hagerty was injured. We have an inexperienced sophomore at 177."

Depth is another problem the Ducks will encounter throughout their dual meet season. "We're not too deep. I just hope nobody gets hurt," said Johns.

Only two seniors are listed on the Oregon roster—Radford and Monrad Bjorge, a 137 pounder. Both are two year letterman.

A third senior, Bruce Glenn, a PCI runner-up and former national AAU champ, was ruled ineligible.

"We're going to have to really work hard to have an outstanding season," remarked Johns.

Squad Listed

Slated to compete with the Huskies Friday are Radford, Tom Ogan at 130, Scott, Robertson at 147, John Malpass at 157, Mitchell, Kent Studebaker at 177 and Pat Matson at heavyweight.

The schedule, according to Johns, is a typical strong schedule with Oregon State offering the main competition. "And Washington will be representing the best competition they have offered in a long time. All our meets will be very close and will probably be decided by conditioning and, possibly, breaks."

Johns added that the Oregon wrestling team, with a turnout of about 30—including freshmen, is still accepting members and interested athletes should contact him.

Ski Quacks Set Hoodoo Trip

The Ski Quacks will hold their annual two day trip to the Hoodoo Ski Bowl this weekend.

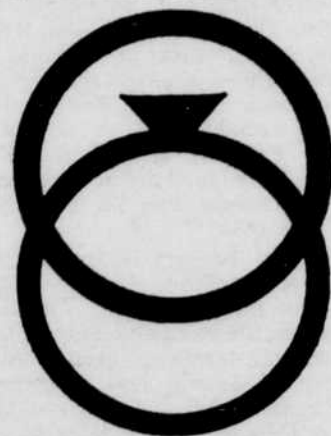
The trip is open to all Ski Quack members. A 25 percent reduction in lift rates will be given to all members of the club.

The bus will leave Saturday morning and return Sunday evening. The cost of lodging and meals will be \$6.50 with a sleeping bag or \$7.50 without a sleeping bag. The club will pay half the transportation cost.

Final sign-ups will be today at 7 p.m. in the Student Union. Room will be posted.

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A Rising Star in Dallas

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Dallas, Tex., is proud of Mel Renfro.

The ex-Oregon All-American halfback has done for the city of Dallas and the fortunes of the city's professional football Cowboys what no single player could do for the perennial lower-division club.

Because of Renfro, fans have swarmed in droves to the Cotton Bowl to watch the Cowboys in action. His electrifying kickoff and punt returns, as well as his alert defensive play, have brought new hope to Dallas. Coupled with the acquisition of many of 1964's top collegians, the Cowboys are definitely a team with a bright future.

Star As a Rookie

Seldom does a rookie become a star in his initial season. But Marvelous Mel—described as the "kid with the afterburners"—is already an established star in Dallas. Yet, in reality, this star has just cleared the horizon.

Renfro's record speaks for itself. During the 1964 season, Renfro:

- Led Dallas in kickoff returns with 40, averaging 25.4 yards a return. He ranked seventh in the NFL in this category.
- Led Dallas in punt returns, running back 32 punts for a 13.1 yard average. Renfro ranked third in the league in this category.
- Led Dallas in pass interceptions with seven, to rank fourth in the League.
- Was the only NFL player to rank in the top ten in both punt and kickoff returns.

Renfro opened the season at weak safety for the Cowboys, but was switched to the strong side after the fourth game. Dallas head coach Tom Landry observed that "He's playing the position like he's been there all his life."

"He makes mistakes like all rookies, but he's got that tremendous speed that makes up for it."

Despite his impressive statistics, some skeptical fans who haven't seen the Cowboy rookie in action ask, "what exactly does he do that is so great?"

Knows Where He's Going

Dallas defensive coach Dick Nolan put the answer this way: "The first thing," said Nolan, "the minute he gets the ball, you can

see he knows right where he's going with it. No hesitation. When he gets in a broken field, he knows just when to change speeds, just when to give a move here and a move there, when to turn it on.

"He puts it all together on instinct—the right time for knee action, the change of speed, the fakes, and then when to stride out," said Nolan.

With all his dazzling speed and ability, Dallas fans have clamored for Renfro's switch to offense.

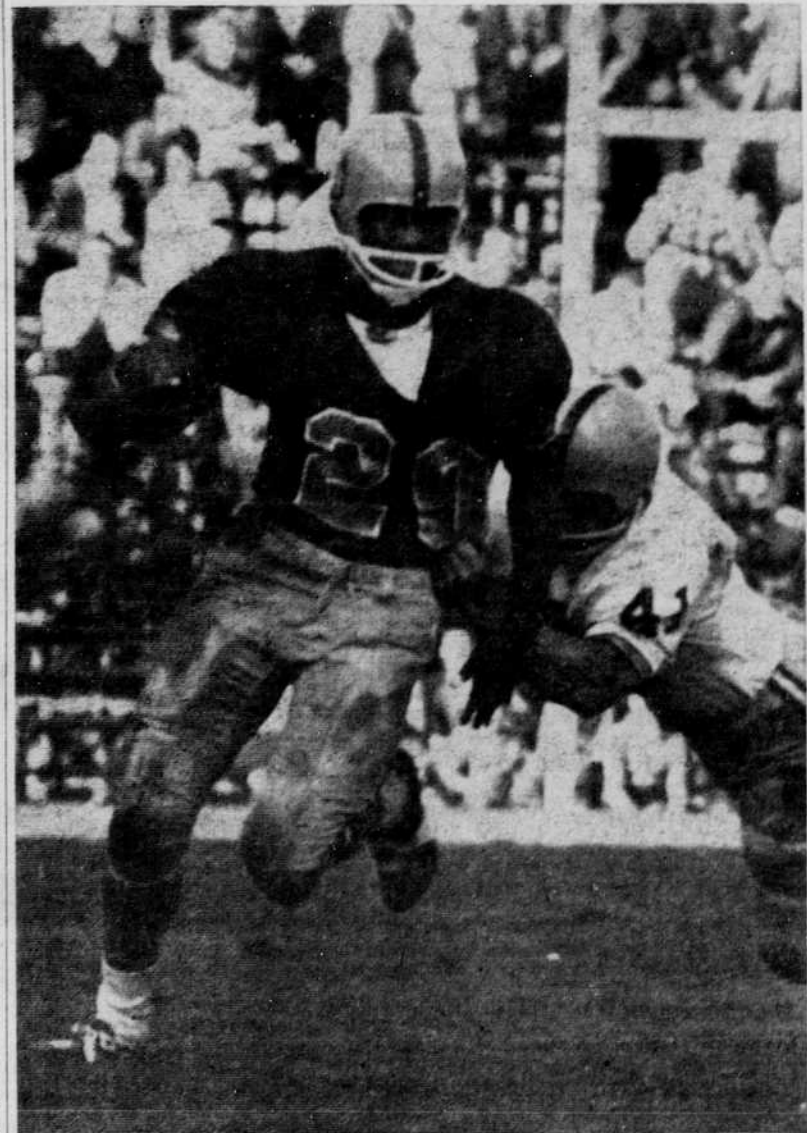
But Landry is content with Renfro's defensive heroics—for the time being at least.

He's Light

The Dallas coach noted that at 190 pounds, "Mel's awfully light for a running back in this league. If he gets on offense, I think it would probably be as a flanker or split end."

But, he adds, "If we hadn't had Mel on our side this year, we would have had a lot more touchdowns scored on us."

Renfro hauled down many a



THE RISING STAR—In his initial season with the Dallas Cowboys of the NFL, ex-Oregon star Mel Renfro turned in a performance that came close to winning him rookie for the year honors. Renfro led Dallas in punt and kickoff returns, and pass interceptions.

runner in the open field who had nothing but green grass before him. A couple of those guys were out there because Renfro made a rookie's mistake in the first place, but he had the champion's ability to make the great recovery.

Worst Enemy

It seems that Renfro is his own worst enemy in gaining a chance on the offensive unit. He is so good where he is it'll be tough to replace him.

Renfro says, "I wouldn't mind playing some offense. But I'm real happy that I got a chance to play as much as I did this season."

"I had an idea that I would spend a season on the bench. But as things turned out, I got to play a full season, and I learned a lot of things. I'm expecting things to get better next year."

Bypassed for "Rookie"

Despite his heroic performances for the Cowboys, Renfro was bypassed in "Rookie of the year" balloting in favor of Washington's Charley Taylor.

"Our record is the main thing that hurt Mel's chances," according to Landry. "If we were 8-6 he'd be rookie of the year." He ought to be anyway, but the pickers are swayed by winning teams."

Renfro hopes for better things next season. If things get much better for the Dallas star, he will occupy a high celestial position in the heavens of the National Football League.

Oregon Shooters Lose Rifle Match

Oregon's Rifle Team lost to Junction City Rifle and Pistol Team Tuesday by a score of 1899 to 1869.

John Refsider was high for Oregon with 386, followed by Rick Watkins with 375. Other Oregon scores included Don MacLean, 374; Bill Belmore, 361; Dale Miller, 354; and Larry Mentzer, 353.

The rifle team resumes practice this week between 3-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any prospective shooters may obtain information by contacting MSgt. Joseph Barnett, ext. 592, 593.