

Les Palm Finds Spot in Defense

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Les Palm is one of Oregon's finest backs. Les Palm is also "a spirited, hard working, and intelligent football player," which is the way head coach Len Casanova rates his junior defensive halfback.

Palm is a product of California and though not very big at 5-11 and 180 pounds for a defensive back, he lettered on the varsity in his first season as a sophomore and also made PAC all-coast selection that first year.

Palm will play yet another year for Oregon as he red-shirted in his first year of eligibility for varsity and his valuable contributions in the defensive secondary will undoubtedly please Cas.

Started as Offensive Back

Les came to the University in 1961 from Marysville, Calif., where he was an offensive standout on the Marysville High School team. At Oregon he found the offensive going too much to handle and so the coaches changed him to a defensive back. There he caught hold of the situation and in no time he found himself in the thick of big time foot-

ball.

"I am very glad I changed to defense," admits Les. He has certainly taken the adaption surprisingly well as in his first season he intercepted six passes and made many key tackles in helping the Ducks to a 7-2-1 record. All this and he was only a sophomore.

Les explains that a defensive back must learn to contain the offense from the formations the offense set up. "The Oregon defense centers mostly around the zone defense but we play a little man-to-man.

Anticipates Play

"We must also be able to read more keys—that is, read down and distance situation and prepare to defend any play situation at that moment. Once the play begins, we cover the man and once the ball is in the air we go for the ball." In practice the coaches teach the back to look for and anticipate a certain play when the down and situation dictate such a move.

Palm's secret in good defensive plays lays in keeping close to the man. If he is fast Palm gives him more leeway but if he is tall Les just stays with him and fights

him off when the ball comes.

For a man like Dave Williams of Washington who is hard to cover because of tremendous speed and agility Palm will just anticipate more in situations and give him wider range but keep him from getting behind him. After all, "they can't throw to the same man all the time as the

linemen will get the passer sometimes and other times coverage will be better," added Les.

'Finest Backs'

Coach Len Casanova feels that Les is one of his finest backs in the defensive secondary and says, "he has done a real fine job for us with his intelligence and good use of his better than aver-

age speed. Les can also stop some of the best split ends which are his defensive assignments in most game situations."

Palm has shown fine ability in two seasons with nine interceptions in his varsity career. Pity the poor 1966 ends as Les will be back to harrass them when the Ducks take the field.

Frosh Meet Washington

By LYNN MUCKEN
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Several key injuries harden the task of defeating Washington for the Oregon Frosh football team Friday, 1:30 p.m., on Hayward Field.

Coach Ed Johns' yearlings, coming off previous close defeats by freshman squads from Washington State and Oregon State, are looking for their first win of the year.

However, a wave of injuries must be overcome if the Husky Pups are to be beaten, as several important Duckling performers are slowed down or sidelined. Tackle Jess Hart and end Gary Heeter, former All-Staters from Roseburg, are definitely out for Friday's clash.

In addition, the only experienced center, 218-pound Ed Sites, will also miss the Pup engagement with a bad knee sustained in practice Monday.

Fullback Keith Sherman will probably start, although he is expected to be at less than full speed.

"We've got a real good squad here, with several good varsity prospects, especially in the line. With this kind of talent, we'll

win some games."

Johns singled out Eric Olsen, who has passed for five touchdowns and several linemen, including Hart, Sites, Tom Wooten from Medford, and Jack Rust, a 230 pounder from Glide, as outstanding prospects off their first two performances.

"We haven't done anything particular to prepare for Washington," commented Johns, "just worked on the fundamentals, blocking and tackling. Our job is to prepare the boys for the varsity, not to win ball games, although we like to do that too."

Coach Praises Team

Despite two successive losses, the Frosh coach had nothing but praise for his charges.

"They've lots of spirit. I was real happy at the way they kept coming back against OSU when they were behind. They're a real good group of kids, with lots of

spirit and enthusiasm."

Johns has been pleased with the offense so far. Although all three touchdowns in the Rook game came off Olsen's arm, the game statistics showed a balanced attack with 140 of the game's 300 yards total offense coming through the running game. Quarterback Olsen and Jerry Richards, who is expected to play mostly defense Friday, provided most of that yardage.

Defense Given Credit

The Frosh defense, despite giving up 49 points in two games, was given credit by Johns.

"We concentrate heavily on offense in practice, since defense is something you hopefully can pick up. And except for a few mistakes, the boys have been doing a good job. Take away Oregon State's two long runbacks on kicks and they didn't do much scoring."

EMERALD SPORTS



OREGON'S defense upends Washington's highly touted sophomore halfback Don Moore in Saturday's game with the Huskies. The Duck defense again will try to contain another powerful runner, Idaho's Ray McDonald, Saturday as the Ducks meet the Vandals on Hayward Field. Oregon's defense has recovered 15 of their opponents' fumbles in six games this season, while intercepting eight passes.

Rifle Club Meets

All old and prospective members of the Oregon Rifle team are asked to attend an 8 p.m. meeting Thursday in the SU. Room number will be posted.

Membership is open to all undergraduates and graduate students who are members of the National Rifle Association. The University team, which is a member of the Willamette Valley League, will begin practice Monday from 3-5 p.m.

There are no fees for joining and all equipment and ammunition is furnished. Members who own small bore rifles may use them providing they meet specifications.



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October 28 Volleyball

- 3:50—Court 40, Robbins A vs. McAllister A
- Court 43, Alpha A vs. Thornton A
- 4:35—Court 40, Bean East A vs. Burgess A
- Court 43, Boynton A vs. Parsons A
- 5:15—Court 40, Delta Tau Delta A vs. Theta Chi A
- Court 43, Chi Psi A vs. Chi Phi A

Wrestling

Phi Delta Theta has 27 points still for its narrow overall lead as the annual intramural wrestling tournament went through its second day of competition Wednesday. Oursing Sigma Chi came from virtually nowhere to climb into second place with 26. Other team leaders include Tau Kappa Epsilon and Theta Chi—19, Delta Tau Delta—17, Chi Psi—15, Beta—14, Campbell and Sigma Nu—13, Kappa Sig, Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon—11.

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- 4:26—Allen (TKE) vs. Beck (Clark); Gersh (Sig Nu) vs. Smith (Young)
- 5:18—Hileman (W.L.) vs. Lawyer (Kap Sig)

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- 4:36—Dennet (PGD) vs. Haves (Young)
- 4:42—Kawahara (Hawa) vs. Abramson (Hend); Hodge (Young) vs. Allen (DU)
- 5:09—Scott (Chi Phi) vs. Aronstan (Kap Sig)
- 5:24—Matsukawa (Hawa) vs. Rudd (Douglas)

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- 4:30—Cox (Parsons) vs. Lee (W.L.)
- 4:42—Chafin (Spiller) vs. Meek (Beta)
- 4:48—Gandee (Phi Delt) vs. Myss (DTD); Burnham (ATO) vs. Mark (Phil House); Bowles (Douglas) vs. Orkney (Beta)

- 4:54—Prenger (PGD) vs. Patton (Phil House); Kosnek (Campbell) vs. Pinckney (Douglas); Brown (Douglas) vs. Good (Spiller)

- 5:00—Cameron (Adams) vs. Drennan (Chi Phi); Alden (DU) vs. Dames (Theta Chi)

- 5:06—Nash (SPE) vs. Jacobsen (Kap Sig); Howard (Spiller) vs. Franklin (DU)

- 5:24—Kane (Sig Chi) vs. Szymaniak (Douglas); Ripper (Beta) vs. Hopker (Phi Delt)

- 5:30—Schildmeyer (Chi Psi) vs. Miller (PKA); Civey (SAE) vs. Clark (W.L.)

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- 4:00—Davis (ATO) vs. McClung (Kap Sig); Smelicer (DTA) vs. Alexander (Theta Chi); Nelson (Chi Psi) vs. Blum (Phil House)

- 4:06—Falk (TKE) vs. Larson (Chi Psi); Stein (DU) vs. Semler (Adams); Knoppe (PKP) vs. Stubbs (Chi Psi)

- 4:12—Bainton (Phi Delt) vs. Knight (Theta Chi); Brown (ATO) vs. Goffena (W.L.); Earl (Chi Psi) vs. Tuttle (Kap Sig)

- 4:18—Bragg (Chi Psi) vs. Meinert (Phi Delt); Hannik (TKE) vs. Zahumensky (Young); Kniser (ATO) vs. Gerke (Kap Sig)

- 4:24—Schmidt (Phi Delt) vs. Thompson (PKP); Blank (SAE) vs. Jensen (TKE); Meinert (Phi Delt) vs. Shanley (Robbins)

- 4:30—Roth (ATO) vs. Johnson (Kap Sig)
- 5:12—Bruce Hess (Phi Delt) vs. Rapp (Theta Chi); Surratt (TKE) vs. Lighty (Beta); Schulz (Adams) vs. Laxton (Beta)

- 5:18—Retzer (Sig Nu) vs. Buchhotz (PKP); Simpson (Phi Delt) vs. Larson (Chi Psi)

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- 4:30—Gilbert (ATO) vs. Klein (Hauna)

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