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Barnes Surprised He's Quarterback

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You don't expect a football team which begins a season with the same two quarterbacks who divided virtually all the playing time between themselves the year before to engage in much experimentation at the signal calling post.

However, drastic alterations were deemed necessary at the key position after Oregon's football squad looked punchless while losing its first two 1966 encounters.

Out of the picture went seniors Mike Brundage and Tom Trovato—and into the spotlight walked the almost unheard of Mike Barnes. The former Medford High star's obscurity to Eugene patrons was not shared by his teammates. The 5-10, 185-pound sophomore had actually started since the season began—at the defensive "monster" position.

Barnes played quarterback in high school and with the 1964 Frosh, but thought mainly in terms of defense until a few weeks ago. "During the summer I knew I'd play defense," he said. "I didn't even work at quarterback before that week we made the big change."

The Webfoot's early-season offensive woes were traced to the fact that opposing defenses—not trepidating at the list of available Oregon running backs—were waiting for the pass. When the Oregonians did take to the air, their receivers were well-covered and the passers usually had to throw against a terrific rush.

When Barnes was installed at quarterback, the Duck's offensive methods changed. Now the passer no longer drops straight back into a protective pocket, and is far from a stationary target for onrushing defensive linemen. "When they put me at quarterback they started stressing the outside game, with the threat of the run or pass," Mike said.

"The whole idea when I run is to force the defense into making a commitment. If our blocking back takes out the defensive end, allowing me to get outside, then the defensive half must either come up to get me, or cover a receiver. If he drops back I run—if he charges, I throw."

Coach Len Casanova's return to a roll-out offense has in turn opened up the line for his runners. "Our backs are more effective now due to the outside game," Barnes notes.

Mike's football foundation was set down early as a result of the accelerated pigskin program in the Medford schools. He was playing organized tackle football as early as the fourth grade, and the game has been part of his life ever since. He also participated in basketball and baseball, and was a three-time all league choice in the latter.

Barnes made his decision about college early. "I always wanted to attend Oregon," recalls Mike. "I didn't even talk to other schools." Barnes was recruited by Oregon assistant coach Phil McHugh, and cites the Ducks' excellent coaching as another factor strengthening his decision. "I've never seen an Oregon team that wasn't a unit under Casanova."

Nearly an academic junior, the 20-year-old Physical Education major will have two more years of eligibility remaining when the season closes, after being redshirted in 1965, a practice which Barnes defends.

Mike, who is married to an Oregon co-ed—the former Jeanne Lenahan—is optimistic about Oregon's future football fortunes. "I think we'll end up with a 6-4 record this year, and next year go a long way," Barnes says. The Webfoot ends draw high praise from their passer. "We've got great receivers. Bunker and Heron could play for anyone," Mike point out. "One thing that's hurt our passing is that we've had bad field position."

"I'm no great passer," Mike says. "I don't care if the ball gets there end over end if we get a completion. My favorite play is touchdown."

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Frosh Swimmers Snap 2 Marks

Two new frosh swimming records were set at Leighton Pool Thursday, as Oregon whipped Parkrose High School of Portland, 73-28.

Steve Johnson erased seven-tenths of a second off the 200 yard freestyle record when he won the event in 1:55.3.

Although he finished second in the 200 individual medley, Bruce Sutherland established a new frosh mark of 2:08.1, bettering the old time by four-tenths.

The frosh won nine of 12 events, including both relays. Only double winner of the day

was Mike Beauchamp of Parkrose, who is considered one of the top high school swimmers in the state.

Beauchamp finished first in the 200 individual medley and in the 100 backstroke.

Parkrose also took diving competition, as Bob Williams recorded 175.95 points.

Other individual frosh winners were Joe Roster, 50 freestyle, 23.6; Mike Masarie, 100 butterfly, 54.5; Mike Skophammer, 100 freestyle 51.8; Don Dunfee, 400 free, 4:09.1, and Ed Wemple, 100 breaststroke, 1:07.4.

Next competition for the frosh will be Saturday's conclusion of the Oregon Swimming and Diving Championships. Action at Leighton Pool will begin at noon.

The annual Frosh - Varsity meet has been set for December 10.

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and, for the Beavers, that means trouble.

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