

# AAWU Reps Lose In Decision

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Well, they did it again.

Only this time, unlike 1964, when they picked Oregon State for the Pacific Athletic Conference's Rose Bowl representative instead of Southern California, the athletics representatives haven't a leg to stand on.

It will have to go down as the biggest mistake since the Aztecs figured Cortes for some kind of white god. We all know what happened then.

The 1964 vote was okay, despite the fact that Southern Cal was obviously the better team, especially with a victory over number one ranked Notre Dame. The two schools were co-champs and OSU did have a superior season's record.

But not in 1966.

Take a look at the season records. UCLA has finished the season with a rather impressive 9-1 record. Southern Cal has a 7-3 record. True, they were 7-2 at voting time but with the Notre Dame game ahead few could have expected the Trojans would ever see victory number eight.

Now look at the trouncing the Trojans took at the hands of Notre Dame, 51-0. So Notre Dame is the nation's best, but they so outclassed USC that the entire conference suffered, especially since the Trojans are, according to the representatives, the PAC's "most representative" team. Maybe UCLA couldn't have done any better against such a powerhouse as the Fighting Irish, but then they certainly couldn't have done any worse.

Then, of course, there's the small matter of UCLA having defeated USC, 14-7. Naturally this game shouldn't be considered indicative of the teams' relative strengths. After all, Southern Cal only had a week to rest up for the contest, while the lucky Bruins were out getting the best player on the West Coast, Gary Beban, injured in a little friendly scrimmage with some fellows from Palo Alto.

A Portland sportswriter has defended Southern Cal's selection by noting that USC's foes have a combined record of 58-36-2 while the Bruins enemies have only run up a sickly 46-51-1 record.

This is very convincing — until you

figure up the combined records of schools those two teams hold victories over.

The records come out something like 32-33-1 for Southern Cal and 40-46-1 for UCLA. Not so impressive anymore.

In fact Southern Cal has lost to everybody they played that was anybody: Notre Dame, 9-0-1, Miami, 8-2, and UCLA, 9-1, while UCLA has beaten the only class team they played, Southern California.

But apparently the Trojans were selected on the basis of their league record, an amazing 4-1 where UCLA carried only a shabby 3-1. Therefore USC was .800 in league play while UCLA was a mere .750.

Pure and unadulterated rot. Everybody is aware that football schedules are made up at least seven or eight years in advance. Thus UCLA is being punished for failing to schedule Oregon State, Oregon and Washington State in 1959 or 1960, when reuniting of the old Pacific Coast Conference seemed very unlikely, especially in bitter Los Angeles.

Another point taken into consideration is making the selection was the length

of time away from the Rose Bowl. Poor Southern Cal, its been almost three years since they last showed their innumerable talents in Pasadena, while teams like Oregon (1958), Stanford (1951), California (1959) and Washington State (B.C.?) seems to go every other year.

Our choice for the Rose Bowl is Washington, and for good reason.

Since season records seem to mean nothing, we can ignore the Huskies 6-4 record.

Now the record against the other contenders. According to selection thinking, the UW loss to Southern Cal is a point in their favor.

The Huskies are also 1-1 against class teams, being barely edged by USC and holding a victory over UCLA. This is much better than Southern Cal's 0-3 record.

But to our thinking, the consideration which cinches the bid for the Huskies is the fact that the Washington Athletic Director had the foresight to schedule all conference teams for 1966.

Besides, those poor Seattle boys haven't been to Pasadena since 1960.

## Quack Cracks



### Cagers Winners?

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SO WHAT'S SO unusual about a basketball team expecting to win its weekend games?

Nothing, until you consider the position the Oregon squad is in at the present moment.

• They've got to play Nebraska Friday night—a team expected to win the Big Eight conference. Then the next morning. . .

• they've got to get on a bus and travel 150 miles to Manhattan, Kansas where they get an hour to prepare for. . .

• a game with Kansas State and seven-foot center Nino Pino that afternoon. Ordinarily, the team would get a day's rest in between the contests, but—next week being finals week—the schedule was rearranged to be shorter.

• On top of that, the Ducks themselves are picked to finish no better than seventh (ahead of Washington) in the Pacific Athletic Conference this year, according to a recent coach's poll.

So if any team could be excused for throwing in the towel and saying publicly that they expect defeat, you'd expect that to be Oregon.

**DUCK COACH STEVE BELKO** has had a few words to say about the issue, however—and mostly to his team.

His practices have been longer, harder, and more forceful than in previous years, and he thinks it's paying off. "I've never worked a team so hard, and I've never had a team give me so much in return," he says. "There are no superstars in this group—but they're well-knit and want to win."

Another factor in Belko's favor unquestionably has been the addition of assistant coach Frank Arnold.

Arnold's appearance at Oregon ends this school's dubious distinction of being the only major basketball school in the western half of the United States without at least one full-time basketball assistant. Most Pacific Athletic Conference schools—such as Oregon State—have had two or more assistants for years.

Finally, Belko cites improvement as another plus factor.

"Nick Jones and Bill Thomas are turning into real leaders out there," he says—"and that's essential to any good team.

"Besides that, players like Mike Nicksic and John Pinkstaff are noticeably improved.

"I think they'll give a lot of teams more than they can handle."

He had the team scrimmaging during the Thanksgiving Holidays and has spent this week running them through "situation drills." They are already, he says, "fairly well polished."

## UO Tops PAC Pass Defense

Oregon's Ducks captured the Pacific Athletic Conference pass defense crown and placed five players in the top ten in individual categories, according to the final conference statistics.

The Ducks allowed 1070 yards through the air for an average of 107 yards per game to win the title over second place Washington State, which allowed an average of 111 yards. The Ducks also gave up only four touchdowns via passing for a conference low.

Oregon quarterback, Mike Barnes finished seventh in total offense and in passing offense. Two of his receivers, Scott Cress and Steve Bunker, made the top ten. Cress was seventh with 28 receptions and Bunker, last year's title holder, was tenth with 23.

In other individual categories, Steve Jones, the Ducks' all-purpose back placed fourth in total rushing with 542 yards and Jack Sovereign was eighth in punting with a 34.6 yard average.

In team statistics Oregon also placed third in passing offense and in total defense. Duck quarterbacks averaged 132 passing yards per game, completing 92 passes for 1320 yards, seven touchdowns, and a .402 percentage.

The strong Oregon defense allowed 2670 yards for a 267 yard per game average.

USC and UCLA dominated the team statistics, the Trojans winning three titles and the Bruins two.

Individual winners were Pete Pifer (OSU), scoring and rushing; Gary Beban (UCLA), total offense; Jerry Henderson (WSU), passing; Doug Flansburg (WSU), receiving; Gary Houser (OSU), punting; Wayne Stewart (Cal), interceptions.

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Court 43—Ganoie B vs. Sigma Chi B  
4:35—Court 40—Sigma Alpha Epsilon A vs. Stafford A  
Court 43—Parsons A vs. Theta Chi A  
5:15—Court 40—Delta Upsilon A vs. Deady A  
Court 43—Sigma Chi A vs. Campbell A  
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