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WEBFOOT SIGNAL-CALLER John Harrington gets hit just after releasing a pass against UCLA last Saturday. The Portland senior, who will probably start against OSU Saturday, completed 16 of 38 passes last week to earn "Back of the Game" honors.

Photo by Phil Waldstein

Fighting Ducks meet OSU in annual Civil War clash

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Oregon meets Oregon State Saturday for the 73rd time before a sellout crowd at Autzen Stadium.

But this annual "Civil War" classic has taken on different meanings this season. It's more than just the "season-ender."

For the Ducks there's a chance for a winning season—the first since 1964 and the first under Head Coach Jerry Frei.

For the Beavers a victory would mean six consecutive wins over Oregon and a two-game lead in the overall series.

Who has the edge Saturday? It's hard to tell. Both teams are strong defensively with the Ducks having the better passing attack and OSU the better running game.

Defense has been the "name of the game"

the past two Saturdays for the two Pacific-8 squads. Oregon State has held its last two opponents, California and Washington State, to a field goal apiece and has only allowed about 14 points a game the entire season.

Oregon's defense unit, anchored by Dennis Gassner and Tom Graham, has been just as good if not better. The Ducks limited high-scoring UCLA to only 13 points last weekend, which is quite a feat considering the seventh-ranked Bruins had been averaging 38 a contest.

Passing has been the key to Oregon's offense this season as OSU should find out. Webfoot "Super Soph" Bobby Moore and teammate Bob Newland rank one-two in the conference in pass receiving—Moore with 47 catches for 702 yards and ten touchdowns and Newland with 41 for 542 yards and two TDs.

On the other end of these pass catches, most of the season, has been junior Tom Blanchard, currently the second greatest

passer in Oregon history.

But the Grants Pass signal-caller is not expected to start today because of a knee injury suffered against Army. His place will be taken by John Harrington, the capable senior who earned "Back of the Game" honors against UCLA.

Rushing has been a stronger point than passing for Oregon State as OSU quarterback Steve Endicott, also from Grants Pass, has thrown 16 interceptions this season.

Three Beaver runners have over 300 yards on the ground for the year. Hard-running fullback Dave Schilling leads the pack with 520 yards on 142 carries. Billy Main, who accumulated 634 yards as a junior, has 370 this year. Bryce Huddleston at halfback has gained 313.

Oregon students do not need special tickets for admission to the 1:30 p.m. contest. Athletic cards can be used as usual. Spouse tickets can be purchased today at the athletic Department.

Varsity vs. Frosh

It's the varsity against the Frosh tonight at McArthur Court as Oregon's highly-rated basketball team makes its 1969-70 debut.

The appearance will be the Ducks only game action in Eugene until Dec. 10, when they face Portland in their home opener. Oregon opens Dec. 2 at Wichita State, then play at Florida State Dec. 4 and New Mexico Dec. 6. The Frosh open their season Dec. 2 at Clark College in Vancouver.

Admission to tonight's 7:30 event is 50 cents for students and \$1 for adults. Ticket sales start at Mac Court at 6 p.m. The event is sponsored by Oregon Club.

Only 20 minutes of Frosh-varsity action will actually be played. The other 30 minutes of game action will be an intra-squad contest between the Green and Yellow units of Coach Steve Belko's team.

Belko has indicated that varsity starters will be forwards Larry Holliday and Lenny Jackson, center Stan Love and guards Billy Gaskins and Bill Drozdak.

Probable Frosh starters are Chuck McCormick and Doug Little at forwards, 6-10 Al Carlson at center and Clyde Crawford and Dave Roberts at guards.

Lacrosse, bowling, polo matches slated

Three Oregon club sports teams have home matches slated this weekend.

The Duck lacrosse team battles Bishop Dagwell of Portland in a 10 a.m. exhibition match Saturday on the football practice field. Team lettermen are back from last season's 4-5 team, according to player-coach Rich Kenney.

"We'll field a much better team this year with plenty of depth," he noted.

At 10:30 a.m., also on Saturday, Oregon's water polo squad

faces Southern Oregon College in Leighton Pool. This will be the Ducks' final match of the season.

They defeated SOC 9-3 early in the season at Ashland and now own a 4-5 season mark.

This afternoon at 4:15 p.m. both the men's and women's bowling squads meet Portland State on the Brunswick Lanes in the EMU.

The men are 2-0 for the year after taking wins from Oregon State and Washington State last week.

Ruggers schedule Beavers Saturday

Immediately following Saturday's Oregon-OSU football game at Autzen Stadium, the Duck rugby team will play Oregon State.

The game will bring together Ron Guy and Terry Logan, both exciting ball runners who will combine in the center positions for the Ducks.

Clark Worth, who stood out against Willamette University last week, will be in the wing three quarter position for Oregon.

NCAA meet draws Webfoot harriers

Seven Oregon runners left today for Monday's NCAA cross-country championships in New York City.

The Ducks, along with Villanova, Harvard and Florida, are one of the team favorites in the event. Freshman Steve Prefontaine should be among the individual leaders.

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