

UO Rushing During 1955 Sets Record

University of Oregon, Eugene—Oregon's rushing attack during the 1955 football season, led by some of the fastest backs in Webfoot history, proved to be the most productive the Ducks have ever produced and Jim Shanley, the North Bend sophomore, established himself as one of the top rookie backs in conference history, final statistics revealed here today.

The team total of 2527 yards broke the mark for 10 games set in 1948 by the co-championship team led by Johnny McKay, George Bell, Woodley Lewis and Bob Sanders and Shanley accounted for 711 yards on 100 carries to lead the way.

The 7.1 average established by Shanley, a 168-pounder with excellent speed and good hitting power, was the best in the conference and his total was only 25 yards back of the all-time school mark of 726 yards set in 1949 by Sanders.

Magnitude Shown
Shanley's performance in comparison to other fine backs in recent conference history reveals the magnitude of his showing as a rookie. Sam Baker, the former Oregon State fullback, had 622 yards as a rookie while Paul Cameron of UCLA had 597 and Washington's Hugh McElhenry had 456 in his first season. Shanley's fine running put him in seventh spot in the nation and certainly ranks him as one of the players to watch for the next two seasons.

Shanley also led the club in total offense while Dick James, the only senior back on the squad this season, was second in both rushing (596 yards) and total offense (632 yards). James will be a member of the West squad on Dec. 31 in San Francisco for the annual Shrine game.

Another amazing performance was turned in by Tom Crabtree, the converted halfback who gained only 62 yards all season as a sophomore and then switched to quarterback where his ball handling and signal calling contributed greatly to the success of the Oregon attack. Crabtree rushed for a net of 248 yards and passed for 335 more to rank third in the club's total offense.

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Dons Launch New Year in Cage Action

San Francisco (U.P.)—University of San Francisco goes after its second straight national championship tonight when it opens the basketball season by taking on Chico State at Kezar Pavilion.

The top-ranked Dons, working on a winning streak of 26 straight, then meet Southern California tomorrow night in a contest which is expected to be a sellout at their hardwood stadium.

All American Bill Russell, USF's 6-foot, 10-inch center, will give the new 12-foot foul lanes their first crucial test. The pathways to the goal were widened by the rules association during the off-season in an effort to keep the tall boys from merely batting the ball downward into the net for cheap scores.

The change is expected to result in more shots from the outside and to "give the game back" smaller players.

Other New Rules

Two other new rules also will go into effect. A player who hangs onto the ball for more than five seconds while guarded will be whistled down and a jump called. And the "one and one" bonus rule for free tosses will apply to the full 40 minutes of play. Last year all common personal fouls in the last three minutes of play resulted in two throws automatically.

UCLA, tied for seventh place with Illinois in the United Press pre-season ratings, plays Brigham Young tonight and tomorrow night at Provo, Utah.

Oregon State, which doesn't quite resemble last year's Pacific Coast Conference titlist, is at Eugene, Ore., tonight for a pre-conference tilt against Oregon's Webfoots. Then Coach Slat's Gill's men host Colorado Saturday at Corvallis.

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SPORTS

Ducks, Beavers To Collide In Non-League Mix Tonight

University of Oregon, Eugene—Oregon's inexperienced basketball team gets its first test of the 1955-56 season tonight when the Oregon State Beavers, defending Pacific Coast Conference champions, come to McArthur Court for a non-conference game.

The Ducks, with only five lettermen on hand, expect to give their rookies a stiff test in the December non-conference games in an effort to find a working combination prior to the opening of the first conference round-robin schedule in history next January.

After the Beaver clash, the Webfoots meet Colorado here, travel to Brigham Young for a pair of games, then return home

to tackle Northwestern and Michigan in the annual double-headers at Corvallis and here, then Colorado A&M comes to McArthur Court to close out the December schedule and the final two non league games will be played against Portland and Washington in early January.

4 Lettermen Starters
Coach Bill Borchert will probably start four lettermen and a junior college transfer in the opener Friday with all but one of his top reserves being rookies or non-lettermen from a year ago. Ray Bell, a two-year letterman reserve, and Charlie Franklin, a transfer from Los Angeles CC, will open at forward with Max Anderson, a two-year regular, at center. In the backcourt the Ducks will start Jerry Ross, another two-year regular, and Phil McHugh, a junior letterman.

Frank Werner, a non-letterman, George Slender, a Santa Rosa JC transfer who was a regular end in football, and Paul Tuchar, a sophomore, are the top reserves at forward after a month of practice and Hal Duffy, a sophomore from Portland, appears to be the replacement for Anderson. Ed Bingham, a letterman from Medford, is back of Ross and Johnny Dundell, a non-letterman, and Wimp Hastings, a sophomore from Bandon, are fighting for the job as McHugh's replacement.

Odds makers Pick Rams, Clevelanders

By UNITED PRESS

If the odds makers are right, the Cleveland Browns and Los Angeles Rams will retain their slim division leads in Sunday's National Football League action.

Cleveland, leading the Washington Redskins by a half-game in the Eastern Division, is a 12½ point favorite to defeat the Steelers at Pittsburgh. Los Angeles, leading the Chicago Bears by the same slim margin in the Western Division, is a seven-point choice to whip the Baltimore Colts in the California city.

The Redskins and Bears also are favored. The Redskins play host to the New York Giants and are favored by three points. The Bears are favored over the Detroit Lions by 10½ at Chicago. **SF Picked**

In the other games, the Forty-Niners are 5½ point choices against the Green Bay Packers at San Francisco and the Eagles are favored over the Chicago Cardinals by seven at Philadelphia.

Each team has two more games. The Browns and Rams can clinch the division titles Sunday by winning, if the Redskins and Bears lose.

Eagle Point Chief Host

Eagle Point—Only one senior is in the probable starting line-up for the Eagle Point high school basketball team for its season opener tonight.

The Eagles play Rogue River tonight at home and go to Rogue River on Saturday night.

As possible starters Coach Art Thompson has listed Wayne Christian and Jack Greb, forwards; Dennis Boren, center, and Gale Friend and Ron Veach, forwards.

Christian and Veach are sophomores, Greb and Boren juniors and Friend the lone senior.

Rogue River opened its year with two quarters of play last night in the Jackson County B league jamboree. Eagle Point will compete this year in the Class A-2 league.

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Many Tall Boys on GP Hoop Crew

Grants Pass—With eight lettermen and a good number of tall boys after varsity jobs, the basketball situation is looking up for Grants Pass high school.

But with only one of the returnees a regular on the 1954-1955 squad, the Cavemen sources near the team indicate, need quite a bit of work and a bit of experience before they can embark with real ambitions for success on their Southern Oregon Conference campaign.

Bob Erickson was classed as a regular last season and Allan Drews comes next to him in the amount of varsity experience. Other lettermen are Larry Henderson, Gary Hermann, Chuck Neff, Ron Davis, Owen Winger and Tom Bernet.

At last report Coach Ray Davis still had 18 youths on hand for varsity drills and close to a dozen of them measured at 6 feet or better. Stretching above the others is Henderson at 6-5. Next in height is Jim McDonald at 6-3. Boys standing 6-2 are Bruce Marks and Larry Walker. Paul Lindquist is 6-1½ and in the 6-1 class are Davis, Chuck Weller and Frank Thomas. Among the even 6-footers are Bernet, Erickson and Jim Smith.

Slaven Reports
With all that height Davis could field a team of six-footers but he'll likely use not more than three tall boys at a time and will pick speedsters for guard slots from among such players as Drews, 5-10, Hermann, 5-8, Neff, 5-9, Winger, 5-10, Jim Brown, 5-6, and Gary Tompkins, 5-11.

Arnold Slaven, all-state footballer, turned out for basketball this week for the first time this season. Just where he fits into plans isn't certain yet. He was not out for basketball last year, but played freshman ball and jayvee ball as a sophomore.

Davis counts his club as inexperienced but has reported that members of the squad have shown willingness to learn and to hustle. Walker and Marks have been singled out for their rebounding work and Davis has mentioned McDonald as being among the best of the tall boys. Weller is reportedly developing as a rebounder and Davis as post player. Winger was said to be pushing Drews and Erickson at guards.

The Cavemen will be participants in the jamboree at Klamath Falls tonight and entertain Roseburg on Saturday evening.

Webfoot Jayvee Quintet Winner

Eugene (U.P.)—Oregon's Junior Varsity basketball team edged Olympia Junior College 72-68 here last night as Paul Tuchar, former Oakridge high ace, scored 23 points, Jerry Hathaway of the Rangers grabbed high point honors, however, with 26.

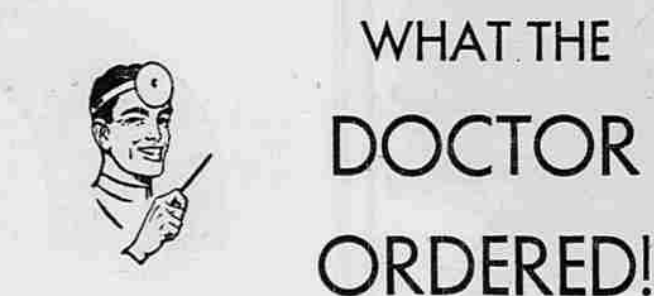
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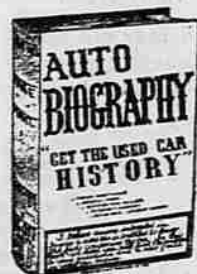
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