

Oregon, Oregon State Battle Tops Coast Conference Slate

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, (Special)—Coach Len Casanova's amazing Oregon Ducks, already assured of a tie for the 1957 Pacific Coast Conference championship, go after undisputed possession of the coveted title at Hayward Field Saturday when they play the defending champion Oregon State Beavers in the annual homecoming game.

The Webfoots have a one game lead going into the game on the basis of their 6-1 record while the Beavers are in second place with a 5-2 mark in conference action. A win for the Ducks would wrap up the title while a Beaver victory would throw the final standings into a tie.

The Oregon squad will also be shooting at another victory over the Beavers to keep intact the record of never having lost to the Beavers since the current team started as freshmen. Two years ago, after winning in their yearling season, the Ducks won 20-0 at Hayward Field and then last year the Ducks upset the Beavers in a 14-14 tie at Corvallis.

This will be the second straight season the game between the ancient rivals has been televised and the telecast will be carried by the National Broadcasting System with Chick Hearn as the announcer. The full Oregon radio network will also carry the game with Bob Blackburn as the play-by-play announcer.

Oregon's stout defense, the best in the PCC after nine games, and Oregon State's brilliant running game are expected to collide head-on and the outcome of the game may rest on the Webfoots' ability to stop the talents of tailback Joe Francis, wingbacks Sterling Hammack and fullback Nub Beamer.

Oregon's own offense has produced a real scoring punch behind the running of halfbacks Jim Shanley and Charley Tourville and fullback Jack Morris. Quarterback Jack Crabtree has also come into his own this season and provided an excellent change of pace for the runners with his accurate passing.

Shanley has already broken all Oregon career rushing records and Morris is now in third place in the all-time standings. Shanley goes into the game with a mark of 1792 yards for 29 games and Morris has rushed for 1618 in the same number of contests.

This will be the final game for 11 of the seniors at Hayward Field who were a major factor in pulling the Webfoots from a predicted seventh-place finish to a shot at the undisputed championship and an almost certain Rose Bowl bid.

Shanley, Morris and Crabtree are all finishing their careers in the PCC and the entire left side of the Oregon line, J. C. Wheeler at left end, Jerry Kershner at left tackle and Harry Mondale at left

guard, are the other seniors in the starting lineup.

A seventh regular, Co-Capt. Norm Chapman, would have been a starter Saturday except for a broken leg against Washington State which sidelined him for the remainder of the season.

Four of the reserves who played a major role in Oregon's success this season, end Bruce Brenn, end John Robinson, halfback Leroy Phelps and fullback Chuck Osborne, are also winding up their playing at the Duck home field and will take part in the introduction ceremonies which will follow the game.

Oregon's linemen are expected to meet their stiffest test of the season, with the possible exception of the battle with the brilliant Pittsburgh forwards, when they tackle the Beavers. In addition to the seniors who man the left side, the other starters up front will include sophomore Bob Peterson at center and juniors Bob Grottkau at right guard, Jim Linden at right tackle and Ron Stover at right end.

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Auburn Top Grid Squad In Defense

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When you talk defense in major college football this season you pronounce it Auburn.

The Tigers, one of two remaining unbeaten, untied clubs among the major schools, simply are the best in the best year of defense the college game has had in quite a spell.

Auburn is tops in total defense, permitting just 131.8 yards a game, and No. 1 in rushing defense, giving up only 76.4 yards a game, again in this week's statistics released Thursday by the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau.

And if figures leave you cold, try this for size:

Only one major college team failed to gain at least 100 yards in total offense last weekend. The team that didn't make it was Georgia—held to 97 yards (74 rushing, 23 passing) as Auburn defeated the Bulldogs 6-0.

Notre Dame's upset of Oklahoma also was a highlight of the return to defense by the college giants this season. The Irish held Oklahoma to 145 yards in total offense, the lowest any Bud Wilkinson-coached squad has managed, and the lowest for the Sooners since Texas Christian shut them off with 100 in 1946.

Auburn also is tops in scoring defense, allowing 21 points in eight games for a 2.6 average. None of the opponents have cracked the Tiger line for a TD. If Auburn can keep that record going against Florida State and Alabama, it will be the first club to do it in the current decade.

Texas A & M, knocked out of the unbeaten ranks last week by a Rice team that stayed on the ground, is the only major school unscathed on passing. Georgia Tech is the leading pass defense club, however, leading with a 37.1-yard-a-game average.

Punting is the only weak sister in the defensive statistics, with no team averaging 40 yards—the first time that has happened in 12 years.

Craft Thinks Player Trade Brought Star

KANSAS CITY (UP)—Manager Harry Craft of the Kansas City Athletics thinks he may have fallen heir to a sleeper in the 13-player trade with the Detroit Tigers.

"Jim Small could turn out to be the big surprise in the whole deal. I like that boy," said Craft upon his return Wednesday night from a visit to Waterloo, Iowa.

Most fans and baseball men were comparing the bigger names in Wednesday's swap—Billy Martin, the recalcitrant second baseman who still was broadcasting his demand for a slice of "my sale price" from the A's; Bill Tuttle, the slick outfielder who comes to Kansas City along with catcher Frank House and pitcher Duke Maas, and others.

But Craft said he is high on Small, a left-handed hitting outfielder only 20 years old, who was paid a \$35,000 bonus by the Tigers in 1955.

"He can run and he has a strong arm. He can hit with power, too. I think the Tigers got down on him. He had some trouble running bases last year. He is young and needs experience but I'm high on him."

Like House, who got a \$75,000 bonus in 1956, Small spent his two years with the Tigers mostly on the bench because he couldn't be farmed out until last year. His lifetime batting average is .277.

Colts Shape Air Defense

BALTIMORE, Md., (UP)—How does a team that had one of the weakest pass defenses in the National Football League suddenly develop a strong air defense?

The Baltimore Colts intercepted five passes by the Chicago Bears last Sunday, one for a touchdown while another led to a touchdown. But secondary coach Charley Winner said "we didn't change our pass defense in the least."

Winner said the best pass defense in pro ball is only as good as the pressure put on the passer by the defensive line. Baltimore had that pressure against the Bears and the receivers were Johnny-on-the-spot when the Bears hurried passers threw the ball.

Winner said the best example was on the first of two interceptions by rookie Milt Davis.

"Harlan Hill had Davis beat," Winner said, "but Davis took the ball right out of Hill's hands. Our line made that possible. The Bear quarterback didn't throw the ball when Hill made his angle—out move. Our line caused that delay and when the quarterback did let go, Davis had recovered and was in position to intercept."

City Teams To Practice This Evening

The Klamath Falls Basketball Association will hold a practice workout tonight in Mills School. The association has arranged to have the court available from 7 to 9 o'clock.

All prospective players and managers are welcome to the practice drills. The association hopes to have as many teams as possible in the city league and the practice workouts are a good opportunity for unattached players and teams who need players to get together.

The association will hold its next meeting Tuesday night, November 26, in the city hall. The deadline for league registration is December 9, but since administrative work requires time the association is urging all teams and players to register as soon as possible.

Stores Closed

Most of the Merrill merchants will be closed Saturday afternoon from 1 to 3:45 during the Merrill-Stanfield state semi-final football game which will be played on the Merrill field.

guards mean nothing. Anyone making a bet and giving more than one point in either direction just hasn't looked at the facts as presented by history.

For instance, when Coach Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf was taking three California teams in a row to the Rose Bowl in 47-48-49, the Golden Bears always were heavily favored over Stanford in the traditional battle, usually by 13 to 20 points. So Cal wins the first one 21-18; the second, 7-6. The last time USC went to the Rose Bowl (after the 1954 season), UCLA gave the Trojans a send-off with a 34-0 shellacking. And Oregon lost four games before playing last year's Oregon State Rose Bowl team to a 14-14 tie.

So take a look at these "big game" selections—but don't bet on 'em:

Stanford over California: Coach Pete Elliott is getting his first taste of "big game" fever, and he can't figure why 90,000 fans would want to see his club with a 1-8 record, play Stanford, which has 5-4. If the Indians kick the extra point, it could be 21-20.

Oregon over Oregon State: On the premise that one point will decide it, we'll take the bowl-bound Webfoots on the strength of Jack Morris' kicking excellence. How about 14-13?

UCLA over Southern California: The West's greatest coach, Red Sanders, has a 5-3 mark against the Trojans and off the records the Bruins should win by about 20 points. We'll say 19-18.

Washington over Washington State: Played on the Huskies' home ground, Washington has the finest set of fancy-stepping backs in the conference. Next problem is to stop the passing of the Cougars' Bob Newman. By 27-26.

Also: Cal Poly over San Francisco State by 20; Fresno State over Hawaii by 13; Whittier over Redlands by six, Pomona-Clearmont over Occidental by one and Arizona (Tempe) State over COP by 20.

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Notre Dame Sub Wins AP Line Award

SOUTH BEND, Ind., (UP)—A bench warmer, constantly plagued by recurring injuries, was the role that senior center Frank Kuchta emerged from to spearhead a stunning 7-0 Notre Dame upset of Oklahoma and win Associated Press Lineman of the Week honors.

"Sure, it was the best game I've ever played at Notre Dame," said the 6-3, 295-pound Kuchta after he was told of his selection.

"But there were six other guys in that forward wall. And as far as I'm concerned they could have picked all seven Notre Dame starting linemen for the honor."

For his terrific offensive and defensive play that shattered Oklahoma's 47-game winning streak, Kuchta gained the nod from the weekly AP poll of sports writers and broadcasters.

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CHICAGO (UP)—Kid Gavilan is showing signs of rust but his fighting instinct still has plenty of polish.

The former welterweight champion, who at 31 wants to regain the title, craftily won a unanimous decision over Boston's Walt Byars last night in a 10-round televised nationally from Chicago Stadium.

Byars, 25, was in a purple rage in the sixth round, complaining to Referee Frank Sikora that the Cuban Kid had struck a low blow. It looked for a minute as if Byars would tear into Gavilan in anger.

This he did at the start of the seventh, and the Kid cooled him off with a change of tactics. He started left-jabbing him and the former Marine featherweight champion of the Korean campaign could not score effectively.

Gavilan fought his stubby opponent wisely with a pressing body attack most of the time, and although many of his blows were blocked inside, enough were jammed through to pile up points.

Byars, who pushed the Kid away in a gesture of disgust after the bell ended the sixth round, appeared to be jeering the former champ throughout the ninth. It seemed to rile Gavilan, who missed Byars' head with several shots after the bell. The referee had to step in and send them to their corners.

Byars indicated his contempt of Gavilan after the fight when he said: "The guy isn't going anywhere. He doesn't compare with other contenders."

Gavilan outweighed his foe 151 to 146 pounds.

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Top Gridders Seek All-American Spots

By HUGH FULLERTON JR., The Associated Press

NEW YORK (UP)—Tom Greene of Holy Cross and Lee Grosscup of Utah, statistically two of the leading ground-gainers in major college football, are among more than two dozen players under consideration for backfield positions on the 1957 All-America team.

The regional boards which have scrutinized the nation's leading teams throughout the season today listed the possibilities.

With two games still left on the schedule for many of the leading teams, the lists submitted this week may undergo radical changes.

Greene and Grosscup, both T-formation quarterbacks, have registered most of their gains by passing. Greene has accounted for a total of 1,323 yards in eight games. Grosscup, 1,231 in nine.

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Giants Expect Big Increase In Crowds

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—The transplanted Giants expect to double their attendance in their new California baseball quarters in 1958.

Ticket Manager Pete Hoffman predicted Thursday the attendance at the former Seals Stadium—23,000 capacity—would hit 1,250,000 by the time the ex-New Yorkers finish their first season here. This year's final season at the Polo Grounds—twice as large—drew 633,000, Hoffman said.

Although ticket prices are higher than they were in New York, Hoffman said orders are pouring in for the April 15 opener with the Los Angeles Dodgers, a 150 transplanted this year. In fact, he said he could sell 100,000 tickets for that one.

Twenty-two of the season's first 25 games will be played at home for an extended San Francisco welcome, from the opener through May 11. The only break will be a three-game set at Los Angeles at the tag end of the season's first week.

The Giants, after returning here from Los Angeles, play St. Louis, Chicago, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh plus a second series with Los Angeles.

There are 21 night games on the 77-game home schedule and two doubleheaders, on May 4 against Pittsburgh and July 4 against Chicago.

The Labor Day, Sept. 1 holiday calls for separate morning and afternoon games. Hoffman said this arrangement was decided on because of anticipated "extra big" crowds.

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