



Spring practice, a preview of fall football play, wound up this Wednesday for the Lemon and Green machine under Coach Warren.

What's the outlook for the 1942 season? Coast championship and the Rose Bowl? It may be too early for a football forecast yet—but Oregon can definitely be considered in the running for top honors.

For John Warren has tons of top-flight material—rugged boys who should show plenty next fall. True, there were some really standout men lost by graduation and to the armed forces, but for these you've got player after player returning and improved.

WSC First Test for Webfoots

Oregon opens its conference play against the Washington State Cougars at Pullman on October 3. The first home game scheduled to date is on October 24 against Idaho. Homecoming will be November 7 with Babe Horrel's UCLA outfit. The always-good feud with Oregon State's Beavers will be staged at Corvallis November 21. Oregon will not play Stanford next season. Games with Montana and service teams will probably fill some of the open dates.

Now let's take a look at the husky men who will occupy the seats of the dressing room at McArthur court and listen to Coach John Warren and Manny Vezie deliver the first pep talk next September.

Russ Nowling, smart and hard-crashing, will be snagging passes and charging through from the right end position. Jim Shephard has recovered fully from the operation on his leg and will be back in uniform next fall. Cottage Grove's George Duggan, up from the frosh, looks good on defense and can be counted on for action. Small but rugged Don Vernier, rough and ready Pete Torchia, track man Bob Simpson, and Marshall Pattison are also eligible for end duty.

Oregon Has Tackles to Spare

Tackles won't be much of a problem for Coach Warren. Gigantic "Cruiser" Dick Ashcom, who is plenty fast for a big boy, will batter opposition from the right side. On the left there's good-natured Ed Moshofsky. Ed is probably the most consistent tackler on the squad. Powerful Chuck Elliott, aggressive Merritt Kufferman, Tom Terry, and big and blond Cliff Giffin round out the shock troops.

Warren has been working Steve Bodner, last year a guard, into a center, leaving a hole for that blocking post. "Scrappy" Rhea returns to show the opponents a tough time. Then there's the Steers twins, Howard and Henry, and ex-frosh Vic Atiyeh.

Loss of "Little Abner" Wilson and Hersh Patton creates quite a center problem. In addition to Bodner, tackle Bill Mayther, speedster, has been a snapper-back in spring drill.

A Preview of the Backfield

Hefty Val Culwell, right guard who was out by injury much of last season, will be throwing blocks at quarterback. Len Saries, who has shown much improvement; Bob Donnelly, frosh who couldn't play spring ball, and Don Brown will back up Val.

One of the nation's best, Tommy "Rainbow" Roblin, will be running the ball at left half. Recently injured Jimmy Newquist, "the Camas Cyclone," speed boy Bobbie Reynolds, flyer Clyde Lee, and Leroy Erickson are more heartaches for Duck opposition.

Kenny Oliphant, probably the fastest man on the squad; Cameron "Scotty" Deeds, spring practice sensation, and Bob Morrison are coming right halfbacks.

And these aren't all. There are others, good linemen and backs, who will probably step into the lineup for the Webfoots next fall.

At fullback there's the team's No. 1 punter, Bob Koch, and frosh Bill Davis, who looks very much like the real thing.

1942's Style of Play

Koch, Newquist, and Reynolds have been doing the punting with Newquist, Roblin, and Reynolds shooting passes.

Next season Oregon will continue the modified Notre Dame, or "Oliver Twist," play. Warren stresses fundamentals more than Oliver and the odds say that Oregon will have the best conditioned club in the Coast conference next season. Spring indications say that the squad is also blessed with a winning spirit which makes lots of difference when the play is tough and the breaks break the wrong way.

So . . . that's the spring preview of fall football . . . Oregon outlook.

Here's wishing the best of good luck to John Warren, Manny Vezie, and the men in the Lemon and Green uniforms for the coming 1942 season.