

Engle Fears Duck Backs After Viewing Three Films

By SANDY PADWE

The reason Rip Engle's complexion matches his white locks these days isn't due to lack of sunshine — he's been watching films of Oregon University's football team.

The Webfoots and Engle's Nit-tany Lions will get together in Philadelphia Stadium Dec. 17 where the second annual Liberty Bowl game will be staged.

After watching the Ducks in three exchange films against Washington, Stanford and Oregon State, Engle's biggest concern is how to stop their speedy backs.

"Their backs are just as fast as Missouri's," Engle said with a worried look, "and it's going to take a strong effort to stop them."

"They're a real wide open football team and they use a lot of flankers."

"According to the movies it looked as if Oregon could have beaten Washington. They had them until the last three minutes."

The Webfoots came up with their top effort of the season against the Huskies.

Quarterback Dave Grosz's passing was the big weapon and it set the stage for Bruce Snyder's five-yard touchdown run in the third period.

The Ducks grimly hung to the lead as visions of an upset grew greater.

Then with 2:36 left Washington's Don McKeta sneaked past the Duck defenses and hauled in a 47-yard pass for the tying touchdown. George Fleming's PAT was good and Washington averted a major upset.

Oregon sports publicist Art Litchman feels that a great team effort put the Ducks in the Liberty Bowl.

"It was a combination of leadership by seasoned seniors, excellent work by the other returning lettermen and the rapid development of a solid group of sophomores that enable Oregon to get the bid," Litchman said.

At the start of the campaign, Oregon coach Len Casanova wasn't exactly optimistic.

"We have a real job ahead combining our regulars with the other lettermen and the rookies," Casanova said in September. "I would imagine if we are to have



DAVE GROSZ
Oregon quarterback

a successful season, we'll be stronger late in the season."

That's exactly the way it happened. The Ducks with only three returning regulars in the lineup, coasted by Idaho 33-6 in their opener but lost to Michigan, 21-0, in their second outing.

Then the sophs started maturing and Oregon ran up four straight wins over Utah, Washington State, San Jose State, and California before losing to Washington.

They added two wins over Stanford and West Virginia before tying arch-rival Oregon State, 14-14, in their final game. Oregon's offense was one of the best in the history of the school.

Grosz's passing and running was sensational while halfbacks Dave Grayson and Cleveland Jones served as a two-pronged threat on the ground and as receivers.

Defensively the Ducks were as

good as ever.

The first three opponents scored 41 points, but the last seven managed but 45 and only two—Oregon State and Washington State—could score more than a single touchdown.

Great pursuit and alert pass defense which snared 22 enemy aerials were the keys to the tough defense.

NL Votes Against Proposal Calling for Inter-League Play

By JACK HAND
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ST. LOUIS (AP) — The National League has voted against an American League proposal calling for nine-team leagues in 1961 with interlocking schedules, National President Warren Giles said last night.

The action was taken at a meeting of NL club owners, which was recessed until today with no formal announcement other than Giles' off-the-cuff statement in a hotel lobby.

Giles also said each league is considering its own amendment to baseball's Rule I, which stands in the way of American League expansion to Los Angeles. The rule now requires unanimous approval of all 16 major league clubs for one league to set up shop in a city of the other league.

"What we are trying to do," Giles said, "is change the amendments here and there so that they are not so divergent and are more acceptable to Commissioner Ford Frick."

The way Giles explained it is

this: The AL has drawn up an amendment which would permit expansion to Los Angeles in 1961. The NL version also would permit such expansion, but not until 1962.

The nine-team league was the American's counter-proposal after the National objected to immediate expansion to Los Angeles. The AL said it would delay going to Los Angeles until 1962 if the proposal was accepted.

Its rejection had been expected, although some AL club-owners insisted a nine-club program would be "the best for baseball."

Unless there is a sudden turn-about in the present trend, the entire matter will be dropped into the commissioner's lap at the joint meeting scheduled for Wednesday. If the leagues still are at odds, over an amendment, Frick's vote would be decisive.

Frick always has spoken in favor of expansion, but has insisted on a "fair and equitable" amendment, "one that we can live with in the future." He has not commented on the two amendments drawn up in New York last week.

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