

Webfoots Squash Winless Vandals

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Firing just too many guns for the slow and unsteady Vandals of Idaho, the Oregon Webfoots moved to an automatic 25-0 football victory Saturday before 9500 slightly chilled spectators at Hayward field.

Held to a single touchdown in the first half by a combination of Idaho line play and their inability to put together a consistent offense, the Ducks managed to untrack their running game later in the game and chalked up three tallies in the second half, plus a hard-earned extra point.

It was Oregon's fourth win (third in a row) and gave the Ducks a 4-3 record for the season, with the other wins coming at the expense of California, Utah and Arizona. For Skip Stahley's losers, it was their sixth loss of the season without a win, and their third straight scoreless contest.

A bad break in the opening moments of the game may have cost the Vandals an early lead and some inspiration. Fullback Wilbur Gary of Idaho fumbled as he hit the end zone of Oregon and Dick James alertly fell on the oval for a Duck touchback.

The Vandal scoring threat, their only such real one in the game, came when sophomore quarterback Howard Willis picked off a wobbly pass from Tom Crabtree intended for George Slender on the Oregon 42. Willis slanted down the sideline to the nine, where Crabtree knocked him out of bounds. Two line plunges moved to the one, from where Gary made his costly bobble.

Given this lease on life, Oregon immediately launched a sustained 80-yard drive which resulted in their first touchdown of the day. The march consumed just 14 plays and was capped with James circling right end from the five with 5:18 left to play in the quarter.

A two-yard loss by James began the series, but Crabtree sliced inside left end on the quarterback keeper play for a gain of 11. Jack Morris slammed for nine from his fullback spot and it was a first down.

Following another first down to the Idaho 49, Jim Shanley took a pitch-back from Crabtree, eluded one tackler and shot around end for 15 yards. Then with fourth down and four to go on the 29, Shanley picked up 12 yards on a reverse to the Idaho 11-yard marker.

Morris hit the middle for three, and then James raced around right end and carried his tackler a full five yards out of bounds to gain a first down on the five. The amazing James then danced untouched around right end as the Idaho line converged on the faking Morris in the middle. The conversion try was wide and the Ducks had a 6-0 bulge.

Oregon lost another scoring chance late in the period as Shanley set the stage with a fine 33-yard punt return on a reverse from James. A crunching block by guard Spike Hillstrom sprung Shanley loose, almost for the distance.

With the first down on the 40, time was called while Idaho's Willis helped from the field with an injured ankle hurt while making the tackle on Shanley. Later reports put the mishap as not serious.

Speedy Jack Brown, the Ducks' newest swift at halfback, then tore loose on a 29-yard scamper, but a penalty for offside removed the gain. Crabtree flipped a bullet pass to Chuck Osborne good for 13 yards on the next play, but Osborne fumbled on the

next carry and Idaho's Pete Gerpheide recovered to end the threat.

A punting exchange ended the first stanza with Gary being thrown down after fielding a Morris punt on his own 29-yard stripe.



JACK BROWN
New Duck swift scampers

Nick Uglesich, at quarter for Idaho, began a sustained drive for his club with a series of screen passes. He hit four times to move the ball to the Duck 12 and a first down. Two running plays went for naught and Uglesich took to the air again.

A goal-line shot for Larry Aldrich went awry and Gerpheide was the target in the right corner of the end zone for the fourth-down, all-or-nothing pass attempt. But James was there to knock the ball away at the last minute in midair to spoil the Idaho chance.

Oregon was stymied on the ground and once more was forced to kick, with Morris's 57-yard thump doing the job adequately. Once more Idaho penetrated Duck territory as far as the 25, but Hank Loumena intercepted a Gary Johnson aerial on the 12 and returned to the 26 to save the day.

Oregon was then locked in a race with the clock and moved steadily downfield with Crabtree passing and running effectively. A fake-punt sweep by Crabtree gave the Ducks a vital first down on the Vandal 35, but a back-in-motion penalty moved them back quickly.

Halfback Leroy Phelps nearly connected with end Phil McHugh on the five, but the pass was just long. Then Jack Crabtree fired

an incomplete to Morris and a 14-yard complete to end J. C. Wheeler to run out the half with the score still at 6-0.

Oregon got its next break in the third period when tackle John Raventos pounced on an Idaho fumble on the Vandal's 32-yard line. Crabtree then figured in the next seven plays, which resulted by passes and option runs in a first down on the Idaho five.

Fred Miklancic lost a yard a right end, but Shanley showed his specialty on the next play by outrunning and outfaking two defenders to score untouched around left end from the six. Phelps' conversion try was way short and it stood at 12-0 with 6:52 remaining in the third quarter.

Oregon put across its next drive from its own 22. Jack Crabtree ran the team with fine runs by Loumena and Brown to the Idaho 34 as the third period ended. Then the first eleven came in for the score.

Crabtree gained four to the 30, and Shanley took the handoff on the next play and fairly flew past the line of scrimmage. He got past the linebackers quickly and scooted into the end zone for the third touchdown and his own second.

A bit of dramatics on the extra point involved two penalties against Oregon which both nulli-

fied successful conversions. Finally Morris had to connect on a 22-yard shot which actually traveled 39 yards over the goal posts.

The remaining part of the last period saw the Ducks with two good scoring chances and capitalizing on one of them. The first was a pass from Jack Crabtree to sophomore end Mick Blevins all alone behind the defense which bounded out of his arms.

The second was more substantial and involved a drive beginning from the Idaho 47 when a Vandal punt went just 13 yards.

Hank Loumena did the heavy work on the drive, carrying the ball five times for 28 yards, catching a 17-yard pass from Wally Russell and scoring the TD on a five-yard gallop around left end.

The score was similar to James' earlier tally. Russell faked to Miklancic expertly in the middle of the line, then pitched out to Loumena who moved into the payoff land all alone. Phelps tried a conversion, but it went wide and the score stood 25-0 with 57 seconds left.

A thrilling highlight of the last quarter was a 58-yard end run by Jack Brown. It came from the Duck 25 and saw the speedy sophomore actually outrun his interference before being spilled on the Vandal 17.

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