

Ducks Edged in Bowl Classic



RUGGED RON STOVER, star Oregon Webfoot end, moves with ball after receiving pass from quarterback Jack Crabtree in the Pasadena Rose Bowl New Year's Day. Ohio Staters Joe Cannavino (16) and Frank Kramblas (22) move in for the tackle in the 1958 historic battle.

(Emerald photo by Louie Parker)

Cas Thanks LA Writers For Giving Ducks Fight

PASADENA ROSE BOWL — Len Casanova is quite a fellow. He took an underrated, out-cast Oregon football team into the heat of the Southern California sunshine and into the heat of verbs and adjectives of Los Angeles sports writers and in the short space of three hours made heroes of his team and goats of the writers.

"Thanks a lot," he told the gang of sports writers after Oregon had put up the battle of the century in losing the Rose Bowl to Ohio State 10-7. "You Los Angeles sports writers helped us a lot. A team can't be derided by everybody and not come back fighting mad."

Casanova was mighty proud of his boys. And rightly so for the Ducks, picked seventh or eighth in the PCC before the season began, played one of the best games ever in the Pasadena classic.

"This team outguttled everybody," he said.

Oregon not only out-gutted the Buckeyes, they outgained them, 351 yards to 304 and out-first downed them, 21-19. Winning the statistics doesn't win the game but it sure puts holes in the "mismatch" theory of LA sports-writers.

The closest Oregon came to leading the game was in the third quarter when Jack Morris narrowly missed a field goal from the 24 yard line. He got the kick off beautifully but it sailed just to the left of the bar.

Ironically, in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter, Ohio State's Jim Sutherland made the game-winning field goal from the same spot on the field—the same 24-yard line and the same angle.

Four miscues by Oregon, two fumbles and two intercepted passes, provided the Buckeyes just enough breathing space to win the game, but long after these mistakes are forgotten, Oregon's performance will be re-

membered.

As 19-point underdogs before the game began, the Ducks stoutly refused to yield. They held Ohio State to its smallest point production of the season and came closer to beating the Bucks than any of the "tough" Big Ten schools.

Jack Crabtree was voted the outstanding player of the game. He, if anybody, was responsible for the Webfoots' great showing at Pasadena. He completed 10 of 17 passes for 135 yards and it was his brilliant play calling, that had the "puffed" Buckeyes on their heels throughout most of the afternoon.

Ohio State had the talent. It's 1957 season record showed that, but Oregon's desire won the hearts of the nearly 100,000 fans on hand.

Webfoot end Ron Stover illustrated this tremendous desire. He caught 10 passes during the game for 144 yards. He was hit and hit hard by Ohio State defenders, but he struggled to his feet, only to make more startling catches.

Casanova praised his whole team. He especially mentioned the play of Crabtree, halfback Jim Shanley, Morris and tackle Jerry Kershner.

"Coach of the Year" Woody Hayes and his 19-point favorite Ohio State team escaped with a three-point victory.

What does that make Len Casanova?

Sports Staffers Schedule Meeting

All members of the Oregon Daily Emerald sports staff and all those interested on working on the sports staff will meet in the Emerald Office Tuesday at 7:00. New assignments will be made at this time.

Those unable to attend are asked to phone Bob Mullin at the Emerald office (ext. 219) or at DI 5-7801.

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Take the case of Jack Crabtree as a stellar example. Jack combined the best points of his best games, UCLA and Stanford, to make his Rose Bowl performance today one of the greatest quarterback shows ever seen here. The automatics, and the options and even the double reverses worked to perfection under his imaginative direction, and the Crabtree-Ron Stover passing duet established a Rose Bowl record.

Or take "Stoves" himself—he caught passes this afternoon in every possible position—ten came close enough for Ron to touch, and Ron caught ten. As usual, he played this game full-throttle, and don't think he wasn't noticed; a dozen sports writers we heard called him "the finest end I've seen all year."

Schaffeld Fills In

If you want heroic drama, take Joe Schaffeld, the Boise JC transfer who forgot that he had a useless ankle to replace Harry Mondale, injured on the game's fifth play—one of the day's real tragedies, for gummy Harry. Said Stover afterward: "Boy, I thought that the world was gonna end right there, but Joe was terrific, wasn't he? I don't know how he did it." Neither did All-American Aurelius Thomas, across the line.

Nobody but the Ducks, either, knew that Jim Shanley was in constant pain after a second-period shoulder bruise—you couldn't tell it from Jim's performance.

As we said before, the list of UO stars includes everybody who gathered around Cas for today's pre-game prayer: Willie West, with a wonderful running and passing display; Sandy Fraser, a real terror on defense, Jack Morris, like always the great team leader (wonder what Sports Illus. thought about his defense and blocking?); Charlie Tourville's TD-producing blocks; Jim Linden and Jerry Kershner, defensive and offensive leaders respectively in Oregon's line.

Second Unit Tough

Or Larry Newson and Dave Fish, who put the game's most soul-satisfying "stopper" on Bob White; or all the "Ugly Ducklings" of the second unit, for that matter, who were labeled as Oregon's biggest weakness but were just the opposite—worth their weight in TDs... you see what we mean.

The 1958 Rose Bowl game was a thriller because Oregon made it so—the way we saw it, Ohio State had four big plays today: 1) they won the coin toss, 2) Frank Kremblas' 37-yard pass to Jim Houston that set up their touchdown, 3) Bob White's nine-yard, fourth-down effort to the UO 24, where 4) Sutherland made his fine field goal effort. The rest of the day belonged to Oregon.

Admittedly, things started out in a manner most satisfactory to Big Ten fans. Dick LeBeau took Jack Morris' kick to the OSU 21, and then here, it was grind-bump-grind, plus Frank Kremblas' pass to Houston, till the former bucked over from the one. Sutherland's kick was perfect and the LA boys were already writing "I told you so" in various vitriolic ways.

Reeve Dumps Kremblas

An interception spoiled Oregon's first chance with the ball on the OSU 27, after automatics and a pass to Stover had them rolling. White, Kremblas and another Houston pass took the Bucks down to Oregon's 24, where Will Reeve rendered the first Oregon turning point: he dumped the smart Kremblas for a ten yard loss. Here the period ended.

Then, as the crowd and the Buckeyes looked on, astounded, the Ducks simply exploded 80 yards in 10 plays for their TD (it took them just 2:55 to get the job done).

Jim Shanley started things off by turning the corner on a pitch-out for 22 yards, then Crabtree kept for 11, gave Shanley another toss for nine, gave to Jack Morris for a first down on the 21, passed to Chuck Tourville on the 10, kept again to the five, and finally pitched to Shanley who took a block from Tourville for the touchdown. Wow!

The rest of the half served further notice that this was going to be a ball game, brother. First Alden Kimbrough and then Sandy Fraser beautifully broke up OSU's next advance, clear to the Oregon 12.

From here, little Willie West twice rammed Oregon's effective halfback pass down OSU's gullet, once by deflection to tackle Tom Keele in the game's funniest play, and once for 18 yards to Stover. A fumble on the Ohio 29 ended this drive, but not before 170-pound Willie had been tackled by 269-pound Birtho Arnold, as the stadium winced.

Webfoots Hold Again

Stover and Darrel Aschbacher halted OSU's final first-half drive by trapping Kremblas on the Oregon 44, and Morris and Shanley broke to Ohio's 36 before the buzzer sounded and the crowd decided they liked Oregon best of all.

The Webfoots' first second-half march featured two tosses to Stover for 23 yards before another of those tough-luck interceptions interrupted on the OSU 49. The game's general pattern—tough breaks for Oregon followed by great comebacks—was typified in Ohio State's next effort. The Ducks let the Bucks get just so far (to their 39) then got mad and sent Tourville and Jim Linden out to stop Bob White on fourth down, but cold.

The shadows were lengthening on the west side of the field as Oregon launched its second-best drive of the day. Jack Crabtree fired nicely to Tourville up the middle for 16, then three plays later, he speared Stover on the OSU 36. As the crowd jumped up, Jack Morris flanked Crabtree on the option, snagged the latter's toss, cut in, jiggled a moment, and ended up on Ohio State's 20. Crabtree made two, missed Tourville on a second-down aerial, and tossed a nearly-complete heartbreaker to Alden Kimbrough that might have kept Casanova's bowl-string intact.

Field Goal Just Misses

Fourth down. Jack Morris, as expected, left the field and came back with his trusty kicking tee, and Oregon fans nudged each other with pride. With Dave Fish centering, Morris' boot sailed up from the 24 and over the crossbars—but the referee kept his arms at his side and motioned that the attempt had been a yard too wide. Enough to break any team's heart—except those Ducks.

With 5:14 left in the quarter, Woody Hayes' bruisers launched their own, game-winning drive. Bob White, surely the best soph fullback in the business, simply steamrolled 10 out of 13 times to

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Hayes: 'Better Squad Always Wins Contest'

PASADENA ROSE BOWL—The cool, collected and cocky head coach of Ohio State, Woody Hayes, told a mob of sports writers that "the better team always wins—they don't figure the winner by first downs."

He was referring of course to his team's narrow 10-7 victory over Oregon in Wednesday's Rose Bowl clash. But perhaps there was a hint of relief in his voice.

"I consoled our kids after the game... when a team wins on a bad day, it's a great team. Of course the opponent had a lot to do with making it a bad day for us. Oregon played tremendous ball."

Hayes thought the Ducks played great defensive ball and a good offensive game but "with all those first downs (21, three short of the all-time Rose Bowl

record) they still only scored once."

The Buckeye mentor picked reserve halfback Don Sutherland as the outstanding star because "he kicked the field goal (a 24-yarder in the opening seconds of the fourth quarter) and that was the difference."

About Webfoot quarterback Jack Crabtree who won player of the day honors in the game: "I'd put Crabtree up with any other Big Ten quarterback. He did an excellent job passing. And he had two great receivers in number 83 (end Ron Stover) and number 30 (halfback Jim Shanley)."

It all boiled down to this according to Woody Hayes: "Two pretty good teams played out there—the field goal was the edge."