

Webfoots stunned by underdog WSU

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A band of over-confident Ducks, obviously looking ahead to Columbus, Ohio, allowed Washington State's Cougars just one touchdown too many and an upset victory, 22-21 in Pullman Saturday.

A Cougar TD, scored late in the fourth stanza, put the game out of Oregon's reach and made the WSU Homecoming a happy one.

Winners of only one other game this season, a 34-0 drubbing of Idaho, the Pullman grid warriors combined a fine ground attack with a clutch aerial display to surprise and subdue the Webfoots.

Hugh Campbell, called the nation's best end by Oregon scouts, caught only three passes, but two of them set up WSU scores. It was Campbell who pulled one in on the Oregon two, late in the game, to allow the final Cougar score and victory.

And, as Oregon scouts had also said, if the WSU ground attack could get going it would mean trouble for the Ducks. It certainly did mean trouble, and downfall. The Cougars only completed five passes in ten tries, way below their usual game average, and completely surprised Oregon defenses with a strong ground attack.

FLEET FULLBACK George Reed scored three times for the Cougars and carried 29 times for 110 yards. Reed was a main factor in the Cougar rushing machine.

Mel Renfro, who just a week before led the Duck win over Stanford, again led the Webfoots in ground gaining with a 5.0 yard per carry average and a 39-yard kickoff return, but could not break away when it counted. Renfro gained high praise from



GEORGE REED
... scores three for WSU.

WSU head mentor Jim Sutherland for his efforts.

Sutherland also lauded Oregon tackles Steve Barnett and Ron Snidow as "two great tackles."

THE WINNING Cougar score came with only two and a half minutes to go in the clash. A Dave Mathieson pass to Campbell on the Oregon two gave Reed the chance to score and he did. Mel Melin missed the PAT and Oregon trailed by one, 22-21.

A last ditch drive by the Oregonians fell short when a double reverse failed and a fake field Webfoots to give up the pigskin with just seconds to go.

The Cougars scored first, a field goal by Melin late in the first quarter, and from then on the Ducks were behind almost all the way.

But, Oregon's grid forces didn't seem particularly worried until after the final State TD. The Ducks came from behind with a minute gone in the last quarter on a Renfro score and a Buck Corey extra point kick to go ahead, 21-16.

AND SECOND - GUESSERS will wonder for a while just why the Ducks did not go for the two-point conversion. With a four point lead, 20-16, one point does no good, but six would make a Washington State PAT necessary for the win should they score again. And, they scored again and missed the extra point try.

Len Casanova, head coach of the Webfoots, blamed Oregon's

defeat on poorly played defense in the first half. "We played terrible defense in the first half, missing tackles and not giving good pursuit," said Cas. "We weren't moving."

Oregon fullback Jim Josephson, who was the work-horse in the Oregon effort with 22 carries for 70 yards, hurt his knee and dislocated one finger. His injuries are slight, however, and according to coaches he should not be out of action next week in Columbus.

ALSO, LARRY HILL was shaken up during the contest but re-entered later and is believed to be all right.

Renfro was still noticeably bothered by his foot operation and still limping.

While the Washington State contest was supposed to be an easy victory for the Webfoots, their trip to Columbus to meet with one of the nation's highest ranking team, Ohio State University, is to be about the opposite.

THE DUCKS will be a heavy underdog as they enter the contest with their four win, four loss record. The Buckeyes have not lost a game this season, but tied Texas Christian in their opener. They have impressive wins over such teams as UCLA, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa.

Oregon and OSU have met only one before, in a 1958 Rose Bowl battle. The Buckeyes were

favored heavily; in fact, it was supposed to be the biggest walk-away in Rose Bowl history. But the Ducks scored a moral victory with a 10-7 losing effort. Oregon won in every department but the score.

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