

Quack Cracks



Miller No Cuozzo

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DESPITE WHAT SOME people think, John Miller is not about to resign himself to being a perennial Gary Cuozzo.

Cuozzo, you probably know, is possibly the second best quarterback in the National Football League, ace bench warmer, back-up man to the best, super-star Johnny Unitas of the Baltimore Colts, the guy who got his big chance to play when Unitas injured himself last year, the same guy who injured himself a few plays later, and who still watched the remainder of the season from the bench. Gary Cuozzo, a star next to the sun, perennially a Johnny Unitas away from fame.

That's what John Miller does not want to be.

So who is John Miller?

A 110-pound wrestler from Wilson High in Portland who missed being a 98-pound state champion his sophomore year in high school because he met Greg Morgan in the finals—one of those rare fellows good enough to eventually win three state titles.

The same John Miller who was best in that weight division the following year, but who was ineligible to participate in the state tournament because of a staph infection . . . in his big toe.

The same John Miller who was upset in the state semifinals his senior year by a guy who lost decisively to the eventual state champion. And John Miller, needless to say, had beaten—and most probably would have beaten again—that same state champion.

John Miller—always a Morgan, an infection, or an upset away from his big goal. A Gary Cuozzo on a three-time scale, that was the story of his wrestling career in high school.

Now, let's turn to college. He's a freshman at the University of Oregon.

Up until this year, winning a position on the frosh wrestling team has been as easy as turning out for the squad.

But John Miller's here. And all that has changed.

Battling alongside this guy for that top 123-pound frosh spot will be no less than three Johnny Unitases (of sorts).

First in line is his old rival, Greg Morgan—now a roommate of his at Bean Hall. Next is Kenichi Kanno, a Japanese national who placed second in his country's prep championships two years ago before transferring to North Eugene High. Last spring he took third in the United States AAU tournament in Lincoln, Nebraska. And finally, Rick Mailloux, a two-time state champion in the 115-123 pound divisions from Lebanon.

Ordinarily, three stars like these aren't seen on the frosh team in three years.

But, the Ducks got a new coach last year—Art Keith. And Keith has already proven to be the best wrestling recruiter in the history of the school.

Three other two-time state champions in addition to the above named will be on the frosh squad this year.

Miller's determined to be number one. And if he gets what he wants on this team, the only other Johnny Unitases to be found will be in the national tournament.

THERE'S NO TIME FOR admiring your achievements dep't: Oregon's football victory over Stanford last week will probably go down as the most satisfying in quite a few years for the Oregon coaching staff. But this week's opponent—Air Force—is ranked in the Associated Press' top twenty. That's why you see looks of determination instead of smiles of satisfaction on the faces of the Oregon coaches. A victory this week may not be more satisfying, but it would be more significant.

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Jones Third in Rushing

For the first time since the Mel Renfro-Larry Hill era four years back, Oregon has a runner threatening to take over first place in the Pacific Athletic Conference rushing statistics.

Duck halfback Steve Jones moved up into third place from sixth in that PAC department Saturday by rushing for 126 yards against Stanford. So far this season, he has 323 yards—only 11 behind second place Don McCall of Southern California and 48 behind front-running Donny Moore of the University of Washington.

UCLA's brilliant Gary Beban has begun to move well ahead in total offense and has taken a narrow lead in conference scoring as well. Beban gained 304 yards against Rice last week to move 338 yards ahead of Stanford's second-place Gene Washington, who was held to only 14 yards by inspired Oregon.

In team statistics, there were new leaders in three categories but UCLA and USC continue to lead all the departments. USC remained on top in total defense and passing offense but came up from third to take the lead in both rushing offense and rushing defense. UCLA retained the passing offense lead and overtook USC in total offense.

INDIVIDUAL Scoring

Beban, UCLA—34 (5 touchdowns, two 2-point conversions). Farr, UCLA—32 (5 touchdowns, one 2-point conversion). Gerela, WSU—27 (2 touchdowns, 6 conversions). Jordan, Washington—24 (4 touchdowns). Shoemaker, Stanford—24 (6 field goals, 6 conversions). Zimmerman, UCLA—23 (3 field goals, 14 conversions). Busby, UCLA—20 (3 touchdowns, one 2-point conversion). Bradley, Cal—18 (3 touchdowns). Cope, Washington—18 (3 touchdowns). McCall, USC—18 (3 touchdowns). Sherman, USC—18 (3 touchdowns).

Rushing

Moore, Washington—371 (5.2 average). McCall, USC—344 (4.8 average). Jones, Oregon—323 (3.6 average). Farr, UCLA—302 (6.2 average). Pifer, OSU—272 (4.3 average). Root, Stanford—268 (4.7 average). Washington, Stanford—230 (3.7 average). Sherman, USC—220

(6.1 average). Beban, UCLA—212 (4.0 average). Gerela, WSU—203 (5.1 average).

Passing

Henderson, WSU—54 (562 yards, 5.57 percentage). Beban, UCLA—43 (720 yards, 5.51 percentage). Winslow, USC—37 (466 yards, 5.69 percentage). Sparlin, Washington—29 (381 yards, 4.03 percentage). Brothers, OSU—27 (234 yards, 4.03 percentage). Washington, Stanford—25 (364 yards, 3.57 percentage). Bronk, Cal—19 (232 yards, 4.67 percentage). Barnes, Oregon—14 (180 yards, 4.24 percentage). Page, USC—13 (126 yards, 3.84 percentage). Brundage, Oregon—12 (153 yards, 3.75 percentage).

Receiving

Flansburg, WSU—33 (351 yards, 1 TD). Drake, USC—26 (317 yards, 2 TD's). Busby, UCLA—18 (317 yards, 3 TD's). Cope, Washington—17 (265 yards, 2 TD's). Conrad, Stanford—15 (204 yards, 1 TD). Grim, OSU—12 (105 yards). Bradley, Cal—11 (158 yards, 1 TD). Sherman, USC—11 (116 yards, 1 TD). Bunker, Oregon—10 (120 yards). Cress, Oregon—9 (148 yards). McWashington, WSU—9 (128 yards, 1 TD).

Punting

Gerela, WSU—5 (47.0 average). Lewis, Stanford—13 (44.9 average). Bronk, Cal—7 (42.7 average). Houser, OSU—24 (42.2 average). Martin, Washington—14 (40.1 average). Engstrom, WSU—22 (40.0 average). Abena, Stanford—1 (40.0 average). Berry, Cal—18 (39.8 average). Leon, USC—13 (37.9 average). Cox, UCLA—13 (37.5 average).

Total Offense

Beban, UCLA—932 (212 rushing, 720 passing). Washington, Stanford—594 (230 rushing, 364 passing). Henderson, WSU—544 (—18 rushing, 562 passing). Winslow, USC—503 (37 rushing, 466 passing). Sparlin, USC—416 (35 rushing, 381 passing). Moore, Washington—371 (371 rushing). McCall, USC—334 (334 rushing). Brothers, OSU—329 (95 rushing, 234 passing). Jones, Oregon—323 (323 rushing). Pifer, OSU—318 (318 rushing).

TEAM

Total Offense

UCLA—1,623 (873 rushing, 750 passing). USC—1,591 (959 rushing, 632 passing). Stanford—1,358 (846 rushing, 512 passing). Washington—1,205 (795 rushing, 410 passing). Oregon—1,052 (472 rushing, 580 passing). WSU—1,049 (455 rushing, 594 passing). OSU—917 (683 rushing, 234 passing). California—809 (447 rushing, 372 passing).

Rushing Offense

USC—959 net (1,036 total gained). UCLA—837 net (947 total gained). Stanford—846 net (1,052 total gained). Washington—795 net (851 total gained). OSU—683 net (762 total gained). Oregon—472 net (647 total gained). WSU—455 net (583 total gained). California—447 net (593 total gained).

Passing Offense

UCLA—188 average (750 yards, .561 percentage). USC—158 average (632 yards, .596 percentage). Oregon—145 average (580 yards, .444 percentage). WSU—144 average (594 yards, .548 percentage). Stanford—128 average (512 yards, .388 percentage). Washington—103 average (410 yards, .390 percentage). California—93 average (372 yards, .429 percentage). OSU—59 average (234 yards, .429 percentage).

Total Defense

USC—865 (422 rushing, 443 passing). UCLA—988 (465 rushing, 523 passing). Oregon—1,113 (506 rushing, 607 passing). WSU—1,179 (702 rushing, 477 passing). Washington—1,192 (579 rushing, 613 passing). California—1,201 (500 rushing, 701 passing). Stanford—1,251 (670 rushing, 581 passing). OSU—1,643 (822 rushing, 821 passing).

Rushing Defense

USC—422 yards. UCLA—465 yards. California—500 yards. Oregon—506 yards. Washington—579 yards. Stanford—670 yards. WSU—702 yards. OSU—822 yards.

Passing Defense

USC—443 yards (.427 percentage). WSU—477 yards (.431 percentage). UCLA—523 yards (.541 percentage). Stanford—581 yards (.560 percentage). Oregon—607 yards (.579 percentage). Washington—613 yards (.564 percentage). California—701 yards (.518 percentage). OSU—821 yards (.537 percentage).

IM Schedule

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE

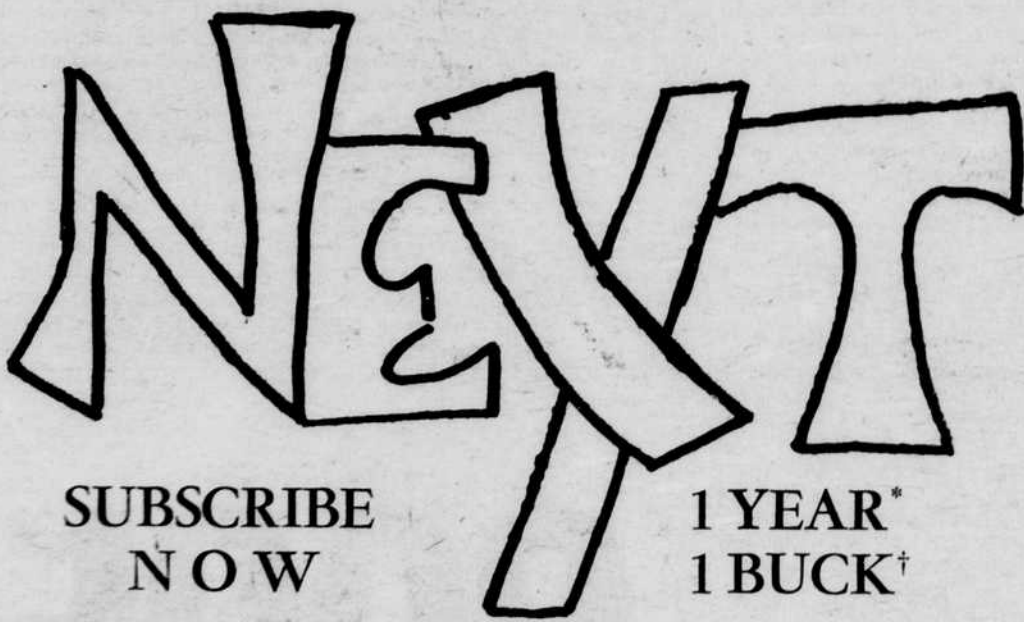
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Field 1—Wilcox vs. Gamma
Field 2—Debusk vs. Young
Field 3—Adams vs. Douglas

4:45—IM Field, Beta Theta Pi vs. Phi Kappa Psi
Field 1—Phi Delta Theta vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Field 2—Kappa Sigma vs. Pi Kappa Alpha
Field 3—Hauna vs. Lambda Chi Alpha

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Deadenders 19, Philadelphia 0. Legal Eagles 20, Deady 7. Bussads 31, Biology 0. Alpha Tau Omega 13, Sigma Nu 6. Delta Upsilon 0, Tau Kappa Epsilon 0 (Delta Upsilon wins on first downs, 3-1). Chi Phi 13, Delta Chi 6. Chi Psi 20, Delta Tau Delta 0.

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