

# Webfoots Bury AF with Big Plays

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**AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (Special)**—In a 40,000 seat stadium nestled at the conjunction of the Great Plains and the Rocky Mountains, Oregon's surprising Webfoots buried Air Force 17-6 Saturday afternoon underneath an avalanche of vociferous cadets, angry "jets," "Mash Those Mallards" signs, simulated machine gun fire, and makeshift "duck blinds."

And—despite what appeared to be a lopsided Air Force statistical edge—the burial was complete.

Oregon came up with the big plays. And big plays were the game.

A glance at how the Ducks scored their two touchdowns and field goal illustrates:

● In the first Oregon series of the afternoon, quarterback Mike Barnes, facing a third-and-22 situation on his own 45, unloaded a bomb to end Lachlon Heron who was streaking all alone down the left sidelines.

Heron caught it on his fingertips on the AF 20 and ran in for the score.

● Two plays later, defensive guard George Dames recovered an Air Force fumble on the Falcon 28. And four plays after that, sophomore linebacker Gunther Cunningham broke an Oregon school record with a 42-yard field goal—the first field goal of his Duck career.

● Three plays into the second quarter, with the Falcons threatening on the Oregon 10, defensive back Kenny Klein intercepted a pass on the UO one yard line, and—after a run of 99 yards—the score was 17-0.

The interception was only one of two made by Klein—later named the game's outstanding back—and was the longest such run in Oregon history, breaking the old record of 96 yards set by Bob Robinson against Washington in 1929.

## AF Controls Ball

Before that interception, the Falcons had controlled the ball for 24 consecutive downs.

Statistics-wise, Air Force led in first downs, 20-6. However, not one of those 20 came at a point when Oregon wasn't at least 10 points ahead.

The Falcons also connected on more passes for more yardage (9-3, 75-72) than did Oregon. But by the time the Air Force completed its first aerial, they were already trailing by that 17-0 count.

In the ground department, the Falcons accumulated a good portion of their final 66 yards rushing advantage with a 54-

yard drive that ended—with 56 seconds left—in the sole Air Force touchdown.

Oregon began surprising the Falcons even before the action got under way.

## Webfoots Elect to Kick Off

After winning the pre-game coin toss, the Webfoots elected not to receive—but to kick-off.

The reason was obvious. A steady 20-mile-an-hour wind was blowing from the south to the north end of the stadium, and with snow on the sidelines and the temperature at 40 degrees, the strategy was to get the wind at their backs, put Air Force in the hole quickly, and keep them there.

It worked.

Cunningham's kickoff was returned from the nine to the 30, but in four plays, the Air Force offense netted a minus-15 yards, and the Falcons had to kick from their 16 into the wind.

The kick was grounded about 27 yards downfield, and Oregon began its first series in good field position at the Falcon 43.

However, the next three plays weren't indicative of what was to come. Barnes was hit for a seven-yard loss on the 50; an illegal motion penalty moved the ball back five more yards without changing a down, and Barnes threw his first pass incomplete.

Then on that third-and-22 situation, Barnes hit Heron who danced untouched down the left sidelines for the score.

## Foskett Catches Guth

Oregon's Bob Foskett shot through the Falcon defense to stop Mike Guth's ensuing kickoff at the 18, and the Air Force was once again in the hole.

Tailback Larry Cook went up the middle for six yards the following play, but when he tried it again, Cook fumbled, Dames recovered—and the Ducks were first and 10 on the Air Force 28.

The Oregon offense again began gaining ground through the vaunted Air Force defense, Scott Cress going around end for five yards on second down, and tailback Steve Jones gaining three more up the middle on third.

## Too Much Time

But at that point the Ducks were guilty of taking too much time to run off their play, and were pushed back to the 27 where Cunningham ran out onto the field for the field goal.

The Air Force, in the following series of plays, found out just what frustration can be like.

Gaining three, four and five yards a

crack in the Woody Hayes fashion, the Falcons moved in the ball in 22 consecutive plays—21 of them running—from their own 23 to a first-and-goal situation on the Oregon 9.

On the 23rd play of the series, Duck linebacker Pat Helfrich hit Guth for a yard loss on the 10.

## Klein Intercepts

And on the 24th, quarterback Craig Baier, attempting to complete his first pass of the afternoon, found not intended receiver Mike Garner but Oregon's Klein with a flat pass on the right sidelines. Klein had only to turn on his speed, race down the edge of the field for 50 yards, and then cut in the middle to go untouched for the score.

From then on, the Falcons never even had an opportunity to threaten.

Air Force and Oregon were both unable to advance the ball off the next series of plays, and after Oregon's Jack Sovereign punted 22 yards against the wind to the Air Force 20, the Falcons once again got a chance to initiate a drive.

Instead, they showed that they had by then lost all of their remaining poise.

## Klein Again

On third down, Klein intercepted his second pass of the afternoon on the 39 and returned it to the 34.

That was good news from the Oregon bench, but not anywhere else. The entire student body of 3,500 cadets in the east stands—unable to cheer about anything since the Falcons showed up for pre-game warmups—began to boo so loudly that Barnes received a free time out so he could hear his signals.

The series ended on downs at the Air Force 17, and the two teams each traded the ball away twice without threatening before the end of the half.

## Statistics Tell Story

Halftime statistics told the story of the game to that point. Despite being behind 17-0, Air Force was leading 8-3 in first downs, and 62-41 in rushing yardage.

What told the story was that Oregon had intercepted two passes and recovered a crucial fumble.

The Falcons didn't lose the ball on either a fumble or an interception in the second half, but neither did Oregon, and the game settled down to a tight, defensive struggle.

Until Air Force's final drive of the game, neither team advanced to within the opponent's 15.

However, the Falcons twice came close.

The first drive resulted in a missed 47-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter, and the second ended on the Oregon 18 when Falcon quarterback Steve Turner overthrew all receivers in the end zone by about 20 yards with six minutes left.

Oregon, on the other hand, was playing conservatively, and picked up only three first downs—all of them on the ground—in the second half, and none in the final quarter.

The Air Force launched its touchdown drive after returning a Sovereign punt to its own 46.

Two plays up the middle gave the Falcons a first down at the Oregon 43, and a pass from Turner to Carl Janssen brought the ball to the 24.

## Big Draw Play

Then fullback Ralph Kasparis—the big Falcon gun in the second half—rambled to the 15 on a draw play, and Turner took it to the 14 and a first down one play later.

The following play, Turner was hit for no-gain, and on second-down, for a three yard loss.

But on a third-and-13 situation on the 13, the Falcon quarterback rolled out left—and after somehow eluding an almost certain tackle by Foskett—reversed his field, and ducked and dodged his way to the Oregon three.

Two plays later, Guth went over for the score.

## Temple Block Pat

Oregon's Tim Temple, who made an amazing total of 14 unassisted tackles during the contest, rushed from his linebacker spot to block his third placement in as many games.

Tailback Jones carried the ball only five times in the first half—compared to 20 the previous week against Stanford—and finished the game with 65 yards on 17 carries.

Barnes, who went three for 11 in the passing department, tried only three aeriels in the second half—and missed all of them.

The loss was the first for the Falcons in three games—and the 17 points that Oregon scored against them was only three short of the total the Falcon defense had given up to its four opponents prior to the game.

Regular Air Force quarterback Sonny Litz started the contest despite an ankle injury he suffered earlier in the week. He left in the first quarter, and eventually six Falcon quarterbacks saw action.



Photo by Gil Hulin

**DUCK FORWARDS** Andrew Nkongho, center, and John Morgan, right, race for the ball during Saturday's soccer game against Lewis and Clark. The Oregon booters kept the ball in the Pioneer half of the field most of the game, swamping the visitors 12-0.

## Ducks Thrash Foe In Soccer Action

Scoring almost at will, the Oregon Ducks soccer team trounced visiting Lewis and Clark 12-0 Saturday. The contest, in which Oregon led 9-0 at the half, opened Oregon Intercollegiate Soccer Association play.

Paul Beckow and Paul Wormleighton shared scoring honors with three goals each. John Morgan and Hans Niks each tallied twice, and Dick Mosher and Tony Owens scored once.

Oregon's second varsity team, the Mallards, fell to host University of Portland 5-3. Center forward Randy Swangard booted two Mallard goals, and the third resulted from a mix-up in front of the Pilot nets.

In a preliminary match at Eugene, Oregon's JV squad edged the Pioneer JV team 3-2.

## In Cross-Country Action

### Ducks Beat Canucks

Capturing six of the top ten places, the Oregon Track Club outran the Vancouver Olympic Club 20-39 Saturday on a six-mile course through the Coburg Hills.

The Oregon Frosh also edged their Canadian opponents 25-30 on a 3.1-mile course.

Vancouver's Jim Freeman finished first in the senior race with a 29.23 clocking. Oregon's Cedric Wedemire and Dave Wil-

born nabbed second and third with 29.46 and 29.52, respectively.

Other top finishers include Roscoe Devine, (unattached 29.53, Bruce Mortensen, OTC, 30.00, and Bob Williams, OTC, 30.08.

First and second positions in the frosh meet went to unattached runners Arne Kralheim and Tom Morrow.

Don Herman finished third for the Frosh in 20.55, 34 seconds behind Kralheim's winning time.



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