

Fumble Kills 'Hang on' Ducks, 10-7

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SEATTLE, Washington (Special) — For three quarters of football in the University of Washington Stadium at Seattle it looked like Oregon's Ducks might repeat the pattern of their previous victories—get in early lead and then hang on with a defense that comes up with the big play.

This time, however, it didn't work as Washington's Bob Pederson recovered an Oregon fumble on the Duck three yard line to set up a fourth quarter touchdown that gave the Huskies a 10-7 win before some 52,750 spectators.

In a typical hard hitting Oregon-Washington game. The Ducks scored a first quarter touchdown and then nursed along a 7-3 lead in a defensive battle before the fatal fumble.

It was the Huskies first Pacific-8 win and they got it despite the loss of three of their top starters. The conference leading rusher, Don Moore, was suspended in mid-week and their leading receiver, Jim Cope, was ill.

Oregon might have been better off if Washington had lost Pederson, whom Duck head coach, Len Casanova cited as the player who gave them the most trouble. In addition to recovering the fumble, Pederson killed a last second Oregon drive with an interception on the Huskie 35-yard line.

Another Huskie who gave Oregon problems was kicking specialist Don Martin. He booted the field goal which

proved to be the margin of victory in addition to keeping the Ducks in their own territory with his punts.

Martin was one of the busiest men on the field, the Oregon defense forcing Washington to punt 10 times. The Ducks' Jack Sovereign punted nine times.

The first quarter indicated the defensive tug of war which was to follow. Each team was forced to punt twice after the kickoff.

The third time Oregon got the ball they got the early lead they wanted.

With little over ten minutes gone, quarterback Mike Barnes rolled to his right and found Lynn Hendrickson all alone at the 10. Barnes lofted the pass and Hendrickson scored untouched.

After Oregon's kickoff the Huskies came right back with their only sustained drive of the afternoon, but were stopped by some strong defensive efforts inside the five-yard line by George Dames and Jim Smith.

Washington took the kickoff on their own 34-yard-line and behind the quarterbacking of Tom Sparlin moved to a first and goal on Oregon's four-yard-line before the end of the first period.

George Dames then stopped halfback Jeff Jordan for a yard gain and on third and goal Jim Smith forced a field goal when he came up from his defensive halfback spot to drop fullback Gerald Wea for a five-yard loss.

Martin then booted a field goal from the 14-yard line.

The rest of the second quarter was a

constant exchange of punts on Oregon's side of the field. While the Ducks never managed to cross midfield, each time the Huskies got the ball they began on Oregon ground.

Each time it took a big defensive play to stop Washington's drive and each time it was Tom Sparlin who was the victim.

Two drives were stopped when Omri Hildreth broke through on a monster blitz and dropped Sparlin for big losses. Another was stopped when Dames trapped Sparlin behind the line of scrimmage and still another ended when Cam Molter, Jack Rust, and Pat Helfrich combined to throw Sparlin for minus yardage.

In the third quarter Oregon changed sides of the field but the Huskies followed, continuing to keep the Ducks deep in their own territory.

The teams traded punts twice with Oregon coming out on the short end of the exchange as Martin's second boot went to Oregon's 16 where a clipping penalty moved it back to the eight.

Three running plays later Sovereign kicked the Webfoots out of trouble but only temporarily.

After Dames and Helfrich trapped Sparlin for a loss on third down, Martin's punt was downed on Oregon's 3-yard line by Bledsoe.

Two plunges by Jones brought it out to six but on third down Barnes rolled right and disaster struck. Dean Halverson hit him from his blind side and ripped the ball loose. Barnes dove for it but couldn't get it before Pederson.

The Huskies wasted little time taking advantage of the long awaited break, Tom Sparlin running a quarterback sneak for the score, with one minute gone in the fourth quarter.

Twice afterwards the Ducks threatened to get the lead back.

After Sparlin's touchdown Barnes called for the same pass play which had produced Oregon's touchdown and it nearly worked. Barnes hit Hendrickson again but he was hit by a defensive back and the pass fell incomplete.

Oregon still managed to move to the Washington 45 before having to kick when Jerry William dropped Barnes for a ten yard loss.

Washington then began a drive which used up precious time, moving from their own 17 to Oregon's 47. There Ken Klein got the ball back for Oregon when he nailed Sparlin for an eight-yard loss and forced a punt.

With Oregon still having time to score Mike Brundage took over from Barnes. On fourth and six he hit Cress for a first down on Oregon's 47 with 2:10 remaining.

With less than a minute and a half left and on a third and 20 play, Brundage again hit Cress three times for 16 yards, making it fourth and four.

On the next play Brundage desperately threw to Steve Reina who was going long and had his back to the ball. By the time Reina turned around, Pederson had stolen the ball and all hope of Oregon victory.

Punted Footballs Fill Sky

UO, Huskies Show Defense

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SEATTLE, Washington (Special)—High above the playing field, suspended from the overhanging roof of the University of Washington's large, semicircular arena, the press box rewards those brave enough to venture there with a spectacular view of the surrounding Seattle countryside.

But few writers could allow the eye and mind to take a scenic excursion over the rim of the stands—where the University's mammoth campus slopes toward tree-lined Lake Washington—with-

out soon being jolted back to reality. Footballs kept getting in the way.

Eighteen soaring, wind-aided punts fell just short of going into orbit Saturday. The kicks, evenly divided between the Huskies and Ducks, resulted from both teams' inability to mount a sustained offense throughout the 10-7 Washington victory.

Actually, Husky kicking specialist Don Martin was the man most responsible for the home team's eventual conquest.

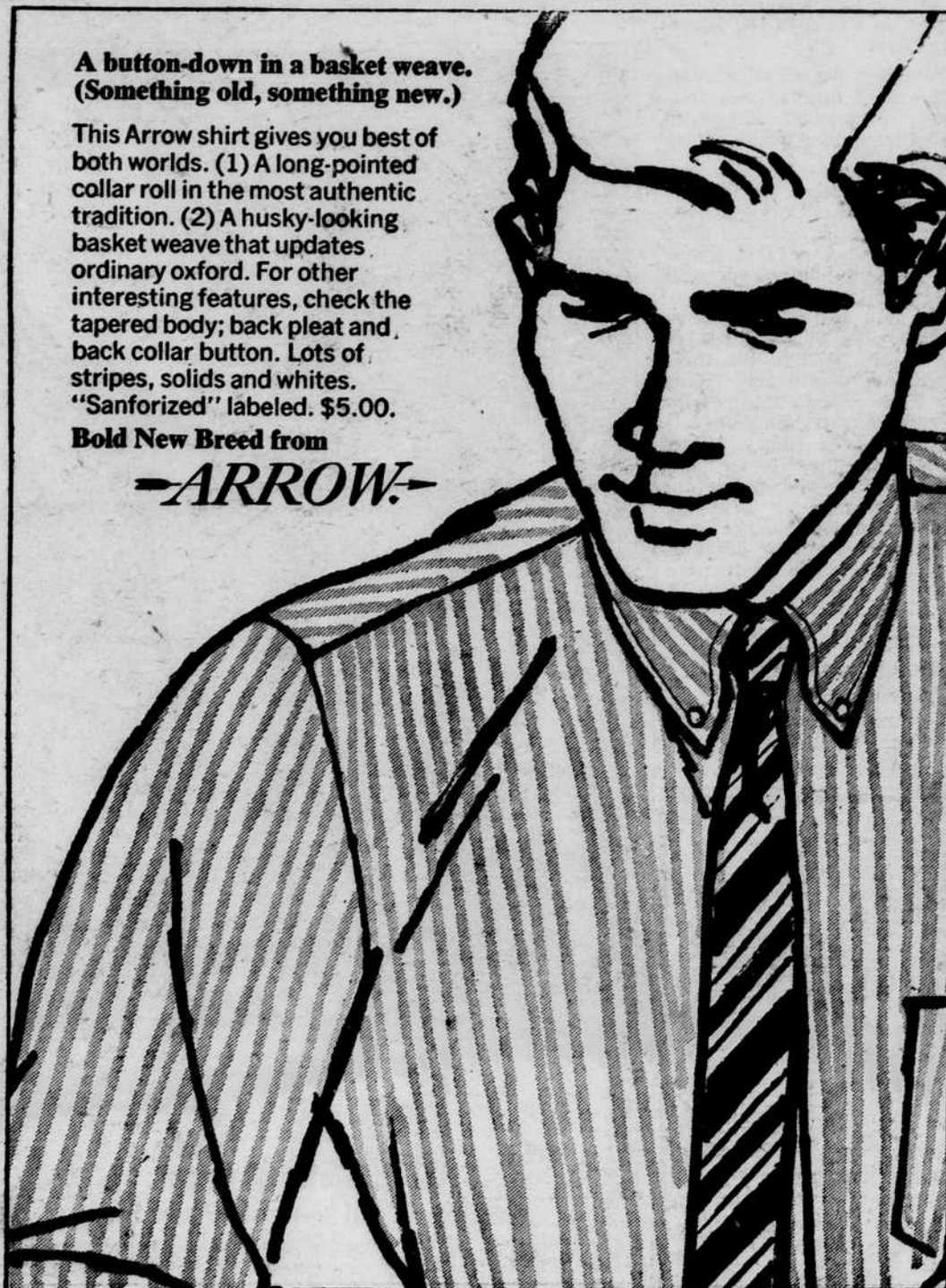
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