

Sun Devil Passes Doom Oregon, 14-10

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TEMPE, Arizona (Special) — "We shouldn't have lost that," mumbled an Oregon player, winding his way through a crowd of children outside Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium late Saturday night.

He and the rest of the team were groping for reasons the Ducks—nine point favorites—lost 14-10 to ASU in a football game they all thought they could have won.

Any outstanding explanation for the loss was not to be had, but passes from sophomore quarterback Dewey Forrister to end Rick Shaw were obvious factors. The aeriels set up both ASU touchdowns and the 14-3 third quarter lead which a late Oregon rally was unable to overcome.

For Arizona State, the win marked their 12th consecutive homecoming victory since the string started in 1953. But for Oregon, it insured a second consecutive losing season—the first time that has occurred in 16 years.

Even a win next week against arch-rival Oregon State would only mean a 4-6 season for the Webfoots.

The prelude to the first Arizona State score was a first quarter first-and-10 situation on the ASU 29. That was when Shaw unloaded a bomb down the right sideline to Forrister who traveled 42 yards to the Oregon 29 before being stopped.

Six plays later—after another Shaw to Forrister pass took the ball from the 20 to the 3—halfback Travis Williams slid through right guard for the score and a 6-0 lead.

Tackle Bob Rikita converted. Oregon scored early in the sec-



Barnes, Who Hyperventilated Saturday, Is in Action Against WSU

ond quarter on a 25-yard field goal by Gunther Cunningham. But even then, after driving from their own 31 to get into position, the Ducks needed an ASU fumble to get a chance at the placement.

With the ball third-and-nine on the ASU 21, defensive end John Pitts intercepted a pass in a tug-of-war with Oregon receiver Steve Bunker for the ball.

However, three plays later, Duck linebacker Harry Cartales got an interception of his own, and the Oregonians were in business on the Sun Devil 15. Three running plays netted only seven

yards, and on a fourth-and-three situation on the eight, Cunningham came in for his kick.

Arizona State hiked its lead to 14-3 in the third quarter thanks to another Shaw-to-Forrister pass.

This one came with the count third and three on the ASU 45. The right sideline toss was good for 34 yards, and a first down on the Duck 11.

Halfback Max Anderson, a 9.3 sprinter, dashed through the center of the line for 10 yards on the next play, and scored from a yard out the next.

Oregon came back in the same

quarter after Oregon defensive end Pat Helfrich recovered halfback Jim Bramlet's fumble on the ASU 7. Two rushes by fullback Steve Jones, and a conversion by Mike Brundage cut the score to 14-10.

The Ducks had several opportunities to threaten in the final quarter—but couldn't capitalize.

With less than four minutes left, ASU was seemingly forced into a punting situation when it was fourth-and-one on its own 38. However, after receiving the long snap, punter Kenny Hornbeck hesitated and—when he didn't see any but one Webfoot near—ran the ball 11 yards for a first down on the 50.

The ensuing four Sun Devil downs accounted for another two minutes of time, and when the Ducks got the ball after a short ASU field goal attempt, they had to go 80 yards in two minutes if they were to win.

Tom Trovato—who took over as quarterback after Mike Barnes

hyperventilated himself the play before Oregon's final TD—steered the Ducks to their 40, with Jones going around right end for 10 yards on a critical fourth-and-one situation.

Then Brundage came in and moved the Ducks 20 more yards before four straight incomplete passes shut the curtains on any Duck hopes.

Oregon explanations for the defeat were many and varied.

Casanova pointed to a couple when he said, "we didn't block well at all. And our tackling was just as bad."

Tim Temple pointed to another when he observed that "a couple of their passes really killed us."

"We could contain their running game at the critical stages," he said.

"We gambled a few times and lost," explained defensive back Jim Smith. "It's just one of those things—you have to gamble if you want to win. And even when we called the monster blitz, leaving an extra receiver to cover, Tim Temple did an excellent job covering. He almost intercepted that first pass to Forrister."

"It wasn't because we weren't up," said nose guard George Dames. "I know I was; I think the rest of the team was, too."

As could be expected, in a nearby dressing room, different views of the game came out. "That Shaw was great much better than in the limited action he saw against Washington State," ASU coach Frank Kush bubbled. "He and Anderson played by far and away their best games of the year."

"For that matter, we all played our best game of the year. Definitely. We were sky high."

"As for Oregon, they're a fine team—as fine a one as we've met this season. That'll be a great game up in Corvallis next week."

Kush played the Beavers three weeks ago and lost, 19-18.

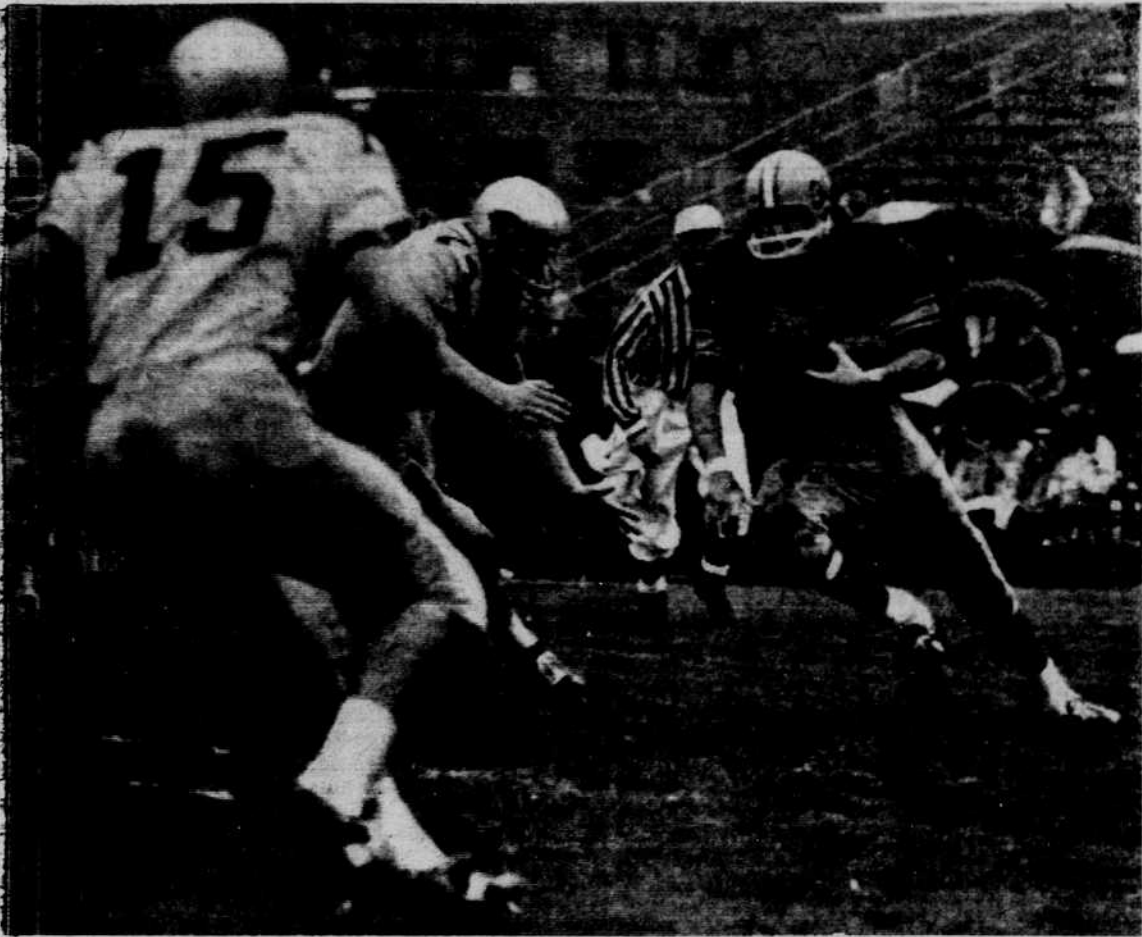


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Scott Cress, Also Against WSU, Caught 26-Yard Pass Saturday

Frosh Drub Pups 30-7, Await OSU Rooks

Quarterbacks Tom Blanchard and Phil Harrington—dividing duties between them—each passed and ran for touchdowns in leading the Oregon frosh past Washington 30-7 in a game at Seattle Friday.

The win left the frosh with a 2-1 record for the season and a chance to defeat every opponent they faced.

They meet Oregon State at Eugene Friday—the same team which defeated them 3-0 earlier.



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