

Rushing Leads Varsity To Victory Over Alums

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The "Fighting Ducks" closed out spring football drills Saturday, before an estimated afternoon crowd of 5,000 at Autzen Stadium, with a hard-fought but satisfying 13-12 victory over the Oregon Alumni.

The varsity unleashed hard-hitting Claxton Welch and Jim Evenson in a potent new-look running attack. This combo accounted for the Ducks' two touchdowns and consistently ground out first down yardage.

The "Old Ducks," consisting of Alumni from the past five years and from the professional ranks, countered with an air attack led by former All-America and now pro quarterback Bob Berry and Mike Brundage. Berry and Brundage made up for a 43-yard Alumni rushing total by completing 24 of 47 passes for a total of 332 yards.

Run Called Back

The first few series of plays by both teams were little more than probes, and the first quarter ended scoreless. But halfback - now quarterback - Alan Pitcaithley had a beautiful 44-yard keeper called back by officials after he faked a hand-off into the line and took off around left end.

Berry then took over and drove the Alums 52 yards in eight plays, finishing his drive with a 28-yard pass to Ken Klein on the fourth play of the second quarter.

Letterman quarterback John Harrington, alternating with Pitcaithley, took over early in the second quarter. Harrington's opportunity to engineer a scoring drive came after Dane Smith intercepted a Brundage pass and returned it 23 yards to the Alum 16. Three plays later, Jim Evenson scored from 14 yards out and Ken Woody put the



Photo by Mike Russelle

CLAXTON WELCH (22)
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Ducks ahead by converting the extra point attempt.

Claxton Welch, running hard all afternoon, scored the Ducks' winning touchdown late in the third quarter on a three-yard off-tackle plunge, giving the Ducks a 13-6 lead. Welch set two game records by carrying the ball 25 times and gaining 113 yards.

The Alumni retaliated with five minutes remaining in the game on an "Alley Oop" pass play from Brundage to Lachlan Heron deep in the end zone. This 19-yard scoring play brought the score to 13-12, but a bad pass from center halted the extra point attempt, and it looked as though the Alumni were finished.

But the varsity, attempting to stay on the ground and keep the ball, gave the Alums new life when they fumbled on the "Old Ducks'" six. With 1:27 remaining, Brundage passed the

Alums to the varsity 13, a drive in which the key play occurred when Arlan Elms took a screen pass and raced downfield, only to be caught by a last minute desperation tackle.

The pressure was now on the varsity, and the Ducks responded by knocking down three passes and forcing the Alumni to attempt a 31-yard field goal with 19 seconds remaining. Dave Tobey's kick was long enough, but wide to the left.

The varsity had held and won its sixth victory in nine tries from the Alums.

"It wasn't a very stylish win, but it was a win," Frei said after the game. "I had hoped that our offense would have more continuity. We've got to have some pass offense."

"We played an entire intersquad game Wednesday, and our flatness today was partially a result of that."

Coach Jack Crabtree of the Alumni cited the scrambling defense of the varsity and the Ducks' hard running as factors in the varsity win. He said the Alumni "had not worked out as a team before the game and at times we slowed the game up."

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Alumni	0	6	0	6-12
Varsity	0	7	6	0-13

A—Klein 28-yard pass from Berry (Kick blocked).
V—Evenson 14-yard run (Woody kick).
V—Welch 3-yard run (Kick failed).
A—Heron 19-yard pass from Brundage (Run failed).

Smith, Miller Win University Honors

Football player Jim Smith and wrestler John Miller have been chosen the outstanding senior and sophomore scholar-athletes of 1968 at the University, it was announced Saturday.

Smith, an All-American defensive back who signed with the Washington Redskins Saturday as their number one draft choice, was honored with the Emerald Award, jointly sponsored by the Emerald and the athletic department since 1951.

Miller, one of the top 115-pound wrestlers in the nation and Pacific-Eight champion, was given the Higdon Award, named for Doly Higdon, a football and track standout who was killed in an industrial accident in 1951.

Smith is an English and Drama major with a cumulative grade point average of 2.60. He has appeared in a number of University theatrical productions, and is an excellent singer.

For the Webfoot football team in 1967, he held opposing pass receivers to only 12 receptions in 10 games. The 9.7 sprinter will be tested at cornerback and punt returns by the Redskins, according to Coach Otto Graham.

Miller, a pre-med major, has a cumulative grade point of 3.10. He spent the past week at the U.S. Olympic trials in Ames, Iowa, and placed fourth. He will be an alternate in the 114.5 pound weight class in the final Olympic Tryout Camp at Alamosa, Colo.

Pair of Errors Beat Frosh, 2-1

Oregon State combined for two singles, a fielder's choice and two errors in the fourth inning to hand the Oregon Frosh their third straight defeat, 2-1.

The Ducklings tallied their lone run in the fifth when Earle Wicklund slammed a triple to deep center field and came home when the throw to third went wide of the base.

Oregon runners reached third base in each of the last three innings but a strikeout and two flyouts ended any scoring hopes.

OSU threatened in the fifth when they loaded the bases on two errors and a walk, but Rick Mealey got the next batter to fly to center to end the inning.

Mealey allowed the Beavers only three hits but two came in the fourth. Lloyd Wilson gave up four hits to Oregon batters while whiffing twelve.

Oregon State currently leads the 1968 series between the two schools 3-1.

The Ducklings, now 14-6, face the Oregon varsity Tuesday afternoon and take on the Portland State Jayvees in a 1 p.m. Wednesday doubleheader.

In Pacific-8 Baseball

UO Wins Pair

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The Oregon baseball team won two out of three games from the northern members of the Pacific Athletic Conference this weekend.

The Ducks battered the University of Washington 9-1 behind Fred Cardwell Friday afternoon at Howe Field. On Saturday, they split a twin-bill with Washington State. Pitcher Mike Nicksic edged the Cougars 3-2 in the first one, but Cougar starter Norm Angelini breezed to a 6-0 shutout in the second.

Five extra base hits by the Ducks annihilated the lackluster Washington Huskies. A leadoff home run in the first by Dave Heuberger and Scott Cress' fifth circuit clout of the year with one on in the fifth gave Cardwell all he needed to coast to his third victory.

Catcher John Dye's second double of the game in the fourth highlighted a three-run outburst that left the Huskies with a deficit that proved to be insurmountable.

Hanson Keeps Streak

In the seventh, the Ducks closed scoring with three more runs. Jim Van Wyck singled sharply to left, and Larry Hanson moved him to third as he maintained his nine-game hitting streak by lining a double to right center.

Van Wyck scored on a wild pitch, and after Husky reliever Jerry Ruth loaded the bases with a pair of walks, another wild pitch and a throwing error brought in two more runs.

Pitcher Fred Cardwell had very little difficulty with Washington's hitters, as he fanned eleven to deal the Huskies their eleventh straight PAC baseball loss.

Mike Nicksic hit and pitched the Ducks to a 3-2 victory over WSU in the first game Saturday. Nicksic had a double, and rapped a timely single in a three-run fifth that gave him his eighth victory against one loss.

Lindsay Starts Rally

The Cougars were on top 1-0 going into the bottom of the fifth of a scheduled seven-inning contest. Bob Lindsay led off with a line single to right. Nicksic punched a clean single to left after squaring around to hunt the runner along, and Heuberger was nicked on the shoulder, loading the bases.

Larry Hand executed a perfect squeeze bunt, allowing one run to score, and when Cougar pitcher Joe Karp threw wide to first, another run scored. Then Hanson squeezed in Heuberger from third.

Duck bats were silenced by fastballing Norm Angelini in the second game. He held Oregon to five hits while the Cougars, especially Greg Schubert, pounced on Jon Wheeler for six runs. Schubert, who had homered in the opener, hit his second of the day in the sixth, singled in the seventh and tripled in the ninth.

Oregon's record stands at 6-7. Washington State is now 8-5. Oregon is in fifth in the conference, just behind WSU.

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