



Spartans pull off shocker

Football bounce upsets Webfoots

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Oregon was battling two opponents Saturday—San Jose State and the quirks which often plague college football.

The Spartans, underdogs by as much as 30 points, scored 19 on their own and received 17 from "the roll of the football" to stun heavily-favored Oregon 36-34.

To say it was not Oregon's afternoon would be an understatement. Two fumbled kickoffs and a blocked punt eventually netted two touchdowns and a field goal for the Spartans, and if that wasn't enough, the SJS pass offense—completely shackled in their three previous losses—clicked with cold efficiency, setting up the other two San Jose State touchdowns.

The quirks of the game can sometimes make a so-so team look invincible, which is what seemed to happen Saturday.

Ivan Lippi—the tall, rangy San Jose State quarterback who was named back-of-the-game, had passed SJS to the Duck 17-yard line with about 13 minutes left in the second quarter.

On the next play Lippi rolled back to pass as he had done on the last five plays. He spied an open receiver on the goal line and fired the ball. Duck safety Bill Drake made what looked like a great play when he deflected the toss at about the one-yard line—but the batted ball landed right in the hands of Butch Ellis for a touchdown.

Oregon got the ball back a few minutes later after a missed field goal and again the unexpected happened.

Oregon was on its own 23 and Tom Blanchard was forced to punt—a usually routine task which had been completed 27 times without a hitch this season—but on this occasion Jim Grosso stormed through from his left end spot to block the kick and send the ball into the end zone where it was recovered by Bob Hughes for the Spartan's third score.

These quirks were nothing compared to what took place in the second half as the 20,000-plus fans at Autzen Stadium can testify.

In the span of just 35 third quarter seconds, San Jose State tallied 17 points—a scoring explosion which knocked the Ducks out of contention.

The Webfoot offense cannot be blamed for what happened, as Duck Coach Jerry Frei later admitted in the locker room.

Oregon took the second half kickoff and marched 75 yards in 14 plays for a TD, taking a slim 22-19 lead.

However, San Jose State roared back on the passing arm of Lippi to score the go-ahead touchdown.

And then disaster struck.

On the ensuing kickoff, Bob Green fumbled (only the second dropped ball for the Ducks' this season), San Jose recovered and three plays later they had a touchdown.

The Spartans kicked off again and this time the Webfoots' leading kickoff returner, Lionel Cole-

man, also fumbled. Again San Jose State recovered and—after three incomplete passes—Larry Barnes booted a 28-yard field goal.

Frei inserted Moore and Alan Pitcaithley as the deep backs on the next kickoff but the damage was done.

Rocky Pamplin cracked over from the three on that drive to cut the margin to 36-28 but Blanchard's two-point conversion pass—which proved to be a key play—sailed off the finger tips of Bom Newland, leaving the Ducks still eight points behind.

The one bright spot in an otherwise dismal day for Oregon had to be the running and pass-catching efforts of sophomore slotback Moore.

In fact, it was his great efforts in the final period that almost gave the Webfoots a victory.

Moore, who crossed the goal line in the first half on a 19-yard run and a four-yard pass from Blanchard, was on the receiving end of another Blanchard scoring toss—this one good for 38 yards with 2:28 left in the game.

An overthrown pass on the conversion attempt left the Ducks still two points behind, but they got another chance.

Oregon got the ball back when SJS was forced to punt. Blanchard hit Moore on a 19-yard play, taking Oregon into San Jose territory at the 48.

But Moore, being only human

and prone to mistakes like anyone else, took a Blanchard pass on the next play but fumbled the ball while trying to make a turn up the sidelines for extra yardage.

San Jose made the recovery and that was it for Oregon.

One of the most amazing aspects of the game had to be San

Jose's performance in the passing department. In the first three games Lippi had completed only 26 of 80 passes for 370 yards.

But in Saturday's contest, the junior college transfer connected on 17 of 32 throws for 214 yards and two touchdowns—one of the many surprises the Ducks hadn't counted on.

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The weight classes include 123 pounds and under; 130 and under; 137 and under; 145 and under; 152 and under; 160 and under; 167 and under; 177 and under; 191 and under, and heavy-weight.

Competition will be divided into two divisions. The A group is high school wrestling letter winners and the B division consists of non-letter winners.

Matches will consist of three 1½-minute rounds with one minute rest between rounds.

IM schedule

TOUCH FOOTBALL

3:35—Im Field—Stafford vs. Bean East
Field 1—Cloran vs. Parsons
Grads

Field 2—Willcox vs. Sherry Ross

Field 3—Watson vs. Carson
Grads

4:30—IM Field—Beta Theta Pi vs.

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