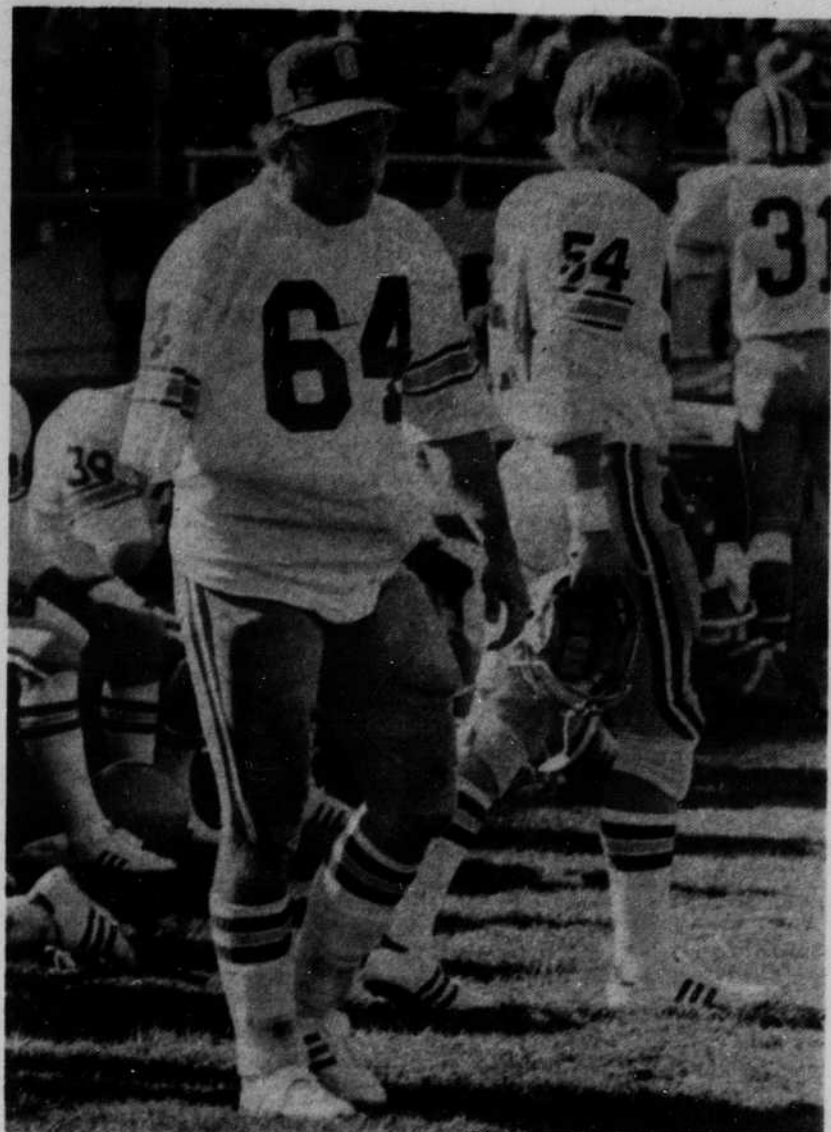




Oregon guard Les Duman had to don a baseball cap instead of a football helmet Saturday after he separated his shoulder in the first quarter of the Duck's 27-10 loss to California. The senior offensive captain will have X-rays taken today to determine the extent of the injury.

Photo by Mike Marino

Offense stalls; Ducks fall

By MIKE MARINO
Of the Emerald

BERKELEY — In a game that coach Don Read called "the same old thing," Oregon's failure to compliment good defense with consistent offense led the Ducks to a 27-10 loss Saturday at the hands of California.

"Our defense was great, like it's been in all five games, but we had no consistency on offense," said a disconsolate Read.

Oregon, now 3-2 for the season and 0-2 in the Pac-8, suffered through a miserable first three quarters offensively before finally settling down in the fourth, when Jack Henderson's late-game passing steered the Ducks 80 yards to their only touchdown.

"I was pleased with the comeback that we showed in the fourth quarter," said Henderson, "but we've yet to play 60 minutes of good football."

Oregon's defense did a good job of keeping the game close early, keeping the Bears out of the end zone for the entire first quarter while allowing only a 41-yard field goal by Cal's Jimmy Breech.

The Duck offense, however, could not keep a sustained drive going and was further crippled by

the loss of tackle Les Duman, who suffered a shoulder separation that will keep him out of action indefinitely.

"I was blocking on the punt team," said Duman, his right arm wrapped in a sling, "and when I blocked a guy with my shoulder I knew something was wrong; I felt a flash of pain." Duman will have the shoulder X-rayed this week to determine the extent of the separation.

Despite the injury, the Oregon offense might have had a chance to break free in the first period when the Ducks forced the Bears to punt from deep in their own territory. This was not to be, however, as a clipping penalty on the play was called against Oregon while the ball was in the air. That misfortune gave Cal the ball on its 35, where the Bears then completed a 95-yard touchdown drive, as Tom Newton finally scored on a one-yard plunge for a 10-0 Cal lead.

That touchdown might have caused the game to get out of hand were it not for the Oregon defense, who held the Bears scoreless for the next two quarters.

"They did an excellent job on defense," said Cal coach Mike White. "They showed us more variety on defense than any team we've ever faced."

The Ducks narrowed the gap to 10-3 on a Roy Geiger 51-yard field goal with 9:58 in the third quarter. In addition to it being his personal-best longest three pointer, Geiger broke an eight-year-old school record with a 71-yard punt in the second quarter.

An injury to Henderson's middle finger of his throwing hand had forced Jerry Jurich to start the second half at quarterback for Oregon, but he could not move the Duck attack either, and while Oregon was stalling, Cal was scoring. A Breech field goal and a 33-yard touchdown pass from Joe Roth to the much feared Wesley Walker widened the margin to 20-3.

Apparently figuring they now had nothing to lose, the Duck offense awoke under the reappearance of Henderson, who completed five passes before sneaking over from the one for a score.

"They had been taking deep drop backs in their coverage all day," said Henderson. "I guess we just loosened up, and took advantage of it."

Oregon might have had a chance to get the ball and score again but the balanced Cal offense marched 75 yards to score. Roth mixed his passes in with the running of Oliver Hillmon and Newton, and despite a flurry of last minute passing and running by Henderson, Oregon wound up on the short end of a 27-10 final score.

"Our defense played well enough to win the game," Read said. "But although the kids gave a great effort, the execution was not there. If we'd had it together we could have won the game when the score was close. But we didn't. We played hard, but not good enough."

"We realize that it's something we have to do ourselves," said Henderson. "We have to get together and play the kind of game I know we can, solid and consistent."

With the 3-2 Ducks facing Notre Dame in South Bend Saturday, Oregon's game had better become a lot of both.

Walton leads way in 106-94 Blazer win

By JEFF NIELSON
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The reporter from Eugene's KZEL radio looked uncomfortably out of place as he stood in the Portland locker room after the Blazers' 106-94 pre-season basketball win over Phoenix in McArthur Court.

A smile came to his face, however, as he approached Bill Walton, Portland's 6-11 redheaded center who has become known for his counter-culture ideals.

"What I'd primarily like to know," said the reporter as Walton sat with a bag of ice on each of his knees, "is what you're eating these days."

The big center laughed. Such questions don't come up often on the NBA tour.

"A lot of vegetables," said Walton quietly. "Grain, different juices — yes, I'm still a vegetarian."

Walton's eating habits haven't changed since his latter days of college basketball, and the UCLA graduate proved to numerous doubters Sunday that something else in still with him — the ability to play good basketball.

With 16 points, Walton led all scorers in the game. Camped out under the backboard like some huge redwood, he also brought down more rebounds than anyone else — 16, with 13 of those on defense.

And to Blazer head coach Jack Ramsay, Big Bill was just a part of Portland's overall good game.

"Walton played very well, especially at the onset," said Ramsay, whose club had 13 points on the board before the Suns scored at all. "Our early defense was excellent. It's the first time we've jumped off to an early lead like that. Later, we were forcing them into bad shots."

There were light moments in the otherwise routine Portland win, one that the Blazers led from start to finish.

The 10,500 people who came to see Ron Lee honored, for instance, were mostly enthusiastic — except when Walton came

onto the floor for warmups. Then there were boos.

"As a pro athlete, you can't worry about the fans," said Walton. "I like enthusiastic games, though, and the fans here are definitely into the game. I like fans who will cheer no matter who they're for."

Sunday, the cheers may have been mostly for Lee — but with the new talent the Blazers have acquired, such as Maurice Lucas, Moses Malone and Wally Walker, some future enthusiasm may be in store at last for the Trailblazers.

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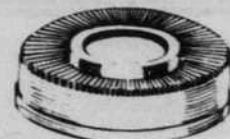
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