

Oregon forgets to stay close to Washington

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Saturday's Pac-8 football game at Autzen stadium was supposed to be a dogfight between two teams, Washington and Oregon, which both desperately needed wins. But if the game was supposed to be close, someone forgot to tell the Ducks.

Faster than one could say "here we go again," the Huskies had locked up the game by converting two Duck turnovers into touchdowns in the first 11 minutes of the game and constructed at 17-0 lead. From that point on the rest was mere formality.

The Huskies, who have seen plenty of tough times this year too, although nothing to rival the 54-0 pasting they handed Oregon, were slow to mock the hapless Ducks. Whether Oregon deserved it or not, Washington players searched for excuses for their southern neighbors.

"They're a lot better than they played today," said Husky tight end Scott Greenwood, who was avoided by the Oregon secondary as though he had the plague. Left alone all day the big tight end provided a tempting target for Husky quarterback Warren Moon, who hooked up with Greenwood for seven completions for 120 yards and one score. Greenwood also scored on another occasion when he scooped up a Kyle Stevens fumble at the Oregon two and carried it into the end zone for Washington's fifth score of the long afternoon.

The way Moon was able to find

Greenwood wide open all afternoon was a major factor in Washington's offensive dominance which saw the Huskies roll up enough yardage for an entire season.

"There is an open seam for the tight end in their defense," explained Moon who hit on 10 of 17 passes for 142 yards. "We knew it might happen that Scott would get open so I told him to be alert."

While Greenwood evidently stayed alert, the Duck defense looked comatose. Whether by land or by air, the Huskies had everything their own way as Oregon's defense resembled a cheesecloth.

Particularly surprising was the ease with which Washington was able to run the ball up the heart of Oregon's defense. Racked by injuries to its offensive line, Washington was supposed to be having troubles opening holes big enough to fit a rubber duck through. Instead, the Husky line opened gaps large enough to sail a battleship through.

"I was surprised at how our offensive line blocked," mumbled Husky coach Don James who looked as though he were on the losing end of the score. "We have had a lot of injuries."

Center Blair Bush and guards Marshall Cromer and Tom Turnue looked like anything but a second rate crew. Running straight up the middle for the most part, Washington amassed 311 yards rushing with four backs going over 45 yards.

To Oregon defensive coordinator Howard Tippet, the figures were irrelevant. He didn't need

numbers to know Washington had dominated the Ducks in every way possible.

"We played really poor football," said a weary Tippet, leaning against a wall in the hushed Oregon lockerroom. "We couldn't have stopped them with an anti-aircraft gun."

As bad as the Duck defense was, the Oregon offense was at least as poor. Oregon managed only 97 yards total offense while turning the ball over six times. Put together, the Oregon offensive and defensive squads made the final statistics read like the comics.

As miserable as Oregon was, Washington preferred to credit it-

self with putting together its game rather than knock Oregon.

"We've known we could do it (play well) and now we've proved we can," said Greenwood of the Huskies who are now 2-4 overall and 1-0 in Pacific-8 play. "The sky's the limit."

Blair Bush, the Husky's outstanding center who taught Ore freshman Vince Goldsmith a few things about playing in the trenches, saw the Washington reversal as a matter of confidence.

"We didn't do anything special preparing for the game, we were just more determined," related Bush. "Then we got the early

breaks and got some confidence."

Essentially it was just a matter of Washington knowing what had to be done to salvage its season and doing it.

"We realized that there could be no more ifs and ands," commented Husky linebacker Mike Jackson. "We knew we had to do it now."

While the Huskies certainly did it, did it and did it some more, Oregon was never able to do anything.

"I would have never dreamed that this would be the score," admitted James.

It would be safe to say that neither did Rich Brooks or his team.

Ducks waltz to four wins in weekend volleyball play

The Oregon volleyball team showed some of the talent Coach Karla Rice has been talking about as the Ducks captured four of five matches Friday and Saturday in a tournament at Western Washington State College in Bellingham.

The Ducks beat Western Washington, Oregon College of Education, Montana State and Pacific Lutheran before losing their final match to a powerful Washington club. The Huskies went 5-0 to finish first among the

six schools present.

The victories over OCE and Montana State, as well as the loss to Washington, count towards the Ducks seeding in the regional tournament in November. Oregon has eight more matches which count towards their seeding.

The Ducks were never able to sweep any of their foes, but didn't ever require more than four games to win any of their four matches. The Huskies did sweep Oregon, however, winning 15-10, 15-9 and 15-10.

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