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Dallas wins, 27-10

Cowboys make fewer errors to whip Broncos

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Roger Staubach steered the Dallas Cowboys through a sea of Super Bowl mistakes Sunday for a 27-10 victory over the Denver Broncos to capture the world championship of professional football.

Staubach threw one touchdown pass to Butch Johnson in the third quarter and running back Robert Newhouse hauled another on an option play to Golden Richards in the fourth as the Cowboys picked apart the Denver secondary.

Tony Dorsett, forced out of the game in the third period with a twisted right knee, scored the other Cowboys touchdown on a 3-yard run after Dallas intercepted the first of four passes off Broncos quarterback Craig Moton.

The Broncos had boasted that Dallas' only serious receiving threat was flanker Drew Pearson, but Pearson did less damage than any of the other targets in the Cowboys' arsenal.

Johnson made a circus catch in the end zone on a 45-yard bomb from Staubach in the third quarter and Richards grabbed Newhouse's pitch for Dallas' wrapup TD.

Efren Herrera kicked field goals of 35 and 43 yards but missed three other attempts that would have given Dallas a much more comfortable margin through the middle quarters of one of the National Football League's messiest championship games.

Time after time, the fierce

"Doomsday II" defense of the Cowboys forced vital Denver turnovers and finally, just as they had predicted, the Dallas defenders chased Denver quarterback Morton clear out of the ball game.

Morton, a former Cowboy who had thrown only eight interceptions all season — lowest of any passer in the American Football Conference — had four aeriels picked off in the first half alone. He

finally was lifted in the middle of a Bronco offensive series and replaced by Norris Weese, who moved Denver to its only touchdown of the game.

Morton, not a mobile quarterback, was a sitting duck for the fierce Dallas defensive rush. Weese, a scrambler, had better success, but not much.

There were a record 10 fumbles by both teams, setting a Super

Bowl high water mark for sloppiness.

In the game, Denver managed only 11 first downs and between them, Morton and Weese put together only 61 yards passing compared to the 217 that Dallas gained through the air.

Of that total, Staubach accounted for 182, completing 17 of 25 attempts.

Beavers hand Oregon first loss in three-way women's gym meet

Oregon's women's gymnastics team dropped its first meet of the year Saturday on a three-way affair with Eastern Washington and Oregon State in Cheaney, Wash.

The Ducks' now 2-1, Wendy Halberg was nosed out in the all-around total by Oregon State's Linda Parker as the Beavers nipped Oregon 124.50-120.45. EWSC finished third in the meet with a 113.85 total.

Halberg won the vaulting event with a score of 8.45, took second place in the uneven bars to OSU's

Cynthia Petcolas, finished fourth in the balance beam and fifth in the floor exercise behind teammate Patti Thompson who finished fourth.

Oregon next hosts OSU, Montana, and Portland State on Jan. 28 at 1:30 in B-54 Gerlinger annex.

All-around — 1, Linda Parker, OSU, 32.65 2, Wendy Halberg, Oregon, 31.90 3, Jan Rohrer, EWSC, 31.35 4, Donna Southwick, OSU, 31.25 5, Ann Gianotti, OSU, 29.25.

Team final — 1, Oregon State, 124.50 2, Oregon 120.45 3, Eastern Washington, 113.85.

Oregon should have figured something was up when they arrived in Los Angeles last weekend. It was raining.

And as the song says, when it rains in Southern California, it pours, and the Ducks found out with back-to-back losses to UCLA and USC that drop them to 2-2 in the Pac-8 basketball standings.

For the past couple of years it's been two-in-a-row in the south, with the Ducks upsetting UCLA twice on their home court and then cruising past hapless USC the following night.

Those days are now gone. Friday night the Bruins ran and shot like John Wooden teams of old, jumping out to a 16-2 lead and never looking back for a 90-72 win. And for paranoia's good measure, USC cheerleaders even got into the act Saturday night as the Ducks came up short 63-62.

The weekend came to a bizarre ending in the final 20 seconds against USC. Down by five, the Ducks blew two easy chances to bring the game closer when Dan Hartshorne and Stu Lyon missed three free throws between them and Mike Clark, who finished the game as the Ducks' leading scorer with 16 points, subsequently fouled SC's Paul Henderson.

But Henderson, too, missed the free throw, and John Murray corraled the loose ball and started the fast break only to be mauled by the male cheerleader who hadn't seen Murray's charge. After Murray pleaded with referee Booker Turner for some sort of justice, Mike Drummond ran in to restore the order that allowed Murray two technical foul shots.

He tanked them both, and the Ducks set up the out-of-bounds play to try and find Kelvin Small

underneath for what coach Dick Harter hoped would be a shot and a foul. But with two seconds left the Trojans were content to let Small dunk away, and he slammed it through to make the final

Pacific-8

	W	L	Pct.	All Games
UCLA	4	0	1.000	13-1
Oregon State	3	1	.750	9-7
Southern Cal	3	1	.750	9-7
Oregon	2	2	.500	11-5
Stanford	1	3	.250	9-6
California	1	3	.250	7-7
Washington	1	3	.250	6-7
Wash. State	1	3	.250	9-7

Saturday's Scores

Southern Cal 63, Oregon 62
UCLA 77, Oregon State 60
Stanford 72, Washington 68
California 66, Wash. State 64

score only dramatic.

But cheerleaders and phantom fouls didn't decide Oregon's fate, but rather it was a lack of consistency by the veterans that tied the noose.

At one point in the closing minutes of the USC contest, Harter sported a lineup of Drummond and four freshmen. Against UCLA, the front line of Oregon shot a dazzling 14 for 44 — 31 percent — as Hartshorne got virtually no help inside.

Add that to the fact that Gig Sims — the 6-9 Bruin center who most said couldn't cut it — had his best game ever with 15 points and

14 rebounds, and you get the feeling like the Fates were too friendly to Oregon.

Still, they did come back in both games. Against the Bruins, the Ducks brought the deficit to within nine early into the second half, but UCLA shifted into a zone and Oregon never got closer.

The comeback thing worked to slightly better reviews against SC, with Oregon rallying from a 15-point margin late in the game. Behind a series of inside moves by Clark, the Ducks outscored the Trojans 20-6 in the final seven-and-a-half minutes, but they still only allow 40 minutes in a game.

Result? The Ducks fall to 2-2 while the Bruins sky to 4-0. Meanwhile, Stanford, Cal, Washington, and Washington State slugged it out in the basement; all now boast 1-3 conference records.

And fittingly, the key game might come Saturday against Oregon State, now 3-1 after knocking off USC before losing to the Bruins. With the Wooden image again in Westwood, three losses might not win the conference. Oregon knows that.

Oregon (62) — Bamer 6, Small 4, Hartshorne 12, Drummond 4, Closs 2, Lyon 2, Murray 6, Sealey 4, Clark 16, Davis 6.
Southern California (63) — Henderson 4, Miller 17, Robinson 8, S. Smith 11, Carlino 15, Ratkovich 2, Holsington, D. Smith 6, Widfield.

Women blitzed by Huskies but do likewise to Vikings

Oregon's women's basketball team split two games on their weekend roadtrip to Washington, to leave their record standing at 7-1.

The Ducks lost their opener to Washington 51-34, as the Huskies opened up an early nine-point lead and never looked back.

Tara Smith had 14 points to lead Oregon, but Washington's 6-0 center Margie Neilsen had 17 to counter for the Huskies. The only other Duck in double figures was Julie Cushing with 10.

It was different on Saturday, though, as Cushing canned 14 of 18 field goal attempts for record a total of 31 points in the 76-67 defeat of defending league champ Western Washington.

Oregon opened up a four point lead and held it to halftime, but the Vikings closed the gap with just 12 minutes left in the game. After four Oregon players had fouled out, the Ducks were sparked by freshman Anne Doherty who came off the bench to control the tempo underneath.

The Ducks next take on Oregon College of Education on Jan. 17.

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