

# Ducks lose again; but not by much

Rich Brooks figured if the Oregon football team was to show significant improvement last year, his first as the Duck's head coach, they would have to win a couple of games and eliminate being routed. They won twice, but the embarrassing loss was as evident as ever. The worst defeat came at the hands of Washington, who beat up on the Ducks 54-0 on an overcast day in Autzen Stadium.

This season Oregon is winless, having lost its first seven contests, but Brooks and his charges have

at last become an opponent not to be taken lightly.

In Saturday's 20-14 loss to Washington in Seattle the Ducks met a Huskie team which returned 18 starters from last year's Rose Bowl championship squad. Not only did Oregon keep the score respectable, they nearly outplayed Washington. "One of the most pleasing things we have done all year was establish a running game against Washington," said Brooks Sunday while studying the game films.

Oregon picked up 161 yards on 58 rushing plays against the Huskies' defense, which last year limited the Ducks to a paltry 36 yards on the ground and 97 yards total offense.

In addition, Oregon gained 105 yards through the air on the passing of Tim Durando, who made his first start of the year since taking the place of regular signal caller Mike Kennedy, who was injured last week.

"He missed some things early, but he made some big plays for us

and did quite well," said Brooks of Durando, who began the year as a safety.

In all, Durando hit on 13 of 32 passes, including a 3-yard scoring toss to Clint Jackson with 18 seconds remaining in the game.

The Ducks' other touchdown came with 2:50 left in the half when freshman tailback Dwight Robertson scampered 10 yards to put Oregon ahead 7-3.

Robertson, who gained 29 yards on eight carries, has become the Ducks' number one tail-

back as of late, having wrested the job from senior Ed Radcliff and more highly-touted freshman Reggie Young.

Sophomore fullback Vince Williams continued to lead Oregon rushers, bulging his way for 86 yards on 21 carries and raising his season total to 534 yards.

Williams was outshone, though, by Washington's sophomore fullback Toussaint Tyler, who rushed for 155 yards in his first collegiate start. The Huskies' all-American tailback Joe Steele added another 126 yards as Washington picked up a total of 259 yards on the ground.

"They hurt us more with the run than anyone has all year long," said Brooks. "They block as well as anybody up front."

Still, the Huskies' 319 total yards was significantly lower than last year when Washington rolled over the Ducks for 474 yards.

Oregon's growing list of injuries increased when punter Mike Babb received a badly bruised left leg when he was roughed early in the fourth quarter. Although he kicks with his right leg, Babb was forced to leave the game because he could not plant and push off on his injured leg. X-rays taken after the game proved negative, but Babb's playing status will not be known for a couple of days.

The Duck's ability to find adequate replacements this season has made them much better than last year according to Brooks. "We lose two or three kids here or there, but we have people step in and do the job. Last year we didn't have that kind of depth," he said.

On Saturday Oregon was without the services of tackle Pete Laughlin, quarterback Mike Kennedy, wide receiver Ken Page and linebacker Bryan Hinkle among others, but their replacements played adequately, and at times, even spectacularly. Mike Berkich, a freshman linebacker filling in for Hinkle, threw Huskie runners for losses three times.

"Still, the bottom line is that we're 0-7," remarked Brooks. After a short pause, though, he added, "But we're closing the gap."

Saturday the Ducks go after their first win against a "beatable" team when they play host to Washington State at Autzen Stadium. The Cougars, who fell to Stanford 43-27 last Saturday, feature the "Throwin' Samoan," Jack Thompson, one of the country's best quarterbacks and a candidate for the Heisman Trophy.

## Baker wins in 16:58

## Women runners triumph at Shasta meet

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The women's cross country team finished its non-championship season with a victory at the Shasta Invitational at Redding, California Saturday.

Senior Robin Baker won her second individual title of the year, bearing second-place finisher San Jose Cindergal Roxanne Bier in a sprint at the finish. Baker's time of 16:58 for the three-mile course was just four seconds off the course record.

The Ducks' Ellen Schmidt took the lead at the mile mark, breaking

from a tightly-bunched pack. Baker, Bier and Phyllis Olrich of the Cindergals caught Schmidt at the two-and-a-half mile mark with Baker sprinting past Bier with 200 meters to go. Schmidt overtook Olrich for third.

For the fourth week in a row, Oregon placed several runners in the top ten, finishing 1-3-5-7-8-9 with the split between the first and sixth runners 27 seconds.

"It's terrific," coach Tom Heinonen said of the split, "that's better than it has ever been. The only question is how far up the group can finish at nationals."

"Having that kind of split can

really help in a major meet--the bigger the meet, the greater (the help) it is."

Before the meet, Heinonen talked of a possible fast pace by Bier, Olrich and Wotherspoon. But it never materialized.

"It appears the Cindergal coach told them to follow Cheri (Williams, a former Cindergal), and we said follow them, so it went very slow for the first mile. They ran a 5:45 first mile, which over that course is very slow.

"It would have been nice to come through at 5:38 and have had people cope with that. But it's a good lesson too, in that they had to run with a big tactical surge in the middle. That is something you don't see often in women's cross country. The increasing sophistication and greater quality of the runners indicates they can run tactical races.

Heinonen was also pleased with the improvement in times

from last year's race over the same course.

"Ellen finished with 17:22 and won (last year) and this year Molly (Morton) ran that and finished seventh," Heinonen said. "Ellen was 20 seconds faster under identical conditions. Molly was 25 seconds faster and Katy (Mountain) 67 seconds faster."

The next competition for the women will be in Seattle on Nov. 4 at the regional meet. Next Saturday, Heinonen will choose the 9-10-11-12 runners to round out the squad for the regional meet based on the finish of the Oregon Track Club open.

**Results** — Individual — 1, Robin Baker, Oregon, 16:58. 2, Roxanne Bier, San Jose Cindergals, 17:00. 3, Ellen Schmidt, Oregon, 17:02. 4, Phyllis Olrich, San Jose, 17:05. 5, Cheri Williams, Oregon, 17:14. 6, Ann Wotherspoon, West Valley College, 17:20. 7, Molly Morton, Oregon, 17:21. 8, Katy Mountain, Oregon, 17:22.  
**Team** — Oregon 24, San Jose Cindergals 44, West Valley College 71, Cal State-Chico 133, Redding Track Club 144, California-Davis 153, Cal State-Humboldt 155.



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