

Ducks' loss looked just like old times



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Arizona's tailback Larry Heater left the Ducks groping all afternoon, picking up an individual best 193 yards on 34 carries.

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By the time the last Oregon home football game of the season rolled around in recent years only about 15,000 to 18,000 fans could be coaxed outside to watch the Ducks trudge through another loss to Stanford or Cal or whoever. But this past Saturday nearly 27,000 fans showed up for Oregon's final home appearance against Arizona, attracted by both a sunny and crisp autumn day and the prospects of continued good play by the improving Ducks.

All the makings for a great day of Oregon football were present; one booster even went as far as to pay \$400 in an Oregon Club auction for the right to two seats in the press box, but then the Ducks had to go and spoil it all by falling flat on their collective faces.

"I think we were pretty well flat today," said junior guard Steve Greatweed, who had spent the afternoon blocking Arizona's tough defensive tackle Cleveland Crosby.

"It's a shame that we played so poorly when so many people came out to see us play. It's embarrassing," he added. "I just didn't think that this would happen to us this year."

Oregon coach Rich Brooks, looking more tired than he has all season, was less diplomatic. "It was just a country ass-kicking."

Brooks had expressed concern last week over how well the Ducks could handle Arizona's offensive and defensive lines, and his worst fears were confirmed as the Wildcats rolled over Oregon's defense for 359 yards rushing and kept the Ducks from scoring a touchdown for the first time all year.

"They just handled us on the line of scrimmage; completely handled us," Brooks said. "We just didn't do the job. It was maybe our worst performance of the year."

Nevertheless, Oregon might very well have won if it had not been for a handful of dropped passes and an untimely delay of game penalty.

After Arizona had opened the scoring on a 50-yard gallop by tailback Larry Heater with 7:47 left in the first period, the Ducks drove to the Wildcats' 7-yard line where they faced a third down and four situation. Quarterback Tim Durando rolled to his left, spotted tight end Tim Beyer open in the end zone and hit him with what would have been a perfect scoring toss — except that Beyer dropped the ball. On the next play Pat English drilled a 24-yard field goal for what turned out to be Oregon's only score in a 24-3 loss.

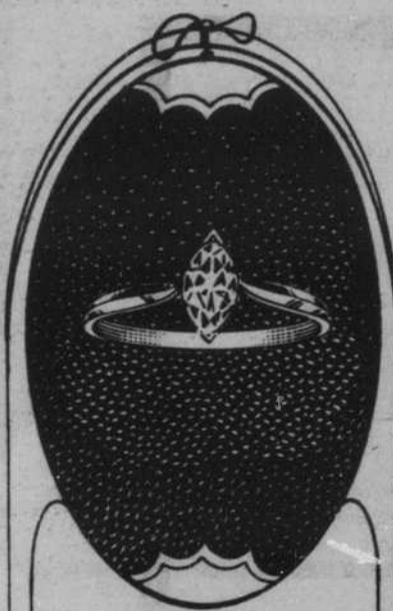
Late in the first half, with the score still 7-3, Oregon again put together a drive, marching to the Arizona 20. On fourth down with a foot to go the Ducks decided to go for it, but somehow failed to get the play off on time and were penalized five yards. A pass fell incomplete on fourth and six, ending Oregon's second best drive.

"He (Durando) just stood over the ball," explained Brooks. "He took too much god damn time and he should have known better."

On the final play of the half a dropped pass again proved costly to Oregon. From the Arizona 37-yard line Durando threw to flanker Curt Jackson in the end zone, but the ball bounced off Jackson's numbers, and the play and quarter ended, despite claims by Brooks of interference by the Wildcats' defenders.

By the end of the day, Oregon receivers had dropped three more easy passes. "They weren't tough passes," Brooks said disgustedly. "They were right in the chest; it's just a matter of dropping the ball."

In the second half nothing the Ducks could do made much of a difference. Arizona's two running backs, Heater and Hubert Oliver, each ran for season individual bests; Heater picked up 193 yards and Oliver added another 141. And the game ground to an end, as boring as the final score would indicate.



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