

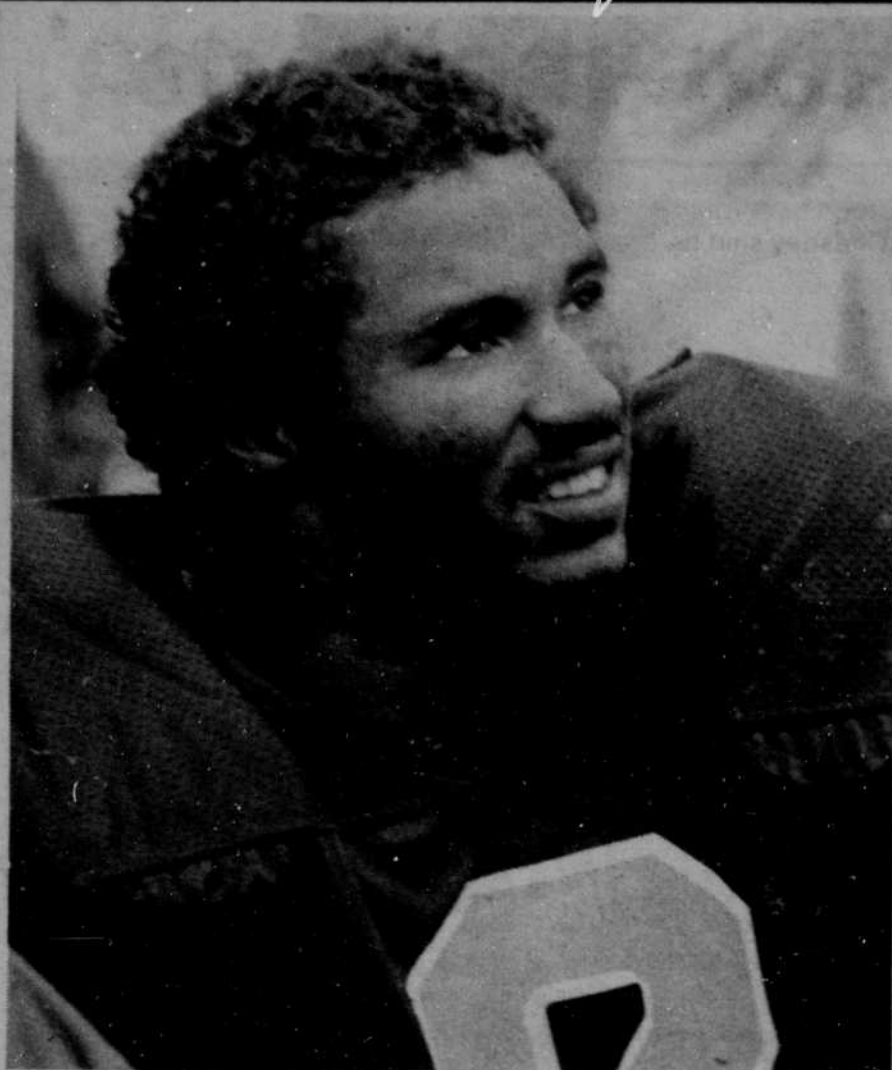


Photo by Bob Baker
Dwight Robertson, Oregon's lightning quick tailback, scored two touchdowns against Washington State Saturday in Pullman to push his season total to eight, the highest number of touchdowns scored by an Oregon player since Bobby Moore scored 10 in 1970.

Oregon guns down Cougars

By JOHN HEALY
Of the Emerald

Oregon's win over Washington State in Pullman Saturday looked more like an Old West shootout than a college football game.

The Duck's and their number one gunfighter — quarterback Reggie Ogburn — gunned down the Cougars 37-26 in a wild offensive display in which the two teams combined for 51 first downs and over 1,000 yards of total offense.

Oregon led 30-13 late in the third quarter before the Cougars rallied for two quick scores, the final one on a 42-yard bomb thrown by WSU quarterback Steve Grant.

Leading 30-26, the Ducks took the ensuing kickoff and marched 80 yards to the Cougar's endzone, with tailback Dwight Robertson diving the final two yards. The Ducks then held off two WSU drives, as Jerome Covington blunted the first with an interception and the Cougar's final drive died at the Oregon 5 with no time left on the clock.

The Ducks tallied the game's first points on Jeff Wood's 1 yard dive with nine minutes left in the first quarter and led 10-7 at the end of the first half.

Ogburn, who rushed for 143 yards and passed for 90 more yards, rammed 21 yards to the Oregon 37 on the first play from scrimmage in the second half. Unfortunately, he fumbled as he went down, and the Cougar's Grant scored from 37 yards out on the first WSU play.

Just when it looked like the Ducks would fold, Ogburn put a burner under the Oregon offense and led his teammates to three touchdowns in a span of ten minutes.

Ogburn hit two passes — to Curt Jackson and Ricky Ward — down to the WSU 40 on the Duck's first scoring drive, then from the Cougar's 31 Ogburn rolled left, slipped momentarily, regained his footing and sprinted into the WSU endzone for a 17-10 Oregon lead.

Ogburn and Co. gave themselves a 30-13 lead at the end of the third quarter on an 8

yard pass from Ogburn to Robertson.

Grant put the Cougar's back into the thick of things with a 1 yard run at the end of an 80 yard drive. But the Ducks looked like they were going to blow out the Cougars when Dwight Robertson took the kickoff following Grant's touchdown and rammed 78 yards to the WSU 22.

On the first play from scrimmage, Ogburn pulled back from the center snap and dropped the ball.

WSU recovered.

The Cougars quickly moved 78 yards in five plays for a touchdown. But the next three plays all but killed the Cougars. Trailing 30-26 following the touchdown, the Cougars elected to go for a two point conversion. Two consecutive penalties set them back to the Oregon 12, so they brought in the kicking unit and missed the extra point.

And with Robertson's touchdown dive, the Ducks evened their season and conference records at 4-4 and 2-2, respectively.

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Stickers take third in tourney

By JOHN SELIX
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Excitement, thrills, strategy, and occasional magnificence. It was one of those games that included all of the above. It was the kind in which momentum played a key role. It was the kind that a team hates to lose. But that's exactly what Oregon's thirteenth-ranked women's field hockey team did Friday against eighth-ranked San Jose State.

The 2-1 loss to the Spartans took away Oregon's chance to win the Berkeley Invitational, a tournament that included five teams with recognition in the AIAW national rankings. The Ducks did defeat Arizona and California to finish with a 2-1 record, and a third place in the tournament.

The San Jose game was a

heart-breaker for the Ducks. They had played exceptionally well — an undisputable fact. They played under the adverse conditions of not having had three regulars in the lineup. They had scored to tie the game on Nancy Berry's corner shot with 13 minutes remaining in the game. The goal had seemed to spark the team, and they continued an aggressive assault into the Spartans defensive striking circle. But time and time again, the Ducks mishandled the ball with their sticks and were unable to get off good shots.

The Ducks had their opportunities, but failed to take advantage of them. San Jose got one break and made full use of it. With five minutes remaining, Oregon defender Sue Sievert was whistled for pushing, while inside of her own striking circle. Oregon's defense stiffened and blocked the corner shot, but couldn't clear the ball away from San Jose. The result was a game-winning goal by Pommy MacFarlane, who also plays on

the South African national team.

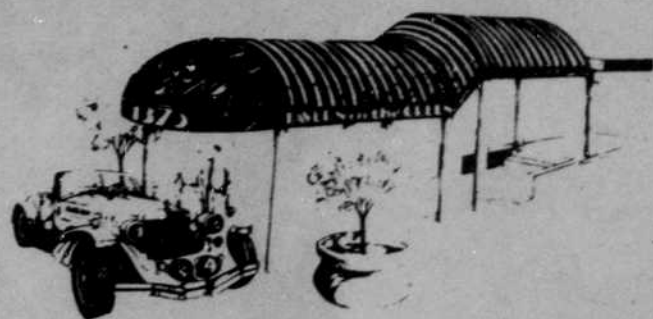
The call on Sievert was quite questionable. Referee Carla Soracco, who blew the whistle on the play, said that "Sievert made it impossible for the other player to make a play on the ball."

"Isn't that my job?" countered Sievert. "She (Soracco) said I pushed her (the Spartan forward). I didn't. All my teammates know I didn't." Sievert also said that the referee later admitted that she had made a bad call. Soracco declined to make any further comments on the subject.

The entire Oregon squad was visibly upset with the call, and later, coach Nancy Plantz said that it cost the Ducks the game.

"It was not well-called," she said. "When the game's taken away, it's hard to accept defeat. It adds insult to injury."

But in actuality, Oregon did not lose because of an official's "bad" call. Oregon lost because it squandered too many scoring chances. The (Continued on Page 9)



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