

Ducks harvest Stanford down on the 'farm'

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There was raucous jubilation in the Oregon football locker room Saturday after their convincing defeat of Stanford, 16-7, on the Cardinals home farm.

But the joy was not one of a team that felt they had pulled off the upset of the century, as Oregon teams of yore might have felt after running their record versus California teams to 2-0. Instead, the feeling was that of a team that had confidently created and executed a game plan designed to beat their opponent.

The Ducks, almost unbelievably, now stand at 5-4 on the season, and 3-2 in the Pac-10. With two games left, and one of them against 1-8 Oregon State, their chances of finishing with a losing record appear next to nil.

As everyone had hoped, last week's bye allowed the Ducks a chance to heal their wounded and "develop a few new wrinkles in our offense that worked well for us," said coach Rich Brooks.

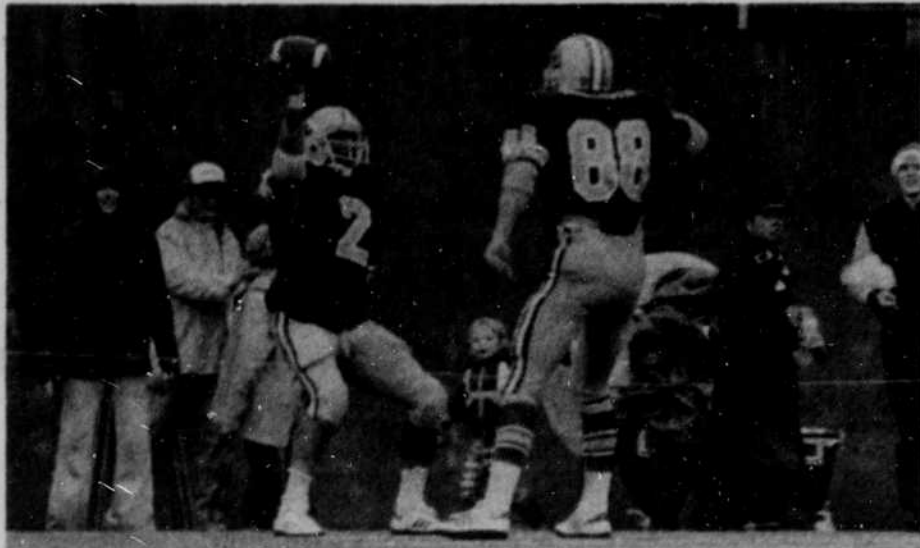
One of those "wrinkles," a fake reverse, worked so well that the entire world was watching Don Coleman while crafty Dwight Robertson romped the other direction for 48 yards and a first-quarter touchdown.

Coleman explained the play, which went off with picture-perfect timing.

"The set we were in for that play we never used except when we used the reverse to me.

Stanford knew that, and everyone on their side was yelling reverse! reverse! I said to myself, 'alright, we've got 'em.' "

Not only were the Stanford players fooled, but so was the crowd, local T.V. cameras and several members in the press box.



Dwight Robertson rushed for 144 yards and a touchdown Saturday against Stanford in Palo Alto.

"I told Coleman, 'give me a good fake,' " said Robertson, who finished with 144 yards rushing. "and when you look up I'll be in the end zone." "

Oregon's defense helped its cause by knocking Stanford out of the game in the third quarter.

"They (the Duck defense) knocked him down and he was out," said Stanford coach Rod Dowhower. "We checked him out during half time, and he was really wobbly."

Schonert still managed to have a moment of brilliance

before being replaced by freshman John Elway for the second half. With 5:45 left to go in the first half, Schonert found flanker Ken Margerum near the goal line and hit him for a 20 yard touchdown strike.

When the Oregon offense wasn't stifling the Cardinal's

The second Cardinal miscarriage happened in the fourth period when Dotterer tried a blast up the middle at their own 16. The ball slipped out and Oregon free safety Mike Nolan pounced on it on the 24. Seven plays later, Ogburn squirted around the left end from the three for the score and a 16-7 lead.

The Ducks' win, coupled with UCLA's victory over Arizona State, boosts Oregon into third place in the conference, while the loss dropped Stanford to 5-4-1 and completely dashed

their hopes for a birth in the Fiesta Bowl.

With their confidence riding an all-season high, the Ducks are ready to take on UCLA next Saturday at Autzen Stadium and try to do something that Oregon has not accomplished since 1962 — defeat every California team on their schedule. Besides that gem of accomplishment, one of the Ducks has another reason for wanting to excel next weekend.

"I have to get 100 yards next week," said Robertson, "cause my Mom's gonna be in Eugene to watch me."

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Stickers clinch national berth

Led by seniors Nancy Berry and Mo Sullivan and by sophomore Ronnie DellaMotta, Oregon defeated Washington State 2-0 Saturday at Autzen Stadium to win the Region 9 Championship and qualify for the AIAW National Championships.

Both the Ducks and Cougars knew that they would be playing in this game when the season started. They are the only Division I schools in this region. Each team had beaten the other once during the season, so by the statistics, there was no clear-cut favorite. But Oregon

played with aggressiveness and confidence and was clearly the better of the two teams.

Ronnie DellaMotta gave the Ducks a 1-0 lead 20 minutes into the game on a one-on-one against the goalie. After an exchange of passes with outside Nancy Pedrotti, DellaMotta penetrated into the Cougars' circle and rammed the shot home.

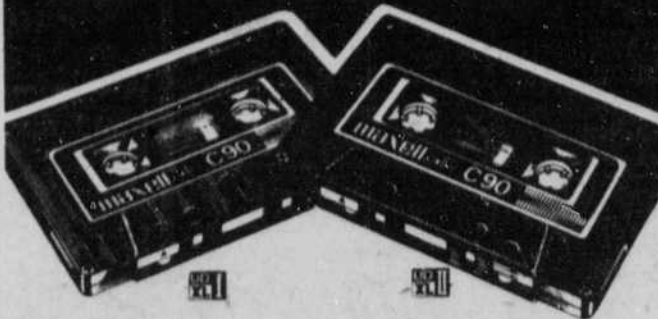
The score remained 1-0 on into the second half, when the Cougars mounted their only great threat of the game. WSU was awarded a penalty stroke when Duck defenders were

forced to deflect a Cougar shot that had gotten past goalie Mo Sullivan. However, Sullivan made a brilliant save on the penalty shot to preserve the Oregon lead.

The Ducks went on to shut down WSU, allowing them only two shots in the entire game. With six minutes left, Nancy Berry added the coup de grace by banging home another goal after a pass across the circle by Andi Casella.

The Ducks tune up for nationals by playing Friday and Saturday in the NCWSA Tournament in Tacoma, Wash.

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