

Defense reigns supreme

Split offense plays scoreless game

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To say defense dominated Oregon's spring football scrimmage Saturday would be an understatement. The defense owned the field.

With 2,280 fans watching at Autzen Stadium, the defense kept the score at 0-0, allowed only one yard rushing to the two squads and limited the White and Green offensive units to 133 yards passing.

Aside from a top punting job by walk-on Tim O'Brien (19 punts for both teams) and a series of well placed long snaps by center Monte Olson, it was strictly defense. Fourteen times the defensive line got to quarterbacks Kevin Lusk, Edmund Rivera and Dave O'Neil to sack them for big losses.

In 102 plays, the offense lost yardage on 19 of them. The Green team put together 95 yards total offense, one yard rushing, for 1.6 yards a play. The White team managed 39 yards, all passing, for .9 per play.

"It's pretty obvious the depth on our defense is definitely a lot better than the depth on our offense," said Oregon coach Rich Brooks in a hallway by the Duck locker room. "We showed we're a very good defensive football team."

"But at this point I can't say the same thing about the offense."

A lot of the offensive problems were due to a split

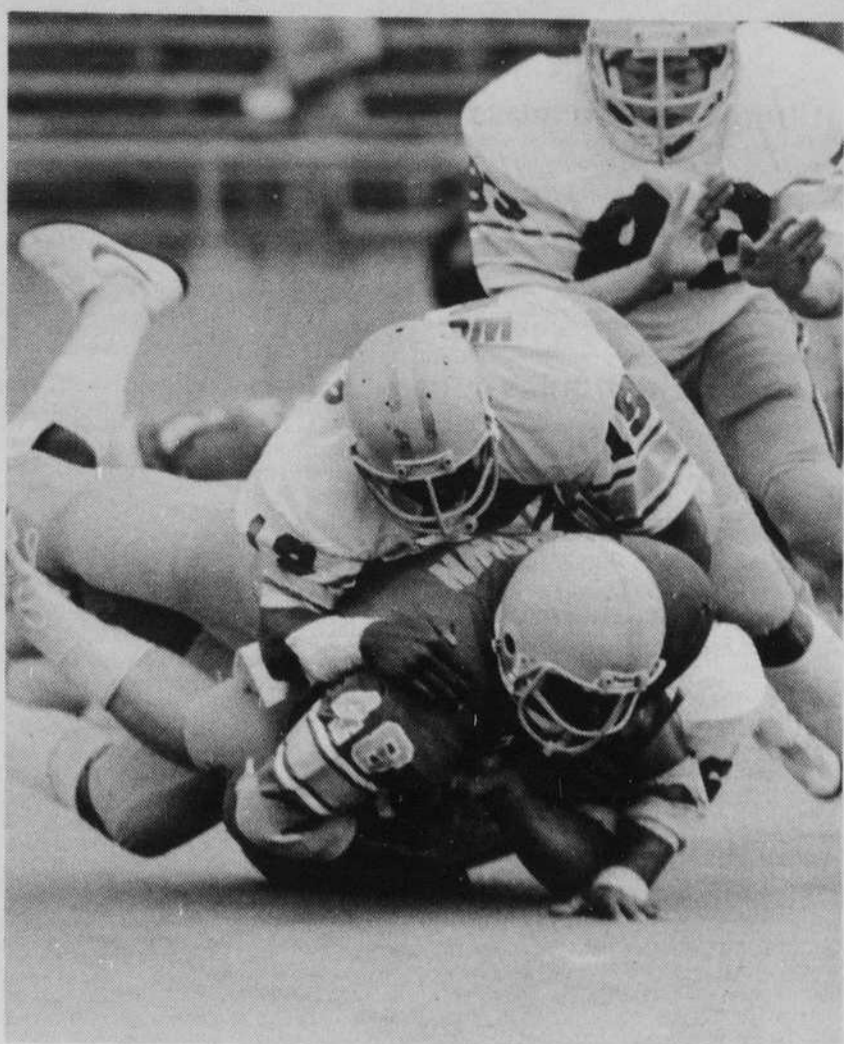


Photo by Steve Dykes

Daniell Webster and Chris Cosgrove take down Reggie Brown in Oregon's defense-dominated intrasquad game.

squad, Brooks said. "At any given time we didn't have our top 11 people out there on offense."

However, the defense is at least 22 people deep, said Brooks.

The discrepancy between the two gave the defense a field day. Chris Cogrove, Dwight Ford, Steve Baack, Terry Youngblood, Cliff Gibson, Ed Rhone, Devall Webster and Gordon Bledsoe spent their afternoon chasing quarterbacks.

"We are a much improved defensive team," Brooks said. "There is still a lot of questions that need to be answered by the offense, though."

One question that may not need to be answered in the fall is the punting spot. "It's a spot I was worried about," Brooks said. "I feel a lot better about it right now. Tim O'Brien had a pretty stiff test."

But Brooks is looking toward the fall. "I don't think we scared Fresno State (Oregon's fall opener Sept. 5)," he said. "But at least we had a spring game."

Evans defeated Enrique Valdez of Washinton, 7-6, 6-4, in the number-six singles match.

In the top doubles match Oregon's team of Evans and Steward Bartlett jumped to an early lead over their Washington foes, taking the first set, 6-0. But the Washington pair of Scott Pearson and Dan Zeratsky came back to down the Ducks 6-1, 6-2.

Tennis team ends year with record 20 wins

Oregon's men's tennis team finished the year with a record 20 wins, but failed to hold off the University of Washington in its final match of the season, an 8-1 loss, at the Northern Division tennis championships.

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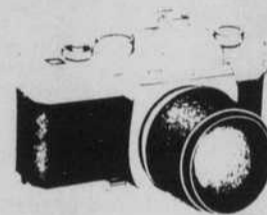
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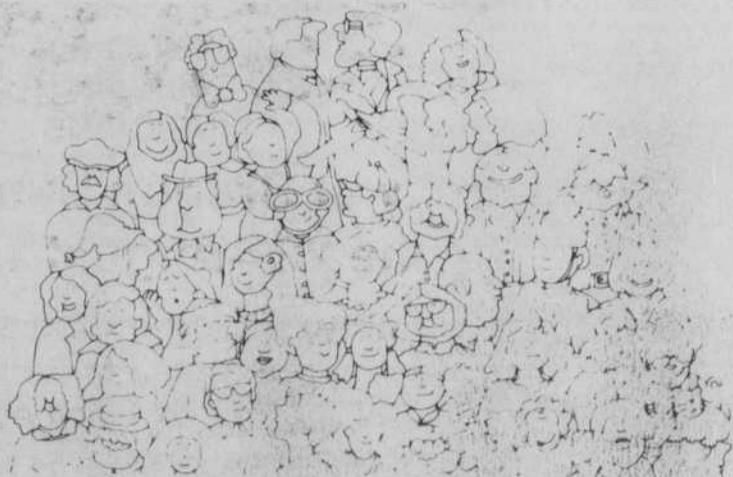
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