

Ducks do it to themselves in 17-3 loss

Mental errors, missed chances drop Oregon to 1-3

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About the time the Washington Husky band began playing the song, "Tequila," the Oregon football team probably would have preferred to hear "Welcome to my Nightmare" following a frustrating, 17-3 loss Saturday to the Huskies at Autzen Stadium.

For most of the game's first three quarters, the Ducks matched up well with Washington, dueling with their Pacific 10 Conference rivals, but coming out on the short end of a 7-3 score at halftime.

The Ducks, now 1-3, moved the ball well after a slow start — by the third quarter, Oregon had 196 yards of total offense to Washington's 134 yards — but in the end, the Huskies were able to get the needed yardage in plays where Oregon could not.

"Obviously, we made too

many mistakes to beat a team like Washington," Oregon Coach Rich Brooks said. The coach said the Ducks missed on key opportunities to score, including second down and inches from the goal line in the second quarter and fourth and 2 from the Washington 30 later in the game.

On the first wrecked drive, the Ducks wasted a 72-yard kickoff return by Steve Brown that enabled them to drive inside the Washington 1 yard line. From there, a delay of game penalty coupled with another infraction and a quarterback sack set them back to the 29. Doug Jollymour attempted a 46-yard field goal but was wide with his attempt.

Midway through the third quarter, the Ducks again were foiled in their attempt to capitalize on a drive. With second down and 2 yards to go on the Washington 31, Oregon was unable to get the yards needed

in three plays.

The telling play was on fourth down when the Ducks sent sophomore tailback Harry Billups over left guard. Billups was unable to get the yard needed for the first down, Washington took over possession, and drove 70 yards to put the Ducks away with a last touchdown.

"Washington made the plays when they had to," Brooks said. "When they stopped us on fourth down and drove the ball, the momentum shifted to their side," he said.

Fullback Chris James and tailback Ron Jackson alternated carrying the pigskin in the 70-yard drive that culminated in a 1-yard dive over right guard for the touchdown, putting the Huskies ahead 14-3 with 12:26 remaining in the game.

The 11-point Husky lead dictated that the Ducks pass, and the Husky defensive line was able to play the pass all the way, sacking Lusk four times in the

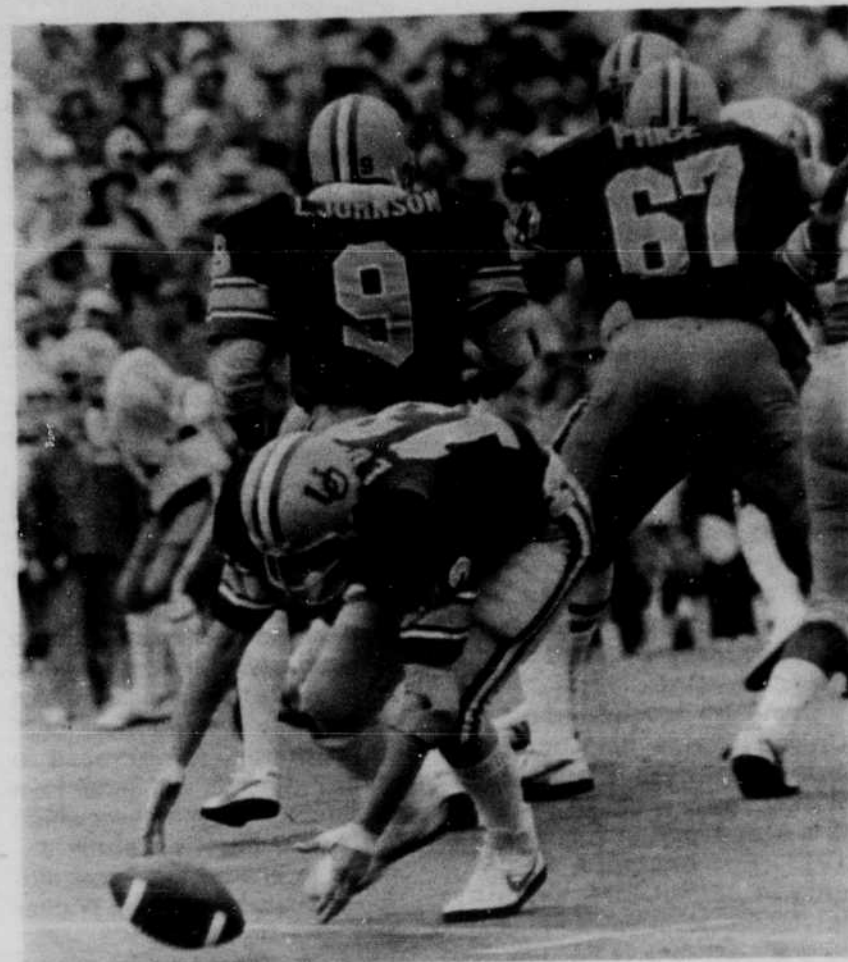


Photo by Bob Baker

Oregon quarterback Kevin Lusk had a tough day against the Huskies, completing just 14-25 for 129 yards when he wasn't flat on his back due to seven Washington sacks.

final 12 minutes, seven times all told.

After Oregon could muster little offense on its next possession, Husky return specialist Ray Horton returned a Ken Burns punt 26 yards to the Oregon 29. Washington drove 18 more yards to the 11 before junior placekicker Chuck Nelson kicked a 29-yard field goal — his 14th consecutive game in which he has kicked a field goal, tying an NCAA record — to make the final score 17-3.

Overall, the Husky kicking

game outshined that of the Ducks on the rain-soaked Autzen Stadium turf. Washington pressured Burns, Coach Don James said, because Oregon's freshman punter had not seen any action prior to Saturday's game.

On one occasion, the pressure paid off handsomely for the Huskies, as linebacker Stewart Hill blocked Burns' second-quarter punt and cornerback Vince Newsome scooped the ball and carried it into the end

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Warren, who hadn't won a race since the AIAW championship in May, was clocked in 4:25.31, beating her own collegiate record of 4:30.6. The time won't be recognized as a record however because the event was not held on a track.

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