

Gadget plays

In crucial situations, Oregon has a few special tricks up its sleeve

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They have the ability to bring the crowd to its feet. They can change the complexion of the game. And they can make a team look very good — or very bad.

They are gadget plays, alias flea-flickers, alias gimmick plays, alias whatever you want to call them.

Gadget plays are the offense's ace in the hole — seldom used, but usually effective. The object is to catch the defense off-guard, pick up the big first down, or even score an easy six points.

"The situation of the game really has a lot to do whether or not we run a play like that," said Oregon offensive coordinator Erik Widmark. "Timing of when the play is called is also crucial. When we run the plays, we are looking for something that is tricky and hopefully we'll get a big play out of it."

In the Duck playbook there are a few of the gadget plays but the Ducks have unveiled but three of them on the playing field as yet.

Of those, the play that's worked the best has been the double-reverse pass. In this play, (diagrammed at the right) the quarterback receives the snap from the center and

quickly pitches the ball to the tailback who is lined up as the deep back in the "I" formation.

The tailback then hands the ball off to the split end running from left to right. The split end pitches the ball back to the quarterback who throws the pigskin into the arms of the awaiting receiver.

That play aided Oregon in three wins — two of which were over the Washington schools.

"That play worked for us three out of the four times we ran it last year," said Duck head coach Rich Brooks. "The only time it didn't work for us was in the Arizona State game and it cost us."

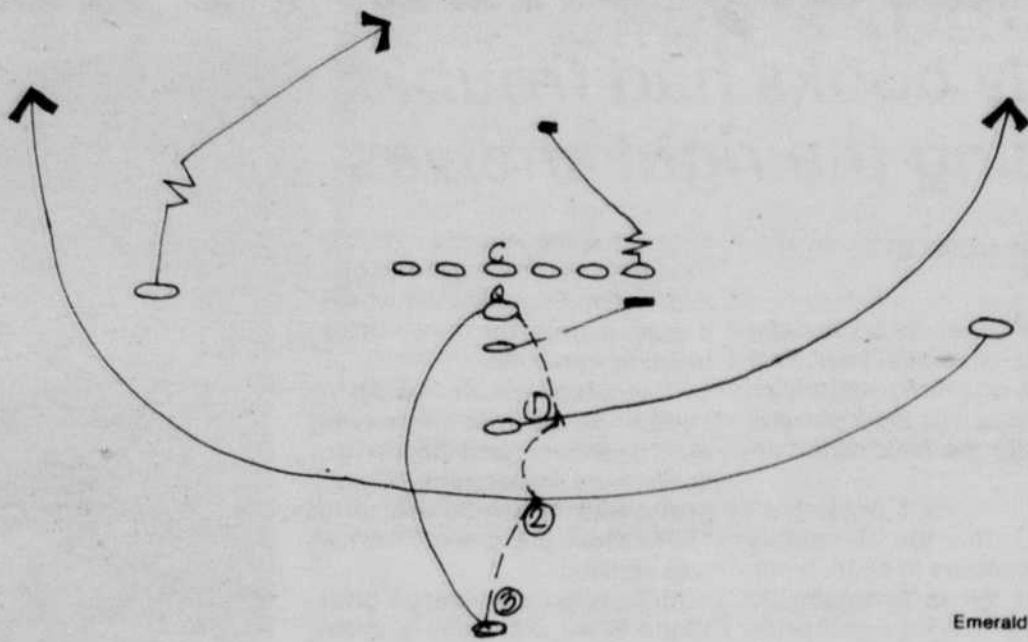
"But it's a good play. I think Kevin Lusk runs it better than Reggie Ogburn because he throws the ball better."

Another gadget in the Oregon playbook that the Ducks have used before is the fake punt.

"We haven't run the fake punt this year, but last year against Kansas it worked for us," said Brooks. "What we do is hike the ball to the short man, who is Vince Williams, who take the ball and runs for a first down."

Though the Ducks haven't used the fake punt, Oregon has had success with one other play — the fake field goal.

In the team's home opener two weeks ago against Pacific, a



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The illustration above diagrams the double reverse pass. The quarterback pitches to the tailback, who hands off to the split end, who finally returns the ball to the quarterback — who can hit any of three receivers streaking up field. Different versions can be run as in the below photo, where the tailback has kept the ball instead of pitching.

34-0 win, the Ducks lined up for an apparent 42-yard Doug Jollymoure field goal attempt. But hold the phone. Split end Greg Moser took the snap and sprinted to the left side of the field and floated a pass of 25 yards to tight end Greg Hogensen.

"We have run a fake field goal before," said Widmark. "On that play against Pacific, Moser had the option either to run for the first down or pass for the first down. That touchdown was just an added bonus."

"There again, though, is a situation where momentum has a lot to do with whether we run the play or not."

To the fans, a gadget play may seem to be hastily contrived. But according to Widmark and Brooks, the plays are gone over with a fine-tooth comb during practice sessions.

"The plays are practiced, studied and executed during practice," said Widmark. "The decision to go with them usually comes before the game. Coach Brooks and myself, along with some other coaches have the input on which plays to run."

"The plays definitely have to be worked on during practice," said Brooks. "We like to use them when we see that the defense is falling asleep. It's best to run the plays when the defense least expects them. The

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