

put down the clipboard he was charting plays on, put on the helmet, and handed off to Brown two plays before Jorgensen shook off the hit.

"The quarterbacks' being injured in the second half drastically affected our ability to run our game plan," Brooks said. "We had some success in the first half running the option. With the quarterbacks hurt, it took that away from us."

Owens, looking very much like a clone of departed quarterback Reggie Ogburn running the option, moved Oregon smoothly to its only touchdown in the second quarter. Starting on the Oregon 34, Brown and Owens traded off carrying the ball, moving quickly to the Wildcat 18. From there, Brown, who's made his living this season carving out the tough yardage, squirted through an opening and into the end zone.

Kick holder Greg Moser skirted left end on the fake conversion try to make it 8-0.

After Arizona scored a touchdown, but failed on the two-point conversion try, the Ducks made it 11-6 on the last play before the half. Owens moved the Ducks from its own 20 to the Arizona 30 in 35 seconds on short passes and draw plays. Jollymour booted the 47 yard kick through the posts as the teams left the field.

Ironically, Oregon's lack of tackling had very little to do with their own efforts. In fact, the Ducks defense did a magnificent job in containing the 'Cats with superb pass defense and persistent pursuit all afternoon.

But what enabled Arizona to get its offense rolling was its ability to solve the mystery of Oregon's nickel defense.

Simply put, the 'Cats went where the Ducks weren't — if Oregon would send eight men straight back on pass coverage, then Arizona

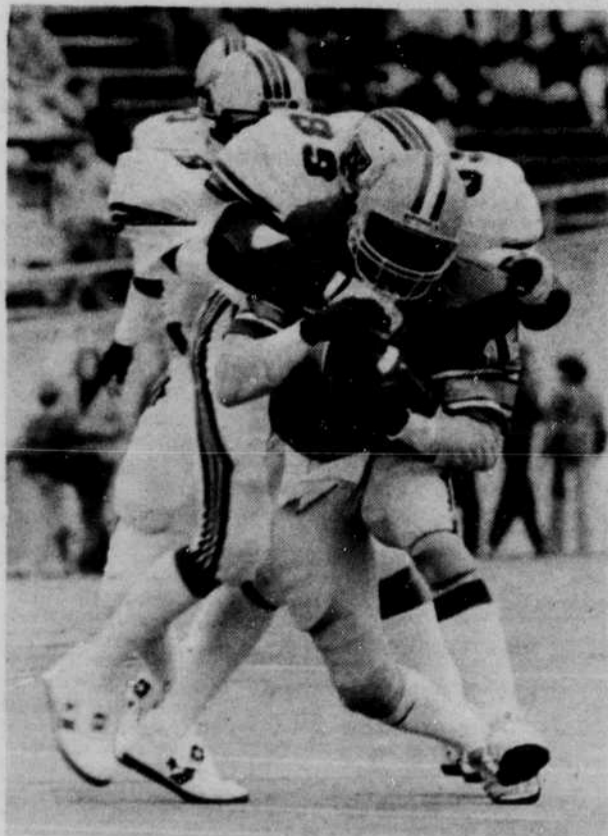


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The toll on starting quarterback Mike Owens' knee was too much and the freshman was forced to the sidelines in the second half.

would send Johnson on sweeps to the unprotected flanks. All told, Johnson ended with 90 yards, nearly all coming in the second half.

Marks fall at Invitational

Duck men, women finish 2nd at meet

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Course records were an endangered species Sunday morning at the Oregon Track Club Cross Country Invitational at Creswell's Emerald Valley Golf Course.

Not one, but two course records fell as Oregon's Leann Warren breezed to victory in the women's 5,000-meter segment and Bill McChesney did likewise in the 10,000-meter event for men.

Warren clocked in at 16:15.7 — 10 seconds ahead of runner-up Cathy Twomey from Athletics West — in her race while McChesney was timed in 29:35, 22 seconds ahead of second-place Dave Gordon from Club Northwest.

Warren, who said three weeks ago that she would sit out the cross country season, ran with Athletics West runners Maggie Keyes, Twomey and Mary Decker for most of the race.

After two miles Keyes, Twomey and Warren emerged as the top three. At the 2½ miles mark, Keyes began to tire, and Warren slowly pulled away.

At the finish, Warren was all alone — in front of Keyes by some 50 yards.

"It felt real good," Warren said of her first race of the season. "The pace felt easy early. I just wanted to keep contact even if the pace was easy. After a while Maggie began pulling away so I thought to myself, 'should I go with her or sit back?' I decided to go with her. I did not want to let her go."

Keyes, who led most of the race, felt someone had to take charge.

"I felt like somebody wanted me to take the lead because no one else was taking it," said the Athletics West runner.

The Oregon women — behind finishes by Eryn Forbes (8th), Kathy Hayes (13th), Rosa Gutierrez (14th) and Lisa Martin (15th) — finished second overall behind Athletics West, but first among the college teams.

On the men's side, McChesney made mincemeat of his competition. He started out quickly and had broken clear from the pack after two miles.

"Bill McChesney is a world-class runner," said his coach, Bill Dellinger. "He looked awfully good out there. He was under control all the way."

After the race, McChesney compared this win with his first one at the Garrie Franklin Classic at Lane Community College three weeks ago.

"This one felt much better than the Garrie Franklin," McChesney said. "I was trying to get away from the field a little earlier than I did at the Garrie Franklin. If you open up some daylight between you and guy behind you, it kind of makes it tougher on the guys behind you."

The Oregon men finished second in the team race behind Athletics West. Top finishers for the Ducks included Greg Erwin (6th), Greg Hitchcock (15th), Derek Shirley (26th) and Chris Hudson (27th).

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