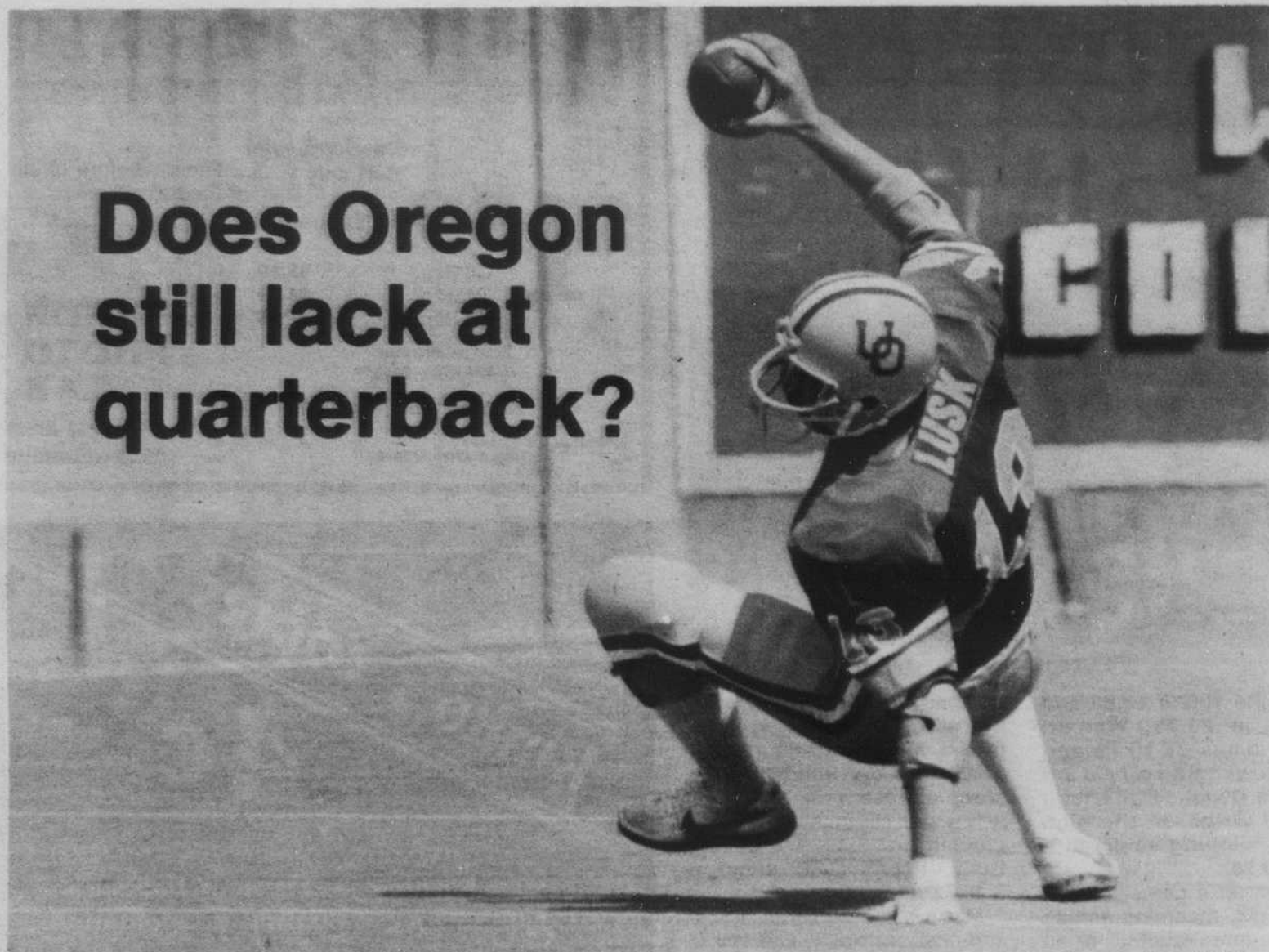


Does Oregon still lack at quarterback?



Oregon quarterback Kevin Lusk recovered from his precarious position to complete a first down pass to Harry Billups



Harry Billups went this way . . .



. . . and then back that-a-way . . .



. . . on his way to a 37-yard burst.

Spring game leaves big question unanswered

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Oregon football coach Rich Brooks wanted to establish his top quarterback by the time the end of spring drills arrived.

That time has come and gone, and Brooks has yet to pick his No. 1 signal caller, or the pecking order behind him.

Brooks was hoping to get an indication



Oregon's defense put the heat on alumni quarterback Jack Henderson

who would become the top choice going into fall drills following his squad's game with the Oregon alumni Saturday at Autzen Stadium. But by the time the final gun had sounded, Brooks was still unsure of finding any answers.

"I am not pleased with our quarterback situation right now," Brooks said, following the varsity's 24-0 victory over the alumni. "I still don't know who the No. 1 quarterback is yet. I will look at the films today and make a decision from that."

Saturday, Brooks used his three healthy quarterbacks — Senior Kevin Lusk, sophomore Mike Jorgensen and sophomore Edmund Rivera. Jorgensen got the nod for the starting spot on Saturday, but he and Lusk both played extensively, with Rivera coming into the game in the fourth quarter.

It may have been the fact that the Duck offensive line went up against the likes of Terry Dion, Neil Elshire and Scott Setterlund, but the quarterback position for the Ducks is definitely up in the air.

Both Lusk and Jorgensen each showed signs of being the top man, but both were plagued by inconsistencies. On the day, Jorgensen completed just one of two passes for 15 yards and rushed for 11 more. Lusk completed three of six aeriels for 30 yards.

"I felt a little rusty out there," Lusk admitted. "We weren't as intense as we needed to be."

"I hope that when the Arizona State game (the Duck opener next fall) rolls around that we will have one guy (calling signals)," Lusk said. "Everyone wants

one guy. As a team, you want to have a No. 1 quarterback."

Jorgensen agrees with Lusk.

"I really don't think all that much about being the No. 1 quarterback, but it would be nice to have one guy," Jorgensen said. The sophomore spent last year alternating at quarterback with Lusk and injured sophomore Mike Owens. "It's going to be wide open next fall. I'm just going to have to go out and work hard."

The Ducks showed some good and bad signs against the alumni Saturday.

The defense, which has been Oregon's trademark the past few seasons, was sharp, picking up two interceptions and putting pressure on alumni signal-caller Jack Henderson.

"Our defense finished spring drills pretty consistent," Brooks said. "The defense was a a bright spot for us today."

Statistically, Harry Billups was the leading Duck ball carrier, gaining 46 yards, including one burst of 37 yards. Sophomore Todd Bland, who Brooks had not expected to be a factor this spring, was impressive in short yardage situations, gaining 26 yards and scoring two touchdowns. Junior Ladarja Johnson picked up 40 yards on nine carries for the varsity.

Henderson completed five passes in 18 tries for 30 yards for the alumni, while Ed Radcliff picked up 38 yards to lead the alumni rushing department.

The Oregon kicking game, led by place-kicker Paul Schwabe appears to be solid.

Crew wins regionals

SEATTLE — The Oregon men's crew claimed the Pacific Northwest Regional Championship this weekend in Seattle, besting traditional rowing powers University of Washington and Oregon State University.

Oregon captured first place in both the men's heavyweight and lightweight four events, besting 14 other teams. It's the first time that Oregon had ever beaten the powerhouse Huskies in any event.

Oregon's winning teams qualified for the Westernationals to be held in California next week.

Other top finishes from Oregon teams included a second place for the women's light novice four, and a third for the mixed eight.

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Oregon State limited Oregon to just one run as they swept a Sunday softball doubleheader in Corvallis, 2-1 and 3-0.

The Ducks, who could only tag OSU pitchers for 5 hits all day, saw their record drop to 6-11.

Stephanie Hiesler went the distance for Oregon in absorbing the loss in the first game. The Beavers pushed across both runs in the second frame, and then held on as Oregon tried a last-gasp rally in the fifth.

With two out, Sue Tuggle started the rally with a single. Tuggle saw safe at second on Marci Sowa's fielder's choice grounder that followed.

After Krista Parent walked to load the bases, Molly Barnes delivered the RBI single for Oregon's only tally.

Lindsay Bartlett advanced to the AIAW national singles tournament and the Oregon women's tennis team posted a strong second-place finish at the Northwest College Women's Sports Association (NCWSA) Championships held here Thursday through

Sunday.

In the team competition, the Ducks rebounded from a 6-3 loss to Washington (the eventual winners) to take a 9-0 victory over Washington State Thursday and a 6-3 win over Montana State Friday to earn second-place honors.

In the singles qualifying matches, Bartlett displayed dominance over fellow Northwest players.

Bartlett began with a 6-3, 6-0 win over Sue Keiso of WSU, and followed with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Bridgid Malee of MSU. Next was a 6-2, 6-1 win over Robin Coverdale of MSU, and finally a 6-0, 6-0 pasting of MSU's LaVonne Davis.

She now advances to the AIAW national championships June 2-9 in Iowa City, Iowa.

Meanwhile, the Oregon men's tennis team lost an 8-1 match against a strong Southern Oregon team last Thursday. Only the doubles team of Wade Judy-Bob Coron could post a win. However, the win by Judy and Coron set an Oregon record for most doubles wins in a season, 18.