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# Ducks return to earth

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"Final from Tucson: Oregon 19, Arizona 10."  
The announcement on the McArthur Court athletic ticket scoreboard said it all after Oregon's football team shocked No. 9 Arizona a week ago. The scoreboard message was only the beginning of one of the wildest weeks in Oregon athletic history.

Oregon had beaten Cal and Arizona successively to go 2-0 in Pac-10 play, and apparently that was enough to convince 44,303 fans the Ducks were on their way to a Rose Bowl.

Coach Rich Brooks issued the disclaimer, "we're not good enough for any of this Rose Bowl talk." Nobody listened to him.

All week before Oregon played Washington, the Eugene campus was at a feverish pitch. Tickets for Oregon-Washington became more precious than rubber supplies during World War II. Incredibly enough, Oregon's athletic department sold 1,000 standing-room-only tickets for Saturday's game after it was announced that local television station KEZI would air the contest.

Whether Rose Bowl talk affected them or not, the Ducks were outrun, outpassed, outdefensed and outplayed by a solid Washington team.

During the week, Brooks called the Huskies "a typical Washington team." If typical means a team that runs and passes with equal effectiveness, stops anything an offense tries, and doesn't turn the ball over, then Washington was typical Saturday.

"They're good — probably about the same as Arizona," said receiver Lew Barnes.

Against Oregon, the Huskies were nearly perfect. "The best thing our offense did today was not turn it over," said Washington coach Don James.

The Ducks turned the ball over three times and rarely threatened Washington's goal line. In short, Washington owned Oregon Saturday.

Saturday at Autzen Stadium, the king of the Rose Bowl court, Washington, brought Oregon back to earth with a 32-3 shellacking of Brooks' troops.

"Maybe all this hoopla did affect us," said Oregon running back Kevin Willhite, himself the subject of much pre-season hoopla.

A hospital-length injury list stifled Oregon's victory hopes. Gary Zimmerman, Greg Schwab and

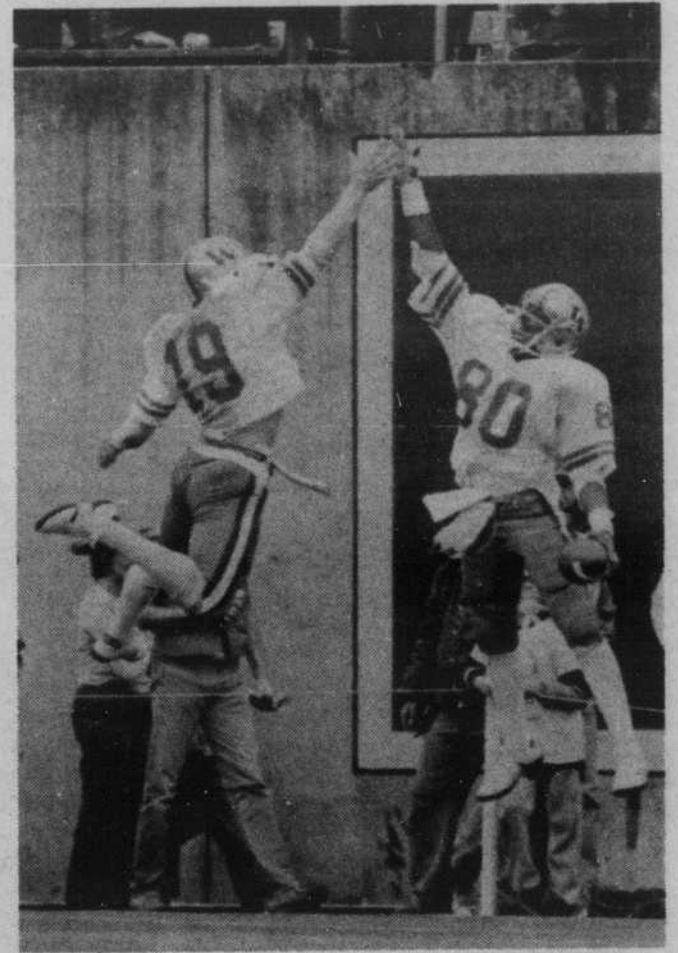


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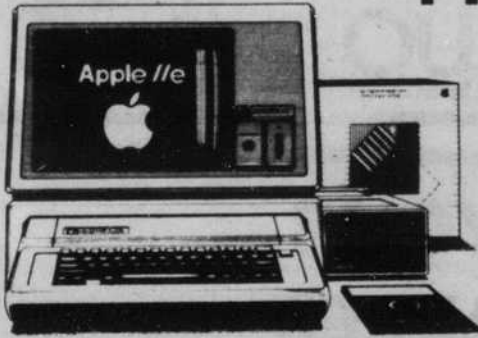
It was high-five time for the Huskies, as Mark Pattison (left) congratulates Danny Greene on TD catch that made score 32-3 UW.

safety Doug Judge watched the proceedings, while Jeff Williams, Mike Jorgensen, Terry Youngblood, Don Brown, and another offensive lineman, Ken Warner, were hurt during the game.

But the Ducks refuse to die. "We can rebound. We'll go to Pullman and rebound," said Kevin Willhite.

Meanwhile, Oregon must be content with just being a football team again.

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