

# 'Tricky' Ricky mystifies Ducks, 24-7

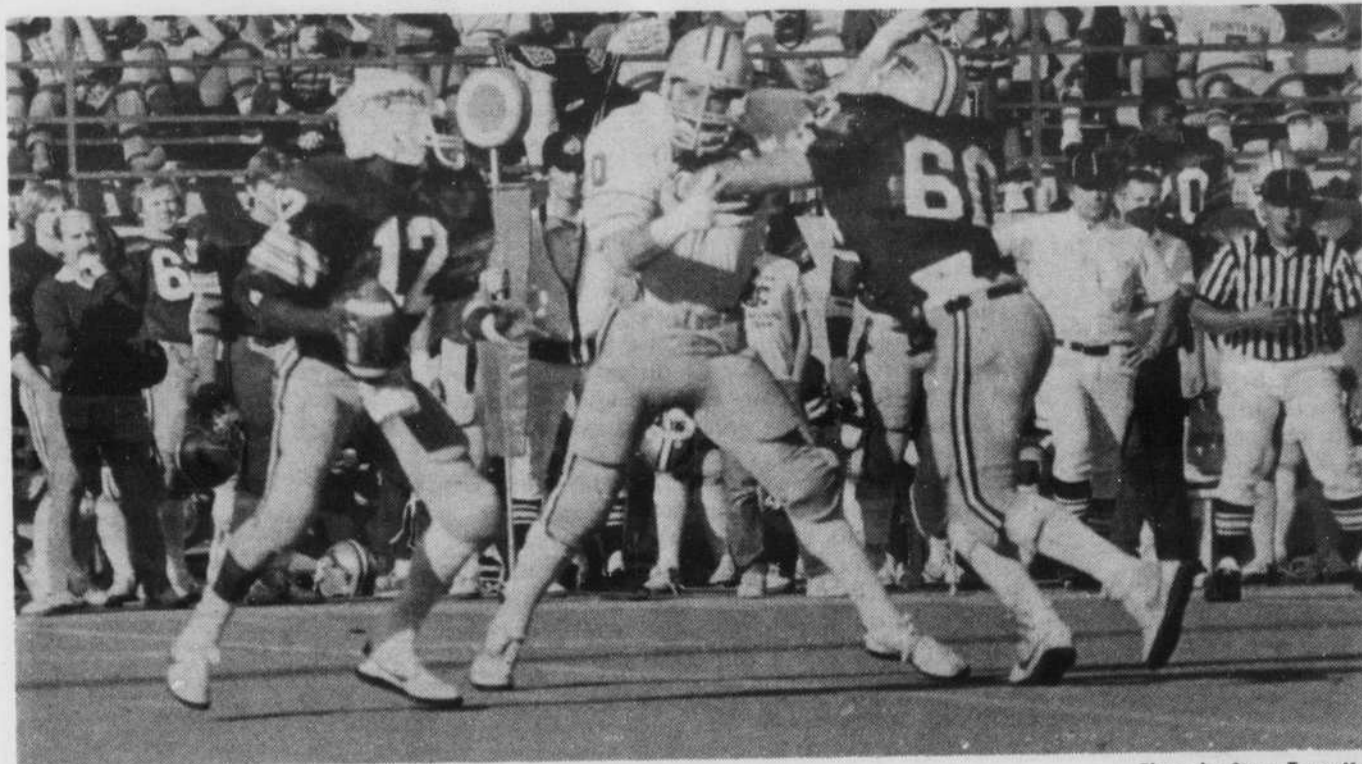


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Despite the efforts of Oregon's John Byrne (being blocked here), WSU's Ricky Turner passed and ran the Ducks to death in a 24-7 Washington State win.

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PULLMAN, Wash. — Ricky Turner, the magician of the run and pass, performed his trickery on the Oregon football team Saturday.

Any lingering hopes the Ducks may have had for the Rose Bowl were quickly washed away when Turner, Washington State's quarterback, almost singlehandedly led Washington State to a 24-7 victory.

Oregon, entering the game with a 2-1 conference record, still had an outside chance at the Pac-10 championship. But Turner scored a pair of third-quarter touchdowns in a 19-second span to lead his Cougars to victory on a warm and sunny afternoon.

Going into the game, Turner was second in the nation in passing efficiency, connecting on 66.3 percent of his aeriels. But it wasn't his passing which sent the Ducks reeling, it was his running.

For the game, Turner galloped for 67 yards on six carries and a pair of touchdowns. He also maintained his throwing image, hitting on 14 of 23 passes for 150 yards.

However, for a half the Ducks effectively bottled up the speedy Cougar quarterback and his teammates.

"We played pretty good for the first half," said Oregon coach Rich Brooks, who saw his team drop to 3-5 on the season. "But we had some breakdowns in the second half and they took advantage."

In the first half, neither team displayed a lot of offense. Oregon had the best scoring opportunity on its initial possession, but Paul Schwabe's 35-yard field goal attempt was wide right.

Big plays, Oregon's secret weapon this season, were its downfall Saturday.

With 33 seconds remaining in the first quarter, Washington State scored the game's only first-half points. WSU's Kitrick Taylor received Kevin Hicks' punt at his own 22-yard line and took off on a 78-yard touchdown return to give the Cougars a 7-0 lead.

"It was a low kick," explained Brooks. "They collapsed one side of our line and when he broke through our first wave of resistance, he had a lot of blockers

in front of him."

Cougar coach Jim Walden saw Taylor's return another way.

"Kitrick got by the first guy and after that I don't know because everything was going by me a hundred miles an hour. I'm just standing there hollering run, run, run."

If it wasn't obvious who owned the momentum of the game in the first half, it was crystal clear in the third quarter.

The Cougars drove to the Oregon 32-yard line on their first possession in the quarter. Then, on fourth and two from the 32, Turner faked a pitch to tailback Kerry Porter, tucked the ball under his arm and scooted in for a touchdown.

"The defensive end tried to cover me and the back at the same time," said Turner. "I gave a fake and he went with it."

After defensive tackle Eric Williams intercepted a Mike Owens pass, Turner found daylight again, keeping on an option and reversing his field from 24 yards to make it 21-0.

Oregon tallied its only points with three minutes left in the quarter on an eight-yard pass from Owens to Lew Barnes.

But the story of the game was Turner and his ability to keep the Duck defense off balance with his running and passing on the option.

"He is a good quarterback, especially when he gets out of the pocket," said Duck linebacker Bob Hudetz. "We didn't want to flush him out of the pocket, but he is just so fast that his quickness gets him open."

"He's the quickest we have faced," said Oregon safety Dan Wilken. "He adds another dimension to their game."

Besides Turner, injuries in the offensive line did in the Ducks.

Guard Gary Zimmerman played with an injured knee and center Ryan Zinke had to leave the game because of knee problems. The Ducks got so desperate that tight end Dave Christensen had to make an appearance at right tackle.

Meanwhile, guard Steve Jensen, just returning from a leg injury, played out of position when Zinke exited.

## 'Meager Beavs' win one

From Associated Press reports

Pac-10 conference history was set Saturday as the Oregon State Beavers, behind a 17-point fourth quarter, defeated Stanford 31-18 at Parker Stadium in Corvallis.

The win was OSU's first in league play after 30 consecutive losses. Ironically, the Beavers, 2-6, beat Stanford, 1-7, for their last conference win, 33-31 on Oct. 27, 1979.

In other games involving Pac-10 teams:

UCLA outlasted Washington 27-24 in Pasadena, Calif., to take over first place in the conference. Bruin quarterback Rick Neuheisel completed 25 of 27 passes for 287

yards and one touchdown to propel his team to victory. UCLA is 4-3-1, Washington 6-2.

Flanker Jessie Hester's touchdown catch with six seconds remaining lifted Florida State to a 29-26 non-conference victory over Arizona State. The loss was the second in a row for ASU, 4-2-1.

In Berkeley, Calif., four field goals by kicker Steve Jordan and 100 yards rushing by Michael Harper sparked Southern California to a 19-9 victory over California. USC improved to 3-4-1 while Cal dropped to 3-4-1.

In the race for the Roses, UCLA is 4-0-1, Washington 3-1 and ASU 2-1-1.

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