

# Oregon thumps Alumni, 31-16; Jorgensen No. 1 quarterback

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Oregon's 1984 fall football season should be anything but ordinary, as the Ducks concluded spring drills with a 31-16 thumping of the Alumni in a scrimmage Saturday afternoon at Autzen Stadium.

What the Ducks showed in the last rites of spring ball before 600 people made coach Rich Brooks nod with approval and harbor thoughts of a successful upcoming season.

"Some players are making some progress," said Brooks, "and our passing game is much better this year."

Oregon's big-play man, wide receiver Lew Barnes, sustained a slight ankle sprain in the first quarter, but "sweet Lew" was the only sour note of a spring game which gave answers to the Ducks' quarterback question.

Senior Mike Jorgensen rose above two sophomore challengers to end up as Oregon's No. 1 signal caller going into fall practice.

Jorgensen established his claim to the job with a steady afternoon's work by completing four of seven passes for 54 yards and one touchdown. Jorgensen's TD strike went to sophomore receiver Brian Richard for 18 yards and polished off a 93-yard, six-play drive.

"Jorgy is number one," said Brooks of his quarterback competition. "I was relatively pleased by the first quarter's offense."

Jorgensen directed two touchdown drives in the first period to keep the starting spot. Sophomore quarterback Chris Miller had a strong game, hitting on 11 of 14 passes for 94 yards and one touchdown to move behind Jorgensen in the rotation. Highly-touted Tennessee transfer Tim Norton ended up third in the quarterback race. Norton threw only four times for one completion and 17 yards.

"Jorgensen's experience really shows," said Brooks of the senior who moved Oregon's offense to two first-quarter scores. "He is much improved since last year."

Oregon offensive coordinator Bob Toledo saw his passing offense executed to near-perfection under Jorgensen's and Miller's guidance. The receiving corps of Barnes, Richard, Kwante Hampton and Scott Holman were the beneficiaries.

"We are pleased there," said Toledo of his receivers' performance in the scrimmage, "but we would like to throw the ball to the tight ends more when they get open."

Oregon's offensive unit had 20 first downs and 280 yards total offense, and much of that yardage came from its running game. The Ducks are loaded with quality backs like senior Kevin McCall, who topped all rushers with 52 yards on five carries.

"Our running backs are our deepest talent," said Brooks, who watched Alan Jackson, Tony Cherry, James Harper and Eugene King turn in fine performances. Each averaged over five yards a pop.

King was especially impressive on the special teams. He returned a kick 97 yards for an Alumni score as Oregon took care of all the special teams play. Brooks was disillusioned with one phase of his special teams play — the punting.

"I have some concerns about our punting

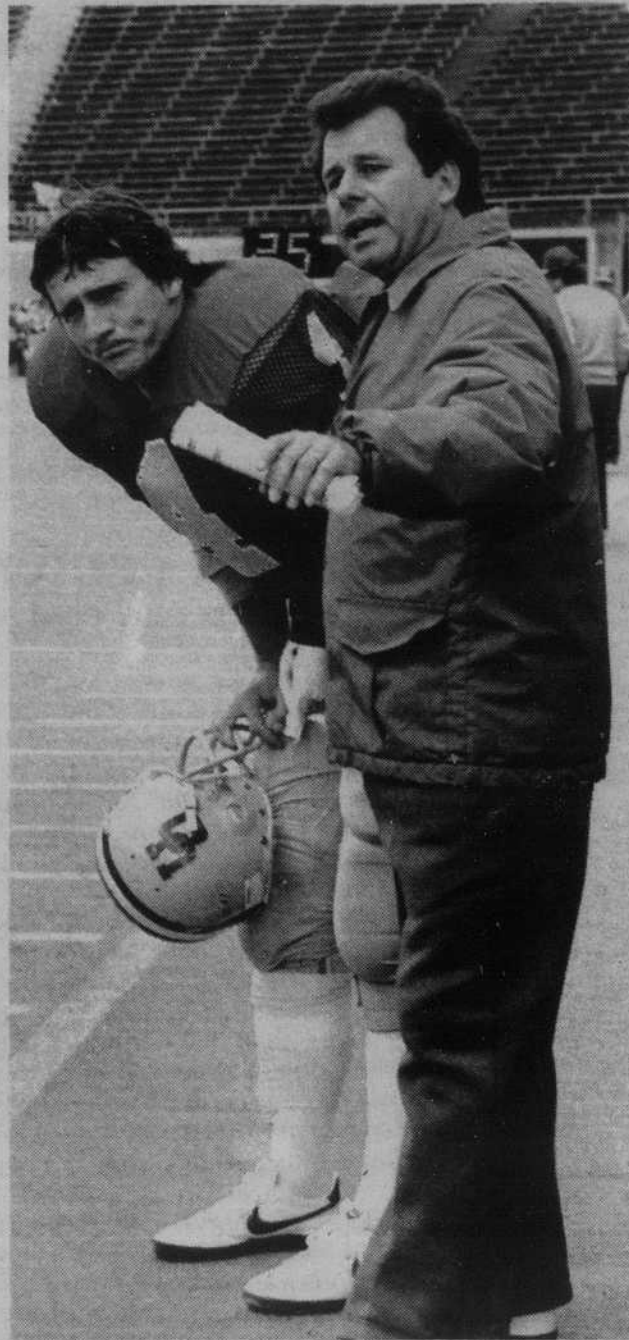


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Offensive coordinator Bob Toledo had some advice for Mike Jorgensen during Saturday's alumni game, and the Oregon senior took it — he'll be the team's No. 1 quarterback when fall practice begins.

game," said Brooks, who saw two kickers attempt to replace graduated all-Pac-10 punter Kevin Hicks. As a duo, Paul Fitzgerald (37.7 average) and Derek Jester (34.5) left Brooks "displeased."

The other part of the kicking game was effective, but unimpressive. Junior placekicker Matt MacLeod connected on all four of his point-after-touchdown attempts, and he added a 25-yard field goal. But when he kicked off, the Ducks teed off — Oregon averaged a whopping 28 yards on runbacks.

Defensively, the Ducks were not facing Pac-10 caliber competition. Still, they showed they may have one of the league's top units next year, as nine returning starters played havoc with alumni quarterback John Nehl, who punted for Oregon in 1976. The Ducks picked off three passes, one of which senior linebacker Jerry Mikels returned 30 yards for a touchdown.

## Sports shorts

Oregon's women's tennis team had a tough go of it Friday and Saturday at the NorPac Conference Championships in San Jose, Calif., but Lindsay Bartlett did just fine, thank you.

Bartlett was named the conference's Most Valuable Player in a coaches' poll after winning four of five singles matches at the tournament to stretch her singles record to 16-4. Oregon's No. 1 singles star beat California's Linda Oechsle, 7-5, 2-6, 7-6; University of the Pacific's Trina Lee, 6-4, 6-1; Fresno State's Shannon Smith, 6-3, 6-2; and Washington's Evelyn Buermann, 6-3, 7-5.

Bartlett's only loss was to San Jose State's Rochelle Morrison, and the Ducks will find out this week whether she qualifies for NCAA singles competition.

As for the team, Oregon lost two matches Friday, two more Saturday, and one Sunday. Friday, No. 1 seed Cal disposed of Oregon, 7-2, and San Jose State turned back the Ducks, 8-1. Saturday, it was more of the same: University of the Pacific beat the Ducks, 7-2, and Fresno State took a 6-3 win. Oregon lost 7-2 to Washington Sunday. The Ducks finish their season

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10-10 and sixth in the NorPac.

Oregon's men's tennis team fared little better than the women. At the Pac-10 Northern Division Championships in Pullman, Wash., the Ducks lost 6-3 to Washington State, then 9-0 to University of Washington. Oregon rebounded Saturday for a 6-0 shutout win over Eastern Washington.

It was a gloomy weekend for

Oregon's softball team as well.

The Ducks left for the California Softball Invitational in Berkeley, Calif., Thursday with a 15-25 record — they returned with a 15-29 mark.

Fresno State's Laurie Romero no-hit the Ducks Thursday in a 1-0 win; Oregon State took a 5-1 win and University of the Pacific a 4-0 victory Friday; and Oregon wasted Cindy Garrett's four-hitter Saturday in a 1-0 loss to University of San Francisco.

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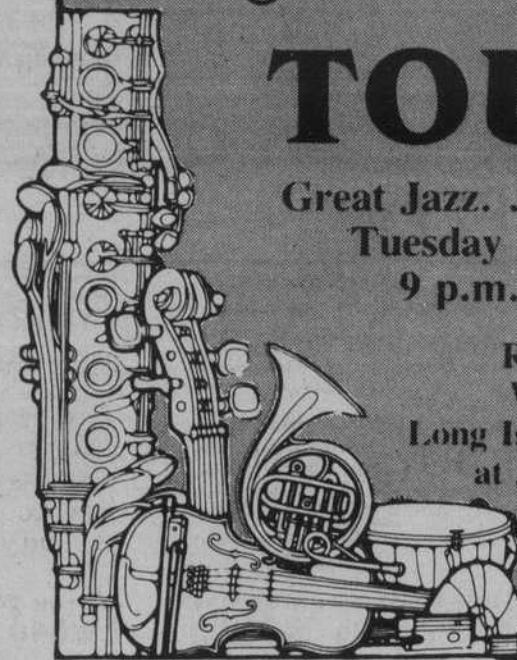
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