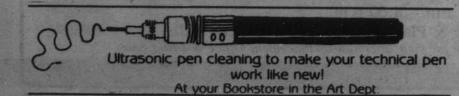
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Are the Dawgs really No. 1?

By Allan Lazo

Of the Emerald
When the Ducks and the

Huskies get together, things are bound to happen.

But Saturday's Oregon-University of Washington football game meant more than just another bitter confrontation of rivals for fans in Seattle and Eugene.

The 60,589 fans packed into Husky Stadium knew that the Huskies were No. 1.

The countless others who were left standing in the parking lot with their "Two tickets needed" signs knew that the Huskies were No. 1.

The hundreds who watched from behind the cyclone fence that separated the Huskies' domain from the shores of Lake Washington, they all knew that the Huskies were No. 1.

The only people who didn't know were the two football teams; at least, Oregon didn't care and the No. 1 ranked Huskies just didn't show up.

"We didn't look at them as number one in the nation, we looked at them as the Huskies, and we all have a great rivalry with them," said senior linebacker Don Pellum.

"We were going after them and they were coming after us. We were looking for a good game and it was a good game," said Pellum. "Unfortunately, we came out on the short end."

While the Ducks may have come out on the short end of the 17-10 score on the scoreboard, they certainly weren't on the short end of most of the play on the field.

With the top-ranked team in

the nation staring them in the face. Oregon's defense turned in a spotless performance as they allowed the Husky offense only three points and three first downs the entire game.

"You just can't shut anybody down any better than that, especially a No. 1 rated team, but I guess that's all beside the point now," said safety Doug Judge as Oregon allowed Washington only 109 yards in total offense.

But while Oregon's defense allowed the offense to handle the ball for 37 minutes to the Huskies' 23 minutes, the Husky defense managed to pick up the slack for the lackluster Washington offense.

"Perhaps it was a situation like the Oregon State game where we were close on a lot of plays when nine or ten guys did their job and one or two didn't" said Husky quarterback Hugh Millen of the offensive performance.

"We were fortunate enough to get another great effort from the defense," said a relieved Millen," and had we not come up with that, we would have fallen a bit."

Millen's understatement is unsettling knowing that the Washington's defense set up the offense's lone production of the day, a Jeff Jaeger field goal. Without Washington's special team play, a punt return and blocked punt, Oregon would have unseated the number one team in the country.

But as fate would have it, the Huskies managed to remain unbeaten this time around, and

Oregon quarterback Chris Miller was knocked out of action in the first quarter as the Ducks lost to University of Washington, 17-10 last Saturday.

being number one for another wek probably won't bother anybody in Seattle. "It feels great," said Husky

"It feels great," said Husky linebacker Reggie Rogers on being ranked first in the nation. "It's like every day is Christmas."

Well, the Ducks and the Grinch had nothing in common this weekend.

