

Ducks have a Devil of a time, lose 44-10

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Arizona State University, which hadn't lived up to its preseason billing of being a contender for the national title, unleashed a year's worth of frustration on an unprepared Oregon team Saturday at Autzen Stadium.

When it was over, the Sun Devils rudely gave the Ducks a 44-10 drubbing that was a reminder to anyone that ASU could have been heading to the Rose Bowl in January instead of the Disappointment Bowl in November.

The Ducks, who were thinking of a possible 7-4 record and bowl bid opportunity after a 20-18 upset of UCLA last week, forgot they still had to beat ASU in order to achieve those lofty goals.

Oregon's dreams became a nightmare as the Sun Devils controlled the game with a tenacious defense and a sophomore quarterback who has the merits of being a one of the best signal callers the Pac-10 will see in a long time.

ASU quarterback Jeff Van Raaphorst's passing wizardry completely shredded the Oregon secondary for four touchdowns, tosses. Van Raaphorst played havoc with the Ducks' defensive backs throughout the game and was so dominating that he turned the con-

test into a laugher midway through the third quarter.

Van Raaphorst, who passed for 532 yards last week against Florida State, proved the FSU game was no fluke as he combined with Doug Allen for three TDs and an easy ASU win.

"We weren't picking on anybody," said Van Raaphorst, who was responsible for ASU's fourth win against five losses. "I have just had great protection the last two weeks."

The sophomore quarterback, who was just starting his fifth game of the year because of injury, completed 18-28 passes for 280 yards in a performance that was helped by the running of ASU tailback Darryl Clack. Clack gained 167 yards on 28 carries, leading the Sun Devils to 593 total yards on offense.

"We didn't have the greatest day, but you have to give Van Raaphorst some credit," admitted Oregon strong safety Doug Judge, as Van Raaphorst hit Allen for a 8-yard TD strike for the Devils' first score.

ASU added a Luis Zendegas field goal and another Van Raaphorst TD pass, and a Paul Day score of 14 yards to jump out to a comfortable 17-0 lead early in the second quarter.

"We just didn't get it done in any way,

shape or form," said Oregon coach Rich Brooks, who saw his team drop to a .500 level (5-5) with Oregon State left on the schedule.

Oregon, 2-5 in the Pac-10, cut the lead to 17-3 at halftime when Matt MacLeod kicked a 42-yard field goal. However, that would be the closest Oregon would get as Van Raaphorst came out firing after intermission.

First, Van Raaphorst hit Allen for his second score of the day, a 36-yard pass play, that put ASU up 24-0. The clincher was a Van Raaphorst-to-Allen 20-yard TD catch that put the game out of reach, 31-3 with 5:47 left in the third.

"If Van Raaphorst had been playing all year, it might have been them playing for the Rose Bowl," said Judge.

Meanwhile, Oregon's offense was sputtering against a fired-up ASU defense. The Ducks' best threat was punter Mike Preacher who had eight punts for a 43.9 average.

"We couldn't block anybody," said Brooks who has never beaten ASU in his career. "We had a total collapse of any semblance of a good football team."

Oregon ended up the day gaining only 145 total yards on offense, most of them in the fourth quarter when backup quarterback Mike Jorgensen directed the

Ducks on their only TD drive of the day, a 23-yard pass to split end Scott Holman, to end the scoring at 44-10.

"On a scale of one to 10, I think our emotion was a negative three," said senior linebacker Todd Welch of the Ducks, who looked flat most of the game.

"When a team performs so poorly, like today, it is the fault of the head coach," said Brooks, taking the blame of his team's showing. "We worked hard, but our hearts weren't in it."

Oregon quarterback Chris Miller, who was replaced by Jorgensen in the fourth, had a frustrating day. Miller was 10 for 25 passing for 71 yards and three interceptions.

"They pretty much dictated what we did on offense," said Miller as ASU's defensive front smothered Oregon's running game. The Ducks gained only 31 yards rushing on 29 attempts.

Oregon tailback Tony Cherry characterized the defeat that reminded someone of the recent Reagan-Mondale presidential election.

"We collapsed," said Cherry. "I think we looked a little ahead of ourselves."

The Ducks only have one thing to look for next week, the season finale against OSU at Corvallis in the annual Civil War clash.

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