

# ASU finally living up to hype after slow start

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After awhile, a team can take only so much abuse.

That was the case Saturday as Arizona State University tated Oregon with a 44-10 plastering at Autzen Stadium to end some negative talk about the Sun Devil football program.

ASU came into the game, losers of five of their last seven games in "invincible" Sun Devil Stadium, and a troubled team.

Last week, Oregon coach Rich Brooks jokingly said that "from what I understand about the way the fans have been treating them down there, they might be happy to get on the road."

Indeed, Arizona State University fans were getting restless with the Sun Devils who had a

disappointing 3-5 record. ASU hadn't played up to its potential the entire season after drawing preseason reviews.

So, the Arizona State football team finally said enough is enough after many had criticized them for breach of preseason media hype. That publicity included Sport magazine predicting ASU to finish number one in the country.

Saturday, the Devils made an example of the Oregon football team with a big win. ASU showed very graphically that they were "back in business," according to Sun Devil coach Darryl Rogers.

"We are just trying to capture some pride back. People got down on us and said we weren't very good," said Arizona State's sophomore quarterback

Jeff Van Raaphorst.

"So, we are just trying to prove that we are a good team because we have pride as a team," added Van Raaphorst who led his team to a rout over the bewildered Ducks.

Oregon managed only 145 yards of total offense, 22 yards less than ASU tailback Darryl Clack's 167 yards on the ground.

The Devils' offense rounded up 593 yards behind the the passing of Van Raaphorst and the running of Clack. Van Raaphorst's 280 passing total was four times as much as Oregon's quarterback, Chris Miller, who finished the game with 71 yards passing and five sacks.

In their last two games, the Sun Devils have amassed 1,244 yards of offense. Van Raaphorst's performance against the Ducks seems mild compared to his Pac-10 record-setting 532 yards passing against Florida State University last weekend.

"The young man is going to be a fine QB as we progress. We think he will continue to improve, but when he's hot, he's hot," said Rogers of the sophomore who missed a good part of the season because of injury.

But most of the credit of the win should go to the ASU defense that had been ranked fifth nationally in pass defense but added a new twist for the Ducks.

"We usually have five defensive backs, but we brought in another defensive end," explained ASU strong safety David Fulcher on the five-man defensive front. "So, we played with a nose guard, two defensive ends and two outside linebackers."

The new alignment confused Oregon's offense, giving ASU an overwhelming advantage.

"It was supposed to help us out on the run because we were using five DB's but we weren't

making that many tackles so why not bring in a heavier guy to fill the holes up front, and it paid off for us today," added Fulcher who had two interceptions.

The Devils literally strangled the Ducks' running game, giving up only 31 yards, and allowing the Oregon backfield to average just over one yard on each of their 29 carries.

Oregon offensive coordinator Bob Toledo agreed with Oregon's lackluster offense.

"They changed their defense completely for us," said Toledo of the Devils' new defensive formation. "We were confused early in the game, and once we adjusted we couldn't sustain our blocks."

"They controlled the line of scrimmage. Also, they were quick and took away the outside," said Tony Cherry of the ASU defense.

ASU, now 4-5 overall and 3-3 in the Pac-10, supposedly can concentrate on more important things that seem to permeate football talk this time of the year — bowl games.

"I am not really worried about what was said before. We just had a bad season," said Fulcher. "We have been up and down and we are just trying to finish strong so we can show the bowl committees that no matter what our record is, we are a team that can play in a bowl game."



Photo by Brian Erb

Arizona State's Scott Stephen crunched Oregon quarterback Chris Miller causing this second period fumble. ASU recovered and when on to beat the Ducks, 44-10 at Autzen Stadium Saturday.

## Women head to NCAAs; men harriers finish year

The Oregon women's and men's cross country teams will be heading in different directions this week after Saturday's NCAA District 8 Meet in Tucson, Ariz.

The women's team qualified for the NCAA Championships next Monday, Nov. 19 at Penn State University with a second place finish behind Stanford.

The men on the other hand are done for the season as they finished fourth in the NCAA qualifying Region 8 meet in Arizona. This is only the second time in 15 years that the men's squad has failed to qualify for the nationals.

Kim Roth led the charge for the women finishing fourth in 17:40.2 over the hilly 5,000 meter course. Oregon wound up with 40 points behind Stanford's winning 26 total.

Oregon's pre-meet favorite, Kathy Hayes, finished 10th for the Ducks with a time of 18:03.2.

"I thought it would be a lot closer than it was," said Oregon coach Tom Heinonen. "But I didn't think Kathy Hayes would finish tenth either."

Leann Warren followed Roth in sixth place with a time of

17:46.4. Warren was running in only her fourth competitive race in nearly two years. Claudette Groenendaal finished just ahead of Hayes in eighth place with a time of 17:57.4.

"We're trying to block the day out and forget about it," said Heinonen on the finish. "There will certainly be no pressure for us to win the championship after having lost to Wisconsin and Stanford in the same year."

The Oregon men were not as fortunate as their counterparts, as illness and injury struck down any qualifying hopes the team had.

Oregon finished with 126 points, far off the pace set by University of Arizona who took the team title with 40 points.

Harold Kuphaldt was the top Oregon finisher on the day. Kuphaldt finished in 17th place with a time of 32:36.3 over the 10,000 meter course.

Senior Chris Hamilton, who finished second in the Pac-10 meet, caught the flu and faded to 75th place. Oregon's next finisher was John Zishka who ended up in 21st position on a 32:43.4 clocking for coach Bill Dellinger's team.

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