

# Ducks learn hard lesson from Kapp, Bears

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University of California Golden Bear Coach Joe Kapp proclaimed last Saturday "Bear Day" with his usual exuberance, wit and charm to the throng of reporters after Cal's 27-24 victory over Oregon at Autzen Stadium.

Kapp, known more for his off-the-wall comments and fiery style than for his coaching ability, was giving the usual post-congratulatory comments about the Ducks, when he wiped a streak of blood from his mouth, smiled and said, "they (Oregon) are a good football team, but it was a Bear day, a Bear morning and it will be a Bear night."

In the aftermath of Oregon's loss to Cal, the Duck football team learned a little about the Bears' traditional "never say die" attitude that Kapp has installed into his football team.

Part of the "Bear never dy-

ing" folklore came in 1982 when Cal returned a kickoff for a touchdown on the last play against Stanford University. The vision of Cal's Kevin Moen running over the Stanford tuba player is a vivid reminder of Kapp's go-for-broke coaching style. The Bears won 26-20 with "The Play," and Kapp quipped to the media "The Bear does not die."

Down 21-0 early in the first quarter, the Ducks looked like they had Kapp and his Cal team trapped. But this sleepy Bear team awoke from their hibernation on a foggy, rain-bitten day at Autzen with all the force of a Grizzly. Cal, 1-4 in the Pac-10, erased Oregon's lead and its chances for a trip to the Rose Bowl with the come-from-behind win. The loss dropped the Ducks to 2-2 in league and 2-4 overall.

"It was the finest win we have ever had this week," Kapp

said of his team's rally. The former Minnesota Vikings' quarterback had seen his team rebound like this before; Saturday's performance will add another chapter to great comebacks in Cal football history.

Backup Cal quarterback Brian Bedford said the victory was a "big plus" in his confidence to be the starter in Kapp's controversial two-quarterback offense. Kapp pulled starter Kevin Brown after the Bears' offense sputtered, and the Ducks put 21 points on the scoreboard in the first nine minutes of the game.

"I'm going to enjoy this one a lot," Bedford said. "I really felt... to be honest... we were going to do something when I scrambled in for that second touchdown."

Bedford's second touchdown, a 10-yard scamper, brought Cal back into the game at 21-19 with 14:57 left in the fourth quarter. The sophomore quarterback was given a big boost at halftime when Kapp told him he would still be the starter for the third quarter. Bedford responded with two touchdown runs, and a crucial option pitch to Tyrone Moore for the game-winning score.

On the play, Bedford slipped momentarily and looked to be

going down in the Bear backfield, but he maintained his balance to pitch to Moore who bulled in from 12 yards to give Cal the lead at 25-24 with 7:22 left in the game.

When everything is going your way, the little things seem to matter the most.

For instance, Oregon's Lew Barnes had two possible touchdowns go for naught. The first one had Barnes heading for the corner of the end zone for six. The ball pops out from Barnes near the goal line and rolls out of the end zone. Touchback Cal.

The other break for Cal was when Barnes was ruled out-of-bounds on a touchdown catch in the fourth quarter. Oregon had to settle for a Matt MacLeod field goal. The little things kept Cal clinging to hope, while the Ducks saw their lead dwindle.

Add a little about what Oregon coach Rich Brooks said about Cal not being a factor in the Pacific 10 Conference football race and the Bear was definitely on the prowl with a wounded look.

"Nobody likes being insulted," Cal fullback Gary Barbero said about Brooks'

preseason comments. "We're a good football team. We showed them that we could beat people."

Cal offensive guard Ron Zenker and his teammates were inspired by Brooks' verbal assessment of the Cal team.

"It was on my mind about what Coach Brooks said about us not being able to beat anybody and not being able to compete," Zenker said. "It was in people's minds."

The talk was all the inspiration Kapp needed to motivate his team as Cal wide receiver Keith Cockett felt the win was a "big one."

"We don't really plan things like this (down 21-0), but it just happens," he said.

Kapp, who quarterbacked a Rose Bowl, Grey Cup and Super Bowl team, felt all along that Cal would triumph — despite his team's early showing.

"I think the Bears were going to win today no matter what," he said. "It was kind hard with Ducks getting that far ahead."

Twenty-one points is not too hard for Kapp's never-say-die Bears to overcome.

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But because new articles are always being published on the subject, debaters continue to research and formulate pro and con arguments on the topic throughout the season.

Research, travel and competition must be done during their spare time, however, creating a hectic schedule for the debaters.

"Yeah, we gave up sleep this year," Peacor says with a smile.

Most of the team has averaged between four and five hours of sleep the past few weeks while preparing for this tournament, he says.

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Despite all the time debating requires, many debaters consider forensics a big help, not a burden, to their course work.

"Debate has made me utilize my time," Siström says. "The professors are pretty reasonable about it... because they know what a valuable learning tool it is," he says.

"It's helped my writing and my thinking, and especially my researching," Long says. "Paper writing is made a lot easier. For example, there's not a lot of difficulty writing a paper in any political science, history or English class because of... a knowledge of the library's resources and also an increased knowledge of current events."

The debate team will attend a tournament at the University of California next weekend and a tournament at Lower Columbia University the following weekend, completing five consecutive weeks of competition.

Peacor says the scheduling happened by coincidence and will leave little time for recovery. He says winter term will be an even more difficult schedule as the tournaments are larger and farther away.

"Winter is usually tougher because the term is shorter," Siström says. "On top of that, the topic debated in the winter is the topic used for the national tournament, giving debaters an extra incentive to research their topic."

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