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Smith's 49th annual college football magazine. He was also dubbed as one of the best passing quarterbacks in the nation by *The Sporting News*.

Another preview magazine, *Lindy's*, named four of Oregon's athletes to their pre-season all-league unit. Senior flanker Terry Obee, senior offensive tackle Curt Dykes, senior cornerback Chris Oldham and Loville were the players honored.

Coach Rich Brooks, in his 13th season as head coach of the football program, also received some pre-season praise. *The Sporting News* has Brooks listed among its group of "A Baker's Dozen" coaches of whom "nobody does it better". He was also cited by *Inside Sports* as one of the nation's top directors of college football programs.

There have been losses of major contributors on the defensive team, such as linebacker Scott Kozak, cornerback Thom Kaumeyer and a superb pass rusher in Matt Brock, all of whom are now in the National Football League. That has some fans worried about the ability of the defense to step on the field and pick up the slack against a schedule that has been deemed by many as one of the more difficult in the country.

Not to worry, says Loville: "Our defensive

team looks strong. They have a few people they lost — key players such as Kaumeyer and Brock — but they have people filling in that are a lot quicker than those guys but not as big. We have a quick defense."

The defense this year is led by Oldham and senior linebacker Mark Kearns; both men have been chosen by their teammates as defensive captains. Musgrave and Loville are this season's offensive captains. Last year, Musgrave became only the second underclassman in University history to be elected a season-long team captain.

After the loss of Musgrave and the team's five game losing streak, there arose a lot of concern about whether the team could function without him. It hasn't been proved to anyone yet, but the Ducks feel they can do it.

"We definitely want to keep Bill healthy, but we also have some quarterbacks behind him that have some experience now. In the past, they didn't have that experience. Now they have it and they're more confident about their ability. We've got a few young guys too," Loville says. "The guys that are backing up Musgrave, (senior) Pete Nelson, (sophomore) Bob Brothers, they have a little more confidence and they feel good about the way they're playing."

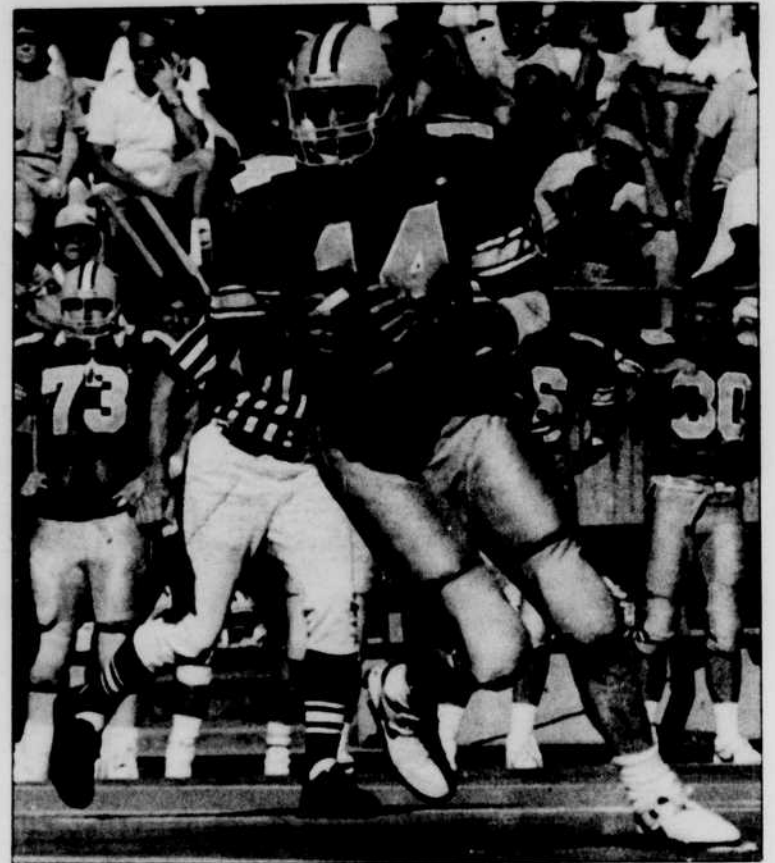


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Quarterback Bill Musgrave was nervous but not rusty after his 11-month hiatus from football. The junior QB threw three touchdown passes.



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sacked three times, while Musgrave survived the game untouched by the Bears' defense.

"We were very concerned with containment of Troy Taylor," Brooks said. "We didn't do it right all the time, but that coaches a little caution into your defense, when you don't want to allow Taylor to break."

Brooks credited the team's running game as the big factor in the Ducks' offensive success. Taylor won the passing duel (305 passing yards to Musgrave's 231), but Oregon outrushed the Bears 228-74.

"I think we established the run, which Cal I don't think ever did very effectively, and that was the major difference for us offensively."

"A lot of times when Loville got the ball he got hit in the backfield," Brooks said. "We'd get the ball to him a little deeper and Cal had penetrated into the backfield, and we'd miss a few blocks that we shouldn't have missed on those plays."

"But Berry was hitting it so

quickly because he was closer to the line," he said. "He'd run right by those guys."

Brooks credited the Duck offensive line, which effectively protected Musgrave throughout the game and countered what had been a tough Bear defense.

"There was the fact that we were able to run the ball, the fact that Musgrave wasn't sacked against a defense of guys that came in thinking they were going to shut us out," Brooks said. "Also, guys that ate us alive two years ago — Joel Dickson had four sacks, and DeWayne Odum and guys like that. They're big time players, so I'd have to say our offensive line did a pretty good job."


Musgrave, after also crediting the Duck linemen, denied that his 10-month hiatus from football had changed either his game or the way he played it.

"I played the way I always do," Musgrave said. "I'm not rusty; I was a little nervous, but I felt pretty comfortable."

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