

Ducks take a ragged win over No. 17 Arizona

The final's 16-10, even with five turnovers

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In the days leading up to Saturday's game with Arizona, Oregon football coach Rich Brooks expressed serious concern over the emotional condition of his team.

The Ducks had just dropped a gut-wrenching 18-17 loss to the Stanford Cardinal and Brooks was concerned about whether the team had the type of character it takes to recover from such a loss.

"I would hope that we'll bounce back, but that's just a hope," Brooks said.

The Ducks put their coach's concerns to rest — at least for this week — with a ragged 16-10 win over the Wildcats at Autzen Stadium before a crowd of 39,631.

The Ducks survived five turnovers, including three second quarter interceptions by junior quarterback Bill Musgrave, to chalk up their second Pacific-10 Conference win of the season.

"We made a lot of errors today on the offensive side," Brooks said, "but I don't even want to talk about those because we got what we needed to get and that was a victory."

Oregon needed a rock-hard performance by its defense, including a first quarter interception by nose tackle David Cusano, to get the victory, its first over Arizona since 1983.

For the game, Arizona managed only 161 total yards. The Ducks also harassed Wildcat quarterback Ronald Veal into a miserable game passing. Veal was 3-for-16 on the day with one interception.

"I don't think there's any doubt that our defense dominated the game," Brooks said. "They got us the field position, they got us the turnover for the touchdown in the first quarter, they preserved the victory at the end."

"In the crunch time when Arizona could have gone down and scored a touchdown and kicked the extra point for the win, our defense dominated and controlled and played confidently and aggressively," he said. "I'm very proud of them. They just played great football."

Oregon started out quickly, taking the opening kickoff and marching 79 yards in nine plays before settling for a 22-yard Gregg McCallum field goal with 11:14 remaining in the first quarter.

On the Ducks' first play from scrimmage, Mus-

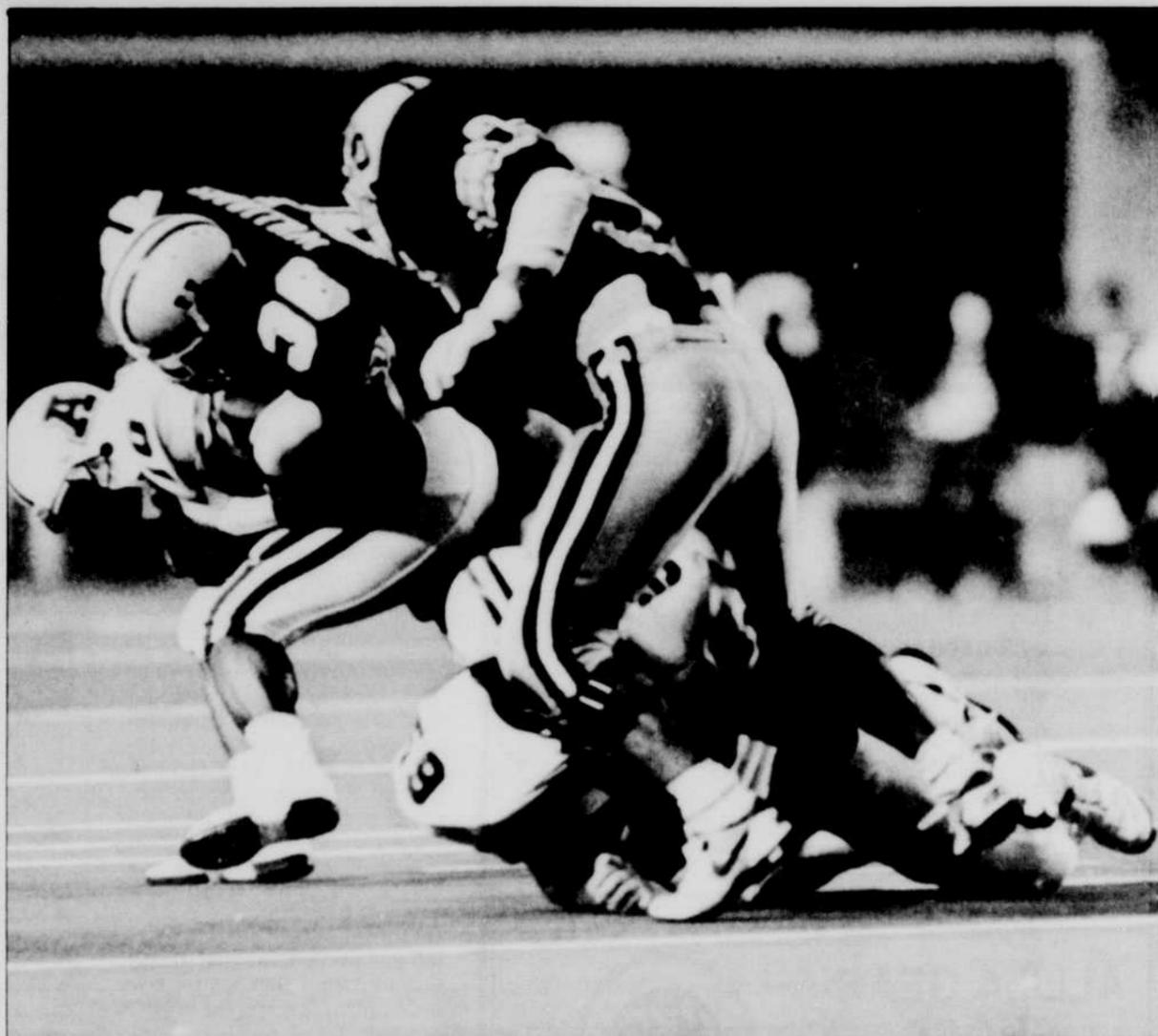


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Andre Williams' crucial fourth quarter sack of Arizona QB Ronald Veal on third-and-eight helped to secure the 16-10 win for the Ducks.

grave combined with flanker Terry Obee for a 50-yard gain to the Arizona 28-yard line. The Ducks then drove to the Arizona 1 before Wildcat safety Jeff Hammerschmidt stopped Oregon tailback Derek Loville for a 4-yard loss on third down.

Arizona's first drive of the afternoon was short-lived. After Wildcat running back Michael Bates carried for 2 yards on first down, Veal threw his first pass of the day into the arms of a waiting David Cusano.

Cusano grabbed the interception and rambled 18 yards to the Arizona 8-yard line, setting up Oregon's first and only touchdown of the game.

After runs of 5 and 2 yards by fullback Dondre Bausley, Musgrave found tight end Kolya Tefft in the left corner of the end zone for the touchdown. McCallum's extra point was good to give the Ducks a 10-0 lead with little more than four minutes gone.

After stopping Arizona on its next possession, the

Ducks wrapped up their first half scoring by driving 37 yards for another McCallum field goal.

Oregon began the drive on the Arizona 48 after a Wildcat punt and used Musgrave completions to Loville, Bausley and Tony Hargain along with running plays by Loville and Bausley to get in position for the field goal.

The end of the first quarter was the beginning of a nightmare for Musgrave.

For the quarter, Musgrave threw three interceptions and set up Arizona's only touchdown of the game with a fumble at the Oregon 4-yard line.

Musgrave's fumble came with 11:03 left in the quarter and left the Wildcats with a first and goal on the Oregon 4. Veal scored on a quarterback keeper two plays later. Doug Pfaff's extra point was good to bring

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