

Cougars win scoring duel with scattered Ducks

Broussard runs Webfoot defense ragged

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Steve Broussard ran roughshod over the Oregon defense, but it was more than his individual effort taking Washington State over the Ducks 51-38 at Autzen Stadium on Saturday.

The Cougars, known for their spread-the-field explosive passing attack, established the run first and then used the passing game to burn Oregon before 44,963 fans, the second largest attendance figure in Autzen history.

Broussard ran for a career-

Oregon got in a big hole early on, trailing 20-6 at halftime. The Ducks played better in the second half, but the defense just couldn't stop Broussard and redshirt freshman quarterback Aaron Garcia from making the big play when the Cougars needed it.

"When it counted," Duck nose tackle David Cusano said, "they came up with the big play."

Washington State-Oregon games have traditionally been high scoring, and obviously this was no exception. The Ducks beat the Cougars 43-28 in Pullman a year ago, but unlike a year ago when Derek Loville and Latin Berry each rushed for over 100 yards, Oregon had no ground game this time.

The Ducks had only 55 rushing yards on 28 carries. In all fairness, Bill Musgrave had probably the best day of his career, completing 29 of 49 passes for a career-high 347 yards. Add it all up and Oregon had 402 yards of total offense. But the inability to move the ball on the ground was a crushing blow.

"We couldn't run the ball effectively on them, which I was concerned about going in," Brooks said. "I felt, and I think I mentioned to somebody this week, that if we got in a scoring contest with them we'd be in trouble because their defensive front is very good and very physical. They're big and quick and they're not sixth in the nation in rushing defense for nothing."

Oregon looked good early in the game when Chris Oldham, all 5-foot-9 of him, leaped high in the air to intercept a Garcia pass intended for Tim Stallworth at the Washington State 34-yard line and returned it to the 6.

However, three plays gained

only two yards and the Ducks had to settle for a 21-yard Gregg McCallum field goal and a 3-0 lead.

The Cougars wasted little time in coming back and gaining a 13-3 lead.

Stallworth returned the ensuing kickoff to the Washington State 44-yard line. From there, two Garcia to Calvin Griggs passes on third down situations produced first downs. The Cougars drove to the 14 before the drive stalled and Jason Hanson booted a 35-yard field goal.

Then came one of the biggest plays of the contest.

On fourth-and-10 from its own 27, Oregon let Anthony Prior block Marc Penso's punt, and Prior's teammate Paul Carr picked it up and scooted 10 yards for the touchdown.

"The blocked punt was a big play early," Brooks said. "We had a blocking assignment where we flat turned someone loose on our punter. He didn't punt it slow or anything. We just didn't block someone."

Another Washington State drive went 66 yards in nine plays to increase the lead to 13-3 on a 32-yard field goal by Hanson.

The Ducks came right back with a seven-play, 58-yard drive, but could only garner a field goal to pull within 13-6.

On first-and-10 from the Oregon 20, Musgrave hit Dondre Bausley up over the middle. Bausley broke a tackle and went 45 yards on the play, down to the Washington State 35. A Musgrave to Jeff Thomason completion went for 12 yards to the 23 for a first down, but the drive ended on the 22 and McCallum split the uprights with a 39-yard field goal.

Not to be outdone, Broussard's running and Garcia's arm quickly marched the Cou-



Photo by Bill Haines

WSU's Calvin Griggs' 36-yard touchdown grab over Daryl Reed frustrated the Ducks' defense in a 51-38 romp.

Pac-10 Football		
Team	Conf	Overall
	W-L-T	W-L-T
USC	2-0-0	4-1-0
UCLA	1-0-0	2-2-0
Washington St	2-1-0	5-1-0
Arizona	2-1-0	3-2-0
Oregon	2-2-0	3-2-0
Oregon St	1-1-0	2-2-0
Stanford	1-2-0	1-4-0
Arizona St	0-0-0	3-1-0
California	0-2-0	2-3-0
Washington	0-2-0	2-3-0

high 205 yards on 41 carries, but Washington State dominated the game in all aspects — rushing, passing, special teams — to drop the Ducks to 2-2 in Pacific-10 play and 3-2 overall while the Cougars improved to 2-1 and 5-1 respectively.

"I think obviously our defense did not play very well," Oregon head coach Rich Brooks said. "A total reversal of last week when we played outstanding, but we had breakdowns in every phase."

"We turned the ball over on offense, we had a blocked punt, we allowed too many yards on kickoff returns several times and gave Washington State good field position," Brooks said. "It was a fairly good collapse in most areas."

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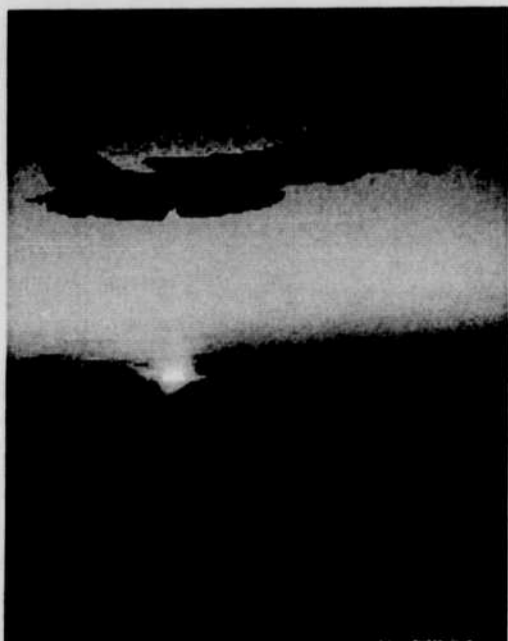
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