

Rose Bowl hopes die as Huskies pound Ducks

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SEATTLE — Oregon's Rose Bowl hopes died hard here Saturday when the Washington defense smothered the Duck running game and left Oregon for dead.

Pac-10 Football

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

The Husky defense was the top-ranked rushing defense in the nation going into the game and the 17th-ranked Huskies lived up to it, allowing the Ducks only seven net yards in a 38-17 win.

For Oregon, ranked 19th coming in, the Rose Bowl is a virtual impossibility at this point as the Ducks sit 0-2 in Pacific-10 Conference play, 4-2 overall. Washington improved to 3-0 in conference play and 5-1 overall.

"I think it's going to be tough to make it to the Rose Bowl with two losses," Oregon quarterback Bill Musgrave said, "so we'll just concentrate on getting back on the winning track against ASU and be 5-2 after next week."

Musgrave was sacked five times for minus 47 yards, but the running game didn't get much from tailback Sean Burwell or fullback Ngalu Kelemeni either as they gained only 29 and 25 yards, respectively.

It wasn't only the running game, or lack of, that hurt Oregon. Three turnovers also aided the Husky cause, something that the Ducks couldn't have happen if they were to win.

"I said earlier this week that if we're going to give the ball away we might as

well stay home," Oregon Coach Rich Brooks said. "You have to give Washington credit for creating those turnovers. There were some reasons for them but you can't turn the ball over."

It was a total domination on both sides of the ball by the Huskies, something Musgrave has rarely had happen to him as Oregon's quarterback.

"I felt like we were beaten and I don't remember many times where we were actually beaten," he said. "I feel beaten today."

Musgrave was intercepted twice in the first half but only one of the miscues resulted in a Washington score. The Ducks trailed only 14-10 at halftime and had the momentum going into the locker room.

It looked like the Ducks would score early in the third quarter after Burwell took the second-half kickoff 42 yards to the Washington 44-yard line and Musgrave hit Anthony Jones for seven yards to the 37. The drive stalled and the Ducks were forced to punt.

"We came out and returned the opening kickoff so well and I thought, boy that will open the door for us," Musgrave said. "But we didn't take advantage of it."

The teams exchanged punts twice after that stalled drive and the Ducks got the ball back at their own 42-yard line.

"I thought one of the big things there was that we had been keeping our field position and not giving it up when the teams traded punts," Oregon offensive coordinator Mike Bellotti said.

"When we had the ball there, in good field position, and in their territory I thought we could do anything with it that we wanted," he added.

Three Musgrave-to-Jones completions gave Oregon the ball on the Husky 39-yard line, but two plays later Musgrave was back to pass and Washington's Mark Jones came in to sack Musgrave and force a fumble.

Tyrone Rodgers recovered all the way back on the Duck 37 and three plays later, Husky quarterback Mark Brunell scrambled into the end zone from 12 yards out for his second rushing touch-

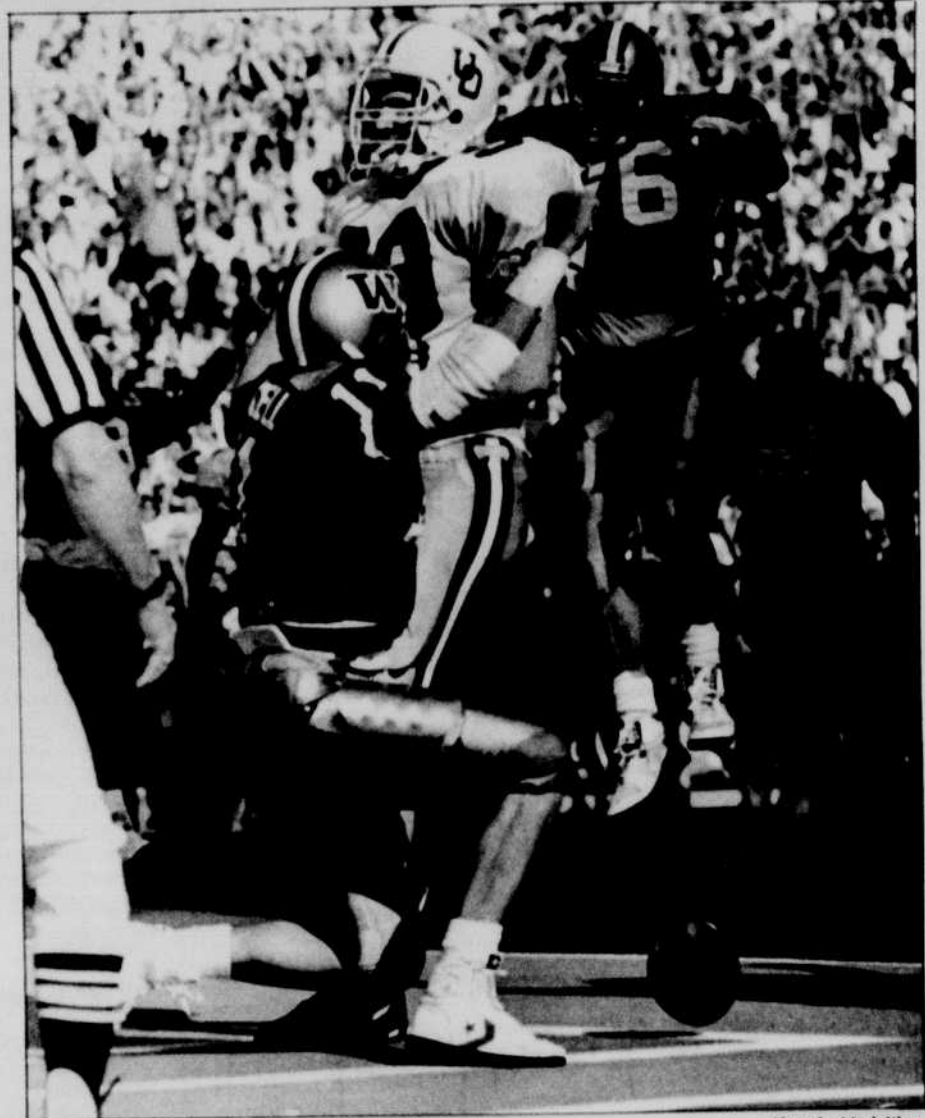


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Washington quarterback Mark Brunell's second touchdown run in the third quarter gave the Huskies a 31-10 lead as Oregon's Jeff Cummins looks on in dismay.

down of the game to give Washington a 21-10 lead.

The sack and fumble was the turning point of the game, the point where the Ducks had a chance to go ahead with a touchdown but fell behind even further and could never recover.

"At the start of the second half we had two or three possessions with great field position and not only did it not result in taking the lead or getting another field goal or getting points," Brooks said. "we reversed the field position by

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