

SPORTS

Cal thumps Ducks, Musgrave reinjured

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There would be no great comeback this time.

After digging itself into a 21-3 first-quarter deficit against California Saturday, any chance Oregon had of coming back to defeat the Golden Bears in Berkeley, Calif., went out the window when quarterback Bill Musgrave went out of the game.

Without Musgrave, the Ducks were unable to post a come-from-behind win as they did against UCLA last week, and were thumped 28-3.

The loss leaves the Freedom Bowl-bound Ducks at 3-3 in the Pacific-10 Conference and 7-3 overall, but more importantly, Musgrave's status is uncertain for next week's Civil War game against Oregon State in Corvallis.

It was a huge win for Cal, which likely clinched a Copper Bowl bid. Cal improved to 4-2-1 in the Pac-10 and 6-3-1 overall. The Golden Bears are assured of their first winning season since 1982 and their first bowl game since 1978.

"Cal obviously jumped off to a great start," Oregon Coach Rich Brooks said. "They made the big plays in the first quarter."

Cal used the big play on all

three of its first quarter drives to put the Ducks in a hole early.

On the opening possession, Golden Bear quarterback Mike Pawlawski hit Brian Treggs for a 26-yard completion to the Oregon 47-yard line. After a Cal penalty, fullback Greg Zomalt went 45 yards up the middle to the Duck seven-yard line.

Two plays later, tailback Anthony Wallace went in from six yards out and a 7-0 Golden Bear lead.

After Oregon pulled within 7-3 on a 47-yard Gregg McCallum field goal, Wallace went 63 yards up the middle for another score and a 14-3 Cal advantage.

Then, it was Pawlawski on a 47-yard flee-flicker play to Treggs, and a 21-3 Golden Bear advantage with 4:49 left in the first quarter.

"We really came out very strong and ready to play, and good things happened early," Cal Coach Bruce Snyder said. "I was really pleased with how crisp we played in the first quarter."

It looked like the Golden Bears might score on a fourth straight possession, but Daryle Smith intercepted a Pawlawski pass on the Duck three-yard line to end that drive.

The Oregon defense responded the rest of the game, shutting down the Cal running

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Tailback Sean Burwell accounted for most of Oregon's offense against California with 124 yards on the ground. Photo by Martin Thiel

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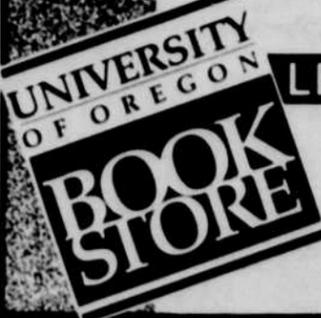
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Grapplers pin Vikings to win season-opener

Oregon's wrestling team opened the season Friday with a 35-13 victory over defending NCAA Division II champion Portland State in Portland. It was the season-opener for the Vikings as well.

The Ducks had four pins on the night, including pins in the last three weight classes to secure the win.

"It was a great match, as they usually are, with Portland State," Oregon Coach Ron Finley said. "I'm glad it turned out the way it did."

"I'm pleased with the team at this point and we're performing well for this time of year," he said. "but we still have a lot of things to work on."

Junior all-American Dan Vidlak got things going for the Ducks at 118 pounds with a 17-1 win over Brad Smith.

Oregon also got wins from

Rob Stone (126 pounds), Scott Glenn (142 pounds) and Pat Craig (150 pounds) to take an early 17-3 lead. Stone's win was one of the four pins on the night.

Portland State, however, pulled within 17-13, by getting wins from Joey Herrera over Trevor Skarda at 158 pounds while Dan Russell pinned Oregon's Darren Gustafson at 167 pounds.

The Ducks responded to the Viking charge with the three late pins.

Jeff McCoy started the pin parade at 177 pounds and then Curt and Cam Strahm followed up with pins at 190 pounds and heavyweight, respectively.

McCoy's pin was a big win for the Ducks as the freshman pinned two-time defending NCAA champion Tony Champion.

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