

Musgrave stars in Japan Bowl

Former Oregon quarterback Bill Musgrave led the West team to a 20-14 victory over the East Sunday in the Japan Bowl in Yokohama, Japan and was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

Musgrave split time with San Jose State's Ralph Martini and led the West on three first-quarter scoring drives that gave the West a 17-0 lead after the first quarter.

The West got a 42-yard field goal from California's Robbie Keen on their second possession of the game and then Musgrave went to work on the West's next possession, marching them 61 yards in three plays for a 10-0 lead.

Musgrave hit Colorado's Mike Pritchard for 39 yards and UCLA's Scott Miller for 11 yards to set up an 11-yard touchdown run by USC's Ricky Ervins.

The West scored again when Stanford's Jono Tunney intercepted a Greg Frey pass to set up a three-yard scoring plunge by Iowa's Nick Bell.

Musgrave completed seven of nine passes

in the first half for 103 yards and finished the game with 12 completions in 18 attempts for 154 yards. Musgrave was not intercepted in the game.

Wide receiver Joe Reitzug, who teamed with Musgrave at Oregon, caught two passes for 16 yards, catching one pass from Musgrave in the game.

Projected to be a seventh or eighth-round draft pick in April's National Football League draft by most professional scouts, Musgrave definitely helped his chances of going higher with his Japan Bowl performance.

Musgrave is scheduled to compete in two more all-star contests in the next two weeks. This Saturday he will play in the Hula Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii and then will join another teammate, outside linebacker Peter Brantley, in the East-West Shrine Game Jan. 26 in Palo Alto, Calif.

Brantley will also be in the Senior Bowl game this Saturday.

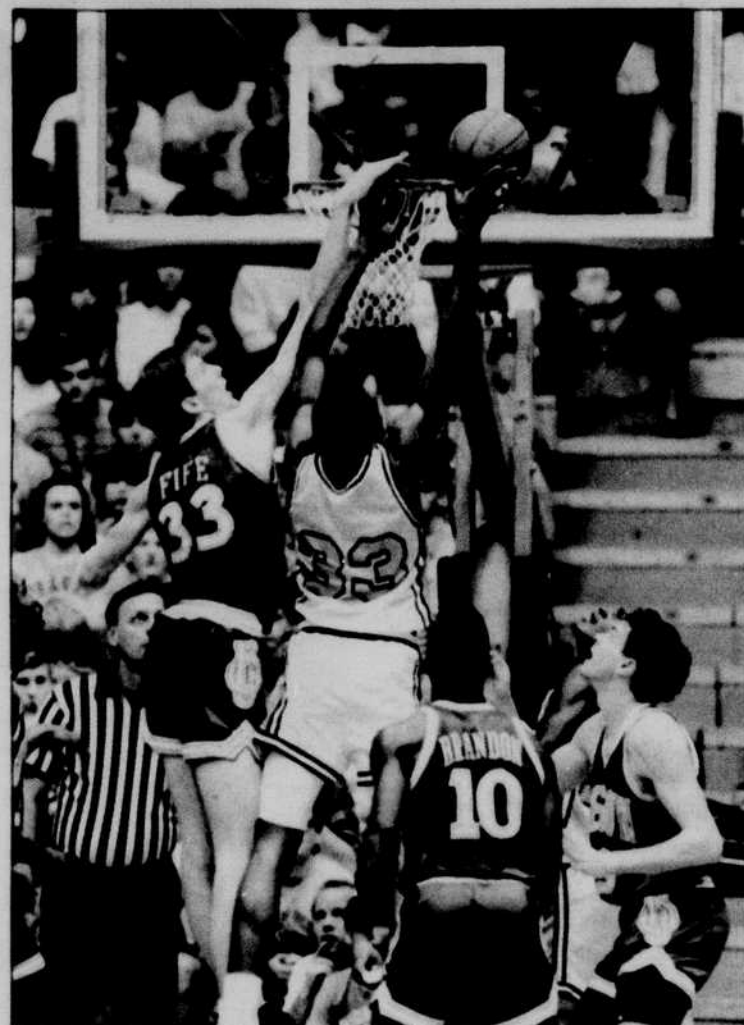


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Oregon State's Chad Scott (33) dominated Oregon's Bob Fife (33) inside, scoring 20 points and grabbing 15 rebounds, as Terrell Brandon (10) and Jordy Lyden look on.

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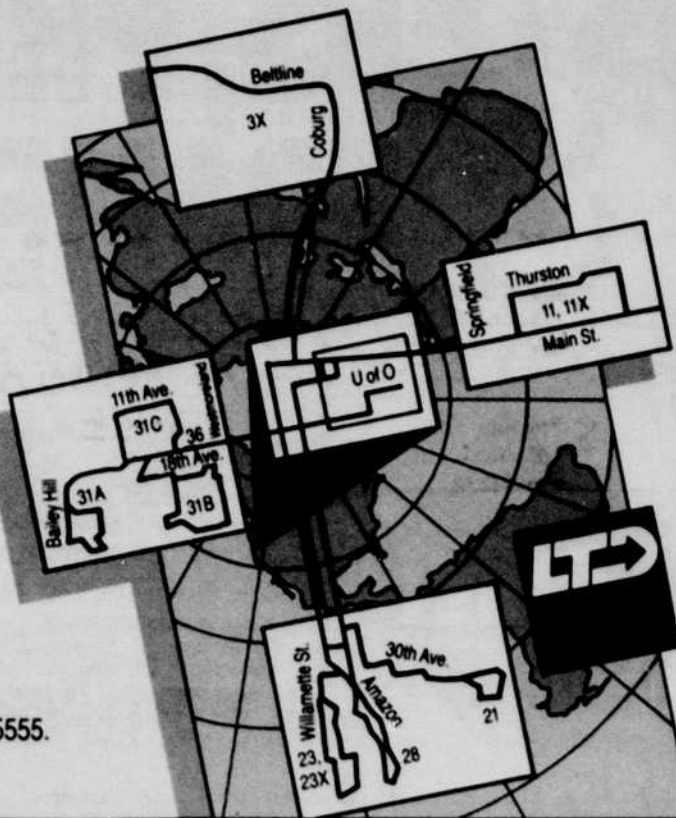
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Brandon, with guard Will Brantley assigned to him in Oregon State's man-to-man defense. If it hadn't been for Brantley's defense on Brandon, the Oregon guard might have gone for 50 points.

"I read in the newspaper where every shot I took I'd have to work for and I did have to work for the ball," Brandon said. "I'm pleased with how I played, but when you lose it really spoils it."

Brandon came into the game leading the Pac-10 in scoring at 25.9 points a game, but said he didn't feel any pressure to carry the Oregon scoring load.

"I don't put that much pressure on myself," he said. "People think I do but I don't feel any pressure to average 26 points a game. I just take it as it comes."

Besides getting scoring from only Brandon in the first half, the Ducks had 10 of their 13 turnovers in the first 20 minutes, and Brandon said that maybe the Beavers wanted this

game a little more because they were playing at home.

"First of all I think they were more hungry than we were," he said. "Their intensity level early on was a lot higher, we weren't running our plays on offense, and they got a lead."

For Scott, there was one reason the Beavers won for the 25th time in 28 Civil War games.

"We have a better chance of winning when we have very balanced scoring," he said. "Terrell is going to get his points ... but one guy can't do it all."

OREGON (76)
 Jordan 1-3, 3-4, 5, Fife 0-1, 0-0, 0, Lucas 7-12, 7-12, 21, Brandon 14-25, 8-10, 38, Mixon 2-4, 0-0, 5, Lyden 2-4, 0-0, 6, Patterson 0-0, 1-2, 1, Blair 0-0, 0-0, 0 Totals 26-49, 19-28, 76.

OREGON STATE (84)
 Jackson 5-11, 0-2, 10, Scott 8-13, 3-5, 20, Alibegovic 9-18, 9-9, 29, McKinney 6-13, 4-6, 17, Brantley 2-5, 0-0, 4, Cavell 0-1, 0-0, 0, Anderson 0-1, 2-2, 2, Harris 0-0, 2-2, 2, Totals 30-62, 20-26, 84.

Oregon 39 37 77
 Oregon State 43 41 84

3-Point goals — Oregon 5-14 (Brandon 2-7, Lyden 2-3, Mixon 1-3, Jordan 0-1), Oregon State 4-12 (Alibegovic 2-4, McKinney 1-5, Scott 1-2, Cavell 0-1). Fouled out — Fife. Rebounds — Oregon 27 (Lucas 7), Oregon State 35 (Scott 15). Assists — Oregon 12 (Brandon, Jordan, Lucas 3), Oregon State 17 (Alibegovic 5). Total fouls — Oregon 19, Oregon State 19. A — 10,400.

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