

## SPORTS



Photo by Jeff Paslay

Ducks' tailback Donovan Moore runs for some of his 38 yards in the 30-14 loss against the Trojans.

### Ducks turn over game to Trojans Royster leads second-half surge, rushes for 136 yards

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The story of Saturday night's Oregon-USC game might well have been called a tale of two halves.

The Ducks, playing in front of 45,948 fans — the third-largest crowd in Autzen Stadium history — were tied at the half with the Trojans 6-6.

But USC tailback Mazio Royster ran wild in the second half, rushing for 136 yards and two touchdowns in leading the Trojans, 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the Pacific-10 Conference, to a 30-14 win.

The loss ended Oregon's 10-game home winning streak. The Ducks, 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the Pac-10, hadn't lost at Autzen since 1989.

Three of Oregon's four turnovers came in the second half, including an interception and a fumble within a three-minute span — both of which led to

Trojan touchdowns.

Oregon quarterback Brett Salisbury, playing for the first time this season after suffering a hernia in a pre-season prac-

**'I would say Danny O'Neil's still our quarterback. We took the opportunity to look at some other people ... but right now it's Danny O'Neil's job'**

— Coach Rich Brooks

tice, led the Ducks to their only touchdown, hitting Ronnie Harris from 26 yards out late in the fourth quarter.

"We gave up the ball too

many times," Oregon Coach Rich Brooks said. "We were playing with guys that were beat up and as time wore on, it took its toll."

Oregon trailed only 16-6 at the start of the fourth period, and quarterback Danny O'Neil seemed to finally have the Duck offense going. O'Neil completed passes to flanker Anthony Jones, fullback Juan Shedrick and tailback Donovan Moore to move Oregon to the USC 47.

O'Neil then went deep to Jones, but the pass was overthrown and Jones was called for offensive pass interference, a 15-yard loss-of-down penalty that moved the Ducks back into their end of the field.

O'Neil then tried to lob a screen pass over a USC defender, but Trojan nose guard Jason Uhl picked the pass off and rumbled 35 yards for the touchdown, putting the Ducks into a 23-6 hole with 11:38 remaining.

Sophomore quarterback Doug Musgrave replaced O'Neil on Oregon's next possession, but he couldn't get the offense moving either.

USC recovered a botched center snap, and after converting a fourth-and-one situation, Royster went around right end to the corner of the end zone for a four-yard touchdown.

The Trojans led 30-6 with less than nine minutes remaining, effectively sealing the Ducks' fate.

After USC failed to take advantage of Oregon's fourth turnover — Calvin Holmes' interception of a Musgrave pass — Salisbury came in as the Ducks' third quarterback of the game and led the team to its only touchdown. Salisbury also passed to Jones for the two-point conversion.

The drive behind Salisbury was one of the few high points

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