Football squeaks by Illinois

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Oregon kept its unbeaten record intact Saturday afternoon, but it had to hold off another feisty comeback to do so.

The Ducks defeated Big 10 foe Illinois 13-7 in Champagne, Ill., but for the second consecutive game they had to survive a nerve-wracking comeback attempt by a back-up quarterback.

Illinois head coach Lou Tepper sent quarterback Johnny Johnson into the game midway through the second quarter to replace freshman starter Scott Weaver, who was unable to move the team against Oregon's defense. Johnson engineered a touchdown drive at the end of the first half, and almost did the same at the end of the game.

The Illini trailed 13-7 when they began their final charge on their own 13-yard line with 3:30 remaining in the game. The biggest play of the drive was a 13-yard pass from Johnson to Jim Klein on a fourth down and 10 that gave Illinois a first down at the Oregon 46-yard line.

Three plays later Johnson found fullback Ty Douthard on a screen pass that went for 17 yards, giving Illinois a first down on the Oregon 14-yard line. Johnson was unable to complete a pass on the first three downs of the final series, and on fourth down Oregon defensive back Alex Molden deflected a pass intended for Klein to secure the win.

"It was a heck of a college football game," Oregon head coach Rich Brooks said afterwards. "That would have been a tough one to lose at the end. It didn't look good when they got that first down on our 14-yard line, four straight plays and our defense hung in there and made the plays."

Oregon's defense came up big all day to salvage the win in a game when Oregon's offense had trouble moving the ball against Illinois' highly touted defense. Oregon's running game gained only 26 net yards, and Sean Burwell led the team on the ground with only 21 yards on eight carries.

O'Neil had another quality start for the Ducks, completing 16 of 28 passes for 269 yards and one big touchdown. The score came early in the second quarter when the Ducks caught the Illini in a blitz and O'Neil found tight end Willy Tate over the middle in single coverage. Tate caught the pass and went 87 yards for the score on a play that featured a crucial block by Burwell.

Tommy Thompson added a field goal to give the Ducks a 10-0 lead before Johnson entered the game. Johnson got the Illini on the board when he found Jason Dulick in the end zone to cut the Ducks' lead to 10-7 shortly before halftime.

Both defenses got even more stingy in the second half when the only scoring came on a 28-yard field goal by Thompson.

Oregon begins its Pacific-10 Conference schedule next Saturday when the Ducks travel to Berkeley to meet undefeated California.

UCLA defeats Stanford 28-25

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Two days before the game, UCLA's Sharmon Shah didn't know if his painful knees would even allow him to play against Stanford.

Despite the pain, Shah not only played but carried the ball a school-record 40 times, gaining 187 yards in the Bruins' 28-25 victory over the Cardinal (2-2) Saturday.

With the loss, Stanford dropped out of the Top 25 and saw its Pacific-10 Conference record fall to 0-2. The Bruins (1-2) evened their conference mark at 1-1.

The Bruins, who had lost two previous games by a total of three points, held Stanford's powerful offense to 123 yards in the first half. But the Cardinal made many of its own problems, losing three fumbles.

Stanford came back in the fourth quarter, making it close when Steve Stenstrom connected with Justin Armour on a 30-yard touchdown pass with 2:16 remaining, then hit Tony Cline in the end zone for a two-point conversion. But the Cardinal ran out of time on its last drive.

USC 34,
Washington State 3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rob Johnson threw for a school-record 392 yards and three touchdowns, and Johnnie Morton had 229 receiving yards for another Southern Cal mark as the Trojans overwhelmed Washington State 34-3 Saturday night.

Southern Cal (2-2) took control early in its Pac-10 opener and led 27-0 at halftime. The loss was the 14th straight for the Cougars (2-2, 1-1 in Pac-10) at the Coliseum, where they haven't won since 1957.

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Oregon State 0

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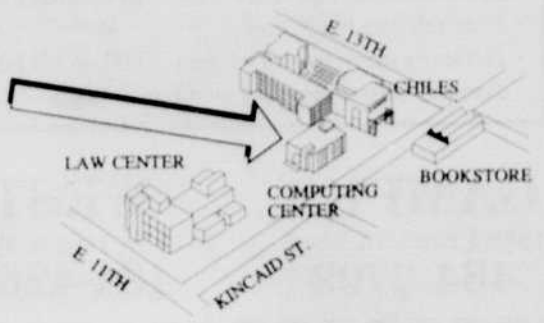

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