

UCLA beats Arizona to tie for Pac-10 lead

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The Pacific-10 Conference race is now a three-team affair with 15th-ranked UCLA in the driver's seat.

The Bruins put themselves in that position Saturday night by dominating both sides of the ball and overpowering No. 7 Arizona, 37-17.

"I felt we'd win the game, but not the way it went down," UCLA coach Terry Donahue said. "People said this would be a Rose Bowl game. I felt it would only be a Rose Bowl game for Arizona."

"In this league, the teams are so good, the teams are so evenly matched, this is not going to be a Rose Bowl celebration. We're a long way from laying claim to any championships. The victory tonight put us in a three-week tournament."

Wayne Cook threw two touchdown passes, and Bjorn Merten kicked two field goals to give the Bruins a 20-0 first-half lead against the country's top defense.

Twenty points proved to be enough for the Bruins (6-2), whose defense stopped Arizona cold for the most part. The Wildcats (7-1) were hampered by the loss of starting quarterback Dan White for much of the first half after he suffered a slight knee sprain.

On Arizona's first two possessions after White returned in the third quarter, the Wildcats com-

mitted their third and fourth turnovers of the game. UCLA took advantage to score 10 points, making it 30-0, and White didn't play after that.

The Bruins, who lead the country in turnover ratio, finished the game with three touchdowns and two field goals as a result of Arizona's five turnovers.

UCLA, Arizona and Southern Cal (5-4) all have 4-1 conference records, but the Bruins are the only team with control of its destiny. If they win their final three games, they will earn the Pac-10's Rose Bowl bid no matter what else happens.

Arizona State 32 Washington 17

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — The nation's sixth-best rushing defense was only the second-best on the field Saturday night as Arizona State won the line battle in running past No. 19 Washington.

Mario Bates gained 163 yards on 27 carries and scored two touchdowns in the Sun Devils' surprising 32-17 Pac-10 Conference victory.

"I don't know what got into the offensive line," said freshman quarterback Jake Plummer. "They just got tired of losing."

Plummer, making his third consecutive start in place of injured starter Grady Benton, engineered two third-quarter

scoring drives after Washington (5-3, 3-2 Pac-10) stumbled to a 17-16 halftime advantage.

It was the second straight win for the Sun Devils (4-4, 2-3) after losing three in a row.

"That's a good ASU football team. They controlled the line of scrimmage," said Washington coach Jim Lambright.

The line opened holes for Bates and George Montgomery — who added 100 yards on 15 carries — in a 254-yard rushing effort.

Washington had held its opponents to 84.7 yards per game rushing, but ASU became the first team to have two 100-yard rushers in one game against the Huskies since the Sun Devils did it in 1986.

Southern Cal 42 California 14

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Rob Johnson threw for 369 yards and a pair of scores as Southern Cal used a dominating passing attack to rout California 42-14 on Saturday.

Johnson had a career-high 32 completions in 39 attempts as part of 491 yards of total offense for Southern Cal (5-4, 4-1 Pac-10). Cal (5-3, 2-3 Pac-10) lost its third straight game after opening the season with five consecutive wins.

Quarterback Dave Barr, who missed Cal's last game with shoulder and thumb injuries,

PAC-10 STANDINGS

	PAC-10	OVERALL	NEXT
Arizona	4-1-0	7-1-0	Oregon
USC	4-1-0	5-4-0	Stanford
UCLA	4-1-0	6-2-0	at Washington St.
Washington	3-2-0	5-3-0	at Oregon St.
Washington State	3-3-0	5-4-0	UCLA
California	2-3-0	5-3-0	at Arizona St.
Oregon	2-3-0	5-3-0	at Arizona
Arizona State	2-3-0	4-4-0	California
Stanford	1-4-0	3-5-0	at USC
Oregon State	1-5-0	3-6-0	Washington

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was held to 92 yards passing and one score. He was intercepted twice and sat out most of the fourth quarter because of recurring soreness in his passing shoulder.

Johnson threw for 263 yards and two touchdowns in the first half, and his passing also set up two short scoring runs by Shawn Walters to put Southern Cal up 27-14.

Though Walters managed only 17 yards on 11 carries in the first half, he helped Southern Cal take command early, scoring on a 2-yard burst up the middle to give the Trojans a 12-0 lead.

Stanford 31 Oregon St. 27

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) —

Steve Stenstrom's 11-yard touchdown pass to Mark Harris in the fourth quarter helped Stanford break a four-game losing streak with a 31-27 victory over Oregon State on Saturday.

Stenstrom's third touchdown of the day put Stanford (3-5, 1-4 Pac-10) ahead 31-21 with 6:38 to play. The Cardinal quarterback, who threw for more than 300 yards for the seventh game in a row, was 29-of-41 for 402 yards without an interception.

Oregon State, which trailed 24-7 in the third quarter, scored on J.J. Young's 12-yard run with 2:09 left to cut the Cardinal's lead to 31-27 and recovered an onside kick. The Beavers' rally ended when Eliel Swinton picked off Rahim Muhammad's pass, and Stanford ran out the remaining time.

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"They really spread us out today," Washington State defensive end DeWayne Patterson said. "They ran some draws and some screens that really threw us off. Our back was against the wall today, and we played like a bunch of bitches."

And the Ducks played like purebreds.

Oregon running back Ricky Whittle, who has been inconsistent for the Ducks thus far, had his best game of the season. He led the Oregon running attack with 16 carries for 52 yards, including a couple of big runs at crucial times. Whittle also caught five passes for 77 yards.

Whittle's biggest reception of the game came early in the second quarter when O'Neil hit him on a screen pass, and Whittle charged 36 yards, breaking a tackle at the five-yard line and going into the end zone to give

the Ducks a 10-7 lead.

Whittle's 46-yard kickoff return set up Oregon's next touchdown. Trailing 14-13 in the second quarter, O'Neil lofted a pass in the corner of the end zone, and receiver Cristin McLemore made a leaping, fingertip catch to put the Ducks up 19-14 at halftime.

McLemore caught five passes for 82 yards and also threw his second touchdown of the season in the fourth quarter when he took a pitch from O'Neil at the Cougars' five-yard line and hit tight end Josh Wilcox in the end zone, giving the Ducks a 39-23 lead. It was Wilcox's first touchdown for the Ducks.

Oregon running back Dwayne Jones also had his first touchdown in a Duck uniform when he took his only run of the day 20 yards for Oregon's final score of the day.

Duck running back Dino

Philyaw was another who made the most of his opportunities. Philyaw carried the ball only twice but accumulated 12 yards and scored from three yards out to give Oregon a 32-17 lead early in the fourth quarter. Philyaw also saw some time at cornerback because of ever-growing injuries to the crew in the Oregon secondary.

Duck receiver Derrick Deadwiler led an Oregon drive in the third quarter that broke the game open. Deadwiler caught a 31-yard pass to get the Ducks in Washington State territory. Two plays later, O'Neil hit an open-as-Denny's Deadwiler for a 44-yard touchdown. Deadwiler caught only one more pass on the day and finished with 75 yards receiving.

Oh yeah, Oregon kicker Tommy Thompson also kicked two field goals — one from 52 yards out.

It was quite a party.

DUCK GAME

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touchdown pass to tight end Josh Wilcox, giving the Ducks a comfortable 39-23 lead with just a little more than five minutes left in the game.

"We practiced that during the week," McLemore said. "I was about to run it, and all of a sudden I saw Josh pop open. It was just a pass I threw up there, and I think he did a great job coming to get it."

Oregon got its final points when junior fullback Dwayne Jones rumbled 20 yards for a touchdown, the first of his Oregon career. The touchdowns by Wilcox and Jones each culminated four-play drives in the fourth quarter.

Oregon's injury-plagued defense bent a few times but did a good job of limiting the Cougars. The Cougars started Chad DeGrenier at quarterback, and he completed 26 passes but needed 51 attempts to do so.

The game was tight early on as the teams exchanged leads four times in the first half before

Oregon took a 19-14 lead at halftime. O'Neil found Whittle on a screen pass that Whittle took 36 yards for a touchdown to give the Ducks a 10-7 lead in the first quarter.

McLemore made an incredible grab for Oregon's second touchdown on a pass that O'Neil put just over the hands of Washington State defensive back Torey Hunter. The Ducks went for a two-point conversion, but O'Neil's pass to Derrick Deadwiler was incomplete.

"I threw it deep, high and long," O'Neil said of the touchdown pass. "I just didn't want the WSU guy to have a chance to get it. Cristin is just unbelievable."

The win put Oregon at 2-3 overall in the Pacific-10 Conference with three games left in the season. It also gives the Ducks a much-needed confidence boost heading into Saturday's game at conference co-leader Arizona.

"This was big," O'Neil said. "To put the points up should boost the team really high. We should be fired up next week."

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