

Youngsters power Ducks past USC

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The Oregon Ducks weren't supposed to win on Saturday. The starting quarterback, tailback and arguably best all-around player on the team couldn't even make the trip.

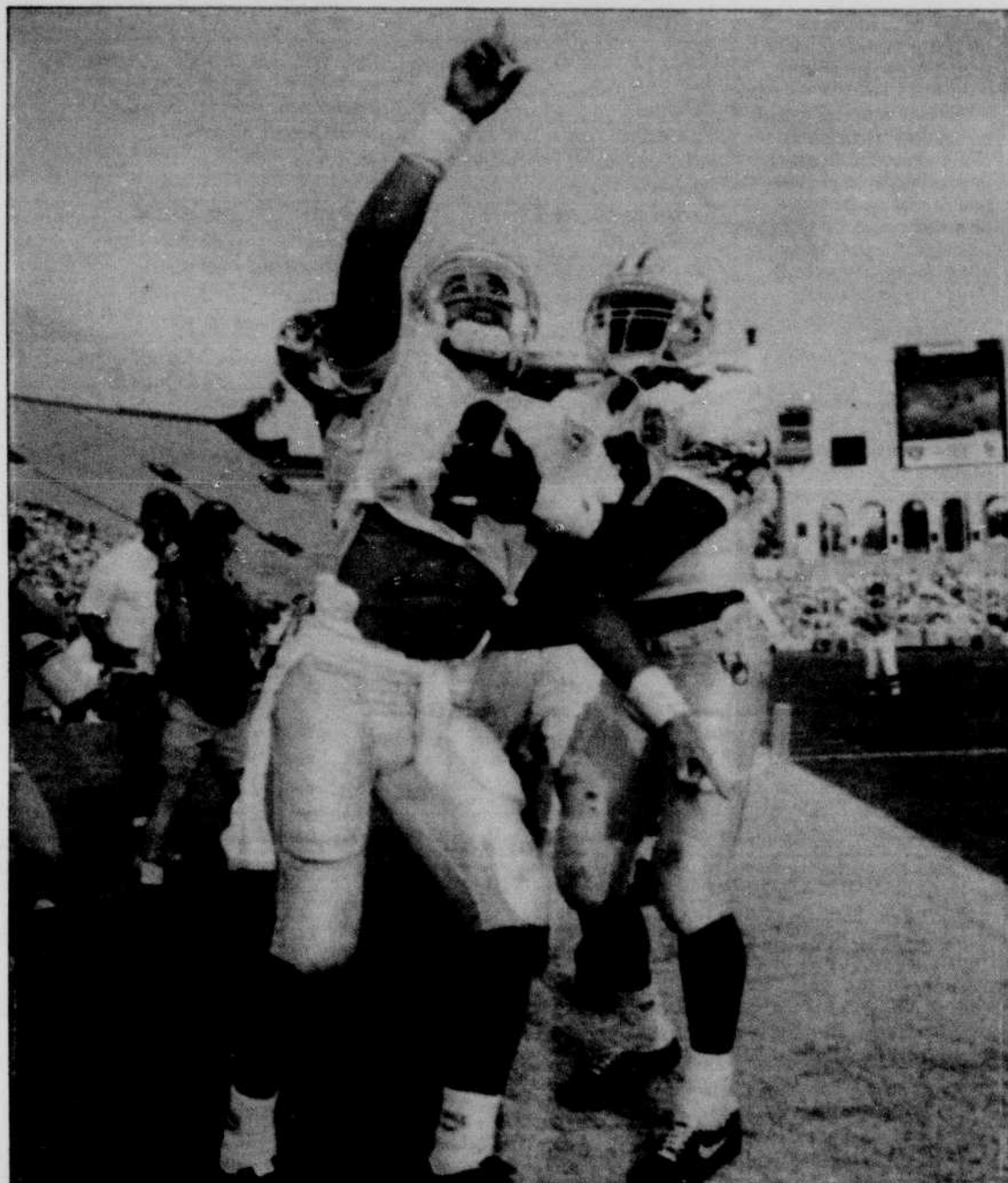
But instead of an expected beating from the heavily-favored USC Trojans, Oregon head coach Rich Brooks received one of the best all-around efforts in recent memory, largely on the play of a group of younger players.

"We're a young football team," Brooks said. "With 17 of the top 22 on offense being freshmen and sophomores, I think for them to perform like they did tonight is a real credit to them. They showed a lot of poise and a lot of character."

The unexpected, stellar play of redshirt freshman Kenny Wheaton, true freshman Pat Johnson and sophomore Tony Graziani was all the more important considering the fact that Oregon was without three of its biggest weapons: Danny O'Neil, Ricky Whittle and Herman O'Berry.

"I think you can judge the heart of this football team — the toughness of this football team out here today," Brooks said immediately following the game. "It was a real gutty performance."

Wheaton, who received more playing time because of the injury to O'Berry, stepped up on several occasions against the Trojan offense. Wheaton broke up the Trojan's opening drive with his first interception of the



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Oregon's Cristin McLemore and Dino Philyaw celebrate after McLemore's second quarter touchdown.

Trojans out of sync during home defeat

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The USC Trojans and head coach John Robinson lost a game, a quarterback, and its national ranking as the team broke down mentally and physically on Saturday.

"Obviously, all the credit goes to Oregon," Robinson said. "They played a great game."

USC was kept off stride all day with great defensive and offensive stances by Oregon. Tailback Shawn Walters carried for 207 yards against Baylor the week before, but was only able to carry for 78 yards against a Ducks' defense that posted its second-straight week of outstanding rush defense.

"For us to hold SC's running game to what we did, is, I think, a remarkable performance," Oregon head coach Rich Brooks said.

"We expected to run the ball against them because we knew they were going to come after us," Robinson said. "We hoped to run the ball and wear them down as the game went on. Obviously that didn't work."

USC wasn't just having trouble with its running game because, like the Ducks, it also had to find another quarterback. USC starting quarterback and Heisman Trophy candidate Rob Johnson suffered a leg injury during the third quarter. Backup quarterback Brad Otton ran into the same trouble that Johnson faced prior to his injury — having to scramble for his life. The Oregon defense zeroed in on Johnson and Otton for nine sacks

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Oregon drops two more over weekend

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Oregon's volleyball team dropped its seventh-straight match with tough losses to California on Friday and Stanford on Saturday, keeping the Ducks winless in conference play and 6-8 overall.

The Cal loss was an especially bitter pill for the Ducks to swallow because the team wasted its best chance to earn its first conference victory so far this season. The Golden Bears, 3-8 overall and 1-3 in conference, upset the Ducks 15-11, 15-10, 15-9 in front of a shocked crowd of more than 450.

"I felt that Cal played well and created problems for us," Head coach Gerry Gregory said. "Not to take anything away from their victory but we beat ourselves."

"I think the team had expectations to play better and, when it didn't happen, it just seemed like

they got frustrated really early in the match and pressed. It really looked like we play tight."

The Golden Bears outplayed the Ducks in nearly every category, outhitting Oregon .307 to .215 with 12 more sets and six more kills.

"I thought our setters didn't give a high-quality set," said Gregory, "and I thought that our hitters did not do a good job with the quality sets that they did receive. They were tense and not able to react and that's the kiss of death right there."

Senior Angee Henderson led Oregon with 11 kills and nine digs. Sophomore Amy McNeel led the team in hitting at .286 with nine kills and 11 digs. Senior LaReina Woods sat out most of the second game but was able to come up with nine kills and a team-leading 12 digs.

The Ducks bounced back

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Scoreboard

NFL SUNDAY

Dallas 34	Chicago 20
Washington 7	Buffalo 13
Cleveland 27	Arizona 17
New York Jets 7	Minnesota 7
Tampa Bay 24	New Orleans 27
Detroit 14	New York Giants 22
New England 17	Philadelphia 40
Green Bay 16	San Francisco 8
Indianapolis 17	Miami 23
Seattle 15	Cincinnati 7
Atlanta 8	
Los Angeles Rams 5	

PAC-10 FOOTBALL

Oregon 22	Notre Dame 34
USC 7	Stanford 15
Arizona 30	Tennessee 10
Oregon State 10	Washington St. 9
Washington 37	California 55
UCLA 10	San Jose State 0

DUCK RESULTS

FOOTBALL

Oregon - 22, USC - 7

VOLLEYBALL

California d Oregon 3-0 (15-11, 15-10, 15-9)
Stanford d Oregon 3-0 (15-2, 15-7, 15-9)

CROSS COUNTRY

Oregon won Nike Inv. Minneapolis, Minn.

TOP 25 SCORES

1. Florida 38	Syracuse 28
Mississippi 14	14. Virginia Tech 20
2. Nebraska 42	Michigan State 29
Wyoming 32	15. Wisconsin 10
4. Penn State 48	Tennessee 10
Temple 21	17. Washington St. 9
5. Colorado 34	18. North Carolina 28
16 Texas 31	SMU 24
6. Arizona 30	Oregon 22
Oregon State 10	19. USC 7
7. Michigan 29	20. Ohio State 17
Iowa 14	Northwestern 15
8. Notre Dame 34	21. Oklahoma 34
Stanford 15	Iowa State 6
10. Texas A&M 23	22. N. Carolina St. 21
Texas Tech 17	Georgia Tech. 13
11. Alabama 29	24. Colorado State 38
Georgia 28	New Mexico 31
12. Washington 37	Purdue 22
UCLA 10	25. Illinois 16
13. Miami 24	
Rutgers 3	

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