

Oregon 17, Oregon State 13



CIVIL WAR



PAC-10 CHAMPS

Victory:
Ducks beat
Beavers and
win the
Conference

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It's finally over. Oregon fans can now take a breather after the Ducks put the finishing touches on their gem of a season, not only earning their first trip to the Rose Bowl in 37 years but winning the Pac-10 outright in the process.

The Ducks finished the season 9-3, marking the first time an Oregon team has won nine games since 1948. And while UCLA's win over USC would have put the Ducks in the Rose Bowl regardless of Saturday's Civil War outcome, the 17-13 come-from-behind victory over Oregon State makes the thought of Pasadena in January that much better.

"It wouldn't have meant as much if we wouldn't have beaten our arch-rivals to go to the Rose Bowl," Oregon linebacker Rich Ruhl said.

Everything eventually fell into place for the Ducks in 1994 after a rocky start to say the least. Oregon won its last six games and eight of its last nine to turn around a season seemingly on a one-way trip to a second-straight postseason-less campaign.

"A nine-win season — there have not been a lot of those in Oregon football history," Oregon head coach Rich Brooks said. "I think this team has etched themselves into the history books at the University of Oregon."

Oregon will be making its first trip to the prestigious bowl commonly dubbed the "Granddaddy of Them All" since a 1958 match-up with Ohio State and will be making only its fourth Rose Bowl appearance ever.

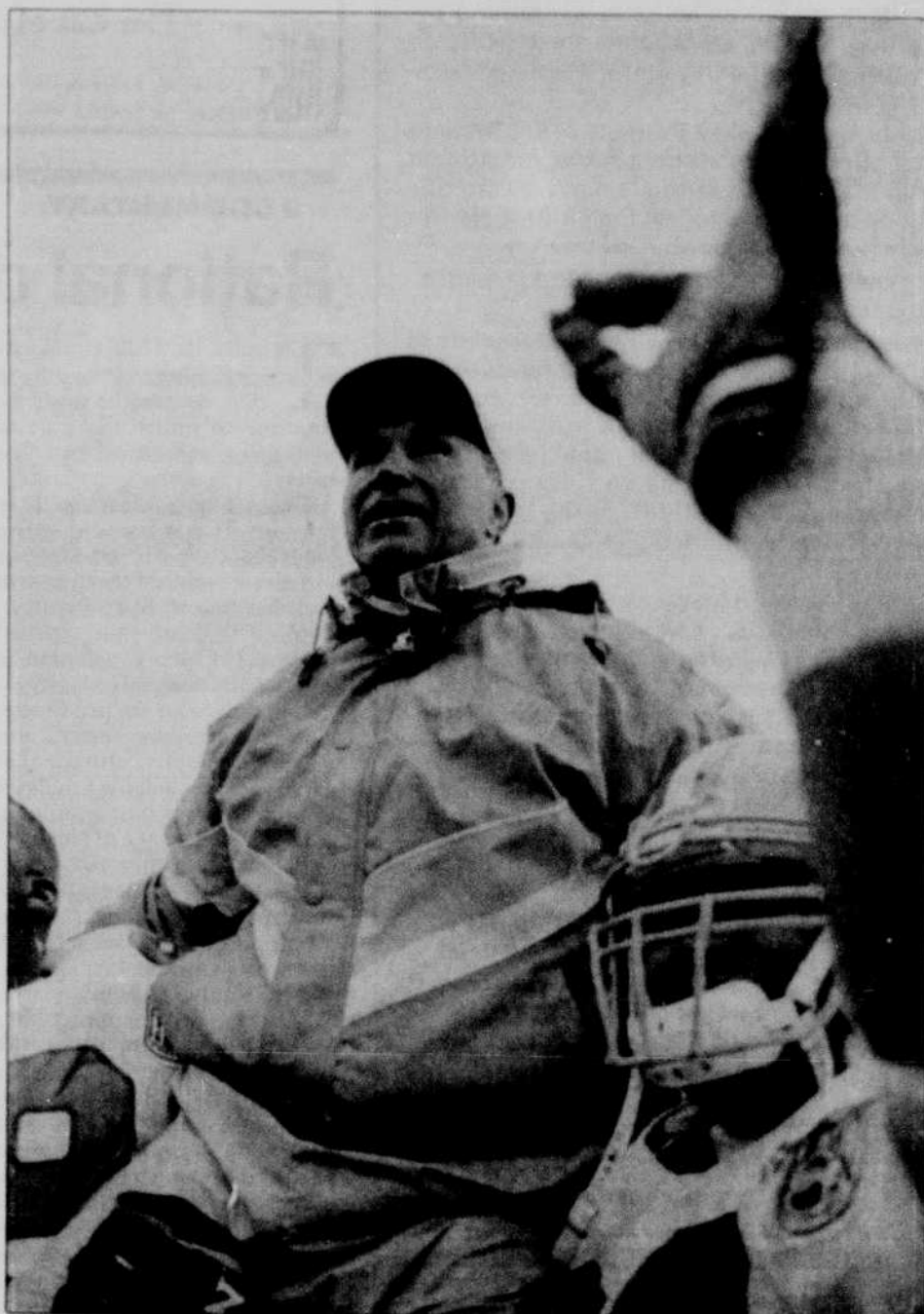
"The biggest bowl of them all, and the Oregon Ducks are going to it," Oregon receiver Dameron Ricketts said. "The nation is shocked, everybody is shocked."

What makes this title all the sweeter for the Ducks is the fact that they, an Oregon team, have won the conference title outright only once before.

"We don't have to share the championship with anybody," Brooks said. "That's really nice."

"Oregon teams aren't supposed to go (to the Rose Bowl), and no one expects them to go."

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Oregon head football coach Rich Brooks is lifted by players celebrating Saturday's Civil War win.

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Students camp out for Rose Bowl tickets

Pasadena: Many of the University football backers brave freezing weather to wait for Rose Bowl tickets

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Immediately after the University's Rose Bowl clinching victory over rival Oregon State, Gordy Seeley and Kate Dyer put on five layers of clothing, gathered their down sleeping bags and headed straight to the Casanova Center to buy tickets.

"It was a spur of the moment decision," said Seeley, a senior majoring in advertising. "It was actually her idea to come out because we knew they'd be lining up (for tickets)."

Seeley and Dyer got to the doorway of the Casanova Center at 9 p.m. Saturday night. Nobody else was

there.

"It was just us and two security guards for two and a half hours," Seeley said. "Cars would honk and drive by and we'd wave to them."

As the temperature dropped into the twenties Saturday night and Sunday morning, Seeley and Dyer were joined by four more fans burly enough to survive the

frigid weather.

But by Sunday night, over 2500 Duck fans besieged the Casanova Center eager for tickets and a trip south to Pasadena. As the sun was going down, car loads of green and yellow faithful continued to pull into the parking lot of Autzen Sta-

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University students Kate Dyer and Gordy Seeley arrived at the Casanova Center at 9 p.m. Saturday night to be first in line for tickets.

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