



ROSE BOWL 1995



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tory," quipped another, according to the same issue of the *Emerald*.

Oregon coach Len Casanova, however, disagreed. Quoting an *Emerald* editorial, which compared the team to the popular bedtime story about the little engine that could, Casanova showed confidence in his young team.

"I know we can," Casanova said, borrowing the famous words of the locomotive, in the Nov. 26, 1957 edition of the *Emerald*.

However, the first drive of the game looked to be the end for Oregon, as the Buckeye's Dick LeBeau ignited the offense by running a Jack Morris kick back to the 21-yard line. Just a few plays later, Ohio State's quarterback Frank Kremblas hit Jim Houston with a 37-yard pass, and moments after that the Buckeyes went up 7-0.

An interception of Oregon quarterback Jack Crabtree had several sportswriters starting their stories about the Buckeye's pummeling of the Ducks.

But in the second quarter, the Ducks drove 80 yards in ten plays, with half-back Jim Shanley's short run evening the score up at 7-7.

The game was all Oregon until half-time, and certain sportswriters began to slump down in their cushy press box seats as the Oregon fan club got louder and bigger with each play.

The three-touchdown-underdog Ducks had taken the momentum from the Buckeyes and looked to be in the process of one of the Rose Bowl's biggest upsets ever.

The third quarter was hard fought by both teams, but Oregon still had the momentum. On every Ohio State drive, the Ducks stopped them short of becoming a scoring threat. The Ducks also got

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	OHIO STATE	OREGON
First downs	19	21
Rushes-yards	61-245	42-160
Passes	6-2-0	21-14-2
Passing yards	59	191
Total offense	304	351
Punting	2-19	0-0
Return yards	5	0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties	3-15	3-25

closer to scoring, but fell just short each time.

Then in the fourth quarter, it looked as if the Ducks had taken the lead on a Jack Morris field goal, but the officials said it was wide. The Buckeyes strength then took over, as their game-winning-drive resulted in a Don Sutherland field goal, making the score 10-7.

Oregon went into the game 21-point underdogs, but came out of it having dominated the nation's top team.

Crabtree, who was 10 of 17 in passing for 135 yards, earned the game's most outstanding player award, and the Ducks strong statistics made it hard to believe that the team had lost. Oregon had 21 first downs and 351 total yards compared to the Buckeyes' 19 first downs and 304 total yards.

Oregon forced Ohio State to punt twice but never had to punt themselves, and lost the ball on downs only once while the Buckeyes did three times.

The shocking Oregon performance sent the Buckeye players home with a disappointing win and put sportswriters and their criticisms to shame.

Casanova and the Ducks, however, went home without a Rose Bowl victory, but somewhat better than the top-ranked team in the nation.

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