

UCLA runs rampant over Oregon for easy victory



■ **FOOTBALL:** The Ducks lose at Autzen Stadium for the first time this season in Pac-10 action

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For the first time in three weeks, the Oregon football team went into the locker room at halftime on Saturday not needing an emotional, uplifting speech.

Because unlike previous weeks, Oregon was still in this game, tied 7-7. Playing with a defense that was young and untested, Oregon had held UCLA to only 54 yards on the ground — a very conservative number given Oregon's run defense history this season.

But sometime in the 15-minute span that separates the first from the second half, UCLA became inspired and determined to pound the ball against the Oregon defense.

"We wanted those three and four-yard gains early in the game to be long runs at the end of the game," said UCLA head coach Bob Toledo, "and that is exactly what happened."

It happened to the amount of 166 yards rushing for the quarter, including 153 from tailback Skip Hicks, that broke the game wide open for the Bruins, giving them 24 unanswered points and a 31-7 lead heading into the fourth quarter. UCLA eventually won the game 41-22.

The loss was the Ducks' (3-3 overall, 0-3 in the Pacific-10 Conference) third consecutive and put them in the basement of the Pac-10. UCLA improved to 2-2 while winning its conference opener.

"Give UCLA a lot of credit," said a despondent Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti.

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UCLA tailback Steve Hicks (42) carried the ball for a season-high 175 yards in the Bruins 41-22 win over the Ducks on Saturday night.

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UCLA tailback leads Bruins with third-quarter explosion

■ **BRUINS:** Skip Hicks' one-man show puts UCLA on top for good

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Last Monday, UCLA head coach Bob Toledo served a notice to tailback Skip Hicks and the Bruins' offensive line: They were going to run the ball at Oregon's young and injury-depleted defense, and Hicks and his blockers had better produce.

On Saturday, Toledo's challenge was answered in the form of a career-high rushing day for Hicks during the Bruins' 41-22 victory over the Ducks at Autzen Stadium.

"It felt really good to finally get a game like that," Hicks said. "[Toledo] challenged me this week and I just wanted to answer the challenge."

But Hicks' answer did not come without some prodding.

After gaining just 20 yards on 13 carries in the opening quarter of play, Hicks was benched for the entire second quarter. His replacement, freshman Durrell Price, didn't fair much better against an inspired Oregon defense that stuffed the run throughout the first half, allowing only 52 yards on the ground.

Coming out of an emotional locker room at halftime with the game tied at 7-7, Hicks was given the nod to start the third quarter, and he finally responded. Big time.

In the third quarter alone, Hicks took 19 handoffs for 153 yards leading the Bruins to 24 unanswered points. Add the three rushes for two yards he had in the fourth and Hicks' total on the night was 35 carries for

175 yards and two touchdowns in only two quarters of play.

Oregon linebacker Reggie Jordan said the Bruins and Hicks did nothing special in that decisive quarter.

"They just ran the ball down our throat," he said. "We didn't step up and make the tackle when we needed to. There is no reason for Skip Hicks to go from 20 yards in the first half to 190, or whatever he had."

Hicks' big game came on the heels of a 71-yard performance against Michigan and a season that has thus far not been overly productive for the junior, even though he does lead the Bruins in rushing.

"We've been waiting for this for a long time," said a relieved Toledo about Hicks' performance.

And finally, Hicks has responded.

PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

	PAC-10			OVERALL		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Arizona State	2	0	0	5	0	0
California	2	0	0	5	0	0
UCLA	1	0	0	2	2	0
Washington	2	1	0	3	1	0
Washington St.	1	1	0	3	2	0
USC	1	1	0	3	2	0
Arizona	1	1	0	3	2	0
Stanford	0	1	0	1	3	0
Oregon State	0	2	0	0	4	0
Oregon	0	3	0	3	3	0

Saturday's results:

UCLA 41, Oregon 22
California 22, USC 15
Washington 27, Stanford 6
Arizona 34, Washington St. 26
Arizona St. 56, Boise St. 7

Ducks split weekend soccer games

■ **WOMEN'S SOCCER:**

Oregon downed Gonzaga, but couldn't overcome a two-goal deficit against Utah

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On a sun-drenched October afternoon, the Oregon women's soccer team (3-6-2) was unable to complete its comeback from a 2-0 deficit in a 3-2 loss to Utah at home.

Jackie Doman scored all three goals for Utah, including the first of the game in the 13th minute when she broke free from the Ducks' defense and put the ball past Oregon freshman goalkeeper Amanda Fox.

"We weren't marking up through the middle," freshman defender Carrie McLanahan said. "There were a lot of players running through the middle, and we weren't marking up. It was hard to track their players."

Following Doman's second goal minutes later, freshman defender Stacy Hebert crossed to freshman midfielder Erin Anderson, who then punched in the Ducks' first goal of the game.

The score stayed at 2-1 until the second half, when Anderson chipped a shot over Utah goalkeeper Tawni Martineau to tie the game at 2-2 in the 60th minute.

"Stacy had some really nice crosses, and I just finished them. She did all the work," Anderson said.

Seven minutes after the Ducks tied the score, Doman fired right back with a score of her own to put the Utes ahead 3-2.

"I think after they scored the third goal it was a let down for us and it was hard to come back from that," Anderson said. "We came back from being down two goals and then the third one was tough to come back from."

Oregon's loss to Utah came two days after its second win of the season.

On Friday afternoon, the Ducks got their redemption when they defeated Gonzaga 1-

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Kristi Morris tries to take the ball away from Gonzaga's Katie Gustafson during the Ducks' 1-0 win at home on Friday. After its 1-1 weekend, Oregon stands at 3-6-2 and will next face Oklahoma at home on Oct. 20.