



ducks vs. huskies

PAC-10 FOOTBALL

THE FORGOTTEN ONE

Strong safety *Jaiya Figueras* wonders when his time to play again will come

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BROTHERLY LOVE

Redshirt freshman quarterback *Brock Huard* takes over where *Damon* left off

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Bring on the Dawggs

The Oregon-Washington game is one to live for each year as it promises to be competitive down to the final whistle

Oh, what a game! What a matchup! What a rivalry! What a thrill! **BRING ON THE DAWGGS!!!**

Every year around this time my blood boils from anticipation of the big game. It doesn't matter if the Ducks are in the hunt for the Rose Bowl or sitting in the cellar of the Pacific-10 Conference, because when that one Saturday in late October or early

November rolls around it's time to get it on.

Being from Seattle, I have always known about the rivalry between the two schools, but I never really got a taste of the whole thing until I arrived at Oregon four years ago as a transfer student.

OPINION



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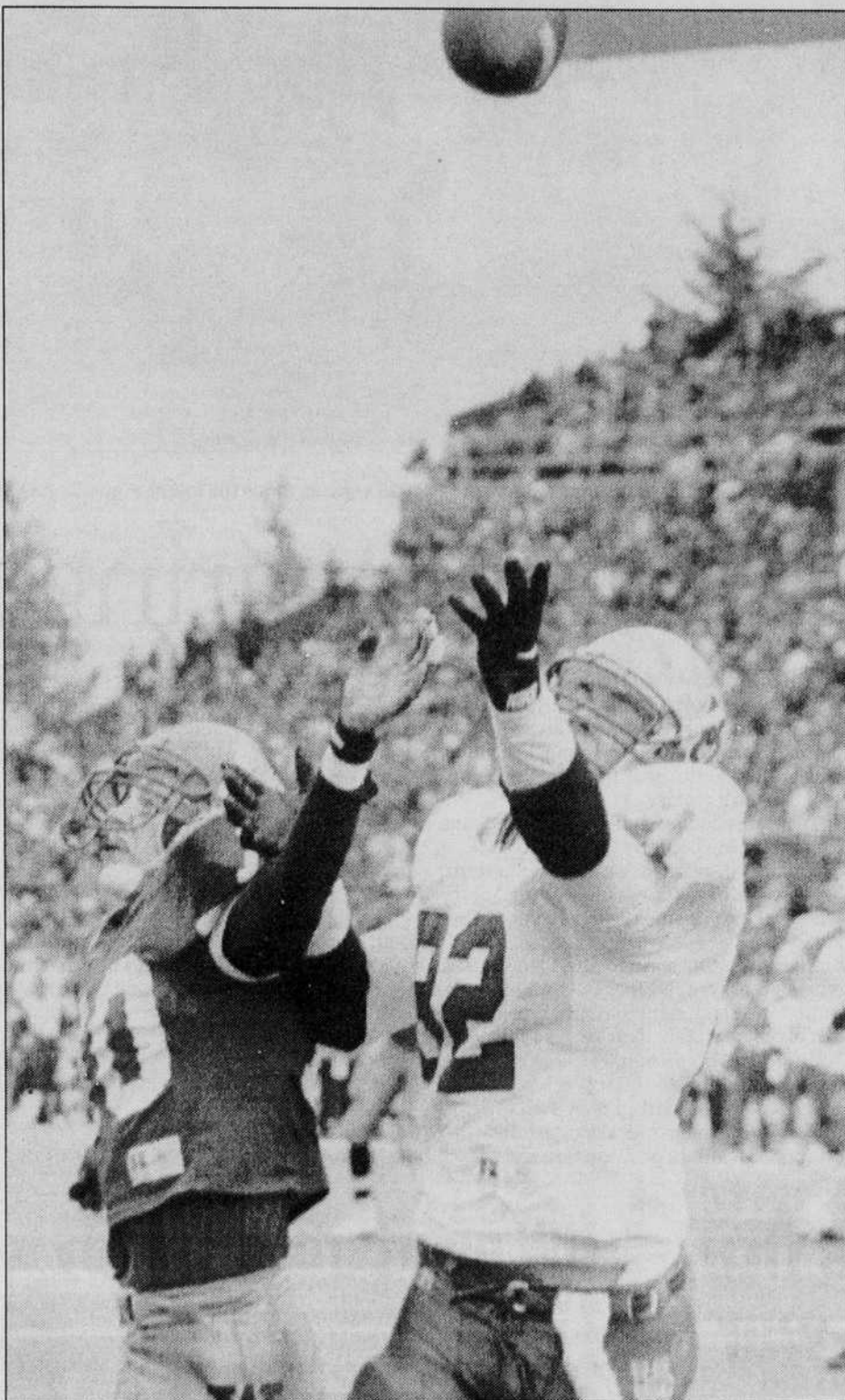
In 1993, the Ducks, who needed a Pac-10 win to strengthen bowl hopes, abruptly lost to the Huskies 21-6, triggering a season-ending tailspin for Oregon. Quarterback Danny O'Neil took away all chances of an Oregon victory that day by throwing six interceptions.

Going into that game I really couldn't get pumped up. I didn't have a ticket, which left me with only the "Voice of the Ducks," Jerry Allen, on the radio. The following year would be a different story.

Being the beat reporter in 1994, I had the obligation of sitting in the press box, however, my obligation to being a fan ran deeper. I had another reporter take my spot in the box so I could fulfill the void left from the previous season. I'll never in my lifetime regret that decision.

Throughout the game, from one minute to the next, emotions ran like a roller coaster, but it wasn't until the fourth quarter that things got interesting. With seven minutes and 40 seconds remaining and the Ducks trailing 20-17, Oregon had to start from its own 2-yard line. One would think it was an impossible task. Wrong!

O'Neil guided the offense down the field with pin-point passing and exceptional play-calling. He showed his best at Washington's doorstep as he called an audible at the line of scrimmage for a dive option



The 96-year rivalry has been chaulked full of confrontation, blowouts and close finishes

By **Ryan Frank**
Sports Reporter

"Win without boasting — lose without excuse." — Anonymous.

If there ever was a quote that exemplified the 96-year series between Oregon and Washington, that is not it.

Not after Kevin Parker danced around Husky Stadium with a towel around his neck displaying Husky place kicker John Wales' choke act of missing two late field goals in Oregon's 24-22 win last season.

And not after Husky head coach Jim Lambright campaigned for his team to be chosen over Oregon for the Cotton Bowl in 1995 by telling the *Tacoma News-Tribune*, "If we win next week, we should go to the Cotton Bowl," Lambright said. "But look at the non-conference schedules. [Oregon] played some sisters."

While Oregon has had recent success against Washington, there has not been much parity within the last 20 years.

Washington has owned Oregon ever since it dismantled the Ducks with a 66-0 win at Husky Stadium in 1974. Since that game, Washington proceeded to win 17 of the next 20 meetings between the two teams and before the 1994 game, they had won five straight.

"For a lot of years it wasn't a rivalry, it was a one-sided rivalry," said Jerry Allen, the "Voice of the Ducks" for the last nine years. "Washington didn't show Oregon a lot of respect and said so a lot of times."

While everyone who follows college football in the Northwest knows all about the Duck-Husky rivalry, it is not common knowledge what set off the icy relations.

At the end of the 1948 season, Oregon and California were tied for the Pacific Coast Conference title, and the Ducks offered to play an extra game and face the Golden Bears in the Bay Area for the conference title.



■ A rivalry breakdown dating back to the 1948 game that started it all between the two schools/6A, 7A

Oregon and Washington will battle it out for the 90th time at Autzen Stadium Saturday, as the Ducks seek their third-straight win over the Huskies.

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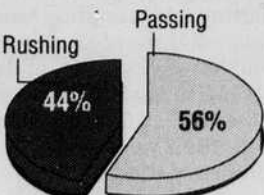
Key Player

Quarterback **Tony Graziani** made his return against Stanford, from an early-season injury and played well, but not good enough to win. This week his efforts will be crucial against the Huskies at Autzen Stadium as the Ducks try to get back on track.

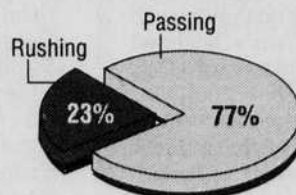


YARDS PER GAME BREAKDOWN

University of Washington



University of Oregon



ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 20

1. Florida	7-0	11. Northwestern	6-1
2. Ohio State	6-0	12. West Virginia	7-0
3. Florida State	5-0	13. LSU	5-1
4. Arizona State	7-0	14. Virginia	5-1
5. Nebraska	5-1	15. BYU	7-1
6. Tennessee	4-1	16. Kansas State	6-1
7. Alabama	7-0	17. Penn State	6-2
8. Colorado	5-1	18. Wyoming	8-0
9. North Carolina	5-1	19. Notre Dame	4-2
10. Michigan	5-1	20. Iowa	5-1