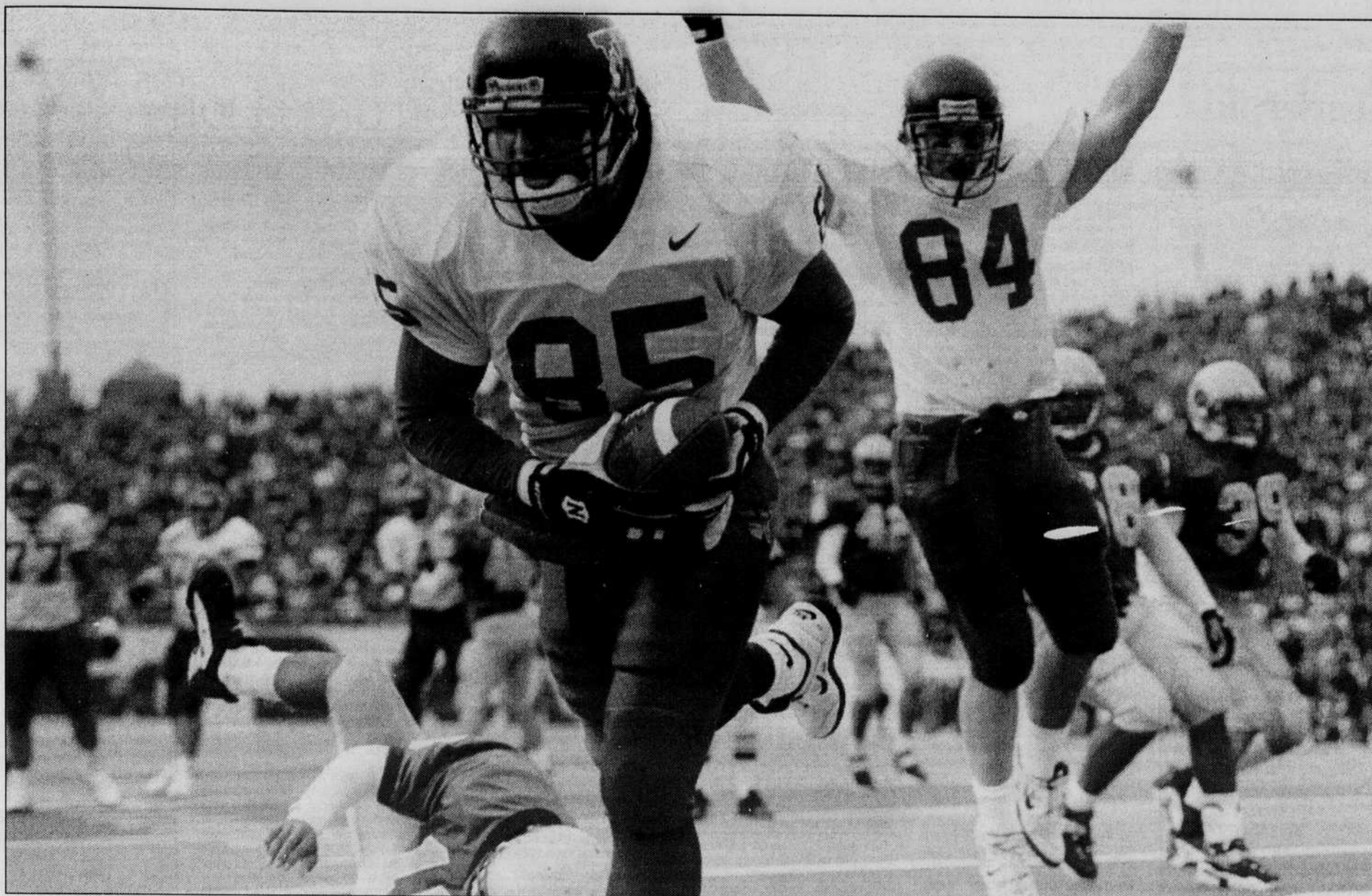




Washington tight end Cameron Cleeland's third-quarter touchdown virtually slammed the door shut on any Oregon hopes of a comeback.

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Football: Graziani cites mental mistakes

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took itself out of the game with its inability to capitalize on its scoring chances.

"We drove the ball two or three times down close, but didn't score," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said. "We aren't a good enough team to do that and still win."

The turning point in the game came on a 37-yard field goal attempt by Oregon near the end of the first quarter. Center Seaton Daly snapped the ball early, skidding it past holder Ryan Perry-Smith and into Oregon territory where it was recovered by Washington. Two plays later, Dillon punched it into the end zone for his second touchdown and a 14-0 Husky lead.

"I think our mistakes took us

out of the game," Bellotti said. "The bungled field goal attempt was at least a 10-point swing."

Oregon was down 21-7 to start the second half and only able to gain 47 yards of total offense in the entire third quarter. Washington, in the same quarter, scored 13 unanswered points, including a safety, to take a 33-7 lead going into the fourth quarter. Oregon would score a touchdown with four minutes left in the game on a 35-yard pass from Tony Graziani to Tony Hartley for the final score of the game.

The reason for Oregon's offensive ineffectiveness was summed up by Graziani.

"Mental mistakes," he said. "We have to quit making them, and once we do that, we are go-

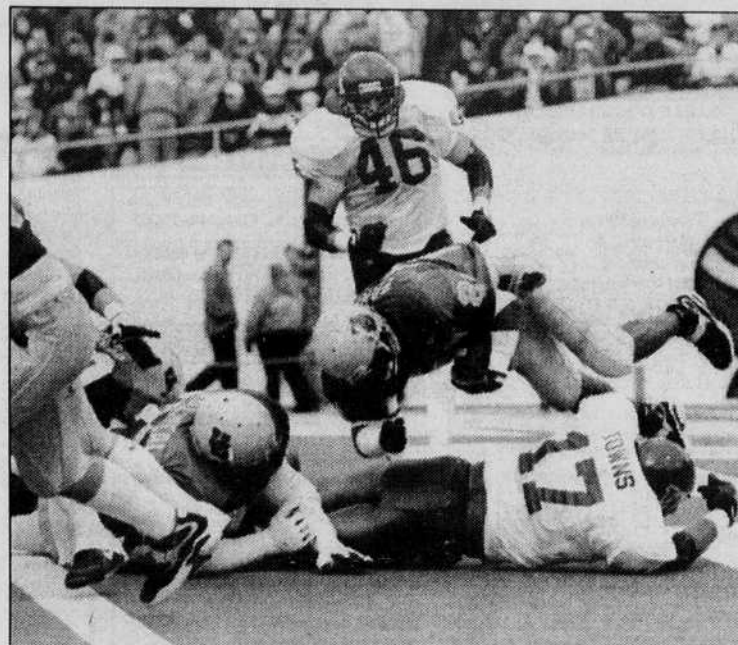
ing to score some points."

"We could have stepped up and made some bigger plays," tightend Josh Wilcox said. "It's a hard loss to take. We didn't execute good enough and got ourselves into a hole."

After the game, the players were left to wonder how to turn around a season that went sour so fast.

"It's frustrating because we know that we can play better than this, and we know we can win," Schmidt said. "We have got to play with more pride and enthusiasm. It feels like everything is just crashing down on us."

Oregon will have two weeks to attempt to get it back on track before taking on Arizona during Homecoming weekend Nov. 9.



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Oregon tailback Kevin Parker gets tackled by Washington linebacker Lester Towns for a safety.

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