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Oregon defeats Devils in nick of time

■ The Ducks march 79 yards in 48 seconds for the winning score with nine seconds left

By Mirjam Swanson
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Too much time.

Arizona State might not have realized it at the time, but giving Oregon a mere 58 seconds to move the ball 79 yards for a game-winning touchdown is like inviting the Ducks inside, asking them to make themselves comfortable and then offering them a snack.

At least that's how it seems these days. Oregon has developed a genuine affinity for dramatic finishes. For the fourth time in five Pacific-10 Confer-

OREGON: 20
ARIZONA STATE: 17

ence games Oregon (5-3 overall, 3-2 Pac-10) had the ball with time running out and the game on the line.

And for the second time in two weeks it was sophomore quarterback Joey Harrington — and not starter A.J. Feeley — who was directing the Ducks.

When all was done, Oregon had used its final possession to finish the game for the third time in five weeks, this time in front of 45,445 ecstatic fans at Autzen Stadium.

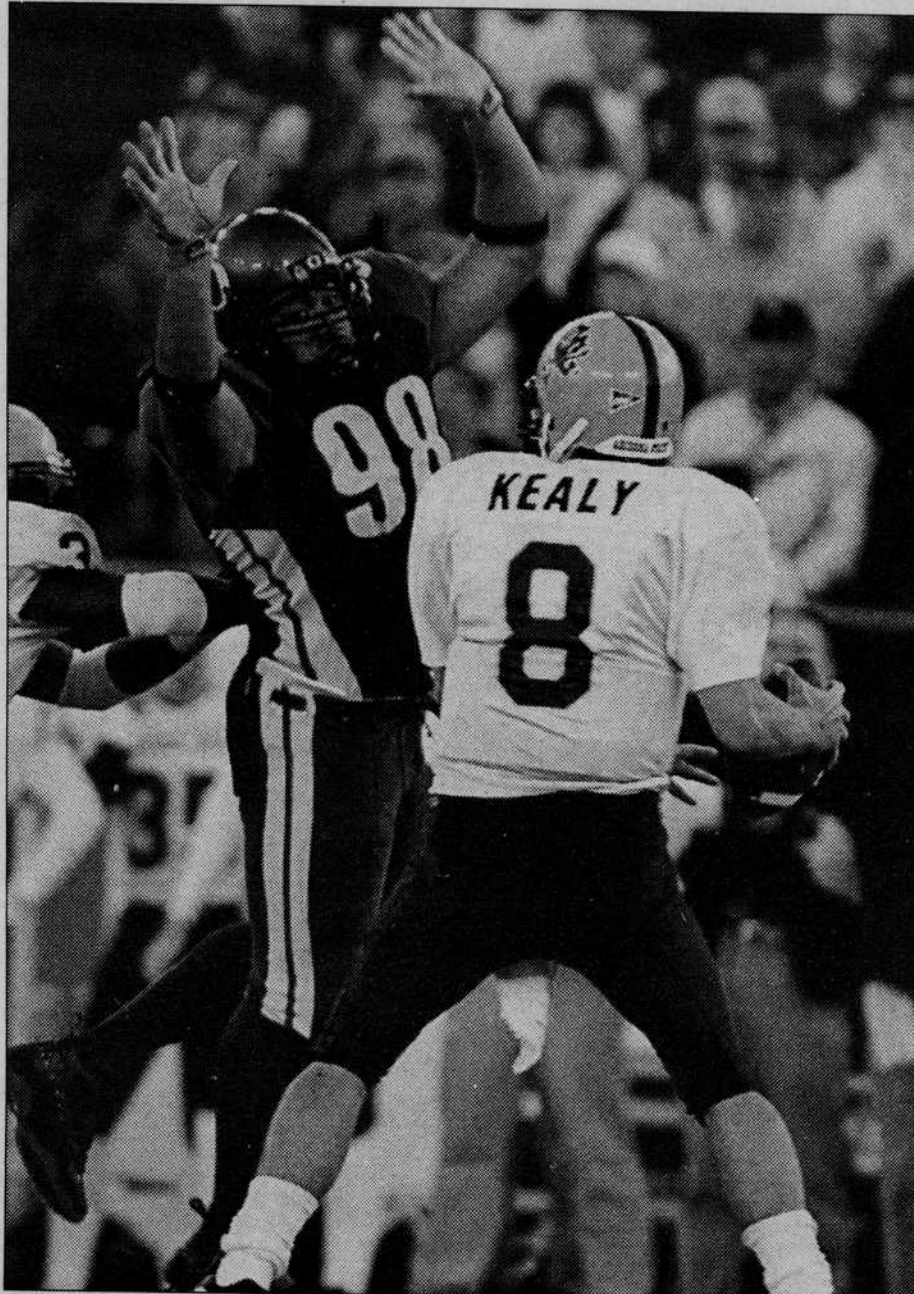
"We've done it before, so we knew we could do it again," senior flanker Tony Hartley said.

This time, the Ducks' never-say-die offense needed only 49 of the allotted 58 seconds to complete its final eight-play series. Marshaun Tucker's 29-yard touchdown reception capped the drive and put the Ducks ahead for good, 20-17.

"I gave the guy a post move, and he slipped," Tucker said. "I cut to the outside, went to the corner; Joey threw a great ball, which honestly I didn't even see 'cause of the glare."

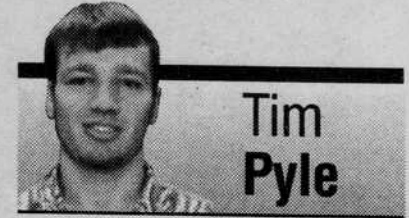
"But when it was coming, I just

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Oregon defensive end Jason Nikolao pressures Arizona State quarterback Ryan Kealy. With the offense not its usual high-scoring self, Nikolao and the Duck defense played perhaps their best game Saturday.
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Never-say-die Ducks never, ever dull



Tim
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Consider the circumstances: Fifty-eight seconds to play. Seventy-nine yards to go. One touchdown all game against a team that was tied for first in the conference in scoring defense.

Rose or Holiday Bowl hopes effectively on the line.

Daunting, right?
Wrong.

Whether it be A.J. Feeley or Joey Harrington at quarterback, no matter — one thing is predictable about these unpredictable Ducks. They will always, always, always make things interesting at the end.

They've both come up a foot short (at UCLA) and come through with gutsy wins (over Southern California and at Arizona).

But they never believe they're dead. And on Halloween eve Saturday at Autzen Stadium, Harrington was calm as could be before Oregon's last chance.

"I told the guys [Arizona State] made a mistake," said the sophomore from Portland. "They left too much time on the clock."

The drive that would end as one of the greatest in Duck history began inauspiciously.

Harrington completed a three-yard pass to wide receiver Keenan Howry and then threw incomplete for tight

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Ducks score monumental win

■ In the home game finale, the Ducks send their seniors off in style with their first victory over No. 20 ranked UCLA

By Brett Williams
Oregon Daily Emerald

It was an emotional game for the Oregon women's soccer team Sunday.

In the locker room before the game, tears were shed as the Duck seniors — who comprised Oregon's first recruiting class three years ago — prepared for No. 20 UCLA and their last game at Papé Field.

The odds were definitely against the Ducks. They had never before beaten a ranked Pacific-10 Conference team, nor had they ever beaten UCLA. And they were coming off a 3-1 loss Friday to No. 10 Southern California, another California team Oregon has never beaten.

But the Ducks wouldn't let this one slip away. Oregon had one of its best team efforts in a shocking 2-1 victory over UCLA.

Oregon head coach Bill Steffen talked with pride as he reflected on the upset victory, a win he believes is the biggest in the four-year history of the program.

"We've worked hard all season, and today we picked up our intensity," Steffen said. "We stayed and didn't let up. We didn't get discouraged."

The Ducks (7-10 overall, 3-4 Pac-10) had every opportunity to throw in the towel, but they persevered. Chalise Baysa's goal just nine minutes into the second

half broke a scoreless tie, but the Bruins came right back and put the heat on Oregon.

After a series of UCLA attacks, Bruin forward Tracey Milburn finally slipped one past Fox to tie the game 1-1.

"A lot of teams would have folded right after they scored," Steffen said.

But Oregon refused to let UCLA go home with a win. The Ducks' Melissa Parker took a pass from Kristi Morris and provided the difference with a dramatic shot from about 30 yards away.

According to Steffen, Parker's goal was more than a purely outstanding personal effort.

"Melissa Parker's goal was a great team goal," Steffen said. "I told them after the game that this win was a tremendous testament to them."

"I can't think of a better way to send the seniors off."

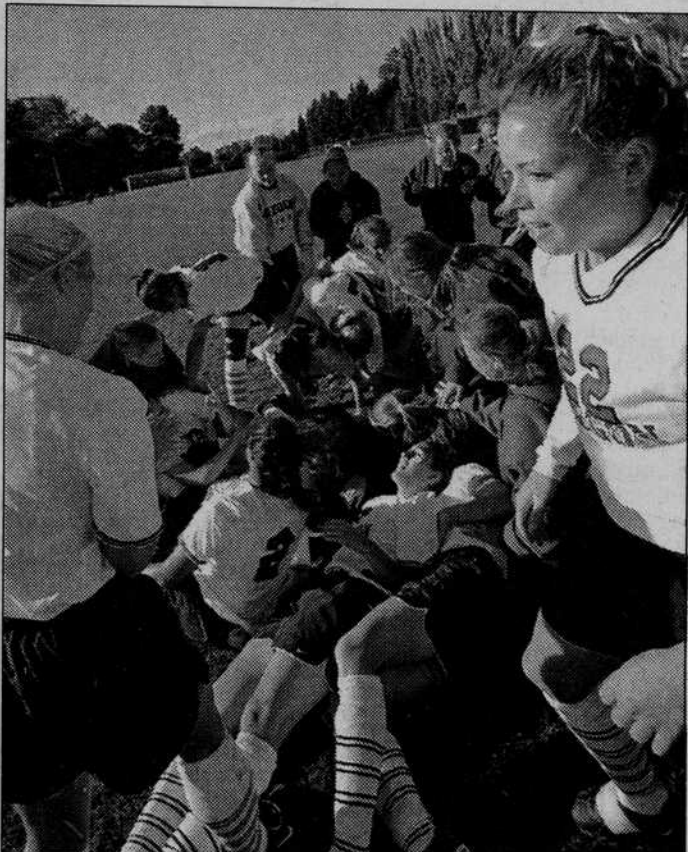
Once again, Fox was consistent. She had eight saves and handled UCLA's pressure with poise.

"Amanda is steady, and it's nice to have someone behind you that you're comfortable with," Steffen said. "She didn't have a million dramatic saves, but she allowed us to play back there and be relaxed."

UCLA head coach Jillian Ellis was visibly disturbed after watching her team's performance, a loss that could drop the Bruins off the national rankings.

She talked about missed opportunities, which have

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Jeffrey Stockton Emerald

Oregon players mob each other after upsetting No. 20 UCLA at Papé Field on Sunday.