



It was a Duck-eat-Dawg world at Autzen



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Despite three long punt returns by Keenan Howry that don't count due to penalties, Oregon's offense out-runs Washington's by 118 yards.

■ Oregon is powered by tailback Maurice Morris and a stifling defense to knock of its second Top-10 team in a row

By Jeff Smith
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On the last day of September, the Oregon Duck football team took yet another giant leap toward its ultimate goal of playing on the first day of January.

Seven days after the Ducks beat up on then-No. 6 UCLA at home, there Oregon was again, beating up on then-No. 6 Washington at home.

In front of the nationally-known and regarded 46,153 rowdy fans at Autzen Stadium, the Ducks (4-1, 2-0) held on for the 23-16 victory over the Huskies (3-1, 0-1). A huge win against its bitter Northwest rival that thrusts Oregon into the early driver's seat of the Pacific-10 Conference race for the Rose Bowl.

On Sunday, it turned out to be a win that propelled the Ducks into being one of the prestigious top 10 teams in the country. Oregon jumped 11 places in the rankings from No. 20 to No. 9 in The Associated Press poll, and moved up 10 spots from No. 25 to No. 15 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' poll. The Huskies meanwhile dropped in the AP poll from No. 6 to No. 13.

It is the first time that Oregon has been ranked in the single digits since Oct. 27, 1964, when the Ducks were ranked seventh in the AP.

The win also was Oregon's 18th consecutive win at home, a feat that was commemorated by a T-shirt that head coach Mike Bellotti brought into the post-game interview room immediately after the game.

The shirt read: "Autzen-Our House-18."

"The T-shirt is all about the streak, and we kept it alive, and I'm very proud and pleased with our team," said Bellotti, whose team held an 11-minute advantage in possession time over the Huskies.

But as Bellotti was quick to point out, Oregon played anything but a perfect game.

"I think we made it a little bit closer than we needed it to be," he said.

Place-kicker Josh Frankel missed three field goals and an extra point and Oregon's passing game was off for most of the afternoon. Quarterback Joey Harrington only completed nine of 22 passes for a measly 119 yards, but he did throw for a touchdown and run for another in the first half.

The offense was saved by tailback Maurice Morris, who again showed his true mettle in collecting 167 yards in 31 carries, despite being plagued by a biceps strain and turf toe.

"I feel a weight off my shoulders with him out

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Don't hate them because they're not beautiful



PEZ SEZ

SCOTT PESZNECKER

Not long after the Oregon football team put the clamps on Northwest rival Washington Saturday afternoon, several Ducks were already voicing their dissatisfaction with their victory.

Come again?

Beating the No. 6 team in the nation? Jumping up to No. 9 nationally in the Associated Press polls? Redemption from last season's loss in Seattle? Getting the last word over a bitter opponent for two years to come?

And Oregon is dissatisfied? For those who didn't watch

the game, the notion that any football team could be any less than elated about such a win is ludicrous. By knocking off the Huskies, only Southern California is a legitimate roadblock standing between the Ducks and Pasadena. A win such as yesterday's should be regarded

as a beautiful thing.

But beautiful it wasn't.

The Oregon offense couldn't operate in the red zone. Easy passes were dropped. Quarterback Joey Harrington, whose only loss as a starter was at the hands of Wisconsin earlier this

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UO soccer plays tough, falls short of beating No. 21 FSU

In their first home game against a Top-25 team this season, the Oregon soccer team can't stop Florida State's Emma Breland and loses 1-0.

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On Sept. 8 of this year, the Oregon soccer team traveled to North Carolina and, in one of its closest games of the year, got edged by now-No. 11 Duke 1-0.

Funny how history repeats itself.

The Ducks missed another chance to topple a Top-25 team on Sunday as they lost 1-0 to No. 21 Florida State at Papé Field.

Florida State true freshman Emma Breland scored the lone goal, a chip shot eight minutes into

the second half that floated over Oregon goalie Sarah Peters' head. The goal was Breland's seventh of the year, and was assisted by Summer Corum, another true freshman.

"Emma's been scoring for us all year," Florida State head coach Patrick Baker said. "She just got a little separation from her defender, and the shot wasn't hard, but effective."

Oregon had a tough time guarding Breland all afternoon. The Swedish midfielder took seven shots, many of which were legiti-

mate chances. The rest of the Florida State team took 10 shots altogether.

Meanwhile, the Ducks took 14 shots as a team, led by Crystal David and Mary Cascio's three attempts each. Oregon was stymied by Florida State's defense all afternoon, but also failed to convert chances when they did appear.

The Ducks' best chance at a score came 25 minutes into the match, when David led an attack downfield and dished the ball outside to a trailing midfielder. David received the ensuing cross pass,

and her shot from 15 yards out went over the head of Florida State goalie Sarah Crawford, but bounced off the crossbar.

Junior forward Chalise Baysa felt that the Ducks should do a much better job of finishing their scoring chances.

"We work on shooting in practice," Baysa said. "But we need to bring that from practice to the games."

But the Ducks did win the possession game, using crisp passing and aggressiveness to keep the ball

“We were keeping possession and moving the ball well.”

Chalise Baysa
Oregon forward

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