



Sports Talk

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OREGON 33 — COLORADO 19
If you believe in magic, dancing feet and the uncanny ability to read and pick defenses apart... then you must believe the "rush is on" and at the helm is one Reggie Ogburn, who is directing the Duck ship so masterfully.

Ogburn all but destroyed a very good Colorado defense, gaining 108 yards on 17 carries, and passed for another 168.

A one man show? No. Dwight Robertson, the high-stepping sophomore tailback who destroyed OSU in last year's finale, was equally impressive. Robertson scored 2 TD's on runs of 1 and 9 yards respectively.

The Ducks became the first visiting team to win an opener at Boulder since 1963, when Southern Cal accomplished the feat. Oregon lost the opener at Colorado last year, 24-7. Colorado holds the series edge 5-3.

You have to believe that Oregon is now on the brink of having a successful program. Remember last year when the Ducks would go into the fourth period leading only to succumb. Mostly due to a lack of experience and depth. This year they have both and proved this against Colorado. There's pride, exuberance, and a camaraderie that's been missing in past Oregon squads. Oregon... realistically... is really a year away from full potential. Scanning the depth chart you see talent, young talent waiting in the wings.

"For the first few games last year, I don't think our players really felt they could win. Then they looked back and realized that except for maybe one big play in some games, we could have won. They know they can win now. And I would anticipate we'd be able to beat somebody we're not supposed to beat," said Rich Brooks before the Colorado game.

Now it's been proven once in beating the Buffalo's and, for sure, before the season ends it will happen again. It just could happen this week against Big Ten favorite Michigan State. Yes, the Ducks are that good.

"Reggie can dart into the hole." Defensive coordinator Andy Christoff says Ogburn has feet, "that move like a sewing machine." And Colorado linebackers concur. Reggie has proven that he is now a very good college quarterback, and will become a great one. He's proven that he can put points on the board.

To say the least... the Oregon attack is exciting and patient. Against

Michigan State, winners over a weak Illinois team in their opener 38-16, Oregon will get a good induction of just how good they really are. If, just if... the Ducks can win at Ann Arbor... then Huskies beware, because Oregon will be sky high when they return home to face their first game before a friendly crowd, and Pac-10 rival. My pick Oregon by 3.

JEFFERSON 12 — MOLLALA 2
The Jefferson Demo's showed some promise in defeating a weak Mollala team.

Pierre White came off the bench to spark the Demos in this one, and should have won the starting quarterback job off this performance.

White, 6', 185 pounds, junior, scored twice on romps of 2 and 41 yards.

Eric Battles and Gerald Jessie were impressive in the backfield. The Democrats appear stronger this year and should provide a challenge as the dark horse in their newly aligned division.

GRANT 38 — HILLSBORO 7
Wow! The Generals, seventh ranked in the state, were really impressive in this one.

Jerome Thompson, 6', 190 pounds, running back led the General attack with 130 yards on 19 carries. Grant should again rule the PIL.

In a project unprecedented in the NBA, the Portland Trailblazers ran as a team in a city-wide road race September 12th to benefit Emanuel Hospital's Children Center.

The run will be viewed as a conditioning exercise for the upcoming training camp, by Head Coach Jack Ramsay. Ramsay also ran in the event.

The event covered 6.2 miles. Registration fee was \$5 with all proceeds going to Emanuel's Children Center.

The Bill Walton compensation hearings should be settled sometime this week. Portland is asking for the moon, while San Diego is offering a tiny grain of sand. Portland wants at least three players, and it's still a wonder to me why Lloyd Free isn't mentioned.

PAC-10 MISMATCH GAME OF THE WEEK: OSU vs. USC

PREDICTED SCORE:
Trojan 56 — Beavers 0



Angola president dies

President Agostinho Neto of Angola died Monday at the age of 56 following cancer surgery in a Moscow hospital. As leader of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (PMLA), Neto led his country's war of liberation.

After 400 years of colonial domination, Portugal granted independence in November of 1975, quickly withdrawing and leaving the country in a state of civil war. The MPLA was successful in winning the civil war and uniting the country.

A physician and poet, Neto was educated in Portugal and imprisoned for political activism. Retiring to

Angola to practice medicine he was again imprisoned but escaped to lead the MPLA's efforts to gain independence. His work to build a socialist state, improving the health, education and economy of his people began even before the civil war was won.

Considered one of the stronger African leaders, Neto was involved with other "front-line" nations in attempting to eliminate the racist governments of Rhodesia and South West Africa. The United States has refused to recognize the Angola government.

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