



Sports Talk

by Ron Sykes, Sports Editor

"The Ducks are one of the valid contenders for the PAC-10 title."
—Rich Brooks,
Coach, University of Oregon

The University of Oregon opens the 1981 football season Saturday, Sept. 5, against Fresno State, at Fresno. It's believed by the faithful Duck followers that this will begin the run for the roses. To say Oregon is loaded would be the same as wondering if George Herschel Walker can play football, or if Pablo Picasso was really a Spanish painter. It will be a night game starting at 7:30 p.m., and will be the official dedication game of the new Bulldog Stadium. A crowd of 30,000 is expected to be on hand as the Lemon and Green starts the fifth season for head coach Rich Brooks.

"I have a set of running backs that are as good as any in the nation in depth," beamed Brooks. That latter situation, however, was changed somewhat in that senior tailback Dwight Robertson, the fifth leading scorer in school history, will redshirt this season. Last year, Robertson had to share the assignment with Reggie Brown, a junior college transfer who would up

dominating the position, rushing for 149 yards in his debut against Stanford.

Brown is considered potentially one of the nation's top running backs. With the departure of QB Reggie Ogburn... Brown will have more opportunities to show why he is so highly rated. The 6-0, 210 pounder is explosive off the ball and elusive in the open field. And backing Brown is speedster sophomore Harry Billups and kick return specialist Choo Choo Young. At fullback, the Ducks are equally strong with senior Vivie Williams, 6-1, 230 pounds, who is within range of Ahmad Rashad's school record for career rushing... set to start, with two proven standouts behind him, junior Terrance Jones and sophomore Ladarious Johnson, who at 6-2, 224-pounds can also play tailback. Williams has not practiced, while completing some summer school academic requirements. Will the Ducks miss Ogburn? Kevin Lusk thinks not. Lusk, heir apparent to Reggie's job, has a rifle arm. Passing may be more in vogue for the Ducks this fall, and the likely starter, junior Kevin Lusk, had a sparkling completion percent-

age last year, in support of the departed Reggie Ogburn, of .639 (46 of 72 for 573 yards and four TDs).

If injury impairs Kevin Lusk's start then sophomore Edmund Rivera, who did not have a throwing attempt as a freshman but is highly touted by the Duck coaching staff is wasting in the wings.

Receiving looks solid, as the Ducks return leading wide receiver Greg Maser, a junior, whose fine moves and sure hands last year earned him 32 receptions for 611 yards and two touchdowns. But perhaps the biggest find of the season is another wide receiver is sophomore Osborne Thomas, who missed last season due to a hand injury, and now is listed as number one after a brilliant spring season. The 6-1, 178-pound flyer caught everything in sight and moved up on the depth chart from third to the top.

Both tight ends of last year, Greg Hogenson and Tim Tyler, return.

With veterans Mike Delegato, 6-4, 245 and Stuart Yatsko, 6-6, 266 pounds, returning to bolster the offensive line, Duck running backs should have a field day.

The Ducks are also high on the secondary, led by all-America can-

didate at cornerback, junior Steve Brown.

Bringing on the wine and roses.

I wanted to write an article on Georgia's all-everything superman, man from Mars, Herschel Walker. But the thoughts, the words came cascading down so fast and furious, not unlike that great spectacle that took place on Mt. St. Helens. The man, Walker, is so awesome. So much has and will be written about this man from another planet. At 6-2, 230 pounds and the possessor of 9.3 speed for 100 yards, one is just captured by the awesomeness of it all. So instead I'll just sit back and enjoy his exploits on the gridiron this year. This young man is so complex, he seemingly handles so much, so well, in his early years that it has inspired me to use one of this young man's poems.

*I wish they could see
the real person in me.
Someday I reckon they will know
I'm not only here for the show.
I have one man upstairs,
I always pray.
They do not know,
But they will see one day.*

—Herschel Walker

Cell Talk

by Asmar Abdul Seifullah

In Dec. 1979 Micheal Wayne Jenkins was sentenced to a total of 123 years in prison. A 60-year mandatory minimum sentence was imposed as part of Micheal's sentence. He has been called amoral, savage and beyond redemption. At the time of Micheal's sentencing he was 17 years old. A professional evaluator had described Jenkins as follows: "Mr. Jenkins has amply demonstrated that he is an amoral, predatory and extremely dangerous young man. He has consistently resisted all treatment efforts, and criminal sanctions have had no effect on his behavior. We firmly believe that Mr. Jenkins should be incarcerated for the rest of his life without benefit of parole or custody reduction."

Micheal was born and grew up in Portland, the youngest of six children whose mother died of cancer three years ago. Micheal admits that he has been running wild most of his life. A criminal arrest record 37 inches long, including 25 felony arrests since he was 8 years old, precludes Micheal's present incarceration.

It's hard for many of us to understand people like Micheal W. Jenkins but then most of us don't want to understand our children. Yes, Micheal is one of our children. He is as much a part of us as the music we listen to, the shoes we wear, the

tears we cry and the love we never seem to get enough of. Micheal Wayne Jenkins is the ghetto personified. He is the creation of a society inside society. A spawning-ground for corruption and vice, a place where a 17-year-old child can be sentenced to 123 years in prison because his community did not care enough to clean itself up.

It is just too easy to write Micheal off—to say that he got what he deserved. Sure he has to accept the burden of his acts but part of the responsibility is ours. Part of the blame must be placed on the permissiveness of our community. The attitude that exists in our community.

The National Commission on Civil Disorders, the Kerner Commission, created by President Lyndon Johnson to determine the complexion of America, had these words to say: "Our nation is moving toward two societies, one Black, one white—separate and unequal. What white Americans have never fully understood—but what the Negro can never forget—is that white society is deeply implicated in the ghetto. White institutions created it, white institutions maintain it and white society condones it."

White America has to bear the burden of its creation but more important, Black America must begin

to reform the monstrous creation called the ghetto.

Young men like Micheal Jenkins must be given the opportunity to grow into healthy human beings. They must not be closeted away in institutions to rot their lives away. If in fact this continues to happen then we might as well throw in the towel, we might as well sign up for the gas and napalm.

One of the most disturbing facts about the Jenkins case is that three judges found him to be so corrupted that they closed out all possibility of his rehabilitation. They sentenced him to more time than most lifers get for murder. The District Attorney, Harold Haas, was appalled because Micheal got a 20-year parole date, instead of the 60 years recommended by the court. "How in the hell can anybody be appalled when a 17-year-old youth faces 20 years in prison!" The rape that Micheal was subjected to in the newspaper—was in fact the rape of the Black community. They put his picture in the paper—his dark oval face peering from behind bars and that picture represented the incarceration of our community. It showed white America what happens to niggers who get out of line and it created a false image of Black youth in general. They used Micheal's suffering, his pain, his uncertainty about life to instill fear

in our community. The press reinforced all the negative ideas that whites have concerning Blacks.

I personally know white inmates who have committed far worse crimes than Micheal and none of them received the lynching Micheal did. The white press does put up white criminals for public ridicule. But when a Black man commits a crime they make damn sure the whole world knows about it. "That is a very racist approach to journalism." It is not enough for us to read the news, we must at some point begin to understand the implication behind the news.

Micheal Wayne Jenkins is not a hero, he will not be remembered for his scout badges or anything connected to normalcy. Micheal Wayne Jenkins—is a sacrifice. He is a sacrifice that should be remembered by all of us. He is the reflection of the ghetto... our home—the place where we will raise our children and it is terribly important for us to create conditions favorable for them to grow up in.

"Let us remember Micheal and all the other Micheals out there on the streets today. Their mistakes are only screams echoing in the night of neon madness. Turn out the neon and turn on the lights—let them have light—let there be a guide... Who will lead the children—if we don't????"

Project connects jobs with workers

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labor. "We have scores of satisfied employers who are not only pleased with the performance of the workers but in all cases the labor costs are reasonable." Employers get what they want and the workers earn the needed extra income. Often the

earnings supplement retirement incomes and the money is critical to making ends meet. Most people don't know it, but earnings from jobs constitute most of the income for those people of retirement age. It isn't that the money earned from jobs is so great; it's that retirement and other income is so low.

Most older workers have low incomes and need to supplement retirement pay with employment. From 80 to 90 per cent of the retired persons over 62 still receive income from employment.

The center currently refers older workers to approximately 300 handyman-type jobs a month, and these multiply through the new contacts. Workers are available in all but the licensed crafts (electrical, major plumbing, etc.). Businesses may find older professionals for part-time employment or consulting.

Short-term jobs are not the only alternatives for clients enrolled at the Senior Job Center. "We know," Markus explained, "that when a fifty-year-old is out of work he or she encounters age discrimination which is defeating. Older workers are characteristically out of work longer than are younger workers who are laid off for any reason. We help with confidence-building mostly by finding our workers a job as soon as possible. We also provide help with resume-writing and job search skills. Our workers are not looking

for a hand-out. Quite the contrary, they have good skills and years of experience which they just want to use on a job. They have what have been called old-fashioned virtues—intense desire to work not only for the money, but also for what work does for their self-esteem. They understand productivity and they take pride in their work. About one-half of our clients are interested in full-time and full part-time jobs."

For those persons over 50 who seek full-time, permanent employment, the agency provides a job development and referral system.

The Senior Job Center is currently taking applications for workers. "They may call 239-6566 for an appointment," Markus said. "Of course we encourage anyone who needs one of our workers for either full or part-time work to call us too."

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