

# SPORTS

## Ducks Celebrate Win Over Huskies

Patrick Johnson scored on an 89-yard kickoff return to open the game and Joshua Smith added three field goals as 19th ranked Oregon scored the first 24 points and held on for a 24-22 Pac-10 victory Saturday over number 22 Washington in Seattle.

The victory was the biggest celebration for the Ducks since last year's trip to the Rose Bowl.

Johnson took the opening kickoff and raced around a crowd to his right and down the sideline 89 yards for a score. It was his first kickoff return of the season.

"He's (Johnson) been a back-up all year," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said. "We decided to take a look at him in mid-week. We wanted to create some opportunities for him to handle the football and that was a way to do it."

After Smith kicked field goals of 30 and 22 yards to make it 13-

0, Ricky Whittle scored on a four-yard run with two minutes left in the half for his 11th rushing touchdown of the season.

Tony Graziani then connected with Cristin McLemore for the two-point conversion and a 21-0 lead.

Smith booted a 34-yarder 18 seconds before halftime to cap the Oregon scoring on the day.

Graziani completed 22-of-37 passes for 282 yards and two interceptions while McLemore had nine receptions for 155 yards.

"I thought we played a great first half," Bellotti said. "We did everything we wanted to do on both sides of the football."

"To Washington's credit, they came out a different team in the second half and played great opportunistic defense," Bellotti said.

Oregon improved to 7-2 and 4-2 in the Pac 10 while Washing-

ton dropped to 5-3-1 and lost its first conference game of the season (4-1-1).

The Huskies are now one game behind U-S-C for the Pac-10 lead and stand one-half game ahead of Oregon.

The Huskies staged a valiant second-half comeback led by Rashaan Shehee, who had two scoring runs. His first, from five yards out 5:01 into the third quarter, was followed by a successful two-point conversion run by quarterback

Damon Huard. Shehee's second touchdown, a four-yard scamper with 8:40 remaining, was capped by a Huard to Ernie Conwell two-point conversion that cut it to 24-22.

In between, Huard hit tight end Cameron Cleeland for a 42-yard touchdown with two minutes left in the third period, but the

conversion attempt failed.

"We had total control in this game," Shehee said. "It was all in our hands to either win it or lose it. We didn't execute and we lost. In the first half, we just weren't executing period."

Huard went 21-for-36 for a career-high 327 yards and one in-

terception while Dave Janoski had four catches for 91 yards.

Huard entered the day without an interception in his last 81 attempts.

The Huskies rushed for just 16 net yards on 24 carries.

"This is becoming a season of what ifs," Huard said. "We should

be 8-1 right now. It's just amazing, in fact it's sad, all the opportunities we've had and didn't take advantage of. It's going to hurt for a long time."

This is just the second time in the 89-game history of the series that both teams were ranked.

The only other time was in 1990. The Ducks were winless in their last seven trips to Seattle.

## Arizona Gets By Beavers

Dan White threw two touchdown passes and Arizona held Oregon State to 43 yards passing en route to a 14-9 win in a Pac-10 matchup Saturday in Corvallis.

Arizona (5-4, 3-3) improved their all-time series record over the Beavers (1-8, 0-6) to 16-2-1.

White's third-quarter touchdown pass to Ron Holmes gave the Wildcats the lead for good at 14-9. The Wildcats recorded five sacks for 33 yards and caused two turnovers in holding the Beavers to 198 total yards.

Oregon State retook the lead at 9-7 on a 34-yard field goal by Randy Lund. White's second-quarter scoring toss to Jeff Nadeau gave the Wildcats a 7-6 lead into the half.

White completed 12-of-23 passes for 90 yards. Both teams combined for 351 total offensive yards.

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Tryouts are open for girls from 4th grade through 12th grade from any area. Junior Girls Volleyball is affiliated with United States Volleyball and is a developmental winter program for girls interested in attaining a high skill level in volleyball.

Girls can expect to play a schedule designed to match them with other players of equal ability in their age group from Oregon and the greater Northwest. Information about try-out dates and places can be obtained by calling 282-7043 or writing to: P.I.L. Juniors, c/o Fred Milton, 4431 NE Ainsworth St., Portland, OR 97218.

## Strickland Faces Assault Charge

Portland Trail Blazers point guard Rod Strickland was arrested Monday in New York for an incident last month in which he allegedly punched his ex-girlfriend in the head.

Strickland surrendered at the police station where a criminal complaint was filed by the woman in October, authorities said. He was charged with misdemeanor assault and released with orders to appear at Bronx Criminal Court at a later date.

According to police, the complaint said that Strickland punched the woman in the eye and side of the head during an argument.

Strickland is a New York native who played high school basketball in the Bronx and began his NBA career with the New York Knicks. The Trail Blazers were in New York to play the New Jersey Nets on Tuesday.

Strickland is one of the league's better point guards but has had his share of off-court problems in his seven-year career with the Blazers, Knicks and San Antonio Spurs.

Strickland averaged career highs of 18.9 points and 5.0 rebounds last season and was fourth in the league in assists with 8.8 per game. He has 31 points and 16 assists in two games this season.



Coors Brewing Co. executives present the Atlanta Football Classic trophy to head Coach Bill Davis of Tennessee State University which edged out South Carolina State, 15-14. The game raised funds for "Project Success," an educational initiative developed by the 100 Black Men of Atlanta, a program providing mentoring and educational resources to underprivileged youths.

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