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Oregon Shoots Down Air Force, 35-20

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FALCON STADIUM, Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Special)—The performance of Thunderbird jets traveling over the stadium at between 400 and 650 miles per hour and the dramatic spectacle of 2,500 cadets watching their stadium being dedicated before 33,343 football fans that included military and political brass would have scared the daylight out of almost any visiting football team.

But Oregon won the football game 35-20. And it looked for a while as though the University of Oregon Webfoots would never recover from being knocked down twice on this sunny Saturday afternoon.

The Air Force Falcons, high and looking mighty, first stopped Oregon's initial touchdown drive and came back with one of their own. The Webfoots picked themselves up and managed a 7-7 deadlock in the first quarter. The Falcons, running the rollouts with quarterback Terry Isaacson as engineer, moved in front again and it wasn't until the final 35 seconds of the second period that Oregon managed to go into a 14-14 intermission deadlock.

But defensive coach Jack Roche found the answer to the Air Force double-wing attack—and stopped the wide runs and cut-backs off the tackles by the time the second half started.

The adjustment took the sweeps away from the Falcons offense and then Oregon rolled for three straight TDs, two in the third quarter and one early in the fourth, to salt away a

fourth straight triumph. It was a glorious day despite 12 hours of rain that didn't end until late Friday night. The field was not fast, but fast enough to provide explosive runs like Larry Hill's TD sweep for nearly 50 yards and Cary Tommerason's 35-yard double reverse that set up the final Oregon score.

Mel Renfro, Oregon's great left halfback, was only the third leading Oregon ground gainer. But the Falcons were so intent on stopping Mel that Hill and Jim Josephson rolled up enough yardage to provide 302 net yards to go along with some spectacular passing by quarterbacks Bob Berry and Ron Veres and Renfro—who pitched a 33-yarder to Dick Imwalle. Berry had a 32-yard scoring TD to Imwalle for the first Oregon TD and another to H. D. Murphy for 20 yards two plays prior to the opening score.

Oregon, which last played in the Rockies in the daytime six years ago and defeated Colorado 35-0 at Boulder, cracked a couple of jinxes. Unfortunately, the Webfoots had never won traveling on Pan-Am charter, but they had Larry Hill's sister, Sandi, as hostess this time. Wearing uniform "whites" have also proven unlucky—with the Falcon wearing their traditional silver-and-blues. Actually the Air Force had everything working for it, especially the dramatic pre-game spectacle. After all, last week the Webfoots broke a jinx by defeating a Texas team for the first time, the 31-12 triumph at Houston where the gridmen had to take salt pills at sea level. This time, at a 6,600-foot elevation, they have been taking iron pills all week—and apparently the medication worked again.

The temperature was about 62 degrees and there was a fa-

vorable wind from the north which caused every kickoff from the south to go out of the end zone.

It was a great disappointment to an Air Force team that took the field with a full head of steam and with a 3-1 win-loss record. Now Oregon is 4-1 and again has another difficult hurdle to clear against Washington in Seattle next week.

The regionally-televised game (NCAA-CBS) was a spectacular offensive show and even with Oregon's leaky defense in the first half the Webfoots most certainly moved the ball impressively and ended up with 489 net yards in total offense to enhance their national rating of third.

Even the Air Force's official Academy song didn't ring true. The first line: "Off we go, into the wild blue yonder." The eighth and last line, "Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force."

Even the Oregon rally squad, driving here by car to help the small gathering of Oregon fans cheer for their Webfoots, contributed to the success.

But once again it was an all-out team effort—which has been the case with this dedicated football team that still is ambitious to play anywhere New Year's Day.

"They'll all be pointing for us now," was the comment of Oregon head coach Len Casanova following the game.

"They'll be waiting for us," stated Cas. "Washington has a fine team. They're strong defensively and very hard-nosed. It should be a real battle."

The Oregon coach noted his players were extremely tense before the battle. "I don't know if it was the TV or what, but we couldn't get them to loosen up."

Casanova singled out sophomore quarterback Bob Berry and

senior end Greg Willener for their efforts against the Falcons and noted all the Webfoots came up with stellar performances against the fired-up cadets.

Terry Isaacson is the best quarterback, by far, that Oregon has opposed this season, but he is not the best quarterback Oregon has seen this season—Bob Berry is.

The Oregon mentor had special praise for Mel Renfro's blocking on Larry Hill's 50-yard third-quarter touchdown romp. "Mel threw a fine block at the line of scrimmage, got up, ran down the field and threw another block at the goal line."

Mickey Ording was held out of the game to protect a tender knee and trainer Bob Officer reported that the other Ducks came through the hard-fought contest without any serious injuries.

Falcon coach Ben Martin heaped praise on the Ducks. "Oregon just had too much size and power for us. I'm proud of our players. They put up a good effort."

When asked to compare Oregon with Penn State, which downed the Falcons 20-6 at University Park earlier in the year, Martin said, "Oregon is better offensively, Penn State is better defensively." The Falcon coach paused, then stated, "I'd have to say Oregon has a slight edge."

Both coaches pointed to a change in Webfoot defensive strategy as a key to improved Oregon defense in the second half. "We changed a few assignments and told our ends to put more pressure on their rollout option. It made a big difference," said Cas.

The Webfoots fly out of Colorado Springs early Sunday morning and figure to arrive in Eugene about 1 p.m. (PST).

Baker-Burke Combo Paces Oregon State

Beavers Wallop Little Pacific, 40-6

CORVALLIS (AP)—Quarterback Terry Baker fired four touchdown passes in the first 24 minutes, including three to national pass-catching leader Vern Burke, as Oregon State smothered University of Pacific 40-6 Saturday.

Baker, challenging for the nation's total offense leadership, amassed 186 yards rushing and passing in less than two full periods of action. Burke, a 6-foot-4 inch, 188-pound junior with deceptive speed, speered five passes for 112 yards, plus a two-point conversion pass.

That the California team was overmatched became evident as soon as Baker began throwing to Burke.

In a span of 12 minutes, the two had teamed for scoring passes of 34, 44 and seven yards in addition to an 11-yard gainer. Baker also hit reserve Olin Moreland with a 37-yard touchdown strike before coach Tommy Prothro sent in the subs with six minutes to go in the first half.

Pacific Penalized

As if Baker and Burke were not enough, Pacific was penalized repeatedly for illegal procedure and did not cross the 50 yard line until 2½ minutes remained in the half.

Then, trailing 26-0, Pacific struck for its only touchdown. Johnny Alsup directed Pacific on a 31-yard drive to the OSU 14 and Jack Sparrow threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Ted Watkins with just 10 seconds left.

Burke broke three Oregon State records during the game. In just five games, he broke the one-season pass catching record of 36, set by John Thomas in 1950. Burke now has 37. His three touchdown catches were the most ever caught by an Oregon State player in a single game.

His 20 points were the most points scored by a single OSU player in one game.

Forced to Punt

OSU again was unable to mount an effective rushing attack. The Beavers were forced to punt after Pacific's heavier line stopped them on their first two offensive drives. It was then that Baker took to the air.

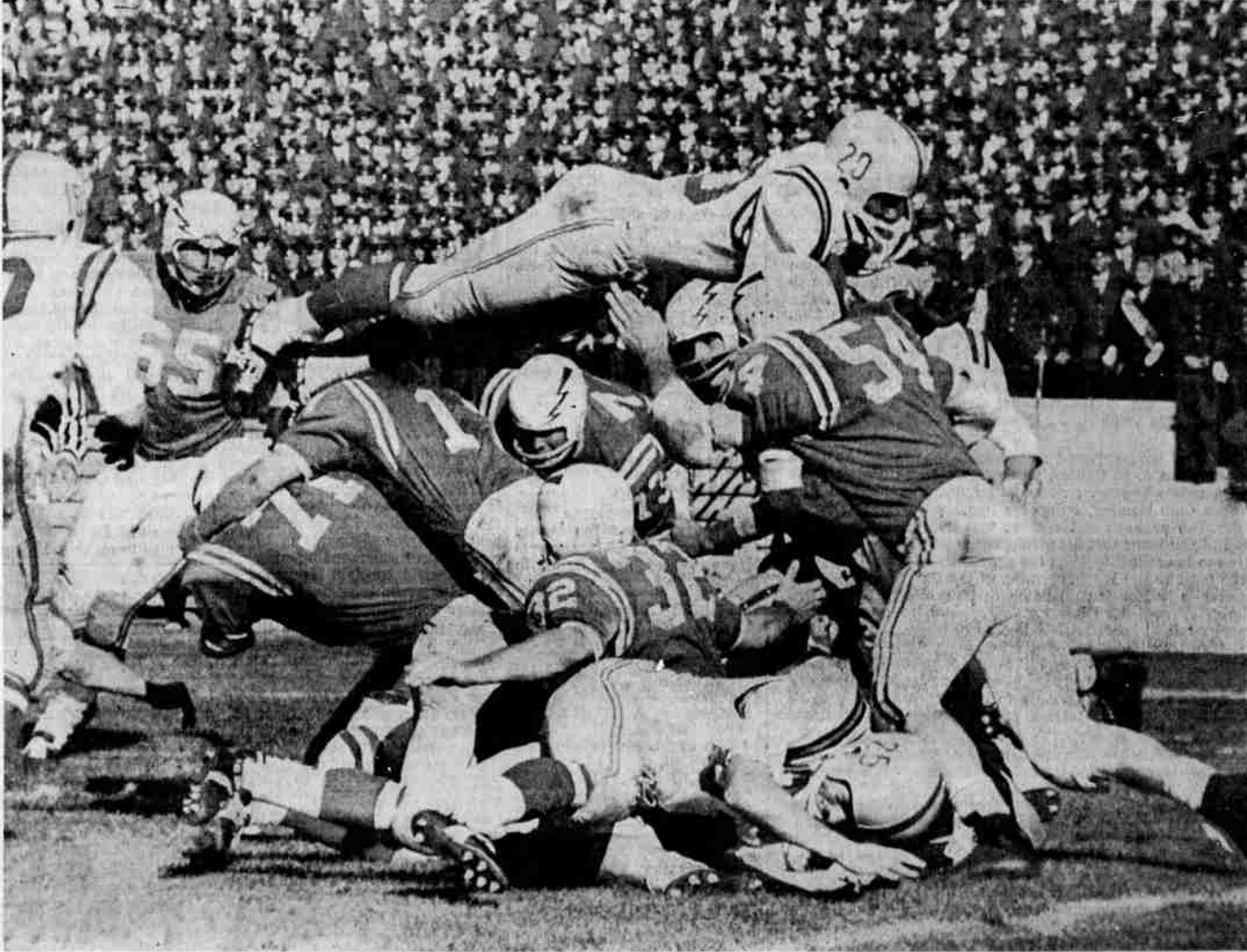
Pacific also was unable to run well and was four touchdowns behind before it found that Alsup and Sparrow could pass against the leaky State secondary.

Pacific end Watkins was outstanding in defeat. He caught passes good for 46, 24, 10 and 24 yards in the second half.

Despite the lopsided score, Pacific outgained Oregon State in total yardage, 367 to 363. However, most of it came against reserves in the third and fourth periods. OSU led by 88 yards in total offense at halftime.

Oregon State's third period scoring drive went 71 yards, highlighted by Booker Washington's 33-yard burst over left tackle. The final score covered 60 yards in 11 plays with Gordon Queen passing the final 11 to Len Frketch.

Oregon State 40-6-40 Pacific 6-0-0-6 OSU—Burke 34 pass from Baker (Clark kick). OSU—Burke 44 pass from Baker (Clark kick). OSU—Moreland 37 pass from Baker (kick failed). OSU—Burke 7 pass from Baker (pass failed). OSU—Watkins 14 pass from Sparrow (pass failed). OSU—Whittle 2 run (Burke pass from Baker). OSU—Frketch 6 pass from Queen (pass failed). Attendance—12,021.



Stopped Short Oregon halfback Mel Renfro is stopped in the air inches short of the goal line by Air Force defenders Saturday in the second quarter of their game at Colorado Springs. The Falcons, despite holding the Webfoots' leading ground gainer to

a mere 41 yards, had trouble stopping anybody else as Oregon rolled to its fourth straight win, 35-20. Oregon players in picture besides Renfro are quarterback Bob Berry, left, and halfback Larry Hill, on ground.



Pirated Marshfield High's halfback Pete Tully had his ups and downs Saturday in a game against Thurston at Silke Field. At left, he is hauled down after a gain by Phil Nyburg, but



at right, he bobbles pass. The Pirates, highly favored over Thurston, escaped with a 6-0 win over the Colts. (Story, page 2B)

Ducks Break Tie at Halftime

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP)—Swift striking Oregon snapped a 14-14 halftime tie with two third-period touchdowns that sent the Webfoots sailing past Air Force — 35-20 Saturday.

The defeat ruined the Falcons' dedication of their \$3.5 million stadium and disappointed top Air Force generals and lesser airmen among the 33,343 fans watching the regionally-televised game.

Oregon's tough defense forced Air Force to punt for the first time in the early minutes of the third quarter. That turned the tide. Oregon rolled 74 yards in nine plays, including a 33-yard pass from Mel Renfro to Dick Imwalle, for the go-ahead touchdown. Three minutes later Oregon halfback Larry Hill bolted 49 yards around left end for a touchdown that put the victory safely away for the Webfoots.

Air Force overcame four five yard offside penalties on opening touchdown drive covering 83 yards in 16 plays. Quarterback Terry Isaacson faked neatly on rollouts to gain 35 yards in five plays on the march.

Oregon snapped back to tie the score with an 80-yard drive in 11 plays capped by quarterback Bob Berry's 32-yard pass to Imwalle, who got loose in the end zone behind Air Force defender Jerry Thies.

Isaacson ran five times for 36 yards and passed 16 yards to Carlton Simpson on Air Force's second touchdown march of 80 yards in 14 plays.

Mill's 18-yard gallop over center, Berry's 16-yard pass to Greg Willener and 10-yard throw to Renfro powered Oregon on a 77-yard touchdown march climaxed by Berry's one-yard sneak with less than 35 seconds left in the first half. Buck Corey's placekick tied the score.

The first time Oregon got the ball on the opening kickoff was the only time in the first three periods it failed to go in for a score. The Webfoots moved down to Air Force's 16 before bogging down. Corey's field goal try from there was blocked by Air Force linebacker Joe Rodwell. That was the only time either team gave up the ball in the first half, except after scoring.

Oregon widened the margin to 35-14 early in the fourth period on a 73-yard march in 13 plays with the big gain coming on halfback Gary Tommerason's 34-yard reverse run on a third down — and — 15 play. He carried to the air Force four.

Tommerason scored two plays later on a three-yard pass from second string quarterback Ron Veres.

Isaacson's fumble on Oregon's 28 ended Air Force's next threat, but against Webfoot reserves the airmen later marched 68 yards for a third touchdown in 11 plays with reserve quarterback Allan McCarty at the controls.

Oregon 35-14 7-33 Air Force 20-6 7-20 AF—Carmota 1 plunge (Gavin kick). Ore—Imwalle 32 pass from Berry (Corey kick). AF—Isaacson 5 run (Gavin kick). Ore—Berry 1 plunge (Corey kick). Ore—Willener 6 pass from Berry (Corey kick). Ore—Hill 49 run (Corey kick). Ore—Tommerason 3 pass from Veres (Corey kick). AF—Bloodworth 1 run (pass failed). Attendance—33,343.

Whitworth Nabs Carlsbad Lead CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP)—New Mexico's Kathy Whitworth forged into the lead in the second round Saturday of the \$7,500 Cavern City Open golf tournament at Carlsbad's Riverside Country Club.

The tall, willowy swinger fired a one-over-par 73 to take a one-stroke lead with a 148 total. One stroke off the pace was the year's leading money winner on the Ladies Professional Golf Association tour, Mickey Wright, whose 74 Saturday gave her a 36-hole total of 149.

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