### Bomb breaks record

## Lower league'? Surprise! Ute offense stuns Oregon

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"Utah has a heck of a quarterback and they're really good," said Art Webb the day before the Utah-Oregon game at Eugene. The big Oregon defensive tackle continued modestly, "Just because they're in that lower league doesn't mean they're not a good team."

Webb and his ten defensive cohorts, along with 31,000 blinking Oregon fans, found out just how good at the end of the Saturday night game. The final score: Utah of the WAC, 35; Oregon of the PAC, 17.

The quick, cohesive Utah backfield, led by quarterback Don Van Galder and running backs Ike Spencer. Steve Marlowe and Steve Odom, took full advantage of a fired-up and tough Utah line to put the score 21-14 Utah before the close of the first half.

The next two Utah touchdowns and Dan Marrelli PATs came in the final minutes of the game with Utah leading at that stage by only four points. With 3:36 left in the game, Van Galder hit Odom with an 89-yard pass play for a touchdown. Moments later. Ute defender Rick Barseness grabbed a Duck pass and two plays later fullback Mike Conway plunged up the middle for the final touchdown.

Still confident

Odom pass play set a new school record. Head coach Bill Meek praised Steve Odom for "an outstanding performance." The ball was right on top of him and it was outside while he was looking inside with a tackler right on his back. It was a great effort," said Coach Meek.

#### 'Brownie' hits nine

The pass was one of nine completed by Van Galder during the game. The Ute quarterback completed half his passes for a total of 215 yards. Total yardage for Utah was 375 yards against 246 for Oregon.

The Ute victory over the thus far winless PAC-8 team did not come cheap, and in no way resembled the easy victory over Texas-El Paso the week before. The Oregon offense, described by Coach Meek as "tough and hardnosed," was all of that. But the Ute defense, after a slow start, got rough when the Ute position became critical. Led by Ron Rydalch and Gary Keller on the line and Steve Marshall in the backfield, the defense recovered three out of four Duck fumbles in the first half. One fumble resulted in Utah's first touchdown a few plays later.

The defense later treated the disappointed crowd to a brilliant and out of the way, Utah faces goal-line stand with 12:10 left to the toughest of the eight next play in the game and the Utes leading by only four points. Utah Angeles.

The 89-yard Van Galder-to- held the hard-hitting Ducks for three downs, forcing them to opt for a field goal instead of a touchdown which would have tied the

Oregon's outstanding offensive player, tailback Don Reynolds, sparked several Duck surges, carrying the ball for a total of 31 times for 179 yards. Utah's pro prospect, 244-pound defensive tackle Gary Keller, said of the leading rusher for the PAC-8, "He knocked me out once and tore off my face mask another time, and that still didn't stop him. He's not that big but he's tough like a fireplug and one hell of a runner."

Keller might have been talking about another running back, also not very big. 188-pounder Ike Spencer carried the ball for Utah 17 times for a total of 123 yards against the Oregon defense.

The Ute victory over Oregon, although not a conference victory and of no real consequence in Utah's bid for the Fiesta Bowl, was particularly sweet for Coach Bill Meek. Meek has lost to Oregon teams three times in the past five years. Oregon and Utah have played 15 previous games with Oregon holding a 11-4-0 edge in the series up to now.

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### Ute wetballers dunked, 18-6

The University's 1973 water polo season got off to a damp start at BYU last Thursday night.

The Utes lost 16-8 in a contest which saw BYU's Eric Carsonrecently returned from the Army-score nine goals to keep the Y in command throughout the whole game. Carson is an AAU All-American from Del Mar, California. He proved he can hurt the Utes as much now as he could before he entered the Army.

The Utes' scoring attack was stymied with such poor shots that they made Y goalie Jack Stapley look great. Utah's offense was led by senior co-captain Craig "Fish" Burns and freshman Gary Anderson, who set up a double post offense which resulted in three goals apiece for them.

In general the Ute offense looked rather sluggish. Their passes consistently fell into very few good assists that could game Steve commented that the set up clean shots for a goal.

was the biggest weakness for the Utes. They used a man-to-man defense that fell apart due to a lack of swimming conditioning. Marc Basahez, the team goalie had a few cold spells, but he looked good for his first try at that position.

He was credited with saving 14 goals but was unable to get the help needed from his teammates to stop the blitzing Y offense. Bill King was the only Utah player who could stop Carson's hole

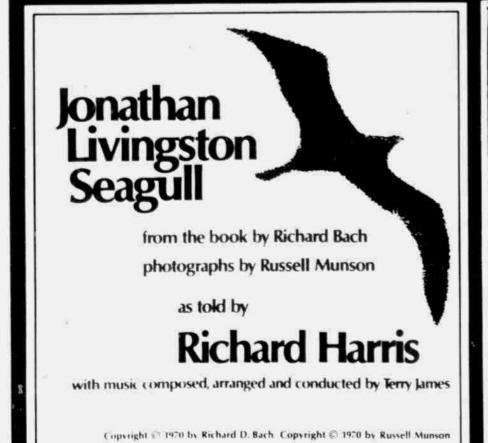
One casualty that the Utes incurred from the game was that Jay Bruce decided to quit, apparently because the sport is too physically demanding.

Coach Jim Rasmussen was unable to attend the first part of the game due to illness so Steve Elsnab had to assume the

enemy hands, and there were coaching duties. Following the score wasn't a true indication of Despite their offense, defense how the two teams are matched since the Y's team has been playing together for three weeks and has already played in three games, whereas "our team has been able to play together only a few days because school just started.'

> Steve felt that in three to four weeks the University will have a reputable water polo team because they will be in better shape and will be able to work more effectively as a unit.

Despite Thursday night's loss there is still good reason to be optimistic about the University's water polo prospects, as the team's potential is quite high and with more workouts and experience under their belts they could indeed be contenders for the NCAA District 7 water polo championships held towards the end of November.



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