

Undercover Beavers at the Rose Bowl



My Oklahoma Sooner neighbor and I decided after a significant amount of Coors Lights on New Year's Eve to take our youngest sons to the Rose Bowl. "We are taking them to see a great football game" we told our spouses and covertly we rolled up from North County San Diego in undercover fan gear to watch Oregon and Ohio State battle. Our boys did a pretty good job holding back their fan support except for a few strategic moments:

The Rose Bowl is Outstanding:

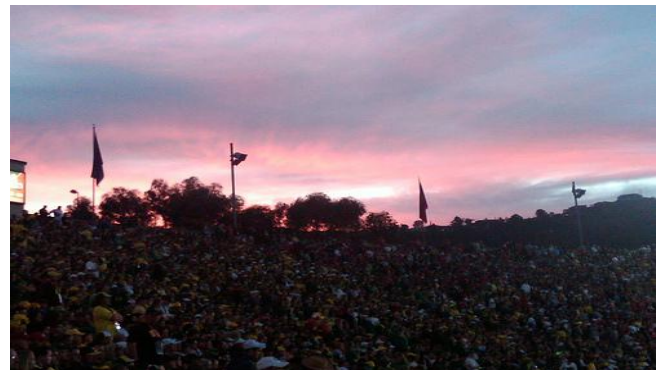
The term "granddaddy of them all" is for real. We / Beaver Nation need to get here. For any of you who have attended a UCLA / OSU game at the Rose Bowl, its not even close to the same. It goes on forever; it was an endless sea of Duck and Buckeye colors and people. I did go by the winner's plaques and it has been a long time since we have represented. The 2011 spot is ready for OSU.



Duck Fan showed up in force:

I will give it to Duck fan, you packed it out. There is nothing shy about you and your outfits: Duck flag capes, face paint, grass skirts with coconut bras, super heroes, green ninjas you name it, and that was the just the guys.

By surprise due to our last minute purchased seats we were surrounded by 50,000 ducks. We are pretty sure we found the Duck Supreme Commander in the crowd, this guy was serious, and the big duck tattoos on his arms, they don't wash off on Monday.



Ohio State Proved "they have been there before"

tOSU exuded BCS, it was clear their fans have been doing this for generations; it was like old rich Buckeyes versus the new rich Ducks. The heavy Duck crowd prior to kickoff seemed to disappear as the game went on, in the second half the stadium was more and more tOSU. The flashbulbs from Big Ten side were constant, adding a final insult the sunset showed up scarlet and gray. Everyone talks about how to stop UofO, the Buckeyes did it. Defensive pressure up the middle and ball control offense works.... You could tell it was not going well when Duck fans were complaining about how boring the Ohio State's offense was.

We made a dash to the car, a Beaver and Sooner with their boys. We continued to remind our happy boys to show respect for a Pac-10 champ Duck team and their fans, as they had done throughout the day.

I must confess I couldn't resist a little smack as we walked out with the crowd.

This was the button on the back of my hat.

