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Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota calls the play prior to snapping the ball. No. 2 Oregon played No. 7 Michigan State at Autzen Stadium in Eugene, Oregon on September 6, 2014.

HERE'S HOW OREGON AND WYOMING STACK UP

It seems like a tough act to follow, but ask anyone from players to coaches about the turnover from a top-ten matchup to a game against Wyoming and the same answer resonates. No disrespect toward Wyoming, but the national exposure following this game won't quite be comparable. Nevertheless, Oregon will conclude its non-conference schedule Saturday with an early morning kickoff at 11 a.m., before beginning Pac-12 play.

OFFENSE:

Oregon: Marcus Mariota is proving to be everything that he was predicted to be early in the year. He now has a marquee win next to his name and he should continue to scorch the opposing defense with a combination of instinct and ability. That's not a question.

What will be worth watching, however, is how the offensive line operates with the presumed addition of Tyrell Crosby. Crosby played well by all accounts last Saturday and we can assume he will get the first start of his career on Saturday, but it will still be something that coaches will most likely key on. Elsewhere, Oregon is simply more athletic than Wyoming's defense and it will come down to how the game plan is executed.

Wyoming: The last time Wyoming's head coach,

Craig Bohl, lost a game was in November of 2011. The ex-North Dakota State head coach has a longer winning streak in charge of a program than Mark Helfrich has as a head coach period. The three-time national champion at the FCS level has a different challenge though at Wyoming and against an Oregon defensive line that overmatches the Cowboys' offensive front.

While at NDSU, Bohl was known for a powerful downhill rushing attack that included two running backs who ran for over 1,300 yards in 2013. He is now in the beginning stages of implementing that same type of system at Wyoming, but it will obviously come in stride. The offense has scored just 17 points per game in its first two contests of the season, but its leading rusher, Shaun Wick, is averaging nearly five yards per carry.

Advantage: Oregon

DEFENSE:

Oregon: The way Wyoming's offense works, Oregon's defense could be in line for a heavily productive day. Considering how well they were able to stop the Spartans' rushing attack in the second half, it would seem logical to think some things are starting to fall into place up front and in

the trenches, which could lead to positive results on Saturday.

The linebacking corps, now including Joe Walker, was a huge bright spot last week and provided a level of play that hadn't been seen in the week prior. Now with an opponent like Wyoming, it seems like everything as far as size and ability goes sways in their favor.

Wyoming: Wyoming allowed just 12 and 13 points, respectively, in its first two games. However those two defensive showings didn't do anything to suggest they were ready for this "blur-offense" that they'll find themselves up against this weekend. Wyoming has experience, but as Bohl noted in his teleconference Monday, the key to the game for the Cowboys' defense will involve everyone on defense getting to the ball.

"I think it's unrealistic to think that we'll go into the game and have on point one-on-one tackles being made," Bohl said. "We got to make sure our pursuit angles are set."

Advantage: Oregon

BY JUSTIN WISE, @JWISE25

OREGON VS WYOMING MATCHUP AND PLAYERS TO WATCH

A matchup against Wyoming (2-0) doesn't quite intrigue Oregon fans when it comes to football these days, let alone after a win over No. 7 Michigan State. But a game is still a game and even though Wyoming isn't going to threaten any chance at No. 2 Oregon (2-0) making the playoffs, the Ducks still need to execute.

OREGON'S DEFENSE VS. WYOMING'S OFFENSE:

In the season opener Oregon gave up 13 points during its blowout over South Dakota State, which isn't terrible by any means. But with the Wyoming Cowboys soon to be in town, the Ducks need to keep them in check. As a team that has only scored 34 points in its two games this season against Montana and Air Force it seems that Oregon's defense should be able to keep the Cowboys off the scoreboard.

But Oregon's defense allowed 19 first downs against South Dakota State including two in the Coyotes' first drive and five in the first quarter for a total of 11 in the first half. At that point, the Oregon defense was no longer filled with the starters with the score 41-13 at the half.

To the Ducks' credit, they held the

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It will be important for the Ducks to have dominance on both sides of the ball

Coyotes scoreless in the second half and kept a No. 7 Michigan State team in check. But it will be important for the Ducks to have dominance on both sides of the ball.

OREGON NEEDS TO FINE TUNE BEFORE PAC-12 PLAY

Even though Oregon's first Pac-12 opponent is Washington State, the Ducks should still try to get as ready as they can for conference play. Last season the Ducks lost their final two conference road-games (Stanford, Arizona) and winning on the road this season against teams like UCLA and Oregon State will be critical for the Ducks' success this season.

FRESHMEN CONTINUE TO STAND OUT

With redshirt junior Tyler Johnstone out for the season after re-tearing his right ACL and Andre Yruretagoyena out from an injury during the Michigan State game, Tyrell Crosby was called upon to hold the line against a tough Michigan State defense. And he did exactly that.

“Nothing phases him,” said offensive

line coach Steve Greatwood. “I thought he did very well. For a true freshman to go in there in that situation and perform against a caliber of opponent that he did, I was very pleased with his performance.”

After 73 impressive minutes against Michigan State the true freshman from Henderson, Nevada will be with the starting O-line against Wyoming.

Redshirt freshman Devon Allen and true freshman Royce Freeman scored four of the six touchdowns against Michigan State, two apiece. Allen is stepping up for the major target Heisman candidate Marcus Mariota, in a position that is missing key receiver Bralon Addison.

Freeman, on the other hand, is earning playing time with Thomas Tyner, Byron Marshall tandem. Freeman, who stands 6-feet, 229-pounds, has been as advertised out of Imperial High School.

Freeman has racked up 164 yards along with four touchdowns on just 23 carries so far this season.

BY ANDREW BANTLY, @ABANT3



Oregon offensive lineman Tyrell Crosby congratulates wide receiver Devon Allen on his touchdown.

“WYOMING IS 2-0, WINNING TWO TIGHT GAMES AND REMAINING MENTALLY TOUGH. MARK HELFRICH, PREPARE TO BE OUTCOACHED!”

WHY WYOMING WILL BEAT OREGON

EDITOR'S NOTE: EACH WEEK DURING FOOTBALL SEASON, WE FEATURE AN ESSAY FROM THE OPPONENT'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER ON WHY OREGON WILL LOSE. THIS WEEK'S EDITION IS FROM **MATTHEW FABIAN**, A FOOTBALL REPORTER AT THE BRANDING IRON.

Quack, quack mofos. I hope the Ducks are ready for the Wyoming Cowboys to roll into Eugene on Saturday. Could I get an order of the upset special, PLEASE? Sure, the spread is 43.5 points in the Ducks favor, but throw it out the window! Autzen Stadium will be left stunned after the Cowboys pull out a 28-20 win. Duck fans will return home and smoke their skunk-weed to get over that “toothache” and the pain left by the running back duo Shaun Wick and D.J. May, otherwise known as the “Cowboy Ambush.” Why am I so confident? Here's why!

1.) Every Oregon football player was suspended for one game after AD Rob Mullens discovered a strange underground ferret fighting club going on in the training facility. The Ducks are now forced to turn to the reigning intramural flag football champions “Boatz-n-Hoes” to play this Saturday.

Only kidding, but that would be awesome.

2.) Wyoming has the superior coaching staff.

Time to be serious, but it's true Oregon. Wyoming head coach Craig Bohl is not only coming from three straight FCS National Titles but he has also completely rebuilt the Cowboy football program. The team seems to have bought in after nine months of working under the coach and the results have shown.

Wyoming is 2-0, winning two tight games and remaining mentally tough. Mark Helfrich, prepare to be outcoached!

3.) This is a classic trap-game.

Coming from the best performance of any college football team this season vs. Michigan State, Oregon is going to play uninspired football against the Cowboys. The Ducks will saunter out and expect to win simply by showing up. HA! I remember the last time that happened a little guy named Rocky was fighting the monster Apollo Creed. (Thinking....) CRAP, you're right Creed did win. But only by decision. Besides I'm sure Rocky won at some point in Rocky II, Rocky III, Rocky IV, Rocky V, Rock... what the hell, how many of those did they make?

4.) Wyoming's defense is better trained and has the better stamina.

Practicing and training at 7220 feet can do wonders just ask the Olympic athletes that train in Colorado Springs at a similar elevation. When Oregon attempts to pick up the pace and run down the Cowboys, it won't work. Wyoming can keep up even for over 100 plays and Marcus Mariota might be surprised at how quickly the defense can get into the backfield. If Wyoming can sustain pressure all day, there might be a real chance the Cowboys escape Oregon at 3-0.

Also, the Cowboys defense, and offense for that matter, will not beat themselves. Wyoming has committed three penalties in the first two games of the season. THREE. Goes to show how Bohl has cemented his ways in the program.

If Oregon plans on winning, they will have to make plays. They can't rely on the Cowboys breaking down mentally or physically.

If you put a gun to my head, I would probably say that Wyoming won't even cover the 43.5 point spread. If the Cowboys do win the game, expect Laramie to wipe itself off the map with flowing streets of beer and gun shots going off every .35 seconds.

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Being a walk-on you don't necessarily expect to be in this situation, but I'm here.”

AIDAN SCHNEIDER place kicker.



Oregon kicker Aidan Schneider started at the South Dakota Coyotes game on August 30.

OREGON HAS HIGH HOPES FOR WALK-ON PLACE KICKER AIDAN SCHNEIDER

Aidan Schneider wasn't the biggest football fan growing up and didn't start his football career until he was a junior at Grant High School in Portland, Oregon. Schneider, who had been a soccer standout out his entire life, first joined his high school team as an upperclassman and eventually molded into its top place kicker.

Now, as a walk-on place kicker at Oregon, Schneider is looking to help the No. 2 ranked Ducks in any way he can.

“Being a walk-on you don't necessarily expect to be in this situation, but I'm here.”

Schneider first came into the kicking scene after attending the well-known Chris Sailer Kicking Camp prior to coming to Oregon. The camp, which has locations all across the country, has ties with every Division I college team as well as Nike, ESPN, Rivals.

com and Scout is accredited as the premier camp for the top kickers and long snappers in the country. The multitude of NFL players will attest to this.

Schneider, who had only played a couple years, was not only invited to the camp – his first ever – but he also won the overall kick-off competition in front of scouts and coaches. He was then invited to a number of other Chris Sailer camps and even finished third in the kick-off competition in Las Vegas last January.

“The first kicking camp I ever went to was the Chris Sailer camp here last year and I won the kick-off competition there,” Schneider said. “I kicked with friends when I was in middle school, just kind of messing around, but I didn't really anticipate going where it did.”

Determination is the word that best describes Schneider. Coaches and players have been impressed with how far and quickly Schneider has come into the football scene – having only played a few years – and it's his work ethic that has carried him this far.

“It's been amazing for a guy that hasn't played football but for a year,” special teams coordinator Tom Osborne said. “His improvement at camp and technique were mind boggling.”

Schneider's receptive and hard-working nature has helped separate him from others.

“It just speaks to his commitment to being the best,” Grant high school coach Diallo Lewis said.

“He's a guy that would come kick and spend a lot of time on his own, just finding ways and time to get better.”

In their season opener against South Dakota, Schneider made his first collegiate appearance and went 6-for-7 on extra points. While Schneider hasn't kicked a field goal since, he is continually competing for playing time.

“It was definitely good to be out on the field and getting the first game out of the way,” Schneider said. “Everything has been good and I'm really liking what I'm doing.”

However, the mere fact that Schneider is in discussion alongside the former No. 2 high school kicker Matt Wogan for the starting job is an attribution to how far he has come in such a short amount of time.

Schneider may be listed as a walk-on for now, but that could change at any moment based on recent track record.

“His upside is off the charts,” Osborne said. “He was at our camp before his senior year and noticed this guy could be a great walk-on. With a little bit of time, he can be a really, really good player.”

BY HAYDEN KIM, @HAYDAYKIM



Oregon defensive lineman Arik Armstead screams toward the fans after tackling a Michigan State player.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR A PERFECT SATURDAY

After last week's thrilling games wowed the crowds and shocked people around the nation, the third week of the college football season looks to be just as exciting.

The headliner of the week is an SEC top-25 showdown between Georgia and South Carolina, but it might not prove to be the best game of the weekend.

Here's a look at the top games to watch this weekend so get ready to sit back, relax and enjoy some good old fashioned college football

MORNING:

Virginia vs. No. 21 Louisville (9:30 a.m.): A first look at the teams and one would automatically think Louisville should win this game and win it easily, but hold your horses on that. Louisville has yet to play a tough opponent since the departure of record-setting quarterback Teddy Bridgewater to the NFL, so taking a solid Cavalier squad at home could spell disaster. It should also be noted that Virginia took No. 12 UCLA to the wire in its first game of the year and if not for three defensive touchdowns by the Bruins, Virginia would've scored the first major upset of the year.

AFTERNOON:

No. 2 Oregon vs. Wyoming (11 a.m.): Realistically this game will turn out to be another Oregon blowout when it's all said and done but the questions is how long will it take the Ducks to get going after last week's come-from-behind victory over then No. 7 Michigan State.

UC Davis vs. Colorado State (12 p.m.): If the other afternoon games are both on commercial, it might be worth checking out UC Davis and starting safety Charles Boyett. Boyett is the younger brother of former Oregon star safety John Boyett and is being mentioned as

having all-American like skills.

No. 24 South Carolina vs. No. 6 Georgia (12:30 p.m.): Both of these teams began the season with the same aspirations but only one of them is currently in the process of achieving those goals. Georgia opened the season by dismantling No. 16 Clemson and running back Todd Gurley announced himself to the nation as the best running back and Heisman hopeful in college football. Meanwhile, South Carolina began the season by getting pounded by No. 7 Texas A&M and are looking to make up some ground in the race for the four college football playoff spots.

EVENING:

No. 12 UCLA vs. Texas (5 p.m.): This is a game featuring two teams that both need a convincing win. The Bruins have yet to put a full game together with the season shining in the first game (see above) and the offense finding its rhythm in the second game. The other side will feature a Longhorns team that was beat on it's own home field by 34 points against an unranked BYU squad. It's not the way new Texas head coach Charlie Strong wanted to start his tenure as head coach but a win over UCLA at the Rose Bowl can make everything better.

Boston College vs. No. 9 USC (5 p.m.): The Trojans, coming from a highly emotional victory over No. 15 Stanford, must now travel across the country to face a Boston College team that is more than capable of taking down a ranked team on its home field. If USC starts slow and is jet-lagged, look for the Eagles to fly high for the win.

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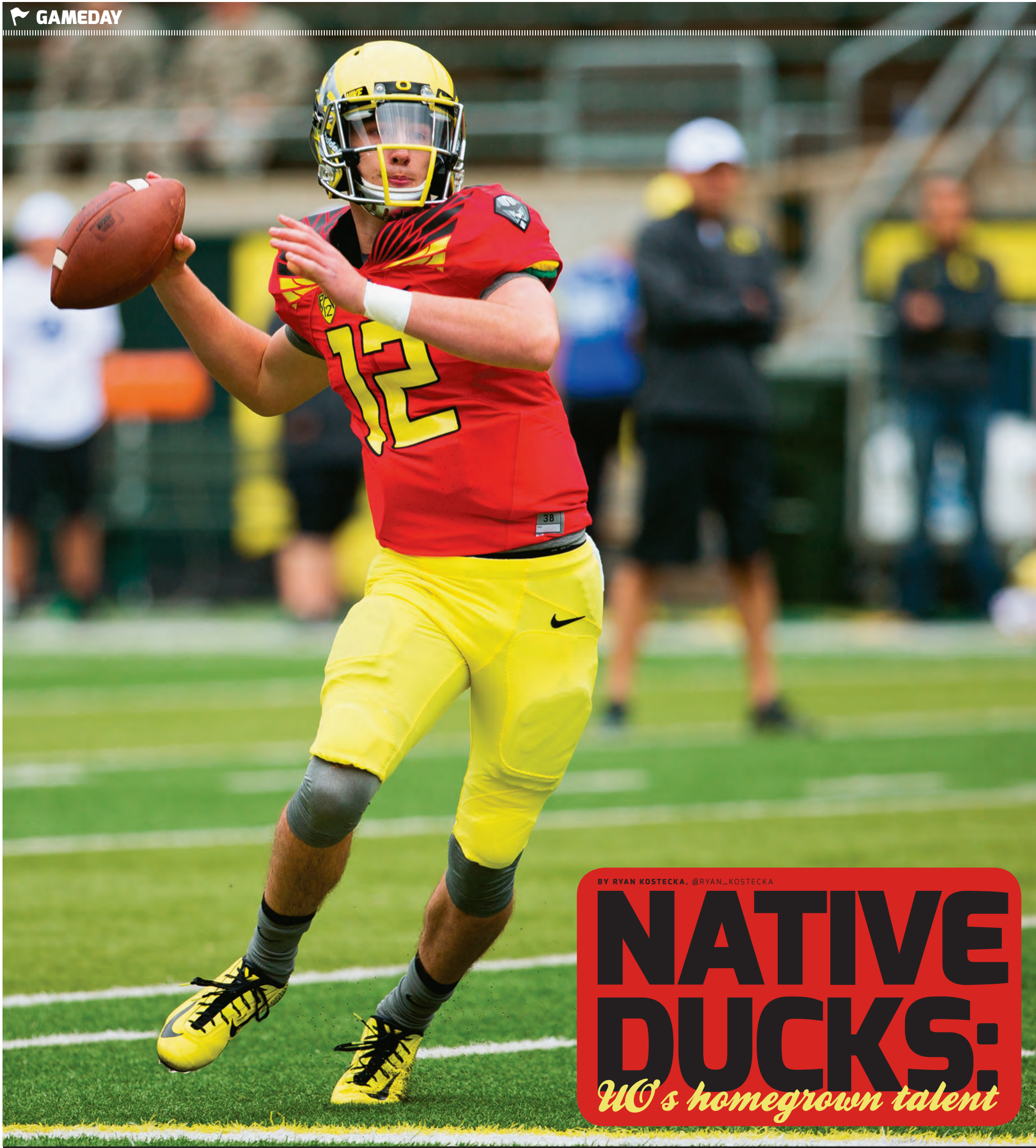
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NATIVE DUCKS:

UC's homegrown talent

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s Taylor Alie took a knee to seal Sheldon High School's 13-6 victory in the 2012 state championship game, one chapter of his life was ending while the next was just about to begin.

Fast forward 21 months and Alie is currently in the middle of that next chapter, playing at Autzen Stadium on Saturday, while donning the green and yellow and living the "opportunity of a lifetime."

While the opportunity to play for your hometown college may seem like it can happen once in a blue moon, the same story is currently being written by Ivan Faulhaber and Tanner Davies, star players on the 2012 Sheldon state championship team and current members of the Oregon Ducks.

Together, these three players make up the only athletes on Oregon's 115 man roster to come from Sheldon High School, and most importantly, the city of Eugene.

"It's awesome that all three kids came from the same school, but it is more of a testament to them individually that they are a part of the Oregon program," Sheldon High School varsity football coach Lane Johnson said.

While they all share similar stories on how their paths resulted in coming to play for the Ducks, who they are and what positions they play couldn't be more different.

Alie was the star of the Sheldon football team, named first-team all-state quarterback in 2012 and MVP of the state championship game. Faulhaber was the two-way stud on the same team, playing linebacker and slot receiver while known as the "toughest" guy on the team. Davies was the youngest of the group, being only a junior in 2012, but like Faulhaber, was a second-team all-state selection for the Irish.

"All three players are awesome kids in their own right. They paid their dues in our football program and are now paying their dues in Oregon's," Johnson said. "Taylor and Tanner are both pretty quiet kids (in a good way) while Ivan is very outgoing. All three are extremely hard workers both on and off of the field."

One would think that coming from the same high school to play college football for the nationally-ranked hometown team, that these three players would all be extremely close, but that's not necessarily the case. Sure, the players all see each other and hang out from time-to-time, but their plans on playing college football never really happened till the end of their respective senior seasons.

Alie was the first player to receive an offer from Oregon and once it came in the fall of 2012, he accepted without hesitation and knew his future was clear.

"When I was little, I would always be at Autzen, but I never really thought of myself coming here and playing for Oregon," the redshirt freshman quarterback Alie said. "Late playoffs during my senior year is when I got a letter from Oregon and I knew this was an opportunity of a lifetime, so I took it."

Faulhaber was the next person to be given a preferred walk-on spot on the team, his opportunity coming in the spring of 2013, and immediately committed to playing for the Ducks.

Oregon quarterback Taylor Alie looks for a receiver down the field. Oregon played a spring game at Autzen Stadium in Eugene, Oregon on May 3, 2014.

"I didn't really know what I wanted to do when I was younger - football was always going to be one of my options, so I was just going to let my athleticism kind of take me wherever," redshirt freshman Faulhaber said. "Once the option to come here opened up, I took it right away because I knew there was no place better."

On the other hand, Davies had to wait an entire year before he knew he would be playing for the Ducks, but once the opportunity arose, he too, knew that he had to take it and make his dream a reality.

"Growing up, my parents have had season tickets for the past 20 years, so for me, being able to run out of that tunnel (at Autzen) and onto the field, it's an incredible feeling," Davies said. "Ever since I was kid I've always said that if I ever got a chance to play for Oregon, I was going to take it, so I did."

One of the bigger things Johnson has realized, yet the boys haven't, is how much of role models they are to the community of Eugene.

The city itself has six high schools and combined with neighboring Springfield, there are eight schools all within 15 miles of the university. The fact that only three players from those high schools currently play for the Ducks makes it all the more remarkable.

"It's pretty cool to play with them (Alie and Faulhaber) since we won the state championship together," Davies said. "It's even cooler knowing we come from Eugene and are the only ones on the team from this city, so there's an added sense of pride with that."

When playing for a nationally-ranked team, there is pressure to succeed. When playing on a nationally-ranked team in your hometown, the pressure to succeed doubles and is something that all three players have had to deal with. While not being listed on the two-deep at any position on the depth chart, their willingness to keep battling and fighting is what the community sees and what inspires the youth of Eugene/Springfield to strive for better.

"I know the kids in our football program respect what these guys are doing," Johnson said. "The three boys loved playing Sheldon football and it's neat to me that they are continuing to play in college."

In the past 10 years, only 11 players who have suited up for Oregon have been from the Eugene/Springfield area, but none have been able to make a significant impact on the team when it comes to game days. That can all change with the play of Alie, Faulhaber and Davies.

Alie has received raves from the coaches for his performance in the 2014 spring game and is listed as the team's third-string quarterback and placeholder. In the first game of this year, he took the snap on a two-point conversion and bulldozed his way into the endzone for his first career points, a moment he said he'll never forget.

"I was just going through my read and when I saw that they left three guys in the box, I was like 'I'm going to score,'" Alie said. "It was so cool because my dad was freaking out afterwards, so excited, yet my mom was a little nervous because I got hit by some big guys - she's still recovering."

On the other hand, Faulhaber has had an entire year to get acclimated to the speed of the college game and now that he is eligible to play and see time on the field, he has made the most of his opportunities and has received praises from the coaches. He was named as scout team player of the week for the first week of the season after

helping Oregon get prepared for South Dakota in the season opener.

Davies is the baby of the bunch, still trying to get his feet under him and adjust to all the different schemes that comes with playing high-end college football, but after being named to the all-state team the past two years, his ceiling is just as high as any of the other players.

In the end though, it's not about the glory of playing for Oregon that inspires the boys. It's about helping a team achieve a common goal and this year, that goal is a national championship.

"There's a definite sense of doing it for the community and being successful for them, but we all do it for the guy to the left of us and the guy to the right of us," Faulhaber said.

But even if the Ducks do come up a little short of their aspirations, Alie, Faulhaber and Davies will always be deemed a success for taking the road less traveled by others and inspiring a community while doing so.

"THERE'S A DEFINITE SENSE OF DOING IT FOR THE COMMUNITY AND BEING SUCCESSFUL FOR THEM, BUT WE ALL DO IT FOR THE GUY TO THE LEFT OF US AND THE GUY TO THE RIGHT OF US."

IVAN FAULHABER *UO* linebacker and Eugene native

OREGON

1 CHANCE ALLEN	WR	6-2	200	RSO.
1 ARRION SPRINGS	DB	5-11	203	FR.
2 TYREE ROBINSON	DB	6-4	200	RFR.
3 TY GRIFFIN	QB	6-0	191	RFR.
3 DIOR MATHIS	DB	5-9	179	RSR.
4 ERICK DARGAN	DB	5-11	210	RSR.
5 ISSAC DIXON	DB	5-11	197	RJR.
6 DOMINIQUE HARRISON	DB	5-11	175	JR.
6 CHARLES NELSON	WR	5-9	170	FR.
7 KEANON LOWE	WR	5-9	186	RSR.
8 REGGIE DANIELS	DB	6-1	205	RSO.
8 MARCUS MARIOTA	QB	6-4	219	RJR.
9 ARIK ARMSTEAD	DL	6-8	290	JR.
9 BYRON MARSHALL	RB	5-10	205	JR.
10 JOHNATHAN LOYD	WR	5-8	165	RSR.
11 BRALON ADDISON	WR	5-10	190	JR.
11 JUSTIN HOLLINS	LB	6-6	220	FR.
12 TAYLOR ALIE	QB	6-0	175	RFR.
12 CHRIS SEISAY	DB	6-1	187	RFR.
13 DEVON ALLEN	WR	6-0	185	RFR.
13 TROY HILL	DB	5-11	175	RSR.
14 IFO EKPPE-OLOMU	DB	5-10	195	SR.
15 JALEN BROWN	WR	6-1	188	FR.
16 MORGAN MAHALAK	QB	6-3	195	FR.
17 JEFF LOCKIE	QB	6-2	200	RSO.
17 JUWAAN WILLIAMS	DB	6-0	190	RFR.
18 JIMMIE SWAIN	LB	6-3	225	FR.
19 AUSTIN DAICH	WR	6-3	200	RSO.
20 TONY JAMES	RB	5-9	180	FR.
21 ROYCE FREEMAN	RB	6-0	229	FR.
21 MATTRELL MCGRAW	DB	5-10	180	FR.
22 DERRICK MALONE JR.	LB	6-2	220	RSR.
23 B.J. KELLEY	WR	6-2	185	RJR.
24 THOMAS TYNER	RB	5-11	215	SO.
25 GLEN IHENACHO	DB	5-11	185	FR.
26 CASEY EUGENIO	RB	5-8	176	FR.
26 KHALIL OLIVER	DB	6-1	197	FR.
27 JEFF BIEBER	WR	6-2	178	FR.
27 JOHNNY RAGIN III	LB	6-3	225	SO.
29 STEPHEN AMOAKO	DB	5-11	185	RSO.
30 AYELE FORDE	RB	5-7	181	RSR.
31 KENNY BASSETT	RB	5-9	185	RSR.
32 EDDIE HEARD	LB	6-3	245	SO.
33 TYSON COLEMAN	LB	6-1	235	RJR.
34 LANE ROSEBERRY	RB	6-1	233	RSO.
35 JOE WALKER	LB	6-2	240	JR.
36 KANI BENOIT	RB	6-0	205	RFR.
36 DEVIN MELENDEZ	LS	6-2	205	FR.
37 J.J. JONES	RB	5-9	170	RSO.
37 MICHAEL MANNS	DB	5-11	172	RSO.
38 MIKE GARRITY	LB	6-1	235	RSR.
38 IAN WHEELER	P	6-0	200	RFR.
39 TANNER CAREW	LS	6-1	200	FR.
40 JESSE KELLY	PK	6-0	168	FR.
40 TAYLOR STINSON	TE	6-5	225	FR.
41 JARRET LACOSTE	RB	5-11	199	JR.
41 AIDAN SCHNEIDER	PK	6-4	240	FR.
42 CODY CARRIGER	LB	6-6	240	RSO.
43 BRONSON YIM	DB	5-10	185	RJR.
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46 DANNY MATTINGLY	LB	6-5	235	RFR.
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49 MATT WOGAN	PK	6-2	210	SO.
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53 CONNOR JOHNSON	LS	6-3	222	RFR.
54 HAMANI STEVENS	OL	6-3	307	RSR.
55 HRONISS GRASU	OL	6-3	297	RSR.
55 TUI TALIA	DL	6-5	285	JR.
56 ALEX BALDUCCI	DL	6-4	310	JR.
57 DOUG BRENNER	OL	6-2	305	RFR.
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59 GRANT THOMPSON	LB	5-11	230	RSR.
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62 MATT PIERSON	OL	6-6	285	RJR.
63 DAVIS MIYASHIRO	OL	6-2	300	FR.
64 TYLER JOHNSTONE	OL	6-6	289	RJR.
67 TANNER DAVIES	OL	6-3	294	FR.
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79 EVAN VOELLER	OL	6-5	295	RFR.
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81 EVAN BAYLIS	TE	6-6	250	RSO.
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83 JOHNNY MUNDT	TE	6-4	250	SO.
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85 PHARAOH BROWN	TE	6-6	250	JR.
86 TORRODNEY PREVOT	LB	6-3	222	SO.
87 DARREN CARRINGTON	WR	6-2	191	RFR.
88 DWAYNE STANFORD	WR	6-5	201	RSO.
89 CHRIS TEWHILL	WR	5-8	180	RSO.
90 JAKE MCCREATH	TE	6-3	242	RSO.
91 TONY WASHINGTON	LB	6-3	250	RSR.
92 HENRY MONDEAUX	DL	6-5	256	FR.
93 ALEC EICKERT	PK	5-10	175	JR.
93 JASON SLOAN	DL	6-3	210	RFR.
94 JONATHAN KENION	DL	6-2	275	RFR.
95 SPENCER STARK	DL	6-2	270	FR.
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97 JALEN JELKS	DL	6-6	268	FR.
98 JORDAN KURAHARA	DL	6-8	220	FR.
99 SAM KAMP	DL	6-4	290	RJR.

17 CAMERON COFFMAN	QB	6-2	186	SR
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18 XAVIER LEWIS	S	6-0	195	SO
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19 KEENAN MONTGOMERY	WR	6-1	186	SR
20 BLAIR BURNS	CB	5-10	186	SR
21 MARK NZEOCHA	LB	6-3	239	SR
21 SHAUN WICK	RB	5-10	212	JR
22 MARCUS EPPS	S	6-0	190	FR
22 NICO EVANS	RB	5-9	186	FR
23 TIM KAMANA	S	5-11	196	FR
24 OMAR STOVER	RB	5-11	207	SO
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27 OSCAR NEVERMANN	LB	6-1	213	SO
28 NEHEMIE KANKOLONGO	LB	5-11	219	SR
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36 WILLIAM TUTEIN	S	6-2	210	SO
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41 ETHAN WOOD	P	6-3	173	SO
42 RILEY LANGE	DE	6-3	250	SR
43 DEVYN HARRIS	LB	6-3	234	SR
44 PIERCE ROYSTER	PK	5-9	175	FR
45 LUCAS WACHA	LB	6-1	214	SO
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51 TROY BOYLAND	DT	6-2	297	JR
52 SAM HARDY	G	6-3	294	SO
52 WADDIE LOVE	LB	6-1	188	FR
53 ALEX BORGES	LB	6-2	229	SR
55 EDDIE YARBROUGH	DE	6-3	251	JR
57 CHASE APPLEBY	NT	6-0	260	SO
58 TAYLOR KNESTIS	OT	6-5	288	FR
59 RYAN CUMMINGS	OL	6-5	294	FR
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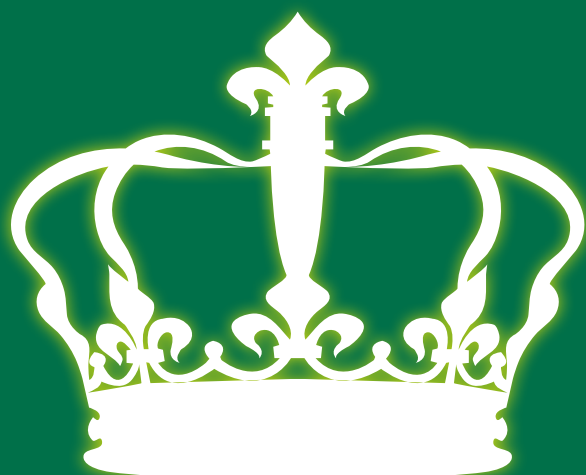
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2 ERIC NZEOCHA	TE	6-3	211	SO
3 TREY NORMAN	WR	6-1	175	SR
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4 DEANDRE JONES	CB	6-0	186	SR
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13 TOMMY THORNTON	QB	6-1	205	SO
13 DARRENN WHITE	S	6-0	192	SR
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Q&A: ANNA WAITE DISCUSSES THE PICKUP MARCHING BAND

What you may have noticed in Oregon's first two home games, was that what looked to be the Oregon Marching Band wasn't garnering their normal attire. That's because for the first two weeks of the season, before band camp is officially underway, the Oregon Pickup Marching Band is used. Consisting of current members, alumni and high school students with interest in joining, the pickup marching band performed in both the South Dakota and Michigan State games, as well as ESPN College GameDay.

For the administrative coordinator, Anna Waite, it's something that has provided her constant joy as both a student and in the shoes she is in now. She took the time to speak with the Emerald about what the pickup band truly is and the role they have been able to play for the past several years.

So what is the pickup marching band in a sense?

We do pickup bands for the games that happen at home before band camp starts for the marching band. We start band camp two weeks before classes start so the first time you will see the full band is at the Wyoming game. But even then that's at the

beginning of band camp. The first time you'll see the band rehearsed and have a full halftime show and a full pre-game, that won't be until the first Arizona game.

Of whom does the band consist?

It's made up of whatever current members we have in town. Anyone from the Oregon Alumni Band and we invite high schoolers who are interested in joining one day to try it out. We have a two hour rehearsal before the game, so they quickly learn the national anthem, the fight songs and the Schools Out for Summer for third downs.

Do you ever struggle with getting people to participate?

It's always really popular. We range between 150-200 for those games.

Is the majority current members, or what does the ratio look like?

It depends on the game. The (South Dakota game) was almost half high school students. We really talked a lot about it during the summer camps that we host for high schoolers. So we had a lot of people that attended those camps come. The September 6 game, because ESPN GameDay is coming, we (required) the band to attend a rehearsal Friday afternoon. The majority of the band is current members.

What does the preparation like?

For most games, they are more relaxed. The rehearsal itself is quick paced, but we're not nit-picky as we might be with the full band.

What's your overall opinion of it?

I'm the administrative coordinator and this is my second season in my position, but I was in the band when I was a student for four years, and it's a blast. Like both on the administrative side and as a member. It's really cool to have high schoolers come in and get to experience something as cool as what you get to do all the time. It's a lot of fun.



The Duck rides on the back of the iconic motorcycle onto the field minutes before kickoff.

PAC-12 ROUNDTABLE: TWO WEEKS IN AND PLENTY TO TALK ABOUT

With just two weeks into the college football season, a variety of predictions have either been correct or completely wrong, and a list full of surprising teams and players have emerged. It's nothing out of the ordinary, but following some of the bigger headlines in the Pac-12, staff reporter Ryan Kostecka, associate sports editor Hayden Kim and sports editor Justin Wise answered a roundtable of questions leading up to week 3 of the season.

Upon further review, with UCLA's early struggles and USC's burst into the AP top 25, who do you predict will win the Pac-12 South?

Kim – I fully expect the Trojans to finish atop the Pac-12 South. It is apparent – even after two games – that the Bruins aren't a top 10 team in the nation. On the other hand, the Trojans are. Not going to go as far as saying the Bruins won't be in the mix, but it's going to be the Trojans' game to lose.

Kostecka – Conventional wisdom says go with the Trojans because they're the hotter team and ranked higher, but my gut says stick with experience and that's where the Bruins have the advantage.

Wise – Between UCLA, USC and Arizona State, it's anyone's to win at this point. UCLA is considerably worse than what they were expected to be, USC is a

top-ten team with several weaknesses and Arizona State's quarterback looks as good as ever. With all that said, I'll go with USC based upon the talent and the presumption that its depth won't be an issue.

Is there a particular team that has caught your eye in the Pac-12?

Kim – Not that it wasn't already expected, but the Trojans have caught my eye from the standpoint that they have the potential to be the second best team in the Pac-12. While their early season struggles showed against Stanford this past weekend, the Trojans appear to have talent on both sides of the ball. If they can clean some of the mess up seen against the Cardinal, the Trojans will be the team to beat aside from the Ducks.

Kostecka – Washington has really caught my eye, and not for the better. I knew USC would be good so that's not surprising but what surprises me is how bad Washington is, especially under Chris Petersen. Petersen's teams are known for being technically sound and cool under pressure but sloppy performances against Hawaii and FCS-power Eastern Washington have led to undisciplined play and emotional outbursts on the sidelines.

Wise – Stanford turned into one of the uglier performances we've seen since Jim Harbaugh took

over as head coach. That definitely caught my eye. It now turns into a question of whether this team is an outlier from the previous Harbaugh/David Shaw teams or is just a game that was out of character. They don't have a go to running back and Kevin Hogan looked pedestrian throughout, creating a ton of questions that haven't typically been associated with them.

For Oregon, what are your expectations heading into this week. Predictions, why?

Kim – Oregon will steadily handle Wyoming this upcoming Saturday. It will be intriguing to see former North Dakota State coach Craig Bohl scheme against Mark Helfrich, but other than that, this should be another day in the park for the Ducks. Score: Oregon 48 Wyoming 17

Kostecka – It won't be pretty in the beginning, but I think the Ducks will fly very high over Wyoming when it's all said and done. Oregon will right the ship starting with the second quarter and cruise to a 59-17 win.

Wise – It'll be over quick, that's the overall assumption. Oregon will jump on them early and by halftime have a comfortable lead. Oregon 55, Wyoming 17.



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Scientists suggest that there is no such thing as a failed experiment, only data to collect. Take this approach as you live your life as a kind of experiment today. You can't go wrong.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Under this fanciful sky, you may find yourself imagining you are the protagonist in a drama. If so, try switching genres. This day has quite a lot of comedy in it when you're willing to see it that way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Resuming your role as a champion of the underdog, you'll cheer for the hopeless, fight for the little guy and play for the side with the worst odds. Noble? Yes. But you also might be doing it because it's just more fun.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What about asking for help? Ask a stranger, ask a friend, ask your mom. You haven't been doing this lately, and it's about time you tried it out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Leaves might change, but change doesn't leave. That's why you're now refusing to get too comfortable as you extend your mind out to the many possibilities that could happen next.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Keeping your nose to the grindstone is one way of reaching a goal, if you're willing to come out of it without a nose. Take breaks. Talk to people. Relax the pace. It will all get done in time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You have an uncanny knack for nipping conflict in the bud. You'll perceive tension and defuse the energy between people before things develop into a full-blown incident. You'll be a true peacemaker today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've been

working on their stuff, and now it's time to push your own personal agenda forward. This will require you to establish new boundaries and a pattern, too. Quick, light and firm is the way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Relationship work is pressing. You're thinking that you can control this, but that's not going to happen. For now, don't attach many conditions to your love, and you will find happiness with the love you get.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Dear mountain climber of the zodiac: Life will only send you the challenges you can handle, so the big challenges are really a compliment from life and a testament to your competency.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's been said that each man is his own worst enemy, and that is definitely the case today, because everyone else seems to be on your side. Don't worry -- you'll get there, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Though you find it easy to be emotionally close to others, you may find yourself backing off a bit now, doubtful of on whom you can actually depend. If this leads to greater self-sufficiency, all the better.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 11). Your reputation brings new business in September. Streamline your daily tasks, and life gets a whole lot easier in October (and your health bumps up to a new level then, too). You'll be imitated in November -- how flattering -- and there's a way to make money from this. Trips in December and June are divine. Sagittarius and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 20, 1, 22, 49 and 12. Her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web

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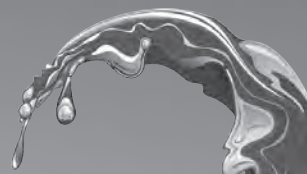
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Oregon linebacker Joe Walker had a breakout performance during the game against Michigan State.



Kim: Joe Walker filling Kiko Alonso's cleats

Michael Clay sent out a tweet following Oregon's 46-27 win over No. 7 Michigan State claiming Joe Walker was the second coming of Kiko Alonso.

The junior linebacker out of Palos Verdes High School, who had started in place of Derrick Malone for matchup purposes, shined against a physical Spartan front seven and finished the game with a team-high nine tackles.

Walker may not realize it, but Alonso's former counterpart was spot on. Whether it be his soft-spoken tone or exploding speed through the gaps, Walker is the closest comparison to the reigning NFL defensive rookie of the year the Ducks have seen as of late. And if used in the right capacity, Walker appears to have the skill set to help Oregon – in spurts – reach the inaugural four-team playoffs.

Walker is a man of few words and his reserved nature is something that hasn't been seen since Alonso's heartfelt speech at the 2012 Rose Bowl. Both

carry this certain level of shyness that isn't often seen in such aggressive players and is a trait that keeps them true to who they are.

Walker still has a long way to go before he can proclaim himself as an NFL prospect, but his breakout performance against the Spartans was one that put him in the spotlight for the time being.

From a schematic standpoint, Walker adds a dimension to the Oregon defense that has been lacking since the departure of Clay and Alonso. Whenever the Ducks needed penetration for a big play, those two were making it.

Watching Walker and Tyson Coleman go at it last game, brought flashes of that duo back into the minds of Duck fans.

Walker was poised at the podium during his post-game speech. Sitting with his big shoulders slightly facing inward – while giving short word responses – Walker gave off an impression that resembled the very shy nature Alonso exhibited during his interviews with Oregon. The two are obviously forces to be reckoned with on the field, but off it, they act like two church boys at a Sunday service.

After coming off the bench for 12 games last

season, Walker got his first real start against the Texans in last year's Alamo Bowl. Now, following his performance against the Spartans, Walker will presumably get more starts, especially versus physical fronts.

Walker possesses this knack for wrecking havoc in the trenches and it is something that cannot be taught. If first year defensive coordinator Don Pellum took anything away from the Michigan State game, it is that Walker can work to his advantage in certain situations better than Derrick Malone. Due to his bigger size, Walker will always have this opportunity.

Walker's future is unclear as of now, but he does hold an upside that could be utilized in key moments. With teams like Stanford and UCLA on the schedule, the Ducks will be needing Walker's services and it may be in their best interest to mix it up with him and Malone.

It was one marquee game for Walker, but sometimes, that's all it takes.

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