



**JACK HUNTER** PHOTOGRAPHER

Lavasier Tuinei has been an important, if unrecognized, cog in the Oregon offense this season. Tuinei, the Ducks' second-leading receiver, has made contributions in the passing game but also boosts the team with his run blocking and fakes through the backfield. This season, Tuinei, a junior college transfer, has totals of 33 catches for 321 yards and two touchdowns.

# HARD-NOSED HERITAGE

For junior receiver Lavasier Tuinei, toughness runs in the family

**LUCAS CLARK**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The No. 1 Oregon Ducks are stationed atop every ranking system in the country, with fans and media alike ogling over the most explosive offense in the land. Darron Thomas has surpassed expectations in his first year as starting quarterback, and LaMichael James is emerging as one of the favorites for the Heisman Trophy.

Certain aspects of the Oregon offense do stay under the radar, however, and such is the case with junior Lavasier Tuinei.

Hailing from Arcadia, Ind., Tuinei has revamped the slot receiver position in the Oregon offense this season with hard-nosed play on the field and a durable training mentality off it. Oregon wide receivers coach Scott Frost, a former defensive back in the National Football League, said that for Tuinei, the battle is won between his ears.

"You know, he's got things bothering him just like everybody else," Frost said. "But LT is one of the toughest kids on our team. He will fight through any of that stuff. That toughness helps him to be a competitor as a pass receiver and a real force as

a blocker."

Standing 6-feet-5 inches tall and generously listed at 206 pounds on the Oregon roster, Tuinei has separated himself as one of the team's most consistent playmakers this season. The junior is the second-leading receiver for the Ducks with 33 catches for 321 yards and two scores, both of which came at crucial points in Oregon wins over Tennessee and USC.

Tuinei's dramatic turnaround in 2010 has not

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## PREVIEW

### FORECAST



65 degrees and sunny

### AT A GLANCE

**Who:** No. 1 Oregon Ducks at California Golden Bears

**Where:** Memorial Stadium, Berkeley, Calif.

**When:** 4:30 p.m. on Versus (3D broadcast also available)

### SUMMARY

Oregon, the nation's No. 1-ranked team in every poll, is 9-0 for the first time in school history and looking for more. The Ducks face a stiff test in the Golden Bears, who lead the Pac-10 in total defense (299.6 yards per game) and are 4-0 at home this season.

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**GAME DAY**

GAME PREVIEW

# Oregon looks to leave Berkeley with rare road win

**Brock Mansion makes his second career start against Ducks**

**ROBERT HUSSEMAN**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The splits are hard for the casual college football fan not to notice.

California is 5-4 on the season, with a 3-3 Pacific-10 Conference record. The Golden Bears return home this week to take on No. 1 Oregon (9-0, 6-0 Pac-10) after beating Washington State, 20-13, in Pullman. That victory pushed Cal's road record on the season to 1-4.

Within the friendly confines of Memorial Stadium, the Bears are rolling. Cal is 4-0, with an average margin of victory of 38.8 points per game. The competition

has been less than impressive — UC-Davis, Colorado, UCLA and Arizona State — but facing Cal in Berkeley remains a difficult test. Oregon is winless in its last three contests there.

The Ducks' coaches are aware of that fact, and of Cal's home dominance this season.

"It's tough to win in Autzen. It's tough to go to Oregon State and win. It's tough to win in the Palouse — although they're down, it's tough to win up there," linebackers coach Don Pelum said. "All home field advantages are tough. If you're a great team, you have to win tough games on the road."

Are the Ducks, college football's nearly-unanimously top-ranked team, a truly special squad? They have entered uncharted territory as a



COURTESY OF ANNA HIATT THE DAILY CAL

California head coach Jeff Tedford will have his hands full planning for Saturday's contest against Oregon. Tedford must ready his team to face the nation's best scoring offense. At least Tedford can take solace in the game's location, Memorial Stadium. The Bears are 4-0 there this season.

program — no Oregon team in 115 years has ever started 9-0 — on the strength of the nation's top offense, in terms of both points (54.7 per game) and yards (567.2 per game).

"They just have so many weapons and they spread you over the field so much and they're so fast," Golden Bears head coach Jeff Tedford said

in a Tuesday press conference. "With the running back that they have, it starts with being able to try to slow the run down. They wear you down. LaMichael James, they play at such a fast tempo and if he finds a crease, he can make such big plays. They make huge plays in the run game."

Cal is no slouch in the running game itself. Junior Shane Vereen, now recast in the feature back role after Jahvid Best left for the NFL, is fourth in the Pac-10 in rushing (98.4 yards per game) with 12 carries for touchdowns this season. Vereen is used in Wildcat packages and can catch the ball from the backfield.

"Now is kind of his time, and he's putting the game on his back a little bit. They're being creative, finding ways to get the ball to him," Pelum said. "The other thing that makes him really tough — he's a hard runner, and he

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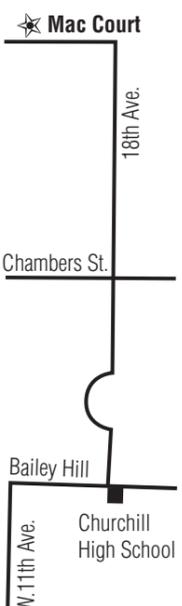
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OREGON NOTES



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Freshman receiver Josh Huff has had an early impact for Oregon this season. Huff makes big plays as a wideout but has also carried the ball seven times for 90 yards and one touchdown on the season. Huff played quarterback, wide receiver, running back and cornerback at Nimitz High School in Houston.

## Ducks use depth to address injury woes

Oregon will use its whole roster to lessen physical toll on players

**PATRICK MALEE**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Just when running back Kenjon Barner returned to the playing field last week, another Oregon Duck went down. This time it was backup quarterback Nate Costa, whose career-ending injury only further signified the fragile nature of a football season.

As the Ducks enter the stretch run of their 2010 schedule, they are well aware that any hope for a national title could go up in flames with one bruising tackle or awkward fall. "That's the way football is," wide receiver Jeff Maehl said. "You know any play can be your last one, so I think guys really realize that, and that just pushes us to work harder."

Indeed, the Ducks will not let the ever-present threat of injury change their style of play. Heading into a difficult road

matchup with California on Saturday, there is no room to be timid.

"Ain't nothing changed," quarterback Darron Thomas said. "Going to come out, do our thing, not really too worried about backing off injuries. If it happens, it happens ... we're going out to play."

Still, Thomas acknowledges that he will need to be more protective of himself as the season winds down.

"I'm trying to slide (when running) any way it goes now,

before Nate was hurt," Thomas said. "Be a little bit more cautious because you know, got a youngster backing you up."

So long as Thomas is able to do that, he will be the only quarterback taking snaps for the rest of the season.

"If No. 1's healthy," head coach Chip Kelly said. "Then we're not going to go past No. 1."

Taking Costa's place as the

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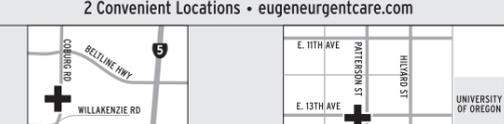
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## CAL NOTES



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Junior Brock Mansion has taken the reins as California's starting quarterback after senior Kevin Riley went out with a season-ending knee injury. Last week, Mansion won his first career start against Washington State.

## Golden Bears attempt to salvage year, earn bowl berth

Cal sits at 5-4 but has a brutal schedule to end conference play

**LUCAS CLARK**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Saturday's matchup with No. 1 Oregon marks the first of three consecutive home games for Cal, which currently sits one win shy of becoming bowl eligible and earning that coveted sixth victory of the season.

The Golden Bears, however, will have to go through top-ranked Oregon and No. 7 Stanford before matching up with a surprisingly strong Washington team in the regular season finale. Luckily, Cal has experienced great success when facing the Ducks recently, having won four of the past six meetings between the two teams, including three straight in Berkeley.

At this point in the season, Cal will be the third consecutive opponent Oregon has faced with a second-string quarterback who has been given major playing time. UCLA's Kevin Prince (knee), Washington's Jake Locker (rib), and now Cal's Kevin Riley (knee), have all passed down starting responsibilities to the No. 2 signal caller on the depth chart, and this week Cal junior Brock Mansion will make his first home start against the Ducks.

The thought of facing the top-ranked team in the country has not phased Mansion.

"There's nothing daunting about it at all," Mansion said in

Cal's weekly press conference. "It's a great opportunity. Everybody on this team is excited. We haven't come out and practiced with this much enthusiasm since probably the first week of fall camp."

The Golden Bears enter the game fresh off a 20-13 win over Washington State in Pullman, which was Mansion's first start this season. In his starting debut Mansion completed 12 of his 24 pass attempts for 171 yards and gave up two interceptions.

The week prior, during a 35-7 loss to Oregon State, Mansion saw extensive action after Riley was sidelined in the opening quarter. He finished that game 14 of 24 for 138 yards.

Oregon head coach Chip Kelly said he's less worried about the quarterback situation and more focused on the weapons he has around him on the offensive side of the ball.

"They've got one of the top running backs in the league in (Shane) Vereen," Kelly said. "They've got some talented wide outs — Marvin Jones, Keenan Allen — it's a good football team, it's going to be a big test for us."

The Golden Bears enter the game with the sixth-ranked scoring offense in the Pac-10 and fifth-ranked rushing attack, largely due to the efforts of Vereen. Now in his junior season and first full year as the starter, Vereen is the fourth best rusher in the conference. The Valencia, Calif., native has totaled 886 yards on 167 carries and 12 touchdowns

in 2010 with his dozen scores ranking second to only Oregon's LaMichael James.

Cal enters the game with a strong defensive presence, which ranks fourth in the league in scoring and third in rush defense. Senior linebacker Mike Mohamed anchors the unit and has been a familiar face around the conference for years.

Mohamed said despite the extra conditioning this week, he still knows Cal will have to play hard for a full 60 minutes in order to compete with the Duck offense.

"We're still not where we want to be, but that's the thing that you see," Mohamed said. "A lot of teams are able to hang with them early and then they just wear them down; guys get tired and they make mental mistakes."

The Golden Bears cannot afford any mental lapses on Saturday as Oregon has proven time and time again mistakes quickly turn into points on the Ducks' side of the score board.

Ninth-year head coach Jeff Tedford understands Cal's chances of winning an offensive shootout are slim, adding pressure to a defense that already has a long day in store.

"I think we need to keep the score low and keep the game close to be there to win the game," Tedford said. "It's got to be a low-scoring game. Not many people have outscored them in the 50s. The key lies in being able to hold them to a manageable number on offense."

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his number is called.

"Bryan, he really, really is a good player," running back LaMichael James said. "I've been saying that since fall camp. I'm sure if something happens to Darron, of course I hope not, I'm sure he'll fulfill everyone's expectations."

It was plain to see, however, that he did not want to see that prediction come to fruition.

"I hope he doesn't have to play," James said with a nervous chuckle.

That sentiment does not ring true for James' own backup. The star is happy to see Barner back on the field and knows that his friend will be there to spell him when he needs a rest.

"Sometimes I get a little tired, a little winded," James said. "(I) need a play off, and it's really good to have Kenjon come in so

we don't miss a beat."

Thomas shares that view and also notices a burst of energy from Barner after he sat out for nearly four weeks.

"I was so happy to see him out there (last Saturday)," Thomas said. "His speed was the thing; he was maybe faster than anybody out there on the field because he'd been rested."

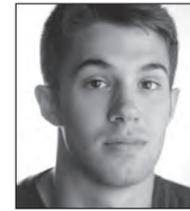
Along with fresh legs, Barner also serves as a distinct reminder of Oregon's depth. The quarterback position may be worn thin after Costa's injury, but the rest of the team remains strong.

"We got a lot of different players on the team that can help out," Thomas said. "We got depth here, all around, so I think we're good."

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# POINTS OF DEBATE

Oregon Daily Emerald sports editor Lucas Clark and Daily Californian assistant sports editor Edward Yevelev exchanged a few thoughts about their respective teams and how the game in Berkeley will unfold on Saturday. Here's what the two had to say:



**LUCAS CLARK**  
OREGON DAILY EMERALD  
SPORTS EDITOR



**EDWARD YEVELEV**  
THE DAILY CAL  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

**Lucas Clark:** For the third straight game the Oregon defense will face a second string quarterback, how capable is Brock Mansion? What type of play should we expect from him?

**Edward Yevelev:** At 6-5, 230, he has all the physical tools to play very well; my fellow football writers and I like to joke that his body (and name) have been crafted by the football quarterback gods. And since he's been here for a while as a junior, I don't think that his performance will be that affected by a lack of knowledge.

To me, it's all mental and situational. Against Washington State, Mansion put up some very nice throws, including a few good deep balls that I didn't know he had in him. But as with any first start, he also made some overthrows and a couple of picks. I think that was all jitters. Making his first home start, he'll have to handle his emotions.

**LC:** Even more importantly, his team has to help put him in good situations. Against Oregon State in particular (and Washington State to an extent), he got stuck with bad field position and a lot of third-and-longs due to bad protection, dropped passes and penalties. His first scoring drive against the Cougars was 95 yards. You and I can both agree that not many of those will work out against Oregon.

**EY:** When you put up this many points, there's going to be a lot of talk — how the offense is gimmicky, etc. Use this opportunity to impart truth and shed myths: What/who is it that makes the Ducks' attack

go? Is it really all that fancy/magical? Is the system more important, or the athletes running it?

**LC:** Oregon's offense is everything it's cracked up to be — believe I've pondered this question since early August. The national media likes to paint it with a lot of bells and whistles, but in reality the offensive scheme is not actually that complex. The zone-read depends entirely on a strong relationship between the quarterback and running back, and their abilities to read the defense. Darron Thomas, now in his sophomore season and first year as a starter, has improved week to week, and I think we have yet to see the best that Thomas has to offer. Obviously, having LaMichael James in the backfield changes nearly any offense, too. These guys both have redshirt seasons under their belts and, now, what it takes to make this Oregon team operate. In this case, I think Kelly and his staff have recruited nearly perfect athletes to run this fast-paced offense.

**LC:** Shane Vereen has been a workhorse for Cal this year, ranking fourth in the Pac-10 in rushing yards and second in touchdowns behind LaMichael James, but does he have adequate speed to be a factor in this game?

**EY:** You're exactly right when you talk about a workhorse. The guy just never quits and does whatever

you need him to do to win — he's steady, always fights for extra yardage and also excels at catching passes out of the backfield.

As for his speed, I think it's very underrated and can definitely be a factor. He's obviously not Jahvid Best-fast, though they did sprint against each other in high school. Vereen runs with more power and can bounce off of defenders, but he can do more than enough to outrace them, too.

Like with Mansion, however, he needs help. A big key will be offensive line play, which has been very spotty this year. If he can get some creases, Vereen can do some damage in the open field. Also, Cal has to have some semblance of a passing game, or else it'll be eight or nine on the box all game long.

**EY:** An overlooked aspect of the team has been its defense, which has performed very well despite going out on the field every two minutes or so. How has the 'D' been able to get used to this? Also, if you have seen at all, how has it performed against the offense in practice and who would you say is the defensive MVP at this point?

**LC:** Oregon's defense, much like last year, is quietly forgotten about until things go haywire. They have to be the best-conditioned unit in the land, bar none, and are

**DEBATE**

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holder on extra points and field goals will be punter Jackson Rice. Costa had always been reliable at the position, and Rice will have considerable shoes to fill. Still, Kelly is confident in the sophomore.

"He understands what he has to do," Kelly told The Register-Guard. "He doesn't have the experience that Nate has, but he's done it in a game in live situations, and he does it all the time in practice."

True freshman Bryan Bennett, meanwhile, takes over as the de facto number two quarterback, despite the fact that he was set to redshirt this year. Bennett may be inexperienced, but he has the confidence of his teammates if

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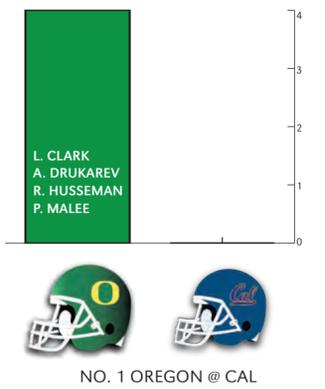
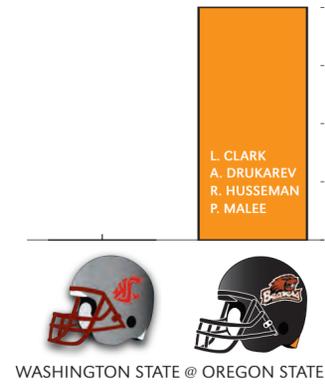
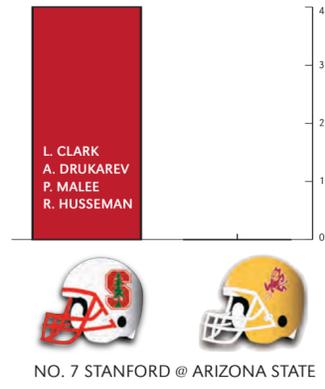
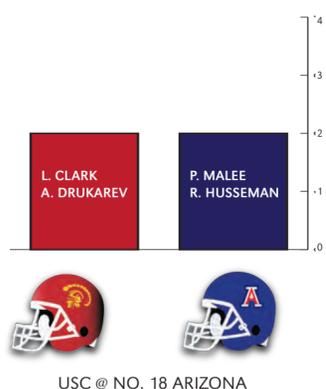


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GAME DAY

# PICK THE PAC

Emerald sports reporters predict the winners of this week's games



2010 OREGON STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
L. James	134	971	7.2	11	76
R. Alston	51	284	5.6	5	42

PASSING	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	TD
D. Thomas	109	179	60.9	1,539	17

RECEIVING	CAT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
J. Maehl	39	530	13.6	6	47

DEFENSIVE	TKL	AST	INT	TFL/YDS	SACKS
E. Pleasant	18	19	-	4.0-22	2.0-13

2010 CALIFORNIA STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
S. Vereen	167	886	5.3	12	59

PASSING	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	TD
B. Mansion	26	49	53.1	312	1

RECEIVING	CAT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
M. Jones	42	675	16.1	3	62

DEFENSIVE	TKL	AST	INT	TFL/YDS	SACKS
D.J. Holt	26	31	-	4.0-20	1.0-8

CLIFF HARRIS (13)  
CORNERBACK



Wide receiver Marvin Jones, a junior from Fontana, Calif., has made a name for himself as one of the top receivers in the Pac-10. Jones has started all nine games for the Golden Bears, while pulling in 42 receptions for 675 yards and three touchdowns. His 675 receiving yards has already surpassed last year's 13-game total of 651 yards. When Cal came to Autzen a year ago, Jones was held to one reception for 14 yards.

HARRIS PHOTO BY JACK HUNTER PHOTOGRAPHER

JONES PHOTO BY MICHAEL RESTREPO THE DAILY CAL

A man of a million quotes, sophomore Cliff Harris will be making his fourth consecutive start at the cornerback position opposite senior Talmadge Jackson III. On the year, Harris leads the Pac-10 and is tied for fourth in the nation with five interceptions. His nine pass break ups and 14 passes defended lead the team, and he also has 681 all purpose yards despite not playing any offense.

— LUCAS CLARK



MARVIN JONES (1)  
WIDE RECEIVER

PLAYERS TO WATCH

2010 UO SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

4	vs. New Mexico (W, 72-0)
11	at Tennessee (W, 48-13)
18	vs. Portland State (W, 69-0)
25	at Arizona State (W, 42-31)

OCTOBER

2	vs. Stanford (W, 52-31)
9	at Washington State (W, 43-23)
21	vs. UCLA (W, 60-13)
30	at USC (W, 53-32)

NOVEMBER

6	vs. Washington (W, 53-16)
13	at California, 4:30 p.m.
26	vs. Arizona, 4 p.m.

DECEMBER

4	at Oregon State, TBA
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2010 CAL SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

2	at Hawai'i (W, 49-36)
11	vs. Virginia (W 17-14)
18	at Minnesota (W, 32-21)
25	at Washington State (W, 50-16)

OCTOBER

2	vs. Washington (L, 32-31)
9	at Stanford (L, 37-35)
16	vs. California (W, 48-14)
30	vs. Oregon, 5 p.m.

NOVEMBER

6	vs. Arizona State, 7:30 p.m.
13	at Arizona, 5 p.m.
20	at Oregon State, 5 p.m.
27	vs. Notre Dame, 5 p.m.

DECEMBER

4	at UCLA, TBA
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GAME DAY

STARTING LINEUPS

OREGON

OFFENSE

QB: Darron Thomas  
RB: LaMichael James  
WR: Jeff Maehl  
TE: David Paulson  
LT: Bo Thran  
LG: Carson York  
C: Jordan Holmes  
RG: C.E. Kaiser  
RT: Mark Asper  
WR: Lavasier Tuinei  
WR: D.J. Davis

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK: Rob Beard  
P: Jackson Rice  
LS: Drew Howell  
SS: Jeff Palmer  
KR: Josh Huff  
PR: Cliff Harris  
HLD: Jackson Rice

DEFENSE

DE: Kenny Rowe  
DT: Brandon Bair  
DT: Zac Clark  
DE: Terrell Turner  
OLB: Josh Kaddu  
MLB: Casey Matthews  
OLB: Spencer Paysinger  
CB: Talmadge Jackson III  
CB: Cliff Harris  
FS: John Boyett  
ROV: Eddie Pleasant

CAL

OFFENSE

QB: Brock Mansion  
RB: Shane Vereen  
WR: Marvin Jones  
TE: Anthony Miller  
LT: Mitchell Schwartz  
LG: Matt Summers-Gavin  
C: Chris Guarnero  
RG: Brian Schwenke  
RT: Donovan Edwards  
FB: Eric Stevens  
WR: Keenan Allen

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK: Giorgio Tavecchio  
P: Bryan Anger  
LS: Matt Rios  
H: Brock Mansion  
PR: Jeremy Ross  
KR: Keenan Allen, Isi Safele

DEFENSE

DE: Cameron Jordan  
NG: Trevor Guyton  
DE: Ernest Owusu  
OLB: Mychal Kendricks  
MLB: D.J. Holt  
MLB: Mike Mohamed  
OLB: Keith Browner  
CB: Marc Anthony  
CB: Darian Hagan  
S: Chris Conte  
S: Sean Cattouse

80

Margin by which Oregon has outscored opponents in the fourth quarter this year

3

Consecutive victories over Oregon for California at Memorial Stadium

13.5

Points per game scored in field goals (8-8) and PATs this season (best in the nation)

100

Rob Beard's percentage in field goals (8-8) and PATs this season (52-52)

15

Interceptions by the Oregon defense this year, first in the Pac-10

.860

California's winning percentage in the last 43 home games

0

Wins against No. 1 teams in California school history

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## As season closes, doubt Ducks at your own peril



PATRICK MALEE  
A junior journalism major hailing from Chicago, is now in his second year as an Oregon Daily Emerald sports reporter. An avid Chicago sports fan, he aspires to one day cover sports for a national publication.

With just about four weeks left in the college football season, we have officially reached the homestretch.

Three games. Three more games on the winning side, and Oregon is all but assured a trip to the national championship game. Pretty crazy, huh?

This week's matchup at California has had people worried for some time. Fans like to harp about the fact that Oregon hasn't beaten the Golden Bears in Berkeley since 2001. The win against Washington last weekend wasn't pretty — what if this is the week that everything falls apart?

Count me among those who

think all this talk about Cal is unfounded. Sure, this won't be an easy game, and the Ducks have struggled on the road this season. I'll give you that.

But past matchups really shouldn't factor into the thinking when it comes to this game. Consider: When Oregon last played in Berkeley in 2008, LaMichael James was warming the bench with a redshirt; Darron Thomas was a true freshman and did not play; Mike Bellotti was Oregon's head coach, and "Win the Day" had yet to enter anyone's vernacular.

In other words, this was a completely different Oregon team that fell 26-16 the last time

it traveled to Memorial Stadium. The same goes for all of the other past losses; nothing matters but this year's squad.

And, frankly, this year's Oregon team is far superior to Cal in just about every category. The Ducks are number one in the nation in scoring offense (54.67 points per game). The Golden Bears? 47th, at 30 points per game. Oregon is ranked fifth in rushing offense (305.44 yards per game); California is 45th (164.78). Defensively, the Ducks are 13th in scoring, giving up 17.67 points per game; Cal is 37th (21.33).

You see where I'm going with this. Of course, statistics

do not tell the entire story. It would be foolish to assume so. But when you think about it, these two teams are headed in opposite directions.

Cal, at this point, would be lucky to make a bowl game. The Golden Bears are 5-4 heading into this week, with matchups against Oregon, Stanford and Washington looming on the schedule. They narrowly defeated conference doormat Washington State last week, and lost 35-7 to Oregon State before that.

The Ducks, meanwhile, are firing on all cylinders. In what was universally considered an "off game" against Washington, they still racked up 53 points

and 522 total yards of offense in a 37-point victory.

It's really pretty remarkable, and there's no logical reason that the trend shouldn't continue this weekend.

Now, I know what you're thinking — college football isn't logical. Most of the time, it's defined by complete insanity.

Very true. Yet, there's something that's a little insane about this Oregon team too, in a good way. No matter what the opposition throws at them, these kids always seem to weather the storm and respond with a fury of their own. It has happened in

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# GAME DAY

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surprised coaches or his teammates, and Tuinei himself knew his day would eventually come. That trademark resolve coaches instantly refer to nowadays has been long in the making for Tuinei.

"I've always had that toughness," he said. "Toughness runs in my family, man. It's all about that football blood. You pretty much have to have that mentality when you play football."

Tuinei's father, Van, played four years as a defensive end in the NFL. An All-American tight end out of high school, Van Tuinei originally went undrafted out of the University of Arizona before getting picked up by the San Diego Chargers in 1997. Van played with the Indianapolis Colts during the '98 season before concluding his career with a two-year stint with the Chicago Bears.

Having a young aspiring football player at home, Van used his time in the NFL to further his knowledge of the game, hoping to one day give his son a step up.

"When he went to the league, he didn't really just focus on just his position, he really paid attention to everyone's positions so he knows what everyone does," Tuinei said. "He helped me a lot 'cause he watched receivers do routes, and he helped me do routes in high school to help me get better."

During his prep career, Tuinei played three seasons at Hamilton Heights High School on both the football and

basketball teams before transferring to Noblesville High School after his junior season. A discrepancy with his Hamilton Heights transcript prevented Tuinei from playing before the 2007 state playoffs his senior year, leaving Tuinei to enroll at Golden West College in Huntington Beach, Calif.

Tuinei spent one season at Golden West, reeling in 41 catches for 680 yards and three touchdowns. That same transcript eventually caused some academic problems for Tuinei when he came to Eugene in May 2009, but the issue was resolved in time for him to participate in spring drills.

Now nine games into the best year of his young football career, Tuinei is a player who prides himself on versatility.

"He's a guy that will go across the middle to run a route, he'll go across the middle to block a backer, he'll do whatever it takes," Oregon offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich said.

Tuinei has worked extensively with strength and conditioning coach Jim Radcliffe over the past two years and has seen results on the field and in the weight room. Despite his slender build, Tuinei bench presses 285 pounds and squats 360.

"Size isn't really king in football," Tuinei said. "I'll tell you that right now."

Frost said the lanky slot receiver has worn several "hats" this season as an irreplaceable piece that makes the Oregon offense tick. Tuinei understands both outside receiver positions held down by seniors Jeff Maehl and D.J.

Davis, as well as his mainstay in the slot. As the slot receiver, Tuinei has several integral tasks to perform: motioning through the backfield, run blocking downfield and running routes.

The ability to execute all three phases adequately is what has separated him.

"LT's a guy that has such a big upside still," Helfrich said. "He's done some really good things in terms of catching the ball. His range is great, he's running better routes; we wish we had him for a few more years."

At only 20 years old and a junior in college, Tuinei is still young in several aspects, but wise enough to soak up as much knowledge as he can get his hands on.

"He's got to be one of our leaders," Frost said. "I expect him to continue to play all three positions and really be the bell cow for us in the receiver group next year."

Tuinei said he's taken the most from Maehl this season, both on and off the field.

"He's trying to get me ready for next year when he leaves," Tuinei said. "He's a great player, too, off the field. He (has) tried to keep my mind right with school and everything; he's a good guy."

While Maehl continues to climb the all-time Oregon receiving list, Tuinei quietly awaits his opportunity, ready to seize the moment.

"I think people just get the wrong mentality when they look at us," Tuinei said. "You know, you can't judge a book by its cover."

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## PAC-10 ROUNDUP

# No. 18 Arizona attempts to contain Barkley, best USC

A victory could help Arizona's bid for an at-large BCS berth

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### USC at No. 18 Arizona

5:00 p.m. Saturday

Though any lingering Rose Bowl hopes might have vanished in a 42-17 defeat to Stanford last weekend, Arizona still has plenty to play for. If they beat the Trojans, No. 1 Oregon, and Arizona State to finish the season, the 7-2 Wildcats would still have an outside shot at an at-large berth in a BCS bowl. Of more immediate concern to Arizona is its quarterback situation. Starter Nick Foles looked rusty in his return from a knee injury against Stanford, completing only 28 of his 48 pass attempts, and talented back up signal caller Matt Scott is presumably out of action for the foreseeable future with a wrist injury. In order for Arizona to top USC, Foles will have to play like the quarterback who helped lead Arizona to a conference leading 294.8 passing yards per game.

It would also help Arizona's cause if the Wildcats' defense found a way to contain USC's (6-3, 3-3 Pac-10) powerful offense. The Trojans rank third in the Pac-10 in total offense, and quarterback Matt Barkley has emerged as a top NFL prospect in only his sophomore season. However, USC's third-ranked rushing attack has been decimated by injuries and inconsistency. Starter Marc Tyler has been held out of practice with an ankle injury, and senior C.J. Gable is just returning to health from a

knee injury, while senior Allan Bradford has struggled with ball security.

### No. 7 Stanford at Arizona State

4:30 p.m. Saturday (Versus)

The 8-1 Stanford football team kept rolling along last weekend, with a 42-17 shellacking of then-No. 15 Arizona. The Cardinal has now won four straight games, dating back to its loss at Autzen Stadium in early October. Quarterback Andrew Luck is climbing up Heisman Trophy watch lists each week, with a 22:6 touchdown to interception ratio and Pac-10 leading 163.37 passer rating. Despite the loss of last year's Heisman runner-up Toby Gerhart, Stanford's rushing attack has taken another step forward this year — the Cardinal is 12th nationally in rushing yards per game.

But if there's one area in which Arizona State's 60th ranked scoring defense excels, it's in rush defense. The Sun Devils (4-5, 2-4) are second in the Pac-10 in rushing yards per game allowed, and surrender only a meager 3.3 yards per carry. And while Arizona State is susceptible to allowing big plays in the passing game, (the Sun Devils are seventh in the conference in points allowed), the team matches up relatively well with a Stanford team that has soared to No. 6 in the BCS standings. Led by Michigan transfer Steven Threet, Arizona State is second in the conference in passing yards per game at 292. Interceptions have been an issue (Arizona State's quarterbacks have combined to throw 16, the most in the Pac-10 by a wide margin), but

talent is not. As shown by a narrow 20-19 loss to No. 6 Wisconsin in Madison earlier in the year and a one-point, road loss to USC last weekend, the Sun Devils can hang with any team in the country. If Stanford's not on its game, Arizona State could break through.

### Washington State at Oregon State

1:00 p.m. (FSN Northwest)

After coming close to its first Pac-10 win in 15 tries last weekend against Cal, Washington State (1-9, 0-7 Pac-10) will again try to halt that losing streak, this time against Oregon State in Corvallis. Any chance of a Cougar victory probably lies on the potent right arm of Jeff Tuel. The quarterback, who leads a Washington State offense that's 110th nationally in scoring but 44th in passing yards per game, will look to exploit Oregon State's secondary that has surrendered 249.9 yards per game, eighth most in the Pac-10. The Cougars are last in the conference in rushing at 76.1 yards per game, and Beaver defensive tackle Stephen Paea makes life difficult for any rushing game.

The Beavers have lost two of their past three games, against conference lightweights Washington and UCLA. Jacquizz Rodgers is steady out of the backfield, and Ryan Katz has performed admirably in his first year starting, but the Beavers rank only eighth in the Pac-10 in total offense. Oregon State is second in the conference in turnover margin at +10, though, and the Beavers play well at home with a 3-0 record at Reser Stadium this season. [ADRUKAREV@DAILYEMERALD.COM](mailto:ADRUKAREV@DAILYEMERALD.COM)

## DEBATE

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extremely deep at every position. Half the guys on the two-deep are more than capable as starters and it shows on game day. In practice, the first team defense only faces the first team offense for a couple periods toward the end of each morning, but they are always close battles. Sometimes the offense scores in two plays, other times Rob Beard is asked to kick a 49-yard field goal. In this way both the offense and defense benefit from one another's strengths. If I had to pick an MVP at this point in the season, it's hard to stay away from Cliff Harris, and he's only started three games! He defines the term playmaker, and I

guarantee there are few, if any, personalities like his in the game today.

**LC:** Historically, Oregon does not play well in Memorial Stadium, and Cal is undefeated in its four games at home in 2010. How big is the Golden Bear home field advantage? Coming from a place like Autzen, it makes me wonder what kind of atmosphere will be surrounding Saturday's game.

The disparity between our home and road performances is really quite baffling.

**EY:** Tedford and the players try to downplay it, but it sticks out like a sore thumb. At home, we've only allowed two offensive touchdowns; on the road, we're getting outscored, 158-81. Yikes. To a certain extent, it's the level of

competition — UC Davis, Colorado, UCLA, and ASU aren't exactly world-beaters — but then you throw in Washington State, a team we would have dropped 50 (points) on in Berkeley. Instead, we trailed at halftime and almost lost.

At home, we jump on people early and they self-destruct. Away, it's often a complete role reversal. These next two games will definitely be a good barometer of that home field advantage.

As for the atmosphere, it will be rocking, no doubt. Even though fans are under no illusions about the final result on Saturday, people will be pumped to see the No. 1 team in the country. The Bears are certainly fired up and, like everyone, will want to give the Ducks their best shot.

## MALEE

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almost every game this year.

Some might call it a weakness; I look at this as a strength. Sure, it would be nice if the Ducks could start as fast as they finish, especially in a hostile environment like Memorial Stadium. But it says something that

this team has fallen behind so many times, yet still remains undefeated and number one.

Perhaps the greatest testament to the power of this Oregon team is the fact that it has instilled confidence in me. As a sports fan, I'm just about as pessimistic as they come. At any sign of trouble, I am known to write my teams off without a

second thought.

Not this year. There's something special going on here, and it will continue in Berkeley this weekend.

Of course, as I write this, I'm also knocking on wood like crazy and praying that I haven't jinxed everything.

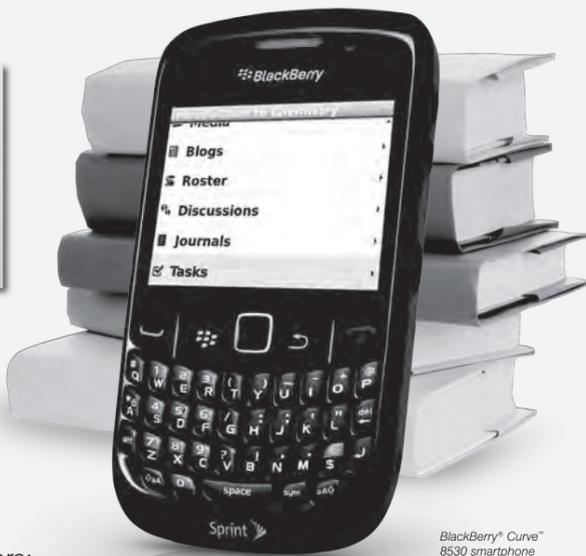
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# Catching up with... CARSON YORK

On Nov. 4, Oregon offensive lineman Carson York was named to the ESPN Academic All-District 8 team, with a 3.70 grade-point average as a journalism/advertising major. The redshirt sophomore from Coeur d'Alene, Ida., was a first-team all-Pacific-10 Conference academic selection last season. He's also a very good football player. York has started eight games for the Ducks this season capable of playing at both tackle and guard. The Emerald caught up with York after practice this week for a quick Q&A:

**Oregon Daily Emerald:** Since you're going on the road this week, tell me about hecklers. Which team has best fans in terms of heckling?

**Carson York:** Tennessee. Tennessee wins by all kinds of margins. I don't think I can repeat much of what they said, but they were a whole different level. Plus, it was the first time we ever — in the Pac-10, you can't have a student section right behind the bench, but at Tennessee the student section overlapped with our bench, to where we were sitting. So, there was some Tennessee revelers that were a little obnoxious. They got after our trainers, too.

**ODE:** Who is the heckling usually directed at?

**CY:** For some reason, I think I want to throw (Ducks offensive lineman) Nick Cody under the bus. He seems to always get the brunt of the attack. I know (reserve center) Max (Forer) got it really bad at USC. But Nick definitely got the worst at Tennessee.

**ODE:** Why Nick?

**CY:** I don't know. They always pick one and they always lose it on them. Tennessee was Nick. I think that's the first time they (the oppos-



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Redshirt sophomore offensive lineman Carson York has been a standout both on the field and in the classroom this season. Academically, York has a 3.70 grade-point average as a journalism major. Athletically, York's blocking has cleared the way for Heisman trophy candidate LaMichael James, who has 196 carries for 1,331 yards and 17 touchdowns this season.

ing fans) have singled anybody out. Most of the Pac-10 teams, we usually have normal fans behind our bench. We don't have students losing it.

**ODE:** What's your hidden talent? Something your teammates and coaches don't know you do well.

**CY:** I'm a pretty good snowboarder. I haven't been able to go since I got here, because first, I'm scared to come back and tell Coach (Kelly) that I got hurt snowboarding. And it's not as

convenient here. Back home I can go to a mountain like 30 minutes, 40 minutes away. But I used to go about 20 times a year back in high school.

**ODE:** What are your favorite classes that you have taken at UO?

**CY:** First, I'm an advertising major so I love all my ad classes, mostly because of the professors. But the one class I really enjoyed that no one knows about is actually an accident. I took a Women in Film class. My adviser told

me it was a film class that counted for an English credit, and I thought, "Yeah, sure, I'll do that." And so I show up on the first day, and I was the only guy in class. It was "Women and Film: A Study of Feminism in the 21st Century" — and I was the only guy in class. It was a little concerning. But throughout the term — sort of embarrassingly, I guess — it was my favorite class here. The professor was really into it.

— ROBERT HUSSEMAN

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breaks a ton of tackles. He's not a guy that you're just going to bump into, and he'll fall down. If you don't tackle him, he will keep going. He has an extremely great gift of a burst. When he comes out (of a pile), he's freaking (going) a hundred miles an hour."

Nevertheless, all eyes are on the Golden Bears' defense, currently the Pac-10 leader in total yards allowed (299.6 per game). First-year defensive coordinator Clancy Pendergast has made Cal's base 3-4

defense even more explosive this season.

"This one's a little different than last year. It's sort of, just, chaos," Oregon offensive lineman Carson York said. "We just have to count our guys and figure out what's going on because it's real unconventional. Last year, they ran a more conventional Bear defense — three down linemen, two linebackers on the line."

Lately, however, focus has shifted onto the quarterback situations for both teams.

California's Brock Mansion made his first career start against the Cougars, in place

of the injured Kevin Riley. The Dallas native completed 12 of 24 passes for 171 yards but threw two interceptions.

Oregon reported on Tuesday the loss of backup quarterback Nate Costa for the season, with an undisclosed injury to his right knee. The senior from Hilmar, Calif., was injured after attempting to salvage a blown hold on a field goal attempt last week against Washington. Costa had suffered three separate tears to the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee over the course of his Oregon career.

"To know my college career is coming to an end because of this injury made it a little harder, but I've got a lot of stuff ahead of me in a future that's pretty bright," Costa told reporters on Tuesday. "I've just got to look forward to that."

The position is secure for the Ducks as long as Darron Thomas remains healthy. The redshirt sophomore from Houston is tied for second in the Pac-10 in touchdown passes (22) and second in the Pac-10 in passing efficiency (158.4 rating).

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**GAME DAY**



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Freshman receiver Josh Huff has been Oregon's most productive first-year addition this season. The 5-foot-11 standout from Houston has totaled 14 catches for 256 yards and three touchdowns on the season.



**AARON MARINEAU** PHOTOGRAPHER

Fans at Autzen Stadium have had plenty to cheer about this year. Not only are the Ducks No. 1 in the country, but they're undefeated at home for the second straight season. Oregon closes its home schedule versus Arizona.



**JACK HUNTER** PHOTOGRAPHER

Junior linebacker Josh Kaddu battles Washington's D'andre Goodwin during the team's matchup last weekend. Though Oregon started slow, the Ducks got the better of the Huskies with a blowout 53-16 victory in Eugene.



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