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Oregon junior linebacker Josh Kaddu has blossomed in his role as a starter, making his presence known through his passion and intensity, even if his statistics don't reflect it.

OUTONOWHERE

Ducks linebacker Josh Kaddu was an unheralded recruit, but he has made an impact for Oregon

ROBERT HUSSEMAN

SPORTS REPORTER

The numbers say that, in a 24-10 win at UCLA on October 10, 2009, Oregon linebacker Josh Kaddu recorded three tackles (one for loss) against the Bruins.

To hear Don Pellum speak about that game, the numbers must be lying.

"He was taking that game over. His presence was really being felt," said Pellum, the Ducks' linebackers coach. "He was flying all over the place."

Numbers don't seem to get along with Kaddu. The recruiting Web site Rivals.com pegged him as a two-star recruit when he committed to the Ducks out of Vacaville High School in Vacaville, Calif. His rating of 5.2 was one of the lowest numbers in the 2008 class.

This season, he is the starting strongside

linebacker for the nation's No. 1-ranked team. Kaddu's tackling numbers are modest (28, ninth on the Ducks) but supplemented by 5.5 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks and two pass breakups.

"Josh has been incredible," fellow starting linebacker Spencer Paysinger said. "He's really driven. He wants to do well, and he just wants to go out there and play good football."

Funny thing, though: Despite his obvious acumen for football — Pellum calls Kaddu "intellectually gifted when it comes to understanding football schemes" — Kaddu bears the bloodlines of another sport. Fred Kaddu, his father, was a national champion boxer in his native Uganda.

"I guess that's where I get my athleticism from," Josh Kaddu said. "He tells me all those stories. Especially now that I'm in college, he tells me more stories than ever. He tells me how hard he had to work."

Fred and his wife, Margaret, moved to

Richmond, Calif. from Uganda in 1988. Two years later, Josh was born.

Kaddu learned about the game of football through Fred and his passion for the Oakland Raiders.

"I used to always watch the Raiders," Josh Kaddu said. "I was like, 'I want to do that, Dad.' He signed me up for Pop Warner."

After making 92 tackles and 5.5 sacks in his senior year at Vacaville High, Kaddu accepted a scholarship offer from Oregon. Right away, the unheralded freshman began turning heads on the scout team

"You start filming these drills, and he jumped off the charts. You go, 'Wait a minute. This guy's really good,'" Pellum said. "When you go through some of the kickoff drills, when you're avoiding

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FORECAST



80% chance of rain. Cloudy, with a low of 37 degrees.

AT A GLANCE

Who: No. 1 Oregon vs. No. 20 Arizona

What: Week 12 Pac-10

game

When: 4 p.m. Friday, ESPN

Where: Autzen Stadium

SUMMARY

The top-ranked Oregon Ducks host a dynamic Arizona Wildcat team that has struggled as of late. Both teams are coming off bye weeks, having extra time to prepare for their penultimate game of the year. Junior quarterback Nick Foles and the Wildcat passing game will look to spoil the Ducks' national championship hopes with only one more game remaining in conference play.

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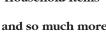




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GAME PREVIEW

Wildcats search for first win in three tries

Arizona got off to a hot start, but has stumbled recently in Pac-10 play

PATRICK MALEE

Ask any Oregon fan what was most memorable about last year's Oregon-Arizona matchup, and the reply would probably come in the form of two words: Jeremiah Masoli.

It was the hallmark performance of Masoli's career, as he almost single-handedly brought Oregon back for a 44-41 victory double overtime.

He may not be a member of the team now, but his teammates haven't forgotten the performance.

Asked what he took out of last year's game, running back Kenjon Barner's answer was simple.

"I remember Jeremiah Masoli going off," Barner said with a laugh.

This year, sophomore quarterback Darron Thomas will lead the Ducks (10-0, 7-0 Pacific-10 Conference) at home against No. 20 Arizona (7-3, 4-3 Pac-10). Yet, with both teams returning most of their starters from last year, the game could have a familiar feel to it.

"It's going to be a similar game," Thomas said, "They're going to come out with a similar defense. They had a good plan against us last year, so it's going to be a battle.'

The Wildcats may be coming off consecutive losses to Stanford and USC, but they still bring a distinct challenge to the table.

The passing offense, led by junior quarterback Nick Foles, ranks 10th in the nation with 300.6 yards per game, while running backs Keola Antolin and Nic Grigsby have combined for 18 touchdowns.

team," Oregon head coach Chip Kelly said. "I think they stubbed their toe a little bit in there, but Nick Foles was out for a little bit. I think he's one of the really, really, really good quarterbacks in this country ... Grigsby and Antolin are really good running backs. They complement their passing game really well."

Arizona's defense is nothing to sneeze at, either.

The Wildcats rank 12th in the nation in scoring defense, giving up just 18.1 points per game.

"Arizona's defense is really good," Kelly said. "They're probably one of the top defenses in the conference ... they really play tough, the play hard, they're a lot like (head coach) Mike (Stoops) himself, real tough, hard competitor. They've been one of the top defenses ever since he's been down there."

Barner knows first hand what Arizona brings to the table.

Returning kickoffs in last year's matchup, he saw a hungry team looking to end Oregon's Rose Bowl dreams.

"Defensively, they're a bunch of athletic guys who get after it," Barner said. "So you know it's going to be a battle."

Kelly may hold a 2-1 advantage over Stoops since he arrived as a coordinator in 2007, but each game has been decided by no more than 10 points.

On Friday, he expects more of the same.

"Every year I've been here, our battles with Arizona had been knock down, drag outs," Kelly said. "That's what this thing's going to be Friday."

Of course, this year the Ducks will have one distinct advantage: the home crowd at Autzen Stadium.

Still, Kelly doesn't agree with the notion that the bye week will translate into better

"I've said this before," Kelly

week, then it was a great time for a bye week. If you lose after a bye week, then it was a crappy time for a bye week. It really doesn't matter."

MIKE CHRISTY ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Arizona head coach Mike Stoops reacts to a call during a game in Tucson.

Stoops and the Wildcat defense hope their 12th-ranked scoring defense can

Oregon also comes off of a much-needed bye week after a difficult 15-13 win over California.

Nagging injuries were treated, and the team was able to take a deep breath before the stretch run of the season.

stop Oregon's prolific offense.

tinue (that)."

"Coming and playing at home

is going to be a good thing,"

Thomas said. "We're undefeated

at home, and (we'll) try to con-

performance on the field.

said. "If you win after your bye

Indeed, with Arizona also enjoying a bye last week, both teams will take the field well rested on Friday.

Masoli won't be providing any late-game heroics this time, but the Ducks are perfectly confident without him.

"Masoli brought us through last year, but this year it's a different team, different guys," Barner said. "Just gotta get out there and get after it."

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people in a small space and making tackles - a lot of guys can't do it. It seems like a routine play, but it's difficult. Josh was really good as all those drills.'

A spate of injuries convinced the Oregon coaches to let the rue freshman see live game action on special teams. He played six games in 2008 and seven in 2009, soaking up the knowledge of veterans Jerome Boyd and Eddie Pleasant while developing his body and a taste for the weight room.

"He has that ingrained into him that he wants to do well,"

Paysinger said.

Kaddu suffered a major setback on October 24, 2009, against Washington, breaking a bone in his foot. The injury effectively ended his season; his rehabilitation forced him to sit out 2010 spring practice.

"I'd never broken a bone in my body. I just thought it was like a tweak, or a little sprain Then I couldn't walk," he said. "It was all bad."

Exacerbating off-season woes was a citation for minor in possession of alcohol in the early morning hours of Saturday, March 6. The incident was among a slew of run-ins with the law by Oregon football players in the off-season, compounding concerns of a program run amok.

The distinction of "bad apple" appears out of character for Kaddu, an energetic presence who wears his smile as easily as he wears

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JOSH KADDU

"It was just something I needed to go through, just to learn from. All eyes are on us," Kaddu said of the incident. "We just knew that a few people messed up, and we just had to pull together as a team and do what we had to do. It kind of brought us closer as a team."

shoulder pads.

"Every time you talk to him, he has a smile on his face," Paysinger said.

Some things, like attitude, don't get along with numbers.

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GAME DAY

OREGON NOTES



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Oregon running back Kenjon Barner avoids a tackle during the Ducks' 72-0 victory over New Mexico Sept. 4. Barner has used the last few games to return to his form after suffering a concussion against Washington State on Oct. 9.

Oregon ready for another tough game

With an extra week to prepare, the Ducks hope for a repeat of last season's victory against Arizona

LUCAS CLARK

Now two weeks removed from its worst offensive performance of the season, the top-ranked Oregon Ducks have an even bigger beast to tame this Friday in the No. 20 Arizona Wildcats.

The Ducks (10-0, 7-0 Pacific-10 Conference) used the bye week to wash out the bad taste left from a narrow 15-13 win over California on Nov. 13.

Oregon's dynamic backfield also got some much-needed rest, as sophomore running back LaMichael James had time to heal, while fellow sophomore Kenjon Barner used the opportunity to get that much closer to full speed after being sidelined with a concussion for nearly a month.

Following the Cal game, James was seen leaving Memorial Stadium on crutches with a boot on his left foot, but he has been back in action with the first-team offense in practice this week.

Barner said nothing has changed with James since getting dinged up in Berkeley.

"LaMichael's the same guy," Barner said. "Week in, week out, crackin' jokes, just being LaMichael ... he looks real good to me."

Coming off his lowest rushing total of the season against to Golden Bears (91 yards and no touchdowns), James and the Oregon offense will look to put its foot back down on the gas pedal when facing a hard-nosed Arizona defense on Friday.

"They're a lot like (Arizona coach) Mike (Stoops) himself," Oregon coach Chip Kelly said. "Real tough, hard competitor. They've been one of the top defenses ever since he's been down there.

"Every year I've been here, our battles with Arizona have been knock-down, drag-outs and that's what this thing's going to be."

When Oregon traveled to Tucson last fall for what was considered to be one of hardest-fought wins for the Ducks all season, then-junior quarterback Jeremiah Masoli led Oregon to a double-overtime victory in one

of his strongest games in an Oregon uniform.

Masoli recorded 61 of the Ducks' 175 total rushing yards in that game, finding the end zone three times on the ground.

He threw for 284 more yards and another three scores. The six-touchdown performance included a one-yard run at the end of the second overtime to seal the game.

Barner, and most of the Oregon team, still hasn't forgotten about the strong individual effort from their former teammate.

"I remember Jeremiah Masoli going off," Barner said. "You know, Masoli brought us through, but this year it's a different team, different guys, you know just gotta get out there and get after it."

This season, sophomore quarterback Darron Thomas is in the driver's seat with just two games remaining on the conference schedule and a perfect record hanging in the balance.

In 10 games this season, Thomas has completed 61.2 percent of his passes for 2,225 yards and 23 touchdowns, while running for another 434 yards and four scores.

Thomas remembered watching from the sidelines last season, and expects a tough game from the Wildcats, especially defensively.

"It's going to be a similar game," Thomas said. "They goin' come out maybe with a similar defense. They came out, they had a good plan against us last year, so it's going to be a battle."

Oregon has taken the last two matchups from Arizona, but lost a heartbreaker in Tucson in 2007, a game that will always be remembered by Oregon fans as the game that ended the college career of former Oregon quarterback Dennis Dixon.

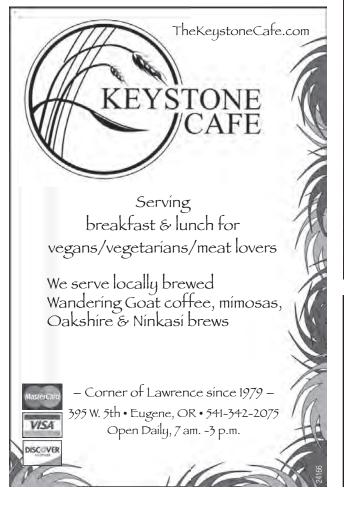
The Ducks were ranked No. 2 in the country at the time and on the brink of a national championship appearance.

Kelly feels that this team, however, is more levelheaded than past Oregon squads.

"We don't get too up after a win, we don't get too down after anything," Kelly said. "We just come back out and play. We learn from what goes on in the week before, we make corrections that we have to make, and then we move on. That's what this team is all about."

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LG: Carson York

C: Jordan Holmes RG: C.E. Kaiser RT: Mark Asper TE: David Paulson WR: Josh Huff WR: D.J. Davis

QB: Darron Thomas

RB: LaMichael James

SPECIAL TEAMS K: Rob Beard P: Jackson Rice

LS (P): Drew Howell LS (K): Jeff Palmer

KR: Josh Huff

PR: Cliff Harris

DEFENSE

HLD: Jackson Rice

DE: Kenny Rowe

DT: Brandon Bair

DE: Terrell Turner

OLB: Josh Kaddu

FS: John Boyett

CB: Cliff Harris

ARIZONA

WR: Juron Criner

LG: Conan Amituanai

LT: Adam Grant

C: Colin Baxter

RG: Jovon Hayes

RT: Phillip Garcia

TE: A.J. Simmons

QB: Nick Foles

FB: Taimi Tutogi

RB: Keola Antolin

K: Alex Zendejas

P: Keenyn Crier

LS: Chase Gorham

PR: David Douglas

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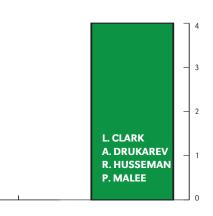
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LT: Bo Thran

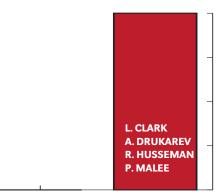
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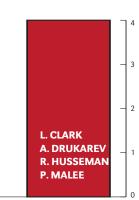








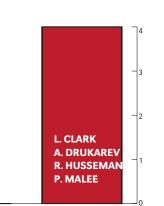
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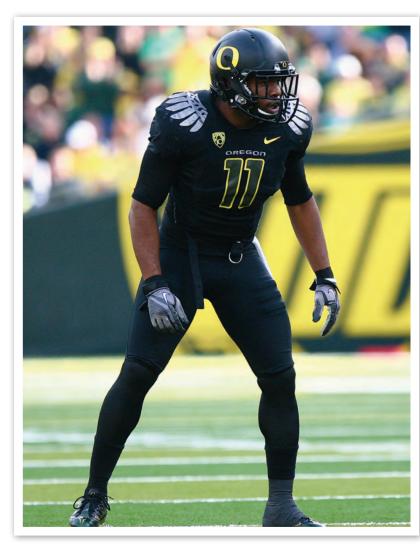
2010 OREGON STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
L. James	225	1422	6.3	17	76
D. Thomas	78	434	5.6	4	35
PASSING	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	TD
D. Thomas	167	273	61.2	2225	23
RECEIVING	CAT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
J. Maehl	59	830	14.1	11	47
D. Davis	30	332	11.1	1	38
D. Paulson	18	322	17.9	3	61
DEFENSIVE	TKL	AST	INT	TFL/YDS	SACKS
C. Matthews	27	33	3-15	6.5-26	2.0-13
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T. Jackson	35 36	22 19	1-0	5.0-21	2.0-10
				5.0-21 - 1.5-3	2.0-10
T. Jackson	36	19	1-0	-	2.0-10 - - 2.0-13

2010 ARIZONA STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
K. Antolin	109	567	5.2	7	78
N. Grigsby	82	423	5.2	8	62
PASSING	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	TD
N. Foles	203	286	71.0	2201	13
RECEIVING	CAT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG
J. Criner	64	982	15.3	6	51
D. Douglas	37	317	8.6	1	22
D. Roberts	33	365	11.1	1	38
DEFENSIVE	TKL	AST	INT	TFL/YDS	SACKS
P. Vassallo	61	19	-	5.5-19	2.0-10
J. Perkins	33	19	2-22	1.0-2	-
R. Golden	37	11	1-0	2.5-6	-
D. Earls	28	14	1-1	6.5-16	1.0-6
J. Fischer	29	12	-	6.5-20	2.0-11

EDDIE PLEASANT (11)



Junior outside inebacker-turned-defenive back Eddie Pleasant has quietly had a standout year on the Oregon defense. Pleasant has found a nome in filling the role of former Oregon greats T.J. Ward and Patrick Chung at the rover position this season. The La Palma, Calif., native has tallied 53 tackles, including five tackles for loss and two sacks, while also recovering two fumbles. hen Oregon traveled to ūcson last year, Pleasant recorded six tackles and was credited with two of the Ducks' three sacks

PLEASANT PHOTO BY JACK HUNTER FOLES PHOTO BY MIKE CHRISTY ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

Standing 6-foot-5-inches tall and weighing in at 245 pounds, Arizona quarterback Nick Foles has the all the physical attributes to be a successful signalcaller at the next level. A junior from Austin, Texas, Foles has thrown for 2,201 yards and 13 touchdowns in his eight games played this season. He is averaging 275.1 yards per game through the air, while completing an impressive 71 percent of his throws in a pass-first offense. When

season, Foles went 30 for 46 with 314 yards, four one interception

- LUCAS CLARK



NICK FOLES (8) QUARTERBACK

2010 UO SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

vs. New Mexico (W, 72-0)

vs. Portland State (W, 69-0)

- at Tennessee (W, 48-13)
- 25 at Arizona State (W, 42-31)
- **OCTOBER** vs. Stanford (W, 52-31)
- at Washington State (W, 43-23) vs. UCLA (W, 60-13) 21
- at USC (W, 53-32)

NOVEMBER

- vs. Washington (W, 53-16) at California (W, 15-13)
- 26 vs. Arizona, 4 p.m. **DECEMBER**
- 4 at Oregon State, TBA

2010 ARIZONA SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER

- at Toledo (W, 41-2)
- vs. The Citadel (W 52-6) vs. Iowa (W, 34-27)
- vs. California (W, 10-9) 25

OCTOBER

- vs. Oregon State (L, 29-27)
- at Washington State (W, 24-7) 23 vs. Washington (W, 44-14)
- 30 at UCLA (W, 29-21)

NOVEMBER

- at Stanford (L, 42-17)
- 13 vs. USC (L, 24-21) 26 at Oregon, 4:00 p.m.
- **DECEMBER**

2 vs. Arizona State, 6:00 p.m.

DEFENSE

DE: Ricky Elmore DT: Justin Washington DT: Lolomana Mikaele DE: Brooks Reed OLB: Jake Fischer MLB: Derek Earls CB: Robert Golder SS: Anthony Wilcox FS: Joseph Perkins

CB: Trevin Wade

Percent of red-zone trips Arizona this season. ranking 111th in the nation

Oregon's red-zone scoring 49th nationally

on Foles.

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Passing yards per game ed by Nick Foles, first in the Pac-10

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ARIZONA NOTES

Arizona defense must step up its game to avoid another loss

The Wildcats hope to capitalize on status as top Pac-10 rushing defense

ROBERT HUSSEMAN SPORTS REPORTER

If No. 20 Arizona can pull off the upset victory against No. 1 Oregon, the Pacific-10 Conference bowl picture suddenly gets more interesting.

The Wildcats are 4-3 in the Pac-10 and 7-3 overall, tied for third in the conference with presently bowl-ineligible Oregon State.

In the event of a tie, the Beavers hold the tiebreaker after beating Arizona in Tucson on Oct. 9.

With Stanford and Oregon left to play, Oregon State faces a

difficult road ahead, while the Wildcats stay home for Arizona State on Thursday, Dec. 2.

The pressure is on Arizona to take greater control of its bowl destiny Friday in Eugene.

"Our backs are against the wall, and we're going to have to come out fighting," senior defensive end Ricky Elmore told the Arizona Daily Star. "It's a chance to go out there and compete again."

Elmore and the Wildcats defense must step up to avoid a third straight loss.

To date, Arizona has performed better than expected after losing seven starters to graduation.

The Wildcats lead the Pac-10

in rushing defense (112.9 yards per game) and are second in scoring defense (18.1 points per game).

As is customary with Mike Stoops-led Wildcats teams, domination starts on the defensive line.

Redshirt freshman defensive tackle Justin Washington (35 tackles, 8.5 for loss, four sacks) was an early-season revelation for Arizona.

Elmore and fellow senior end Brooks Reed are first and fourth in the conference in sacks, respectively, with Elmore adding 10 tackles for loss.

"They're probably the best combination of defensive ends in the conference," Oregon head coach Chip Kelly said. Offensively, Arizona should have the full services of junior quarterback Nick Foles, to the possible dismay of the Ducks' defensive staff.

Foles, a junior from Austin, missed two games because of a dislocated kneecap earlier this season but still leads the Pac-10 in passing yards (275.1 per game).

Stoops has not, however, ruled out appearances from backup quarterback Matt Scott, who served admirably in the two games, replacing Foles before succumbing to a knee injury as well.

Scott is considered more of a running threat than Foles, who possesses the more powerful arm.

"(Scott) has progressed

well, and we feel like he will be an option," Stoops told the Tucson Citizen this week. "To what extent, I think, will be how good he feels by Friday."

Scott has appeared in six games this season, completing 64 of 91 passes for 772 yards with four touchdowns and two interceptions.

Whether Stoops is comfortable working him into the game plan in certain situations remains to be seen.

Foles and Scott — who have been barred from speaking with the media this week — will be protected by an allsenior Wildcats offensive line.

Arizona's line has allowed 24 sacks this season, but its collective mass (four players over 6-foot-4 and four players over 300 pounds) has bothered Oregon in the past.

"It's going to be probably the biggest line we've seen since Tennessee," Oregon senior defensive tackle Zac Clark said. "They're a good, solid group all around. They have a bunch of good players on the offense. Of course, the O-line's huge (for what they do)."

Arizona junior Juron Criner has emerged as one of the best wide receivers in the conference in 2010, and is a reliable target for Foles and Scott. The Las Vegas native leads the Pac-10 in both receptions per game (6.4) and yards per game (98.2), with six touchdown catches.

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The University of Oregon is ready to add yet another impressive athletic facility to its growing list.

A 130,000, six-story, yet-to-be-named football operations building has been approved, and construction is expected to begin in early 2011.

True, a new soccer and lacrosse facility is included with the deal, but the operations center matters slightly more because, hey, football is king.

The soccer and lacrosse facility will also host football pre-game festivities. More symbolically, the Casanova Center (107,000 square feet) will officially be dwarfed by this new building, dedicated solely to one sport.

I'm sure you've already read the press release by now, but let's just go over the features of this new building one more time, shall we?

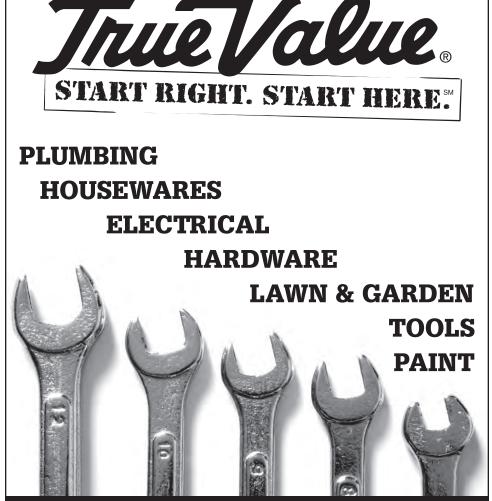
"Featured in the expansion, which will wrap around the north and west

sides of the Casanova Center, will be a new 25,000-square-foot weight room perched on the edge of three practice fields — an enhanced grass football practice field, as well as the addition of two new synthetic turf practice fields — and a full-service dining facility available to all University athletes, students and staff.

"At the heart of the facility, which is cloaked in black metal and glass, is a centralized football operations center that will include nine dedicated football position meeting rooms, two team video theaters, offense and defense strategy rooms, as well as a larger conference suite for the entire coaching staff. The centralized area will be flanked by office and locker facilities for coaches, staff and student-athletes. Additional amenities will include a players' lounge, a recruiting center to host prospective student-athletes, dedicated areas to accommodate

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Catching up with...

Since transferring to Oregon from Butler County (Kan.) Community College for the 2009 season, defensive lineman Zac Clark has emerged as a mainstay on the Ducks' defensive line. An integral part of a defense that has limited opponents to only 17.2 points per game, Clark currently has 28 tackles and ranks fourth on the team in tackles for loss. The Daily Emerald caught up with Clark after practice this week to

Oregon Daily Emerald: When you were recruited out of Butler County, what were your final choices?

Zac Clark: My final four was here, Louisville, Texas A&M and Boise State.

Why did you end up picking Oregon?

Oregon, just because I felt more comfortable here. I came out on my visit, and the only person I met was LaMichael (James). I came out during finals week, so I didn't get to meet anybody. But it's just like everyone says, the facilities and just the family feeling. I hung out with Pat Chung, and he made me feel at home.

Has it been mostly what you expected?

Oh definitely, nothing has changed since the day I got out here. If anything, it's gotten better.

Talk about how practicing at such a high tempo against this offensive line has helped you develop as a player?

It's great. We have one of the best o-lines in the nation, and they don't get as much credit as they deserve. But they do a great job, and so they push us every day in practice to make sure that we're doing it too. We know if we can handle ourselves against these guys, we can handle ourselves against anybody.

Who is the hardest o-lineman for you to go up against?

They all bring different things. I think Bo Thran and Mark Asper are tough to go in the pass because they have great sets. Jordan (Holmes) is real smart so he knows where he needs to be so that makes him tough. Then Carson (York) and C.E. (Kaiser) just bring good physicality to it.

What's been the most physical or most challenging offensive line of an opposing team you've gone up against in your two years here?

Last year Stanford was a very physical offensive line. They were physical this year, too, but we handled it a lot better. This year, Cal had a pretty physical o-line. It surprised us a little bit.

If you weren't playing football, what other sport would you be playing?

I'd lose about 50 pounds and go on to be a professional ping-pong player.

What would your style be? Would you be a finesse player, spin, power?

I'm actually more of a finesse, placement-type guy, just get people off balance; that's my game. Then bring a little power when I need to.

If your coach asked you to fake an injury, what part of the body would you choose to get hurt?

First off, it'd be my pride if I actually did that, but I wouldn't do that. If my coach asked me to fake an injury, I'd look at him like he's crazy.

What do you think about teams faking injuries? Do you guys let it get to you or do you laugh it off?

We're not sure if they're really faking. We've seen the videos. I'll tell you what, at Cal, in the fourth quarter when we were going on that long drive, we had about five of us on the sidelines that were faking our own injuries, just to lighten up the situation. I don't know if they're faking, what they're doing, but we handle it and play on.

What's been the most surprising thing about your

two years here?

I was surprised how much of camaraderie we have here. It's like the family that everyone talks about. We get mad at each other in practice; we get mad at each other whenever. But as soon as we step off the field, we're right back to being who we are.

What's been your most memorable moment if you had to pick one?

If I had to pick one, it would be Halloween evening last year when we beat USC, just because of how loud the stadium was and the

crazy atmosphere.

Do you know what you want to do after Oregon? Do vou want to continue vour football career?

I'll see how far football takes me. It's been fun and I'll continue, see where I get, and after that, we'll see.

Any idea what you'd like to do when football is over?

Either get into coaching myself or I think that probation officer, something like that, would be an interesting and beneficial career.

- ANDY DRUKAREV



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Zac Clark attempts a tackle on Washington quarterback Keith Price during the Ducks' 53-16 win over the Huskies on Nov. 6. Clark ranks fourth on the team in tackles for loss, with six

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professional scouts, a media interview room as well as an advanced video editing and distribution center."

Uh, whoa.

That description may somehow be overshadowed by the architects' rendering accompanying the release.

As a veteran of years of issues of Architectural Digest, I consider myself aware of the impact of glass-and-steel modern architecture the human sensibilities.

The initial rendering floored me. There are some magnates in the world of industry that would take a smaller-scale version of that as a private residence on some forested acreage.

Once again, congratulations to the Knights and the Oregon athletic department. They have, yet again, raised the bar on what a commitment to athletic excellence can look like and feel like.

If facilities tell stories, then Oregon has again built on the themes of innovation and potential.

And yet, this one is different. This building is a game-changer.

I can only imagine the feelings of athletic directors across the country when they heard the announcement. Their hearts probably sunk. This building is truly one-of-a-kind; it cannot possibly be replicated anywhere else. Only a select few schools have the means and desire to build an operations facility on this scale.

Oregon was derided for its expenditures on a locker room, a training and medical center and a student-athlete tutoring center.

This facility, of course, is in part for the athletes themselves,

but mostly for the coaches. And man, does Chip Kelly's seat become more enjoyable by the day. His assistants, too - heaven forbid the school looking for its next head coach off the Oregon staff tries to play the facilities card.

We won't know of the cost until completion — and even then, the public records department will have a decision to make on stonewalling the media — but I'll venture to guess that this building alone comes to \$150 million out of the Knights' accounts.

The athletic facilities "arms race" is real, and as colleges and universities across the nation feel the pinch, the cost of keeping up grows more and more steep. (Oregon will likely pay maintenance for the building, as with the Jaqua Center; how high will those run?)

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In its quest to become a model athletic department, Oregon has given the green light to a project that cannot be equaled through a lack of resources or imagination

at a major university.

As economic forces and the drive for revenue shape the college sports landscape, the goal is to leverage this building toward its maximum economic output.

In this case, a perpetual

winner and money-maker of a football program, and an athletic department that rides this wave toward continued success.

Let the litmus test begin.

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GAME DAY

POINTS OF DEBATE

Daily Emerald sports editor Lucas Clark tracked down Tim Kosch of the Arizona Daily Wildcat to pick his brain about the talented Arizona squad.

Lucas Clark: No. 20 Arizona has dropped two consecutive Pac-10 games heading into arguably the toughest matchup of the year. How have the Wildcats been able to improve over the bye week to prepare for top-ranked Oregon?

Tim Kosch: To say that their struggles have come at a bad time would be an understatement. The Wildcats rode their defense to a 7-1 start, but in the last two games, the defense has disappeared.

The secondary is weak, and the linebackers have looked confused. Beating a team like Oregon would take two weeks of perfect preparation, but having to devote some of that time to fix itself before moving toward Oregon might hurt Arizona.

LC: Quarterback Nick Foles is having another standout season, throwing for over 2,000 yards already, and it seems like he's a pretty level-headed signal caller having thrown only six interceptions this year. Is he capable of having the breakout performance in Autzen Stadium that Arizona will surely need?

TK: He certainly is. Foles is the rock of the offense, especially considering how absent the passing game has been. The only concern about Foles is his red zone inefficiency. Most, if not all, of his interceptions have come in the red zone and the Wildcats are one of the worst red zone offenses in the country. To make things worse, the receiving corps is banged up and their top slot receiver, Bug (William) Wright, has been suspended for reasons unknown.

LC: Keola Antolin and Nic Grigsby have provided a great one-two punch in the running game, but the Wildcat defense will have to contain Oregon's LaMichael James and Kenjon Barner defensively. How will head coach Mike Stoops look to slow the deadly Oregon ground game?

TK: One thing the Wildcats do have going for them is their speed, especially defensively. They play very fast and very aggressively. The key will be the defensive line — if (defensive) ends Ricky



LUCAS CLARK
OREGON DAILY EMERALD
SPORTS EDITOR



TIM KOSCH
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT
SPORTS EDITOR

Elmore and Brooks Reed can maintain the edge and the tackles can sure up the middle, then the Wildcats might be able to stop Oregon's running game, but as you all have seen it takes a lot to stop that offense.

LC: The Pac-10 season is slowly winding down and nobody wants to drop a game on the road this late in the season. How much has the upset been talked about and what would it mean for this Arizona team moving forward?

TK: Obviously beating the No. 1 team in the country would be enormous no matter the situation. Arizona started the season 7-1 and there was a lot of talk about the Rose Bowl here in Tucson, but unfortunately these last two losses have knocked them out of the picture. The enthusiasm probably isn't as high as it should be, but a win over Oregon would be enormous.

LC: Give me a quick prediction of the game. How do you honestly see it playing out? Who will have a big game on both sides, and, of course, a final score prediction.

TK: If this game was played a few weeks earlier I would say that Arizona has a legitimate shot, but as of right now I don't think it will be close. Some people might say that Oregon is struggling after the Cal game, but I see them coming out even more motivated than they usually do. The Ducks have started slowly in a lot of games this year and this might be the case this time, but considering the game is at Autzen on the day after Thanksgiving (black uniforms for Black Friday?), I think the Ducks will win big. Oregon 45, Arizona 28.



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