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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.

OUT OF NOWHERE

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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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
SPORTS EDITOR

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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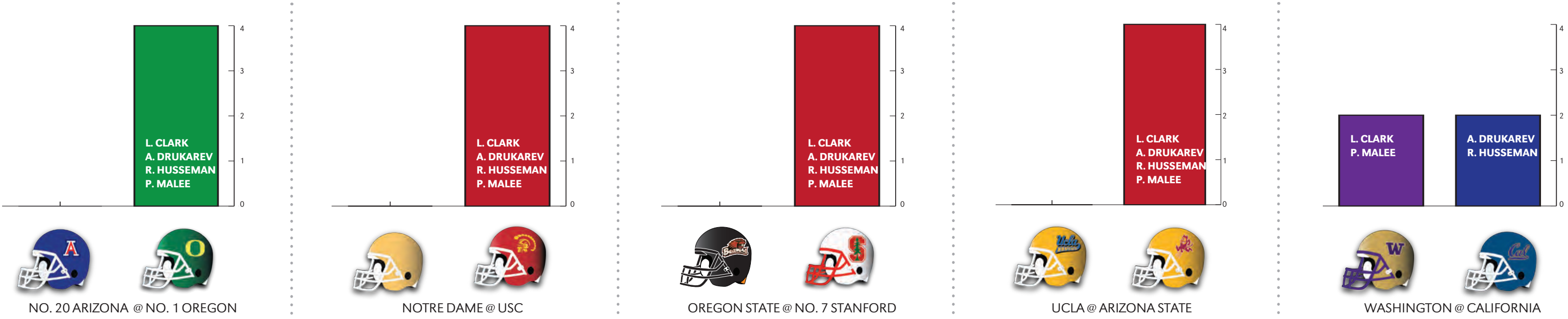
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RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
L. James	225	1422	6.3	17	76	
D. Thomas	78	434	5.6	4	35	
PASSING	CMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	TD	
D. Thomas	167	273	61.2	2225	23	
RECEIVING	CAT	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
J. Maehl	59	830	14.1	11	47	
D. Davis	30	332	11.1	1	38	
D. Paulson	18	322	17.9	3	61	
DEFENSIVE	TKL	AST	INT	TFL/YDS	SACKS	
C. Matthews	27	33	3-15	6.5-26	2.0-13	
S. Paysinger	35	22	-	5.0-21	2.0-10	
T. Jackson	36	19	1-0	-	-	
J. Boyett	32	22	3-39	1.5-3	-	
E. Pleasant	29	24	-	5.0-26	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)

ROVER



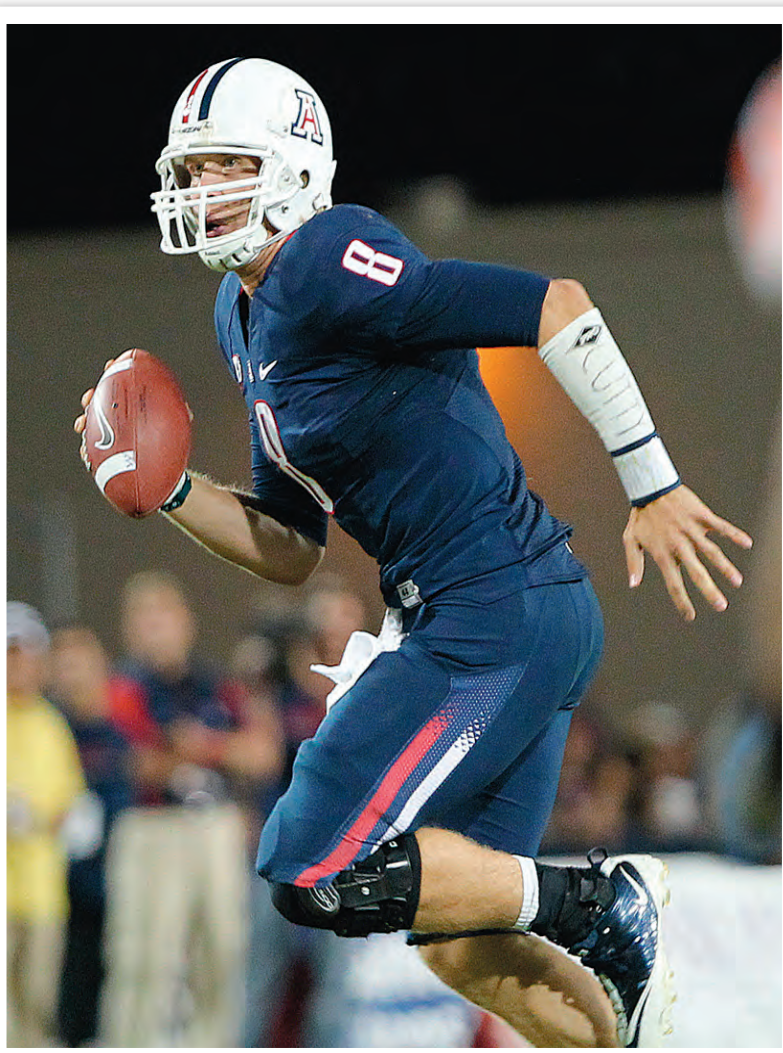
Junior outside linebacker-turned-defensive back Eddie Pleasant has quietly had a standout year on the Oregon defense. Pleasant has found a home in filling the role of former Oregon greats T.J. Ward and Patrick Chung at the rover position this season. The La Palma, Calif., native has tallied 53 tackles,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

PLAYERS TO WATCH

PLEASANT PHOTO BY JACK HUNTER
PHOTOGRAPHER
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 signal-caller 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 the two teams met last season, Foles went 30 for 46 with 314 yards, four touchdowns and one interception.

— LUCAS CLARK



NICK FOLES (8)

QUARTERBACK

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 (W, 15-13)
26	vs. Arizona, 4 p.m.
DECEMBER	
4	at Oregon State, TBA

2010 ARIZONA SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER	
3	at Toledo (W, 41-2)
11	vs. The Citadel (W 52-6)
18	vs. Iowa (W, 34-27)
25	vs. California (W, 10-9)
OCTOBER	
9	vs. Oregon State (L, 29-27)
16	at Washington State (W, 24-7)
23	vs. Washington (W, 44-14)
30	at UCLA (W, 29-21)
NOVEMBER	
6	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.

STARTING LINEUPS

OREGON

OFFENSE
WR: Jeff Maehl
LT: Bo Thran
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
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
FS: John Boyett
ROV: Eddie Pleasant
CB: Cliff Harris

ARIZONA

OFFENSE

WR: Juron Criner
LT: Adam Grant
LG: Conan Amituanai
C: Colin Baxter
RG: Javon Hayes
RT: Phillip Garcia
TE: A.J. Simmons
WR: David Douglas
QB: Nick Foles
FB: Taimi Tutagi
RB: Keola Antolin

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: Alex Zendejas
P: Keenyn Crier
LS: Chase Gorham
KR: Travis Cobb
PR: David Douglas
HLD: Keenyn Crier

DEFENSE

DE: Ricky Elmore
DT: Justin Washington
DT: Lolomana Mikaele
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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 all-senior 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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Phil and Penny Knight have outdone themselves.

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.

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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?

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“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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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
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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