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Around The Pac-10

Backup quarterback has a football mind

► After a long detour to Washington, Taylor Barton will start for Rick Neuheisel

By JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Taylor Barton's first start for No. 10 Washington couldn't get much bigger than this.

The Huskies' backup quarterback is likely to start in place of injured Cody Pickett when Washington plays No. 7 UCLA on Saturday at the Rose Bowl in a battle of Pac-10 unbeaten.

"Taylor Barton got a chance to compete in a big-time college football game, and he could have another chance this weekend," coach Rick Neuheisel said Monday.

Pickett is listed as doubtful for the UCLA game with a separated right shoulder, but will be able to hold on kicks, Neuheisel said.

Barton has shown he can lead Washington (4-0, 2-0 Pac-10) to victory. After Pickett was injured in the second quarter against Southern Cal last weekend, Barton led the Huskies to a last-second 27-24 victory.

It was the team's third fourth-quarter comeback win this season. The Huskies also came from behind to win in the final quarter five times in last year's Rose Bowl season.

Barton completed 11 of 20 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns. Even if Barton leads Washington to another victory, Neuheisel stressed that Pickett remains the starter, assuming he's healthy.

No matter who's directing the offense, it will be tough duty. UCLA's defense is allowing only 11.8 points per game, which is sixth-lowest in the country. The Bruins (4-0, 1-0 Pac-10) have speed, depth and experience, not to mention a new defensive coordinator in Phil Snow.

"They're playing really well and they're playing inspired," Neuheisel said of the Bruins' defense.

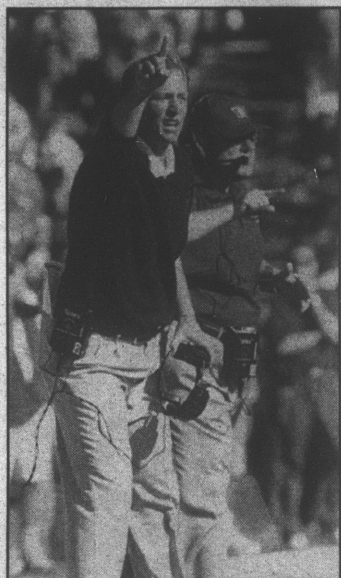
Neuheisel originally recruited Barton to Colorado in 1998 before the coach took the Washington job. Barton used to come into Neuheisel's office every Saturday in Boulder, Colo., to find out which recruits were in town so he could welcome them.

Barton impressed Neuheisel from the beginning with his football mind.

"He's a gym rat around football," Neuheisel said.

Barton transferred to City College of San Francisco last year, then to Washington.

The Huskies' defense will face as



WASHINGTON SPORTS INFORMATION

Rick Neuheisel originally recruited Taylor Barton when he coached at Colorado.

much of a challenge as the offense.

Washington had trouble slowing down USC's Sultan McCullough last week, and UCLA's star tailback DeShaun Foster is a potentially bigger test.

"It's certainly a wakeup call to our defensive front that we've got to stop the run to stay in the conference race," Neuheisel said.

McCullough carried a career-high 32 times for USC in last Saturday's game. Neuheisel expects Foster to have at least as many rushes. Foster is tied for 22nd in the nation in all-purpose yards with 139.5 per game, and leads the Pac-10 in rushing with 128 yards a game.

While Neuheisel is emphasizing stopping the run, he said Washington's running game must get on track. Willie Hurst, coming back from a hamstring injury, made strides against USC with 19 carries for 102 yards.

"Our plan is we've got to find a way to run the football and take time off the clock," Neuheisel said.

Notes: UCLA quarterback Cory Paus is the older brother of Washington freshman Casey Paus. "His mom and dad will be at the game," Neuheisel said of his reserve QB. "It'll be interesting to see how they dress for the game." ... Cornerback Omare Lowe is nursing a sore shoulder, but will be ready to play, Neuheisel said. ... Neuheisel was pleased with the play of Zach Tuia-sosopo as replacement to outside linebacker Kai Ellis against USC. Ellis is out for at least another week with torn cartilage in both knees. Tuia-sosopo, the younger brother of former quarterback Marques Tuia-sosopo, was second in tackles with nine against the Trojans.



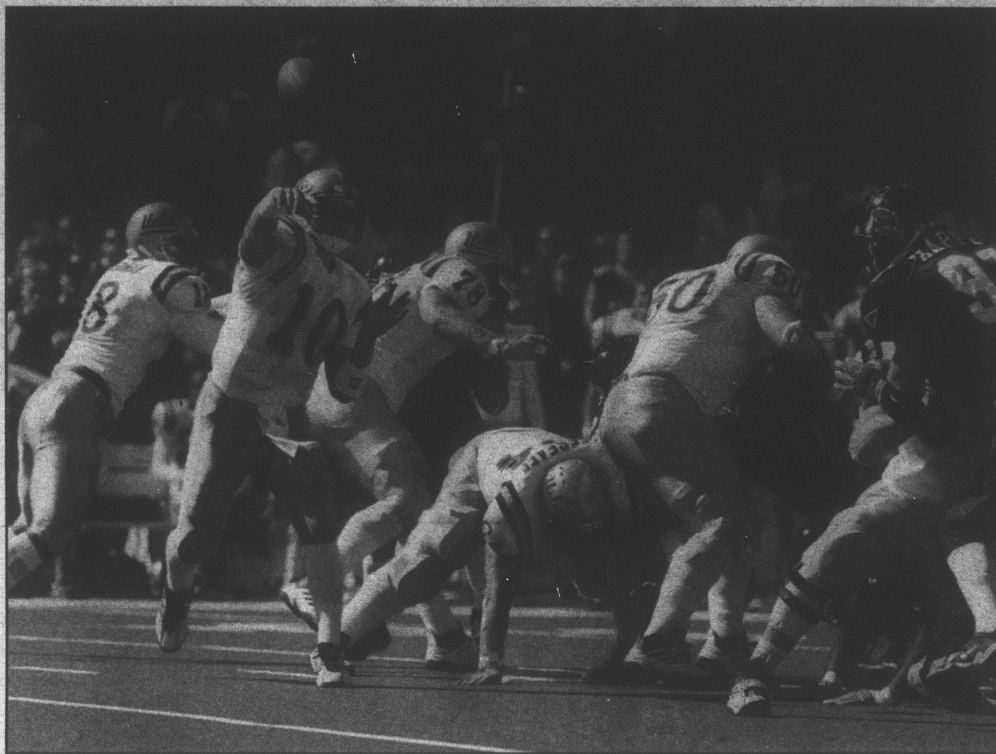
No. 10 Washington at No. 7 UCLA

When: 12:30 p.m.

Where: Rose Bowl

Air: Live on ABC

Game Plan: This clash of top-10 teams could catapult the winner into the top five. Washington will likely give backup quarterback Taylor Barton his first start after Cody Pickett went down last week with a separated shoulder. The Bruins are coming off of a bye. Their last game was a 38-7 victory at Oregon State.



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PHOTO EDITOR

Bruin quarterback Cory Paus may not be getting the hype of a DeShaun Foster or a Robert Thomas, but his leadership has proven to be invaluable for seventh-ranked UCLA.

Paus doing his part for dominant Bruins

► Overshadowed by stars on offense and defense, UCLA's quarterback puts up solid stats

By JOHN MADEL
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — UCLA running back DeShaun Foster is being talked up for the Heisman Trophy, and the Bruins defense has been out of this world.

And quarterback Cory Paus? He's been pretty good, too, although overshadowed by the likes of Foster, linebackers Robert Thomas and Ryan Nece and safety Marques Anderson.

Paus has said repeatedly since practice began in August he knew the Bruins' defense, which gave up a school-record 368 points last season, would be markedly improved. It has allowed 47 points in four games including 13 in the last two.

It's Paus' job to make sure the offense holds up its end of the bargain, and so far, it's worked out, although perhaps not the way many thought it would.

UCLA coach Bob Toledo admitted Monday the play of the defense was a factor in his offensive approach this season, which has been less wide-open than in the past.

"I think that's probably fair to say," Toledo said. "Defensively, we're playing extremely well. That gives you a chance to win the game."

And, Toledo said, with a running back like Foster, it makes sense to use him since the opposition is obligated to commit up to eight defenders to stop the run, opening up the passing game.

"That's not to say we're not going to throw the football," Toledo said. "I'm not a conservative person. I hope I utilize the talent I have. If I don't give it to DeShaun Foster, I'm going to be second-guessed."

The Bruins threw an average of 33 passes per game last season. In four games this year, the average is 23.3.

Paus became the third sophomore in UCLA history to pass for over 2,000 yards last season despite missing three full games and all but three plays of a fourth due to a separated shoulder, and the second half of the Sun Bowl with a broken collarbone.

He was 134-of-241 for 2,154 yards and 17 touchdowns with nine interceptions.

So far this year, he's 46-of-87 for 761 yards and five touchdowns and no interceptions.

"There may be a little more pressure, I'm a little older, because of the way they coach us and what's expected of me," said Paus, a fourth-year junior. "I've still got the ability to win or lose the game. I can screw the game up."

He hasn't done that, as evidence by his interception total.

"He got off to a slow start," Foster said, referring to Paus' performance

in a season-opening 20-17 victory at Alabama, when he was 8-of-22 for 123 yards and one TD. "But he's getting better each week. He hasn't thrown any picks. We've got to help him by catching the ball."

"He plays hard, he's a leader. He leads by example. He says a lot in the huddle, that's where he does a lot of talking. He's just doing what's being asked of him. If he was asked to throw 40 passes a game, he could do that."

Toledo said following UCLA's 38-7 victory at Oregon State on Sept. 29 — the last time the Bruins played — that he considered sitting Paus for a spell after he completed only two of 10 passes to start the game.

"I saw it in his eyes, the way he was talking to me, when I came off the field," Paus recalled. "I finished 10-for-14. It was just two little runs."

One of the completions was a perfectly thrown 38-yard touchdown pass to Brian Poli-Dixon on the final play of the first half to give the seventh-ranked Bruins (4-0, 1-0 Pac-10) a 17-0 halftime lead. Oregon State wasn't in the game after that.

The Bruins, who were off last weekend, face No. 10 Washington (4-0, 2-0) on Saturday at the Rose Bowl in a game that ultimately might determine the conference championship.

"This one is the biggest game of our career," Paus said, echoing what he said before the Oregon State game. "If we keep playing like we want to play, it'll be like that the rest of the year."

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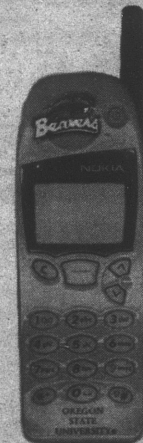
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Washington State at No. 23 Stanford

When: 2 p.m.
Where: Stanford Stadium
Air: No TV
Game Plan: Both teams feature some of the top offenses in the country — ASU is third at 45.5 yards a game, while WSU puts 42 points on the board per game. Both are also ranked in the top 10 nationally in total offense. At 5-0, Washington State has more wins than all of last year.



Stanford's Freeman hungry for a bowl

► Cardinal nose tackles loses 30 pounds to contribute more on defense

By ANTHONY LEE
 THE STANFORD DAILY (STANFORD U.)

STANFORD, Calif. — Stanford nose tackle Trey Freeman knew he would not be analyzing tapes of opposing defenses last winter break. Nor would he be scrimmaging or practicing. He certainly would not be attending pre-bowl ceremonies or taking any trips to Disneyland.

The Cardinal was ineligible for a bowl game last season, just one year after their remarkable run to the Rose Bowl. They posted a 5-6 record in 2000, a season where inexperience and big plays by Stanford opponents dwarfed the many flashes of brilliance and resilience that Stanford displayed.

Motivated by Stanford's inability to qualify for a bowl game, the affable 330-pound red-shirt junior vowed that he would prepare himself for the following season to help the Cardinal reach postseason play again by not eating.

"I only ate smoothies for two and a half weeks, three times a day," Freeman says.

His mission: To lose nearly 30 pounds and contribute defensively as a more complete nose tackle.

"I was motivated to lose the weight and help the team because we weren't at a bowl game," Freeman recalls.

Spending 90 minutes a day on an elliptical stairmaster in addition to drinking his various concoctions, Freeman clearly was inspired.

Thoughts about how close the Cardinal had come to making a quality bowl game went through his head.

A six-point loss to Notre Dame. A three-point loss to Washington. A two-point loss to UCLA. With a few bounces and a couple of correct calls by the referees, Stanford could have easily been 8-3.

So Freeman resisted his favorite snacks and treats. He stayed away from his favorite meals. He sacrificed his favorite savory Christmas turkey.

After losing nearly 30 pounds, Freeman awed Cardinal coaches and players with his newly chiseled 295-pound frame, a body that would make him much more versatile in Stanford defensive coordinator Kent Baer's defensive schemes.

"There has been a metamorphosis with Trey in the last year," defensive tackles coach Dave Tipton said this summer.

One of the main reasons that Stanford enters this weekend's game against Washington State with an undefeated 3-0 record and a No. 23 national ranking is their 12th-ranked run defense, which has stifled its opponents to a mere 81.3 rushing yards per game.

In Stanford's opener, the Cardinal's formidable front line held Boston College's explosive running back William Green to 103 yards, a week after he rushed for 204 yards against West Virginia.

After limiting the Arizona State Sun Devils to just 86 yards rushing, the Cardinal stuffed Southern California's Sultan McCullough, who sliced repeatedly through Washington's heralded defensive line last weekend for 132 yards, limiting him to a mere 32 yards on 16 carries on Sept. 29 at the Coliseum.

"Because of Trey's play, teams can't run in the middle on us," Hoover said.



WSU SPORTS INFORMATION

Washington State receiver Mike Bush made the move from the basketball court to the football field without losing a step. He has 20 receptions for 441 yards and four touchdowns this year.

Important game ahead for Washington State

► Jason Gesser is expected to start despite visit to hospital on Saturday

By JON NAITO

DAILY EVERGREEN (WASHINGTON STATE U.)

PULLMAN, Wash. — Things hit the proverbial fan this weekend in the Pac-10.

Four of the conference's five undefeated teams will meet Saturday. No. 10 Washington visits No. 7 UCLA and Washington State meets No. 23 Stanford.

With such an important game ahead, the 5-0 Cougars won't be looking to take any chances this week in practice.

Tuesday was a light practice, no pads, just helmets and shorts, following WSU's 34-27 win against Oregon State Saturday — a game WSU coach Mike Price called "very physical."

Junior quarterback Jason Gesser threw sparingly in practice Tuesday. Backups Matt Kegel and Tali Ena took the majority of the snaps. Gesser took a hit in the stomach Saturday and sat out most of the second half.

He visited the hospital Saturday and tests came back negative. Gesser, though, likely will start against the Cardinal.

"He probably won't practice much," Price said. "Everyone's in getting rehabbed. We're day-to-day with him."

Senior running back Dave Minnich sat out

Tuesday's practice as a precaution. Minnich carried 34 times for 195 yards Saturday and the coaching staff is attempting to keep him as healthy as possible for this weekend.

Left guard Joey Hollenbeck has a sore knee and strong safety Billy Newman has a sore ankle. Both will play this weekend.

"There are some guys that are banged up," Price said. "We're not going to do much today — just a lot of mental work."

Little Big Man: Luke Powell stands 5-foot-8, weighs about 170 pounds if he's wet, and this week he's got Price a little wary.

That's because Stanford's sophomore wide receiver happens to lead the nation in punt returns, averaging 25.5 yards a pop. And if that weren't enough, the speedster is third in the conference, averaging 91.7 yards receiving per game.

It's enough to give Price a little unwanted déjà vu about another small, lightning-quick Cardinal receiver.

"Yeah, he reminds me of Troy Walters -- I can't stand him either," Price said jokingly. "Where do they get these guys?"

In his final three games against WSU, Walters had 25 receptions for 379 yards and four touchdowns, as the Cardinal went 2-1 against the Cougars during that stretch.

This time around, Price wants to keep the ball out of the hands of Stanford's playmaker as much as possible.

"I'm real concerned about punting the ball to him," Price said. "He's just fantastic."

"We're stressing the heck out of coverage. We're going to punt it high and we'll cover it like crazy and directional punt. We can't line up and punt the ball like he's some Joe Schmoe."

Magic Numbers: The numbers for WSU are still impressive, weak competition or not.

The Cougars are second in the Pac-10 and eighth nationally in scoring offense (42 points per game), the conference leader and fifth nationally in total offense (488 yards per game), the conference's top run defense (59.8 yards per game) and second-best total defense (289.8 yards allowed per game).

Senior running back Dave Minnich is second in the conference in rushing, averaging 117.8 yards per game.

Quarterback Jason Gesser is second in the conference in passing yards per game (261.2) and total offense (265.2) and third in passing efficiency (a 155.7 rating).

Receiver Nakoa McElrath leads the conference in receptions per game (6.8), yards per game (119.6) and touchdowns (eight).

Sophomore defensive end Isaac Brown leads the Pac-10 in sacks with six. D.D. Acholonu is third with four.

Sophomore kicker Drew Dunning leads the Pac-10 in scoring with field goals made (10 of 12) and scoring (54).

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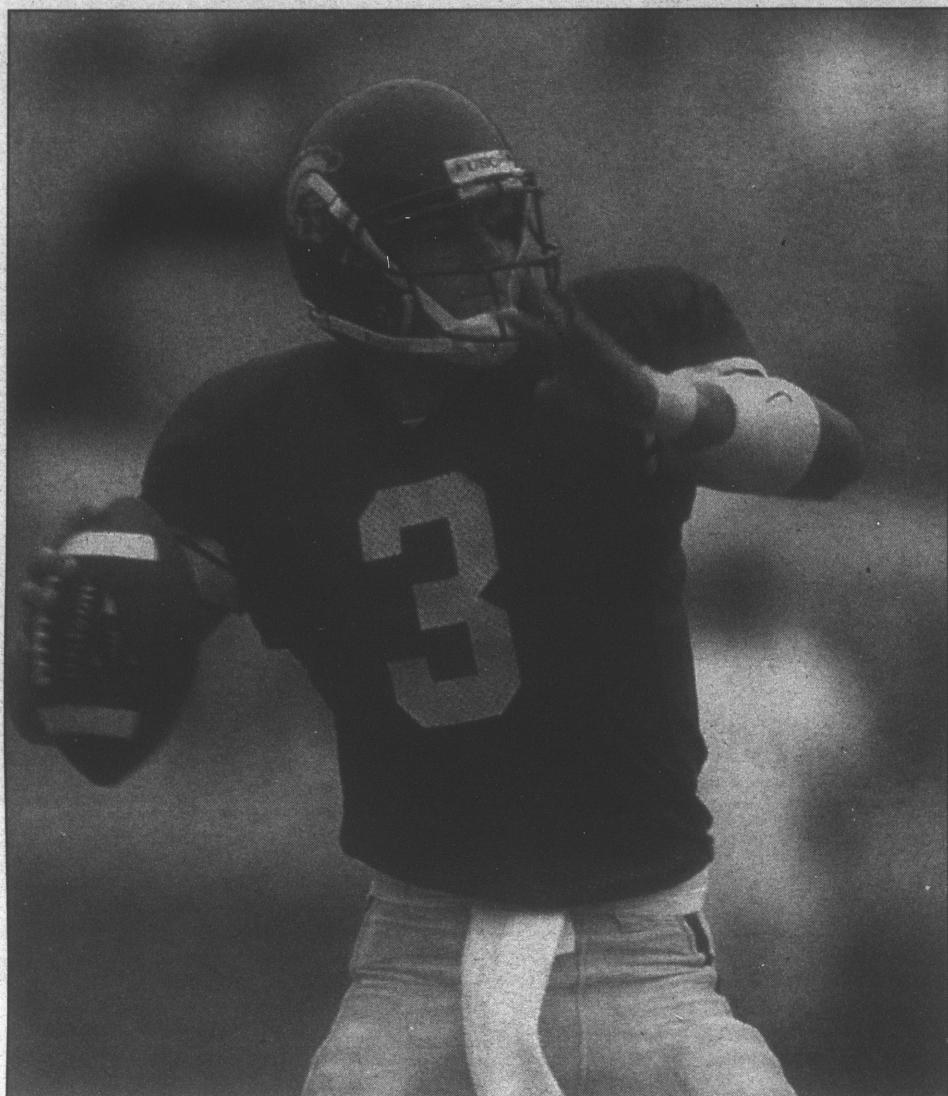
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USC SPORTS INFORMATION

Last week against Washington, Carson Palmer completed all seven of his first-half passes, but went on to miss his first six passes in the second half. Palmer completed a 58-yard pass to Kareem Kelly for a touchdown with 3:47 left to tie the game at 24-24.



Arizona State at Southern Cal

When: 3:30 p.m.
Where: L.A. Coliseum
Air: Live on FOX Syndicate
Game Plan: USC has lost its last four games by a total of 14 points, all against teams currently ranked. ASU quarterback Jeff Krohn leads the Pac-10 in passing efficiency and is second nationally, trailing only Florida's Rex Grossman. He also leads the Pac-10 in total offense at 294 yards per game. The offense-defense matchup should be interesting. The Sun Devils average 45.5 points per game, while the Trojans only give up 18.4. Unfortunately for USC, the Trojans only score 17.8 points. Arizona State is the only team that boasts a winning record against the Trojans. The Sun Devils lead the series 9-8. USC battled to a 44-38 double-overtime victory last season.



ASU SPORTS INFORMATION

Terrell Suggs has been the mainstay of ASU's defense. He has half of the Sun Devils' 12 sacks and another four tackles for loss.

Sun Devils turning into scoring machine

> Koetter says, "If there is a better 1-4 team in the country than USC, I'm glad we don't play them"

By MEL REISNER
 AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — Arizona State is following the trend of high scoring in college games. In fact, the Sun Devils are close to the top.

The Sun Devils (3-1, 0-1 Pac-10) lead the Pacific-10 and rank third nationally in scoring (45.2 points). Their 63-27 rout of Louisiana-Lafayette over the weekend was the most points Arizona State has scored in a game in 24 years, and Jeff Krohn is second in the country in passing efficiency (180.9) and sixth in total offense (294.0).

It's nothing new for coach Dirk Koetter, whose Boise State team led the nation in scoring offense last year.

"The object of the game is to score more points than your opponent," he said Monday.

Koetter was surprised during his weekly press briefing by a question about big plays by the offense leaving the defense on the field too long.

"If they're challenging you to throw deep, then throw deep," Koetter said. "If we score in two plays, we raise our hands over our heads and are happy about it. The defense, when they go out there, they have an opportunity to get off the field every three plays. If they don't get off, that's their problem."

But Koetter suggested tougher times are coming for his high-flying offense. Arizona State's only loss so far was by 23 points to Stanford of the Pac-10, and the Sun Devils finish with seven straight conference games starting with Southern California at Los Angeles Coliseum on Saturday.

"They look like an NFL defense, and I say that not just from a talent standpoint but also from their schematic," Koetter said. "They are very, very sound. Some of these plays we've been able to get these last few weeks with guys running wide open by 20 yards, those plays don't look like they're coming up on the SC film too often."

"If there is a better 1-4 team in the country than USC, I'm glad we don't play them," he added.

Arizona State defensive tackle Danny Masaniai tore a knee ligament against Lafayette and was lost for the season, leaving the Sun Devils light for backups behind Tommie Townsend and Kurt Wallin.

But the Sun Devils, already one of only about a dozen teams to play a 4-2-5 defensive alignment, may go even lighter up front by switching to three linemen and three linebackers.

They frequently lined up that way against Lafayette, which uses many four- and five-receiver sets.

The fixture on the defensive line is end Terrell Suggs, who has six of the team's 12 sacks and four other tackles for loss.

Trojans have reason to feel unlucky

> Carroll tries to keep his players' confidence up despite four straight disheartening, last-minute losses

By KEN PETERS
 AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Four consecutive losses, all to teams currently in the national rankings, by a total of 14 points.

It's no wonder the USC Trojans feel snakebit.

"It's been hard on us. It's an extraordinarily challenging time for our football team and our staff to make sense of the disappointments," said coach Pete Carroll, whose Trojans lost 27-24 last weekend at Washington when the Huskies kicked a field goal as time expired.

It was the second time in three games that USC lost on a late field goal.

"As we look back at the teams we have played, and think that we have been unable to finish strong and beat teams at their place, it might make more sense later," Carroll said. "But right now, it's frustrating."

After beating San Jose State 21-10 in the season opener, the Trojans were defeated 10-6 by Kansas State, No. 24 this week; 24-

22 by Oregon, No. 5, on a field goal with 12 seconds left; and 21-16 by Stanford before falling to Washington, No. 10.

The Trojans, 0-3 in the Pac-10, play conference foe Arizona State (3-1, 0-1) on Saturday at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Carroll has tried to keep his players' confidence up despite the disheartening losses.

"It's hard to have confidence when you don't have small successes," he said. "We look to find the areas that we are doing well and really emphasize that and try to build on that."

"But at the same time, you have to address and point right at where you can make your corrections. It's hard to be confident when you haven't been successful in a general sense."

The Trojans, who have given up late, game-deciding drives, have been working on being more efficient in the final two minutes.

"In two-minute situations, the team is successful that can execute cleanly and allow the other team to make mistakes. We just have to do it better," Carroll said. "We have no room for error."

The Trojans may start three freshmen on the defensive line against Arizona

State since nose tackle Bernard Riley tore ligaments in his right knee at Washington and is expected to miss the rest of the season.

Mike Patterson is scheduled to open in Riley's spot, joining fellow freshmen Shaun Cody, a tackle, and Kenechi Udezue, an end who redshirted last year.

Malaefou MacKenzie, counted on before the season to share duty at tailback with Sultan McCullough, is leaving school for the rest of the rest of this semester, Carroll said. MacKenzie, a redshirt senior, hasn't played this season because of recurring knee problems and also missed one game to attend his father's funeral in Samoa.

The coach said MacKenzie needed to spend time with his family now, and added that he hopes the tailback will return to USC in January. Last season, MacKenzie carried 41 times for 284 yards, caught 27 passes for 249 yards and returned four kickoffs for 91 yards.

Quarterback Carson Palmer showed signs of brilliance Saturday, completing his first seven passes. But he missed his target on his next six attempts before tossing a 58-yard touchdown to Kareem Kelly.

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Changing of the guard

► Senior offensive lineman wants to stay high on the depth chart

By RYAN GABRIEL
BAROMETER SPORTS EDITOR

Everybody knows Jonathan Smith's story of glory at Oregon State. How Mike Riley trusted his untested talents and tiny frame at a crucial point of the Beavers' remarkable turnaround.

Smith entered a game nearly four years ago against Arizona in relief of starter Terrance Bryant. Nothing spectacular, he threw a touch-down pass, fumbled the ball on a wobble-legged scramble and started his remarkable career at Oregon State.

None of that would have happened without a 6-3, 294-pound senior named Dustin Janz. Not the 400-yard passing games, none of the touch-downs. Not the Fiesta Bowl MVP award and heck, why not, maybe not even the Fiesta Bowl, period.

Smith doesn't owe everything he's accomplished at Oregon State to Janz, but what he does owe is some thanks.

Thanks for being a three-year starter at Glendora High School. Thanks for being All-San Gabriel Valley First Team as a sophomore, junior and senior. Thanks for being such a good offensive lineman and athlete that Oregon State coaches felt there was room for a Janz on the sidelines at Reser Stadium.

And probably most importantly, thanks for providing sound pass protection, because without those scout tapes of Glendora's all-everything lineman, there would be no Jonathan Smith.

Not at Oregon State anyway — not without Dustin Janz.

The story goes something like this: Janz, a talented offensive lineman from Glendora, Calif., was being recruited by former OSU coach Mike Riley. When the Beavers took a trip to Southern California to watch game film of the Tartans' center, they noticed a quarterback also.

Smith was asked to join Janz, who earned a scholarship at Oregon State, as an invited walk-on.

"Our senior year, both of us were getting recruited pretty heavily," Janz said. "People saw his height and weight and kind of overlooked him."

"When I got a shot up here, coach (Michael) Johnson came down to look at film and asked the coach to call Jonathan in too."

The rest is OSU history.

While Smith has gone on to OSU fortune and fame, seen his name in bright lights and plastered on the pages of Sports Illustrated, his high-school teammate has patiently waited his turn to contribute the resurrection of Oregon State football.

Sure, he'd played before a handful of times here or a sample of a season there, but never gotten the opportunity to start for the orange and black.

His moment came against the Washington State Cougars last Saturday. A call to action from the Beaver reserves. A chance to step up and start a game as a guard for Smith. A moment Janz had waited a long time for.

Then, on the first play from the line of scrimmage — a pop, no a twist, pain for sure, in his foot — on the first play of his first start.

"At first I thought it was a cramp, that was the first thing that came into my mind," Janz said. "No big deal. I've had cramps before. I figured I would just play through it, but after the third or fourth play..."

More pain.

The cramp was actually a sprained arch. "Then



E.J. HARRIS | BAROMETER PHOTO EDITOR

Dustin Janz was all smiles when asked to describe his first start for the Oregon State Beavers. Janz started at guard against Washington State after waiting more than three years for his turn.

it was just determination not to come out."

Offensive line coach Gregg Smith, the man who spent three years molding Janz into an offensive line specialist, from guard to center to tackle to guard to whatever, had just asked him if he was hurt and needed to come out.

"I'm fine," Janz said, probably with a smile. He always seems to smile. "I don't need anybody else to go in."

"This is my shot," Janz explained. "And I want to take advantage of it."

Although Janz appeared before the media Tuesday afternoon in a removable cast on his lower left leg, he practiced that afternoon and expects to play, as a starter, Saturday evening against Arizona.

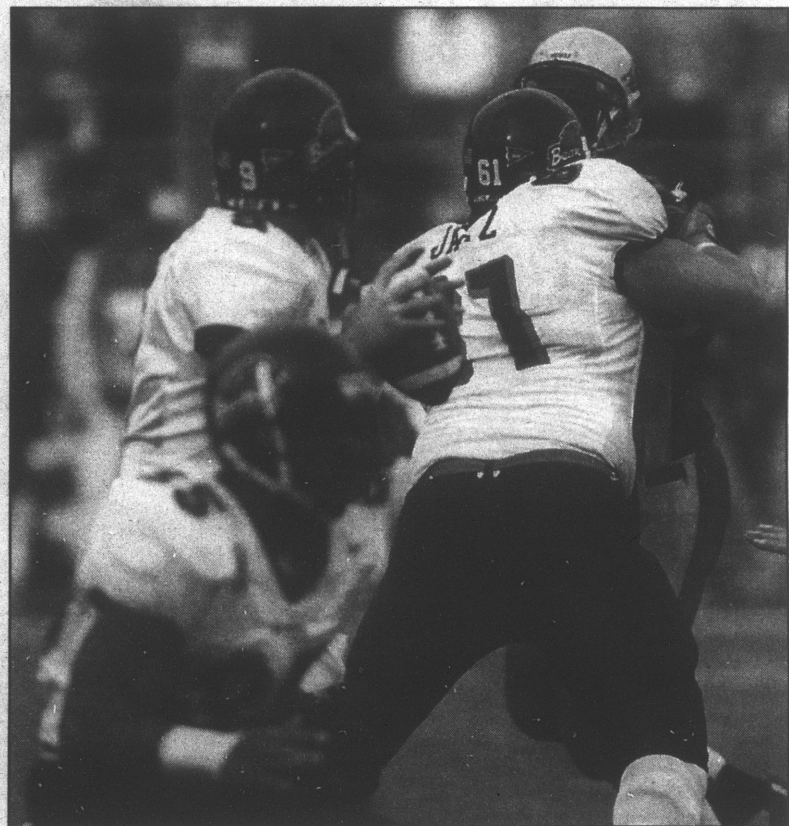
You would probably have to drag him away from his new position as No. 1 on the depth chart anyway. It was a tough, long four years waiting for his shot. Most would doubt that he would give it back over a foot sprain.

"It was real frustrating," Janz said about waiting. "There were some times when I was down a little bit, but every time I got down something happened. Maybe I'd get a little more playing time or this."

This was the start.

After only appearing in one play against UCLA, Janz was down. How couldn't he be after watching his team soundly defeated 38-7 from the sidelines. In a strange way, that loss was

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Jonathan Smith was discovered by Mike Riley's coaching staff on scout film of Dustin Janz (61).

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THE WILDCATS

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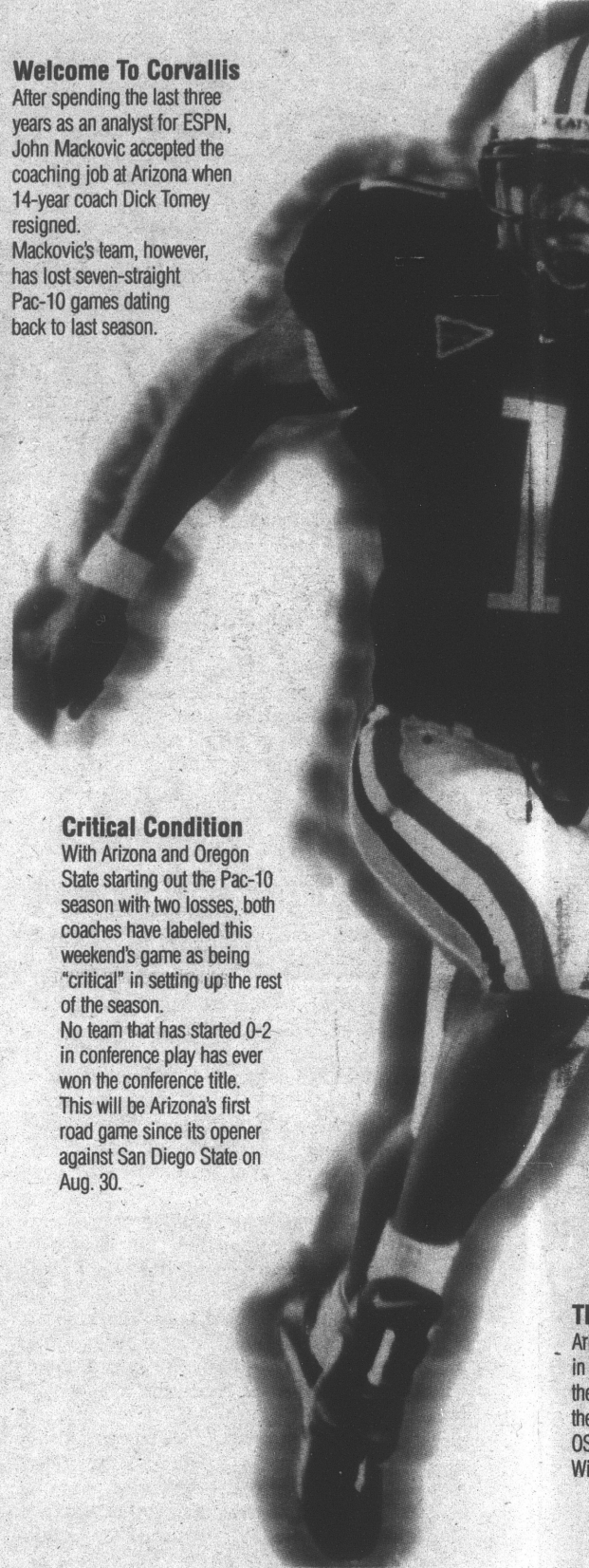


Welcome To Corvallis

After spending the last three years as an analyst for ESPN, John Mackovic accepted the coaching job at Arizona when 14-year coach Dick Tomey resigned. Mackovic's team, however, has lost seven-straight Pac-10 games dating back to last season.

Critical Condition

With Arizona and Oregon State starting out the Pac-10 season with two losses, both coaches have labeled this weekend's game as being "critical" in setting up the rest of the season. No team that has started 0-2 in conference play has ever won the conference title. This will be Arizona's first road game since its opener against San Diego State on Aug. 30.



PASSING

Jonathan Smith

Completions-Attempts: 63-119
Yards: 777
Touchdowns: 3
Interceptions: 5

Derek Anderson: 6-17; 96 yards; 0 TD; 1 Int.

RUSHING

Ken Simonton

Attempts-Yards: 74-256
Touchdowns: 3
Yards Per Game: 64.0

Steven Jackson: 12-105; 1 TD; 35.0 YPG
Patrick McCall: 18-105; 1 TD; 24.8 YPG

RECEIVING

James Newson

Receptions-Yards: 19-231
Touchdowns: 0
Average Per Catch: 12.2

Tim Euhus: 12-155; 0 TD; 12.9 YPC
Seth Trimmer: 9-158; 1 TD; 17.6 YPC

Oregon State Schedule

Sept. 2	@ Fresno State	L, 24-41	0-1, 0-0 Pac-10
Sept. 8	@ New Mexico State	W, 27-22	1-1, 0-0
Sept. 29	UCLA	L, 7-38	1-2, 0-1
Oct. 6	Washington State	L, 27-34	1-3, 0-2
Oct. 13	Arizona	Corvallis	7:15 p.m.
Oct. 20	Arizona State	Tempe	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	California	Corvallis	TBA
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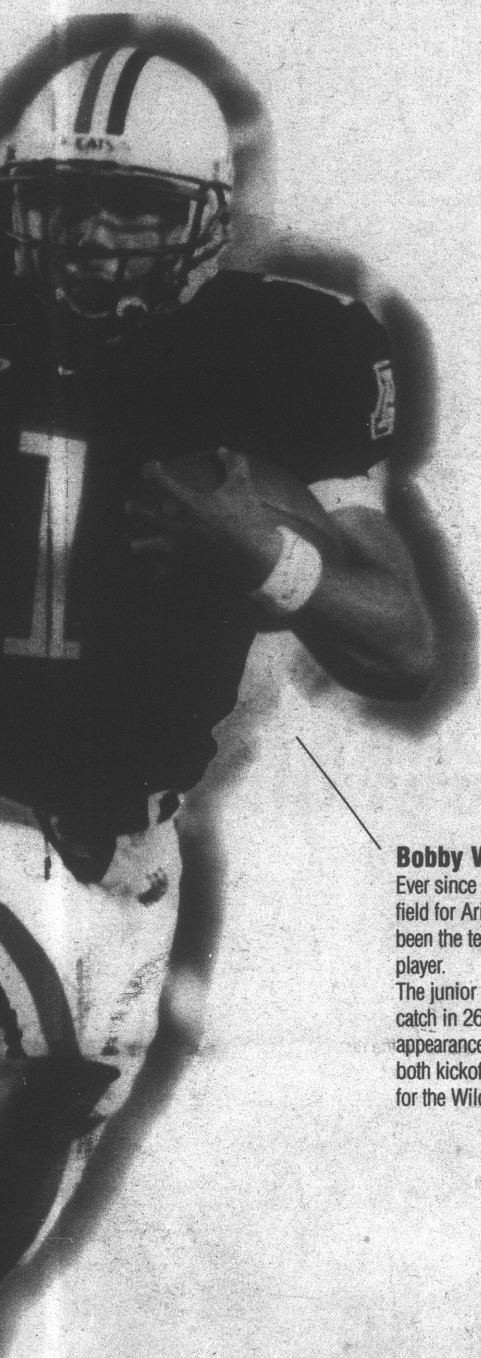
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Bobby Wade
Ever since he stepped on the field for Arizona, Wade has been the team's most exciting player. The junior has at least one catch in 26 of his 27 career appearances and returns both kickoffs and punts for the Wildcats.



PASSING

Completions-Attempts: 79-135
Yards: 1,043
Touchdowns: 9
Interceptions: 5

John Rattay: 6-14; 93 yards; 1 TD; 0 Int.



Jason Johnson

RUSHING

Attempts-Yards: 81-485
Touchdowns: 4
Yards Per Game: 97.0

Tremaine Cox: 28-180; 2 TD; 36.0 YPG
Leo Mills: 31-82; 1 TD; 16.4 YPG



Clarence Farmer

RECEIVING

Receptions-Yards: 22-294
Touchdowns: 3
Average Per Catch: 13.4

Malosi Leonard: 19-247; 1 TD; 13.0 YPC
Andrae Thurman: 15-243; 1 TD; 16.2 YPC



Bobby Wade

Arizona Schedule

Aug. 30	@ San Diego State	W, 23-10	1-0, 0-0 Pac-10
Sept. 8	Idaho	W, 36-29	2-0, 0-0
Sept. 22	UNLV	W, 38-21	3-0, 0-0
Sept. 29	Washington State	L, 21-48	3-1, 0-1
Oct. 6	Oregon	L, 28-63	3-2, 0-2
Oct. 13	@ Oregon State	Corvallis	7:15 p.m.
Oct. 20	@ Washington	Seattle	3:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Southern Cal	Tucson	4 p.m.
Nov. 3	@ California	Berkeley	12:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	Stanford	Tucson	7 p.m.
Nov. 23	@ Arizona State	Tempe	1 p.m.

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The Series

Arizona holds a commanding 19-4-1 lead in the series, though Oregon State has won the last two, including a 33-9 trouncing of the Wildcats in Tucson last year. OSU coach Dennis Erickson is 3-2 vs. the Wildcats, but 2-0 at OSU.



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Beavers and Wildcats have something to prove

► Oregon State is reeling after losing three of their first four contests

By JOEL FOWLKS
BAROMETER ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

Whether you bleed orange and black or red and blue, this is a critical game.

Both Arizona and Oregon State enter Saturday's Reser Stadium match-up in a tailspin. Both teams are winless in conference, and both are riding two-game losing streaks. However, each has taken a dramatically different path to this point.

All during the summer, media swarmed all over Corvallis hoping to chronicle the Beavers' success. And the much ballyhooed Heisman trophy campaign of Ken Simonton brought the tailback into the national limelight before the first whistle of fall practice.

But losses to Fresno State, UCLA, and Washington State, and a very uninspired win over New Mexico State has left a dazed OSU squad with a 1-3, 0-2 Pac-10 record.

On the other side, things don't look much better.

Last year, after blowing a good start with five Pac-10 losses to close out the season, Arizona fired veteran coach Dick Tomey, replacing him with former Texas Longhorn coach John Mackovic. Gone was Tomey's laid-back personal style and his defensive-oriented teams. Mackovic brought in a methodical on-hands approach that focused on offense, and muzzled the Wildcats' aggressive blitzing style.

Though most publications pegged UA (3-2, 0-2) to finish ninth or 10th in the Pac-10, the season started positively as the Wildcats rattled off three early non-conference wins. But an almost unfathomable rash of injuries since then has left the team without 12 key personnel and has Mackovic so

strapped for players that he may have to play some true freshmen.

Adding insult to injury, the 'Cats have played atrociously in conference games, giving up 111 points in blowout losses to Washington State and Oregon.

"They're somewhat in the same situation we are in now in our conference," said OSU coach Dennis Erickson.

"We're both 0-2, so it's a critical game for both football teams as far as league is concerned, as far as any chance to compete for the championship—but probably more than that, to stay in the race and have opportunities to be involved in bowls and so forth as the year goes on."

Mackovic agreed with the assessment:

"Maybe we had some false-positives earlier in the year after we won our first three games," he said. "But we were physically and technically better than those three teams. Now we are playing teams that we are at best, equal to. The reality is there are some things we can do now, and some that will take a little longer."

Unfortunately, neither team has much longer. Entering next week's games still winless in the conference would be highly undesirable, given the number of good team in the Pac-10 conference. A win Saturday would be particularly advantageous for the Beavers, who have Arizona State, USC, and Cal penciled in for the next three weekends.

None of that is likely to matter if the Beavers can't get past Arizona. But wide receiver Kenny Farley says OSU is focused on the task at hand.

"There is a sense of urgency now for us," he said. "We still talk about the bowl games. That is definitely in our reach."

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► Arizona has been hit with a rash of injuries in a season of highs and lows

By JOEL FOWLKS
BAROMETER ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

As bad as things seem in Corvallis these days, things in Tucson are looking worse.

Arizona visits Oregon State this weekend coming off conference blowouts at the hands of Washington State and Oregon, and with what seems like half its team injured and doubtful to play in the 7 p.m. Saturday football game.

Once considered one of the better defensive teams in the league, the Wildcats (3-2, 0-2 Pac-10) have given up 111 points in the two home losses. In fact, the team's defense has been awful giving up 34.2 points and 397 yards a game, ranking it among the worst in the nation.

"From the beginning our defensive end positions have required constant shuffling," Mackovic admitted.

Part of the problem has been the ridiculously high number of defensive injuries that have plagued the 'Cats. Among the defensive starters who will likely not play in the Oregon State game are: linebackers Joe Sifole (hand and wrist) and Ray Wells (shoulder); defensive tackle Keoni Frasier (concussion) and defensive ends Fata Aveg-olio (knee), Austin Aku (knee) and Eli Wnek (fractured foot).

In all, more than dozen players are injured, included seven defensive starters, and several key reserves including linebackers Shelton Ross, Pat Howard and Scott McKee. All are doubtful to play against the Beavers.

This depletion of the Arizona defense has left Mackovic with no choice but to play some freshmen he had hoped to redshirt this year.

"We are going to suit up some freshmen and

work them in, I don't know if how many will play at this time, but we will have to have some backups available," he said.

At one point this season, things were looking up. Arizona began the season 3-0, with wins over San Diego State, Idaho, and UNLV. Players were vocal in their approval of Mackovic's professional style of coaching, and hope was abound that the pundits who figured Arizona to finish ninth or last in the conference would be proven dead wrong.

And then the Washington State Cougars came to town, applying a 48-21 whipping. And last week, the Ducks pummelled Arizona 63-28.

"Our defense has just struggled to say the least," Mackovic said. "Oregon and Washington State both did a good job of spreading us out."

As well, turnovers have been a problem—the last two weeks have seen Arizona give up the ball frequently. Five turnovers against Oregon led to five scoring possessions by the Ducks. Four interceptions against WSU led to three scores.

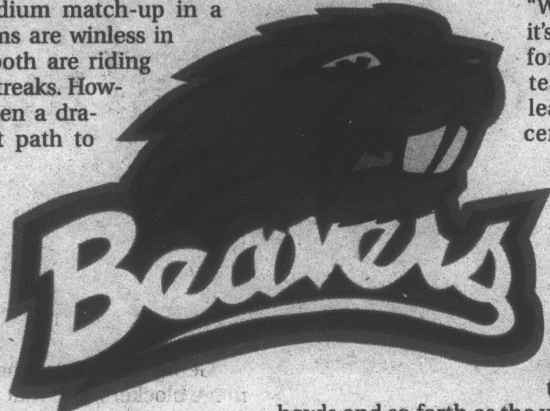
One bright spot for the Wildcats has been explosive tailback Clarence Farmer who ran for 158 yards against Oregon, including break-away jaunts of 78, 14, 15, 12 and 25 yards.

"Offensive they're quite different than they've been at University of Arizona over the years," said Beaver coach Dennis Erickson.

They have some great skill at wide receiver with Bobby Wade, who is one of the best in our league; Clarence Farmer is one of the better running backs. So they have lot of skill on offense

and they can score." "It'll be a game that each team needs," said Mackovic, "It'll be a game where one team gets a chance to continue on and have a winning season."

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Oregon roommates motivate each other on, off the field

► George Wrihster and Samie Parker work out together over the summer to excel during the season

By JEFF SMITH
OREGON DAILY EMERALD (U. OREGON)

EUGENE — Roommates at home, teammates on the field and motivators everywhere in-between.

Oregon sophomore tight end George Wrihster and redshirt freshman receiver Samie Parker pushed each other all summer in preparation for this season. Whether it was lifting that extra weight, running that extra lap or catching that extra pass, the two California natives benefited from each other's motivation.

While both have had their moments in the past, Parker catching three passes for 72 yards against Oregon State and Wrihster displaying his sharp blocking skills in every game last season, it wasn't until Saturday night that they both reached payday.

Wrihster and Parker each hauled in their first career touchdown pass in fifth-ranked Oregon's message-sending 63-28 victory at Arizona.

In the first quarter, it was Wrihster who got the Oregon offensive attack rolling when he gave his team the early 7-0 lead with a two-yard scoring reception.

And in the second quarter, it was Parker who helped Oregon break away when he broke loose in the open field and caught a 38-yard touchdown pass from Joey Harrington to extend the Ducks' lead to 28-14.

Wrihster ended up with three catches for 18 yards while Parker started in place of Keenan Howry and led all Oregon receivers with five catches for 160 yards.

"We talked about this all summer, about getting out there and trying to make an impact in a big game," Parker said. "It's fun to be able to go home and be able to talk about how the game went and how we contributed to the win."

California defensive line seeks respect

By JASON JONES
DAILY CALIFORNIAN (U. CALIFORNIA-BERKELEY)

BERKELEY, Calif. — California's defensive line has been criticized for failing to live up to the standards set by its predecessors.

It's true. No player has made the impact of Andre Carter or been an emotional leader in the mold of Jacob Waasdorp.

But the men up front have too much pride to let the loss of two standouts make them non-factors.

"You can't say without Andre Carter and Jacob we're nothing," defensive end Tully Banta-Cain said.

After a week off, the Bears (0-4, 0-2 Pac-10) take on No. 5 Oregon (5-0, 2-0) Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Cal was able to put pressure on Washington quarterback Cody Pickett two weekends ago, as the unit registered its first sacks of the season.

Up to that point, the only sacks the Bears recorded came via blitzing linebackers and safeties.

"I think it was just time," defensive tackle Daniel Nwangwu said. "(Defensive line) coach (Bill Dutton) had been patient with us. He told us, 'Be patient and the sacks will come.'"

Nwangwu responded by getting his first sack of the season. A second quarterback

takedown was negated by an offsides penalty.

Banta-Cain displayed the type of pass-rush ability he did a year ago, sacking Pickett twice.

This week's challenge — takedown the Ducks' Joey Harrington. He was named Pac-10 Player of the Week after throwing for 279 yards and three touchdowns and running for three more scores last week against Arizona.

"They have a pretty good line," Nwangwu said. "They rarely give up sacks."

Oregon has allowed a miniscule five sacks this season.

There might be no better way to kill the talk of Carter and Waasdorp than beating up on a preseason Heisman Trophy candidate.

"A lot of us have been playing in their shadows for a long time," Banta Cain said.

The junior also acknowledges only the line's play will move them out of the shadows of previous Bears.

"We don't have a whole lot of big-name guys on our defense," Banta-Cain said. "We're trying to earn that respect as players."

Nevertheless, the dynamic duo of a year ago is missed on the field.

"They messed up a lot just like any of us," defensive end Jamaal Cherry said. "(But) they brought a certain emotion to the game."

"There's not a certain guy on the team people can look to (to be an emotional leader)."

Also living with the two is fellow teammate Onterio Smith, who also played a key part in the win by rushing for 131 yards and two touchdowns.

Wrihster said that it wasn't until a late night conversation with his roomies that he realized that he had scored the first points of the game.

"We were talking about the game and someone said, 'Man, you scored the first TD,' and I was like, 'I did, huh?'" Wrihster said. "So yeah, it was kind of cool. Everybody wants to be a part of the scoring offense. When you catch balls and get into the end zone, it makes you feel even more a part of the offense."

Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti has long

liked Wrihster's blocking abilities but is practically drooling at the thought of having two proven receivers at the tight end position. With opposing defenses having to honor Wrihster's catching abilities, it would potentially free up starting tight end Justin Peelle, who is on every defensive coordinator's game plan.

"George is one of the best line of scrimmage blockers, and that is good, but if we can release him and take him down the field, it certainly would add to our offense," Bellotti said.

As for Parker, Bellotti is more than comfortable having Harrington use him as an important part of the offense. Parker's burst of acceleration is what separates him from the pack, Bellotti said.

"Samie brings a speed factor to the team, and on the fly, he's probably the fastest player on the team other than Allan Amundson," Bellotti said. "At the receiver position, he can definitely stretch the defense."

Fans from last season may remember that Parker sported the No. 4 on his jersey as opposed to his current No. 1.

"I had this number in high school and I like how I look with it, and I think I play better with it," Parker said.

And clearly, both Parker and Wrihster play better thanks to the encouragement they give one another every step of the way.

"We get on each other and try to make each other the best that we can be," Parker said. "Hopefully we can contribute like that in all games, including this weekend against Cal."

Notes: Bellotti said that Amundson, a tailback who didn't play against the Wildcats because of an ankle sprain suffered against Utah State, is "doubtful" to play this Saturday at California ... All members on the travel roster received playing time at Arizona, except tailback Ryan Shaw, who was activated from redshirt status in case of emergency while Amundson recovers... The 12:30 p.m. game between the Ducks and Golden Bears is not scheduled to be televised.

Stand back, there's a Hurricane coming through Florida State

► The Seminoles haven't lost at home since Dennis Erickson's Miami squad rolled through Tallahassee in 1991

BY MARK LONG
AP SPORTS WRITER

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Tears streamed down Joaquin Gonzalez's face as he kept searching for people to hug. Teammates Santana Moss and Dan Morgan were also crying as the Miami Hurricanes celebrated their win over Florida State last season.

It was their biggest victory as Hurricanes —

one that was equally important in renewing one of the top rivalries in college football.

Miami had lost five consecutive games to Florida State before last season, slightly tarnishing a series that had been defined by close games, future NFL stars and national championship implications. That image was restored with the Hurricanes' 27-24 victory at the Orange Bowl.

The in-state rivals play Saturday in Tallahassee, where No. 14 Florida State (3-1) hasn't lost since 1991. Second-ranked Miami (4-0) is the last team to win at Doak Campbell Stadium.

"Growing up in Miami, I remember all the glory days of Miami beating (Florida State) by a point or a field goal," said Gonzalez, Miami's starting right tackle. "Just to be part of that again, and take this program from losing five years straight to finally beating them — and the way we beat them — it was so emotional."

Ken Dorsey drove Miami 68 yards for the go-ahead score, a 13-yard pass to Jeremy Shockey that gave the Hurricanes a three-point lead with 46 seconds to play.

Chris Weinke, who rallied Florida State from a 17-0 halftime deficit with 496 yards passing and three touchdowns, got the Semi-

noles in position for a game-tying field goal. But Matt Munyon's 49-yard attempt sailed wide right.

Florida State won the rest of its games and edged Miami, which also had one loss, in the final Bowl Championship Series rankings and earned a spot in the national championship game.

"By beating them last year, we definitely renewed the rivalry," defensive end Matt Walters said. "That plus the fact that they got to play in the national championship game last year still irks at our whole team, so it's going to be another heated game."

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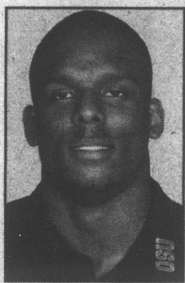
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Jason Lowe

By KRISTY LOWE
BAROMETER STAFF REPORTER

Q. WHAT'S THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CORVALLIS, AND COMPTON, CALIF., AND WAS IT DIFFICULT TO ADJUST?

A: It's very hard to adjust. In Compton I can get in my car and drive somewhere and not get lost, whereas when I first got to Corvallis I drove like 5 minutes down Ninth Street and I was out of town and didn't know where I was at. It took me a while to get used to being in such a quiet place. I mean, at night you don't hear anything. Compton is not a big city, but it's like big city life you know, because it's surrounded by such a big place. The biggest difference is the pace. It's a lot slower here.

Q. YOU DO VOLUNTEER WORK BACK IN COMPTON AT YOUR LOCAL PARK. WHAT IS IT THAT YOU DO?

A: I coach sports. Football and basketball. My little sister played basketball and my little brother played football for the park so when I was in high school during my spare time I would go up there and coach, or after practice I would go up to the park and talk to the coach and see what he needed help with, stuff like that.

Q. AS A CHILD WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO?

A: I don't know, watch TV I guess. I was actually a problem as a child so I spent a lot of time in hospitals and stuff, so I really didn't have a chance to really do anything, you know. Let's see ... yeah, watching TV.

Q. BACK THEN (AS A CHILD) WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?



E.J. HARRIS | BAROMETER PHOTO EDITOR

Jason Lowe celebrates a blocked punt he returned for a touchdown in Saturday's loss to the Cougars.

A: I think I wanted to be a lawyer. Because my uncle was a lawyer and I was always around him and I was like, 'I want to be a lawyer, I want to be a lawyer,' but that changed so many times.

Q. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE NOW?

A: I want to be a lawyer right now in corporate law or business law. One of them.

Q. DID YOU CHOOSE TO PLAY FOOTBALL OR DO YOU THINK IT CHOSE YOU?

A: Actually, the sport I used to play was baseball. I played baseball for a little while, but I didn't like it. I

played basketball, but I wasn't quite good enough. So I thought, I'm not going to play any sports. I'm just going to chill with the homies. But my uncle kept saying, "Why don't you try football, why don't you try football?" So finally I thought (with rolling eyes) I'll give football a chance. My first year I didn't even play. My second year I ended up starting on the varsity squad at my high school, so that was pretty cool. I guess it kinda chose me.

Q. YOUR LISTED AS A WEAK LINEBACKER. IS THIS YOUR PREFERRED POSITION, WHY OR WHY NOT?

A: Actually I have no preferred position. I feel that I can play any line-

backer position. When I started, they had me at the outside, but then they moved me to the middle. I feel I have no specific spot for a linebacker. Being a linebacker is definitely my favorite spot though, because it's the only spot where I know you can really give punishment other than receive punishment. If you're a cornerback or a safety, if you get beat deep everybody in the stadium knows you got beat for a touchdown and they badmouth you and cuss you and you get bad phone calls. I tried offense in high school, but I like being a linebacker because it's low key and nobody really knows much about it. I can say I play a line-

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backer and my mom looks at me like, "What is that?" It's cool. You don't have to worry about too much and if you're really good people will notice, and if you do bad, the only person who really knows is you and the coach.

Q. WHAT WOULD BE A PERFECT GAME FOR YOU, IN YOUR POSITION, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE TEAM WON OR LOST?

A. To get all my assignments right — that would be a perfect game. Even if I don't make the tackles or I get the sack or cause the fumble or whatever, if I can get every assignment right, that would be a perfect game.

Q. IN YOUR OPINION WHY HAS THE TEAM LOST ITS LAST TWO GAMES?

A. I think it's because of us as players, the whole team as players. We spend time at practice, and it's like sometimes we probably don't practice hard enough. There are times where, at the start of the week, we're practicing hard, but by the end of the week we're kinda slacking off and I think that being that we are a young team we have to learn how to practice. Once we learn how to practice it will carry over because the way we practice carries over in the game. We just have to put together a good week of practice and it will make a difference.

Q. WITH SO MUCH DEMAND ON YOUR TIME, ESPECIALLY DURING FOOTBALL SEASON, IT MUST BE HARD TO FIND A BALANCE BETWEEN PRACTICE, CLASSES, HANGING OUT WITH YOUR FRIENDS, HAVING FUN, ETC. WHAT COMES FIRST, SPORT OR STUDY?

A. Well, being that I transferred from a JC, I kind of learned my lesson early. I learned my lesson in my first year because I partied too much with not enough school, so I got put on academic probation. So I thought, I've got to learn my lesson, I've got to learn how to balance it all. I think that helped me a lot, being able to go through that and not have to worry about getting kicked out of school because I can always go to another JC, whereas if I had have come straight to a university and did that, I would have lost my scholarship. I would have been out of school and I would have been sitting back at home. I try to intermingle them (study and sport). Sometimes I catch myself downstairs while I'm getting dressed doing a little study, doing a little reading while I'm getting taped or something like that, when I get home I do a little more study.

Q. YOU'VE JUST RETURNED FROM A KNEE INJURY. WHAT EXACTLY DID

YOU DO AND HOW DID YOU DO IT?

A. Chasing after a quarterback, I tore my ACL (anterior cruciate ligament). I had reconstructive knee surgery. It was kind of heartbreaking, though, because before I did it I was one of the most highly recruited linebackers in the nation. I don't know what happened. I think the quarterback scrambled and I was chasing after him. All I remember is somebody flew behind my leg and I saw the sky, then I hit the ground and my knee swelled up instantly. I could feel my heart beating and I was like, oh man. The other team's coach ran over, looked, and was like OK, pointed, had a big ol' grin on his face, and ran back to the sideline.

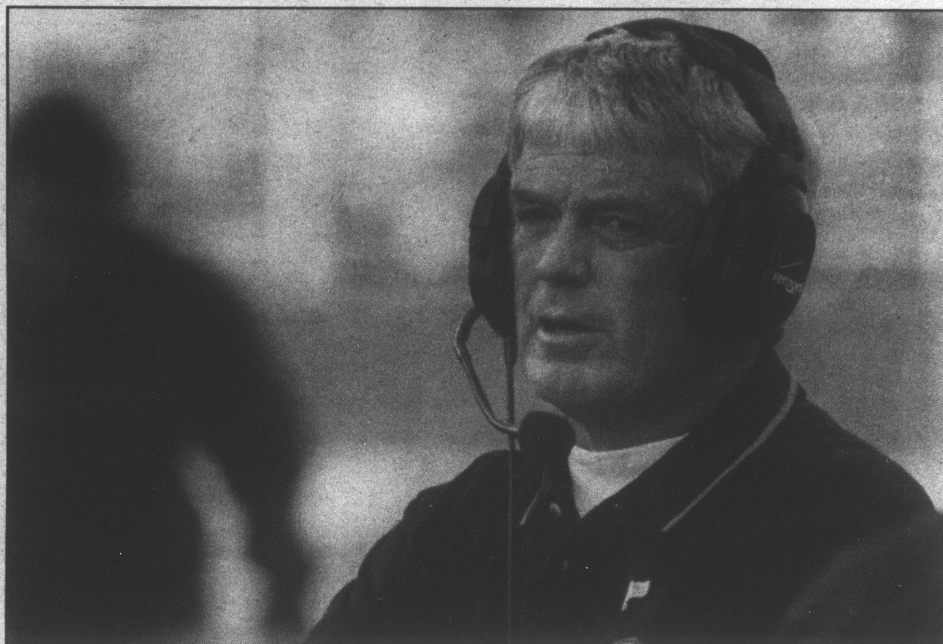
Q. AT THE TIME, DID YOU THINK IT WAS THE END OF YOUR FOOTBALL DAYS?

A. Yeah, and the thing was, what really made me think that was I was being recruited by Oklahoma and Tennessee, you know, big, big, big giant schools, and Oregon State was doing good too. I was like damn, I'm going to lose my scholarship. I talked to the coach from Oklahoma, he said, "Oh I'm sorry to hear that... um, we can't recruit you anymore. Can I talk to your roommate?" The coach from Tennessee called and he said, "Oh I'm sorry to hear that. Can we speak to your roommate?" So after five or six schools, it was down to two — here or USC. I talked to the coach from USC. He said, "So you tore your ACL. We don't care. We still want you." I thought OK, but then he stopped calling because coach (Paul) Hackett got fired. So, I hadn't heard from him in two weeks. I'm like, oh man, and I'm starting to sweat bullets. So coach Newby (linebacker coach Greg Newhouse) called, and I said, "Yeah coach, I tore my ACL. It's going to be a while before I can play." He said, "Hold on, let me go talk to coach Erickson and see what he says, then we'll get back to you." I stayed on the phone and I was like, "Man, come on please." Then he gets back on the phone and says, "We still want you." Coach Erickson said just come on. He said you can get healthy and you can come back and you'll be good as ever. I was like phew, "Thank you." In a way, I'm kind of grateful that coach Erickson had enough confidence in me to give me a scholarship to come up here.

Q. WHO SCORES THE MOST CHICKS ON THE TEAM?

A. (Laughing) Oh no, I can't be putting people's business on the street. I can't answer that. (Still laughing). We can just say it's even.

Q. THINKING BACK TO WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE, WHAT'S THE MOST EMBARRASSING THING YOU HAVE EVER WORN?



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While big name coaches from "big, big, big" programs turned their back on Jason Lowe after a knee injury, Erickson welcomed the linebacker at Oregon State.

A. The most embarrassing thing I've ever worn. Even hair styles or just clothes? I don't think any of my clothes ... wait a minute, I'll take that back. Our family reunion, when we went to Mississippi, our mom bought me, my cousin and my sister matching outfits from a swap meet. They had our names on them. The next year, my mom made me put it on and I couldn't fit into it anymore. So the shorts were really snug on my legs. They looked like biker shorts. It was miserable. They were turquoise and black. Our names were on the back and they had hoods that flipped down. Oh yeah, and I had a big ol' flat top too. It was bad. I had to burn all those pictures, got rid of them all.

Q. WHAT'S THE PLACE YOU WOULD MOST LIKE TO TRAVEL TO AND WHY?

A. I would say probably the Virgin Islands, or somewhere like that. I just want to see what it's like. I see it on TV and there's crystal clear water and beaches with white sand and everything and I'm like, whoa, I've never seen water like that in real life. Show me that. At the house the water is either green or black. Don't go in it. There is just all kinds of stuff floating in there, and I don't want to get in that.

Q. IF YOU COULD BE THE BEST IN

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some sort of a blessing for Janz's career at Oregon State.

A shuffling of the offensive line left a pair of guard positions open, sitting down would be Mike Kuykendall and Tyler McClaughery, standing in, Janz and Kanan Sanchez.

Now in the heart of a so far frustrating season, the senior who wants nothing more than to have his time on the field remains optimistic about where Oregon State is heading.

THE WORLD AT ONE THING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

A. I would say being a good big brother. I'm going to say being a big brother.

Q. WHAT'S THE FIRST THING THAT COMES INTO YOUR HEAD WHEN I SAY ...

A. Friend: Mom
Hard Work: Mom
Beautiful: Mom
Health: Great
Australia: Far away

Q. IF YOU COULD ONLY LISTEN TO ONE SONG OVER AND OVER FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

A. Tupac's "Only God Can Judge Me Now"

Q. HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO TRUST SOMEONE?

A. I don't. They decide for me through their actions. I ask somebody to do something for me, and if they don't do it, I can't trust you. If I tell you something and you're supposed to be my friend and go behind my back, you tell somebody else or you talk about me behind my back, I can't trust you.

"I still think this is going to be a good season," Janz said with yet another smile. "We have lots of games left and I think people are starting to turn around."

"We realize that nobody is going to give it to us, we have to go out and take it from them. I think at the beginning we didn't see that. We thought that just because we were ranked high things were going to go our way."

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Associated Press Top 25

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida (30)	5-0	1,739	2
2. Miami (23)	4-0	1,719	1
3. Oklahoma (16)	5-0	1,700	3
4. Nebraska (2)	6-0	1,577	4
5. Oregon	5-0	1,437	7
6. Virginia Tech	5-0	1,421	8
7. UCLA	4-0	1,369	9
8. Fresno St. (1)	5-0	1,240	10
9. South Carolina	5-0	1,160	13
10. Washington	4-0	1,148	11
11. Texas	4-1	1,128	5
12. Michigan	4-1	978	15
13. Tennessee	3-1	790	6
14. Florida St.	3-1	756	16
15. Georgia Tech	4-1	670	17
16. Clemson	3-1	529	19
17. Purdue	4-0	509	21
18. BYU	5-0	480	20
19. Georgia	3-1	443	—
20. Colorado	4-1	439	—
21. Ohio St.	3-1	381	—
22. Maryland	5-0	360	25
23. Stanford	3-0	299	22
24. Kansas St.	2-2	247	12
25. Texas A&M	5-0	203	24

Others receiving votes: Northwestern 192, Washington St. 172, Toledo 156, LSU 49, Michigan St. 43, Illinois 29, North Carolina 11, Alabama 7, Louisville 6, Arizona St. 5, Wisconsin 5, Auburn 3.

	Arizona @ OSU	Oregon @ California	UW @ UCLA	WSU @ Stanford	ASU @ USC	Miami @ Florida St.
Ryan Gabriel						
Joel Fowlks						
Minnie McBride						
E.J. Harris						
Scott Johnson						

ESPN/USA Today Top 25

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Miami (25)	4-0	1,449	1
2. Florida (25)	5-0	1,445	2
3. Oklahoma (10)	5-0	1,397	3
4. Nebraska	6-0	1,325	4
5. Virginia Tech	5-0	1,225	6
6. Oregon	5-0	1,184	8
7. UCLA	4-0	1,131	9
8. Washington	4-0	1,061	10
9. South Carolina	5-0	930	12
10. Fresno State	5-0	927	11
11. Texas	4-1	906	5
12. Michigan	4-1	812	15
13. Florida State	3-1	759	14
14. Tennessee	3-1	650	7
15. Georgia Tech	4-1	618	17
16. Purdue	4-0	548	t18
17. Brigham Young	5-0	515	t18
18. Clemson	3-1	388	21
19. Texas A&M	5-0	329	22
20. Maryland	5-0	298	25
21. Kansas State	2-2	215	13
22. Stanford	3-0	210	24
23. Toledo	5-0	193	23
24. Northwestern	3-1	177	16
25. Ohio State	3-1	171	—

Also receiving votes: Colorado 164, Georgia 151, Washington State 124, LSU 46, Illinois 39, Michigan State 19, Auburn 18, Marshall 17, Oregon State 15, Louisville 14, North Carolina State 6, Southern Mississippi 6, Alabama 5, Syracuse 5.

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	Conference				All Games			
	W	L	PF	PA	W	L	PF	PA
Washington St.	3	0	133	68	5	0	210	95
Oregon	2	0	87	50	5	0	180	109
Washington	2	0	58	52	4	0	134	73
Stanford	2	0	72	44	3	0	110	66
UCLA	1	0	38	7	4	0	112	47
Arizona St.	0	1	28	51	3	1	182	100
Arizona	0	2	49	111	3	2	146	171
Oregon St.	0	2	34	72	1	3	85	138
California	0	2	48	82	0	4	81	170
Southern Cal	0	3	62	72	1	4	89	92

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Scott Johnson	11-1
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Joel Fowlks	8-4

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