

Bruins roll into town with energy problem

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In a time when conserving energy in the state is important, ninth-ranked UCLA is not the team to have around. The way the Bruins score points, the electrical system in the Autzen Stadium scoreboard could be in for a long, busy afternoon when UCLA and Oregon tangle Saturday.

And so could the Ducks.

Running from the wishbone-T offense, the Bruins have slapped enough points on the board enroute to a 7-1 season to make them the nation's leading team in scoring with a 46.7 average.

But don't fret. UCLA sports information director Vic Kelley informs us that the Bruins are "averaging 'only' 32.5 markers in their four away games."

The rest of the UCLA statistics aren't so kind.

Swallow this: UCLA averages 419 yards per game on the ground, 6.7 yards per individual carry and only two out of eleven Bruin runners average less than 5.8 per carry (all but one have broken runs of 25 yards or more).

Now take a deep breath. Point-wise, the Bruins have had games of 66, 62, 61, 59 and 55 and already have broken the UCLA single-season scoring record with three games to go.

It all adds up to disaster for anything in their way. And everybody's gasping except the thing in their way—the Ducks.

"They're the best," says linebacker Bobby Green, "but they can be stopped. And I figure we're the team to do it."

Oregon does have the best defense in the conference against the rush.

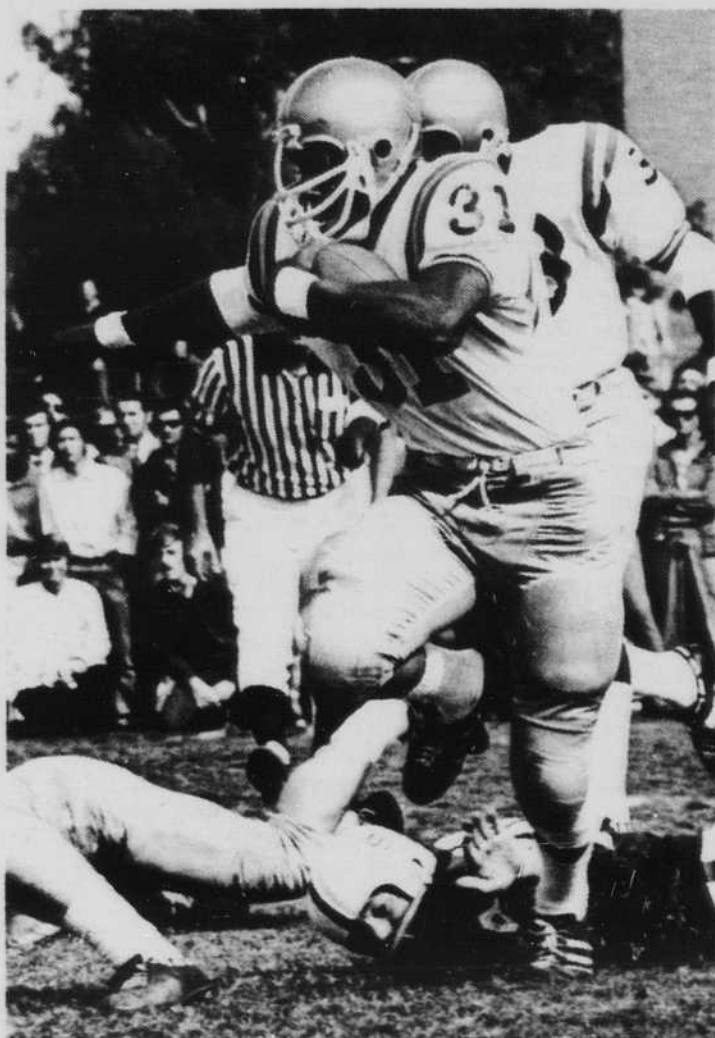
"They're very effective the way they run that offense," adds defensive end George Martin, "but we pride ourselves in stopping the run. If we stop their running game, we'll stop everything."

But the Bruin's wishbone-T offense is a lot to stop. They run it with precision and when you stop one option, there's two more to go. The quarterback may either designate a ball carrier in the huddle before the play, or call an audible at the line of scrimmage, or once the play is in progress decide whether he should give to his fullback up the middle, pitch to his tailback for a sweep, or keep the ball himself.

"The wishbone's advantage," explains Duck coach Dick Enright, "is that there's an alternative plan if one of the runners is cut off. If the quarterback sees that his fullback is going to be cut off he says to himself, 'you've got my fullback, now what about me?' If the defensive end cuts off the quarterback, he says, 'Aha, I'll pitch to my tailback.' We've just got to shut 'em down. Everybody's got to do their job."

Defensive ends Don Johnson and George Martin and linebackers Mike Jodoin, Bobby Green and Bill Meyer are of particular importance in containing the Bruin ground attack.

"There's been a lot of pressure on us in practice,"



James McAlister may be back

explains Johnson. "Sometimes UCLA will triple team us ends with a fullback, a tailback and a guard. It'll be rough but we've just got to stop that pitchout."

Says Jodoin, "They'll be tough to cover because they do have so many options. That wishbone is everything it's supposed to be."

"Everybody's just got to do their job," says Meyer. "We've just got to get to the ball quickly."

According to Enright, Oregon won't try anything new to try and stop the Bruins.

"We'll just defend them the way everybody else has defended them," he says. "It's just a matter of individual efforts by all our guys."

It would be simpler, Enright notes, if the Bruins had a weak spot in their backfield. But they don't.

"They've got a good quarterback, a good fullback and a good halfback," he says. "I don't like any of them to carry the ball."

Halfback Kermit Johnson overcame Oregon's Donnie Reynolds last Saturday and now leads the Pac-8 in rushing with 827 yards, a healthy 8.2 yards per carry average. The other halfback, Russell Charles has carried for 246 yards and a 7.7 average.

Injured James McAlister (479 yards, 5.9 per carry) may return to the UCLA lineup after missing three games with a knee injury. But even if McAlister still is not ready, the Bruins will have a more-than-adequate replacement in Charlie Schuhmann (360 yards, 5.8 per carry).

UCLA uses two quarterbacks—Mark Harmon (422 yards, 7.7 per carry) and John Sciarra (395 yards, 7.7 per carry)—and according to Oregon scout Harvey Winn, Sciarra is the better runner but Harmon is the better all-around quarterback.

Neither are impressive in the passing department (Harmon is 10-26 for 173 yards and Sciarra is 20-49 for 331 yards) but, then, who needs to pass when you've got a running attack like the Bruins?

Besides trying to down a cast of excellent runners, the Ducks will first have to decide who-in-the-heck has the ball.

"Their fakes are very deceptive and very well executed," says Martin.

"It'll take awhile to adjust to their hand-offs," says Johnson, "but we're no. 1 because we adjust to things quickly. Where the ball is, our eyes will be."

It's important, according to these five defenders, that Oregon gets some points on the scoreboard quickly and not let UCLA's ground game gain momentum.

"I think the offense is going to have to have the ball 40 percent of the time in order for us to win," says Green.

"You can't play catch-up ball with the wishbone," says Jodoin. "They'll take up seven minutes in a drive. We've just got to get after them from the start."

The general consensus among the five is that the Ducks need—and hope—to hold UCLA to three touchdowns in order to win.

"It's really going to be a challenge for everybody," says Meyer. "We're disappointed about last week but we're not about to give up. This could be a real feather in our cap if we beat UCLA."

Last year's embarrassing 65-20 loss to the Bruins has definitely added incentive, according to the five.

"We had a bad experience down there last year and we're looking forward to playing them again," says Jodoin.

Does playing the nation's most powerful ground team have any psychological disadvantages?

"No, not at all," claims Martin. "It's a home game and we're fired up. We want this one and we don't want to let the fans down."

Martin, like the others, respects the Bruins highly. But he believes strongly in the Duck defense, too.

"We go into every game trying to shut out our opponents," says Martin. "If you reach for the sky, even if you fall short you're not doing bad."

Pre: still running strong

By DON CHAPMAN
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If you've traveled around the world, performed before heads of state and a world-wide television audience, won honors and awards in national and international competition, why would you want to spend autumn mornings and afternoons running Stevensen track and through Eugene neighborhoods?

If you're Steve Prefontaine, you do it because it's fun.

Although Pre completed his track eligibility last spring he is eligible to compete for Oregon's cross country team because he did not run last autumn.

Pre says he planned in the spring of 1972 not to run cross country following the '72 Olympic Games in Munich. After more than five months of competitive running he says he needed a break. Understandably.

His presence has already helped the Oregon team. Two weeks ago Pre won the Northern Division cross country meet. This weekend he is the favorite to win the Pac-8 meet at Stanford.

Although he expects a big challenge from Washington State's John Ngeno and Dan

Murphy, Pre holds the record over the Stanford course. Coming off a strong performance against Ngeno and Murphy two weeks ago, Pre appears to be the man to beat Saturday.

Pre is careful, however, not to underestimate the strong Cougar team.

"Washington State is the team to beat. I know they're planning something special to use against Oregon. I know Ngeno and Murphy have something up their sleeves to use against me. But I'll have something up my sleeve for them, too."

Pre says he is running strong at the present time. The Northern Division meet was his first competitive race since July. On doctors orders he stayed out of competition to heal a pinched nerve in his back. The injury continues to cause some pain, but not enough to deter Pre from running in the Pac-8 and NCAA meets.

Pre runs because running is fun. He also runs because pride and self-expression are involved.

"It's all a matter of pride and wanting to win," says Pre. "Every time you run in a meet, you put yourself on the line. You put your physical and mental powers, your tact, your

philosophy on the line against everybody else."

You need to watch Pre run only once to see that he is very competitive. His distaste for losing is obvious.

"It's a matter of who works the hardest. I work as hard as anybody I know," says Pre, explaining his success.

Pre is more than an athletic competitor. He does more on the track and the cross country course than running. He performs his special art. When Steve Prefontaine runs, he is an artist. Running is his means of artistic expression.

"I've developed this philosophy in the four years I've been here," he says. "Running is not just competition. When I run it is a performance, like a singer or an actor. I don't express myself with a brush or a musical instrument. I express myself with my body. That philosophy makes it more meaningful to myself and to the people who watch me."

With the Pac-8 and NCAA cross country meets, the exciting era of Prefontaine at Oregon comes to an end. Pre will be missed partly because of his many first place finishes, but mostly because of the way he earned those first places.

BRIEFS

MEETINGS

The Christian Science College Organization will hold its weekly service at 6 p.m. tonight in the Wesley Chapel, 1236 Kincaid St. All are welcome.

D.R. Hamann will hold a colloquium on "Self-consistent Surface Studies Electronic Spectra and Chemical Bonds" at 3:30 p.m. today in Rm. 16 Science I. Coffee will be served at 3:15 in the John Binney Lounge.

The University's local OSPIRG Board will meet at 4 p.m. today in M-111 EMU. Discussion will include project reports and local board election administration.

Philip Vera Cruz, vice-president of the United Farmworkers Union, will attend an informal meeting of the Eugene Friends of the Farmworkers from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 10, at the Newman Center, 1850 Emerald. Anyone interested in meeting Mr. Vera Cruz and learning more about the activities of the Union is invited to attend.

Dr. Elizabeth Hay, Prof. of Anatomy, Harvard University, will speak on "Control of Corneal Differentiation by Extracellular Matrix," at 4:30 p.m. Friday, in 123 Science.

There will be an International Education Center meeting at 7 p.m. tonight in Rm. 202 EMU. Interested newcomers are welcome.

Mr. Colin Wilkinson will speak on "Exploration, Geology, and Potential of the North Sea" at 4:30 p.m. Friday in Rm. 307 Volcanology.

A Sociology Student Union meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. today in 714 PLC.

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The "Over 30 Group" Renew and restore your life philosophies; shop for new roles, build a new life, solve your personal problems through empathetic listening, and

exploring and assessing your skills and attitudes for new occupations. If interested, call Counseling Center, Ext. 3227, or contact Vernetta Caldwell.

Mia Hall, soprano, will have a recital at 8 p.m. September 11, in the Gerlinger Lounge. Hall studied in Germany.

The Voluntary Action Center, 673 W. 10th (phone 342-4451), needs volunteers in the following areas: woodworking supervisor, library aides in the Coburg area, PE aides, teacher aides, tutors, group leaders and listeners in the Pleasant Hill area, big brother for an eight-year-old boy, activity coordinator for children, secretary and upholstery instructor.

Tutors are needed for Bio 101, 102, Chem 104, Org Chem 331, Bus Law, Math 95, 101, 104, and Composition. Deferred credit is available. Call Ext. 3326 or come by Condon Hall for information.

A slide presentation on the "Treasures of Mount Sinai" will be held today at 8 p.m. in 107 Lawrence. Dr. A.D. McKenzie visited Mt. Sinai and has many slides of its treasures, including the most important icon collection in the world. Coffee will be served after the lecture.

KWAX

Noon: Chopin, Three pieces for piano. Stravinsky, Firebird Suite. Beethoven, Sonata No. 5 in C Minor.

1:00: Gore Vidal on Ford Hall Forum. 3:30: Star Spangled Rhythm by Art Van Damme Ensemble and Quintet. 4:00: Chicago Blues.

6:30: Liszt, Totentanz. Famous Oboe Concertos. Schubert, Sonatas in A and D. Grief, Piano Concerto in A Minor.

8:30: World Music Survey. 9:30: Brahms, Violin Sonatas Nos. 2 and 3. Bartok, Piano Concerto No. 3. Mendelssohn, Quartet No. 3 in B Minor.

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6:30 p.m.—Computer Tutorial no. 4. 7:30—David Lean: Self Portrait. Lean discusses his working methods; examples from his films are included. 8:30—International Perspectives.