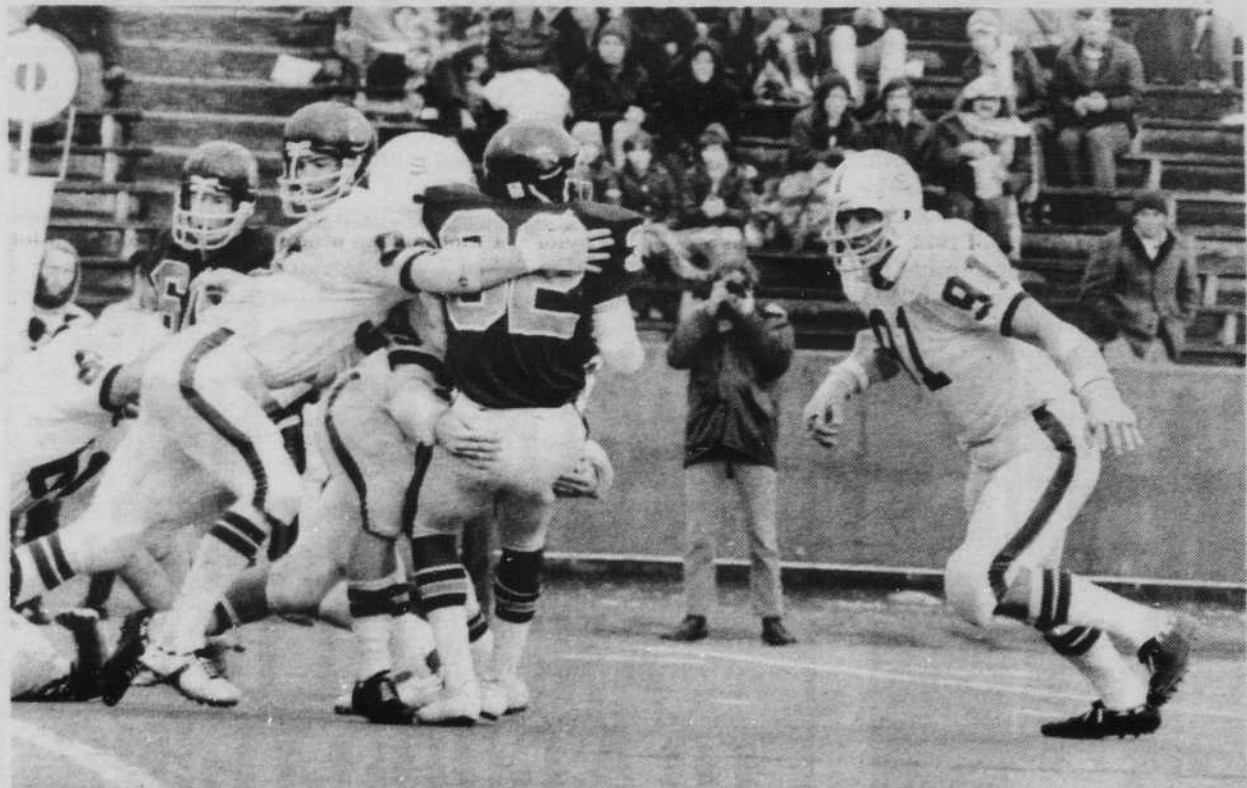




Donnie Reynolds, shackled by a nagging ankle injury and a defense that is usually keyed on the junior tailback, hopes to return to his early-season form against Stanford, Saturday. In his

last four games, Reynolds has averaged only 56 yards, after earning a 127 average in the first five games this season.

Photo by Jim Link



The Stanford defense, on the other hand, hopes to handle Reynolds with the effectiveness shown

above in Stanford's narrow win over Oregon State two weeks ago.

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Respectability laid on the line in football clash

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The forecast for the Stanford area this weekend calls for partly cloudy skies, leading to intermittent showers and a Stanford victory over Oregon. However, the Ducks may have different ideas with an upset bid.

Stanford coach Jack Christiansen admits it will be tough for the Cardinals to get up for the contest after last week's debacle with USC, a last second 27-26 loss. Said Christiansen, "With all the emotion and disappointment of last week, it will be a challenge for us to regroup and get ready for Oregon this Saturday."

Stanford has a case history of falling asleep and playing dead to the likes of San Jose St. and University of the Pacific. Last season, the Cardinals sleepwalked to a 15-13 loss here in Eugene, which directly attributed to Stanford's worse Pac-8 conference record in years, 2-5.

Meanwhile, the Ducks would like to correct the shambles of the losing season. If Oregon could win their final pair of conference games, that would leave the Webfoots with a possible share of third place and a very respectable 4-3 conference record.

"Dick Enright has done a good job with the Ducks," said Christiansen. "Even though they are young, they are very well balanced and capable of beating anyone."

An added threat to the Stanford offense with which Oregon will have to contend with is placekicker Rod Garcia. The diminutive field goal kicker nearly won the USC game by himself, kicking four field goals and establishing himself as the premier field goal kicker in NCAA history with 39 career field goals.

Garcia, a former Rose Bowl hero in Stanford's more halcyonic days, also booted a 59-yard field, the longest kick in the Los Angeles Coliseum, pro or college.

"Rod Garcia's performance on Saturday was absolutely amazing," said Christiansen, "I have always said that his range was better than 60 yards, and he may not have kicked his longest one yet."

The Ducks can attest to those ominous words. Garcia kicked a 54-yarder in the rain of Eugene last year, and any time the Stanford offense nudges past the 50 yardline, Garcia may get a chance from 65 yards in.

With rain forecast by the weather service this weekend in Palo Alto, the natural turf of Stanford Stadium may turn out to be a quagmire. The Ducks attempted to lull UCLA into a fumbling contest in Saturday's downpour, but ended up coughing up the ball three times in the third quarter alone, while UCLA lost just one fumble. Stanford has been known to become butterfingers in adverse weather conditions.

To combat combat the fumbleitis, Coach Dick Enright promised "to stress fundamentals all week and go 100 per cent on Saturday." Enright added, "There hasn't been a game this year we haven't been in all the way. We have taken ourselves out of some games with our own mistakes. We will continue to work hard on the things we must do in order to improve."

Saturday's contest could be a stepping stone to a winning Pac-8 conference season for Oregon, or may turn out to be a lonely path towards a miserable 2-9 record. Oregon State does not play dead in Civil War games.

Peerless Prognostications

Joining the Peerless Progs line-up with one week remaining to go are Eugene mayor Les Anderson and University Athletic Director Norv Ritchey in a repeat performance. Ritchey was the only Progster to go out off the deep end and pick Oregon to upset Stanford, while Mayor Anderson went consensus on all but three picks.

In the race for the Progs season title, Emerald editorial assistant James Russell continues to lead consensus by four picks with a 107-29-4 overall record. Sports staffer Mike Yorkey (102-34-4) and News Editor Drex Heikes (99-37-4) remain close, but, Russell hopes, well out of reach.

"It shouldn't have happened," Yorkey was reported to have said. "It's this Oregon rain that blew it for me." Sports staffer Bob Welch, originally from Corvallis, is still planning a comeback to be culminated with the Oregon State-Oregon game next week.

	Mertin Mann (95-41-4 .693)	Drex Heikes (99-37-4 .771)	James Russell (107-29-4 .779)	Bob Welch (98-38-4 .714)	Mike Yorkey (102-34-4 .743)	Les Anderson	Norv Ritchey	Consensus (103-33-4 .750)
Oregon-Stanford	Stan-7	Stan-11	Stan-4	Stan-15	Stan-17	Stan-13	Ore-8	Stanford
Oregon State-UCLA	UCLA-28	UCLA-72	UCLA-17	UCLA-49	UCLA-21	UCLA-42	UCLA-30	UCLA
Southern Cal-Washington	USC-38	USC-48	USC-21	USC-7	USC-42	USC-36	USC-36	Southern Cal
California-Washington St	WSU-11	WSU-7	WSU-15	WSU-7	WSU-7	WSU-19	WSU-12	Washington St
Air Force-Arizona	Ariz-6	Ariz-1	Ariz-5	Ariz-6	Ariz-3	Air-6	Ariz-7	Arizona
Baylor-Texas Tech	Tech-9	Tech-18	Tech-11	Tech-12	Tech-10	Tech-16	Tech-12	Texas Tech
Missouri-Iowa State	Mo-17	Mo-10	Mo-9	Mo-21	Mo-21	Mos-14	Mo-12	Missouri
Michigan-Purdue	Mich-23	Mich-21	Mich-10	Mich-24	Mich-18	Mich-11	Mich-18	Michigan
Wyoming-New Mexico	N Mex-1	Wy-1	Wy-7	Wy-3	N Mex-3	N Mex-7	Wy-6	Wyoming
Northwestern-Wisconsin	Wisc-7	Wisc-3	Wisc-3	Northw-6	Wisc-10	Wisc-6	Wisc-12	Wisconsin
Pacific-Hawaii	Pac-13	Ha-7	Ha-1	Ha-8	Ha-11	Ha-13	Ha-10	Hawaii
Texas A&M-Rice	A&M-5	Rice-7	A&M-7	A&M-9	A&M-3	A&M-6	A&M-6	Texas A&M
Navy-Georgia Tech	Navy-1	Tech-6	Tech-5	Tech-12	Tech-1	Tech-1	Navy-6	Georgia Tech
San Diego St-Fresno St	SD St-20	SD St-15	SD St-15	SD St-36	SD St-21	SD St-28	SD St-18	San Diego State
Mississippi St-LSU	LSU-36	LSU-20	LSU-13	LSU-17	LSU-21	LSU-12	LSU-12	Louisiana State
Minnesota-Illinois	Minn-2	Ill-3	Minn-1	Minn-10	Ill-2	Minn-1	Ill-6	Minnesota
Auburn-Georgia	Geor-1	Geor-2	Aub-1	Aub-14	Aub-1	Aub-21	Geor-6	Auburn
Arkansas-Southern Methodist	SMU-7	SMU-3	SMU-1	SMU-6	SMU-4	SMU-7	SMU-10	Southern Methodist
South Carolina-Florida St	S Car-7	S Car-4	S Car-9	FI St-10	S Car-10	FI St-5	S Car-7	South Carolina
Tennessee-Mississippi	Tenn-10	Tenn-7	Tenn-8	Tenn-21	Tenn-4	Tenn-7	Tenn-21	Tennessee