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Ducks fight Beavers for cellar

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This is it.

It's the season finale — the Civil War football game between the lowly Oregon State Beavers and the equally lowly Oregon Ducks. Or so it would seem.

Both teams go into Saturday's final game with identical 1-9 records, and are eagerly seeking to restore some of the pride they had at the start of the season.

Pride and Beaver football are terms that might seem to be at two different extremes, but then it wasn't that long ago that at least one Beaver player felt the need to tell the world that he was a member of the "only" team in Oregon, because the "other" team just had not lived up to its words.

Pride. Bragging rights for the state of Oregon have always been at the heart of the battle between the two schools.

Last year, Oregon claimed bragging rights over the entire

Northwest by thumping Washington, Washington State and OSU.

The pride that developed in coaches and players after that outstanding year was evident until after the first game of the year when they fell to Fresno State.

While the Ducks began the year with two losses, OSU claimed early bragging rights by beating Fresno State and then beating Louisiana State everywhere but on the scoreboard. Coach Joe Avezano had done for OSU what Rich Brooks had done for Oregon the year before — or that's what many assumed.

Lately, however, both teams have fallen on bad luck, bad timing and overall bad play. The Ducks won their only game of the year against Pacific before beginning a seven-game losing skid and the Beavers have lost every game since the first one.

The disappointment of a losing year is always painful to players and coaches, but this year both have had their pride damaged even more because of the high

expectations the team had before the season began.

At the center of Oregon's pre-season bowl talk was quarterback Kevin Lusk. The big question at the start of the season was whether or not Lusk could fill the shoes of graduated quarterback Reggie Ogburn.

Because of poor lineplay and an injury to Lusk, nobody really ever got the chance to find out.

Now at the end of a season that Duck players and coaches wish never happened, perhaps it is only fitting that the junior quarterback be tabbed to start the final game.

"Kevin had a good week of practice; he will be our starting quarterback," Brooks said Thursday. "Because of the experience he has had and the leadership he has demonstrated, we feel he will be able to come in and do the job for us."

Lusk will have the opportunity to come in and guide the offense in the type of play Oregon coaches have waited all year to see.

"We're going to have to establish our running game and be able to mix them (the Beaver defense) up with the pass," Brooks said, "but the most important thing is that we have to score some points — that's something we just

haven't done."

Oregon has the worst offense in the Pac-10 Conference and has had difficulty scoring against any of the defenses they've faced thus far. The Beavers, though, don't have just any defense — they rank dead last in the Pac-10.

"It's a case of matching the worst offense in the league with the worst defense. I don't know what to expect at this point," Brooks said.

The Oregon defense — that once proud group of players that led the conference in giving up the least total yards — has been afflicted with injuries so many times that, often, knowing exactly who will be on the field has been a real guessing game for coaches.

More injuries for Oregon greeted Brooks this week after last week's loss to Stanford. Offensive lineman Stu Yatsko, who has played the last two weeks with injuries, will most likely miss the final game, as will linebacker Chris Cosgrove and offensive tackle Rick Price who twisted his knee in practice Thursday.

The season probably has not come down to the final game in the manner either team had hoped or expected. The only thing on the line in this game is pride. In Oregon, that means beating the "other" university.

Bain leads Yellows

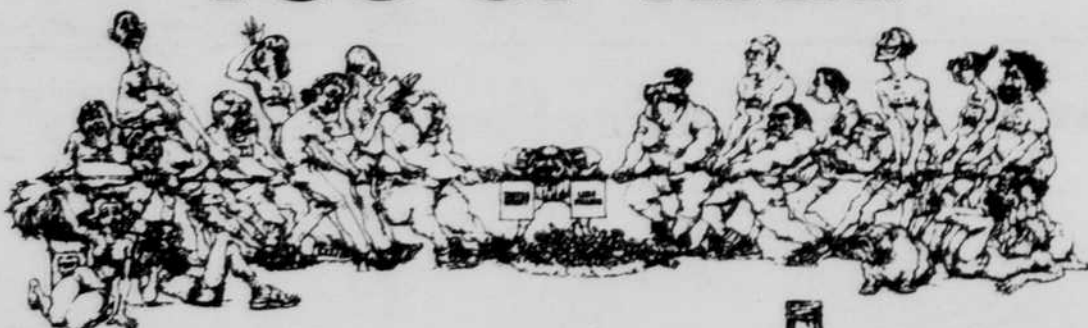
Guards Barry Walker and Paul Bain combined for 37 points as the Green team held on to an early lead to defeat the Yellows, 94-88, in an intrasquad basketball game Thursday night at Mac Court.

Walker (18 points) and Bain (19) paced the Greens to 54-28 halftime lead. Sophomore Fred Cofield, scoreless in the first half,

pumped in 18 points in the second half — on 7 of 10 shooting from the field — to lead the Yellow comeback. Forwards Rodnie Taylor and John Grieg both scored 21 points in the game.

Thursday's intrasquad contest was the last of two this season for the Ducks. Oregon's season opener will be against Cal-Irvine Nov. 28 at Mac Court.

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