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Ducks, Bears hungry for first Pac-10 win

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Two teams starving for a Pac-10 football win will go at it Saturday in Berkeley when Oregon faces the hungry Bears of California.

Both teams enter the game in search of their first conference victory. And both teams can thank top-ranked Washington along with Arizona State for their hunger. The Ducks also have a loss to USC on their ledger.

The 0-5 Ducks had the week off last week, and the 3-2 Golden Bears had an off week, losing to the Huskies 50-7 in Seattle. Prior to last week's disaster, California upset San Jose State 26-7 at home. San Jose State defeated Oregon 18-13 at Autzen Stadium earlier this year.

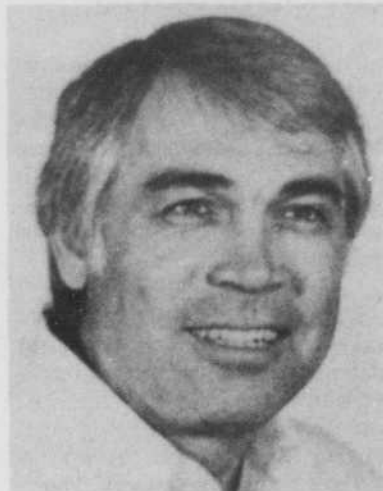
Despite last week's disaster, Cal has had new life breathed into its program in the person of head coach Joe Kapp.

"Food, fun, and football — the three F's, what more do you need in life," Kapp said.

"The teams we've beaten, I feel good about," Kapp said. "We did get San Jose State, which was a tough one, so it's always nice to have a win like that in your pocket."

In addition to beating the Spartans, Cal owns wins over Colorado (31-17) and San Diego State (28-0).

Against Washington, Oregon played its toughest game of the season before succumbing 37-21 three weeks ago. In that game, sophomore quarterback Mike Jorgensen started and moved the Ducks to their first offensive touchdown in the first



Joe Kapp

quarter, before leaving the game with a sprained ankle.

Jorgensen will reassume the controls of the Duck attack this weekend.

The Ducks used the off week to mend the wounded and concentrate on fundamentals.

"It's always good I think to spend time working on basics," said Erik Widmark, Oregon's offensive coordinator. "We've had two good weeks," he said of the break.

In addition to smoothing out the option attack, the bye allowed some of the bumps and bruises to heal. In addition to Jorgensen, deep snapper Randy O'Rourke is slated to return after three weeks on the injured list with a banged up knee.

Running behind Jorgensen in the option will be fullback Terrence Jones and tailback Ladarja Johnson. They will carry most of the load with occasional relief coming from freshman Eugene King and sophomore Todd Bland. The

Ducks have lost the services of freshman Alan Jackson for the season to knee surgery. Tailback Dwight Robertson is still out with a torn ligament.

On the defensive side of the ball a lot of minor ailments have disappeared. Linebackers Chris Cosgrove and Dwight Ford are ready to go after seeing limited action at USC two weeks ago.

Cal owns a 29-17-2 lead in the series, and a seven game winning streak against the Ducks at Berkeley. The two teams last met in 1980 with Cal winning 31-6.

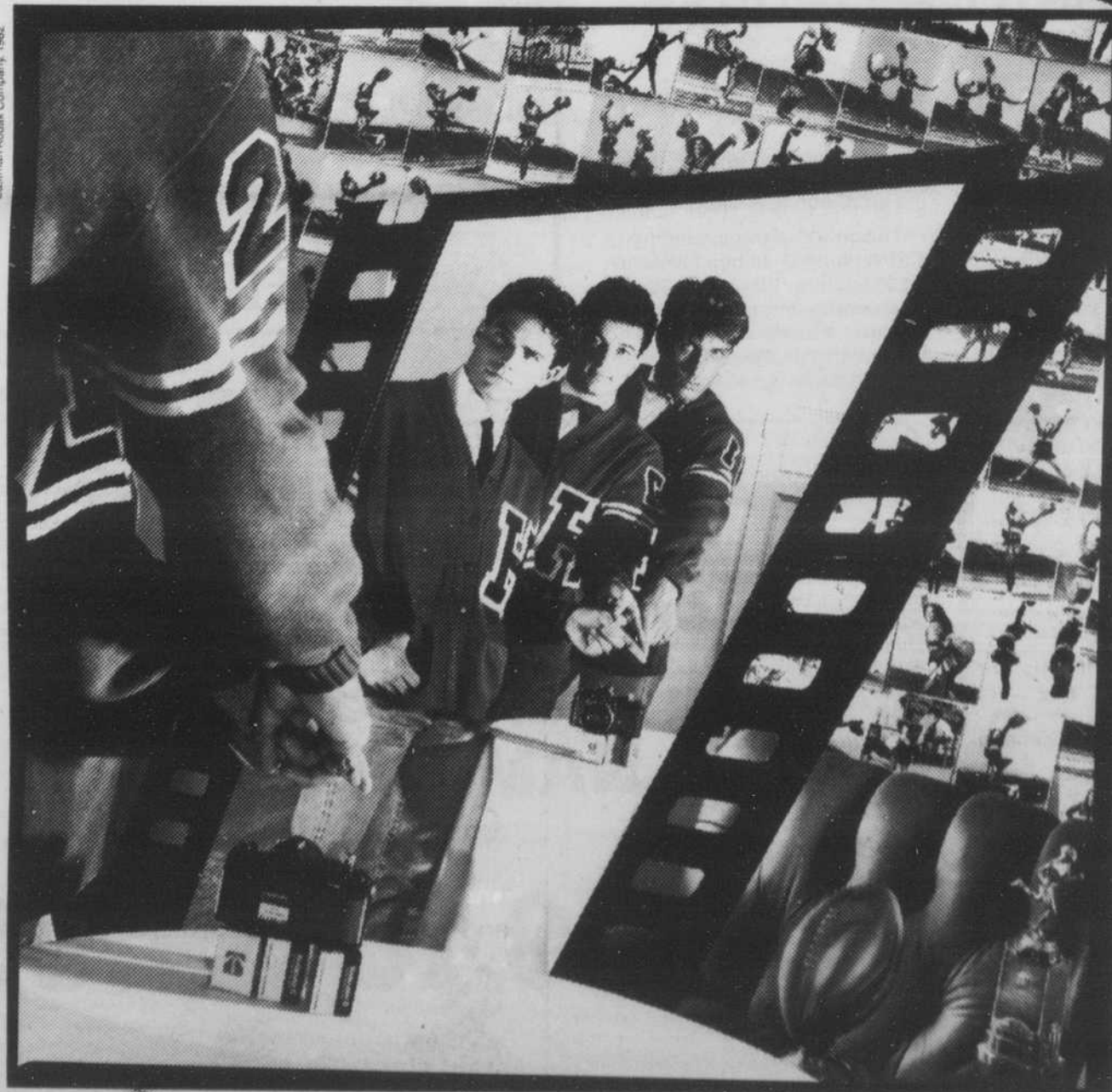
The key to success against the Bears will be controlling their strength, according to Widmark. "They are extremely strong," he said.

Even though playing a Joe Kapp team will be a new experience for the Ducks, Widmark doesn't foresee any special problems.

"There are not a lot of secrets to this game," he said. "There are only so many things you can do with 11 players. It basically comes down to who wants it more."

Both teams shouldn't be lacking there.

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Warriors, Portland play tonight

Lester Conner's return to the Willamette Valley will have to wait.

Connor the 6-4 guard who paced Oregon State to the Pacific-10 basketball crown last season, was scheduled to make an appearance tonight with the Golden State Warriors when they play Portland in a National Basketball Association pre-season game at 7:30 p.m. in McArthur Court.

But Conner, a first-round draft pick of the Warriors, remains unsigned and has not reported to Golden State's training camp.

Portland, however, will have its number one pick on hand. Lafayette "Fat" Lever out of Arizona State signed with the Blazers last weekend. The Blazers could have drafted Connor, but passed up the OSU star in favor of Lever.

Lever saw his first action as a Blazer Tuesday night as the Seattle Super Sonics handed Portland its first pre-season loss. Lever saw 20 minutes of action and scored four points.

Both the Blazers and the Warriors finished out of the playoffs in the NBA's Pacific Division last season after battling down the stretch.

Lever is an important part of the Blazers plan. He will be fighting with Darnell Valentine for playing time at the point guard position.

The Blazers, who open the regular season in Kansas City on Oct. 29, cut guard Eric Smith from Georgetown after signing Lever. The Blazers must trim their roster by two more players before the regular season tips off.

Ticket prices for the game are \$5, \$6 and \$8. They are available at Mac Court.

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