

Injured Ducks challenge Southern Cal

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With the University of Southern California rosters reading like the Who's Who of football superstardom over the last 13 years, it's no wonder the Oregon football team hasn't beaten the Trojans since 1971.

Saturday at Autzen Stadium, the Ducks will try to break the 13-year Trojan hex as the two teams square off in a 3:50 p.m. contest. The starting time of the game was changed from the regular 1 p.m. kick-off to accommodate television coverage on the Metrosports network.

The Ducks sport a 1-1 Pac-10 record after losing to the University of Arizona last weekend, 28-14. Southern Cal, 3-1 overall, is coming into Eugene after slipping past Washington State, 29-27, to put USC 2-0 in conference.

"Every conference game is a pivotal game if you want to be part of the conference race," says Oregon coach Rich Brooks. "We're 1-1, another lose, for all intents and purposes, takes us out of the conference race."

The Ducks' injury report isn't good. Listed as questionable for

the contest are linebackers Lerry Wilson and Dan Devaney, safety Doug Judge and guard Ray Wheatley who were all injured in Tucson. Cornerbacks Ed Hulbert and Anthony Newman, defensive tackle David Culp and linebacker E.J. Duffy also sustained injuries in practice this week.

"We're very thin in the secondary, and it's not good to be injured like we are back there," says Brooks who may have lost starting safety Jeff Williams for the season.

"I believe we would be a lot better if we had our regular starters in there because we don't have the depth or the experience to afford these injuries," says Brooks.

Traditionally, USC has fielded a great tailback to follow the Trojan's Student Body Right and Left formations. Junior Fred Crutcher will be the tailback to follow the Trojans' sweep plays.

Last week, Crutcher amassed a 171 yards in 37 carries in USC's victory over WSU while Oregon ended its storybook start with its first loss of the season against Arizona.

Although Crutcher ranks 14th in the nation in rushing, averaging 109.7 yards per game, USC coach Ted Tollner is not quick to label him the next Heisman

Trophy winner. Tollner feels Crutcher is "back healthy again and playing at his full capabilities."

While Crutcher may need time to find his niche as a great USC tailback, the Trojan frontline is just the supporting cast he needs for the added confidence. From tackle to tackle, the USC linemen outweigh Oregon's offensive line by an average of 13 pounds, 268 to 255. The game marks as a homecoming for USC tackle James Fitzpatrick from Beaverton whose brother is Oregon freshman Devin FitzPatrick.

"The thing that makes them great is that they get the great tailback," says Oregon offensive coordinator Bob Toledo. "but the thing that people overlook sometimes is that their offensive linemen dominate the line of scrimmage. I mean, I'd have a chance to win the Heisman running behind their line."

While the Trojan running game appears to be progressing each week, Oregon's backfield may once again find the running tough. The Ducks managed only 37 yards rushing against Arizona which fielded the number one Pac-10 rushing defense. It doesn't get any easier this Saturday because the Trojans are ranked right behind



Photo by Michael Clapp

Oregon tailback Kevin McCall (42) will need more big blocking efforts like Kevin Wilhite's (1) as the Ducks meet a stingy University of Southern California defense at Autzen Stadium Saturday.

Arizona in allowing the run.

"We're just trying to go back to basics and see if we can

establish the run again. We couldn't run it against Arizona and that was a major factor in our defeat," says Brooks.

All America candidate linebacker Jack Del Rio will lead the USC defense. The Trojans rushing defense is ranked seventh in the nation, so Oregon's running game will need to play a key role in the game.



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Chris Voelz

Duck spikers prepare for Spartan contest

By Robert Collias
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Sometimes the big ones get away, but Oregon volleyball coach Chris Voelz doesn't intend to let that happen tonight.

The Ducks, 15-6, face 14th-ranked San Jose State University, 10-5, at 7:30 p.m. in McArthur Court to possibly decide who will win the NorPac Conference Championship this year.

"I think that we are the top two teams in the conference, but that doesn't mean we can overlook other teams like Santa Clara and Fresno State," says Voelz whose team will tackle the University of Santa Clara on Saturday in Mac Court at 8 p.m. The Ducks, 3-0 in NorPac

play, beat the Spartans in a hard fought five-game match last year. The win placed Oregon fourth in the NorPac and vaulted them into the conference playoffs. The Spartans were forced to settle for fifth place.

However, when NCAA tournament time came, the Ducks were passed over while the Spartans received an invitation to post-season play.

Voelz says that that fact does not add extra pressure this time.

"We have built-in respect for San Jose State," says Voelz. "In the NCAA poll we are ranked 12th and they are ranked 14th, there is not much difference in teams of that caliber."

Voelz says last year's disappointment does not come play

when her team matches against the Spartans who sport a 5-0 mark in league competition.

"I don't believe in grudge matches, besides half of my team wasn't even here last year," says Voelz. "I think this match will be a good one because both teams are tough this year."

Voelz noted that the match may have extra importance because of the fact that the regular season champion in the NorPac will have the right to host the conference playoffs. The winner of the NorPac tournament will receive an automatic NCAA berth.

"The NCAA berth is our overall goal this season," says Voelz.

SJSU is led by Linda Fournet. Fournet, an outside hitter, leads the team in kills with 161 in 15 matches. Setter Teri DeBusk is the floor general for the Spartans' 5-1 offense.

"They have lots of strong hitters so we will have to play good, strong defense," says Oregon's All America candidate Sue Harbour.

"I think we will have plenty of incentive just because they are ranked number one in the conference and we are ranked number two," says hitter Teri Kramer.

The Ducks will be bolstered by the return of outside hitter Cynthia Shepherd, who is returning from a broken finger.



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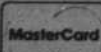

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