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## \_\_\_\_\_\_Sports\_\_\_\_\_ Bausley no surprise at fullback

## By Ashley Conklin Emerald Sports Reporter

Head coach Rich Brooks said Dondre Bausley could fill in for injured fullback Latin Berry. He was right.

On a day when the Oregon offense was stymied by a swarming Stanford defense all afternoon. Bausley, the former first team junior college allAmerican, was the main weapon in the Duck arsenal.

Bausley led the Oregon rushing attack with 43 yards on seven carries. He also caught six passes for 74 yards. Brooks, for one, was not surprised at how well Bausley played in his first start in a Duck uniform.

"He had a good spring and played well in the spring game," Brooks said. "He also played well at Iowa, so we knew he would have a good game."

Bausley now has 90 rushing yards for the season on 13 carries and has caught 10 passes for another 97 yards. And to think Bausley almost didn't stick around for his senior season.

Bausley played tailback last season, but saw little action behind record-setting Derek Loville Injuries also sidelined Bausley and with Loville back this year, things looked bleak for Bausley. He almost quit the team, but decided to remain after some friends convinced him to stay. Bausley was moved to fullback in spring drills, and probably couldn't be happier.

**On the Nose:**Sophomore nose guard Marcus Woods saw his first action all year on Saturday after missing the first two games with a knee injury.

Woods lettered as a true freshman last year in spelling David Cusano, and looked good backing up Cusano against Stanford.

Woods registered four tackles, had one quarterback sack and had a fumble recovery. The performance was just what defensive coordinator Denny Schuler had expected.

"He was injured and had been unable to play in our first two games," Schuler said, "but we expected him to play well all along. He'll continue to play a lot of football for us."

Having Woods back is a welcome sight for the Ducks who now face their toughest threegame stretch of the season, hosting Arizona and Washington State, and playing at Washington.

Meerten Doubtful:Starting tight end Joe Meerten (bruised ribs) will likely miss Saturday's



## **Dondre Bausley**

contest with Arizona. Jeff Thomason will be the likely starter according to Brooks. . Inside linebacker Mark Kearns and Rory Dairy are doubtful and questionable for the Wildcat game. Kearns (ankle) and Dairy (bruised calf) are both extremely tough against the run and will be needed to help shut down last year's top conference rushing team. Also injured at Stanford were wide receiver loe Reitzug and Koyla Tefft (both bruised ribs) and fullback Brandon Jumper. Tefft could be the only of the three to see action Saturday

