

# Injuries plague Oregon's offense but defense may be rejuvenated

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Before the 1989 Oregon football season began, Duck boosters were pinning the team's hopes on the health of junior quarterback Bill Musgrave.

The hearts of Duck fans all over had been broken twice before when injuries to the fragile Musgrave precipitated collapses by the entire team.

So far this year, Musgrave has remained healthy and is enjoying a spectacular junior season. But the health of the rest of the team, as it turns out, is what may make Duck fans blue this year.

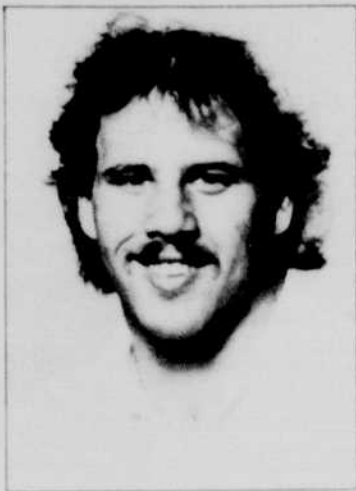
The Oregon defense suffered a big blow Tuesday when outside linebacker Bjarne Jensen injured his knee in a late afternoon practice. He will be out indefinitely.

Jensen, a senior originally from Portland's Franklin High School, is second on the team in tackles with 26, including one quarterback sack.

Preliminary reports were that Jensen's injury was at least a partial ligament tear in the right knee. Jensen was to undergo an examination Wednesday to determine the extent of the injury.



Bjarne Jensen



Joe Meerton

The Duck offense, already smarting from the loss of starting fullback Latin Berry and starting center Scot Boatright, will be without the services of starting tight end Joe Meerton indefinitely due to a rib injury he aggravated in the 18-17 loss to Stanford.

Meerton had hauled in four pass receptions for a total of 32 yards before the injury. Backup fullback Brandon Jumper will be out for the season following knee surgery.

The 6-foot three inch, 230 pound sophomore was injured in the game with the Cardinals.

Reserve wide receiver Joe Reitzug, who was injured late in the Stanford game is listed as "doubtful" for Saturday's game with Arizona.

On a more encouraging note, defensive coordinator Denny Schuler said Wednesday that middle linebacker Mark Kearns and strong safety Rory Dairy were "probable" for Saturday's game.

## Duck football defense stats

	TP	T	AT	TT	FR	DP	CF	QS	TFL-Y
Oldham	209	16	11	27	1	4	1	0	2-6
Jensen	200	17	9	26	0	1	0	1	1-7
Reed	216	15	9	24	0	0	0	0	2-5
Farwell	107	11	12	23	0	0	0	0	2-9
Kearns	143	17	6	23	0	1	0	1	2-8
Cusano	193	11	10	21	0	0	0	0	1-11
Brantley	155	14	6	20	0	2	3	2	2-5
Dairy	192	9	9	18	0	1	0	0	2-4
Horton	210	8	9	17	1	0	0	0	0-0
LaBounty	193	12	4	19	1	1	1	3	6-35
Williams	136	12	4	16	0	0	0	3	4-21
Sczak	104	7	2	9	0	0	0	0	0-0
Kemp	103	2	5	7	0	0	1	0	0-0
Douglass	40	5	1	6	0	0	0	0	0-0
Castle(2)	7	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0-0
Woods(1)	37	3	1	4	1	0	0	1	1-2
Bartista(2)	21	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0-0
Taylor(1)	11	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Thomas(2)	16	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0-0
Brooks(1)	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0-0
Singleton	51	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0-0
Alc	39	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0-0
DeLeon	12	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Leupold	27	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Kessler(1)	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
O'Connor(2)	21	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Dezier(1)	23	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0-0
Allen(1)	12	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
Holub(1)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
Fitzgerald(1)	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

ABBREVIATIONS: TP—Total Plays; T—Unassisted Tackle; AT—Assisted Tackle; FR—Fumble Recovery; DP—Deflected Passes; CF—Caused Fumbles; QS—Quarterback Sacks; TFL-Y—Tackles for loss-yards



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