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# Loville ignoring lack of yardage, sure about finding 'the big gain'

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University of Oregon running back Derek Loville was flying high after the 1988 season. As a junior, Loville rushed for 1,202 yards, becoming the Ducks all-time rushing leader with 2,337. The 1989 season was one to look forward to.

Then, the games began. Loville has run for a total of 153 yards in three games, which is less than the yardage he rambled for (154) in the Ducks' opener last year against Long Beach State.

When a player's totals dip like that, questions begin to circulate.

"We've just been playing a lot of strong defenses," Loville said. "We haven't been getting people blocked."

Loville is the first person to admit that the offensive line cannot be blamed for his lack of yardage.

"(The offensive line) are working their butts off to get us a running game established," he said.

Another reason for the senior tailback's low totals is his reputation. Last year's performance woke teams up and Loville became a player for defenses to key on.

"That is the case in part," explained offensive backs coach Gary Campbell. "But we've changed our offense this year. We're emphasizing the fullback position a lot more."

The change in offense may be having the most effect on Loville's game. Being a tailback in the Ducks' new offensive scheme, Loville starts farther in the backfield.

"The tailback is set a little bit deeper and blocks have to be sustained longer," Campbell said.

The new offensive setup for

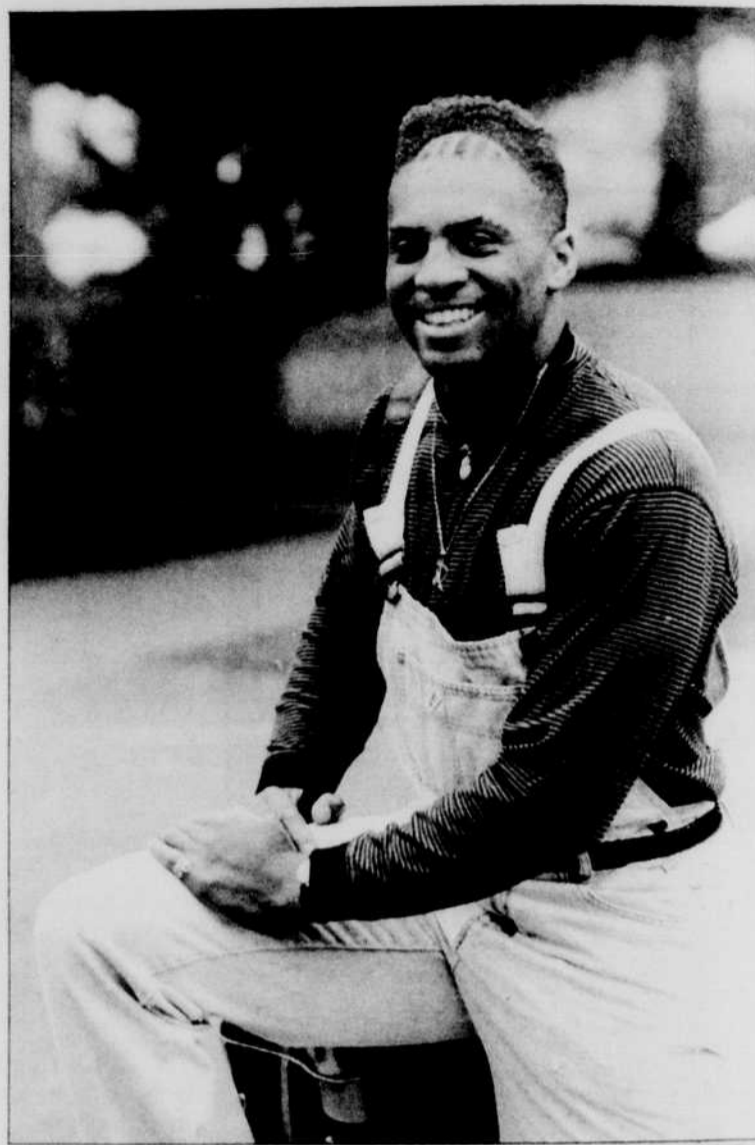


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Although Oregon running back Derek Loville has yet to break the 100-yard barrier this season, he is confident about the chances of his team and himself.

the Ducks has not been a total failure. The fullbacks, as the plan intended, have gained good yardage.

Senior Latin Berry rushed for 181 yards before a knee injury against Iowa sidelined the fullback. Dondre Bausley, Berry's replacement, rushed for a respectable 90 yards. The two

fullbacks have caught a combined total of 19 passes.

The new offensive setup, along with opposing defenses keying on Loville, has opened up the Ducks' air attack.

Junior quarterback Bill Musgrave has thrown eight touch-

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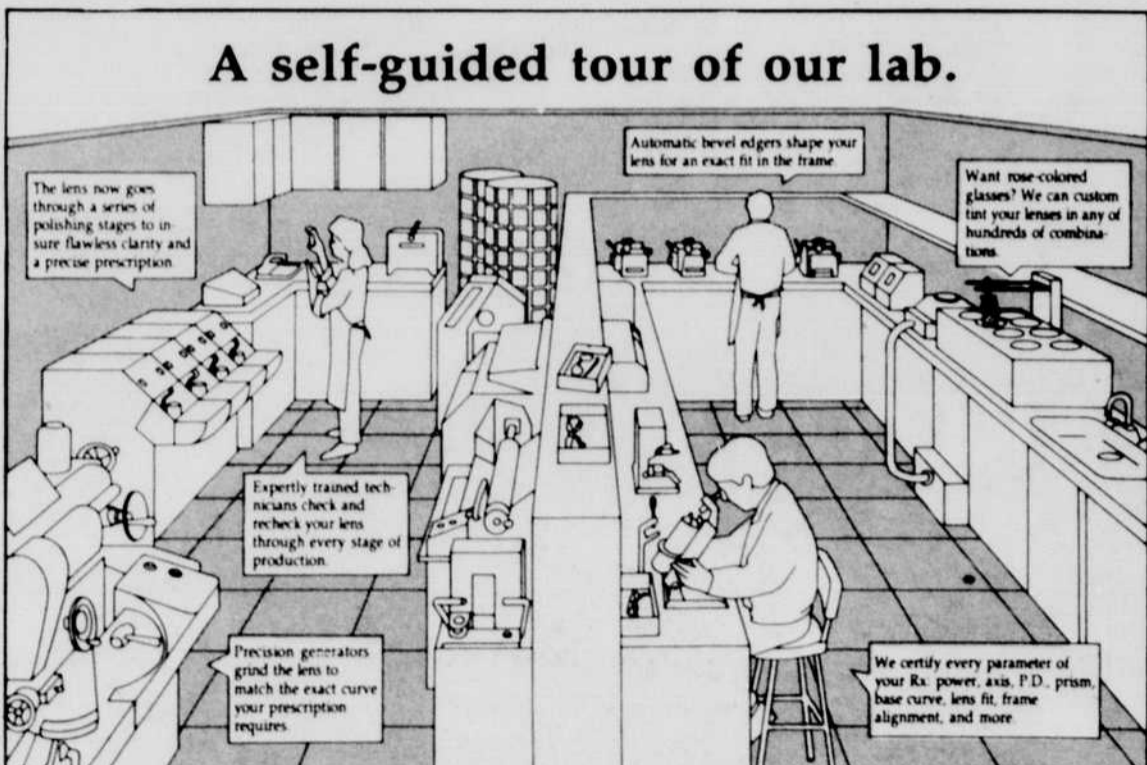
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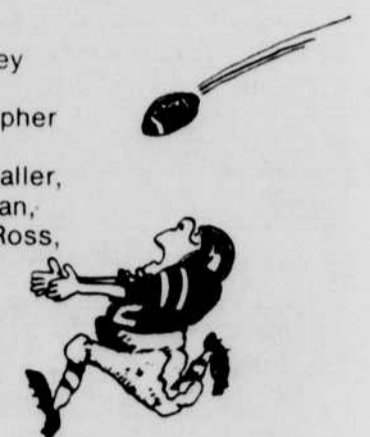
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