

Ducks to face hungry-for-revenge Washington

OSU vs. ASU a mismatch

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For the second week in a row, the **Oregon Ducks** are meeting a team coming off a tough loss.

Last week, the Ducks met a Washington State team that had just lost a close one to Southern California. Many observers believed the Cougars should have been coming into the Oregon game 5-0, not 4-1.

The Cougars agreed and were more than happy to vent their anger on the Ducks in a 51-38 win at Autzen Stadium.

The **Washington Huskies** have lost three in a row to nationally ranked teams and are

probably in a mood to vent some frustration of their own.

The Huskies ran their record to 2-0 with early season wins over Texas A&M and Purdue before falling victim to their schedule in losses to Arizona, Colorado and USC in consecutive weeks to run their record to 2-3.

Washington coach Don James wouldn't say whether the Huskies are feeling any special motivation coming into the game because of the losing streak, but Oregon Coach Rich Brooks is well aware of what the Huskies must be feeling.

"If we don't show up ready to play good football, they'll run us into Lake Washington and drown us," Brooks said.

Brooks said he believes this year's edition of Washington football is better than those of the last few years.

"We're going to have our work cut out for us," he said.

Duck fans should pray that the Huskies have short memories. They will no doubt be looking for some payback after last year's 17-13 Oregon win at Autzen.

Payback is what they'll get this Saturday, Washington by a touchdown.

Oregon State has a chance for a win when it hosts **Arizona State** this Saturday. But then again, Michael Dukakis had a chance to be President of the United States last year.

The Beavers showed what they were made of last week, losing 35-18 to Fresno State. Fresno State is a good football

team, but certainly not a Pac-10 caliber one.

Arizona State played UCLA tough for three quarters before losing 33-14 last Saturday in Los Angeles. While UCLA is no national power this season, the Beavers would be no match for the Bruins.

Oregon State will lose to the Sun Devils by at least 10 points. In fact, the schedule for the Beavers portends a seven-game losing streak to finish the season.

In the Pac-10 game of the week, **Arizona** hosts **UCLA**. The Wildcats had last week off after losing 16-10 to the Ducks the week before. UCLA beat up on ASU last week for the Bruins' second Pac-10 win of the season.

This is the tough call of the week in Pac-10 play. UCLA has been winning for so long that it is almost second nature to give the Bruins the nod.

But the game is in Tucson where the Wildcats have already beaten Oklahoma and Washington this season. The Wildcats also boast the Pac-10's second best rushing attack at 163.6 yards per game and play solid defense, so there's no cause to write the Wildcats off this week.

Because the game is in Tucson, the 'Cats will win a low scoring contest by a field goal. Make it 16-13, Arizona.

Southern California tunes up for next week's trip to Notre Dame with the next best thing to a week off: a game with Cali-

fornia.

The Trojans lead the conference in total offense, total defense, rushing, rushing defense and scoring defense. They're playing OK.

The Bears, on the other hand, are last in total defense, next to last in total offense, next to last in scoring and next to last in scoring defense.

On paper, it looks like the Trojans will kick butt and take names this Saturday.

Actually, they probably won't bother to take names. USC by at least 14.

Fresh off the rout in Eugene, **Washington State** entertains the **Stanford Cardinal** this Saturday in Pullman.

After what we saw here last Saturday, it would be tempting to pick the Cougars big. But Stanford always seems to play up to its opponent's level.

The Cardinal beat Oregon only to lose to San Jose State a week later. A week after the game with the Spartans, the Cardinal played top ranked Notre Dame tough before losing 27-17. Earlier in the year, the Cardinal lost to Oregon State.

Washington State, as is traditional, has been a scoring machine. The Cougars are averaging more than 37 points a contest so far this season. As any objective observer could see last Saturday, the Cougars are fun to watch and a bitch to stop.

Oregon couldn't do it and neither can the Cardinal.

Washington State by 10.

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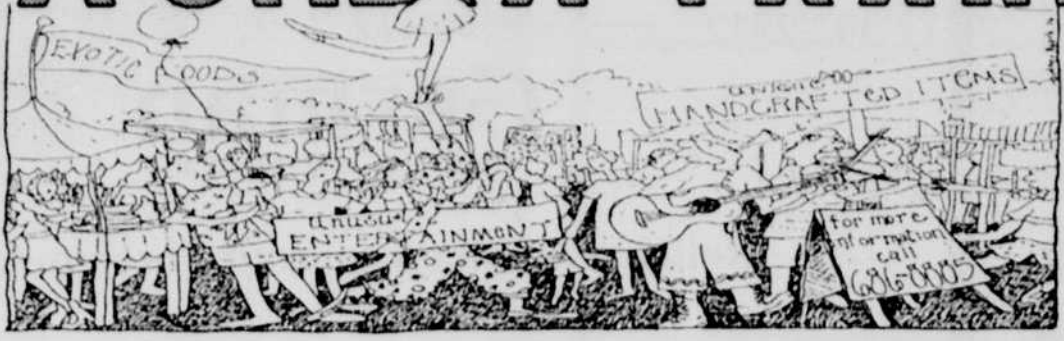
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A. Conklin (7-6)	UO + 2	USC + 17	UCLA + 1	ASU + 7	WSU + 15
D. Peters (8-5)	UO + 2	USC + 14	UCLA + 3	ASU + 7	WSU + 10
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