

PAC-10 Predictions: DUCKS #1?

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Life in pre-season college football prediction magazines is tough, especially for a team like the Oregon Ducks.

Away from the glitz and glamour of Los Angeles, or the large television markets of Seattle and Phoenix. Oregon is often shuffled to the second division of the Pacific-10 Conference without a hard look even with a team that will contend, and yes, maybe

even win the conference title. Most have picked the Ducks to finish fifth or

Are these predictions really that important? To many football fans they are, and since large metropolitan areas have the most football fans per

Predictions are also important to a high school football recruit still trying to decide which school to attend. He might see those magazines and promptly scratch the Ducks right off his list of prospective schools.

So in response to the oversights of these sports writers, here is our set of non-biased (well, maybe a ference. little bit of bias) predictions for the Pac-10. Some of the choices might be surprising, but then again, anything can happen during a football season.

first in the Pac-10. The time is ripe for these Ducks. and with the leadership of Senior Bill Musgrave, an pool of defensive talent to draw on Oregon will come out on top in 1990. Besides that, why not the Ducks? They

have as good a chance as anybody. Brash prediction? Maybe. In the realm of possi-

Musgrave is hovering over every quarterback record established in Oregon history. Last year he set rado, and Arizona State on the road, and USC at one-season marks for touchdowns (22) and yardage home in the four weeks before Oregon comes to Se-(3.081), as he led the Ducks to the Independence attle. They might be a little weary with that sched-Bowl. He already holds the record for career touch- ule, a main reason they did not finish in our top downs with 43, and if he can stay healthy, Oregon may be spending a lot of time in the end zone.

Musgrave should benefit from returning receivers najor contributions to the Oregon offense this year. Center Scot Boatright will be the anchor for antackles David Collinsworth, Todd Kaanapu, and im- ed.

should be able to thwart any defense.

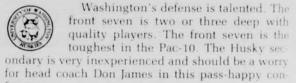
such as Matt LaBounty and Marcus Woods. The their young defense. linebackers will be led by Peter Brantly, a possible all-Pac-10 selection.

The secondary is inexperienced but there is large group of fine athletes contending for positions. The safety position is a strong point for the Ducks, with Eric Castle and Rory Dairy prowling the backfield. In all the defense is ready to move up in the rankings from a second place finish a year

Add to all of that a favorable schedule with sever home games and the excellent coaching abilities of sixth, saying that they are talented, but (sigh), they Rich Brooks, and the Ducks might be smelling the

#2 WASHINGTON

The Huskies should be the only team that could contend with the Ducks this year, so look for the capita, the schools in those cities will usually get October 13 meeting between the two teams in Seat-



The offensive line has strong experienced players at every position, and a new one-back offensive look - the same one that allowed tailback Greg Lewis to run for 1,100 yards last year - should once again unleash the formidable running attack. Look Believe it or not, we are picking Oregon to finish for Lewis to once again eclipse 1,000 yards. The Huskies are always strong in the backfield. It seems like Washington running backs have been there for experienced receiving core, and a large a decade because they all look alike - big, strong. and fast. Maybe it's the uniforms.

> Top returning passer Mark Brunell is inexperenced and will be challenged by Billy Joe Hobert but both were inconsistent during the spring. Put a big question mark at quarterback.

Another big point for the Huskies (and for the Ducks as well) is that they will meet Purdue. Colo

#3 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Why does everybody think the Trojans will win Joe Reitzug and Tony Hargain, who will both make the Pac-10? We think it's because Los Angeles is a major media market. USC is just too big to fall through the cracks, but it certainly does not deserve other fine offensive line, which includes talented - the first place finish most magazines have predict

four games with Syracuse, Penn State, Washington,

The defense is inexperienced and is road. not as strong as USC defenses have been in the past, but is still better than most in the league. The inexperience of the defense should be supplemented by all of the favorable press that they get.

Quarterback Todd Marinovich will be the key for the Trojans in those first four games if he can come through, and the speed of his receivers should allow him to throw more than the usual five yard passes he was known for last year. Look for Marinolion dollar baby. Tailback Ricky Ervins will step up and smile big for the cameras all year long, and has been tabbed for possible All-American notice.

It's time to forget pride and tradition, Trojan fans. Be happy with third.

#4 (tie) UCLA The Bruins are blessed with a never ending flow score the Cougar basketball team. front seven is two or three deep with of excellent athletes, an infinite supply of showtime STANFORD players who find the bright lights of L.A. enticing.

Sorry folks, but the bulb has fizzled out Of course, ...
ins have the advantage of a large placking to help their cause, but it won't backing to help their cause. For last year's 3-7-1 record. ins have the advantage of a large press that good last year anyway. help them build off of last year's 3-7-1 record.

The quarterback situation is shaky with the departure of Bret Johnson, but the job falls to Jimmy

Senior Eric Turner and junior Matt Darby will make up one of the top safety tandems in the na- #9 (TIE) OREGON STATE tion, but two men do not a defense make.

year. (Oh, by the way - the Bruins will lose to the Beavers for the second straight year, 24-23, when a UCLA extra point attempt in the final minute is blocked and Oregon State returns it for a two point

McGill, Michael Bates, Lamont Lovett, to play contributing roles as well.

play, because they are all very capable backs. to battle for the quarterback spot. Tight end Richard catch consistently. Griffith could develop into one of the best in the Head Coach Dave Kragthorpe is doing an admiracountry, and center Paul Tofflemire should be the ble job, and with any luck he will be getting anothkey for a huge group of linemen. But there is not er one soon.

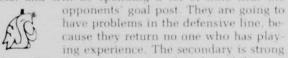
The defense is strong as usual, but you can count The defensive line is deep with quality athletes and Ohio State will probably do a lot of damage to Arizona out of the Pac-10 because of a grueling schedule with USC, Washington, and UCLA on the

Arizona State's real power is Paul Justin, who has the potential to be the top quarterback in the nation if he im-

The offensive line is big but inexperienced, with only two returnees that started last year.

#7 WASHINGTON STATE

backs in the nation in Brad Gossen and Aaron Garyich to dive into the NFL draft next year, he's a mil-cia, and will be spending a lot of time near the



but will not be enough to carry the whole defense. One thing is for sure, the football team will out-

Stanford has ten starters returning on offense this year, but it shouldn't help them considering they weren't really

These guys just need some time to develop, but watch out for the occasional upset

#9 (TIE) CALIFORNIA

The only thing we can say about Cals they will probably finish ahead of the Beavers alphabetically

The Beavers will still be playing in Corvallis this Team speed is a weakness, and a tough Pac-10 season, after the failed attempt by a Philomath busischedule should keep the Bruins honest for another nessman to lure the team away. Negotiations between OSU Athletic Director Dutch Baughman and Philomath city officials broke down in early September. It looks

like Corvallis will be suffering again

On a more serious note, nothing more could be The Wildcats start with running backs and they said about the Beavers that has not already been just don't stop. The Arizona backfield just keeps said in Eugene. OSU touts the best defensive linegetting deeper and better. The list goes on: Art man in the country with Esera Tuaulo. Tuaulo is Greathouse. Mario Hampton, Reggie the Beavers, but expect Brent Huff and Brian Beck

and Eroll Sapp. Arizona coaches might OSU also has another left-handed quarterback. as well flip a coin each week to determine who will which seems to be a pattern that works for the Beavers. The southpaw Matt Booher has improved but Ronald Veal and George Malauulu will continue has no one to throw to ... that is, anyone who can



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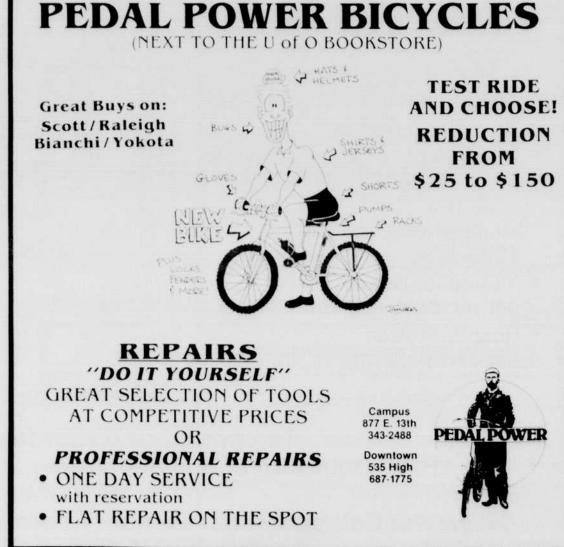
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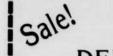


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