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Musgrave readies guns for BYU

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On picture and media day at Autzen Stadium in August, Oregon quarterback Bill Musgrave made his way across the turf

toward the locker room.

An eight-year-old boy, wearing an Oregon jersey with Musgrave's number on it. and his father had come all the way from Portland in anticipation of meeting the senior quarterback. They had waited for a hour and a half at the entrance of the breezeway, talking about the team and Musgrave in particular.

As Musgrave got closer, the father approached him and asked if he would pose with the boy for a picture. Musgrave smiled, obviously flattered, nearly blushing, and obliged.

The moment was a part of the senior quarterback many people do not get to meet.

There are two sides of Bill Musgrave that together help make him a solid, respected leader and productive quarterback.

There is the side that is one of the top quarterbacks in the nation, a tough competitor who will face fourthranked Brigham Young on Saturday at Autzen. Then there is his demeanor - the soft spoken, unassuming, and polite side. He says things quietly, almost apprehensively, and gets right to the point.

But don't let that fool you.

Photo by Andre Ranieri

Oregon's hopes rest with Bill Mus-

grave.

"I would say he is pretty much the same person (on the field and off the field)." Oregon of-

fensive coordinator Mike Bellotti said. "He is a quiet mannered person in appearance, but inside he is pretty intense and very intelligent. I think his competitive nature surfaces a little more on the field.

"Bill is a guy I have always respected, because he takes responsibility for the good and the bad," Bellotti added. "I think the team respects him for that too. If he makes a mistake he will admit it and won't pass the blame anywhere."

Musgrave might not pass the blame, but he sure can pass the ball.

He has thrown for 6,530 yards at Oregon in 28 games, and is just 152 yards away from eclipsing Chris Miller's record for career passing yards - a mark he should pass this weekend.

At Oregon, he holds the record for career touchdowns (50), and is currently the leader in career passing percentage (57.3 percent). He shares the record for most passing yardage in a game by two opposing quarterbacks (959 yards) with Ty Detmer, BYU's **1990** Heis-

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