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man Trophy candidate.

Most importantly, last year he led the Ducks to their first bowl game in 26 years. And the list goes on.

As Musgrave prepares for what could be one of the biggest games of his career - in front of a sellout home crowd and a split-national television audience - he seems very lowkey. The game has been billed as a battle between two quarterbacks, an offensive show featuring Musgrave and Detmer. but Musgrave feels differently.

"This game is not Detmer versus Musgrave," he said.

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For Musgrave, a 23-year-old finance major, the game could bring some well-deserved recognition, something that has eluded him during his fouryear career. He was overlooked last year in the All-Pac-10 and Academic All-American vot-

ing. "I think people just kind of forget about Bill," Coach Rich Brooks said. "But I think he's one of the best quarterbacks in the nation. In my opinion, he is better than (San Diego State's Dan) McGwire, and better than (University of Miami's Craig) Erikson.

"Detmer and Musgrave are the premier quarterbacks in the

have a program that's been on the up for quite a few years before players get the recognition they deserve, unfortunately.'

After Musgrave threw for 443 yards and three touchdowns in the 1990 season opener against San Diego State, Aztecs Coach Al Luginbill called him, "Ty Detmer reincarnated." Musgrave was flattered.

'That was a nice compliment because Ty Detmer is considered a very good quarterback." he said. "(Playing BYU) is real motivational offensively because playing against a quarterback like that the defense is going to want us to score a lot of points. If we execute, the points will come."

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"It's still BYU versus Oregon." Last year's record setting performance by Detmer and Musgrave increased the media hype for this weekend's game, and there has been talk of a rivalry. But Musgrave silences those thoughts right away

"There is no rivalry," he ex-plained, "but there is a lot of pressure, especially on me because I think our offense is going to have to score a lot of points. The game is never over when you play BYU."

It is an important game for both teams, but it also has significance for Musgrave. It will be only the second time he has had the opportunity to showcase his talents to a split-national audience. The first time was in 1988 against UCLA, and he didn't even play in that game because of an injury.

"I think our whole team is pretty good," he said, "and we are starting to get a lot of attention, which adds to all the individual attention as well.

"The national exposure will be really good for our whole

nation," Brooks said. "They have so many similarities: they win games, they make plays, and they throw the ball where it can be caught. They're just winners.

In fact, Musgrave has been very successful at Oregon. The Ducks are 20-8 in games that he has started and finished - an important statistic for those who remember the collapse of 1988. He led the team to a 6-1 record, and a national ranking, before suffering a broken collar bone against Arizona State. The Ducks lost their top quarterback for the season, and then proceeded to lose the rest of their games to finish 6-6.

"I think that if he had been physically able to finish that season we would have been in a major bowl game," Brooks said. "possibly the Rose Bowl. and the recognition would have come his way

"I think Oregon's past history has hurt any player of capa-bility at the University from getting any national recognition," he added. "You have to

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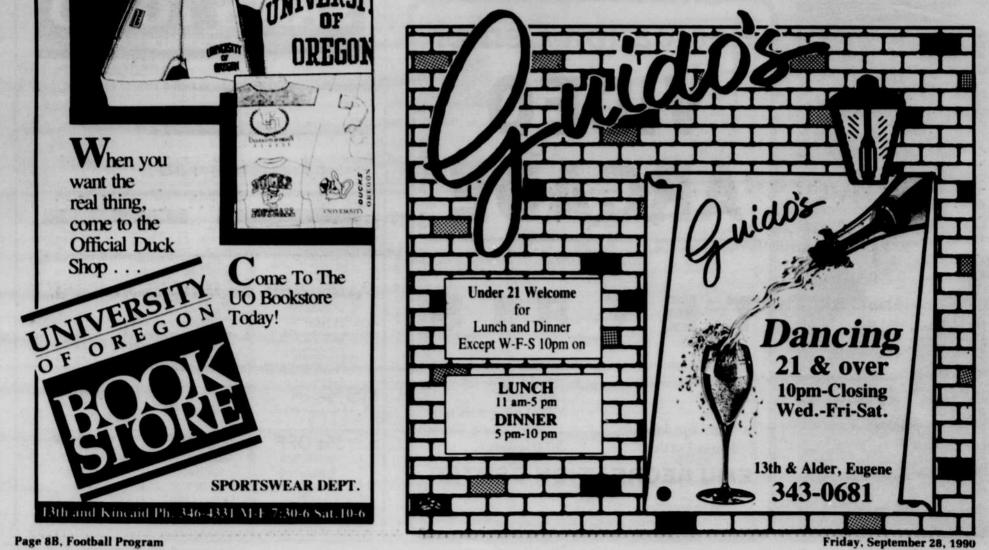
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Last week in the Pac-10 opener at Arizona, Musgrave's execution slipped several times, and as a result the Ducks suffered. He threw four interceptions - his first of the season - including one that was tipped by running back Ngalu Kelemeni and returned for a touchdown in Oregon's 22-17 loss.

"I have a great deal of confidence that he will come back and play up to his capabil-ities," Bellotti said. "I don't go on to the field expecting or worrying about Bill Musgrave breaking down our football team.

"I think we will respond good." Musgrave said. "We played hard last weekend and just didn't get it in the end. I expect us to bounce back and make up for last week.

"I wish we were 3-0 right now, but there is nothing we can do to change that," he added. "I guess we'll just have to take our frustration out on BYU."



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