

PALUMBIS

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the Pacer record book by passing for 2,400 yards and 24 touchdowns as a junior and 1,600 yards in six games as a senior before being sidelined with a shoulder separation that would haunt him for the next three years.

However, his most impressive statistic may have been his 18 touchdown to three interception ratio. It was numbers like these that made Palumbis the hottest quarterback prospect to come out of the state in recent years and earned him a spot on numerous prep all-American teams.

With numbers and honors like that, Palumbis had the pick of the litter when it came to choos-

ing a college. He chose Stanford and he couldn't be happier.

"There are a lot of reasons why I chose Stanford," Palumbis said. "The academics played a major role in my decision as did the fact that they like to throw the ball and that it's close enough to home that my parents are able to watch a lot of my games. Stanford is definitely the place for me."

Palumbis will earn an economics degree this spring and is thinking of pursuing a history degree or Masters in the near future. That is if he isn't busy taking snaps in the NFL.

"If the chance comes along to play in the NFL, I'd love to do it," Palumbis said, "but I'm not thinking about it right now. All I'm thinking about now is winning ball games."

ROUNDUP

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Brigham Young 32-16. The Ducks weren't nearly as sharp following the Washington loss, getting by on a strong defensive performance and punt and interception returns for touchdowns to beat Arizona State 27-7 last week.

"I think this team is one that has responded to adversity in a positive manner," Brooks said. "They've overcome some tough losses, difficult things during the year, (and) overcome some poor play during certain games."

"Certainly last week we started on our heels," he said. "Arizona State was completely taking the fight to us and we recovered from that to find a way to win a game that we didn't play very well on offense."

The offense struggled against the Sun Devils, for the most part, because quarterback Bill Musgrave missed most of practice with an abdominal muscle injury, although he did play most of the game.

Despite the injury to Musgrave, Brooks is concerned about the way his offense has played the last two weeks and said if the Ducks don't continue to improve the rest of the season, they can forget about going to a bowl game this year.

"Unless we start improving as a team, I don't think those chances are going to be real good," he said. "Up to the Washington game I thought our team was making progress and getting better every week. "I've sensed, particularly on the offensive side, the last two weeks where we've really leveled off and maybe taken a step or two backward," Brooks said.

While the offense has struggled lately, the Oregon defense has played very well.

The Ducks are second in the Pac-10 in both rushing defense (110.3 yards per game) and scoring defense (19.1 points per game). Oregon is 16th nationally against the run, and has held three opponents to under 100 yards rushing.

Oregon held BYU to minus 47 yards and allowed only 21 yards to Utah State and 82 to Arizona State.

Things should get even better next year, as nine starters return to the Duck line-up. The only senior starters on defense are linebacker Peter Brantley, strong safety Rory Dairy and cornerback Daryl Singleton, who is now starting for the injured Muhammad Oliver.

Oliver, a junior, had surgery on his knee last week and will be back in time to play in a bowl game if the Ducks make it to the post-season.

FOOTBALL TRIVIA TIME

1. What year did Oregon start playing football in?
2. Who was Oregon's first opponent, what was the score and who won?
3. Before Autzen Stadium was completed in 1967, where did Oregon play its home games?
4. Who caught the first touchdown pass in Autzen Stadium?
5. Who is the only coach besides Len Casanova and Rich Brooks to lead Oregon to a bowl victory?
6. What is Oregon's all-time bowl record?
7. What current NFL head coaches were former assistant coaches at Oregon?
8. How many head football coaches have there been at Oregon?
9. When was the last time Oregon was ranked in the final Associated Press poll?
10. What former Oregon player has a suite named after him at the Valley River Inn?
11. What Oregon basketball player was drafted in the 12th round of the 1976 draft by the San Diego Chargers as a defensive back.
12. What is the highest an Oregon player has been drafted in the NFL? What round, what overall selection and who is he?
13. How many Oregon players were selected to the Pacific-10 Conference first team all-star team last year?
14. How is the only Oregon football player to ever win the Will Gonyea Award as the team's Most Inspirational Player?
15. What former Oregon football player held the national high school javelin record before Art Skipper broke it in 1988?
16. Where was the 1985 USC-Oregon game played?
17. What sport besides football was Oregon's Jeff Thomason a high school standout in?
18. Bill Musgrave is Oregon's winningest quarterback with 23 wins. Who is second?
19. Brian Brown's 86-yard punt return for a touchdown against Arizona State was the third longest in school history. What two players had longer returns?
20. Who kicked the longest field goal in Oregon history and who was it?

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