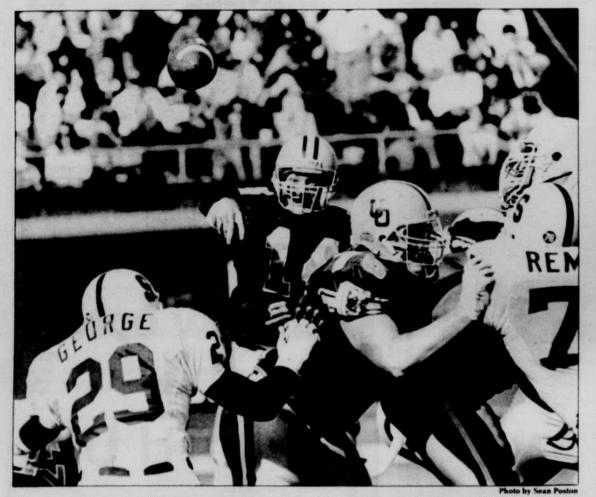
## SPORTS



Oregon quarterback Bill Musgrave will try and lead the Ducks past California Saturday despite suffering from a minor shoulder injury.

# Ducks meet California in key game

### By Ashley Conklin Emerald Sports Editor

When California and Oregon have met on the football field in past years, little has been at stake except for maybe which team would have three wins instead of two.

This is a different season though, and when the Golden Bears and Ducks meet at 1 p.m. Saturday in Berkeley, Calif., a bowl game is on the line for Cal while both teams are fighting for second place in the Pacific-10 Conference.

Oregon, 7-2 overall and 3-2 in the Pac-10, seemingly has a bowl game clinched already, having accepted a tentative offer from the Freedom Bowl. Cal (5-3-1 overall and 3-2-1 in the conference) meanwhile, needs at least a win against the Ducks or Stanford next week to secure a Copper Bowl bid.

While Oregon was in a bowl game last season. Cal hasn't been to post-season action since 1979, when the Golden Bears lost to Temple in the Garden State Bowl, 28-17.

In fact, Cal was 4-7 last season and hasn't been above .500 since it went 7-4 under Joe Kapp in 1982.

"I think they're clearly the most improved team in the league." Oregon Coach Rich Brooks said. "I think this team has a lot of weapons, a lot of talent.

"Cal has a great deal to gain in this game if they can beat us," he said. "They can move back into second place in the league, and in all probability secure a bowl bid."

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# Volleyball team tries to gain momentum

### By Paul Morgan Emerald Sports Reporter

The Oregon volleyball team will try to get back on a winning track this weekend when Washington and Washington State visit McArthur Court for a couple of Pacific-10 conference matches.

Washington will take on the Ducks tonight at 7:30 p.m., and Washington State comes to town Saturday night at 7:30 to close out Oregon's home season.

The Ducks (5-9 in the Pac-10, 14-11 overall) have dropped six consecutive conference matches after Oct. 12, when they beat the Huskies in three games. Oregon did manage a win over Portland State Oct. 19, but the conference losses have all but eliminated the Ducks from NCAA post-season play.

"We probably hit our low against Arizona State." Coach Gerry Gregory said. The Ducks lost 9-15, 15-6, 15-9, 12-15 in Tempe, Arizona, last weekend.

"We just need to remember that it is fun to play good volleyball," he said. The key to this weekend is that everyone has to do the job. We need good performances from everyone."

Washington (4-10, 6-14) comes to town fresh from a win over last place California on Nov. 2. The Huskies came back from a twogames-to-zero deficit to overtake the Bears in five games.

"Washington is as physically talented as anyone in

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the conference with the exception of UCLA and Stanford." Gregory said. "They are all big and can jump high."

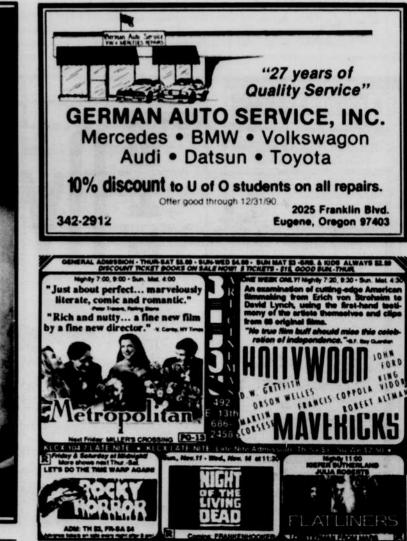
The Cougars split last weekend's matches with a win over Cal and a loss to Stanford, and are tied with Oregon for seventh place in the conference. Washington State defeated the Ducks in three straight games Oct. 13 - a match that started Oregon's six-match conference slide.

"They've got some good hitters," Gregory said. "Hopefully we will be ready for them because we are healthier than we were last time."

The Ducks will have the complete services of Dawnn Charroin and Ali Watkins this weekend. Both were slowed by ankle sprains during the last two weeks. Reserve Jennifer McGinnis, however, is out for the season with a broken ankle she sustained two weeks ago.

"We are healthy and we have had some good practices," Gregory said. "We approach both of these matches the same. We are going to try to work on our play, and if we don't we will be in trouble."





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