

Cornerback suspended

Oregon senior cornerback Daryle Smith was suspended indefinitely Monday for unspecified disciplinary reasons, Coach Rich Brooks announced.

Smith has started the last 15 games at right cornerback. He shares the team lead in interceptions this season with two and has eight pass thefts in his career.

Smith was the *Sports Illustrated* defensive player of the week last year after picking off three passes from Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer in the Ducks' 32-16 win over Brigham Young.

Brooks said redshirt freshman Herman O'Berry would be elevated to the starting lineup for Saturday night's Pacific-10 Conference game with USC at Autzen Stadium. O'Berry has nine tackles on the season, in-



Daryle Smith

cluding six Saturday in the Ducks' loss at Utah.

Neither Smith nor Brooks could be reached for comment.

LA, Braves battle from afar

LOS ANGELES (AP) — For the next two weeks, the Los Angeles Dodgers and Atlanta Braves will battle each other from a distance.

The Dodgers took a 1-game lead in the National League West by beating the Braves in two of three games over the weekend. They'll stay in California for the rest of the season, playing their final 11 games against San Diego and San Francisco. Five of those games are on the road, the last three in the unpredictable weather conditions of Candlestick Park.

Atlanta, which plays its final 12 games against Cincinnati and Houston, knows how tough the chill winds of Candlestick can be. The Braves lost twice in San Francisco a week ago, dropping out of first place. Three days later, they were back on top, only to fall again during the weekend.

The Dodgers, who fell back to second by a half-game when Atlanta's Steve Avery shut them out 3-0 Friday night, went back ahead with victories Saturday and Sunday.

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and fans had a ball — "Has USC lost the magic that dominated the Pac-10 for so long?" some ask of the now 1-2 Trojans. "Has Nebraska ever had the magic, or did they just have a creampuff schedule all of these years?" others say of the Cornhuskers, who lost a home game to Washington this weekend.

But do any of us have the right to ask the same about the Ducks? No. Even though Oregon has visited a bowl game each of the last two years, the 1989 Independence Bowl was Oregon's first postseason appearance since the 1963 Sun Bowl, long before much of the student body was even born.

Prior to 1989, Oregon had losing records in seven of the

12 previous seasons under Brooks. That is hardly a stellar mark and is even worse when you consider that in the five seasons that Oregon didn't produce a losing season, each of those five were only six win seasons.

Oregon football hasn't always been successful. It is just in the last two years that Autzen Stadium has seen larger crowds, that Brooks has recruited better players, and that, unfortunately, hopes of winning have turned into expectations.

The football program has a way to go before Las Vegas oddsmakers and The Associated Press find Oregon (pronounced Orygun, guys) to be a household name.

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after Monday are Leigh Hornung in 13th place with an 81, Shannon Maier in 17th with an 82, Karly Mills, an Oregon individual entrant, in 34th with an 85, and Beth Manczak in 39th with an 88.

The tournament will continue today and end Wednesday afternoon.

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