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Ducks should edge USC

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Sitting around the *Emerald* sports desk this week we were able to come up with some fearless predictions for this weekend's Pacific-10 Conference games. These picks reflect at least a 2-1 majority in the sports department.

Although by the slimmest of margins only, our consensus is that the Ducks will pay a return visit to the win column by nipping USC. We're willing to bet the Ducks' loss to Utah was a fluke, though not quite as much as the Trojans' domination of highly ranked Penn State.

After having their Pac-10 record evened at 1-1 two weeks ago in a loss to California, Arizona should have an easy time of it in a non-conference contest with Long Beach State.

The Wildcats' in-state rivals from Tempe will not be so

lucky. Arizona State has the unpleasant task of playing Nebraska only a week after the Huskers lost to Washington, though Nebraska led the Huskies late in the third quarter. The Sun Devils' impressive win last week over USC notwithstanding, this probably won't be much of a game.

Stanford hasn't won yet this season, and thanks to the Colorado Buffaloes, this won't be their week either.

Washington, which more than lived up to their fourth-place ranking in the national AP poll last week in scoring four fourth-quarter touchdowns against Nebraska in Lincoln, will put up some big numbers against Big-Eight Conference doormats Kansas State.

And Washington State should pick up their first win of the season against the Runnin' Rebels of UNLV.

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shoulders, and the Trojans will be coming after him.

"The pressure will be on him," Brooks said. "I'm hoping he will be ready. He knows he didn't play the way he was able to play (at Utah)."

Playing such a huge game against the school that everyone wanted him to go to kind of excites O'Neil. In fact, he is actually eager to see the Trojans Saturday night, despite their strong reputation.

"I'm looking forward to this Saturday," said O'Neil, whose two brothers attend USC. "Not only because it's against USC, but because we just came off a loss. Regardless of where I'm from and how I used to be, it's going to be a huge game, and having it be USC, my hometown college, is going to make



Danny O'Neil

it even more exciting."

O'Neil was only No. 2 on the Trojans' quarterback recruiting list, but when their No. 1 man opted out, USC suddenly became very interested again.

"They were knocking pretty hard on my door," O'Neil said. No one answered.

PAC-10 PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATIONS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Predictions are based on anticipated point spread as determined by individual voters. A correct response is credited each time the favored team wins by at least the predicted margin. The numbers following each person's name represent that individual's overall record. These predictions are intended for entertainment purposes only.

	USC at UO	LBS at UA	NEB at ASU	Colo at Stan	K. St at UW	WSU at UNLV
J. Berg (0-0)	UO +2	UA +15	Neb +8	Colo +5	UW +30	WSU +3
D. Charbon (0-0)	UO +3	UA +14	Neb +10	Stan +4	UW +21	WSU +6
J. Jacoby (0-0)	UO +4	UA +21	Neb +21	Colo +28	UW +7	WSU +7
M. Ross (0-0)	UO +2	UA +7	Neb +6	Stan +3	UW +6	WSU +3
C. Blair (0-0)	UO +7	UA +10	ASU +6	Colo +14	UW +17	WSU +5
C. Bouneff (0-0)	UO +7	UA +7	Neb +3	Colo +3	UW +14	WSU +3
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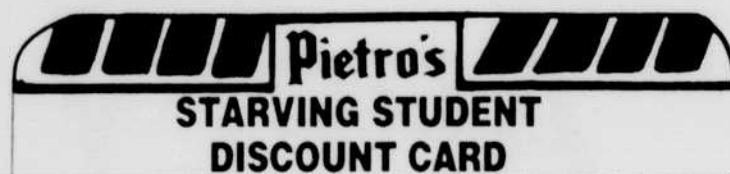
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