

FOOTBALL PROFILES

FARWELL

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Jeff Cummins for the team lead.

Farwell has also deflected two passes, caused two fumbles and had an interception against Stanford.

Farwell had been relatively injury free at Oregon until this year when he suffered a broken rib. Farwell did not play last week but said he is ready for Saturday's game against Arizona State.

"I could have played last week. I have a broken rib and they shot me up with anesthesia — but we scored so fast there was no need," Farwell said. "I don't know why I have been so healthy; the trainers tell me it is flexibility, but I am not overly flexible. Last year I played with a sore ankle all season and wasn't even close to 100 percent. I have also had two knee operations, so I've had my owies."

Farwell came to Oregon out of California's Los Gatos High School in 1988 after being named as the outstanding defensive player in the West Valley Athletic League his senior year.

Farwell, a three year starter for the Ducks, has been Oregon's ironman during his career, starting 37 games including three this year. Farwell started 28 consecutive games until he was forced to sit out the Ducks' victory over Texas Tech last season.

Farwell is eighth on the all-time tackles list at Oregon with 319. He registered a career-high 112 tackles in 1990 and led the Ducks last season with 100 tack-

les, 40 of them unassisted.

Farwell has made 16 tackles in a game two times, including the 1990 Freedom Bowl game against Colorado State. He had a career-high 20 tackles in last season's finale against Oregon State.

Farwell had to struggle with his emotions during last season when personal tragedy hit him hard. He came to camp in the fall of 1991 knowing his father was at home in the Bay Area dying of cancer. Jim Farwell died before the season started and his son struggled with it during the season, although he didn't miss a beat on the field.

"Last year I was playing in a fog. I lost my will to play football," Farwell said. "I was basically just running around the field making tackles and didn't get excited about it. I wasn't having fun doing it. When something like that happens to you, nothing else really matters. Everything becomes pretty trivial."

The bond between Farwell father and son runs deep, and Farwell said the death affected his performance on the field.

"I got through it but I didn't get through it with flying colors," Farwell said. "My heart was definitely 600 miles south. My dad was always there for me, and when I played, I felt like he was always right there with me."

With bad memories of the 1991 season behind him, Farwell said he and the rest of his teammates are ready to get on with the new season.

"I didn't have a great year last year; I don't think anyone did," Farwell said. "We just have to leave that one season where it is. It is nothing to be proud of as far as I am concerned."

With all that has happened to him in the last 14 months, Farwell said he has lost some of the emotion for football that he had.

"When I was a freshman and sophomore I wasn't crazy, but I was always really excited," Farwell said. "Now I get excited when a big play happens, but I don't get as keyed up for games. I think that comes from age and experience. I just want to play at a high level and stay there."

Despite what he says, Farwell is still running from sideline to sideline chasing down opposing players with the same reckless abandon as he has in the past. Not many have noticed any falloff in his performance, including his coach.

"Joe has been one of the leading tacklers in the conference," Oregon head coach Rich Brooks said. "He is an outstanding player. Pro scouts don't drool over him because of his size and speed, but all he does is make plays all over the field."

Whether pro scouts come calling after the season or not does not seem to be a major concern to Farwell, as he places his own opinions of himself above what others think.

"When I am done I want to hang up my cleats without having any bad feelings," Farwell said. "I want to remember my last season as a positive one."

EDWARDS

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the quarterbacks running for protection, registering three sacks in three games for the 2-2 Ducks.

Last season, Edwards started in Oregon's final five games and tallied five sacks. He said he has learned to develop a hunger for quarterbacks.

"You have to really want to get the quarterback," Edwards said. "It's something you have to desire in your heart and in your mind."

Edwards has also been a key to Oregon's new-found toughness against the run. In the Ducks' last two games, their opponents have run for a com-

bined 49 net rushing yards. On the season, Edwards has 15 tackles and one deflected pass.

"Terrell brings to the lineup a physical guy with tremendous speed," Oregon head coach Rich Brooks said. "If he can have a healthy year, he'll be one of the top players in the conference at his position."

Edwards, however is not all that pleased with his play so far this season.

"I've played OK. I think when I play well, everybody will know," he said. "I know when I play a great game."

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