

## TEAMMATES

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Kaufman ran for 5,151 yards and scored 86 touchdowns in his high school career with an average of 34 yards on each touchdown. He was named Player of the Year in California and first team All-American by *USA Today*.

"He is just a phenomenal athlete," said Lompoc head football coach Dick Barrett. "He started as a sophomore, and the rest is history. He came into his own during his sophomore year and scored about 39 touchdowns his junior year.

"He missed three games his senior year or else he would have broken Russell White's California record for touchdowns. He bench pressed 365 pounds this summer and ran a 4.22 in the 40-yard dash. He is strong, fast and talented, and he has great instincts on the football field."

"It was amazing watching him play," Thompson said. "He is a tremendous athlete. My senior year, I set the California record for extra points, most of them after Napoleon's touchdowns."

Thompson spent his high school career preparing for college football, even going as far as to use a small kicking tee and kicking barefoot in practice, although it was illegal in games.

"Tommy is really dedicated," Barrett said. "He is a real kicker's kicker. His dad bought him a net during high school and he had the kicker's face bar. He is a real coachable kid, but he did it on his own with a strong work ethic."

Thompson was an all-state performer his senior year when he set a state record for scoring, averaged 38.6 yards per punt and booted 53 kickoffs into the opponent's end zone. He kicked a 51-yard field goal and two 48-yarders during his high school career.

The road Thompson took to Oregon was roundabout to say

the least. He wanted to attend USC for their pharmacy program but was not offered a scholarship by the Trojans. Just when it looked like he would sign with UNLV or Pacific, Oregon assistant coach Steve Greatwood paid a visit to Lompoc.

"It looked like Tommy would attend either UNLV or Pacific but then coach Greatwood came to look at him, and Oregon offered him a scholarship," Barrett said. "Rich Brooks is very observant when it comes to special teams, and he wanted Tommy as a punter. I thought Tommy would be more attractive on the college level as a kicker, but Oregon liked his punting."

Thompson came to Oregon in the fall of 1990 and punted immediately, but he did not add placekicking to his duties until this season.

"I figured I wouldn't be the placekicker right away because Gregg McCallum was there," Thompson said. "I figured I could win the punting job right away and try for both of them later. I definitely wanted to be the kicker someday."

Thompson struggled with his kicking early this season but has found his touch recently. In Oregon's last four games, Thompson has kicked 10 field goals, including five against Arizona State two weeks ago, tying a Duck record.

Thompson kicks barefoot and said he feels he gets better distance and accuracy because of it.

"I get a better feel for the ball barefoot; I can tell when I hit it solid," Thompson said. "Most people think I am crazy because it looks painful; it is painful but to see the ball go through the uprights makes up for the pain. I feel like the kicks are more solid, and I get better distance and accuracy."

Thompson and Kaufman will have a chance to be on the field together this weekend because Kaufman is Washington's leading punt and kickoff returner. Kaufman is averaging 15.3 yards

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Tommy Thompson,  
Oregon kicker and punter

per punt return and 16.8 yards per kickoff return, but Thompson says he is not intimidated by his former teammate.

"I'll definitely kick it to him," Thompson said.

"It's just fun for me," Kaufman said of his special teams duties. "It is something I have always done and I think I can help the team doing it."

As for his job on offense, Kaufman says he expects a tough time against the Oregon defense.

"They look great," Kaufman said. "They have a real tough defense. They really hit people and play the ball well."

Thompson has one season of college football left and Kaufman two years, but Barrett does not expect their football careers to end that soon.

"I think they both can play in the NFL," Barrett said. "Tommy is a great punter, he can kick the ball so high and far. As for Napoleon, the sky is the limit for him. Barring an injury, he can be as good as anyone in the country."

Barrett plans to be in the stands on Saturday watching his two prize pupils battle it out, but he says there is no doubt who he will be rooting for.

"I am going to root for Napoleon and Tommy," Barrett said. "I will be happy for one and sad for the other when it is over, but most of all, I am just really excited and proud of these two kids."

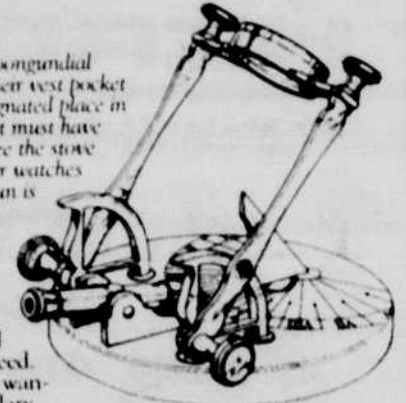


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