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heavily favored Cardinal. The Ducks drove down inside Stanford's 20-yard line, but O'Neil threw an interception in the end zone. The Cardinal took advantage of the turnover, scoring on the ensuing drive. The 14-point swing was the difference in Oregon's 21-7 loss.

Against Washington, the Ducks lost 24-3 but were barely outgained in total yardage by the No. 1-ranked Huskies. Oregon trailed 17-0 in the third quarter but were gaining momentum as they tried to close the gap on Washington. The Ducks got to the Husky 10-yard line, but O'Neil was again picked off in the end zone. As was the case against Stanford, Washington cashed in twofold on the interception, scoring a touchdown on the ensuing drive. Another 14-point swing.

REVENUE

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Revenue from football tickets sales could reach

and another Oregon loss

Making turnovers are not the only time the Ducks have pointed a gun toward their feet and pulled the trigger. Special teams play is just as responsible for two of Oregon's losses.

The Huskies were able to turn a potentially flimsy 7-0 halftime lead into a 17-0 lead that was spurred by a blocked punt in Oregon territory. Washington was able to score 10 points in two minutes to end the half. From there, the Ducks were in an uphill battle.

But that special teams mistake pales in comparison to the way the special teams played against USC

A fumbled kickoff, two massive Trojan punt returns, an Oregon punt snapped out of the end zone and a Duck fumble on a punt return translated into a 26-7 first-half lead for the Trojans. If the special teams' mistakes were

deleted from that game. Oregon would have won 10-6. Instead. the Ducks were buried 32-10.

Oregon has turned the ball over 22 times in eight games, and its opponents have committed 17 turnovers. The difference has been when and where the Ducks have lost the ball.

Ifs, shoulds, woulds and coulds are all part of the game. But consider this: If the points Oregon's opponents have scored off of Duck mistakes are taken off and the points Oregon should have scored in their losses are added, the Ducks would have won three of those games and could have been 7-1 at this point.

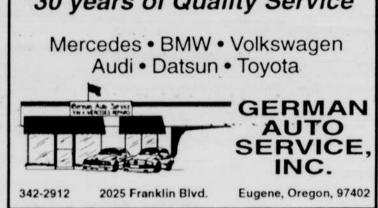
But Brooks is not as worried as much about the past as he is the future.

"We can't look back at what could've been," he said. "We have to regroup and salvage what we have left."

itable Washington home game Oct. 17

Athletic department ticket manager Hunt Holsapple said the Washington game, not including the leasing of the skyboxes, generated \$834,000 in gross ticket sales.







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