

Ducks all business for Cal game

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When the Oregon football team travels to Berkeley for this weekend's game against California, it will be strictly a business trip.

Oregon head coach Rich Brooks has made it clear to his team that the Ducks are heading south for only one reason: to beat California.

To prove his point, Brooks has the Ducks flying out of Eugene Friday night after practice and returning immediately after the game. There will be no time for any of the 46 Oregon players from California to have dinner or other social functions with their families - only time to play the game.

Such is the atmosphere for the Ducks this weekend when they try to open the season 4-0 for only the third time ever under Brooks. The Ducks have two strong forces working against them when they take the field for Saturday's 12:35 p.m. kickoff: California's offense and recent history in Berkeley.

A quick glance at the statistics the Bears have put on the board on their way to a 4-0 start are intimidating to say the least:

- The Golden Bears are averaging 44 points per game, while giving up only 15.8 points to the opposition.
 - California has racked up 88 first downs, 30 more than its opponents.
 - California is averaging 471 yards in total offense, 200 more than its opponents.
 - California is averaging more than 230 yards rushing per game.
 - The Bears have four more sacks and half as many punts per game as the opposition.
 - California has scored 22 touchdowns in only four games.
- Surely those stats and some others have caught the eye of

Ducks sign Scrivener

Colin Scrivener, a highly recruited defensive lineman from the College of the Siskiyous in Weed, Calif., has transferred to Oregon and practiced with the squad Wednesday, head coach Rich Brooks announced.

Scrivener, a native of Winnipeg, Manitoba, originally signed with the University of

Houston, but left the team after taking part in an orientation practice prior to the season.

Brooks said Scrivener would be ineligible at Oregon this spring and would play in the 1994 campaign as a senior. He can practice with the squad this fall and next spring, Brooks said.

Brooks, but he said he is not surprised that Cal is off to a 4-0 start.

"I am surprised by the magnitude of their victories," he said. "But not the fact they are 4-0. They have the potential to be a good team, and they are fulfilling it. They are staying healthy and firing on all cylinders."

The Golden Bears have trounced the Ducks by a combined score of 73-10 in the last two meetings between the teams in Berkeley; however, Brooks said his team is much better prepared than they were during those two meetings.

"Two years ago we were decimated," said Brooks, regarding the 1991 meeting that Cal won 45-7. "Cal wasn't the only place we got our brains beat out. The trip previous to that one we had a lot of injuries."

Oregon struggled on the road recently, but is currently in the midst of a three-game road winning streak. However, Brooks said that is of little importance when the two teams meet Saturday.

"It is always tough to win on the road," Brooks said. "It is never easy to win against a team playing as well as California. We need to be good on the road this year to accomplish what we want to because we have three road games over the next four

weeks. It would be nice to get out of the barrel in the conference right away this year."

Cal's offense has been well-balanced this year under quarterback Dave Barr, who has thrown for 942 yards and nine touchdowns. He is surrounded by plenty of offensive weapons, most notably running back Lindsey Chapman and receiver Mike Caldwell. Chapman has gained 386 yards thus far on the ground, and Caldwell has caught 16 passes for 320 yards and three touchdowns.

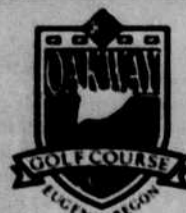
This game will also showcase two of the best kickers in the nation, Oregon's Tommy Thompson and Cal's Doug Brien. Thompson has hit five out of eight field goals this year, with two misses coming from more than 50 yards. Thompson played a key role in Oregon's 34-17 win over the Bears in Eugene last year when he kicked three field goals and added a 76-yard punt.

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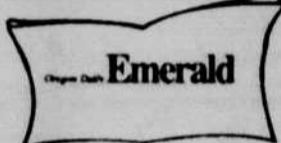


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