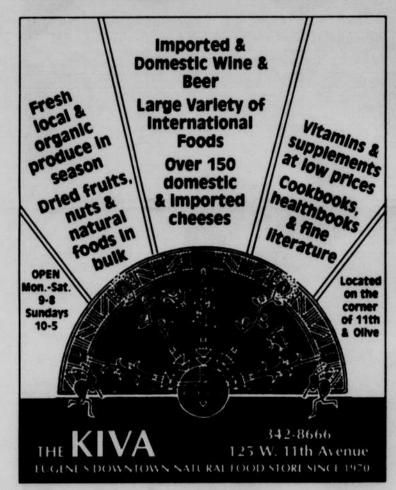


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# 1993 senior class says goodbye

By Dave Charbonneau

Now that the bowl hopes of

the Ducks are gone this season, next season is already in the back of the minds of the players, coaches and fans.

Quarterback Danny O'Neil will be back, as will receiver Cristin McLemore, running back Ricky Whittle, tight end Willy Tate, free safety Chad Cota, cornerback Alex Molden

and receiver Kory Murphy.

The Ducks will definitely have talent to build on for next season. But they will also lose a number of players who have helped reestablish the Oregon football program.

"The senior class has done a lot for Oregon football," Oregon head coach Rich Brooks said. 'They have played a lot of great football and seen a lot of ups and downs. What I'd like for them is to have a great memory in their final game at Oregon and get a win over Oregon State.

Many of the seniors leaving the Duck program after this season were here as redshirts when Oregon went to its first bowl game in 25 years with 1989's Independence Bowl appear-

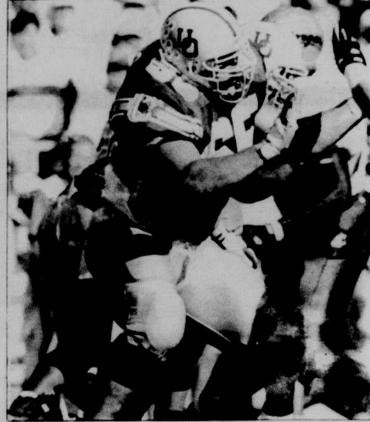
Many of the seniors, such as Ernest Jones, Sean Burwell and Juan Shedrick played huge roles in helping the Ducks earn trips to 1990's Freedom Bowl and 1992's Independence Bowl.

'Going to the bowl games is my best memory." Jones said. "Also, watching each other grow into men. A lot of people don't take the Independence Bowl seriously, but we took pride in it. I'll also treasure the memories from the Freedom Bowl. When I get out of here, I'll know I did some things I wanted to do."

Here's a list of the seniors who will be playing in their final game Saturday against Oregon State and some of their accomplishments.

Michael Allison, strong safety - Allison's claim to fame was as Oregon's deep snapper on punts and field goals. Allison transferred to Oregon after two years at Oregon Tech.

Romeo Bandison, defensive end - Bandison was voted second-team all-conference last season after finishing second in tackles among Ducks. Bandison played half of last season at



Oregon offensive guard Mike DiFonzo has played a big role for the Ducks since transferring from Pierce Junior College two years AGO.

nose tackle and filled in well. Bandison has had 45 tackles this season, including two sacks and three deflected passes.

Romeo is a talent and at his size - 6-foot-5, 290 pounds - he can run a 4.7 in the 40-yard dash," Brooks said. "He has been hobbled a bit, but has played both on the end and at the nose. He's had a good year."

Eric Barnes, offensive guard - Barnes didn't join the Ducks until just before last season. He played well in a reserve role until a midseason injury ended his season. Barnes has played a limited role for Oregon this sea-

Brian Brown, receiver/punt returner - Brown's big claim to fame came in 1990 when he returned a punt 86 yards against Arizona State for a touchdown. Brown averaged about eight yards a return over his first two years as Oregon's No. 1 punt return man. Last season, an injury in the first game ended his season. This year, Brown's season was again shortened with an injury.

Sean Burwell, tailback -Burwell had a magnificent

freshman season, rushing for more than 1,000 yards. Burwell sustained an injury in his second season and ran for only half of the yardage of the previous season. Last season, Burwell split time with Ricky Whittle and still managed to gain 822 yards. This season, injuries have again hampered Burwell's year as he ran for a little more than 400 yards this season. This will be his fourth year in a row leading the Ducks in rushing.

Sean may be the best back we've had running and catching the ball since I've been here, Brooks said.

Tom Curran, center - Curran was a redshirt freshman on Oregon's 1990 Independence Bowl team. Curran walked on as a defensive linemen and was eventually moved to starting center last season and has held the spot ever since.

"Tom Curran is one of the good football stories." Brooks said. "He is a remarkable young man who walked on to the program and worked hard. Each year he has performed better

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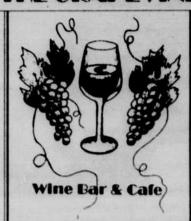
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