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Sophomore quarterback Tony Graziani stood tall in last week's win over USC and hopes to once again take advantage of his new role as starter. Graziani was pressed into duty after the injury to senior Danny O'Neil. He credits last week's win to strong performances by his teammates.

Graziani enjoys winning first start

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Tony Graziani is on top of the world after his first career start and victory against the 19th-ranked USC Trojans at the Los Angeles Coliseum last Saturday.

"It (Sunday) was great, I was on a big emotional high after the game," Graziani said. "It was a great feeling and it's something I want to definitely experience again."

With the unexpected injury to Danny O'Neil, Graziani was ready to make his debut. The Oregon coaching staff had Graziani prepared for a situation like this. The week of practice before the Iowa game,

the coaching staff had Graziani taking about half of the reps with the first team. During the week of practice prior to last Saturday's game, he worked full-time with the first team.

"I was hoping to get playing time, but I hate to see Danny get hurt," Graziani said. "He's a good buddy of mine. It's bad that it happened at his senior year, but I had to be ready to step up."

Graziani feels that much of his success came from the balanced play of the running backs and the receivers.

"Dino, Dwayne Jones, Pulou Malepeai, all those guys are running hard," Graziani said.

"Balance is great. When they think you're going to run, you pass, and they think you're going to pass you can bust out for a 10-yard gain."

Graziani also gives a lot of credit to the big men up front on the offensive line. "They're doing a great job, I think we're finally coming together up front. We're jelling and that no sacks - it makes me happy. As many non-negatives plays we can get, all the better."

When Graziani took the field on Saturday for his first start, there were many questions that he and his teammates would have to answer by example. Would he be able to

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Betting against Ducks just doesn't pay

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I must say, a sincere thank you goes out to the Oregon Ducks football team. I thank you, my roommates thank you, and the members of the *Emerald* staff who picked USC should feel shame.

Sure, I picked USC to win. I got so cocky, I bet my roommates that there was no way the Ducks could knock off No. 19 USC without three of their starters. I mean realistically, with the way quarterback Tony Graziani performed against Portland State, I didn't know of anyone in the city of Eugene who thought he would run all over a top-25 team in his first start. I guess I just forgot to ask Graziani and his teammates, the only ones who really count.



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But no matter whom I picked, there was no way that I could sit in my living room and hope that this sophomore and his teammates would perform. And yes, as I sat there listening to my roommates try to decide what I should cook them for dinner, and watched them dirty as many dishes as they possibly could (yes, my wager was cooking dinner and doing the dishes), I tried my hardest to root for USC quarterback Rob

Johnson. But I really couldn't help feeling some sort of green and gold pride pump through my veins as Johnson got knocked from hell to breakfast, and as Oregon's defense made USC look like a flag football team comprised of the *Emerald* sports staff.

And yes, my roommates loved it. But was there anyone in Eugene who didn't? The only people who didn't love it wondered who these Ducks were and where Eugene was located, because it sounded like a cool place to live.

Which brings me to those members of the *Emerald* staff who picked USC. Well, I guess that would be all of us. Personally, I thank you for making me look bad. We need that around here. We showed absolutely no faith that our own football team

could beat a 15-point spread. We showed absolutely no school pride, and we were called on it.

Now on to the quote of the week, which comes from former Cal star, turned Dallas Maverick multimillionaire Jason Kidd. Please refrain from breaking into complete and total laughter until you realize how sad this really is. "Now that I'm here, we'll turn the program around 360 degrees," Kidd was quoted as saying in *The Oregonian*.

It becomes very clear to me that money is at the root of sports when I see young players, such as Kidd, leave school to take the money and run. Hmm, is it really a surprise that there is are two more sports on top of baseball that are threatening to strike

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1994 PAC-10 FOOTBALL

Total offense - yards per game

1. Steve Stenstrom, Stanford	298.3
2. Dave Barr, California	219.3
3. Rob Johnson, USC	209.3
4. Wayne Cook, UCLA	193.2
5. Damon Huard, Washington	176.3
6. Don Shanklin, Oregon St.	171.3
7. Dan White, Arizona	167.8
8. Napoleon Kaufman, Washington	167.5
9. Chad Davis, Washington St.	158.3
10. Danny O'Neil, Oregon	149.0

Passing Efficiency

	TD	YPG
1. Steve Stenstrom, Stanford	7	143.6
2. Dan White, Arizona	6	143.6
3. Rob Johnson, USC	3	138.3
4. Dave Barr, California	4	133.3
5. Jake Plummer, Arizona St.	3	120.7
6. Don Shanklin, Oregon St.	0	119.5
7. Damon Huard, Washington	5	119.5
8. Chad Davis, Washington St.	3	117.4
9. Tony Graziani, Oregon	2	117.2
10. Wayne Cook, UCLA	4	114.8

Rushing

	YPG	TD
1. Napoleon Kaufman, Washington	167.5	3
2. Ontwaun Carter, Arizona	120.5	4
3. Sharron Shah, UCLA	109.2	2
4. Mike Mitchell, Stanford	107.7	4
5. Shawn Walters, USC	102.5	5
6. Don Shanklin, Oregon St.	95.7	2
7. Chris Hopkin, Arizona St.	82.8	2
8. Reynard Rutherford, California	74.3	3
9. J.J. Young, Oregon St.	70.8	3
10. Dino Philyaw, Oregon	68.0	5

Receiving

	TD	YPC
1. Kevin Jordan, UCLA	3	15.5
2. Ken Grace, USC	1	10.3
3. Iheanyi Uwaezueke, California	1	13.5
4. Na'il Benjamin, California	1	12.7
5. Justin Armour, Stanford	3	15.0
Clyde McCoy, Arizona St.	1	10.7
7. Richard Duce, Arizona	5	22.1
Brian Manning, Stanford	0	20.1
9. Jay Dumas, Washington St.	1	12.3
10. Keyshawn Johnson, USC	1	18.4

CROSS COUNTRY

NCAA Division I Coaches' Poll Women

1. Arkansas (6)
2. Providence (1)
3. Villanova
Stanford (1)
5. Wisconsin
6. Georgetown
7. Colorado
8. Oregon
9. Michigan
10. Penn State
11. Alabama
12. UCLA
13. Brigham Young
14. Nebraska
15. Wake Forest
16. North Carolina
17. Arizona
18. Notre Dame
19. Colorado State
20. William & Mary
21. Washington
22. Kansas
23. Auburn
24. Boston University
25. Cornell