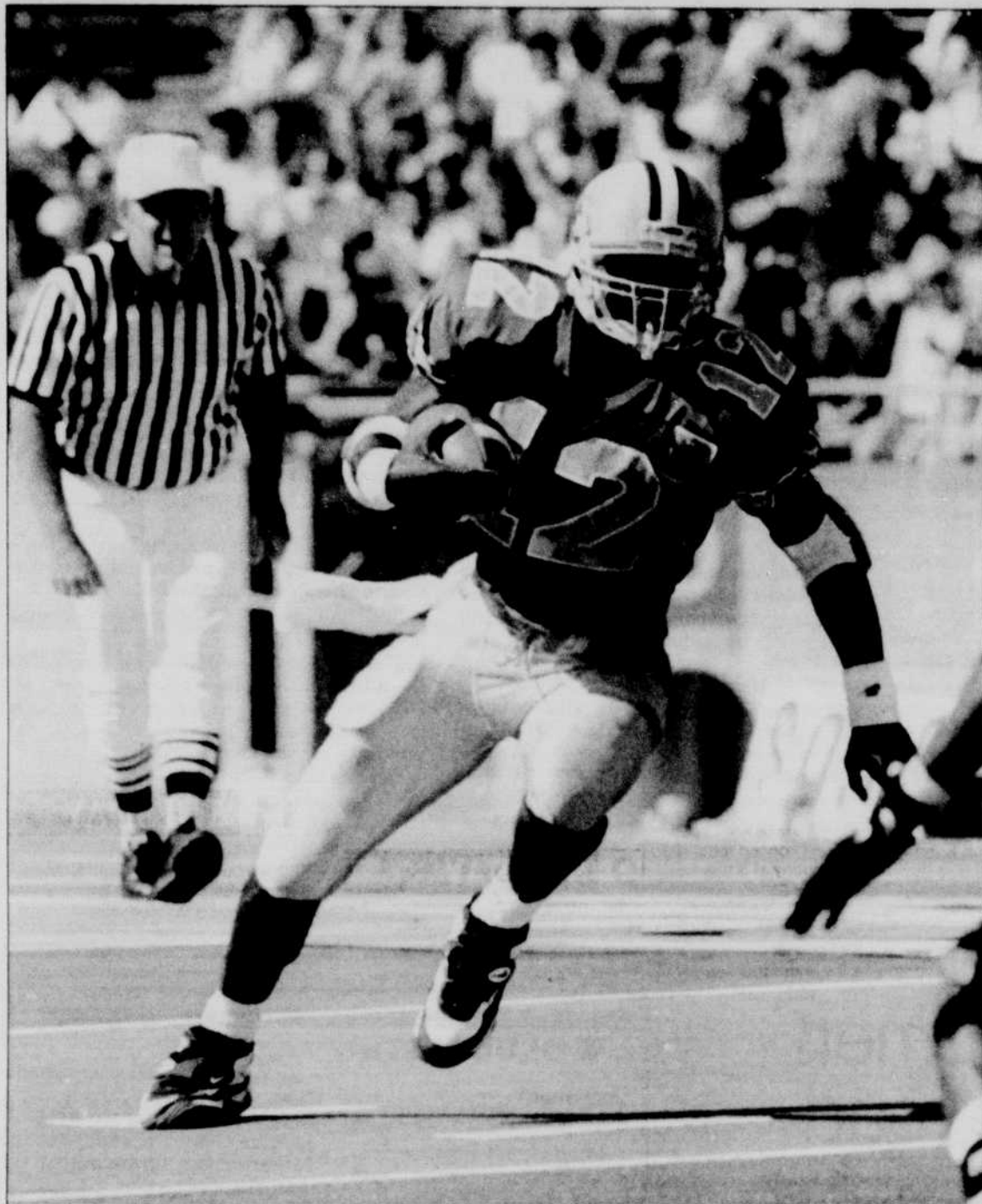




High-flying Ducks take on Cougars



Dino Philyaw and the Oregon running game will face one of its toughest tests as the 3-2 Ducks travel to Pullman, Wash. to take on the 22nd-ranked Washington State Cougars.

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The Ducks are riding high after a convincing win in their Pacific-10 debut of the 1994 season over the then 19th-ranked USC Trojans and are now hoping to show the 22nd-ranked Washington State Cougars that last week-end wasn't a fluke.

During the last nine meetings of this rivalry the combined score, averaging 66.4 points a game, has been no lower than 44 points a game, even though the Cougars have had a tough defense during most of this span. Last year was a literal war between a very confident Cougar defense and an Oregon offense that was capable of posting a lot of points through the air. The Ducks, with Danny O'Neil, tore apart the sixth-ranked Cougar defense at Autzen Stadium, 46-23. Danny O'Neil passed for 300 yards for a school-record fifth time, in a 33-9 burst of scoring in the second half. In the final 15 minutes of the game, the Ducks racked up 166 yards of total offense leading to three touchdowns.

The Ducks have a few changes heading into this year's game. The game is being played in Pullman, Tony Graziani is making only his second start of his college career in place of the injured O'Neil, and the Ducks have once again many injuries to the rest of the team.

The Ducks are 4-0 at Martin Stadium in the last four meetings. Graziani proved last weekend that he can play and the team will follow his lead, and the injury report actually went easy on the Ducks this week. Cornerback Herman

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Cougars forget loss, ready for Ducks

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Coming into the 1994 season, the Washington State University Cougars were a team that nobody seemed to know how to assess. It was common knowledge that the Cougars would have one of the best defenses in the country after finishing the 1993 season with the eighth-best defense in the nation. But an uncertain offense with a new quarterback would keep the Cougars from garnering too much national attention in the preseason.

With three straight road victories, Washington State raced up the polls only to suffer its first disappointment of the year last week at Tennessee allowing its first touchdown of the young season.

"In our first three games we did not allow the big play," Washington State coach Mike Price said. "That didn't happen against Tennessee."

Despite last week's loss, the Cougars remain undefeated in Pac-10 play. A 21-0 thumping of the UCLA Bruins showed the

rest of the conference that Washington State's team was a threat.

Price's Cougars have taken last week's narrow defeat in stride. They fell five spots in the polls down to 22, but Price knows that the non-conference loss to Tennessee is nothing that can't be overcome with the Pac-10 schedule just starting to heat up.

"The loss doesn't affect our goals at all," Price said. "We are still in the Pac-10 and

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McNeel benched by torn ligaments in ankle

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The Oregon volleyball team got an injury report it hoped would not come.

Sophomore swing hitter Amy McNeel will be out at least four weeks and possibly for the remainder of the season with torn ligaments in her left ankle, volleyball coach Gerry Gregory said Thursday.

McNeel, a two-year starter for the Ducks, was injured in the third game of Wednesday night's match against Oregon State at McArthur Court. Her ankle has been put in a cast to immobilize the injured area. McNeel is second on the team in digs and aces, third in kills and tied for fifth in blocks.

In another injury update, freshman quick hitter Dani Cordova is still nursing a sprained

ankle. She has been sidelined since she was injured in last weekend's match against California. A starter for the Ducks all season and ranked second on the team in blocks, Cordova is expected to be out at least one week and possibly two.

The team will take a breather from the rigors of Pacific-10 Conference play when it hosts Cal State Northridge tonight at 7:05 in Mac Court.

The Ducks hope to end their eight-game skid by taking on the Matadors, who have a 9-6 overall record in 1994, including a 3-3 road mark.

Cal State Northridge trails 3-1 in the series against Oregon, winning its only match in the series opener in 1983.

The last time the Ducks and Matadors met was in 1990, with Oregon claiming a 3-2 victory.

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OREGON-WSU SERIES

Oregon leads series 34-30-7
Under Rich Brooks

1993	Oregon - 46, WSU - 23
1992	Oregon - 34, WSU - 17
1991	Oregon - 40, WSU - 14
1989	WSU - 51, Oregon - 38
1988	Oregon - 43, WSU - 28
1987	Oregon - 31, WSU - 17
1986	Oregon - 27, WSU - 17
1985	Oregon - 42, WSU - 39
1984	WSU - 50, Oregon - 41
1983	WSU - 24, Oregon - 7
1982	WSU - 10, Oregon - 3
1981	WSU - 39, Oregon - 7
1980	Oregon - 20, WSU - 10
1979	Oregon - 37, WSU - 26
1978	Oregon - 31, WSU - 7
1977	WSU - 56, Oregon - 20

PAC-10 WEEKEND GAMES

Colorado St. at Arizona
Stanford at Arizona St.
UCLA at California
USC at Oregon St.
San Jose St. at Washington
Oregon at Washington St.

1994 DUCK SCHEDULE

Sept. 3	Oregon - 58, Portland St. - 16
10	Hawaii - 36, Oregon - 16
17	Utah - 36, Oregon - 16
24	Oregon - 40, Iowa - 18
Oct. 1	Oregon - 22, USC - 7
8	at Washington St. 2 p.m.
15	CALIFORNIA 1 p.m.
22	WASHINGTON 1 p.m.
29	ARIZONA 1 p.m.
Nov. 5	ARIZONA ST. 1 p.m.
12	at Stanford 12:30 p.m.
19	at Oregon St. 1 p.m.

PAC-10 TOTAL OFFENSE

TOP 10	TD	YPC*
Stanford	16	459.3
California	13	408.0
Arizona	13	406.5
Washington	11	377.8
USC	9	376.3
UCLA	8	368.6
Oregon	19	342.8
Oregon St.	9	329.3
Arizona St.	7	308.0
Washington St.	6	280.0

PAC-10 TOTAL DEFENSE

Top 10	TD	YPC*
Washington St.	1	228.8
Arizona	4	258.0
California	6	269.0
Stanford	15	324.0
Washington	7	341.3
Oregon St.	12	351.0
Oregon	12	351.2
Arizona St.	15	396.0
UCLA	17	404.2
USC	11	434.5

* Yards per game