

The streaky Oregon offense had difficulty maintaining consistency against Washington's defense. But Brooks believes that Danny O'Neil's 98-yard drive has given the offense new confidence and stopped some myths about Oregon's ability to come from behind- especially in the big games.

"It kind of gets a monkey off our back and Danny's back in not having brought the team from behind to victory in the second half," Brooks said. "I don't think it could have been done in more dramatic fashion than a 98-yard drive against the No. 9 team in the nation."

But that was Washington. Ari-

zona's defense has been welldocumented as one of the most dominating defenses in the nation and poses a large problem for Brooks and specifically the Ducks' offensive line.

"I don't think there are too many vulnerable spots in Ari-zona's defense," Brooks said. "This will be our most severe test. Our offensive line is a little bit more solidified at this point than it was during the Washington State game, which was the first game after we had lost Steve Hardin, who had been our anchor."

Conversely, Arizona's offensive line will be one of the better lines the Ducks will face in 1994 and, at an average weight of 290 pounds a man, poses a large threat of its own.

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Cougar offense look better as the Crimson and Gray have posted a 5-2 overall mark and are 3-1 in the Pac-10.

"It's a surprise that Washington State is also in the pack," Brooks said. "I think most of the preseason polls picked Oregon and Washington State eight, and ninth and 10th in the league.

The three stooges - California, Arizona State and Oregon State - fell into their comfy positions. nestled in the cold, unforgiving basement of the conference. Comforted by the arrival of the UCLA Bruins, the Bears, Sun Devils and Beavers should all have a nice winter's hibernation while the others go bowling.

"The Year of the Quarterback" wins the award for the most disappointing theme of the Pac-10 season thus far. The Rob Johnsons, Wayne Cooks and Danny O'Neils of the league have been passed up in the quarterback ratings by Arizona's Dan White, WSU's Chad Davis and Damon Huard from Washington.

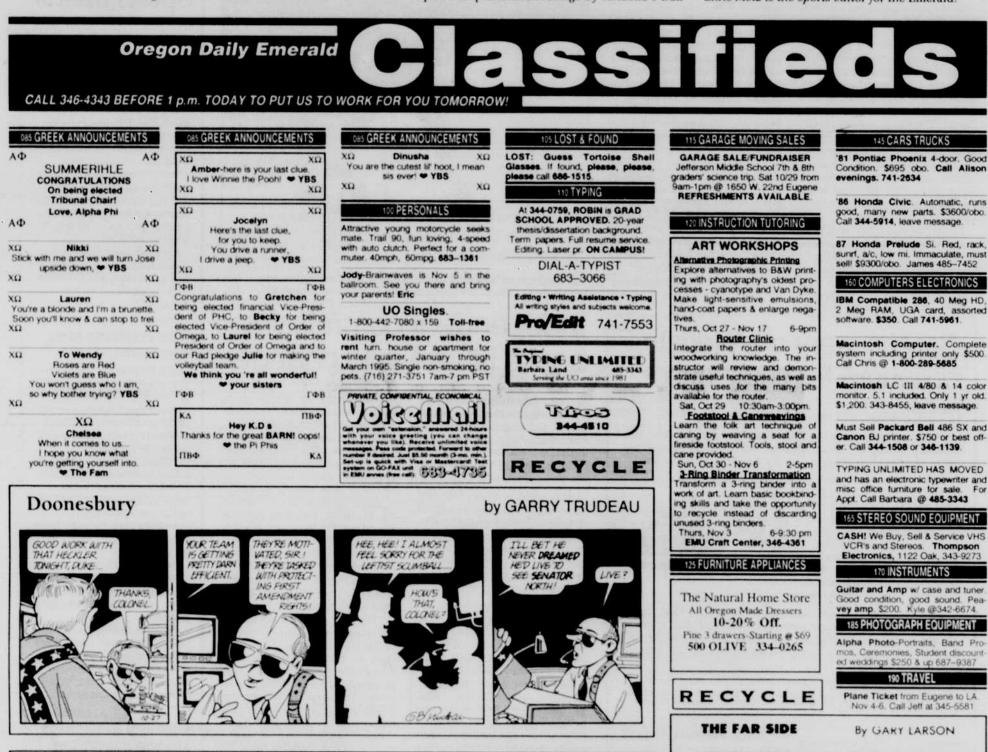
Cook has been absolutely miserable at times for UCLA, often being yanked in the second half of games

California's Dave Barr, regarded by many as being one of the best pro prospects at his position. had his season cut short with an injury earlier in the season. Johnson and O'Neil have also been hampered by injuries that reduced their productivity

Stanford's Steve Stenstrom has lived up to his billing. Stenstrom leads the conference in passing efficiency and total offense and ranks fourth in the nation in the category with 306 yards per game.

The conference race should begin to clear up a bit over the next couple of weeks as perennials like USC and Arizona will discover whether the surprise Ducks and Cougars are contenders or pretenders.

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