

OREGON SCHEDULE

Sept. 23	Stanford at Oregon
Oct. 7	Pacific at Oregon
Oct. 14	Oregon at California
Oct. 21	Washington St. at Oregon
Oct. 28	Arizona St. at Oregon
Nov. 4	Oregon at Washington
Nov. 11	Oregon at Arizona
Nov. 18	Oregon St. at Oregon



FOOTBALL EXTRA

A preview of this year's Pac-10 teams

Oregon's offensive and defensive squads boast several standout players

Two Oregon linebackers have been nominated for the Butkus Award

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NEXT GAME

Stanford comes to Eugene and looks to avenge last year's blowout at the hands of the Ducks

KICKOFF AT 1 P.M.

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SPORTS

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Pro hockey franchise to open up in Eugene

■ **HOCKEY:** Eugene will be part of the North American League's inaugural season

By Andrea DeYoung

Sports Reporter

Eugene will officially become a professional hockey town this fall when the Eugene Snowcats take the ice. Over the summer it was announced that a new league was being put together and that Lane County Ice would be the home of one of the new franchises.

The North American League will feature five to eight teams in its inaugural season. The Snowcats will play teams from Las Vegas, Vancouver, Los Angeles and Sacramento. Negotiations are pending with El Paso, Mexico City, and Grand Junction, Colo.

The North American League is owned and operated by Ice Age Entertainment, a public corporation based in Las Vegas that plans to always own at least six teams in the league in order to keep a solid core.

The league will be equivalent to baseball's double-A minor league system and hopes to become affiliated with the National Hockey League in the future. The NHL does have a minor league system called the

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—Mike Bellotti

Oregon
Head Coach

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As a redshirt last year, Kevin Parker didn't play but he did know how to celebrate a Rose Bowl berth.



A ROSY SEQUEL?

The winning coach and quarterback have departed. So is this year's squad up for the Run for the Roses?

The almighty question has been lingering since the eve of Jan. 2, 1995, when the Rose Bowl clock read 0:00, and the scoreboard read Penn State 38, Oregon 20. The days and the months passed in Eugene, and all over Oregon, with the question being asked continually leading up to spring drills. However, those drills went by — with the offense being less than average — and the question seemed to fade away. But then the question resurfaced with a vengeance when summer practices began — this time with the offense playing top-notch football.

Within one week's time, the question got so old for first-year head coach Mike Bellotti that he began using the “let me reiterate” speech. But prior to that he said, “Bottom line goal for me is to have a winning season. Then the next goal is we would like to get to a bowl game. The third goal is to obvi-

OPINION

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‘Gotcha’ movie comes alive in paintball arenas around Eugene

■ **PAINTBALL:** By Chris Stewart
Sports Reporter

The survival sport has grown in popularity over the past two years in the Eugene area

You crouch down and slide along the wall as you advance through enemy territory. As you come around the corner you spot an opponent who has his back to you. He's about 50 feet away and you have a fairly clear shot.

A shot rings out on the other side of the arena. You're surprised that you can hear it over the sound of Alice in Chains, which is blasting from all directions.

The opponent still hasn't seen you and you know that now is your best chance. A drop of sweat trickles down the side of your face and under your mask as you raise your gun and take aim. You smile and take your time, making sure that you will get a direct hit.

All of a sudden, from behind, you hear

a voice over the music: “Surrender or die.” You realize that someone has done to you what you had wanted to do to the person that is in your sights.

At first you think about taking the shot that you've worked so hard to set up, but you know that if you do, the person behind will do the same, and the thought of getting hit by a paint pellet traveling at 220 feet per second from five feet away doesn't sound too appealing. So you put your gun above your head and jog out of the arena, into the lobby to wait with the others for the next game to start.

That's just another typical day and scenario for the avid paintball player, and there is a new one born seemingly every minute. Paintball's popularity is rapidly growing throughout the state, and consid-

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Combat-ready paintballers plan their attack on the “enemy's” stronghold at a local paintball arena.

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