

## Sideline

### TODAY IN SPORTS

#### Ducks in 13th-place at final fall tourney

The Oregon men's golf team was in 13th place after the first two rounds of play at the Robertson Homes Intercollegiate in Stockton, Calif., yesterday.

The Ducks shot a combined 595 as a team, but sophomore Jeff Barney was tied for fourth individually after a strong first-day combined score of 142. Barney, who has emerged as the Ducks' top golfer, shot a one-under-par 70 in the first round and a one-over-par 72 in the second game to finish with an even score. Barney is tied with Santa Barbara's David Heinen.

Other Oregon golfers at the 18-team, 54-hole tournament were sophomore Chris Cone (151), junior J.J. Astorquia (153), freshman Derek Crosky (153) and sophomore Adrian Burtner (158).

#### Bruised shoulder ends Young's streak

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Steve Young's battered left shoulder will sideline him for at least four weeks, meaning the San Francisco 49ers will be without their two-time NFL MVP for their Nov. 12 showdown with Dallas.

"Basically we're dealing with a strain and a bruise in his shoulder," 49ers coach George Seifert said today.

Young was sacked six times in Sunday's 18-17 loss at Indianapolis and left the field in visible pain on several occasions. Team physician Dr. Michael Dillingham reviewed the results.

The injury ends Young's streak of 55 straight regular season starts, the longest among active quarterbacks. Elvis Grbac will make his first career start Sunday in St. Louis against the Rams.

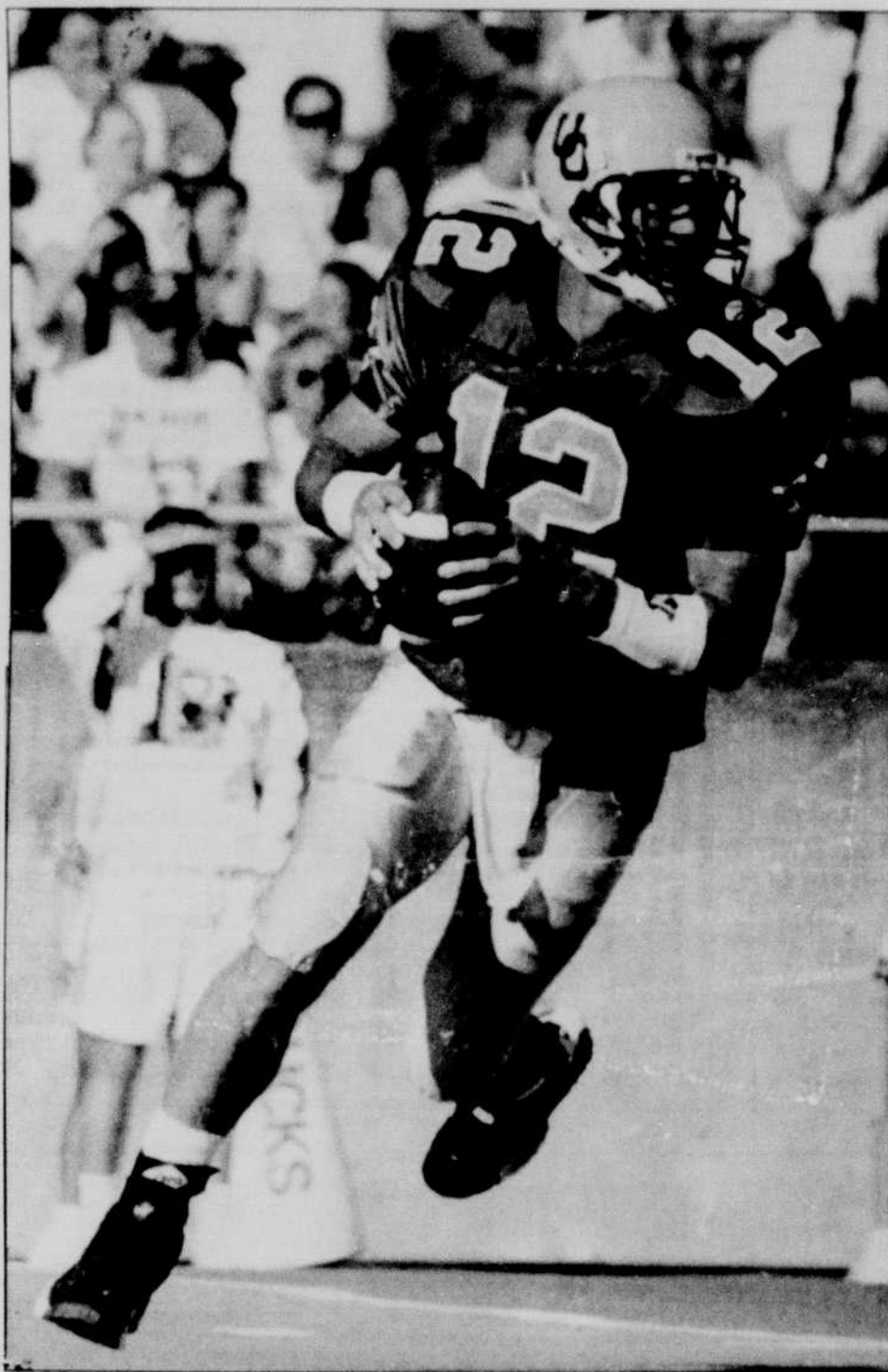
#### Yankees sign Gooden to one year contract

NEW YORK (AP) — Hoping Dwight Gooden can come back from the drug and physical problems that reduced the great pitcher to mediocrity, the New York Yankees agreed Monday to a one-year contract with the 30-year-old right-hander.

Financial terms were not disclosed.

Gooden, who won the National League Cy Young Award in 1985 was suspended from baseball for 1995 because of violations of his drug aftercare program.

"We're very happy to have Dwight as a member of the Yankees," owner George Steinbrenner said. "I also have been very impressed with the sincerity of Dwight's commitment to restructuring his life. He is a daily participant in the 12-step program of Narcotics Anonymous."



The number 12, worn on the Oregon football team by third-string quarterback Jason Maas, has proved to be a jinx in college football this year.

## A numerical myth is upon Oregon

What does the No. 12 mean to you? It is an interesting number, isn't it? It is a one and a two put together to make twelve. But doesn't that equal three, or four to the less educated?

There are 12 months in a year, 12 hours between midnight and noon, 12 people on a jury and 12 men on a professional basketball team.

It has so many meanings. To some it stands for a dozen, while to others it means a half-rack of Blitz for \$3.89. And even others believe that this is the number of Oregon State fans it takes to screw in a light bulb — I'm sure even then they'd need another dozen to carry out the procedure.

For the couch potato sports fan, the number means that damn station you have to always skip over in your venture toward channel 24 — ESPN — to watch No. 12 Chris Miller, quarterback of the St. Louis Rams, or No. 12 Adam Oates, center for the Boston Bruins, do their thing on Sports Center. But hey, doesn't 12 multiplied by two equal 24? Wow, what a coincidence!

This number is so interesting. During Christmas, it's in that one song — you know, that one with 12 drummers drumming, or something like that. It's also part of that over-used joke that seems to always come up at a bar or party about the 12-inch pianist and getting one wish.

For many college students, 12 is usually the number of credits they sign up for during a term — so the financial aid will keep rolling in — or it's 11 dollars more than what they have in their wallet.

For others that don't belong to any of my special classifications, 12 might be the best age of their life or a best friend's birthday, or it could just possibly have no meaning at all.

It just blows my mind how often this number comes up in important situations in our lives. A few weeks ago, the number took hold of the Oregon football team and all of its fans. The Ducks earned a No. 12 ranking after beating No. 12 UCLA. Then promptly after earning the ranking, Oregon lost to Stanford by a touchdown.

### OPINION



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## Denver shuts out Oakland to end winless streak

■ **NFL FOOTBALL:** The Broncos brought a six-game losing streak against the Raiders to an end with a 27-0 thrashing

DENVER (AP) — So satisfying was this victory that even Mike Shanahan, a coach not given to emotional excess, was laughing and grinning ear to ear.

"To be honest with you," he said, "this was a little special considering my situation there."

Shanahan, fired as the Raiders' coach in 1989, enjoyed an exquisite Monday night, with his Denver Broncos routing Oakland 27-0 and ending a long run of frustration against his former team.

The Broncos (4-3) had lost six straight games to the Raiders, and 11 of the previous 12, and the lopsided win avenged a 48-16 loss in Denver last year.

Shanahan had something else to show for his team's work — the players presented him with the game ball.

John Elway threw touchdown passes of 33 and 36 yards to

Anthony Miller, and Denver held the NFL's highest-scoring team to only 19 yards of total offense in the second and third quarters combined.

Elway, who came into the game with a 6-15 career record against the Raiders, completed 23 of 46 passes for 324 yards. Miller caught seven passes for 149 yards, and Jason Elam kicked four field goals.

"This gets us right back in the hunt," Elway said. "It was a big one for Mike. Our defense just played awesome. These are always physical games against the Raiders, but we didn't back down."

The Raiders (5-2), who had been averaging 30.5 points and 396 yards a game, finished with only 169 yards.

"Denver took advantage of our mistakes and our poor plays," Raider coach Mike White said. "Another disappointment is that we had several players injured tonight. We not only lost the game, but they beat up on us as well."

"Elway is one of the best in the league, and Miller made

some spectacular plays. I don't know who could have stopped him tonight."

Denver forced Raiders quarterback Jeff Hostetler from the game late in the third quarter, sacking him twice and sending him to the locker room to have X-rays on his larynx.

The X-rays were negative but Hostetler could talk only in a whisper, and Raider officials did not know the severity of the injury. Hostetler was unable to give interviews after the game.

"I would give it to you if I could," he said before leaving the locker room.

It was the second straight game in which Denver had not allowed a touchdown and its first shutout since Sept. 27, 1992. The Broncos also ended a seven-game losing streak on Monday night games.

The first quarter featured three turnovers, two fumbles and the ejection of Broncos linebacker Dave Wyman. Elam's 30-yard field goal, following Steve Atwater's interception, was the only score of the period.

On the game's second play

from scrimmage, Hostetler's high pass was tipped by running back Derrick Fenner and Atwater intercepted, returning 18 yards to the Raiders 19. Elam converted four plays later.

The Raiders squandered a scoring opportunity later in the quarter, driving to the Denver 13, where Harvey Williams fumbled. Ex-Raider Lionel Washington returned 38 yards, but Wyman was ejected for scuffling with Hostetler at the end of the play.

Moments later, the Broncos crossed midfield on Miller's 17-yard reception, but Miller fumbled and Oakland linebacker Mike Jones recovered at the 30.

Elway completed 20-yard passes to Shannon Sharpe and Mike Pritchard and a 16-yarder to Miller to set up another field goal by Elam, from 32 yards, for a 6-0 lead with 11:43 left in the half.

Elway's 24-yard pass to Miller put Denver in scoring position again, but the drive ended on downs at the Oakland 26 when Terrell Davis dropped Elway's

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