

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Oregon (10)	26	Florida St. (1)	42
Washington St.	7	Georgia Tech	10
Oregon St.	12	Northwestern (8)	35
California	13	Wisconsin	0
Arizona	17	Nebraska (2)	49
Washington (17)	31	Kansas St. (14)	25
Stanford	28	Ohio St. (4)	28
UCLA (24)	42	Purdue	0
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Gang Green takes bite out of Cougs

■ **FOOTBALL:** The Ducks' defense becomes their offense in 26-7 victory

By Trevor Kearney

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Behind a strong defensive effort, the Oregon football team secured a winning season and got revenge for their only Pacific-10 Conference loss last year with a 26-7 win over Washington State Saturday.

The Cougars almost matched the Ducks' offense to a "tee." Both teams had 16 first downs and eight third down conversions. Washington State had 181 passing yards compared to Oregon's 204, and the two teams each had 68 offensive plays. The time of possession differed by just more than a minute — in Washington State's favor — and the Cougars out-ran the Ducks by nearly 60 yards and had more total net yards (282) and a higher average gain per play (4.1 yards) than Oregon (247 net yards, 3.6 yards-per-play).

But what the Cougars didn't have was Gang Green, and what the Ducks didn't have was a knack to turn the ball over five times.

"It was a defensive win," said head coach Mike Bellotti. "It was a great defensive game for both teams, but we just created a few more turnovers and took advantage of those turnovers."

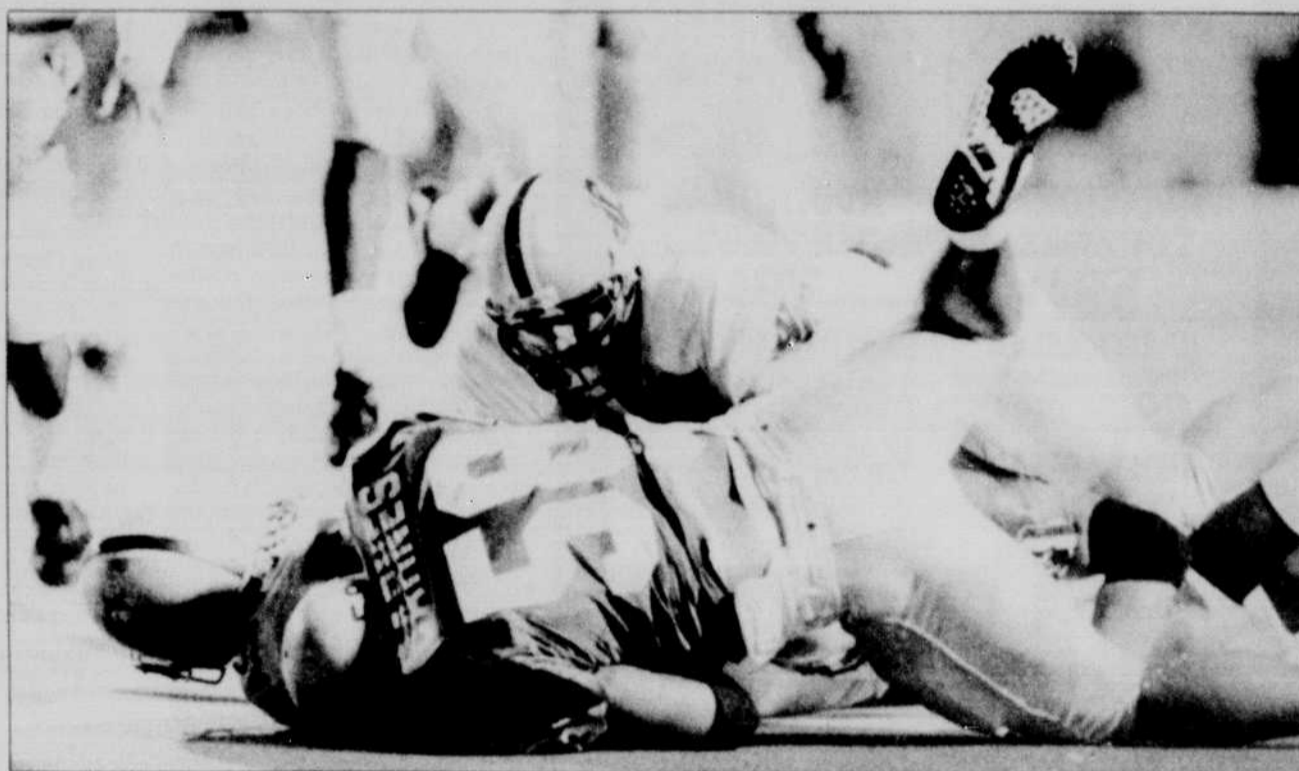
"They saved our butts today," said senior wideout Cristin McLemore of the defense. McLemore broke Ahmad Rashad's career reception record Saturday.

Washington State started out the game running right past Oregon's defense, as senior running back Frank Madu drove for 30 yards in the second play of the game to the Oregon 40-yard line, setting up the Cougars first and only score. The 3-minute, 11-second drive went 71 yards in 10 plays, but it proved to be the last of its kind for the Cougars.

"When they got to about our 30-yard line, we tried to hunker down a little bit, tried to be a little more stout, but they scored that one touchdown," said junior linebacker Reggie Jordan. "We just looked at each other on the sidelines, made a few adjustments and that was it. No one was upset, no one was crying. We knew that we were going to take this game."

"They have a lot of confidence in what they are

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Derrick Barnes and the rest of the Oregon defense proved to be the main factor in the Ducks 26-7 Homecoming game win over the visiting Washington State Cougars. Two errant passes by Chad Davis were picked off and run back for touchdowns.

Cougars fall apart after opening drive

■ **DISAPPOINTMENT:** The loss may have cost Washington State a chance to play in a bowl

By Mark McTyre

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The Washington State Cougars came to Oregon with the idea of moving one step closer to a bowl game, but instead they left Autzen Stadium with a 26-7 loss and a need to win their four remaining match-ups.

"We can't afford any more losses," said quarterback Chad Davis. "We're going to have to go out and practice and forget about this loss. It's a personal thing when you get beat like that, and we know our backs are against the wall."

After a 10-play, 71-yard opening drive that ended on a four-yard toss by Davis to wide receiver Bryant Thomas for a touchdown, the Cougar passing attack went sour. Davis threw three interceptions, two of which were returned for touchdowns (35 and 82 yards), and was sacked three times.

"I felt really, really good about what we could have done all night after that first series," Davis said. "We went right down the field and scored and ran the ball effectively — things were working for us."

"We just didn't execute [after the opening drive]. We missed some blocks and assignments — they got pressure on me all night. I had some throws that could have been better. If

you play like that against the 12th-ranked team in the country, you're going to get beat just like we did."

Although Davis was upset about the loss and the Cougars' execution, head coach Mike Price thought his team put in a full game of hard effort.

"Boy, we played really hard," Price said. "Those two picks for touchdowns were really the difference in the game. With about eight minutes left in the game, I said 'What are our two-point plays going to be?' because I felt we were still moving the ball effectively. They just made the plays and we didn't. I think our will to win was there, our spirit was there, we tried awfully hard — things just went their way."

McLemore breaks school reception mark in Ducks victory

■ **RECORD-BREAKER:** Cristin McLemore made his way into the record books with his 132nd reception at Oregon

By Mark McTyre

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Saturday's game at Autzen Stadium was a special night for the Ducks as they most assuredly clinched a postseason bowl berth for the second consecutive year with a 19-point victory over the Washington State Cougars. However, the game held something else that was special.

While the Ducks owned the Cougars, flanker Cristin McLemore owned the night when he pulled in his fourth recep-

tion to break Ahmad Rashad's all-time career receiving record of 131 catches at Oregon with his 132nd reception on a 25-yard crossing pattern in the third quarter.

Entering the contest, the senior was three short of tying Rashad's mark. McLemore's first reception came on Oregon's first play from scrimmage with a one-yard gain. The play was meant to allow the former high school quarterback to throw the ball, but instead he had to pull it down and scramble for the one yard.

"It was supposed to be a double pass," McLemore said. "He [quarterback Tony Graziani] threw too far back and the defense sifted in. I had to spin out just trying to get to the line of scrimmage."

On the ensuing play, McLemore's number was called again, this time for an eight-yard gain on the left side of the field. It wasn't until the close of the first half that McLemore grabbed his third reception of the game on a leaping catch for 20 yards setting up a 19-yard field goal and tying the receiving record.

At the half, McLemore had three receptions for 29 yards — one short of moving into the record books — leaving him 154 yards before he will break Terry Obee's career receiving yards record of 2,233.

After the second half began with both teams coming up empty-handed after 10 and 11-play drives respectively, McLemore made his way into the record books on his favorite type of play — the crossing pattern.

"I like to run the crossing and misdirection patterns," McLemore said, "because Graziani throws some great balls. I just like to catch and be competitive."

McLemore lined up as the lone receiver to the left on the third-and-21 play, leaving his coverage behind as he streaked toward the center of the field when the ball was hiked. By the time the play came to an end, McLemore gained 25 yards and the first down. Just another normal play for the new record holder.

"I'm just happy to be named in the same breath as Ahmad Rashad," McLemore said after the game. "He said some really good inspiring things to me

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