

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD

Arizona St.	35	Kansas St. (9)	41
Oregon (19)	24	Kansas (11)	7
USC (14)	21	Alabama (16)	38
Washington (15)	21	North Texas	19
UCLA (22)	33	Northwestern (6)	17
Arizona	16	Illinois	14
Arizona	24	Nebraska (1)	44
Washington St.	14	Colorado (10)	21
Stanford	24	Ohio St. (4)	56
Oregon St.	3	Iowa	35



WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

Junior Karl Keska (left) placed first at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships over the weekend. Both the men's and women's teams won their respective conference titles.

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The Oregon volleyball team couldn't beat top-ranked USC or UCLA this weekend

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NFL SCORES

Dallas	28
Atlanta	13
Philadelphia	20
St. Louis	9
Indianapolis	17
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Carolina	20
New England	17
Pittsburgh	24
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Arizona State stuns Ducks with 35-24 upset victory

■ **FOOTBALL:** Oregon couldn't start its running game in Saturday's loss

By Trevor Kearney
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After accomplishing what they weren't supposed to accomplish all year long, the Oregon football team lost a game they were supposed to win on Saturday and all but fell out of position to repeat as Pacific-10 Conference Champions.

Oregon's 35-24 loss to Arizona State dropped the Ducks to a 6-2 overall record and a 3-2 conference record. Oregon also dropped from No. 10 to No. 19 in the Associated Press Top 25 poll and from No. 12 to No. 19 in the CNN/USA Today poll.

The Ducks offense just couldn't put up enough points to match that of Arizona State, as the Sun Devils marched all over the Oregon defense in the final quarter of the game. Oregon could never run the ball consistently and never really mounted a threat on the ground, as the Ducks finished with only 61 rushing yards in 37 attempts.

"We were inconsistent in terms of running the ball," head coach Mike Bellotti said. "In fact, at times we had too many negative plays running the foot-

ball. I think they played a very good football game — maybe the best of their year — and we did not, and it was an unfortunate combination of circumstances."

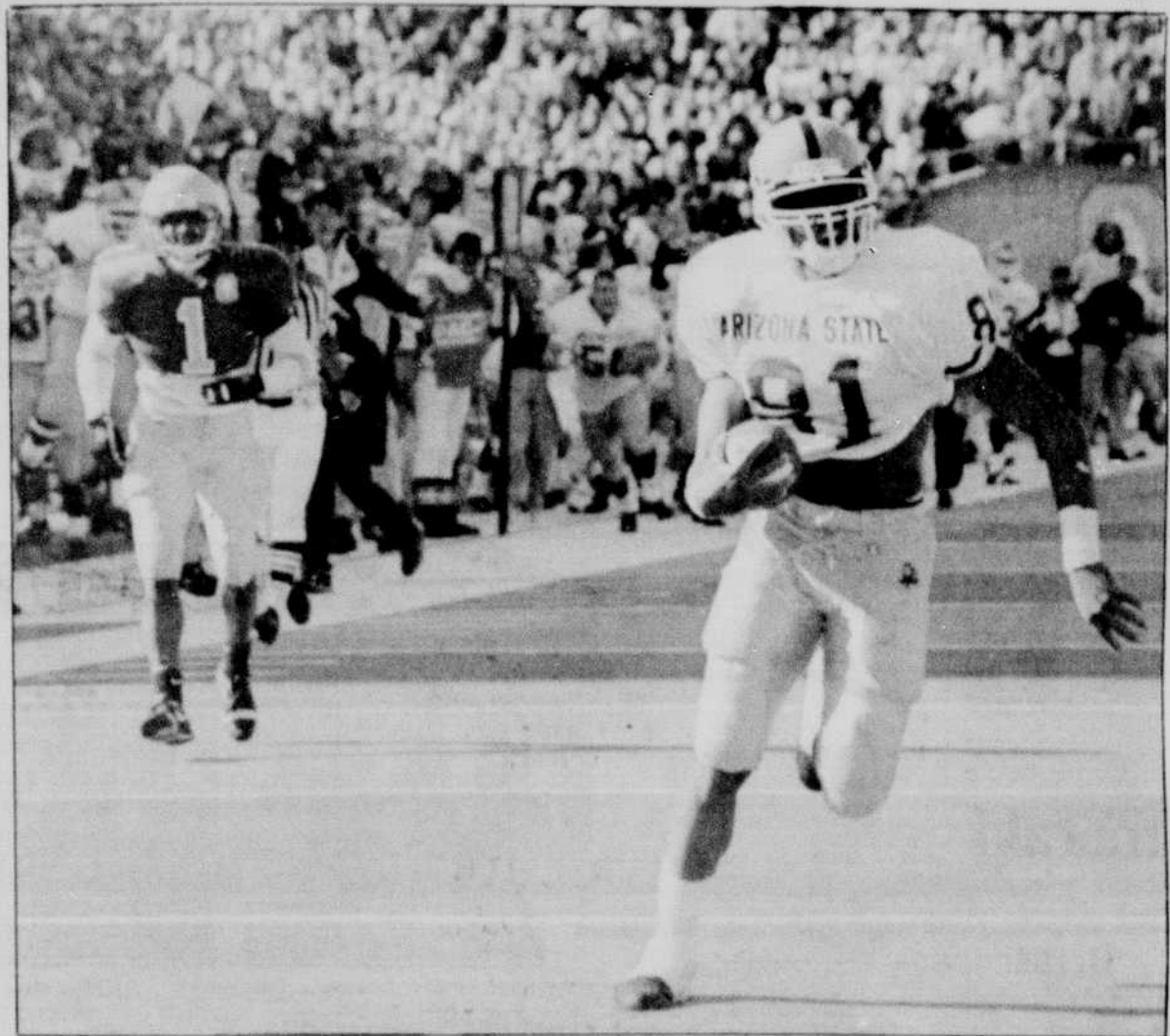
Offensive coordinator Al Borges agreed. "[The running game] has been a strength up until two games ago, and all of a sudden it has turned into a weakness," he said. "I think we have to do some analyzing and find out exactly why we are not hitting on all cylinders with the consistency we had earlier in the year."

On the Ducks' first offensive play, Arizona State defensive tackle Jason Reynolds sacked Oregon quarterback Tony Graziani, but the Ducks picked themselves back up and drove to the Sun Devils' 15-yard line. They had to settle for a field goal, however, after Arizona State defensive tackle Shawn Swayda sacked Graziani for a loss of 10 yards.

The score stayed that way until early in the second quarter, when Arizona State drove 80 yards in 10 plays and junior quarterback Jake Plummer picked apart the Oregon secondary, completing three passes including a 34-yard toss to true freshman wide receiver Kenny Mitchell.

In less than a minute, Arizona State drove 40 yards in

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Oregon senior cornerback Alex Molden (left) looks on as Arizona State's true freshman wide receiver Kenny Mitchell scores the Sun Devil's second touchdown of the day.

Sun Devils scorch Oregon, hope to end on a hot streak

■ **FOOTBALL:** Arizona State gave the Ducks a run for their money Saturday

By Chris Stewart
Sports Reporter

The Arizona State football team finally put it all together as it came into Autzen Stadium with 3-4 record and a 12-point underdog but walked out with a 35-24 upset of the 10th-ranked Oregon Ducks.

Arizona State quarterback Jake Plummer and wide receiver Keith Poulter said that this game was very important for their team.

"We feel we should win every game," Poulter said. "I think we have the confidence we need now and hopefully we can finish strong."

Plummer, who finished with 232 yards passing, agreed, saying the Devils did what they needed to do to win the game on

offense by playing a balanced game.

"[The win] is just great for the morale of this team," Plummer said. "We finally realized what this team can do this year."

Surprisingly it was the Sun Devils' defense that provided some of the biggest plays, while their potent offense, which is also capable of making big plays, put the game away.

Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder said his team has been improving on defense and he was confident they were capable of beating the Ducks and beating other teams that are on their schedule.

"It's becoming difficult to run on us," Snyder said. "People aren't fooling us on play action passes."

Snyder was quick to give the Ducks credit for being a good team, but said he wasn't too surprised to get the win.

"We played a really good foot-

ball team, a really well coached team," Snyder said. "It doesn't totally surprise me that we did this, because I could see this thing coming — I believed we could [win]."

Arizona State's second score helped solidify Snyder's beliefs. True freshman wide receiver Kenny Mitchell made an acrobatic leaping catch over Alex Molden and then kept his balance to trot into the end zone and extend the Devils lead to 14-3.

Snyder said that Mitchell's touchdown helped give the Devils confidence early in the game.

"When you can go at a team's strength," Snyder said of Oregon's strong defensive back, "and come out ahead, it's a double-edged sword. It hurts the other team's confidence and it helps yours."

The Devils' defense got into the act in the third quarter after they had lost the lead and the

Ducks had the ball again. Defensive end Mike Langridge stole the ball from Tony Graziani as Graziani cocked his arm to pass. Langridge waltzed down the field and into the end zone. The play gave the Devils back the lead 21-17.

"I just came around the corner, got a look, took the ball and started running," Langridge said. "I got lucky."

Snyder said he was pleased with his team on both sides of the ball.

"I think our defense played really hard and our offense was effective when it needed to be," Snyder said.

An example of the Sun Devils' offense was after Oregon had taken the lead 24-21. One minute, 29 seconds later Plummer found tight end Steve Bush in the end zone to give Arizona State the lead for good on a three-yard touchdown pass.

"I couldn't drill it because the

defender had an angle and could get to it," Plummer said. "So, I had to float it and [Bush] just made a great catch."

Bush said the Devils were capable of finishing strong and building on this win.

"We've thrown away a few games we should have won," Bush said. "There's no reason we should lose if we come out and play like we did today."

Plummer said the win over the Ducks was one of the best of his career at Arizona State.

"This is probably the sweetest [victory]," Plummer said. "They're a 10th-ranked team and we haven't won on turf since I've been here. This victory right here makes us realize what we can do."

Arizona State improves to 2-3 in the conference and 4-4 overall as they go home in hopes of starting a winning streak against UCLA.