

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Georgia Tech	THURS.	Miami-Fla	SAT.
Georgia		Syracuse	
Texas	THURS.	Michigan	SAT.
Baylor		Ohio State	
Arizona State	FRI.	Florida	SAT.
Arizona		Florida State	
Nebraska	FRI.	Penn State	SAT.
Oklahoma		Michigan State	
Boston College	FRI.	Texas A&M	SAT.
Rutgers		TCU	



## WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

Both the Oregon men's and women's tennis teams are undefeated after picking up victories against the Hawaii Rainbows **10**

A former Baylor basketball player is suing the school for making him sit out for a year because of questionable athletic eligibility **10**

## THIS WEEKEND

The Eugene Snowcats will return to the ice on Friday night at Lane County Ice Arena to play the visiting Vancouver Venom.

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## TODAY IN SPORTS

## Maddux tops list of NL Gold Glovers

NEW YORK (AP) — Greg Maddux of the Atlanta Braves won his sixth straight Gold Glove award Monday, moving into second place for the most won by a pitcher in the NL.

Bob Gibson won nine Gold Gloves while pitching for the St. Louis Cardinals. Jim Kaat has won the most total Gold Gloves: 16.

There were four first-time winners this year: Florida catcher Charles Johnson, San Diego third baseman Ken Caminiti, Los Angeles outfielder Raul Mondesi and Padres outfielder Steve Finley.

Atlanta outfielder Marquis Grissom won his third consecutive Gold Glove, and Chicago Cubs first baseman Mark Grace won for the third time in four seasons.

Second baseman Craig Biggio, who played for Houston and became a free agent, won his second straight award, as did Cincinnati shortstop Barry Larkin.

The awards are voted on by major league managers and coaches and presented by Rawlings.

## McEnroe, Garagiola given awards by ASA

NEW YORK (AP) — John McEnroe is a sports legend, at least he will be next week.

He became only the fifth man to win the designation from the American Sports-caster Association, joining Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Muhammad Ali, A.J. Foyt and the late Arthur Ashe.

At 36, McEnroe is the youngest of the legends.

He will be honored at the ASA dinner Nov. 30 in New York.

Al Michaels and Chris Berman were previously announced as co-winners of the Sportscaster of the Year award, and Chick Hearn as this year's inductee into the ASA Hall of Fame.

Joe Garagiola will be honored as Humanitarian of the Year.

## Cotton Bowl will bring national attention

I don't know exactly what the Pilgrims did or what they thought about on the first Thanksgiving, but I know exactly what I do year in and year out during this glorious holiday week.

On a typical Thanksgiving day, I sit around the house — quite often on the couch — and tune into the featured football game of the day. Big surprise, right? I nap a little bit or poke around the house, or watch *Miracle on 34th Street* or *It's a Wonderful Life*. Come about three o'clock, my routine is pretty much set in stone: stuff myself, watch television, stuff myself, nap. Repeat.

Now don't get me wrong. Thanksgiving doesn't serve as just another excuse to be out of school and eat a lot of free food — in fact, it is about the only holiday that really means anything to me anymore. Thanksgiving is a time for me to look back at the things that I am fortunate for. Among the many things I usually give thanks for in my four-day lounging period are my family and friends, my good fortune to be alive and getting a good college education, not to mention the fact that I am doing so in this country.

But — here is the sports-catch to my apparently misplaced column — I have a little more to give thanks to this year: the Oregon football team is headed for Dallas.

The Cotton Bowl. That has a nice ring to it. The Cotton Bowl featuring the Oregon Ducks.

Damn, that has a really nice ring to it.

On the issue of the Ducks going to the Cotton Bowl, I see things in the long run. I see things in only the most optimistic of ways. I see a national championship in the making.

## OPINION



Trevor Kearney

Okay. Maybe not a national championship, but definitely a chance for Oregon to prove all those people hoping, nay waiting for the Ducks to return to the cellar of the Pacific-10 Conference that they are for real.

Sure, the Cotton Bowl is no longer the powerhouse postseason college football game that it once was. And sure, the Cotton Bowl isn't part of the alliance. But I really and truly think that the Cotton Bowl is going to do the Oregon football program even more good than the Rose Bowl did for the Ducks last year or would have done for them this year.

The Cotton Bowl will do the Ducks more good than the Pacific-10 Conference title, you say? Yup.

Consider the location: Texas. A college football recruit haven. Texas ranks right up there in terms of the amount of football recruits that it produces. Beyond just Texas, the region is not only prime recruiting territory itself, but borders the Midwest and East, two regions synonymous

with the words "national championship." And, if you don't look at the fact Oregon State, Texas has been tapped by some of the best teams in the country.

Consider the situation: the 12th-ranked Oregon Ducks are the highest-ranked team in the Pac-10. They are second in the league and are only a half game behind co-champions Washington and USC. The Ducks have a better overall record than both teams, beat Washington earlier in the season and are going to a more prestigious bowl game than the Huskies, and were the defending champions coming into the season. Yet they are not going to the league's top bowl spot. How could the situation be any better for the Ducks? Oregon has got "We are a better football team than the best teams in our conference" written all over it.

Consider the tradition: the Cotton Bowl is historically a bigger bowl than the Rose Bowl. In other parts of the country, the Orange, Sugar and Cotton Bowls are the deepest in tradition. Hell, I grew up in Portland and I eagerly awaited the Cotton Bowl each year. In reality, the Rose Bowl is for fans of the Big Ten and Pac-10 exclusively. While people in California, Arizona, Oregon and Washington can get hyped up about their schools going to the Rose Bowl, and residents of Pasadena and the surrounding areas can just get hyped up about a major bowl game in their area, people in the rest of the country don't get all that excited about a

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bowl that schools from their region will never be able to go to.

Finally, consider the frequency of the Ducks visiting Texas versus the frequency of them visiting California: it isn't as abnormal to see the Ducks playing in the Rose Bowl in California as it is to see them in the Cotton Bowl in Texas. The last time they played in the state of Texas was in 1992, and before that in 1977. The last time they played in California was five and a half weeks ago.

What all of this amounts to is that by going to the Cotton Bowl, the Oregon football team is going to get a lot of national exposure that it otherwise may not have gotten. People that otherwise would not have watched the Ducks play — whether Oregon was slated to play in the Rose Bowl or some insignificant bowl — will watch them play. And many of those people could be prospective Ducks, Duck fans or Duck supporters.

Now that is something for the Oregon football team and its fans — of the present and of the future — to give thanks for.

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## Oregon looks to turn close losses into big wins

■ HOCKEY: Too many penalty minutes and lost leads plague the club sports squad

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A combination of one-goal losses and a rare phenomenon known as "knuckle puck" has put the Oregon club sports hockey team five games below .500 near the season's halfway mark.

"Knuckle puck" happens to teams when everything is going right except for one small ingredient — the puck going into the net. Plays can be set up perfectly, shots can be unloaded blank, but somehow the puck doesn't fly cleanly into the basket, either hooking away from the goal or hitting the goalie right in the chest.

"We've hit the post and fanned on a lot of shots," Ducks defenseman Seth Prouser said. "We have so many skilled players, our record could just as easily be 9-1."

Perhaps it should be. But instead of hitting the holiday break with bragging rights, the Ducks are left looking at a 2-7-1 record and

wondering what went wrong.

Two problems have plagued Oregon all season. The first is penalty minutes. The Ducks have responded to their first home stand, in which Washington pushed them around the ice, by playing extremely physical games.

This finally blew up in their faces last weekend, when head coach Nick Ham was suspended for one game after a night of more than 15 Oregon penalties — a league rule used about as rarely as the Zamboni at Lane County Ice.

The second problem has been sitting on leads. Perhaps it's the physical play that causes fatigue, making the team unable to step up play in the closing minutes and hold those one-goal leads.

Four of the Ducks' losses have been by one goal — a fact that doesn't sit well with Prouser.

"We just can't seem to get over that one-

goal hump," he said. "It's starting to get frustrating."

If self-esteem is becoming a factor, surely the schedule must look promising. Out of Oregon's next 16 games, 10 will be played at home. This will give the Ducks a line-advantage over most teams that are unable to bring a full squad on road games due to time or travel expenses.

The large amount of home games also gives Oregon more practice time — now two days a week — without the worry of canceling one to travel.

Even with these advantages for the season's second half however, the pressure is beginning to build for wins at home. It can be argued that these are must-win games for the Ducks if the team hopes to finish the season on a positive note.

"The pressure is definitely on to win at home," Prouser said. "We need the fans to stick with us and keep coming out to games."

The weekend of Dec. 3 will be the first test in the Ducks' search for a turn-around as they take on Walla Walla at Lane County Ice.