

No. 12 Oregon vs. No. 7 Colorado in the 60th Cotton Bowl



AL BORGES

Borges served as the offensive coordinator at Portland State and Boise State under coach Pokey Allen. He also served as a defensive assistant with the Oakland Invaders of the USFL in 1984.

OREGON ON OFFENSE

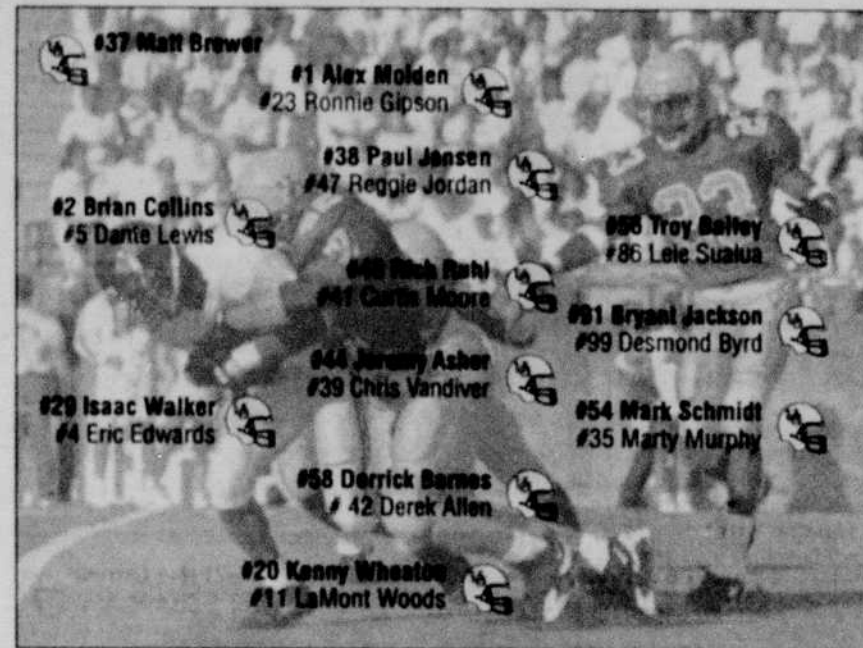
Oregon's offense ranks sixth nationally with 263.8 passing yards per game. Quarterback Tony Graziiani led the Pac-10 in total offense with 272.9 yards per game, which also ranked eighth nationally. Tailback Ricky Whittle also led the league in all-purpose yards and ranked 12th nationally with 164 yards per game. Flanker Cristin McLemore is 17th in the nation in receiving yards and was 21st in receptions with 5.6 per game. Oregon averaged 29 points per game.



CHARLIE WATERS

OREGON ON DEFENSE

The Oregon defense has been solid all season long. The Ducks gave up only 292.9 yards of offense per game to finish 12th in the nation in that category. Oregon's defense also ranked eighth in the nation in rushing defense, allowing only 105.7 yards per game. The Ducks' defense intercepted 13 of its opponents' passes and ran three of them back for touchdowns. Oregon also had 37.5 sacks on the year. The defense only gave up more than 200 yards running in one game.



Bellotti was named Oregon head coach when Rich Brooks left for the NFL's St. Louis Rams. The Ducks' offensive coordinator for six seasons before taking the reins, the first-year head coach has his team playing on Jan. 1 for the second-straight year.

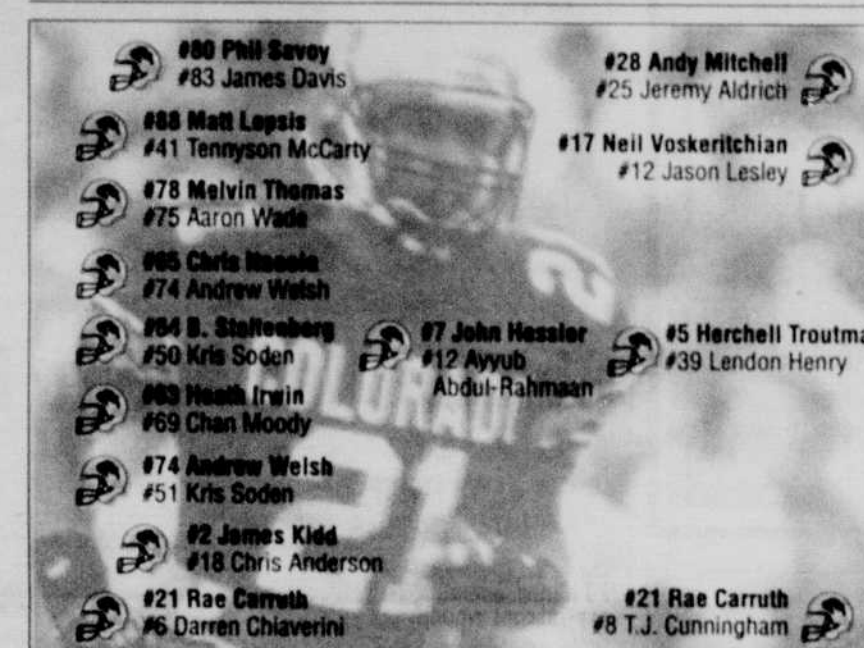


MIKE BELLOTTI



RICK NEUHEISEL

Neuheisel inherited a strong program with the departure of Bill McCartney to the NFL. In his first season as head coach, he went 5-2 in the tough Big Eight. A former Rose Bowl MVP, he is the second youngest head coach in the nation.



Christoff coached at Oregon from 1977-1982, working with the inside linebackers his first two years and serving as defensive coordinator for three years. He worked with UCLA's secondary before joining Colorado.



A.J. CHRISTOFF

COLORADO ON DEFENSE

The Colorado defense has allowed an average of 329 yards per game giving up 143.6 yards on the ground and 184.3 yards passing. Colorado defenders have intercepted opposing teams 10 times and forced 12 fumbles. The Buffaloes have recorded 20 sacks for 126 yards in losses. Colorado has allowed an average of 21 points per game and only Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma State scored more than 28 points against the Buffaloes.

Dorrell returned to Colorado after serving as the receivers coach at Arizona State in 1994. Previously he had coached receivers for the Buffaloes under former coach Bill McCartney.



KARL DORRELL

COLORADO ON OFFENSE

Colorado has an explosive offense that averaged 486.6 yards per game. The Buffaloes have rushed for more than 200 yards seven times and have had more than 300 yards passing five times. Colorado gained more than 500 yards of total offense in five games and had 499 on another occasion. The offense had 130 yards rushing against Texas A&M, the team with the best defense in the nation. The Buffaloes average 36.9 points per game and scored over 40 points in five games.

OREGON'S STARTING LINEUP

TONY GRAZIANI #10 QB	RICKY WHITTLE #14 TB	AARON JELKS #45 FB	CRISTIN MCLEMORE #6 FL	DAMERON RICKETTS #3 SE	JOSH WILCOX #90 TE	WILLY RIFE #76 LT	ERIC REID #71 LG	MARK GREGG #69 C	TASI MALEPEAI #73 RG	PAUL WIGGINS #72 OT
Completed 212 of 389 passes for 2491 yards and 13 touchdowns.	Averaged 88.3 yards per game and scored 13 touchdowns.	Emerged as a strong offensive weapon in his first year.	Holds Oregon record for most receptions and TD catches.	Had 17 catches for 187 yards and one touchdown catch.	Scored three touchdowns in a 52-30 rout of California.	Has very quick feet for a player his size. Run blocks well.	Provided leadership as the only senior on the offensive line.	Possibly one of Oregon's best centers in several years.	A great blocker on runs and the biggest Duck on the squad.	One of the key linemen opening holes and protecting Graziiani.

MARK SCHMIDT #54 DE	BRYANT JACKSON #91 NT	TROY BAILEY #56 DE	DERRICK BARNES #58 OLB	JEREMY ASHER #44 ILB	RICH RUHL #48 ILB	PAUL JENSEN #38 OLB	ALEX MOLDEN #1 LCB	ISAAC WALKER #29 FS	BRIAN COLLINS #2 SS	KENNY WHEATON #20 RCB
Four sacks and six tackles for losses. Had 29 total tackles.	Second on the team with five sacks and had 48 total tackles.	Emotional leader of the defense. Had 32 tackles and three sacks.	Co-leader in sacks (6) and second in tackles for loss (10).	Led team with 107 tackles. Made the first team All Pac-10.	84 tackles with seven for losses and one quarterback sack.	Had a key interception return for a TD against WSU.	All-American with three interceptions and 44 tackles.	Had 57 tackles and one touchdown interception.	Had three interceptions and 45 tackles during the season.	Led team with four interceptions and had 68 tackles.

COLORADO'S STARTING LINEUP

JOHN HESSLER #7 QB	HERCHELL TROUTMAN #6 TB	RAE CARRUTH #21 WR	JAMES KIDD #2 WR	PHIL SAVOY #80 WR	MATT LEIPSIS #68 TE	ANDREW WELSH #74 LT	HEATH IRWIN #63 LG	BRYAN STOLTZENBERG #64 C	CHRIS NAEDELE #65 RG	MELVIN THOMAS #78 RT
Threw 20 TDs with only nine interceptions for 2,136 yards.	Second on team with eight touchdowns, including five rushing.	Had three touchdowns receptions of over 70 yards.	Caught three passes for 98 yards against NE Louisiana.	Second in the Big Eight with 49 receptions this season.	Third on the team with 25 receptions for 341 yards.	Moved from center position after winning tackle job in spring.	The seventh best offensive lineman says <i>The Sporting News</i> .	Member of <i>Playboy's</i> pre-season All-American team.	No. 2 ranked offensive lineman by <i>The Sporting News</i> .	Hale Irwin Award winner as a sophomore-to-be.

JOHN JONES #68 DE	RYAN OLSON #66 NT	DARYL PRICE #65 DE	MIKE PHILLIPS #61 OLB	MATT RUSSELL #16 MLB	RON MERKERON #39 OLB	KENNY WILKINS #29 LCB	DONNELL LEOMITI #3 SS	STEVE ROSGA #15 FB	T.J. CUNNINGHAM #6 RCB
Led the team with eight sacks and seven tackles for losses.	Started every game and had four sacks and 48 tackles.	Fourth on team with 64 tackles and eight tackles for losses.	Started every game and had four sacks and 39 tackles.	Had a solid year with 51 tackles, two for loss of yards.	A Butkus Award candidate, he led the team with 119 tackles.	Moved from inside position in spring, and collected 54 tackles.	Had 37 tackles, one interception and saved one touchdown.	Third on the team with 98 tackles and 2.5 sacks.	Second on team with 101 tackles and had two interceptions.