



Former Oregon quarterback Danny O'Neil signed a contract to play in the Arena Football League, but has had an equal amount of success at Calvary Chapel High School, where he is a youth pastor.

Playing in A league of his own

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For Danny O'Neil, there is life after Oregon. And that life suits him just fine, thank you very much. The former Oregon quarterback is now a youth pastor at Calvary Chapel High School in Costa Mesa, Calif., where he coordinates everything from the football team's offensive plays to the students' activities.

In December, O'Neil took the plunge into the professional football world by signing a contract with the Anaheim Piranhas of the Arena Football League. This after turning down the requests of a National Football League team to compete for a spot on a team at the highest level of football.

But no matter, O'Neil has no regrets. After chalking up numbers that made him the Oregon career statistical leader in such categories as most passes attempted and completed, most touchdown passes and most offensive plays, he is leading the life that he wants to lead, not one that an NFL coach — or even the Piranhas' coach — wants him to lead.

"I was not going to give up the ministry to go play football," O'Neil said last week in a telephone interview.

Following the Oregon Ducks' Pacific-10 Conference Championship season and Rose Bowl appearance in 1994, O'Neil was vocal about his aspirations to play football after his college career was over.

"Like a large majority of college football players, I wanted to play at the next level," he said. "You can only perform to the best of your ability and leave the rest to them. I performed as I knew how and allowed the rest to be up to them."

"Unfortunately, things didn't go that way." O'Neil wasn't chosen in the 1994 NFL draft, but did get attention in the Canadian Football league, where the British Columbia Lions offered the quarterback a multi-year contract and a shot at making it in professional football.

But that wasn't a path O'Neil wanted to take. Not for foot-

Danny O'Neil has found success on and off the field in the days after his Oregon career



O'NEIL

RECORDS

CAREER

- 636 complete passes
- 1,132 passes attempted

GAME

- 41 complete passes vs. Penn State, 1995
- 6 TD passes vs. Stanford, 1994

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Ducks fall prey to Sun Devils, Wildcats on the road

■ **MEN'S TENNIS:** Oregon dropped to 0-4 in the Pac-10 with the weekend losses

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The Oregon men's tennis team's road woes continued last weekend. The Ducks dropped two matches in as many days as they were downed, by Arizona State 6-1 on Sunday and Arizona 7-0 on Monday. The losses gave Oregon its third-straight road loss and moved it to 7-4 overall and 0-4 in the Pacific-10 Conference.

Dougal Williams, Oregon's No. 1 singles player, was the only Duck to record two wins during the trip, and both took

place against Arizona State.

Williams defeated Paul Reber in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2 in singles action and won his doubles match 8-6 when he teamed up with Hans Forsberg for a win over Reber and David Critchley at the No. 1 doubles spot. No. 2 Forsberg was not so lucky in singles play as he lost to Tzolak Gevorkian 8-2, 6-1.

John DeVors and Mike Goldstein were defeated 8-1 by Sergio Elias and Wolf von Lindenau while Arizona State's Gevorkian and Hiroshi Nagashima took care of Carlos Navarro and Michael Williams 8-3.

Every other match was decided in two sets as No. 3 Navarro, No. 4 DeVors, No.

5 Jeff Strong and No. 6 Goldstein all lost in straight sets.

In Tucson, Oregon was shutout by the 25th-ranked Wildcats, 7-0. The team of DeVors and Goldstein did win their doubles match, 8-6, but the Ducks were unable to win the required two matches in order to win a point.

After recording the Ducks' only win against Arizona State, Dougal Williams couldn't maintain his winning form as he lost 6-4, 6-4 to Henrik Wagner.

Arizona's previously undefeated trio of Tom Haugland, Chris Jenkins and Roland Kupka all remained that way with wins over Forsberg (6-2, 6-3), Navarro (6-2, 6-1) and DeVors (6-0, 6-0), respectively.

After not playing on Sunday, Oregon's No. 6 Miguel Arriaga returned to action with a loss to James Rey, 7-5, 6-3. Jeff Strong rounded out the Ducks' play with a 6-3, 6-2 loss to Vuk Tapuskovic.

Unfortunately for the Ducks they will not play another home match until Feb. 24 when they play Idaho. On Feb. 11, Oregon will travel south again to play three matches in three days as they take on the University of California at Santa Barbara, University of California at Irvine and UCLA.

The Bruins will be Oregon's only Pac-10 match of the trip. The following weekend the Ducks will finish out their Pac-10 schedule with a trip to Seattle to take on the Huskies.