

Ducks football ticket sales flying high

■ RECORD

SALES: Autzen Stadium nearing full capacity for 1996 season

TICKET SALES

■ **SEASON TICKETS SOLD:** 20,141

■ **PREVIOUS RECORD:** 18,989

■ **TOTAL STADIUM SEATING:** 41,698

■ **1995 HOME ATTENDANCE AVERAGE:** 44,195

■ **UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' RESERVED TICKETS:** 6,000

■ **REMAINING TICKETS:** Approx. 15,500

By Mark McTyre
Sports Editor

Tickets are being sold at a record pace for the upcoming 1996 Oregon football season. The Ducks already have surpassed all previous totals for season tickets sold in one year according to the University's Director of Tickets Sales Hunt Holsapple.

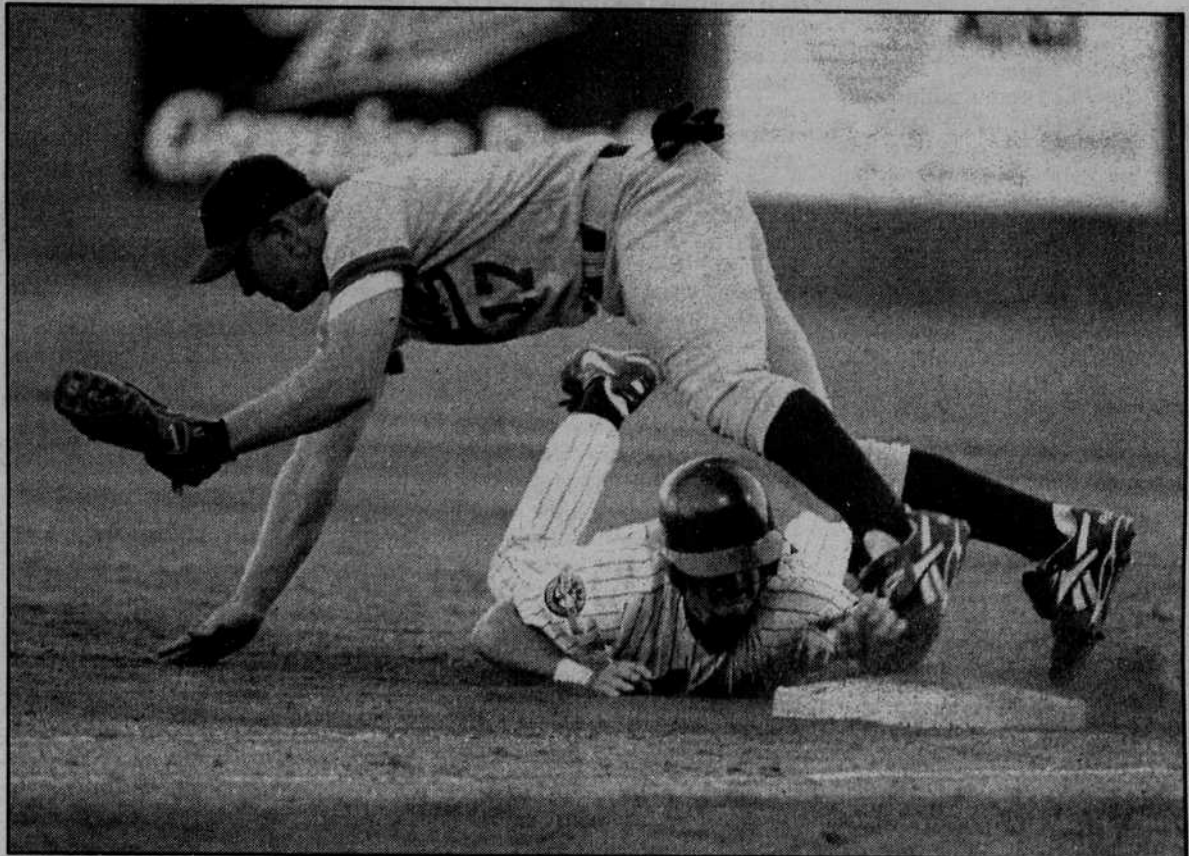
Oregon has sold 20,141 season tickets for this year compared with the previous record of 18,989 reserved and general admission season tickets sold all of last season. Of the season tickets sold for this year, 16,289 are (\$138 each) full-priced reserved seats — a considerable rise from last year's 13,117 tickets sold at this juncture. In addition to exceeding last year's pace, the current total has clipped last season's final reserved seat tally by almost (14,692) 1,600 tickets.

"Our goal is to sell somewhere between 17,000 to 18,000 full-priced reserved seats," Holsapple said in a telephone interview. "Overall we'd like to sell approximately 25,000 tickets, which is obtainable."

When the 6,000 tickets reserved for University students are added to the total, it means the athletic department already has orders for 26,141 of the 41,698 seats for the six games home games which begin Sept. 7 against Nevada. The Ducks season opener is on the road versus Fresno State on Aug. 31.

Oregon's per-game home average of 44,195 spectators last season was an increase of more than 10,000 fans from Oregon's 1994 Rose Bowl year. That single-season improvement was tops in the Pacific-10 Conference as was the Ducks attendance/capacity ratio (106 percent) a year ago.

Season tickets will remain on sale at the Casanova Center ticket office through the school's home opener, however, single-game tickets will go on sale to the general public Monday, July 8.



Emerald catcher Dax Norris dives safely back to first after an attempted pick-off play. Norris had his right hand stepped on by first baseman Kit Pellow during the play, but was able to stay in the game.

MARK MCTYRE/Emerald

Power, toughness produce Ems win

By Chris Hansen
Sports Reporter

After a tough weekend in Portland for the Eugene Emeralds offense, the team happily returned home last night, hammering the Spokane Indians 6-4, getting all six runs from five home runs. Two of the five blasts came in the decisive seventh inning to break a 3-3 tie.

Corey Pointer and Brian Rust each hit their third home runs of the year off Indian

starter Steve Hueston. Pooh Hines claimed his second, and John Arnold and Adam Johnson each hit their first homers of the year, respectively.

"We had seen that the ball was kind flying today," said Hines, whose solo shot capped a 3-for-4 night at the plate. "We had a tough game yesterday, so we really came in focused and wanted to hit the ball tonight."

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The Eugene Emeralds use home run barrage to secure victory

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