

McTyre: Ryno has the numbers, but Graz can win

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comeback. And the red zone statistics prove it.

The Oregon offense was able to penetrate the Sun Devils' 35-yard line on three occasions without coming away with any points, in addition to having to settle for a field goal after moving the ball within three yards of the end zone. But give Perry-Smith credit, he did make it onto the school's all-time single-game list again, by throwing for 468 yards and three touchdowns.

So here we are with UCLA on our doorstep and a story unfolding that warrants a headline of "Quarterback Contraversy?" One quarterback who keeps throwing for a gagillion yards, but can't put the finishing touches on a game, and another who is primed and ready, and anxious to make his comeback. So who do you play?

Although the answer may seem easy, before coming straight out with it you need to answer a few other questions.

Whose won more games? Graziani.

Whose seen more playing time? Perry-Smith.

Whose the better all-around player? Graziani.

Who has the most experience? Graziani.

I think the last question is what it all comes down to. With the Ducks in a hole and seemingly headed for self-destruction, it is definitely time for a change. Graziani should be at the helm.

However, head coach Mike Bellotti has other plans in mind for his team.

"I've talked with Tony already about the fact that it will be very difficult to take the ball out of Ryan's hands," Bellotti said. "Ryan has done an excellent job, he has played exceptionally well. I think the two of them could complement each other very well if our system and players allowed us to utilize both."

I'd like to believe a system like that would work, but it is always doubtful. And anyhow, Graziani has been sitting on the sidelines for three games now, and has to be getting that itch of anticipation. Any competitor wants to be given their chance.

Go ahead Mike give the Graz-man a chance.

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