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Griffin: Shoulder injury doesn't stop flanker

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dle," Griffin said. "In fact I kind of like catching the ball in the middle. I like to get hit. It really takes a DB's mind set away if you catch a ball and he just thrashes you and you get right back up and start talking smack right away. You've really got him in his head and once you get him in his head, it's over with for a DB.

"It's total domination after that."

During the Fresno State game, Griffin went down with a slightly separated shoulder, but was only out for a few plays before jumping right back into the action. He proceeded to catch a pass that led to the game-tying field goal.

The injury did keep him out of the game against

Nevada, but head coach Mike Bellotti has been impressed with Griffin's play all year long.

"Damon Griffin has done a very nice job of improving his level of play every week since he came back from the injury," he said.

Griffin recognizes he is still far from knocking McLemore out of the Oregon record book, but stepping into his place on the field is becoming a reality.

"That is a big step," Griffin said. "He did some great stuff here, and he had a great career. I looked up to him. I had to steal a lot of style from him."

If Griffin continues to play like he has in the past few weeks, future Oregon receivers may be stealing style from him.

Bruins: McNown has shown steady improvement this year

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me. Whether or not people are going to follow that, that's up to them."

McNown became a leader much earlier than planned.

Last season, having practiced with the team for only three weeks, he entered the game at Brigham Young in the first half due to an injury to starter Ryan Fien. He proceeded to lead the Bruins to a 23-9 victory. The next week against Oregon, he became the first true freshman in Bruin history to start the team's conference opener.

Two weeks later he became the Bruin's permanent starter. The coaching staff and McNown him-

self believe that the experience of his freshman year will improve his game immensely.

One of McNown's biggest problems from a year ago was his inconsistency. Against Fresno State, he completed 18-of-22 passes for a season-high 306 yards. The very next week, he was 3-of-18, with 80 yards passing against Arizona.

"I expect to show a lot of improvement over last season," McNown said. "I hope to see more consistency and better statistics."

He has already shown signs of improvement from a year ago.

Against Tennessee, he was 16-of-24 for 230 yards. Only once did he surpass that completion total last season, and only twice did he

throw for more yards.

One week later against Michigan, McNown was less than spectacular as he completed only 8-of-27 passes, threw three interceptions and had no touchdowns. But Borges still has high expectations for McNown.

"I don't just expect him to improve; I am going to insist on it. If he can get through those bad times, which every quarterback has to deal with, I think he's going to make his mark at this school. I think right now he's on track to be a darn good, maybe someday great quarterback."

And why not? After all, he's still a teenager.

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