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Preview: Bye week gave team a rest

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responsibility." Oregon quarterback Tony Graziani knows he will be the main target of Washington's defense.

"They blitz a lot and put a lot of pressure on you," he said, "so we're going to have to make a lot of quick throws and quick decisions because if you sit back there and wait, then they'll sack you."

The Ducks' offense has not been slowed by the injuries and quarterback shuffle this season. Oregon is on pace to break season records in total offense, yards passing, pass attempts and completions, most first downs and most points scored. But this doesn't mean much to a team that has lost four in a row.

"It's frustrating," Graziani said. "I think we would all rather put up bad numbers and win than put up the kind of numbers we are and still lose. Hopefully we can turn that around this week."

Graziani said that the bye week helped the team regroup after a tough loss at Stanford.

"I think it was good," he said. "It gave us a chance to clear our heads and get physically healthy."

Bellotti said it was nice for the players to take time off from football for the first time since fall camp.

"I think at this point the time off was good for us," he said. "We started on Aug. 31, and we have been

going seven-straight weeks in the season. We could have used a bye two or three weeks ago. It was helpful because we needed a chance to get away from football [and] relax a little bit without the stress and pressure of the situation."

Although the Ducks were relaxing last weekend, Bellotti knows his team will be up for Saturday.

"It is obviously a big football game in terms of our season this year," he said. "I think every game is important. When you're not winning, each game rises in terms of its importance."

He also said it is more important to think about how the Ducks will play than how the Huskies will play.

"We're going to play our best football game, and we're going to give a great effort," Bellotti said. "We're going to try to play it for 60 minutes, and that's the thing that we need to focus on. It doesn't matter who we play. We're looking at ourselves first and our play, our consistency. The fact that it's Washington just makes it that much better for us."

But Graziani said a win is the most important goal.

"There is big-time pressure because this could be the turning point of our season if we win," he said. "If we win this game and the rest of them, maybe everyone will forget about the last four."

Coach: Graz says UW doesn't respect UO

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He lobbied the Cotton Bowl to choose his team, pointing out his Huskies finished above the Ducks in the Pacific-10 Conference standings.

"I certainly think we deserve [the Cotton Bowl]," Lambright told *The Columbian* on Nov. 19. "It would be a tremendous shame if we didn't get in."

Lambright was also quoted in the Nov. 12 *Tacoma News-Tribune*, calling the Ducks' non-conference opponents "some sisters."

But looking back at his comments, Lambright sees no problem with his statements.

"All I did was do what I felt I had to do to support our football team and just came out with some facts about our team, that's all," Lambright said in a press conference this week. "Nothing was ever meant to downgrade Oregon in any way."

Oregon quarterback Tony Graziani said Lambright's comments just show the Huskies' lack of respect for Oregon.

"We were just kind of laughing about it last year. He was making all of those comments but we knew we were going to go [to the Cotton Bowl]," Graziani said. "It really hasn't come up a lot this

year, but we know that we still haven't earned their respect, even after two-straight wins."



LAMBRIGHT

But the controversy of last season was not limited to Lambright. His players got their share of jabs in on the Ducks and their fans.

"Through the years different players or coaches have made comments that turn up as a billboard material," said Jerry Allen, the "Voice of the Ducks."

And last season it was Husky quarterback Damon Huard providing the "billboard material" for Oregon, heading into the Nov. 4 contest.

Huard called the Oregon fans "35,000 drunk fans," and added that Ducks would have to deal with "Washington's 75,000 crazy fans" in 1995.

One year earlier, Huard had thrown the game into Kenny Wheaton's hands with just over a minute left, and he heard about it from Oregon fans following the

game. That memory stuck with Huard, and he was ready for the Duck fans in 1995.

"The comments I made weren't necessarily negative," Huard said in a phone interview this week. "It was just one of those things where that's really what happened. After the game, like three or four Oregon [fans] came up to me and wanted to fight me. It just wasn't classy."

"The comments I made were the truth, I thought. I didn't try to stir up some controversy, I was just answering the questions [the media] asked me."

The Huskies' loss to the Ducks in Seattle last season seemed to burn Huard worse than their 1994 defeat.

"We would have been in the Rose Bowl if we win that game," Huard said. "That's what hurts the most because it was such a great comeback in the second half. We should have won that game."

After falling behind by 24 points in the first half, Washington made a game of it in the second half, eventually losing 24-22.

Despite his second loss in two seasons, Huard gave no credit to the Ducks.

"We should have won. It was a fluke," Huard said in the Nov. 5 *Tacoma News-Tribune*.