

Scores

Wash. St. (15) ..24	Florida (1)56
Oregon13	Arkansas7
San Jose St.12	Penn St. (2)41
Oregon St.26	Illinois6
Arizona St.14	Nebraska (3) ...56
Washington (10) 26	Kansas St. (17) 26
San Diego St.28	Florida St. (4) .47
Arizona31	Miami0
Houston10	N. Carolina (5) .31
UCLA66	TCU10
UNLV35	California34
USC21	Louisiana Tech .41

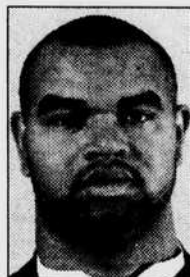
OREGON VS. WASHINGTON STATE

Saturday's Star

Washington State defensive tackle Gary Holmes had an interception, a sack, a recovered fumble and a blocked field goal attempt.

Play of the Game

Oregon kicker Joshua Smith had his 35-yard field goal attempt blocked on the Ducks' first drive, setting the tone for the offense.



The Numbers

	1	2	3	4	Final
Oregon	0	0	3	10	13
WSU	0	14	7	3	24
Passing		Att-Cmp-Int	Yds	TD	
Oregon	Smith	30-14-0	205	1	
	Maas	14-4-3	56	0	
WSU	Leaf	27-16-1	226	1	
Rushing		No.	Yds	TD	Long
Oregon	McCullough	21	83	0	19
	Latimer	8	36	0	14
WSU	Black	24	124	2	38
	Leaf	8	34	0	21

Pac-10 Standings

	Pac-10		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Washington State	3	0	5	0
Stanford	2	0	4	1
Washington	1	0	3	1
Arizona State	1	1	3	2
UCLA	1	1	3	2
USC	1	1	2	2
Oregon	1	2	3	2
California	0	1	2	2
Oregon State	0	2	2	2
Arizona	0	2	2	3

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End zone eludes Ducks

Oregon let the Cougars get the win after dominating both sides of the ball for most of the game

By Chris Hansen
Assistant Sports Editor

Oregon's much maligned defense showed up Saturday afternoon with a chip on its shoulder and something to prove.

And prove it the Ducks did.

In front of a crowd of 43,516 at Autzen Stadium, the Duck defense held Washington State's high-octane, Pacific-10 Conference-leading offense to 147 yards and 15.5 points below its average.

It also held Heisman Trophy candidate Ryan Leaf to only 226 yards passing and one touchdown.

The problem was, Oregon still lost 24-13.

In fact, not only did Oregon (3-2 overall, 1-2 Pac-10) play better defense than the No. 15 Cougars (5-0, 3-0), it also put up better offense numbers.

The Duck offense gained more total offensive yardage — both passing and rushing — had more first downs, converted more third downs and was on the field for more minutes.

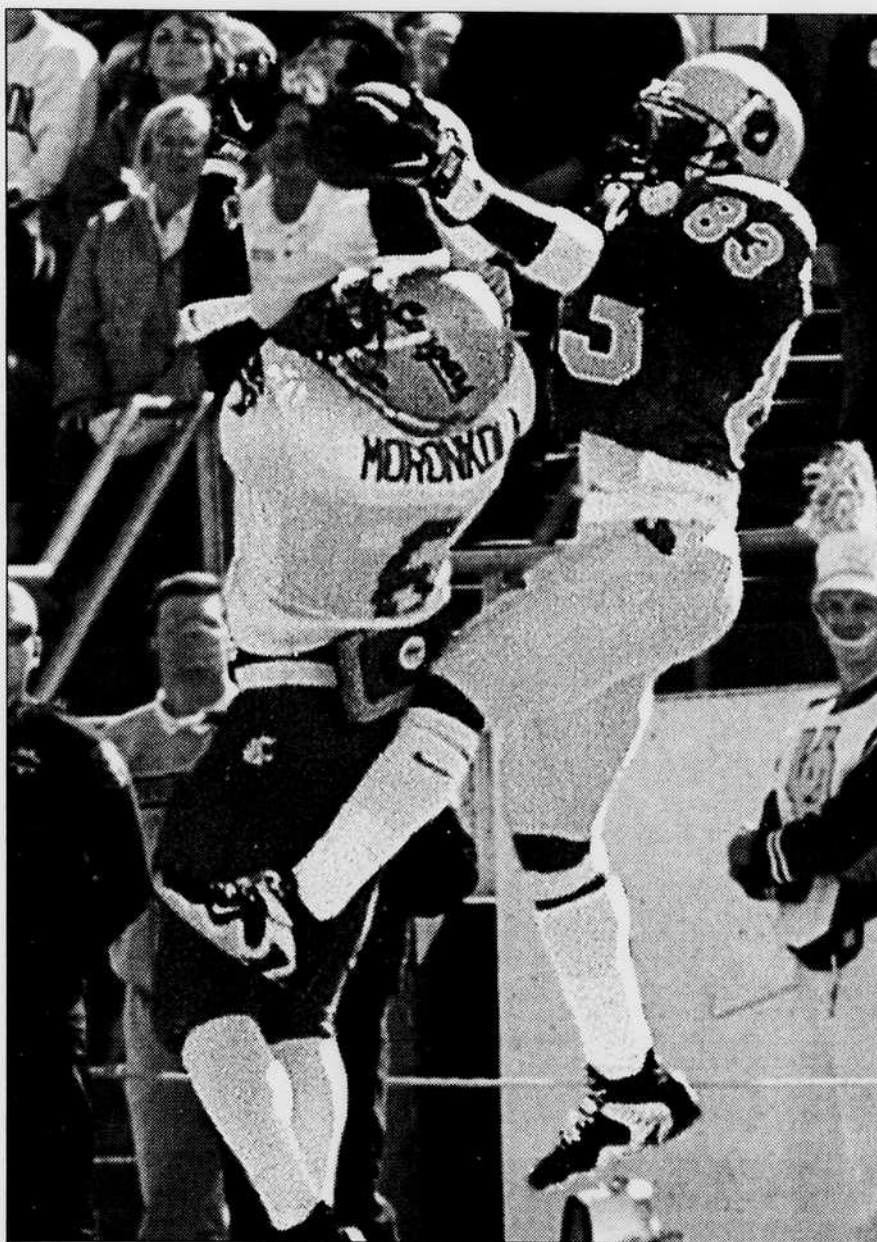
So what was the problem?

Three things: turnovers (three), penalties (11 for 116 yards) and red-zone inefficiency (five times inside the Washington State 20-yard line, only six points scored).

"We stopped ourselves more than they stopped us," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said of his offense that scored 49 points a week ago, but could only muster one touchdown Saturday. "I was not very pleased. When we keep a team like Washington State down, we have to take advantage of it."

The tone of the game was set on each team's opening drive.

The Cougars started on offense first and went three and out after being sur-



MICHAEL CRISP/Emerald

Dee Moronkola steals this Jason Maas' pass from Pat Johnson. Following the interception, the Cougars went on an 80-yard touchdown drive.

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Ducks defensive strategy pays off

By mixing up its defense, Oregon holds Cougars to a sub-par performance

By Ryan Frank
Sports Editor

It was ragged on throughout 1996, praised after the 16-9 win over Arizona to start the 1997 season, then ragged on again for its play over the next three games.

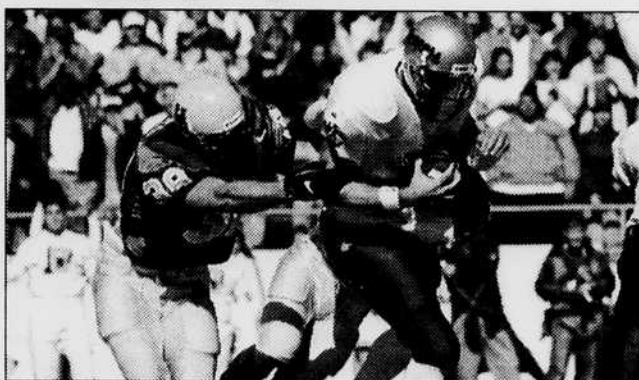
Saturday, the Oregon defense, dare we say it, looked

like the tough Oregon defense of old — sort of.

The Ducks were excited, intense and everything they used to be when defense was what won games for Oregon — but not everything was the same.

To counter Washington State's dangerous passing game, which goes five receivers deep, the Oregon coaching staff made a few changes to put more speed on the field.

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The Duck defense pressured Ryan Leaf all game.

Tennis team battles with nation's best

Despite improvement from last year, Oregon failed to advance anyone past the second round of the Duck Tennis Classic

By Joel Hood
Sports Reporter

The sign on the door of the covered tennis courts reads "Oregon Tennis," but for the second straight year, the Ducks were dominated by a tough nationally ranked field at the Duck Tennis Classic.

Oregon lost three of four third-place matches Sunday in a tournament that featured several of the country's top collegiate women tennis players.

No Ducks made it past the second round in any of the tournament's four brackets, or flights; however, head coach Jack Griffin said he did see improvement over last year's results.

"I knew it would be a tough tournament going into it," Griffin said. "Our goal is to reach the country's top 30 and with so many quality teams here we can see where we are and what we need to work on."

Oregon's top returnee from last season, Alina Wygonowska, lost a close three-set match to No. 2 seeded Ana Friganovic from New Mexico 5-7, 6-2, 2-6 in the third-place match Sunday.

Oregon's top doubles duo of Allison Sosnow and Shanelle Kaneshiro lost 8-6 in the opening round of Flight I on Friday. The tournament's No. 2 seed and the 31st-ranked double's team in the country rallied back from a 6-2 deficit, but never got closer than the 8-6 final.

"We made a lot of mistakes early in the match," Sosnow said. "We picked it up at the end, but we really weren't on our game. It really just came down to execution and finishing points, we didn't do either."

Kaneshiro agrees.

"I was disappointed with our performance," she said. "It was our first tournament of the year, but I thought we could have played much better."

There were some strong individual performances for the Ducks, Griffin said, as Oregon placed three players into the second round of singles competition.

Oregon's biggest surprise was newcomer Sarah Colistro, who came from behind to beat No. 1 seed Jeanette Bhagandas in three sets in the first round of Flight II. Colistro, a freshman from Chaussy, France, ranked as one of the top 10 juniors in France last year.

"I thought I played better in my second-round match than I did in the first, despite the loss," Colistro said. "The rules are very different here than they are in Europe. I think I'll play better in the regular season."

Injuries kept Colistro from practicing with the team until last Tuesday and forced her to default her third-place match against New Mexico's Aimee Hites on Sunday.

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