

Scores

UCLA (18)39	Florida (1)21
Oregon31	LSU (14)28
Utah State16	Ohio State (7)27
Oregon St.24	Penn St. (2)31
Stanford (16).....22	Nebraska (3)49
Arizona28	Baylor21
Arizona State35	Florida St. (4)51
USC7	Duke27
California3	Wake Forest12
Washington (10) 30	N. Carolina (5)30

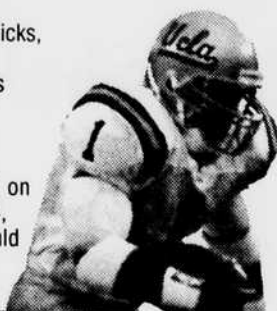
OREGON DUCKS VS. UCLA BRUINS

Saturday's Stars

Three UCLA running backs, Skip Hicks, Jermaine Lewis and Keith Brown (pictured), combined for 253 yards rushing.

Play of the Game

With the Ducks facing third and 11 on the UCLA 34-yard line down 27-24, A.J. Jelks dropped a pass that would have given Oregon the first down and kept the drive alive.



The Numbers

	1	2	3	4	Final
Oregon	21	3	0	7	31
UCLA	17	3	7	12	39
Passing					
Oregon	Smith	23-16-1	159	0	
UCLA	McNow	25-15-1	248	1	
Rushing					
Oregon	McCullough	20	133	1	71
UCLA	Hicks	12	90	1	42
Receiving					
Oregon	Haynes	6	45	0	12
UCLA	Farmer	5	56	0	15

Pac-10 Standings

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

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Another one slips away

For the third week in a row, blown opportunities hurt the Ducks

By Chris Hansen
Assistant Sports Editor

It was more of the same Saturday afternoon from an Oregon Duck squad that at times this season has looked so brilliant and at others so inept.

Oregon squandered opportunity after opportunity, both on offense and defense, and for the third game in a row suffered a gut-wrenching defeat to move to 3-3 overall and 1-3 in the Pacific-10 Conference.

It was also the third-straight loss to a highly ranked conference opponent. The No. 18 UCLA Bruins (4-2, 2-1) came from behind in the second half to win 39-31, in front of 42,314 people at Autzen Stadium. It was the Bruins' fourth-straight win after starting the season with losses to Washing-

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Questions just starting to mount for Oregon

OPINION



Ryan Frank

The time had come for Dirk Koetter to face the questions.

The Oregon offensive coordinator was standing with his back against the wall, his face full of disappointment and frustration after another agonizing loss.

"Can you assess the play of your offense?"

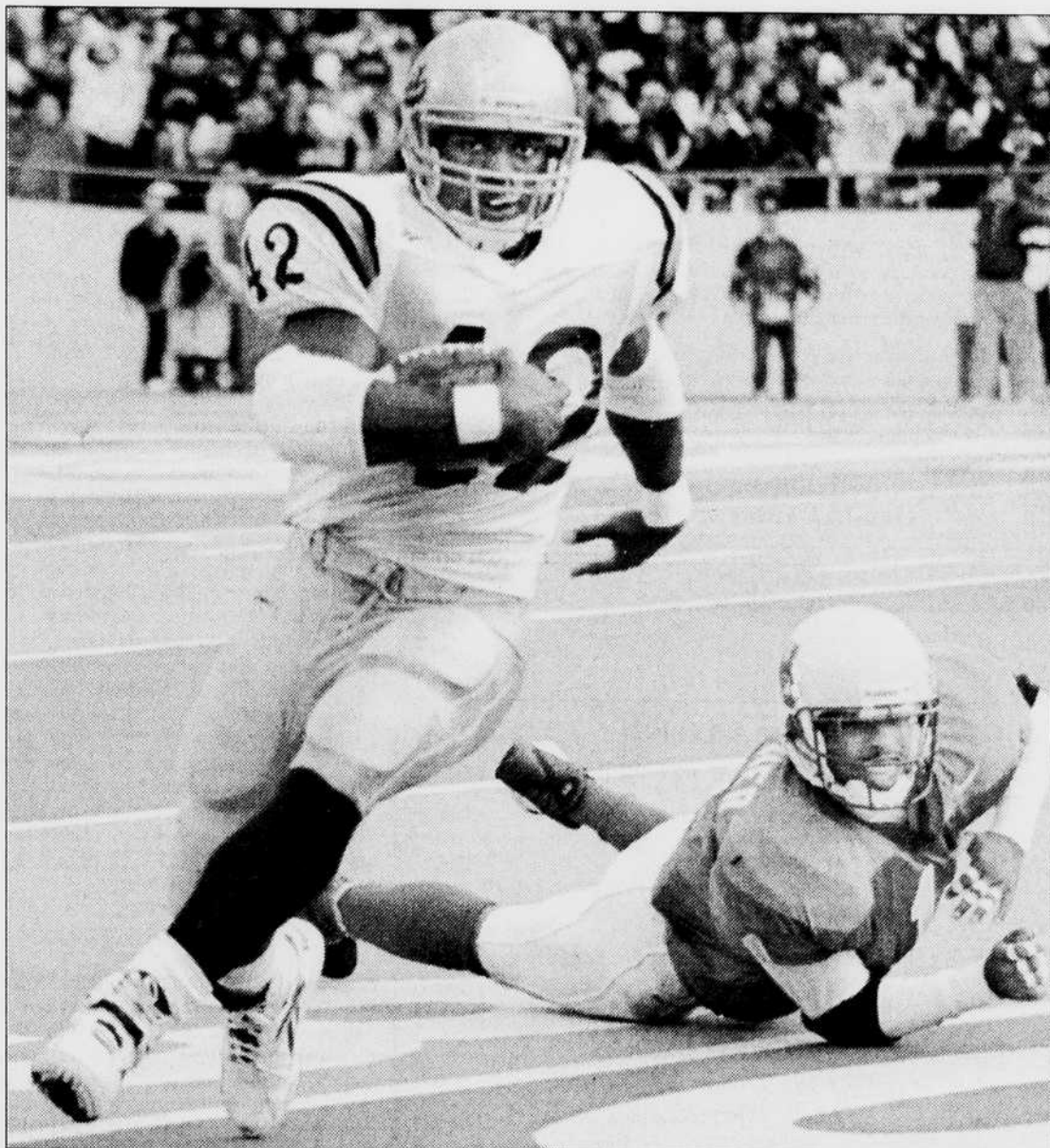
Koetter threw his head back, let out a long, deep sigh and said, "Not good enough."

After three straight losses, that has become a common theme with the Oregon Ducks.

In the third episode of the Oregon saga of playing well but just "not good enough," this one seemed to hurt the most.

For the third straight week, a tackle made

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Skip Hicks did not play in the second half but still rushed for 90 yards for the Bruins.

Oregon women finish third at Furman Invitational

The Ducks beat 11 other teams ranked in the top 25, including No. 3 Villanova and No. 5 Colorado

By Joel Hood
Sports Reporter

The runners called it amazing.

Head coach Tom Heinonen called it one of the finest team performances he has ever had at Oregon.

In what some consider a preview of the NCAA Championships in November, the Oregon women's cross country team ran to an impressive third-place finish Saturday at the Furman Invitational in Greenville, S.C.

Impressive because the No. 7 Ducks beat 11 other teams ranked in the nation's top 25. Also impressive because two of those teams were ranked ahead of Oregon, No. 3 Villanova and No. 5 Colorado.

"This was just a terrific team effort," Heinonen said. "We beat a couple of teams ranked ahead of us in the polls, even though we weren't 100 percent. I think we might even be better than we showed this weekend."



Despite two runners hampered by nagging injuries and two more battling sickness, Oregon ran to its best team finish of 1997.

Led by Marie Davis' 11th-place finish, Oregon placed five runners in the top 35, and the 33-second gap between the first and fifth runner was the smallest of the season.

"I think that really says a lot about this team and what it's capable of," Davis said. "Each week is a stepping stone, and I think we took a big step this weekend."

Davis has led Oregon in each of the team's three races this season. Although stricken with the flu, her time of 17 minutes, 26 seconds on the 5K course fell just 42 seconds off the winning pace set by Stanford's Julia Stamps.

However, Saturday's third-place finish can also be attributed to her teammates.

Senior Kaarin Knudson and junior Liz Howell saved their best finishes of the season for the year's biggest race. Knudson finished 22nd overall in a time of 17:47, and

Stats

OREGON:	
Davis	11
Knudson	22
Howell	25
Glusac	27
McMahon	31

TEAM:	
Stanford (1)	39
Wisconsin (4)	89
Oregon (7)	107

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