

Scores

Oregon22	Nebraska (1)35
USC24	Kansas0
Washington45	Florida St. (3)47
Oregon St.17	Virginia21
Cal17	Michigan (5)23
UCLA35	Michigan St. (15) ..7
Arizona34	Northwestern6
Washington St.35	Ohio St. (9)49
	Auburn (11)26
	Arkansas21
	Oklahoma St. (12) 50
	Missouri51

OREGON DUCKS VS. USC TROJANS

Saturday's Star

Oregon quarterback Akili Smith completed 14 of 22 passes for 235 yards and ran for a score to put the Ducks within two.

Play of the Game

With just eight seconds remaining, Joshua Smith missed a 35-yard field goal attempt that would have won the game for the Ducks.



The Numbers

	1	2	3	4	Final
Oregon	0	3	7	12	22
USC	14	7	3	0	24
Passing		Att-Cmp-Int		Yds	TD
Oregon	Smith	22-14-0		235	0
USC	Fox	28-16-1		175	1
Rushing		No.	Yds	TD	Long
Oregon	McCullough	18	118	1	45
USC	Washington	25	130	0	13
Receiving		No.	Yds	TD	Long
Oregon	Hartley	2	71	0	59
USC	Miller	9	105	0	24

Pac-10 Standings

	Pac-10		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Washington State	5	0	7	0
Washington	4	0	6	1
UCLA	4	1	6	2
Arizona State	3	1	5	2
Stanford	2	2	4	3
USC	2	2	4	3
Arizona	1	4	3	5
Oregon	1	4	4	4
Oregon State	0	4	3	4
California	0	4	2	5

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Oregon comeback falls short in Los Angeles

With the Ducks trailing 24-22 in the final seconds of the fourth quarter, Joshua Smith's 36-yard field goal attempt fell just short of the crossbar

By Chris Hansen
Assistant Sports Editor

Joshua Smith missed a 36-yard field-goal attempt with eight seconds remaining in the game as Oregon's remarkable second-half comeback came two points short against Southern California Saturday night, 24-22.

Smith's kick, which fell just short of the crossbar, was symbolic of Oregon's performance throughout the game — and its season in general.

Lackluster play on both sides of the ball in the first two quarters put Oregon in a 21-3 hole at halftime. But a resilient Duck squad came out of the locker room and held the Trojans to three points and 136 yards of offense in the second half.

Led by quarterback Akili Smith, who went 11 for 17 for 235 yards after he replaced starter Jason Maas in the second quarter, Oregon (4-4 overall, 1-4 Pacific-10 Conference) composed itself and rattled off 19 points in the second half, bringing

itself to the brink of victory in front of 53,640 at the Los Angeles Coliseum and a national television audience.

The comeback for Oregon started with 10:28 remaining in the third quarter when cornerback Rashad Bauman stepped in front of USC quarterback John Fox's pass intended for Barry Miller in the flat and returned it 61 yards down the USC sideline for the touchdown.

"It changed the whole complexion of the game for us," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said of Bauman's interception. "It was the spark that ignited us."

After the Trojans (4-3, 2-2) kicked a field goal to go up by two touchdowns, 24-10, Oregon marched down the field on its next drive but stalled at the USC nine. Joshua Smith converted the 26-yard field goal, but a roughing-the-kicker penalty gave the Ducks a first down at the Trojan four-yard line. Two plays later, tailback

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Ducks' bowl hopes fall with field-goal attempt

Oregon's win over Washington in 1994 gave Oregon fans The Pick and The Drive. Now you can add to that list with — The Kick.

Joshua Smith's attempt at a 36-yard field goal, which a Southern California defensive lineman claimed he blocked, that fell just short of the crossbar at the Los Angeles Coliseum on Saturday night might as well have been the Ducks' bowl hopes falling just short for the second time in two seasons.

There are three games left on Oregon's schedule, but, in realistic terms, the

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OPINION



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Marlins claim Series title in 11 innings

Edgar Renteria's base hit in the bottom of the 11th gave Florida a Game 7 win

By Ben Walker
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Edgar Renteria ended one of the most thrilling Game 7s ever, singling home the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the 11th inning to give the Florida Marlins their first World Series championship with a 3-2 win over the Cleveland Indians on Sunday night.

The 5-year-old Marlins became the youngest expansion team to win a championship, while adding more heartbreak to the nearly half-century of disappointment for the Indians.

The Marlins, masters of the late-inning comeback, tied it at 2-2 in the ninth on Craig Counsell's sacrifice fly and then took advantage of second baseman Tony Fernandez's error to score the winning run. This marked just the third time in history that a Game 7 had gone to extra innings.

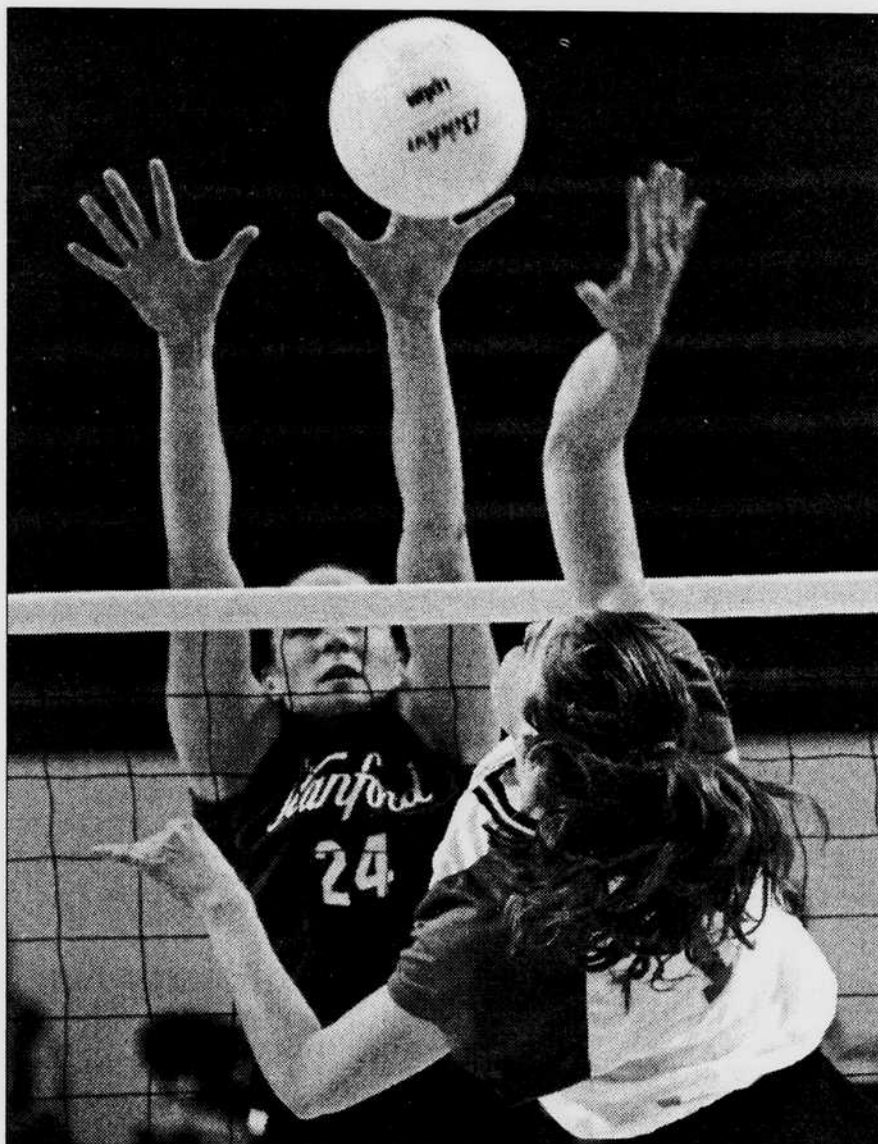
A see-saw Series finished with the teams alternating wins for all seven games. Devoid of drama for the first six games, Game 7 packed an entire season's worth of thrills into one night that kept getting better as the clock passed midnight.

Jay Powell pitched one inning for the victory. Charles Nagy, passed over in favor of rookie Jaret Wright for the Game 7 start, lost in relief.

Florida pitcher Livan Hernandez became just the second rookie to win the Series MVP award, joining Larry Sherry of Los Angeles in 1959. The trophy was even

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Cal hands Oregon another heartbreaker



Stanford's Kristin Folkli tallies one of her four blocks in the Cardinal's sweep of Oregon on Friday. Folkli led her team with 15 kills and had a .344 hitting percentage.

Oregon fails to end its Pac-10 skid, losing to California, a team the Ducks were confident they could beat

By Rob Moseley
Sports Reporter

Playing for pride can be a painful process, which Oregon learned the hard way Saturday in a four-game loss to California in front of 504 fans at McArthur Court.

Including Friday's three-game loss to Stanford, the Ducks are now 8-15 overall and 0-11 in the Pacific-10 Conference.

Oregon continued its propensity for slow starts Saturday. Game 1 was the fourth straight game in which the opposition jumped out to a lead of at least four points — this time because of Oregon's inability to return serves.

The Ducks were able to overcome their errors and even the score at 7-7, but head coach Cathy Nelson called timeout to stress good fundamentals to her team with Cal up 9-7.

Oregon mustered one more point after the game resumed, but the Bears answered with five straight points of their own and eventually took game 1, 15-10.

"Game 1 was maybe the worst game we've played all season," Nelson said.

Indeed, the Ducks managed just seven kills on 17 total attacks.

Game 2 began with Alli White, who missed Friday's match with a shoulder injury, on the floor for the first time all weekend, and Oregon looked like a different team. With Michelle Christ leading the charge up front and Shelby Edwards entrenched in the back row, the Ducks played as well defensively as they have since the Pac-10 schedule began.

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