

SPORTS

The Box

Major League Baseball

San Francisco 3
Chicago 5

National Football League

Tampa Bay 6
Detroit 27

NCAA Football
Total offense in
Division 1-A

1. Oregon 543
2. Kentucky 541
3. Louis. Tech 535
4. Ohio St. 530
5. Florida 526
6. Tulane 511
7. Central Fla. 505
8. Indiana 500
9. Tulsa 499
10. UCLA 497
11. Texas 488
12. Louisv. 481
13. Boston C. 471
14. Kansas St. 470
15. Nebraska 466
16. Syracuse 462
17. W. Mich. 460
18. Arkansas 460
19. Texas T. 456
20. Akron 442
91. Oregon St. 290

Total defense

1. Kansas St. 205
2. Oklahoma 207
3. Wisconsin 209
4. Colorado 212
(t)5. Virg. Tech 216
(t)5. Florida St. 216
7. Georgia 229
8. Miami 236
9. Ohio State 238
10. Arkansas 239
11. So. Miss. 258
12. Florida 262
13. Texas AM 271
14. Mississippi 271
15. Utah St. 274
16. Auburn 275
17. Texas T. 280
18. Virginia 281
19. Penn. St. 281
20. Wash. St. 284
57. Oregon 350
* yards per game



Best Bet

San Diego
at Houston
1:07 p.m., ESPN

Women lead, men in second at invitationals

By Scott Pesznecker

Oregon Daily Emerald

After first rounds of play concluded last night for the Oregon men and women golf teams, the women had a commanding lead over their competition in the Portland Invitational while the men, playing in the Husky Invitational, were locked into a tie for second.

With a team score of 596, the first-place women have a 22-stroke lead over second place San Diego State University, which finished with 618. The University of San Francisco follows in third place with 632.

Capturing the first, second and fourth spots for individual performance, the Oregon women were led by Karin Bristow, who finished with a two-over-par 146. Angie Rizzo was close with 147, and Dawn Berry

stroked 150. Oregon individual Claire Hunter was in third place with 149.

Jerilyn White was locked into a three-way tie for sixth place with 153, and Pam Sowden brought up the rear with a 154 ninth place ranking.



Deja vu could best explain the situation faced by the Oregon men. After the first round of the Pacific Invitational last week, the men were tied for second place with California. Going into today's second and final round, they were in a 729-stroke tie for second place with Brigham Young. Northwestern held a three stroke lead over Oregon and BYU with 726.

"We played well, and we're in the same po-

sition now as we were last week," said Steve Nosler, men's head coach. "We're out here to win, not just to make a good showing. We've got to go out and play good golf tomorrow."

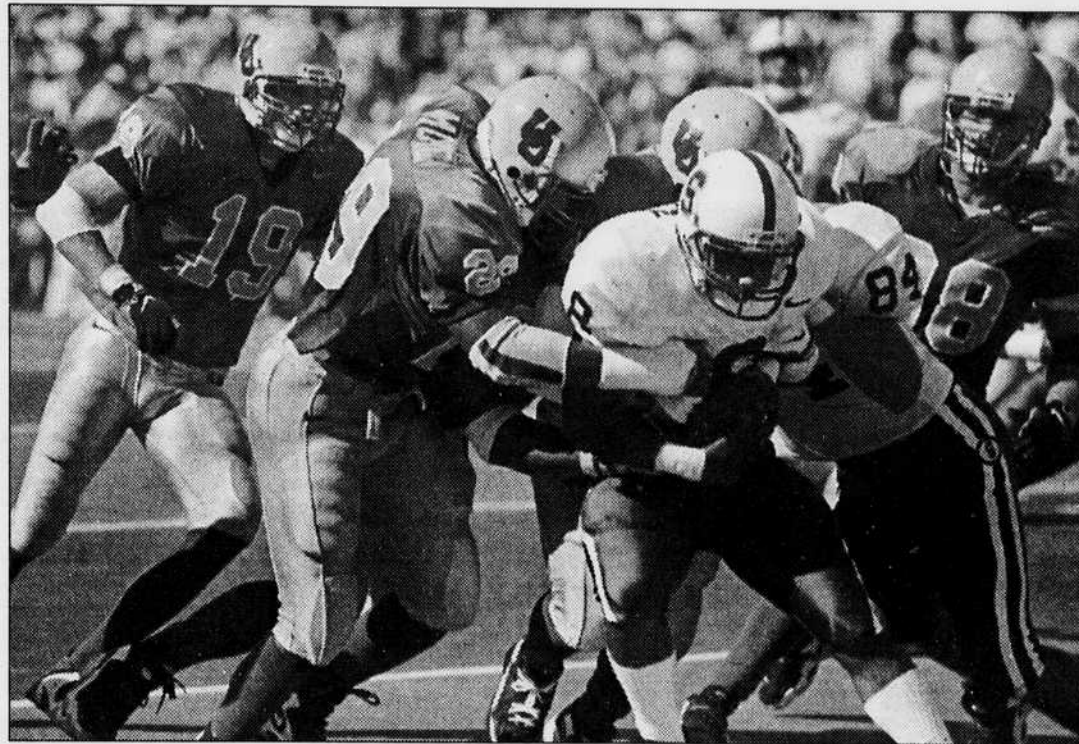
Leading the Ducks was Ryan Lavoie, who shot a 72-71 for a one-under-par total of 143. Derek Croskrey finished on par with 144, and Adrian Burtner stepped up and hit two sets of 73, finishing with a two-over-par 146. Burtner did not play in Oregon's first tournament.

Ben Crane and Andrew Tradway, who each have totaled 148 strokes, are in a three-way tie with Nevada's Joe Lucidi for 24th place.

Tied for the title of individual champion of the Husky Invitational are two Northwestern golfers, Luke Donald and Josh Habig who each scored 141, three under par.

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Matt Hankins/Emerald

The Ducks will get to rest for a week before playing Washington State Oct. 10 after their bruising victory over Stanford Saturday.

Bye will allow Ducks to recover

The No. 17 Ducks hope to rest their wounds before they battle Washington State

By Joel Hood

Oregon Daily Emerald

There is little question that the Oregon football team is on a major roll after winning its last six games dating back to last season.

But now the No. 17 Ducks have a week off to prepare for their meeting with defending Pacific-10 Conference champion Washington State, prompting questions about whether Oregon can stay in game-ready condition through the break.

Head coach Mike Bellotti expressed little concern Sunday about keeping his team focused on the rest of the season. Instead, he said he is "excited" to have the Ducks' bye week at this time.

"My initial impression was that we need the time right now to rest up and get rid of a lot of the bumps and bruises that have been accumulating," Bellotti said. "Even though we are playing very, very good football right

now, I think this will be a nice break for us."

Bellotti named tailback Reuben Droughns, linebacker Garret Sabol and defensive lineman Zack Frieter as players who have been able to suit up the last couple of weeks but need the week off to let some of their wounds heal.

What is not yet known is the severity of linebacker Peter Sirmon's injury. Sirmon, the Ducks' captain on defense who led the Pac-10 last season with 104 tackles, was pulled out at the halftime of the San Jose State game on Sept. 19 after re-tearing his left pectoral muscle in the second quarter.

Sirmon did not suit up against Stanford last Saturday, and had surgery Monday afternoon at Eugene's Sacred Heart Hospital to repair the torn muscle.

Starting in place of Sirmon against Stanford was junior Chris Vandiver, who led the Ducks with career-high numbers

that included 19 total tackles and a sack.

On Sunday, Bellotti called Vandiver's performance "maybe the best" by a linebacker this season.

"He has started games for us before; it's not as if he is a rookie," Bellotti said. "It's not surprising to me that he has stepped in and is having this kind of success. With Sirmon going down and possibly being out the whole season, our concerns for who was going to play in his spot were very real.

"But I think with Chris Vandiver and Aaron Chevront, I'm breathing a little sigh of relief in that I believe we've got a couple young guys who can play."

Tailback Derien Latimer, who was pulled in the first quarter against Stanford after bruising his ribs, will probably play against the Cougars, Bellotti said. Latimer, a junior from Colorado Springs, Colo., has started just two games in his Duck career after being selected as Colorado's prep offensive player of the year following his senior year at Air

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1998 season allows baseball to be reborn

I'm not going to tell you that the 1998 major league baseball regular season has been the best ever.

If I tell you that, some old-timer who witnessed a gargantuan Babe Ruth homer, saw Jackie Robinson integrate the big leagues or watched Bob Gibson menacingly stare down batters will bean me.

And I won't have much of an argument because my baseball memory goes back to about 1986, when the New York Mets rolled through Bill Buckner's wickets to win the World Series.

But I can confidently write that this season has been the best in my lifetime.

Just when baseball was supposed to shrivel up and die in the shadows of the hipper NBA and more physical NFL, something happened.

It might have taken a monumental tater chase to pull the spotlight back, but the fact is, baseball has enjoyed a renaissance this season.

And the revival came just in the nick of time.

If baseball had continued to dwindle in popularity, the plethora of superstars the game offers today would have gone largely unnoticed by the American public. Greg Maddux, Barry Bonds, Ken Griffey Jr., Randy Johnson, Roger Clemens, Tony Gwynn, Ivan Rodriguez, Cal Ripken Jr., not to mention those new home run kings, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa ... When has the grand old game had so many great players?

Refreshingly, this season has also improved the relationship between the players and fans. Many of those same fans who vowed never to take themselves — or anybody else, for that matter — out to the ballgame again during the 1995 strike, now have rejected millions of dollars to return historic home run balls to Big Mac.

But perhaps the most dramatic moments of the season still await.

Three of the four divisional playoffs start today to begin the postseason.

In the American League, the Texas Rangers (88-74) travel to Yankee Stadium

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Opinion



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