

## SPORTS

MONDAY  
Oct. 19, 1998TRIVIA QUESTION  
Who led the Oregon men's  
basketball team in scoring last  
season?the  
Box

## NFL: Week 7

Dallas	12
Chicago	13
Washington	7
Minnesota	41
New Orleans	23
Atlanta	31
Indianapolis	31
San Francisco	34
Jacksonville	16
Buffalo	17
Philadelphia	10
San Diego	13
Arizona	7
N.Y. Giants	34
Baltimore	6
Pittsburgh	16
St. Louis	0
Miami	14
Carolina	13
Tampa Bay	16
Cincinnati	14
Tennessee	44

Associated  
Press top 25

1. Ohio St.	6-0
2. UCLA	5-0
3. Tennessee	5-0
4. Kansas St.	6-0
5. Florida	6-1
6. Florida St.	6-1
7. Nebraska	6-1
8. Texas A&M	6-1
9. Wisconsin	7-0
10. Penn. St.	5-1
11. Georgia	5-1
12. Oregon	5-1
13. W. Virginia	4-1
14. Arizona	6-1
15. Arkansas	6-0
16. Virginia	5-1
17. Colorado	6-1
18. Notre Dame	4-1
19. Missouri	5-1
20. Georgia T.	5-1
21. Syracuse	4-2
22. Tulane	5-0
23. Virginia T.	5-1
24. Miss. St.	5-1
25. Texas Tech	6-1

## Trivia answer

Guard Terik Brown averaged 12.8 points a game last season to lead the Ducks.



## Best Bet

NFL  
N.Y. Jets  
at New England  
5:15 p.m., ABC

## Lessons learned from UCLA loss

**A** lesson learned Saturday in Pasadena: When you live your life vicariously through the Oregon football team, you must be prepared for a little suffering along the way.

It would be easy to find plenty of goats to roast following Oregon's 41-38 loss to No. 2 UCLA at the Rose Bowl.

Reuben Droughns lost three crucial fumbles, Josh Bidwell bounced a 10-yard punt out of bounds to set up the Bruins' second touchdown and the Duck secondary was burned time and time again by a very tall and very athletic UCLA receiving corp.

Joel  
Hood

And surely that's what the national media will talk about when they're asked to size up Oregon's performance in its biggest game of the season.

But those of us who watched the game know there is a lot more to this story than Oregon's miscues — and what we take away from this loss is just as valuable as anything we might have gained in victory.

The simple fact is that Oregon could not have won a national title this season. It did show Saturday, however, that it was a lot closer than many thought they could ever be. Despite all their turnovers and all their misreads on defense, the Ducks only lost by a field goal on the road to a team that indeed could go on to win a national title.

Perhaps even more significant is that UCLA can't make the excuse that it was looking past the Ducks. It can't say Oregon snuck up on it. Make no mistake about it, this was just as a big game for UCLA as it was for Oregon. And the fact the Ducks were still able

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Oregon held UCLA's tailback to just 152 yards in the Ducks' 41-38 loss Saturday. *The Daily Bruin*Leg injuries  
put Droughns  
out for season

*The Pac-10's leading rusher sustains a fractured fibula and ligament damage in his ankle*

By Rob Moseley  
*Oregon Daily Emerald*

As if the pain of losing in overtime to the No. 2 team in the nation wasn't enough, the Oregon football team learned Sunday that tailback Reuben Droughns will miss the rest of the season with a pair of injuries to his right leg.

Droughns, the Pacific-10 Conference's leading rusher with 164.8 yards per game, suffered a fractured fibula as well as ligament damage in his ankle at some point during the Ducks' 41-38 loss to UCLA on Saturday.

The 6-foot, 210-pound junior will undergo surgery Monday at Sacred Heart Medical Center to repair the damage.

"Obviously this is a big blow to our football team," head coach Mike Bellotti said Sunday. "Any time you lose the best running back in the conference, you're going to need other players to step up."

"I expect one guy to step up and take over that lead role."

Droughns' rushing average is fourth-best in the country, and his 7.4 yards per carry is the best mark in the nation. He is also fourth in the country in scoring with 13.2 points per game and 10th in all-purpose yardage with 173.6 yards per game.

Droughns' totals of 824 yards and nine touchdowns on the ground this season ranked 11th and sixth, respectively, on Oregon's all-time single-season lists.

Kevin Parker also sustained an injury to his right ankle, albeit just a severe sprain, against the Bruins. He is expected to miss this week's homecoming game against Southern California.

That leaves sophomore Jason Cooper and juniors Derien Latimer and Jerry Brown to pick up the slack at tailback.

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## Marie Davis leads Ducks to second place at invitational

*No. 7 Wisconsin wins the team championship, and Badger Erica Palmer is the champion*

By Scott Pesznecker  
*Oregon Daily Emerald*

If you think being sick and having to go to class is difficult, try being sick and having to run five kilometers.

That's what Marie Davis did at Alton Baker Park on Saturday, leading the Oregon women's cross country team to a second-place finish at the Oregon Invitational.

"We competed hard," women's head coach Tom Heinonen said. "We certainly don't have a lot of healthy people on the team right now, [Davis and Heather McMahon] were both sick. It was a rough week."

Davis finished third overall with a time of 17 minutes, 33 seconds. She said she would rather have placed first, but she was pleased with her performance.

"I put in a really solid effort," an exhausted Davis said after the race. "I haven't felt well, and when I got up [Saturday] morning I felt horrible, but I finished well. This is my last year, and I wanted to win the meet if I could, but I didn't feel well, so I had to adjust."

McMahon finished strong in seventh place with a time of 17:57, Katie Crabb fin-

ished 15th with a time of 18:18, and Liz Howell finished 29th with a time of 18:44.

Now that the regular season is over, Oregon can turn its focus to the Pacific-10 Championships in Eugene on Oct. 31. Heinonen said that while he cannot predict the team's health in two weeks, he can say that this weekend's meet helped prepare everyone for the championships.

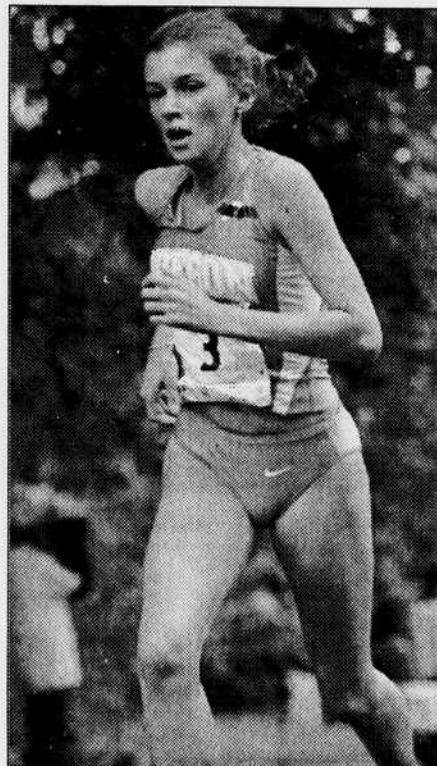
"We can't control [illness]," Heinonen said. "Racing on this course helped us prepare for the Pac-10 without a doubt."

Heinonen said he wants to advance the team's conference standings, which could be done by beating Stanford, Wisconsin, Arizona or Arizona State. Improving the team's conference standings will be critical if the Ducks are to earn an at-large pick for the NCAA Championships in Lawrence, Kan., on Nov. 23.

"Right now, we're in the middle of the conference," Heinonen said. "It would be great to knock off some of those schools in the Pac-10 meet."

No. 7 Wisconsin won the women's team title with a final team score of 49, and Nebraska finished third with a final team score of 105.

The Badgers' Erica Palmer was the invitational champion with a time of 17:22.

Marie Davis nears the finish during the Oregon Invitational, where she placed third. *Nick Medley/Emerald*