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yards and two touchdowns in Washington's scintillating 42-38 win to open the season.

"I went in there and no one knew who I was," Looker says of that Sept. 5 game in Tempe, Ariz.

Looker has performed consistently, leading the team in both catches and receiving yards against Nebraska, Arizona and Utah State.

In last Saturday's 33-10 loss at Southern California, Looker broke the mark he had tied against the Sun Devils by grabbing a school-record 12 passes.

Looker says he does not possess blazing speed, so he uses other measures to beat opposing defensive backs.

"I combine my quickness, my route-running ability and my hands," says Looker, a fourth-year junior. "I idolize [former Seattle Seahawks' receiver and Hall of Fame member] Steve Largent. I think he epitomizes the type of receiver that I'd like to be — the good routes, the great hands, the work ethic."

Husky Stadium almost never got a glimpse of Looker because he was deemed too small to play big-time college football coming out of Puyallup High School, where he was coached by Brock's dad, Mike Huard, and was Brock's top target.

But Washington did not completely ignore him.

"Here at Washington, they wanted me to walk-on," says the 6-foot, 190-pound Looker.

"I wasn't real confident I could play at this level because I weighed 155 pounds."

Ultimately, Looker chose Western Washington because it offered him the opportunity to play both basketball and football with scholarship help.

However, Looker never got into a football game at Western Washington because he was redshirted his freshman year and then quit the sport the next year to concentrate on academics and basketball, where he was a starting guard.

Then everything changed with what started out as a simple game of catch with Brock Huard, whom Looker says he shares a special on-field connection with because the two have played together for so many years.

"He knows how I'm going to run a route, he knows where I'm going to break, and then I know exactly where he's going to put the ball in a situation," Looker says.

The quarterback and receiver have connected enough times this season to transform Looker from a walk-on nobody to a closely marked body.

Looker admits to being somewhat amazed at how well his decision has worked out.

"I wasn't sure if I'd ever see the field; I wasn't sure if I'd ever receive a scholarship," Looker says. "Everything that's happened has progressively kind of bewildered me a little bit."

By making a U-turn in his life, Looker has definitely found the road to success.

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find itself in El Paso, Texas, for the Sun Bowl, while the fourth and fifth-place selections will be in Hawaii for the Aloha and Mele Kalimaka Bowls, respectively.

As it stands right now, UCLA would travel to Pasadena, Arizona would probably be selected for the nearby Cotton Bowl and Southern California would also be in Texas for the Sun Bowl.

That would leave the Ducks, Washington, Cal and Arizona State to fight it out for the two slots in Hawaii. Although the latter three are short of the requisite six wins to qualify for postseason play, the Bears and Huskies are virtually assured of their sixth wins in their rivalry games against Stanford and Washington State, respectively. The Cardinal and Cougars remain the Pac-10's only winless teams.

UO puts WSU on ice with sweep

By Brett Williams

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Aaron Olson knew that in order for the Oregon Club Sports ice hockey team to sweep Washington State, it would need to execute better than it did in two straight losses to Southern California last weekend.

Oregon not only executed its plays, but Washington State as well, in back-to-back 7-2 and 9-4 victories at Lane County Ice.

Neither game was much in question, as the Ducks' potent offense tallied a lead of 5-2 in

the first game and 5-1 on Saturday.

"We dominated both games and never gave them a chance," said forward Thomas Mele, who helped lead the offensive surge. "Our team really has no problem scoring."

Forward Peter Harris had no problem scoring four goals against the Cougars in the two games. Olson provided the early spark for the Ducks in the second game, scoring two goals in the first period and completing a three-goal hat trick in the third.

While the offense was potent, Oregon's players said there's still room for improvement on the defensive end.

"We were short on defense because (defender) Jordan Winer was out of town. We need to be more consistent on defense," Mele said.

Fortunately for the Ducks, consistency has been a virtue for goaltender Josh Hardin.

"He is definitely one of the key players on our team," Mele said. "He was immature last year, but he has grown up a lot."

Sports brief

Oregon competes in ITA tournament, heads to Washington Invitational

Guillermo Carter became the first Oregon tennis player to reach the semifinals of the ITA Regional tournament in Moraga, Calif., when he faced Stanford's K.J. Hippenstiel Monday for the opportunity to play in the tournament final.

Carter's run ended against Hippenstiel, as he narrowly missed winning the first set, and eventually fell, 6-4, 6-1.

To reach the semifinals, the Oregon junior beat California's Chris Santoso earlier in the day, 6-3, 6-

4.

"He played to the level that he's capable of playing to," Oregon head coach Chris Russell said of Carter's performance. "We weren't really surprised, we were more delighted. When he puts everything together he can play at that level."

Oregon's doubles teams didn't fare as well. In Monday's third round, senior Carlos Navarro and his partner, Thomas Schneider, lost to Jeff Eicher and Marius Lunde of Washington, 8-5.

Carter also took part in the doubles competition Monday. He was paired with Duck freshman Bertrand Devillers.



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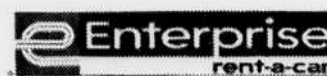
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