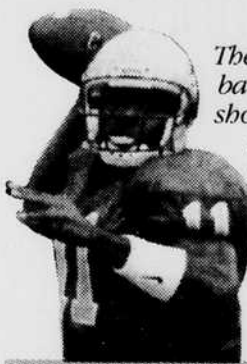


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Q&A with Akili Smith



The Oregon quarterback talks about his short but storied career in Eugene and what lies ahead / PAGE 2B

GAME DAY

Oregon Ducks vs. Washington Huskies
12:30 p.m. at Autzen Stadium



the Box

Scoring	
Offense	
Oregon	2nd
Washington	6th
Total	
Offense	
Oregon	1st
Washington	7th
Rushing	
Defense	
Oregon	8th
Washington	4th
Total	
Defense	
Oregon	6th
Washington	8th
Turnover	
Margin	
Oregon	9th
Washington	8th

* Pac-10 rank

Quotable

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— Mike Bellotti, UO head coach

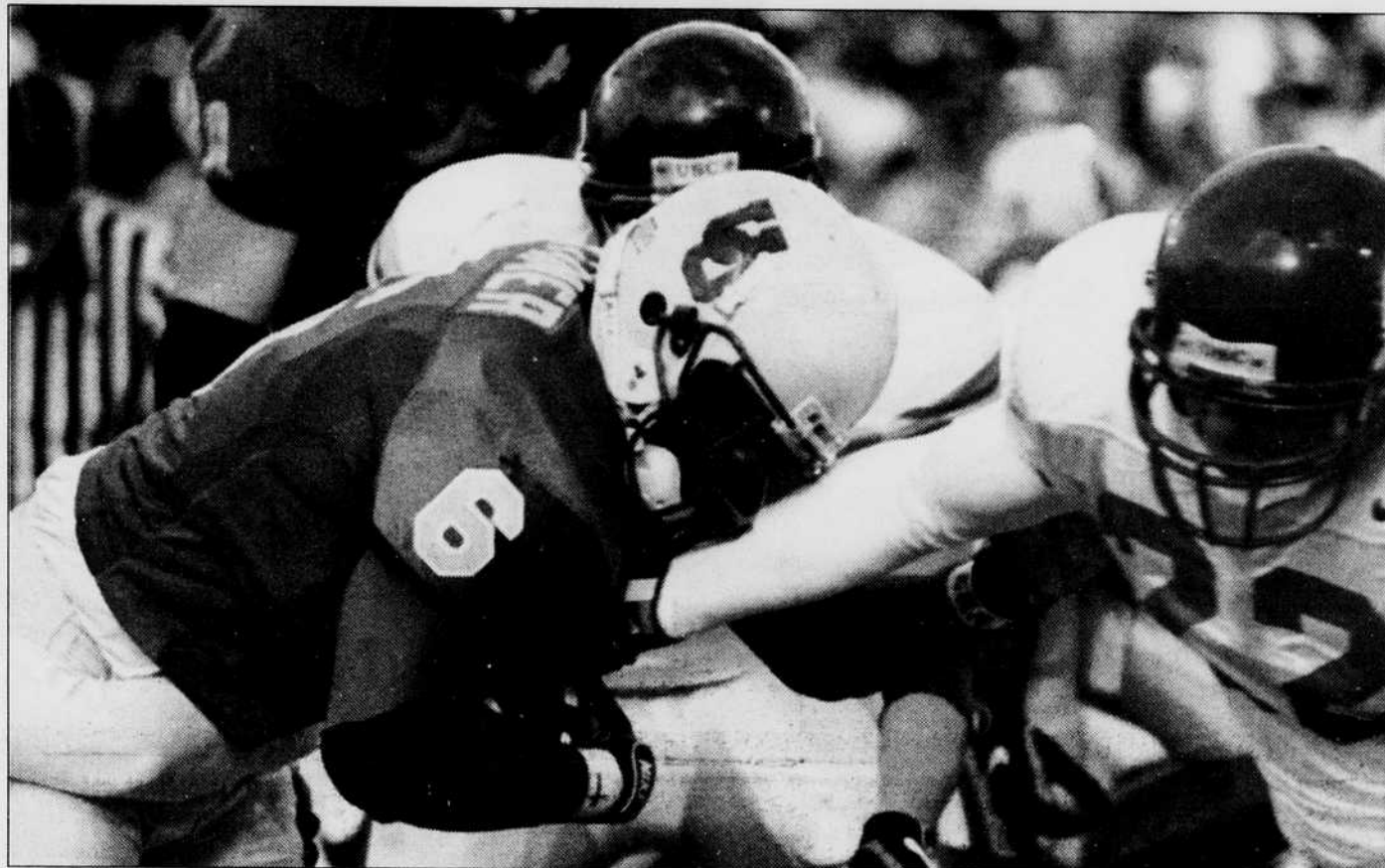
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Key Player

Tony Hartley
As teams continue to key on Damon Griffin, Hartley needs to continue making big plays for the Oregon offense.



Washington offers stiff test for Ducks



Oregon tailback Derien Latimer (above) will start his third straight game Saturday in place of the injured Reuben Droughns, who broke his leg against UCLA on Oct. 17.

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Oregon hopes to rebound after loss to Arizona

The Ducks could win their fourth game in five years against the Huskies, whom they beat in Seattle last season

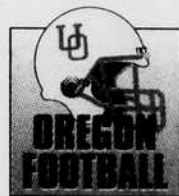
By Rob Moseley
Oregon Daily Emerald

Oregon head football coach Mike Bellotti said during fall camp that it was imperative for his team to start this season on a high note.

Wins in their first five games, including over Pacific-10 Conference foes Stanford and Washington State, surely provided that hot start, but after losing two of their last three, the Ducks are probably wishing they could play one of those two last-place teams this Saturday.

Unfortunately for No. 21 Oregon (6-2 overall, 3-2 Pac-10), those teams appear on the schedule just once, but the Ducks get to settle for the next-best thing: the Washington Huskies.

Washington (5-3, 3-2) travels to Eugene this Saturday for a 12:30 game that gives the Ducks their first chance to rebound from a 38-3 loss at Arizona last week.



"We just have to move on," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said. "I can't think of a better game to move on to than coming home to play Washington."

The Oregon-Washington rivalry has become, in recent years, one of the most emotional games on the schedule for the Ducks. Oregon has won three of its last four against the Huskies, including a 31-28 victory over then-No. 6 Washington in Seattle last season.

With two minutes, 39 seconds remaining in that game, Oregon quarterback Akili Smith dropped back on third-and-20 from the 29-yard line and hit a div-

ing Pat Johnson for what proved to be the game-winning score.

That game, among others, will have Washington coach Jim Lambright and his players focused on the task at hand come Saturday.

"From my standpoint, it is a pretty easy rivalry to get your players focused on," Lambright said. "And each year, you have the carryover from two, three years before, where players know what's going on."

Both teams will see a vastly different opposition from what they saw last season. Gone from Oregon is every player who scored against the Huskies last season, while Washington welcomes the return of quarterback Brock Huard, who missed last year's game as well as a large portion of this season because of injury.

Marques Tuiasosopo started in the place of Huard both this season and last and was in fact the

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Struggling Huskies look to get back on track

Washington will use a wide-open passing attack led by junior quarterback Brock Huard and leading receiver Dane Looker

By Tim Pyle
Oregon Daily Emerald

Neighborly pleasantries do not figure to be among those words exchanged on Rich Brooks Field at Autzen Stadium on Saturday.

And loving thy neighbor will be completely out of the question when heated regional rivals Oregon and Washington tangle beginning at 12:30 p.m. for a sold-out crowd and ABC audience.

While the Huskies will be trying to con-

tinue their purple reign as the Northwest's premier football program, the No. 21 Ducks will be looking to solidify their own claims to regional supremacy by beating Washington for the fourth time in five seasons.

Husky head coach Jim Lambright said he is eager for the game to begin.

"When you are a rival school, like we are with each other, then it creates an atmosphere that is harder to hear in," said Lambright, who has a 2-3 record against Oregon. "You have to work more at your players overcoming the emotions of the crowd. And that is a great thing for college football — it is exactly what



you want to go into as a coach."

Although the Huskies have struggled by their lofty standards this season, they enter Saturday's game with the same 3-2 Pacific-10 Conference mark as the Ducks. The winner of the game will continue to entertain first-tier bowl hopes, not to mention earn regional bragging rights.

"I know it's a big rivalry for our fans, so we'd like to get the win for them," wide receiver Dane Looker said. "It's a Washington-Oregon thing, so we'd like to get it for the state of Washington. And most of all, we need to do it for ourselves because we've got to come back and get a win after losing to USC [33-10 last week] and get ourselves back in the bowl hunt."

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WHO: No. 21 Oregon (6-2, 3-2) vs. Washington (5-3, 3-2)
WHERE: Autzen Stadium
WHEN: 12:30 p.m.
TV: ABC (TCI, 10)
RADIO: KUGN 590 AM