





Marques Tuiasosopo started in place of injured quarterback Brock Huard in the Huskies' 31-28 loss to Oregon in Seattle last season

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Husky quarterback Brock Huard has not enjoyed the kind of season he probably envisioned when he decided to return to school instead of entering the NFL draft last spring. But a win in Eugene would go a long way toward making Huard's season much sweeter.

Despite missing two games because of a separated shoulder, Huard has passed for 1,348 yards and 11 touchdowns. He has averaged nearly 225 passing yards per game and has an efficiency rating of 111.1. For his career, Huard ranks third on Washington's all-time passing list and needs 527

yards to pass his older brother Damon, who ranks first.

Looker, a former high school teammate of Brock Huard's in Puyallup, Wash., has developed into the Huskies' top receiver in his first season of game action. He has grabbed 47 passes for 480 yards and three touchdowns.

Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said he knows his secondary will be tested by Washington's aerial attack, which fired 67 passes last week.

"I think their feeling is that putting the ball in Brock Huard's hands and spreading the field gives them their best chance for success," said Bellotti, who is 2-1 against the Huskies. "They've got the fastest receiver in the nation in Ja'Warren Hooker, and they've got arguably the best combination in Brock Huard to Dane Looker that started many years ago in high school."

While the passing game has prospered in Washington's new spread offense, the running game has ground to a screeching halt. The struggles of the Husky running backs are illustrated by the fact that backup quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo leads the team in rushing with 307 yards.

In his search to find a consistent running threat, Lambright has named Braxton Cleman his starting tailback for the first time.

"The thing he gives us is a little bit more size of running strength," Lambright said.

A Husky win would give them the requisite six victories required to qualify for a postseason bowl.





