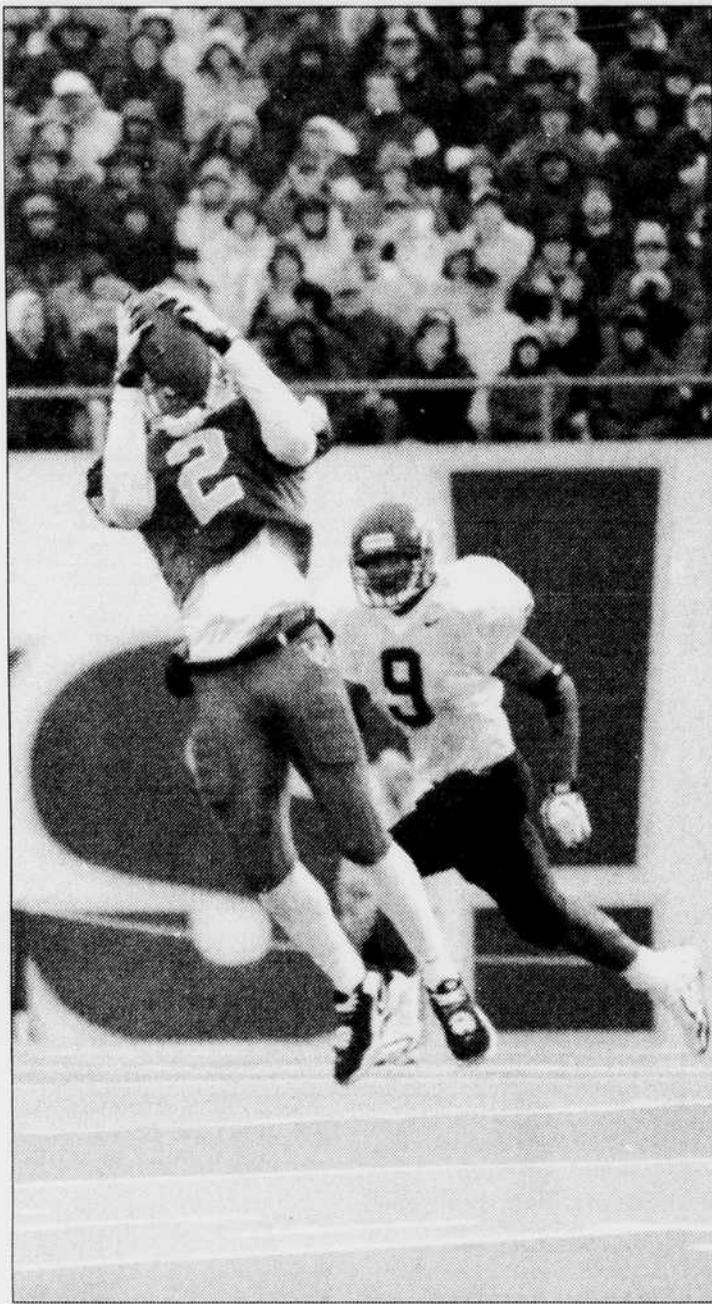


Pac-10



Tony Hartley pulls down one of his nine receptions against Washington last Saturday.

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No. 7 Arkansas and No. 8 Ohio State all wouldn't win conference championships if the season ended today, but all four rank above Arizona in the BCS poll. However, the Gators, Aggies and Razorbacks all play higher-ranked teams in coming weeks.

Washington State, Stanford coaches admit to forward thinking

Two teams who haven't thought about qualifying for the BCS for a couple months are Washington State and Stanford, tied for last in the Pac-10 with identical 0-6 records.

Both teams' coaches admitted recently that they have already begun to look toward next season. Each will attempt to use these last few games to gain momentum for 1999.

"You have to, in some regards, look at it as a springboard," Cardinal head coach Tyrone Willingham said. "But at the same time you have to make sure your seniors leave on a good note."

The Cougars have gone from being the Pac-10's champion last season to a bottom-feeder in 1998. Washington State head coach Mike Price echoed Willingham's sentiments.

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Price cited Arizona's four-game win streak to end last season, and subsequent 9-1 record this season, as proof that momentum can carry over from season to season even considering the long summer off.

The Wildcats lost 35-34 to the Cougars last season, then reeled of wins over Oregon State, California and Arizona State before beating New Mexico 20-14 in the Insight.com Bowl. Arizona then won five straight to begin this season before losing to UCLA.

"So if Arizona can do it and build on it, that gives us a role model and something to build on," Price said.

Asked if the 1997 Cougars, who qualified for their first Rose Bowl in nearly seven decades, were a flash in the pan, Price got more than a little defensive.

"I don't think it was a fluke," he said. "Everyone in the conference will tell you the same thing: we had a real good football team. We intend to do it again. And it won't take another 67 years."

Bruins to make up Sept. 26 Miami game cancelled by hurricane

UCLA will get one more chance to lose that spot in the national title game.

The Bruins will play Miami on Dec. 5 to make up for the schools' cancelled game of Sept. 26. The game was cancelled because of "inclement weather" in the form of a hurricane.

Toledo said earlier this season that, although a loss would cost his team a shot at the title, he welcomes the chance to play in Florida.

'Big Game' may not live up to name

The annual Big Game between Cal and Stanford, scheduled for Nov. 21, may not be so big this season, especially when the Golden Bears have the ball.

Cal currently ranks last in the conference in total and scoring

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offense and ninth in passing and rushing. The Cardinal is last against the run and in total and scoring defense, as well as eighth against the pass. Yuck.

UO's Bidwell, UCLA's McNown among Pac-10's honorees

UCLA quarterback Cade McNown was named Pac-10 player of the week Monday, along with USC tackle Aaron Williams and Oregon punter Josh Bidwell.

McNown completed 23 of 37 passes, including four touchdowns, leading UCLA to a 41-34 win at Oregon State.

Williams recovered two fumbles, returning one 18 yards for a touchdown, and had a quarterback sack in USC's 34-9 victory over Stanford.

Bidwell averaged 47.7 yards on six punts — including a career-long 69-yarder — as Oregon downed Washington 27-22 on Saturday.

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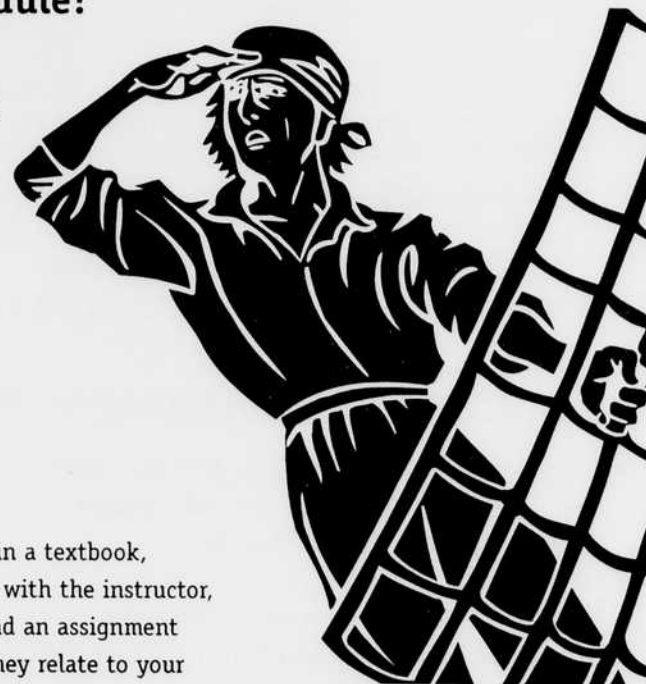
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