

MONDAY
December 7, 1998**Aloha Bowl Tickets**

The ticket office will begin selling tickets at 9 a.m. today for the Aloha Bowl on Dec. 25. The \$45 price also includes the Washington-Air Force games. Call 346-4461.

OREGON 93, BYU 62

Smith, Oregon men dismantle Cougars*The Ducks opened the game on a 13-2 run and did not trail BYU the rest of the way***By Rob Moseley**
Oregon Daily Emerald

In speaking about his young but talented Oregon men's basketball team, head coach Ernie Kent likes to use phrases like "teamism" and "total team effort."

The 8,072 fans who saw the Ducks defeat Brigham Young 93-62 at McArthur Court on Saturday know why.

Oregon (3-1) had five players score in double figures for the second time this season, and all 11 eligible players scored at least two points as the Ducks beat the Cougars for the second time in two seasons.

"There's going to be games like tonight where everybody's going to get an opportunity to play and get their minutes," Kent said.

As they did last week at Minnesota, the Ducks took a double-digit lead into halftime, 42-28. Oregon opened the game with a 13-2 run, then scored nine straight after BYU (2-4) pulled to within 24-18, the closest the Cougars got after the game's opening five minutes.

But unlike in the loss to the Gophers, the Ducks on Saturday increased their lead after halftime.

"We had Minnesota down the same at halftime, and we weren't able to put them away," said forward Donte Quinine, who tallied 12 points and 10 rebounds, both career highs. "So at halftime we said we just want to focus on extending that lead. That's something this team needs to be able to do, to take a 15-point lead and take it to 30 like we did tonight."

Oregon used a 16-4 run to start the second half to put the game out of reach and allow Kent to rest his starters, who averaged just more than 22 minutes on Saturday.

A.D. Smith led all scorers with 18 points on seven of nine shooting and added seven rebounds and four assists. The Ducks were able to overcome an off night from second-leading scorer Alex

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A.D. Smith goes to the hoop looking for two of his game-high 18 points in the Ducks' 93-62 victory over BYU Saturday night. All seven of the shots Smith made were layups.

*Forward A.D. Smith misses only two of nine shots to score a game-high 18 points***By Tim Pyle**
Oregon Daily Emerald

The Ducks' most efficient player would not have looked at all out of place if he had played 30 years ago.

But with little fanfare and even less flash, forward A.D. Smith continues to fill up box scores in leading the Oregon men's basketball team.

Smith hit seven of nine shots and all four of his free-throw attempts for a game-high 18 points, grabbed seven rebounds, dished four assists, blocked two shots and made one steal in 31 quietly effective minutes as the Ducks rolled to a 93-62 victory over Brigham Young at McArthur Court on Saturday.

With Cougar center Bret Jepsen unavailable while recovering from a concussion suffered against Arizona last Saturday and forward Silvester Rivers in foul trouble, Smith had his way in the paint.

"We felt like we had an advantage [inside] going into the game," said Smith, a 6-foot-8, 233-pound junior. "They played tough, but in the end they didn't really have enough players on the inside."

Smith does not elicit oohs and aahs from the crowd, nor does he commonly adorn the highlight reels, but Smith's production is unparalleled; and peers and coaches realize the value of his play.

"He's so smart," Ducks' head coach Ernie Kent said. "What he lacks in athleticism he makes up in just understanding, and he's just a very solid, steady player who you can count on."

BYU head coach Steve Cleveland also praised Smith's consistency.

"[He's] a smart player who knows how to play within himself and is aggressive, very confident on the block," Cleveland said. "We were in a disadvantage matchup-wise



SMITH

Turn to **SMITH**, Page 28A**College football's Bowl Championship Series in need of repair****Opinion**

Joel Hood

So, let me get this straight. Miami beat UCLA, Syracuse beat Miami, North Carolina State beat Syracuse, Baylor beat North Carolina State, Oregon State beat Baylor — so who is it that's going to be in the national title game?

When the Bowl Championship Series rankings were released Sunday afternoon it marked a turning point for college football. The idea was to make it so the national champion was not selected by some arbitrary votes that allowed for East and West coast biases.

This new BCS system involves science. This new BCS system gets rid of all the guess work.

Is that where we're at?

The way I see it, there is more confusion and argument this season than in any before. Tennessee (12-0) wrapped up an undefeated season on Saturday with a 24-14 victory against Mississippi State in the Southeastern Conference championship game. But the Volunteers had the 28th toughest schedule in the country.

UCLA, which lost its final game of the season to drop from national title consideration, played the eighth toughest schedule, which included victories against No. 20 Texas and No. 5 Arizona.

Florida State (11-1) was given the edge over the Bruins (10-1) based solely on the strength of its schedule. The problem with that is the strength of a team's schedule is determined by top-25 rankings, which is determined by voters, which puts us right back where we started from.

There are a million and one arguments to have a playoff system for Division I-A college football. But the best argument might be this one:

There are 22 bowl games this season. That is 44 Division I-A football teams that will receive bowl bids at some kind at the end of the season. Because there are only 112 Division I-A teams and those teams that don't finish with at least six wins are eliminated from bowl consideration, there are only 50 teams or so in every season that have the possibility of postseason play.

Exactly how prestigious are these bowl games supposed to be? You would have to be Oregon State not to at least accidentally get an invite once a decade.

We need a more simple format, if not for the fans, than for the integrity of the game. Among the losers Saturday was Oregon, which did not play a game, but lost out on a possible dream matchup with Ne-

braska in the Holiday Bowl when UCLA lost its national title shot.

The Ducks (8-3 overall, 5-3 Pacific-10 Conference) deserved better than a Christmas Day game with Colorado. Arizona (11-1, 7-1) deserved better than a Holiday Bowl berth.

Wouldn't it be nice to have the three top teams in every major conference compete for a real national title? Throw in Notre Dame every other season as an independent, and oh, what an NCAA Tournament that would be.

I think college football and its fans deserve it.

It doesn't much matter that college football has agreed on a format to have its No. 1 and No. 2 teams play each other at the end of the season. That's not really the point.

What makes college basketball's postseason so special is the element of surprise, that moment when Drexel hits a three-pointer at the buzzer to beat No. 2 North Carolina.

College football's postseason doesn't even come close.

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