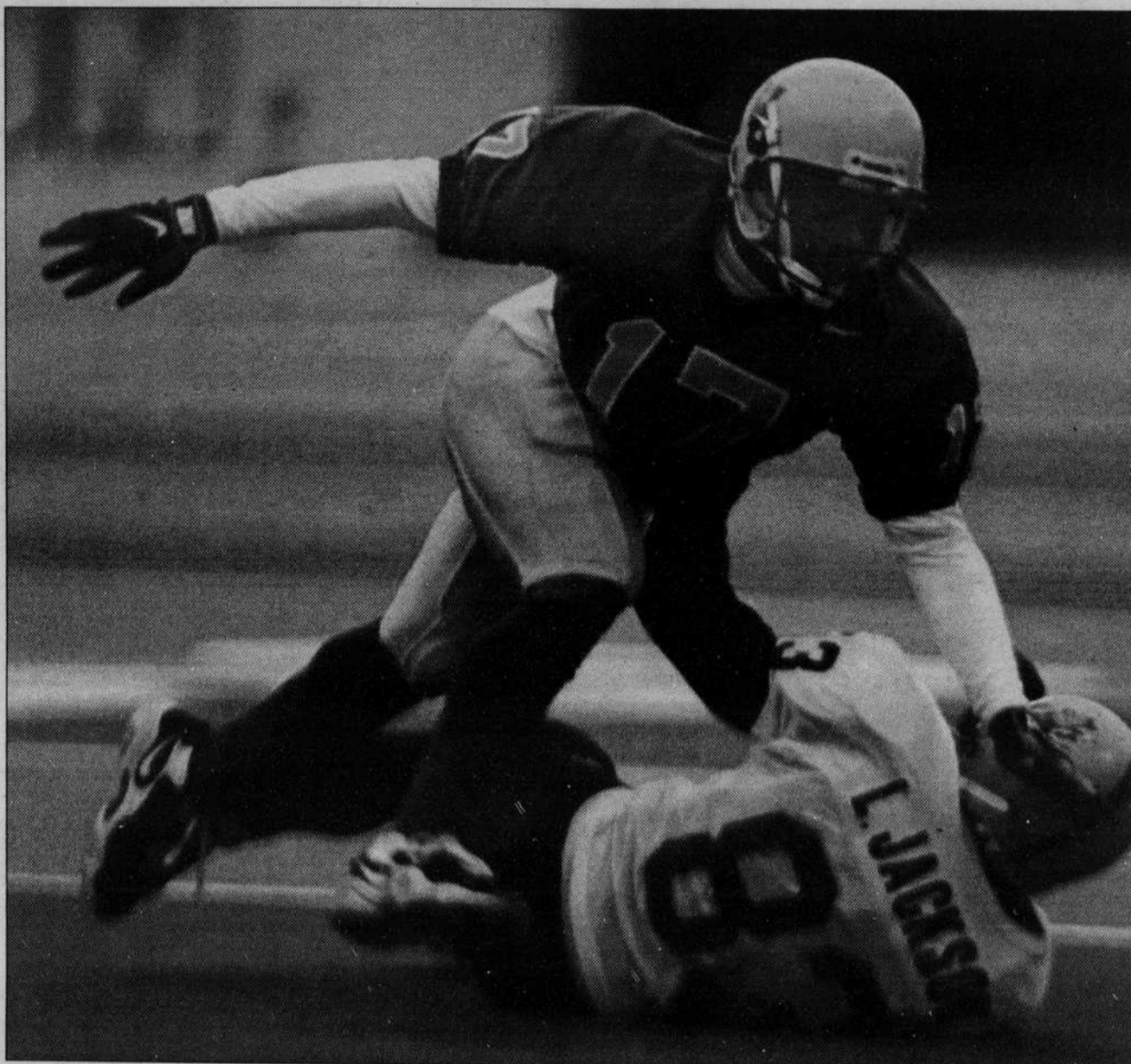
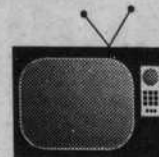


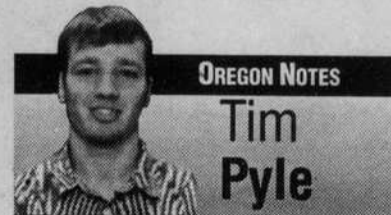
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Bauman may play this year



OREGON NOTES

Tim Pyle

When he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee last spring, cornerback Rashad Bauman, considered the Oregon football team's top defensive back, was said to be out for the entire season this fall.

Bauman, however, has rehabilitated faster than expected.

So much so, in fact, that team doctors have cleared him to play and head coach Mike Bellotti is considering getting him back onto the field during the final half of the season. Perhaps even as soon as Saturday at Arizona, although it's not likely.

If Bauman proves himself game-ready and Bellotti does decide to use him this season, Bauman would relinquish what was to be a redshirt season and be a senior rather than a junior come next fall.

With cornerback Tamoni Joiner, who had started five of the Ducks' six games, suspended indefinitely for a violation of team rules, and Oregon (3-3 overall, 1-2 Pacific-10 Conference) in need of a strong final month in order to earn a third straight bowl berth, Bellotti faces

Cornerback Rashad Bauman has recovered from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee faster than expected and may return this season. Emerald

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Who cares about the Series?



Jeff Smith

Oh, what could have been. As I watched the New York Mets' Kenny Rogers miss badly on a full-count pitch to Atlanta's Andruw Jones in the 11th inning to walk in the game-winning — and series-clinching — run, all my mind could think of was what could have been.

Tuesday night in Atlanta, in game 6 of the National League Championship Series, the "Amazin' Mets" were so close to forcing a game 7, which no team has ever done after being down three games to zero. Those Mets battled back from deficits of 5-0 and 7-3, and even took one-run leads in the eighth and 10th innings, but it just wasn't meant to be.

The "Subway Series" that never was. Visions of the Mets and Yankees in the World Series danced in my head and got my — already full-blown —

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After 4-0 win, UO aims for more goals



Laurie Duhrkoop and the Ducks need to keep scoring for a shot at the NCAA's. Jeffrey Stockton Emerald



SOCCER NOTES

Brett Williams

It has been a season of missed opportunities and missed chances for the Oregon women's soccer team, but the Ducks refuse to throw in the towel.

The tide has turned for Oregon, which showed it has the ability to score and score in bunches in last weekend's 4-0 win over Oregon State in Corvallis.

Oregon (1-2 Pacific-10 Conference, 5-8 overall) dominated the game, and the Ducks remained undefeated at 4-0 all-time against their in-state rival.

The Beavers' game laid the foundation for future offensive success, Oregon head coach Bill Steffen said.

"The key is confidence. In the past we have had chances, but we need to know how to put away chances," said Steffen, whose coaching resumé includes a stint as assistant coach for North Carolina on the Tar Heels' 1993 and 1994 national

championship teams. "It's great not only to have four goals, but to have four different players score them."

Goalkeeper Amanda Fox felt that the Ducks scoring output was a huge mental lift for the team.

"It immensely helped our confidence, because it ended a scoring drought," said Fox, who ranks fifth in the Pac-10 with 48 saves and a goals-against average of 1.52. "We put the ball in the net, and now we realize we can score more against better teams."

Oregon needs to prove it can score goals against other Pac-10 teams besides the Beavers. In the last three seasons, the Ducks have played 26 Pac-10 games and scored 26 goals, 12 against Oregon State.

"We have been looking to climb the ladder basically since our program has started," Steffen said. "We're trying to climb into the elite, and we're gradually working our way there."

Steffen was happy with the Ducks' scoring distribution against the Beavers, including freshman forward Julie McLellan's first goal as a Duck.

"It was great, because we feel

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