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Hartley ready for records

Senior wide receiver Tony Hartley could catch and even eclipse two all-time Duck records with a big game Saturday

By Mirjam Swanson
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Two touchdowns and 131 yards. That's all that Tony Hartley needs to tie for first place on Oregon's career list for both touchdowns and receiving yards.

As it stands now, both of those records belong to Cristin McLemore, who starred from 1992 to 1995 and is the older brother of current Oregon safety Brandon McLemore.

Hartley began his 1999 campaign relatively quietly, catching just six passes in his first three games.

No matter. Since then, the senior flanker has warmed up significantly. He's averaging 72 receiving yards and four catches per game heading into Saturday's matchup against Arizona State.

Eclipsing the records Saturday will require nothing short of an awesome performance from the sure-handed receiver.

He knows. "I'm pretty much one good game away from all of [the records]," Hartley said. "They'll be nice to have. Hopefully that will come up this week, and if not this week, then at Washington State [on Nov. 6]. But it'll be nice to do it this week, here at home. That'll be cool."

Cool like when he set Oregon's single-game record for most receiving yards in last season's 27-22 defeat of the Huskies.

Cool like last Saturday's six-reception, 135-yard performance in the 44-41 win at Arizona.

Cool like the other three times that Hartley gained more than 100 yards in a game.

Brandon McLemore said he's prepared himself to see his older brother's records fall.

"More power to Tony," B-Mac said. "I think it's great. Tony has been so durable throughout the years. He's been a basis of consistency. He comes out and practices every day, he catches the ball, he makes people miss.

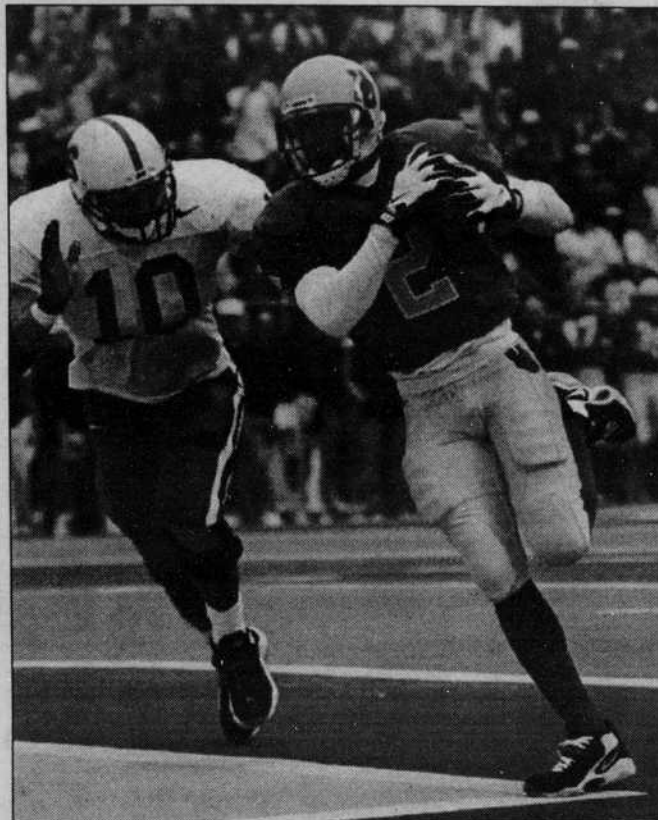
"He's a great all-around receiver is what it comes down to."

No-go for Bauman

After much speculation, head coach Mike Bellotti announced earlier this week that Rashad Bauman will not play this season.

Bauman, the Ducks' talented cornerback who has been sidelined all season after having reconstructive knee surgery for a torn anterior cruciate ligament, began practicing with the team last week after quickly rehabilitating his knee. He'd also been playing

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Senior Tony Hartley is on the verge of becoming Oregon's all-time leader in career receiving yards and touchdown catches. Emerald

Volleyball tries to duck dubious mark

■ The Ducks need a win against Cal to avoid the longest losing streak in program history at 15 matches

By Scott Pesznecker
Oregon Daily Emerald

It's hard to believe that tonight's home Oregon volleyball match against California at 7 p.m. could be the most important of the season.

Seven matches remain on the schedule. Those contests include opponents like the mighty Stanford Cardinal, rival Oregon State, Pacific-10 Conference-leading UCLA and Duck-beater Southern California.

How could tonight's match be more critical than those?

The Ducks — who have lost 14 straight after posting a 6-0 start — are on the verge of setting the worst losing streak in program history.

When Oregon played the Golden Bears on Oct. 1, the Ducks were stunned with a three-game loss in a match they felt they would win.

"We were very disappointed earlier with the way we played them down at their place," Oregon head coach Cathy Nelson said. "I really hope that we'll be able to put together our best performance in a long time."

Now, if Oregon is to stave off the record-setting loss, it must win.

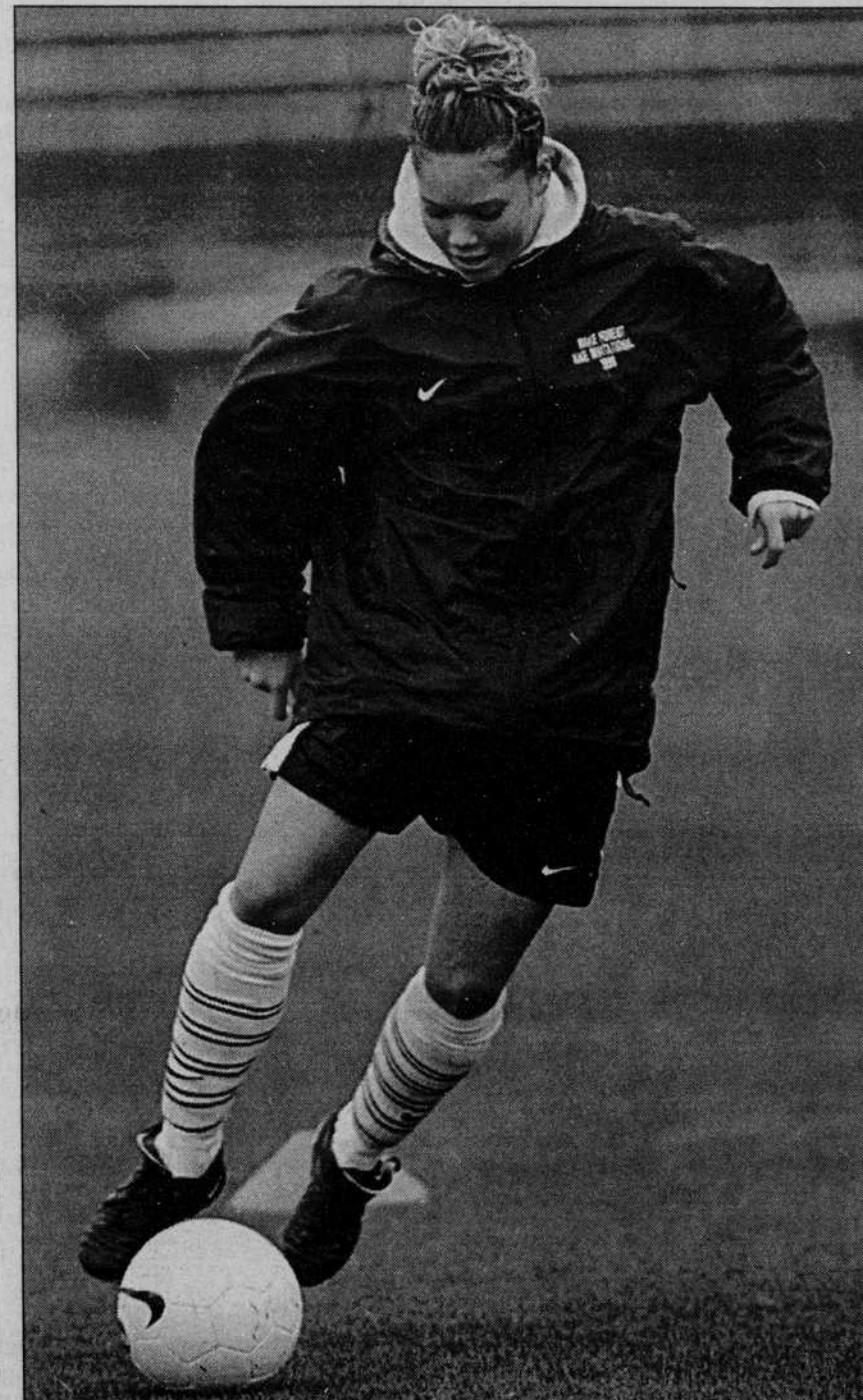
Asked about the pressure of the current losing streak, Nelson said it is not on her mind, and she said it shouldn't be on her players' minds come game time.

"If they're thinking about that when we're out there, then we're in really big trouble," Nelson said. "I'd be surprised if my players were thinking about that while they're playing. It doesn't go through my head, and it doesn't go through their heads."

"You've got to take every game at a time, knowing that we have an opportunity to win."

Nelson praised her team's attitude after

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Freshman forward Julie McLellan has worked her way into a senior-dominated starting lineup for the Ducks. Scott Barnett Emerald

RISING STAR

■ With a pair of game-winning goals, freshman forward Julie McLellan has become a force

By Brett Williams
Oregon Daily Emerald

There were a few things the Oregon women's soccer team was counting on prior to this season. The Ducks were expecting veteran play from their senior class, which started the program three seasons ago.

Also expected was the continued success of sophomore Chalise Baysa, who had a spectacular freshman season that earned her a spot on the Pacific-10 Conference second team, the first such distinction given to an Oregon player.

What they didn't expect was the emergence of freshman forward Julie McLellan.

McLellan had a slow start typical of a freshman, but she has shown veteran poise the last two weeks. Her goal against Oregon State provided the Ducks with momentum in their 4-0 Civil War victory, and she recorded the winning goal in overtime last weekend in Oregon's 2-1 overtime victory at Washington State.

Oregon head coach Bill Steffen said McLellan's recent performances are evidence that she has finally found her niche with the team.

"She's starting to get more comfortable, and she's understanding things a lot better," Steffen said. "She's fitting in and coordinating with teammates a lot better."

McLellan said she was eager to improve her game when she came to Oregon, and she knew it would be a learning process.

"Coming in this year, I expected to learn a lot, and I was very lucky to come to a team with a lot of seniors," said McLellan. "As Bill said, I have a lot of raw talent."

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