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play multiple positions to compensate for the Ducks' lack of depth.

"Our first-string happens to be our second-string in a different position," said Zoumboukos.

Seniors Beckett and Deke Moen have played consistently. Sophomore Jim Adams has stepped up in his role at guard in the last couple weeks. Ryan Schmid, also a sophomore, started the season at center and played well, but since then he's been slowed by minor injuries. Senior Scott Fergus has wrestled with injuries throughout his career but has not missed a game this season.

Another factor that's kept the line afloat is junior Lee Gundy's speedy off-season recovery from a knee injury in the Aloha Bowl. Gundy's two years as an Oregon starter have been hampered by injuries. He dodged one bullet this season after an injury forced him out of the USC game but did not stop him from playing the

following week.

Gundy has spent time at left tackle, right tackle and right guard.

"We can move around, play with it and dial up our offensive line," Gundy said. "We shift around wherever, and it doesn't matter who's there. We just get the job done."



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Beckett is the only starter to maintain a single position throughout this season. He said that come game time the lack of depth on the roster isn't a factor.

"People talk about a lot of things," Beckett said. "But as far as this line is concerned, we look at it as: if we have five guys out there, then we're going to be fine. People talking is exactly that — just people talking."

"We're confident that we're going to win every game and people are going to play hard against

us, and we're going to play hard against everyone else."

With Droughns back in action, the line could have a field day exploiting Arizona State's rushing defense, which is ranked No. 9 in the Pacific-10 Conference.

But Zoumboukos expects a contest that will be entirely different from Arizona.

"This is a totally different defensive front," Zoumboukos said. "Whereas Arizona's defensive front was constantly moving, this

is a more static front, although they do give you some movement about 20 percent of the time.

"They feel comfortable that they can line up and be physically better than you are, so it's a different challenge."

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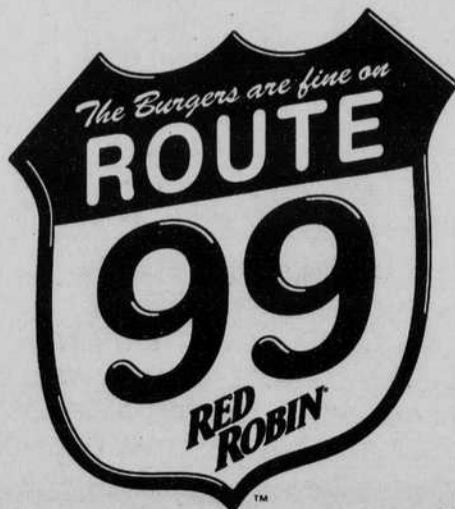


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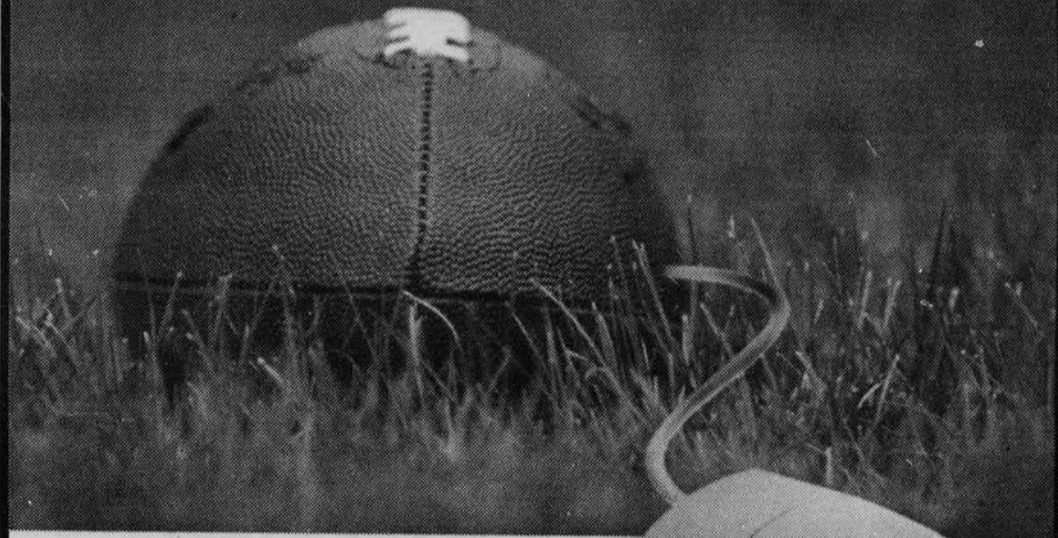
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