

**Textbooks**  
**35-50%**  
 off list price

Bring your textbook information  
 to Smith Family Bookstore

- Author
- Title
- Edition

We'll help you find used copies  
 that will save you money!

Always buying:

- texts
- paperbacks
- Cliffs Notes
- current magazines



One block from campus

(above Rainbow Optics)  
 768 E. 13th Ave. • (541) 345-1651

95160

**10,000 Daily  
 Circulation**

Pick up an *Emerald* at **93**  
 campus & community locations.

# Pac-10 loses last year's ghosts

■ Conference teams look to roll against undermatched, non-conference foes in the fourth week of play

By **Robbie McCallum**  
 Oregon Daily Emerald

The hard part is over.

The tarnished image of the Pacific-10 Conference was given a makeover in the first two weeks of play, and the conference has come out as one of the toughest in the nation.

Impressive wins by UCLA, Southern California and Washington over top-25 teams shocked the college football world and earned credibility for the Pac-10. UCLA's wins over No. 10 Michigan and No. 15 Alabama, as well as Washington's 34-29 win over No. 12 Miami, were the most crucial.

Last season, the Pac-10 earned the infamous "Pathetic-10" title after a sub-par showing in the non-conference portion of play. That reputation was confirmed in the postseason when Pac-10 teams lost all but one bowl game — Oregon's 24-20 victory over Minnesota in the Sun Bowl.

Now, the Pac-10 has the best non-conference record in the nation at 19-4. The conference also has three teams in the AP top 10 and six in the top 35. The conference also has a 5-3 record against top-25 teams.

This week, Pac-10 teams get a breather after a fast start. Besides the Oregon-UCLA match-up, all other games are non-conference contests against teams outside the top 25.

**Idaho (0-3) at  
 Washington State (1-1)**

The Vandals will try to rebound

from a 42-13 loss at Oregon last weekend with a contest at Washington State, the third Pac-10 non-conference road game for Idaho. The trip won't be as long for the Vandals, who only have to travel eight miles to Pullman, Wash., from Moscow, Idaho.

Last season, the Vandals upended the Cougars in Pullman, 28-17. Washington State is the only Pac-10 team with a conference loss after a 24-10 loss to Stanford in the season opener.

However, the Cougars looked sharp in a 38-21 win over Utah last week, a game that wasn't as close as the score depicted. Cougar quarterback Jason Gesser threw four touchdown passes more than 25 yards and earned 211 yards in total offense, a feat that earned him Pac-10 offensive Player of the Week honors.

Washington State has an unusual schedule for this upcoming season, as it alternates between home and away games throughout its schedule. The Ducks visit Pullman on Nov. 4.

**San Diego State (0-3) at  
 Oregon State (2-0)**

The Beavers will try to better themselves after escaping with two narrow wins over sub-par opponents including 1-AA opponent Eastern Washington and New Mexico.

After the two non-conference games, two bright spots remain: Junior tailback Ken Simonton, who has carried the Beavers thus far, is the second leading rusher in the nation, and Oregon State has the highest-ranked defense in the Pac-10 and the third-best rushing defense in the nation.

Defensive statistics should improve against the Aztecs and their dismal offense. In three losses this season, San Diego State has scored only 23 points. The Aztecs are familiar with the Pac-10, playing Arizona and Arizona State prior to the Beavers.

The Aztec offense was hurt when junior quarterback Jack

Hawley was sidelined for the season with a fractured vertebra. Hawley passed for 338 yards in two games, but completed only one touchdown pass.

The Beavers own a 12-game non-conference win streak, dating back to 1998.

**Utah State (1-1) at  
 Arizona State (2-0)**

Arizona State looks to go 3-0 on the season for the first time since its Rose Bowl year in 1997, when the Sun Devils were a perfect 11-0. Arizona State head coach Bruce Snyder will play his former team, which he coached for seven years.

Leading the Sun Devil attack is true freshman Michael Williams, who was thrust into the starting tailback position when the top two on the depth chart went down with injuries. In his first start, Williams rushed for 143 yards and the winning touchdown against Colorado State.

The Sun Devils have the top scoring defense in the Pac-10 after holding its first two opponents to 17 points. However, Arizona State is last in the conference in scoring.

**California (1-1) at  
 Fresno State (0-2)**

After a narrow victory and a close loss, California will look to get a big win over winless Fresno State. The Golden Bears nearly upset No. 19 Illinois 17-15 after edging Utah 24-21 in the first two weeks of play.

A win may not be so certain against the Bulldogs, who staged a blazing rally against UCLA last before falling 24-21. Fresno State is led by junior quarterback David Carr, who threw for 249 yards in a season opening loss to Ohio State.

Cal features two Pac-10 Players of the Week. Defensive end Andre Carter was the defensive Player of the Week Sept. 11 and punter Nick Harris was awarded the special teams award Sept. 18.

## Broadcast

continued from page 4

head coach Mike Bellotti said. "It also puts our game front and center; playing in the spotlight, there's no place to hide."

At practice this past week, many Oregon players seemed genuinely "pumped" that ESPN will be on hand for the 12:30 p.m. game, which also happens to be nationally televised live by Fox Sports Net.

"It's going to be sweet not only for the players here, but also for this program as a whole," senior wide receiver Marshaun Tucker said. "So we can go out there and prove to everybody what Oregon's all about. And also, it can help place us on the map and let people know we're out here."

Oregon junior starting quarterback Joey Harrington mentioned how the addition of ESPN has definitely added a little bit of excitement, but that nothing has really changed as far as his team's pregame mindset goes. He said that the exposure is great, but it's more for the fans and for the city.

He does, however, want to catch a little bit of the program and see what kind of talk is being tossed around about the game and the conference. Particularly from Corso, who has been known to kick a little dirt on Pac-10 teams.

"I usually watch it on Saturday

mornings, and if I can't this time, I'll probably record it," Harrington said. "I got to see if good ol' Lee Corso decides to bash the Pac-10 again. I don't know what he's going to do this week since there's two good Pac-10 teams playing."

Tucker also said that he'll be eager to watch the show in the morning before his own game day preparation.

"Oh you know I am," said the senior wide receiver. "I'm gonna check it out a little bit. It should be fun, but really, my mind is going to be on that big game that afternoon."

The GameDay team plans on doing a live feed for the Friday "SportsCenter," but that's pending on whether the crew's trucks get into town in time after driving on short notice from Tennessee.

"We'll try to do our best to get it on Friday, but if not, we have ESPN reporter Shelley Smith already in town, who will be giving reports during the week," Nwulu said.

In any regards, the show will be live on air Saturday morning, and ESPN is hoping that the early Pacific Coast start time will not result in a poor showing of fans who will be standing all around the set and getting their faces on national television.

"We're all excited for it and I hope the people of Oregon are too so they can show the college football community what Eugene is all about," Nwulu said.

UNIVERSITY  
 COMMONS

APARTMENTS

Property address: 90 Commons Drive

Call About **FREE**  
 September Rent!

(For 12 month leases) Limited number of 10 month leases also available.

**Furnished  
 1, 2 & 4  
 Bedroom  
 Apartments**

90 Commons Drive

- Washer/dryer in each apartment
- On bus route to campus
- Electronic alarm systems
- Fully equipped kitchen
- Private bedrooms/ Individual leases
- Computer lab, copier and fax availability
- Heated swimming pool
- Basketball and volleyball courts
- Superior workout facilities
- Starting at \$320
- Roommate matching service.

www.capstone-dev.com



**NOW LEASING!**

**CALL 338.4000**

or stop by our Leasing Office at 90 Commons Drive

Open 7 days a week

70560