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Oregon tailback Maurice Morris is nursing a sore toe and won't practice this week, but he should be ready for the game against Southern California next week. Morris, a junior college transfer, leads the Ducks in rushing.

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of dropping into coverage. Rather than force the ball, he threw it away. Those are the stats, and they look bad, but from a coaching standpoint they were positive plays."

Bellotti also plans to use the bye week to evaluate Frankel's job as the Ducks' place-kicker. He said he expects Frankel to keep his job, but won't make up his mind until he sees him kick in practice in the next week and a half.

"He and I sat down and looked at the game film," Bellotti said. "There were a couple things technique-wise with his plant foot he was doing that are easily cor-

rectable and will make a difference.

"I fully expect him to come back and be very solid. If not, we have other people in the program who can do it, but I do feel like it's just a question of working out some minor details."

Kick this

Oregon went weeks without having a Pac-10 Player of the Week last season. But on Oct. 2, just one week after Morris and safety Keith Lewis garnered the honor, the Ducks' Kurtis Doerr has received the weekly award.

Doerr played a key role in Oregon's 23-16 win against the then-No. 6 Huskies last Saturday, repeatedly pinning Washington deep in their own territory with an average of 41.7 yards on six punts. Four of his kicks were downed inside the

20-yard line and two were downed inside the 10.

Washington's average starting field position for the game was at its own 17-yard line.

Oregon linebacker Matt Smith and Morris were nominated for the award. Against Washington, Morris rushed for 152 yards on 31 carries, and Smith had several key defensive stops, including a blocked desperation pass by Husky quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo on the Huskies' final drive.

Mo' love

The river of national football respect flowing into Eugene as of late doesn't seem to have any end.

CBSSportsline.com's recent Rose Bowl prediction: Oregon vs. Michigan.



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