

# Arizona remains optimistic after its defeat

■ Arizona presented Oregon with its stiffest challenge this year, but came up short

By Jeff Smith  
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Autzen Stadium was loud, as usual. But please, don't use the crowd noise as an excuse for Arizona's loss. "The crowd and the stadium had nothing to do with why we lost," said

Wildcat quarterback Ortege Jenkins, who completed 15-of-31 passes for 200 yards.

"I didn't think the crowd was a factor," head coach Dick Tomey said. "I think their team was the factor."

It was evident throughout Arizona's 14-10 loss to Oregon that the Wildcats were not bothered too much by the Autzen crowd. Arizona had practiced throughout the week with blaring speakers and prepared as if it

wouldn't be able to hear the offensive snap counts.

Wide receiver Brad Brennan, who pulled in a team-high six catches for 90 yards, said that he had no trouble hearing Jenkins' calls during the game.

"I was surprised I could hear him," Brennan said.

Tomey was more intent on venting his frustration toward the referees after the game. He was peeved that no

pass interference was called on Jenkins' first down pass to Brennan with 26 seconds left in the game.

Jenkins wasn't too pleased either, but was still confident in his ability to put one in the end zone to give his team the last-second win. Standing poised in the pocket, Jenkins launched three straight bombs toward his receivers that all fell incomplete.

"I just couldn't make it happen.

[Oregon] wasn't a super team. It was a beatable team," Jenkins said.

The Wildcats (5-2, 3-1 Pacific-10 Conference) don't believe they are out of the race for the roses and are already eyeing next week's home game against UCLA.

"It hurts a lot," cornerback Anthony Banks said. "But we have to stay focused.

"We have to show how bad we want to be in the Rose Bowl.

# Wild weekend in Pac-10 football forecasts postseason fates

■ A few close games help predict the postseason

By Scott Pesznecker  
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The postseason fates of four Pacific-10 teams other than Oregon were deeply affected by Saturday's matchups.

Washington, which can't afford to

lose a game, beat California 36-24 at Husky Stadium — but it was closer than the scoreboard indicated.

The Huskies converted three turnovers and a blocked punt to score 23 points in the fourth quarter. By the season's end, it could prove to be the most vital stretch of Washington's season.

Yes, Oregon State — one of the other teams that continued to build its

legacy Saturday — traveled down to Los Angeles to face a UCLA team that was beaten in triple-overtime by Cal a week prior.

Also, the Bruins had star tailback DeShaun Foster back in the lineup, who received medical clearance to play about an hour before the opening kickoff. UCLA was a four-point favorite. It lost by six.

By beating the Bruins, the Beavers

did more than keep Rose Bowl hopes alive. They made the upcoming date of Nov. 18 — the Civil War — all the more intriguing.

The Bruins are one of the five Pac-10 teams whose fate was clarified this weekend. With its three losses, UCLA won't go to the Holiday Bowl or the Sun Bowl, unless it gets a lot of help from either UW or OSU.

So what's the fourth team to have

its fate determined?

Southern California lost to Stanford, 32-30, on a last-second pass from backup freshman quarterback Chris Lewis to Jamien McCullum.

The Trojans, once picked to win the Pac-10, are now in sole possession of last place.

With the exception of head coach Paul Hackett, USC might not be going anywhere this postseason.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Oct. 23). A passion for perfection is your motivation. Keep at it and achieve the wealth you're after. Get your team together in October. Give them your strategy in November. Don't spend more than you collect in December. Fix a breakdown at home with something better in February. Unpleasant advice from an expert proves valuable in May. Make your savings grow in June. A foreigner provides guidance in July, and teammates motivate you to win in September.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 6 — If you're frustrated with your job or feel you're not doing it as well as you'd like, relax. You love to be first, but sometimes it takes a while to get there — and lots of practice.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You and your sweetheart could have a hard time making the connection, but don't give up. Don't let a temporary financial setback ruin your day, either. That's why you have some money set aside. Think of this as a rainy day.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — You'd sure like the job to be easier than it is. A household chore's the last thing you want to spend spare time doing. Could you hire it done? Something that's a bane for you could be somebody else's blessing.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Some of your worries are groundless. Some are based on good hunches. The trick is to tell which is which. Your relationship should be doing fine. Double-check anything you're shipping or receiving for errors.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Don't let a misunderstanding about money ruin a good friendship — or marriage. Love's the most important thing, right? Money's nice to have, too. You don't have to choose between them. Keep talking, listening and practicing.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 —

You're sharp, and you've got a good information source. Rely on a friend who knows everything. Everybody else is looking to you for the answers. You might have to rely on two or three knowledgeable friends.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct 22) — Today is a 6 — You may have travel plans, but don't overlook details. Make lists, count your money and get prepared. The more work you do now, the more fun you'll have later. You're not going far until you get these details handled, anyway.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — You might be able to help friends who are in a jam. They're under attack and need facts quickly. You know more than most folks, so give your team the support they need. Don't wait.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — You know what an older person wants you to do, but are you willing to do it? Discuss the matter with your favorite adviser. If it's illegal, of course you won't. If it just means staying quiet about a sensitive issue, maybe it's OK.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Getting clear orders may be hard, and you'd better wait until you do. Although you've been called a workaholic, you don't like wasting your energy. That's what you'd do if you take off in the wrong direction.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Say no to a financial risk, no matter how good the deal looks. It could work out well for some people, but you're not apt to be one of them. You'll do best with a purchase for your home or an investment in good old real estate.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — If you're worried about which way to go, maybe you need a good adviser. Get somebody who can find out what you need to know. If you feel frazzled, maybe it's 'cause you're trying to do everything by yourself. That's not necessary.

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