

ARIZONA STATE VS. OREGON

KICKOFF AT 12:30 PM, SUN DEVIL STADIUM, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2000

GAME DAY

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Senior linebacker Matt Smith couldn't hit the curve ball in baseball, but he's been feasting on opposing offenses all season long. PAGE 4

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WHAT'S NEXT?



Senior linebacker Matt Smith leads the seventh-ranked Oregon Ducks into Tempe, Ariz., to face the Arizona State Sun Devils. Smith leads the team in tackles with 50. Dan Brunell Emerald

■ Oregon continues its "one game at a time" mantra as it prepares to face an intriguing Arizona State on the road

By Jeff Smith
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Screeeeeech. Yadda. Yadda. Yadda.

The sound represents a broken record.

It is what the Oregon football team has become in interviews, as each week brings "the biggest

game of the year."

Each week, the team is "taking it one game at a time."

Each week, the team can't "overlook [insert team here]."

The players realize they are saying the same things again and again, but such is the case when you're the No. 7 team in the na-

tion and you are locked in a heated Pacific-10 Conference race for the prestigious Rose Bowl.

This week's "huge game" is against the Arizona State Sun Devils at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz. The game begins at 12:30 p.m. and will be regionally televised by ABC. Oregon (6-1 overall, 4-0 Pac-10) must beat Arizona State (5-2, 2-2) to stay one game ahead of the rest of the

pack in first place.

"The incentive is there for every game," head coach Mike Bellotti said. "And I think we've done a great job this year of focusing one game at a time and being very narrow-minded and short-sighted in our focus — which is what I want."

While a 6-1 start is great, long-time Oregon fans know that the tables can turn quickly.

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