

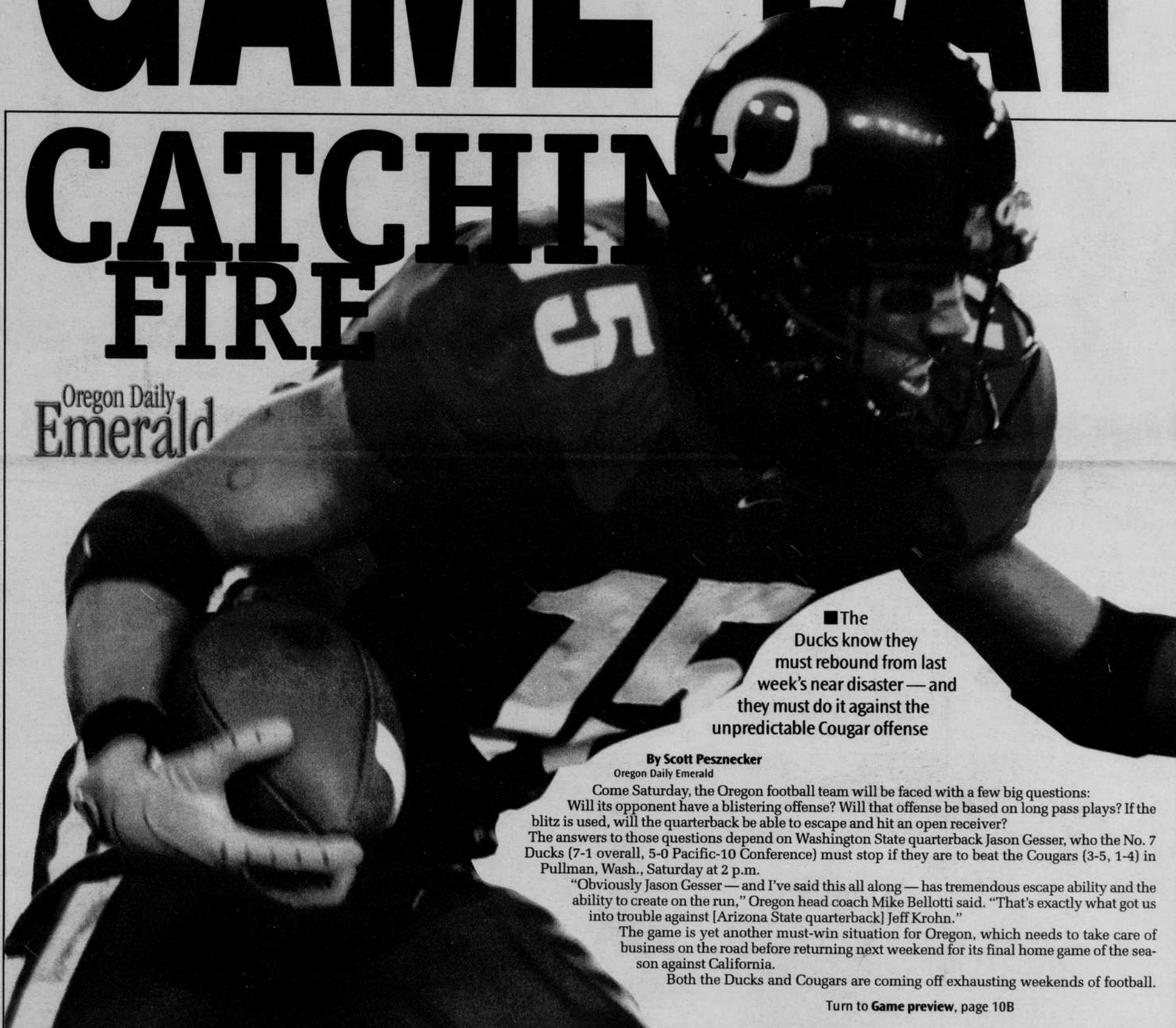
OREGON AT WASHINGTON STATE

KICKOFF AT 2 PM, MARTIN STADIUM, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2000

GAME DAY

CATCHING FIRE

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■ The Ducks know they must rebound from last week's near disaster — and they must do it against the unpredictable Cougar offense

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Come Saturday, the Oregon football team will be faced with a few big questions: Will its opponent have a blistering offense? Will that offense be based on long pass plays? If the blitz is used, will the quarterback be able to escape and hit an open receiver? The answers to those questions depend on Washington State quarterback Jason Gesser, who the No. 7 Ducks (7-1 overall, 5-0 Pacific-10 Conference) must stop if they are to beat the Cougars (3-5, 1-4) in Pullman, Wash., Saturday at 2 p.m.

"Obviously Jason Gesser — and I've said this all along — has tremendous escape ability and the ability to create on the run," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said. "That's exactly what got us into trouble against [Arizona State quarterback] Jeff Krohn."

The game is yet another must-win situation for Oregon, which needs to take care of business on the road before returning next weekend for its final home game of the season against California.

Both the Ducks and Cougars are coming off exhausting weekends of football.

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