

FSU leaps 'Canes in latest BCS standings

By Richard Rosenblatt
The Associated Press

Florida State jumped ahead of Miami into second place in the Bowl Championship Series standings, moving the Florida State a giant step closer to playing in a national title game in the Orange Bowl.

Florida State (11-1), who completed its season with a 30-7 victory against then-No. 4 Florida on Saturday night, has a .51-point lead over Miami (9-1) but was well

behind first-place Oklahoma in the standings released Monday.

The Hurricanes (9-1), who beat Florida State earlier this season, also won convincingly, defeating unranked Syracuse 26-0. But the eight computer rankings used in the standings to determine who plays in a title game were more impressed with Florida State's win.

For three weeks, Oklahoma, Miami and Florida State have been ranked 1-2-3 in the Associated Press media poll and the USA To-

day/ESPN coaches' poll.

If Miami fails to get into the BCS title game, the Hurricanes can still become national champions in the AP media poll, in which sports writers and broadcasters vote independently of the BCS. The coaches' poll would automatically crown the winner of the Orange Bowl.

Though he'd be disappointed if the Hurricanes didn't play in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 3, Miami coach Butch Davis said: "We beat the No. 1 and No. 2 teams [at the

time] and two or three others who are bowl eligible. If we end up going 11-1, we'll have beaten someone very good in a BCS game. And you never know how they [writers] can vote."

If Oklahoma (10-0) wins its final two games, against Oklahoma State on Saturday and Kansas State in the Big 12 title game on Dec. 2, Miami would have little chance to overtake Florida State in the final BCS standings Dec. 3. Miami closes its season on Saturday against Boston College.

"On its own, it doesn't look like there's anything Miami can do to pass Florida State, maybe," said Jerry Palm of Chicago, who operates a Web site that closely monitors the BCS standings. "Miami's

best chance is to either have Oklahoma lose, or have Oklahoma do well enough to regain some No. 1s it lost to Florida State in the computer this week."

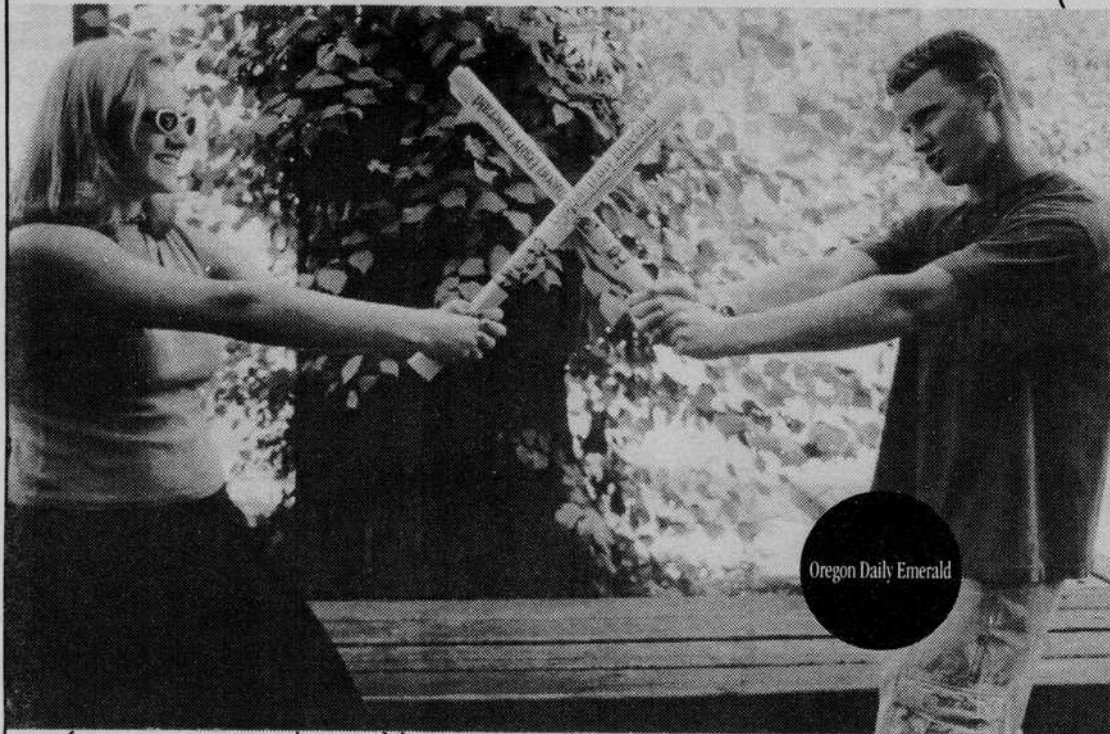
Asked if there was a certain score by which Miami could beat Boston College to pass Florida State, Palm said: "There's no answer to how much is enough. They could win by 80 and that possibly wouldn't be enough."

The BCS standings are based on a formula that incorporates the AP poll plus the coaches' poll, eight computer rankings, schedule strength and number of losses.

Oklahoma totaled 2.95 points this week — 1 point for poll aver-

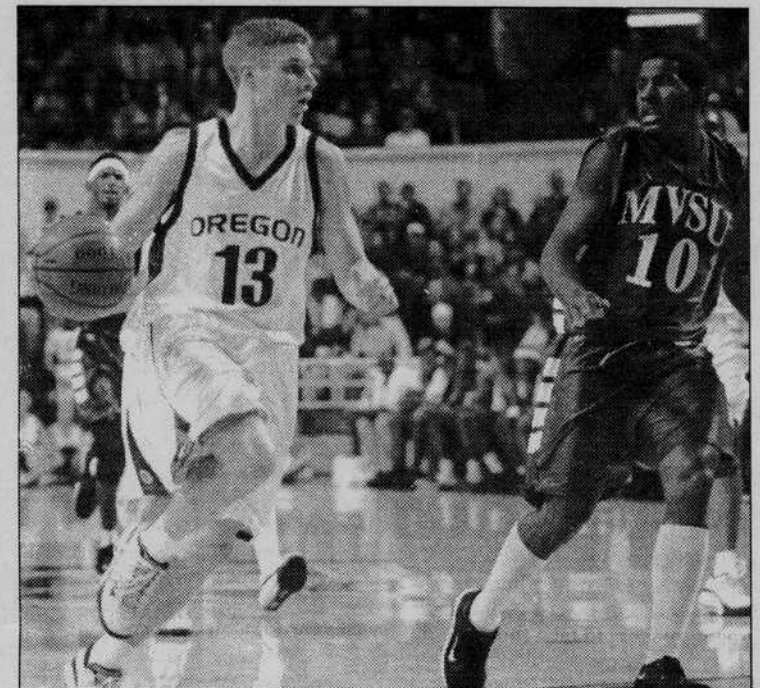
Turn to **Standings**, page 12

THERE'S ALWAYS A REASON TO PICK UP THE ODE



Oregon Daily Emerald

Play Jedi Knight with friends.



Catharine Kendall Emerald

According to head coach Ernie Kent, freshman point guard Luke Ridnour 'played like a freshman' in Oregon's season opener, but he will continue to start.

Basketball

continued from page 7

zle pieces together before the Ducks take on tough opponents in December. Kent pointed to rebounding and defense as problems before Friday's season opener, but then the Ducks out-rebounded Mississippi Valley State 47-31 and held them to just 36.1 percent

shooting.

After the game, though, Kent had new parts for his team to fix.

"We could have shot the ball a little better from the free-throw line, and we could have not turned it over as much," Kent said.

The Ducks will work on those areas, among others, when they face Denver in the Mile High City at 6 p.m. PDT.



Rogue "Thanksgiving"
Weekend Warehouse Sale



ROGUE

Check out the Rogue Thanksgiving Weekend Warehouse Sale at the Rogue Brewery in Newport Oregon at the South Beach Marina. Amazing savings on all your favorite Rogue apparel, glassware and other cased items. Perfect opportunity to stock up for your Holiday parties, or take care of friends and family on your gift giving list.

For more information call 800-850-1115. To mail order items call 800-489-4582.
Void where prohibited by law.



Jewish Culture Night

2000 CE / 5761
November 21, 2000
7:00 - 9:30
EMU Fir Room



Traditional Jewish Food
Israeli dancing

With a performance by:

The
Klezmonauts