



## Fife leads charge in unseasonable conditions

■ With three touchdowns in the Spring Game, sophomore Jason Fife is settling into the backup quarterback role

By Adam Jude  
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HILLSBORO — While Mike Bellotti's concerns remain focused toward parts of the defense and the kicking unit, he can rest easy this summer knowing that he has more than one solid quarterback in his arsenal for the 2001 season.

Jason Fife, a sophomore from Lake Elsinore, Calif., took all but five snaps for the superior Green team Saturday at Oregon's rain-soaked Spring Game in Hillsboro Stadium.

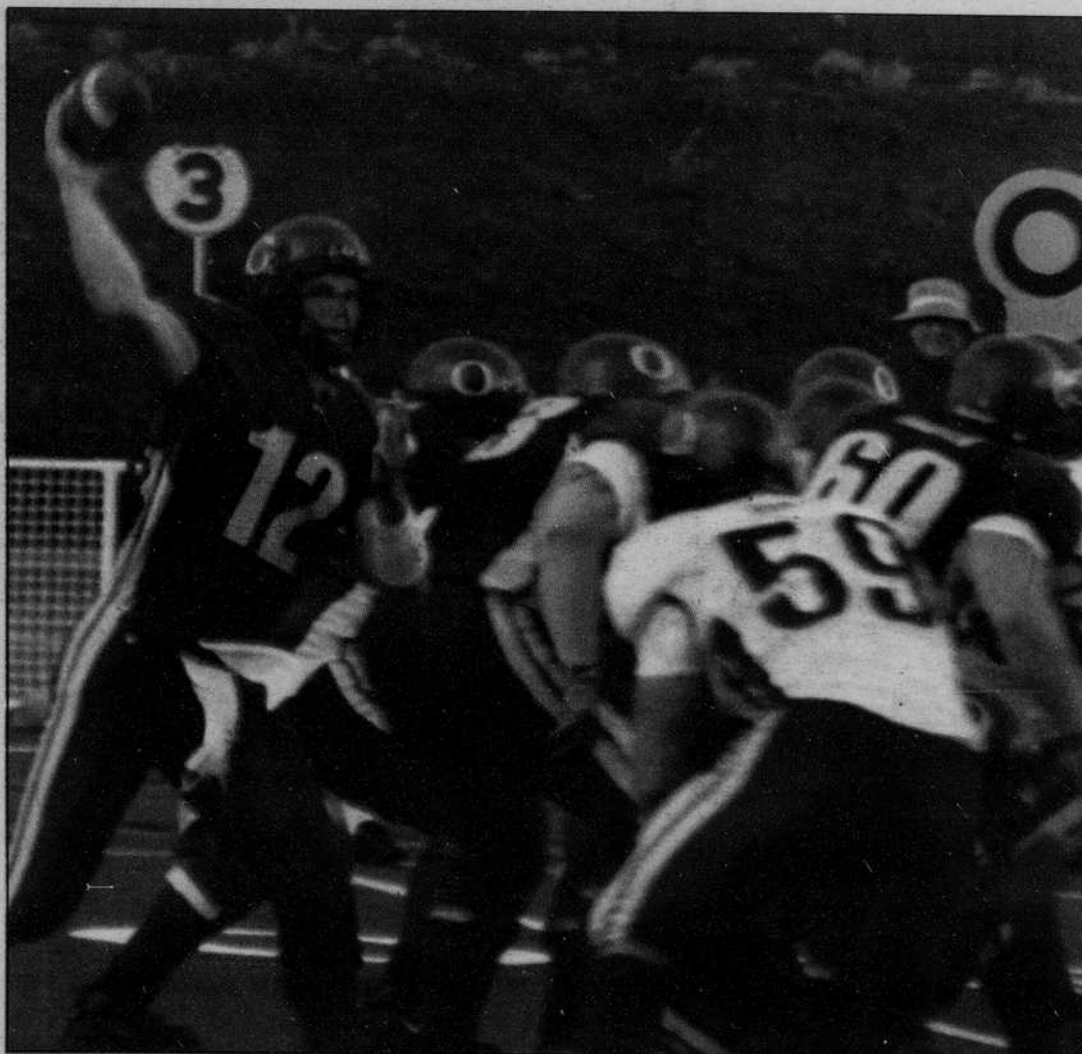
Fife completed 16 of 27 attempts for 273 yards, three touchdowns and just one interception to lead the Green starters to a 45-6 rout over the White reserves.

"I did some good things and I did some bad things," Fife said. "It felt good to just let loose on a couple plays and show off my arm."

After starting quarterback Joey Harrington worked the first two series, finishing 3-for-5 for 51 yards, Fife took over and connected on his first pass, but didn't make much happen until the second quarter.

After a White punt pushed Green back to its own 23-yard line, Fife led his squad on an impressive 11-play drive in which he completed 6 of 8 passes, including a 23-yard scoring strike to tight end George Wrihster to give Green a 14-0 lead.

Two possessions later, with Green al-



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Jason Fife (12) further solidified himself as the No. 2 quarterback behind Joey Harrington Saturday with a solid outing.

■ As expected, the Ducks' Green team dominates the White in Oregon's final spring appearance

By Jeff Smith  
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HILLSBORO — So much for the "Spring" Game.

As if on cue, the cloudless blue skies transformed into hail-spewing gray clouds just in time for the Oregon football's annual glorified scrimmage known as the Spring Game.

Despite the fall-like conditions, 7,110 green and white clad fans packed into Hillsboro Stadium near Portland Saturday afternoon to cheer on the Ducks in their 45-6 victory over, well, the other Ducks.

Led by the aerial assault of No. 2 quarterback Jason Fife and a defense that held its opponent to negative-25 yards rushing, the Green team — made up of first- and second-teamers — easily disposed of its White counterparts.

"The outcome turned out the way I would have hoped: Our Green team dominated," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said. "There was enough excitement to keep the fans happy. This is a very tough day in which to play; it's more of a defensive-oriented day."

Certainly the defense — one of the question marks of this team — had a strong showing, with junior linebacker David Moretti making a game-high nine tackles and defensive tackle Zack Freiter recording three of the nine sacks in the game.

But the slick AstroTurf and the 20-

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Freshman Rachel Kriz leapt five feet, six inches for fourth-place in the elite division of the high jump.



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Junior Santiago Lorenzo (right) won the 110-hurdles Saturday to go along with a win in the pole vault.

## UO track teams perform admirably at Invitational

■ The Duck women display an all-around performance and score a variety of qualifying marks

By Jesse Thomas  
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Hayward Field was host to a day of rain and shine, where athletes from all over came to compete in one of the biggest days of the Eugene track and field season: the Oregon Invitational.

For the Oregon women, the day consisted of Pacific-10 Conference qualifying marks, NCAA qualifying marks and even a new school record. The Ducks were able to have high showings across the board.

"I thought people competed hard and they went after it," Oregon women's head coach

Tom Heinonen said. "We looked a little shaky early and then we came on really strong at the end."

Highlighting the Ducks' day was freshman javelin thrower Sarah Malone, who broke the school record by more than a foot with a personal best heave of 169-03. The Newberg native is ranked sixth nationally.

"I just felt really good and I love throwing here," Malone said. "I hope I can do it again and hopefully maybe throw a little bit further next time."

As for the events on the track, Oregon won both the 4x100- and 4x400-meter relays, edging out Montana State in each race with season bests. Sophomore Eri Macdonald, who already qualified for the Pac-10 meet in the

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■ A total of 885 athletes greeted Hayward Field for a windy Oregon Invitational Saturday

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With gusts of wind and cold temperatures, Saturday's Oregon Invitational wasn't the most ideal setting for good performances. But that didn't stop the Oregon men's track and field team from earning 11 personal bests, six Pacific-10 Conference qualifying marks and an NCAA provisional qualifying mark.

The Ducks began their stretch run to the Pac-10 and NCAA Championships in good form, producing several good marks across the board against some of the best competition on the West Coast.

Senior Michael Kasahun produced the day's top mark in the final race of the day. The Adwa, Ethiopia, native earned an NCAA provisional mark in the 5,000-meters in a time of 13 minutes, 56 seconds, eclipsing the mark by 11 seconds.

"I'm very pleased with that time," Kasahun said. "I was focused for the meet and maintained my rhythm throughout the race."

From the gun, Kasahun tucked in behind a trio of elite Japanese runners, led by 2000 Olympian Toshinari Takaoka, and followed them to a personal best.

"They really helped me," Kasahun said. "They went out fast and I got up in the front. The pace was comfortable for me until three laps to go, then it was tough but I just kept

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