



# SPORTS



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**Best Bet**

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## This script can only come from one place

**H**OLLYWOOD — Sure, the symbolic 50-foot-tall white Hollywood lettering atop Mt. Lee may be prominently displayed in the Trojans' backyard, but there's no denying its presence at Autzen Stadium.

The weekly college football theater that continues to be on display in the 35-year-old fishbowl is a testament to how important screenwriters are in the making of a gripping movie.

What? You think Oregon's 24-22 victory over USC Saturday night was real? Folks, that was about as "real" as

Temptation Island. It was Hollywood manufactured. It had to be.

There's no other logical explanation for what has taken place on the Omni-Turf and now Next-Turf of Autzen over the Ducks' 23-game home winning streak.

Just when you think the writers have run out of all the juicy storylines



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Hakuna Matata

for this highly rated program, they come up with this, and it's not even sweeps week yet.

Let's begin where Saturday night's game began: in the pregame warm-ups. A three hour drama needs a strong opening to hook its viewers to stick around, and what could be stronger than an all-out brawl between teams?

At 6:27 p.m., 48 minutes before the scheduled kick-off, the Ducks were going through their normal pregame warm-ups when all of a sudden the Trojans stormed onto the field. They did so in a way that the Ducks felt was disrespectful, and well, let's let Oregon cornerback Rashad Bauman tell us what went down.

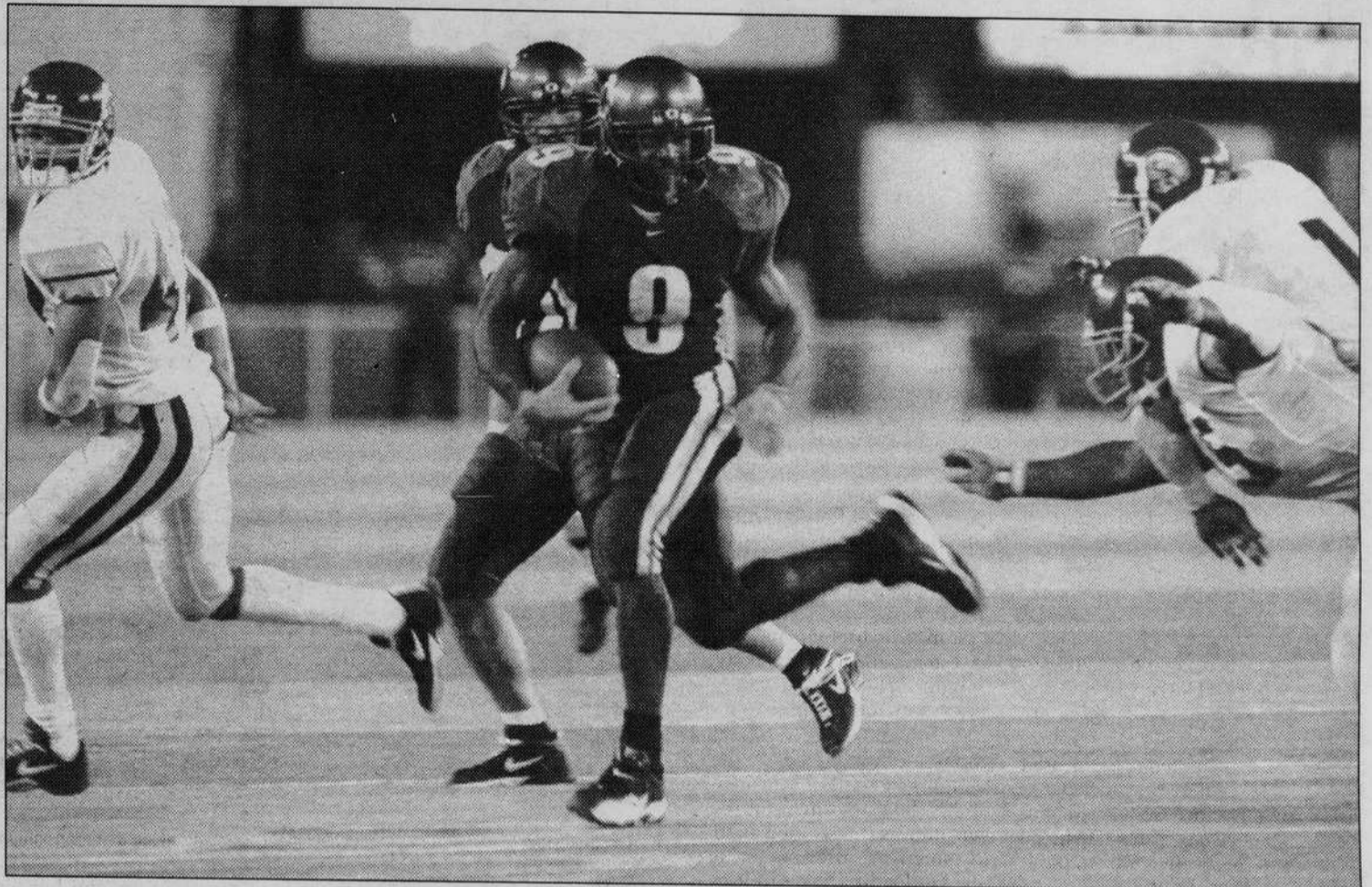
"S.C. ran through our drills, man, and they did some jaw-jacking and then we did some jaw-jacking, and then [USC's Antuan] Simmons ran up on me and tried to throw a punch at me or something. My helmet was knocked off, and I answered back, and it was on.

"I mean, everybody came and got into it. Joey was there, you'd think the quarterback would be the main one standing there in the back but he was mixing it up. Coach Bellotti was there. It brought us closer, it united us a lot to see the guys have each other's backs like that.

"That was college football at its best. Nothing serious was going to happen. I mean, it's not like we were going to kill each other or really beat each other up. We were all eager and riled up, and it showed. It's S.C., baby. That was intense."

Without a doubt, writing in a pregame skirmish between the teams was a brilliant storyline. If you weren't sure whether you wanted to stick around for the show, you knew at that

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Senior tailback Maurice Morris (9) rushed for 86 yards on 15 carries in the Ducks' 24-22 come-from-behind victory Saturday against Southern California.

## Amazing Ducks extend streak to 23

Freshman Jared Siegel's 32-yard field goal gives the Ducks a 24-22 win, their fourth straight over USC and 23rd consecutive at Autzen Stadium

By Adam Jude  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Did you ever have any doubt?

In a scene that has become all too familiar — yet never easy — the No. 6 Oregon Ducks (3-0 overall, 1-0 Pacific-10 Conference) pulled off another dramatic, come-from-behind win against Southern California on Saturday, 24-22.

Seemingly needing the pressure of the clock to lift his arm, senior quarterback Joey Harrington led the Ducks on a 61-yard, 40-second drive to set up freshman Jared Siegel's game-winning 32-yard field goal with 12 seconds left.

"Jared is a picture of composure for a freshman," Harrington said. "He's a great kid, carries himself very well, and

I can say this now, but I never doubted that he was going to make it."

With 1:20 remaining, USC (1-2, 0-1) — and many of the 45,765 in attendance — acted as if the nation's second-longest home winning streak was all but over. The Trojans' Bobby DeMars, a 6-foot-4 defensive lineman, got a hand on Oregon backup kicker David Rosenberg's 43-yard field goal attempt, sending a rejoicing USC offense back on the field and many bewildered fans out of Autzen Stadium.

The game, however, was far from over.

USC running back Sultan McCullough's two carries netted just four yards, and after two Oregon timeouts, quarter-

back Carson Palmer threw a pass out of bounds to stop the clock at 1:11. Oregon's Keenan Howry returned the ensuing USC punt to the Oregon 24, where Harrington would begin to wave his wand.

For 59 minutes, four seconds, Harrington looked like anything but a Heisman Trophy candidate. When it counted most, though, Harrington was at his best.

In the final drive, the senior quarterback completed 5-of-6 passes — including two to Howry — to bring the Ducks to the USC 15-yard line and give Siegel his moment of glory. The fourth-quarter comeback was the eighth of Harrington's career.

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## Freshman's record-tying goal lifts Ducks, 2-1

■ Behind Nicole Garbin's game-winning goal, the Ducks win their third game of the year

By Peter Hockaday  
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When Nicole Garbin steps onto the soccer field, good things happen.

That's why the Oregon freshman was Hawaii's player of the year her senior season at Baldwin High in Wailuku. That's why she has already made an impact as the Ducks' biggest offensive threat of the young 2001 season.

"She's a nice spark," Oregon head coach Bill Steffen said of his young phenom, who has already tied the school record with her third game-winning goal of the year.

Garbin was a force in the Ducks' two wins last week, Oregon's first two contests since the cancellation of a tournament in Tennessee.

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Nicole Garbin celebrates Brandi Chastain-style after scoring the game-winning goal against Nevada on Sunday. The freshman from Hawaii netted her third game-winning goal of the season to lead the Ducks to a 2-1 win.