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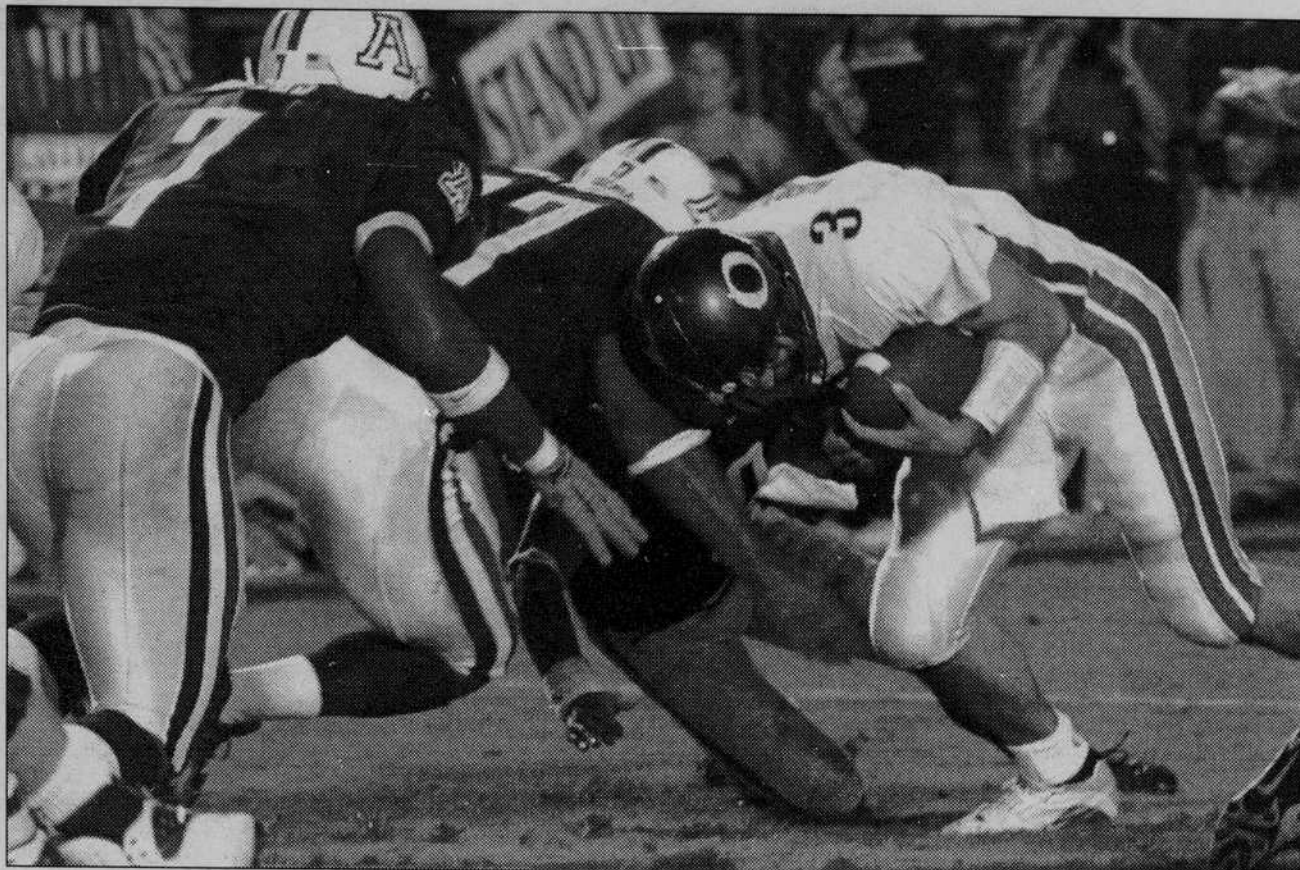
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OREGON
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ARIZONA
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Joey Harrington dives into the end zone for one of his three touchdown runs in Oregon's 63-28 rout of Arizona on Saturday in Tucson. The senior quarterback, who is now 19-2 as a starter, finished the game 15-of-24 for 279 yards with three touchdowns passes.

Too hot: Ducks cage Wildcats

■ The Oregon offense finally lives up to the preseason hype, racking up 607 total yards in Arizona

By Adam Jude
Oregon Daily Emerald

A statement has been made.

Considering that the Ducks struggled to beat a still-winless Utah State squad last week, its surprising — and relieving to many — that the record books were brought into play in Oregon's 63-28 route of the Wildcats in Tucson, Ariz., Saturday.

At 5-0 overall, the Ducks (2-0 Pacific-10 Conference) have matched their best start in 37 years. With Texas (previously No. 5) and Tennessee (No. 6) losing Saturday, Oregon moved into the No. 5 spot in the Associated Press poll released Sunday.

Oregon's 63 points also tied a school record for most points in a Pac-10 game and the most Arizona (3-2, 0-2) has ever allowed in a conference match. In 1998, the Ducks defeated Stanford 63-28.

"A lot of people have been talking about us; a lot of people have been saying negative things, that we don't deserve to be where we are," senior quarterback Joey Harrington told the Oregonian after the game. "We wanted to make it a point tonight to come out and put some points on the board early."

Offensively, the stars were everywhere Saturday.

Despite an interception in the Ducks' first possession, Harrington helped his Heisman Trophy status with six touchdowns, three on the ground and three through the air, in leading the offense to 607 total yards.

Maurice Morris and Onterio Smith became the first tandem at Oregon since 1994 to both rush for 100 yards in the same game. Morris finished with 110 yards on 21 carries and one touchdown. Smith had 131 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns.

Redshirt freshman Samie Parker, starting in place of Keenan Howry (who played sparingly with sore ribs), led the Ducks with a career-high six catches, including a 38-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter.

"Embarrassing," Arizona receiver Bobby Wade told the Associated Press. "We expected to give Oregon a way better

Clearly, Ducks belong in elite group



Jeff
Smith
Hakuna Matata

Squinting through the first four games and into the fifth, the eyes kept looking for signs that would help explain that single-digit number that always precedes Oregon's name in newspapers and on television.

While the Floridas, Miamis and Nebraskas of the college football world consistently put up scores expected from a top-10 bunch, the Ducks kept doing it the Ducks' way. Which is fine, of course, as long as they continue to drench themselves with anti-inflammatory liquid before they start playing with the type of fire they've grown accustomed to.

One expected nothing different on a cool Saturday night in Tucson, Ariz., where the Wildcat fans and players entered Arizona Stadium brimming

with confidence and smelling a potential upset.

But there was something different about this game from the get-go. It was raining. In Arizona. Soon, the Ducks would be reigning, too. Reigning as in 63-28, but more on that later.

The eyes first began to un-squint just a tad in the first quarter when Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington connected with tight end George Wrihster for a touchdown. Then, after a gutsy completion to Samie Parker on a third-and-17, Harrington lined up for a third-and-goal at the one-yard line. He took the snap, rolled right, faked an option pitch and then dove like a duck in a pond into the end zone.

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Oregon shines with Starr power to blow out Portland State, 4-2

■ Starr Johnson nets two goals for the Ducks, who improve their best-ever starting record to 6-2-1

By Peter Hockaday
Oregon Daily Emerald

A Starr was born on Papé Field on Sunday afternoon.

Senior Starr Johnson, the Oregon soccer team's long-time defender/midfielder, scored the first and second goals of her career in the same game to lift the Ducks over Portland State, 4-2.

Chalise Baysa scored her fifth goal of the season, tying her for the most on the team, and Beth Bowler added another for Oregon, which extended its best-ever starting record to 6-2-1. The Pilots fell to 0-9-2 on the season.

"I was tremendously happy for her," Oregon head coach Bill Steffen said of Johnson's pair of goals. "She's a good person, and you like to see good people rewarded like that."

Johnson's first goal came midway through the first half. In the 16th minute, freshman forward Nicole Garbin streaked down the sideline and dished to Baysa near the goal mouth. When Portland State goalie Gretchen

Pietras lunged for Baysa, the senior casually flipped the ball to Johnson, who netted the goal easily.

"I got my goal," Johnson said. "I wanted to get one, because I'm a senior, and I haven't put one in yet."

Four minutes after Johnson's goal, Bowler put the Ducks up 2-0 with her fourth goal of the season, a rocket of a shot from 20 yards that slipped in the bottom left corner of the net.

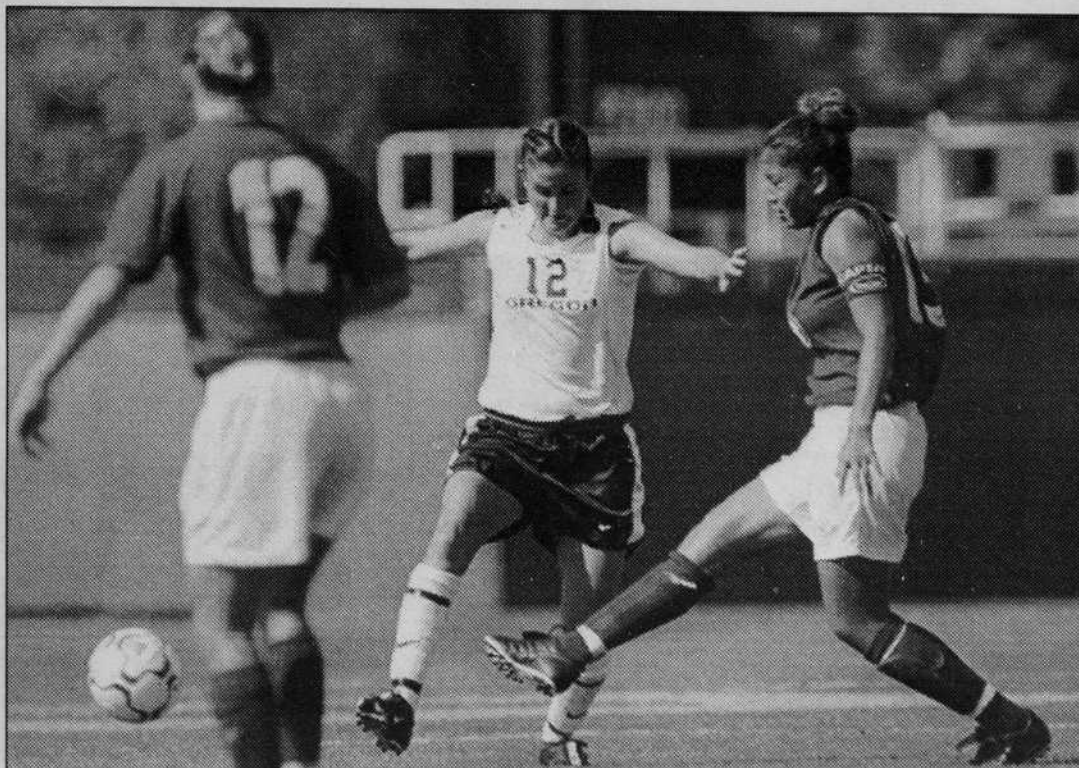
In the second half, Johnson again wasted little time in scoring her second goal. Six minutes into the second frame, Johnson dribbled the ball at the top of the 18-yard box, turned in traffic and fired a shot into the lower left corner past Pietras.

Baysa added a goal three minutes later on a bizarre play, when her shot off a corner kick was saved by Pietras — but on the wrong side of the endline. The referee called a goal on the play.

Johnson had a chance to score a hat trick before leaving the game for good. With 35 minutes left in the game, Johnson took a shot that from 10 feet that beat Pietras, but hit the cross bar.

When Steffen yanked his starters shortly after Baysa's goal, Portland State domi-

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Starr Johnson (12, in white) scored the first two goals of her four-year Oregon career Sunday against Portland State.