

## SPORTS

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## Ducks 'D' delivers strongest showing of the year in rout

■ The Ducks defense makes its presence felt and avoids giving up big plays in the Oregon win

By Scott Pesznecker  
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BERKELEY, Calif. — Oregon free safety Marley Tucker's interception with one minute, 16 seconds left was enough to bring the Memorial Stadium crowd to its feet.

Oregon fans stood up to cheer, and California fans got up to leave.

Because, under a sunny California sky and against a near-perfect backdrop — a sprawling, forested canyon and a scoreboard that read 48-7 in the Ducks' favor — Oregon's defense played a near-perfect game, and Golden Bear fans finally had had enough.

"I have no complaints today — not today," said Oregon defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti, who beamed like a proud father as he talked to reporters. "We almost shut that team out today."

Indeed, the Ducks (6-0 overall, 3-0 Pacific-10 Conference) almost did. California's (0-5, 0-3) only scoring drive, in the fourth quarter, was set up when Oregon tailback Maurice Morris fumbled on the Ducks' 31-yard line.

Cal quarterback Kyle Boller completed a 28-yard slant pass to receiver Charon Arnold on third-and-long, setting up Boller's six-yard touchdown pass two plays later.

Through the game's opening 48:32, though, Oregon forced four California fumbles and recovered two of them, collected three interceptions and recovered the ball on downs. Three of those turnovers were converted into touchdowns.

"I tried to run a lot of motion plays and funky formations," linebacker Wesly Mallard said about Cal's offense. "The Utah State game helped a lot in helping us deal with a lot of that stuff."

The Oregon 'D' set the game's tone by brushing the Golden Bear offense off the field in four downs.

Boller was constantly pressured in the pocket. He was 18-of-40 passing with an interception, and his longest pass was his 28-yard toss to Arnold. The Ducks put a cork in Cal's offensive line, bottling up the opponent's running game to 78 yards.

"When we stepped out there, we knew we were ready to play," Oregon cornerback Steve Smith said.

Said Mallard: "We're just running to the ball. If you've got 11 people running to the ball, then something is bound to happen."

Was it a breakthrough game?

Heading into Saturday's game, Oregon's defense ranked ninth overall in the Pac-10.

"We wanted to come out here and make a statement," Smith said. "We wanted to show people that we're for real, and that we know how to put people away."

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Oregon tailback Maurice Morris runs through a California defense that had trouble stopping him all game. Morris finished with 81 yards on 22 carries.

## No contest as UO rolls over Cal

■ Oregon hits the Bears hard on both sides of the ball in its convincing Pac-10 victory

By Adam Jude  
Oregon Daily Emerald

BERKELEY, Calif. — Overrated?

At one of the nation's most acclaimed academic universities, it's hard to imagine the student section confusing one of the most widely-known chants in all of college sports.

But the few brave brainiacs who opted to attend Oregon's 48-7 blowout Saturday over the California Bears must not have done their homework before they

chanted the word — the team with the most points wins, of course.

Maybe the Bears fans were just bewildered, considering the amount of support and attention the visiting team received.

Oregon fans packed the southeast corner of Memorial Stadium, seemingly accounting for half of the 34,152 fans in attendance, to watch the fifth ranked Ducks (6-0 overall, 3-0 Pacific-10 Conference) crush their second conference opponent on the road in as many weeks.

Off to their worst start in program history, the Bears are now 0-5 on the season (0-3 Pac-10).

"We felt like we were at home," said

Oregon defensive back Steve Smith, one of the first Ducks to thank the green and yellow faithful as the clock ran out. "Our fan support has always been great. They were so much louder than (the Cal) fans. It's not supposed to be like that for the home team."

After three weeks on the road, Oregon now returns to Eugene for the homecoming game Saturday at 12:30 p.m. At 6-0, the Ducks are off to their best start since 1964.

Oregon's next opponent is Stanford, the same team that thwarted the Ducks' 6-0 perfect start 37 years ago.

There would be no thwarting of Oregon. Turn to **Football**, page 12

## Record crowd cheers on Ducks in tough loss to No. 9 Stanford

■ The Ducks score their first ever goal against Stanford, but it's still not enough to pull off the win

By Jeff Smith  
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Oregon brought an intense hunger into Sunday's tilt with No. 9 Stanford.

And feeding off a boisterous, school-record crowd of 816 at Papé Field, the Ducks nearly satisfied that hunger with a first-ever win, or tie, against the Cardinal.

But, alas, Stanford is Stanford, and in the end, that proved to be the difference as Oregon lost a hard-fought 3-1 match. The Ducks, who lost to California on Friday, 3-0, dropped to 6-4-1 and 0-2 in the Pacific-10 Conference, while Stanford improved

to 9-1, 2-0.

"Stanford's a really good team and I'm glad we battled like we did," Chalise Baysa said.

The Ducks had plenty of support from the crowd as each solid play was greeted with an even more solid thumping of the white noise-makers handed out before the game.

"It was all excitement and adrenaline," Oregon goalkeeper Sarah Peters said. "We were all so excited to play. It felt a lot louder, especially with those bangers."

Those "bangers" were out in full force when Baysa scored the Ducks' only goal of the game — and the first ever against Stanford in five meetings — at the 31:03 mark of the first half. Teammate Ann Westermarck set Baysa up beautifully with a picture-perfect

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Stanford's Brittany Oliveira (22) attempts to pass the ball to her teammate while Oregon midfielder Annie Murphy (14) goes for the steal. The Ducks had their chances to pull off the upset, but Stanford prevailed in the end.

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