

# GAME DAY

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## Let's look at the past and learn from it

**T**hey say history can teach us a great deal. They say you can never know too much about the past. They say never let the mistakes of the past repeat themselves.

"History is important because we want to learn from the past so we don't make the same mistakes in the future." It's a clichéd response — one that many history majors know all too well.

And although it is a cliché, it can provide some valuable insights.

Remember the past. Learn from the mistakes. Make



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Out in left field

things easier and better in the future.

Today's lecture: How not to get the "hell" kicked out of your football squad.

The date: Nov. 2, 1964 — a time of civil unrest, Cold War and ... Stanford football?

The place: Hayward Field.

The coach: Len Casanova.

The star quarterback: Bob Berry.

The result: Stanford 10, Oregon 8.

Flash-forward: Oct. 19, 2001.

The place: Autzen Stadium.

The coach: Mike Bellotti.

The star quarterback (need I say it?): Joey Harrington, er, Harrington.

The result: ?

At first glance, the parallels seem minor. But further evidence suggests some eerie coincidences.

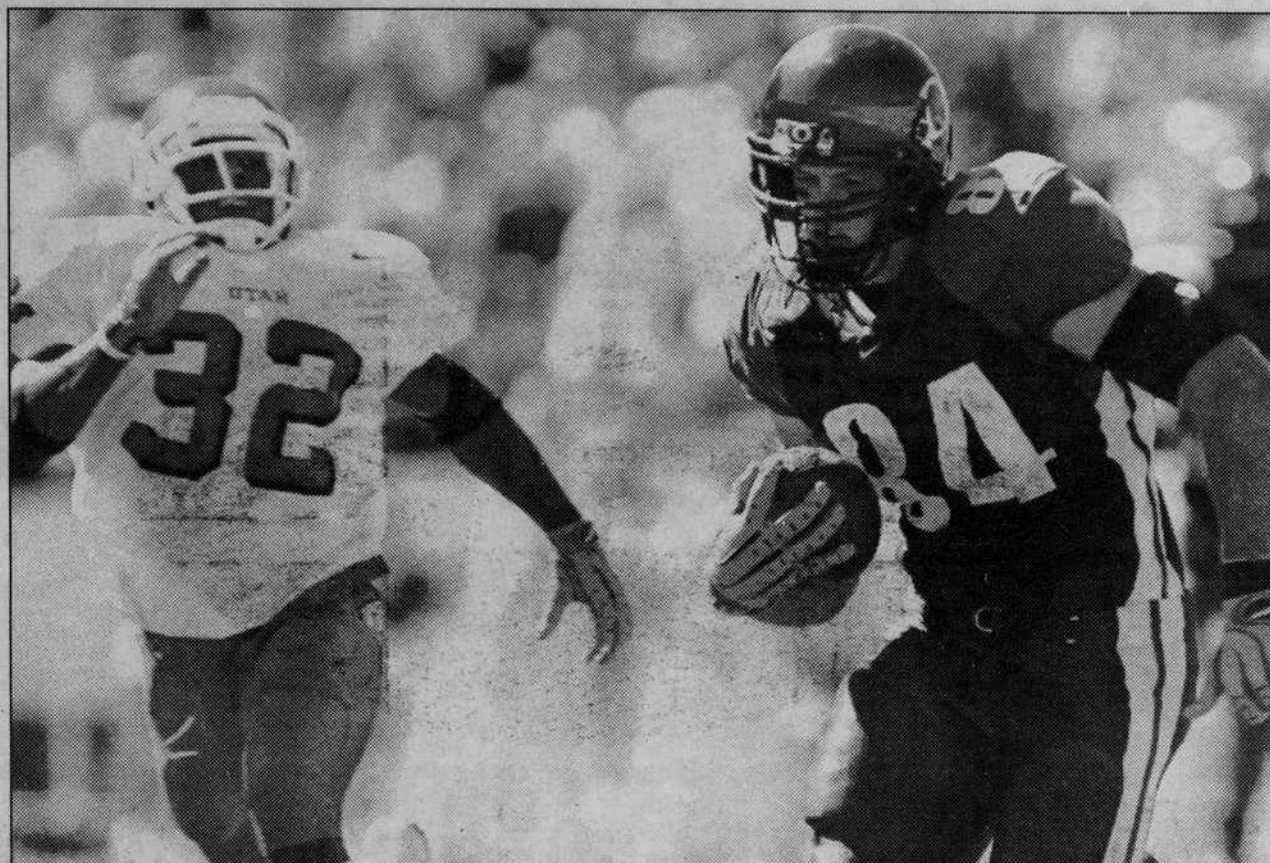
Heading into the 1964 matchup against Stanford, the "Webfoots" were 6-0. In an era that still ran first, threw if necessary, Oregon was led by Berry, who at that time was considered one of the greatest quarterbacks in program history (in fact, Berry is still among the top-10 quarterbacks in school history in several statistical categories).

Harrington's smooth-as-a-baby's-butt demeanor on the field and coolness under pressure have also awarded him great admiration among players, fans and the media.

Casanova coached Oregon for 16 years, becoming the most renowned coach the school has ever seen.

Bellotti, assuming he hangs around, is well on his way to the same plateau.

At 6-0, Harrington, Bellotti and Co. are embarking on one of the most substantial seasons in school history. In fact, the 2001 Ducks are only the fourth Oregon football team to begin a season flawless after six games, with two occurring



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Tight end Justin Peelle, who ranks second in the Pac-10 with seven touchdowns, leads the Ducks back to Autzen Stadium after three straight weeks on the road. Oregon now ranks second in the conference and 13th in the nation in total offense.

## Ducks could match best start

■ Oregon will attempt to attain its best start in 68 years by beating a Stanford team it hasn't faced since 1998

By Jeff Smith  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Remember those 1933 Oregon Ducks?

Not many do.

But at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, in front of a regional ABC television audience and a charged-up Homecoming crowd at Autzen Stadium, the 2001 Oregon Ducks have a chance to match their predecessors of 68 years with the best start ever.

Should Oregon beat visiting Stanford, it would improve to 7-0 and go down in history with that '33 squad, along with the Ducks from 1930, as the only Oregon teams to win their first seven games.

That's a long 68 years. Among some of those futile Oregon teams between now and then was the 1978 version that opened its season at 0-7. And the 1974 team that won two of its first three before losing its final eight games. And, who could forget the 1950 Ducks and their 1-9 dismal showing.

But history can be mind-boggling at times and all this year's Ducks, ranked fifth in the nation, care to think about is the Stanford Cardinal and the challenges they present.

"They're probably the most balanced team we've seen this year and maybe the most talented team so far," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said. "We've got our hands full."

It appears Stanford head coach Tyrone Willingham goes by the same school of thought, as he also played the balance card when discussing his impressions of the Ducks.

"Oregon has a heck of a football team," Willingham said. "They are very good, very explosive offensively and probably the most balanced team we have faced this year."

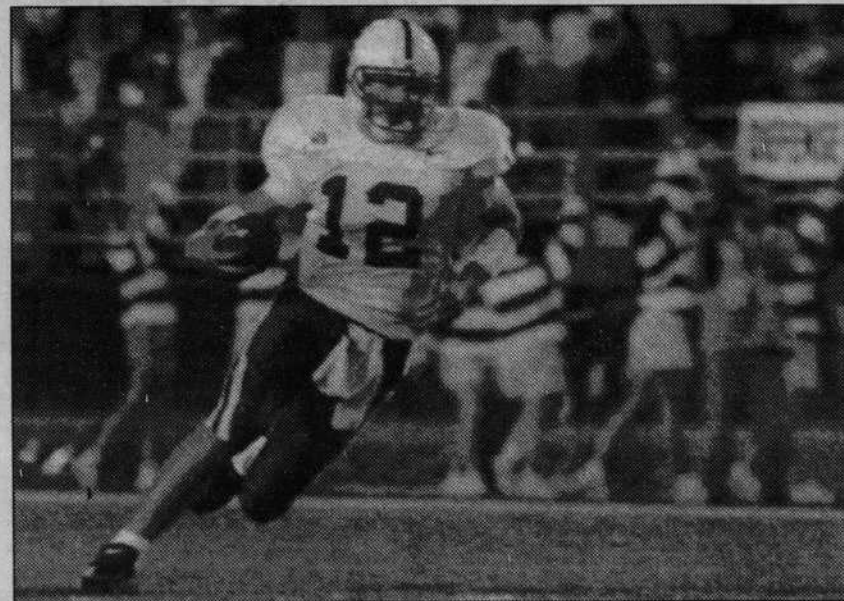
This game has presented a unique challenge for both teams aside from the usual Xs and Os. A key element to a team's preparation in the week leading up to a game is to analyze the previous meeting with the team from the year before.

This week, Stanford (3-1 overall, 2-1 Pacific-10 Conference) and Oregon (6-0, 3-0) can't do that since the two schools haven't faced each other since 1998 because of league scheduling.

"It makes it a little bit tougher," Oregon tight end Justin Peelle said. "Like last week, going into Cal, I knew that their outside linebacker would be good because I remembered

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## QB Fasani has Cardinal seeing green



Courtesy of Stanford Media Services

Randy Fasani has led Stanford to an 8-4 record as a starter. The Cardinal are 3-1 this season.

■ Stanford will be looking to upset Oregon on the arm of its senior leader in Eugene this weekend

By Peter Hockaday  
Oregon Daily Emerald

Randy Fasani.

While his name might not roll off the tongue of the average Duck fan, the senior quarterback is key to Stanford's success just as signal-caller Joey Harrington is key to Oregon's success.

Like Harrington, Fasani finds ways to win games. The Cardinal are 8-4 with Fasani as the starter, and went 0-3 when he was injured for a stretch last season.

Like Harrington, Fasani is a legitimate candidate for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, which is presented to the nation's best senior

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## THE BOX

**Key Number:**

**+14**

The turnover margin for Oregon's defense, which is ranked second in the nation. The Duck "D" is ranked ninth in the Pac-10 overall, but has forced 20 turnovers.

**Pac-10 Rankings:**

**Total Offense**

Oregon.....2  
Stanford...4

**Scoring Offense**

Oregon.....3  
Stanford...4

**Passing Offense**

Oregon.....4  
Stanford...7

**Rushing Offense**

Stanford...2  
Oregon.....3

**Total Defense**

Stanford...5  
Oregon.....9

**Scoring Defense**

Oregon.....3  
Stanford...6

**Passing Defense**

Stanford...8  
Oregon.....9

**Rushing Defense**

Stanford...2  
Oregon.....5

## Quotable

*"They have been beat at home, and fortunately in the past we were one of those teams to beat them at home. So, they can be beat."*

Tyrone Willingham  
Stanford head coach,  
on Oregon's  
nation-leading  
23-game home  
win streak

**Key Players:**

**Brian Allen,  
Kerry Carter,  
Maurice Morris,  
Onterio Smith**

**Stanford and Oregon  
running backs**

Stanford's rushing tandem will face the Pac-10's fifth-best rush defense, while Oregon's running backs will have to crack a defense that has allowed only two rushing touchdowns this season.

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