

## The Heisman Watch

### Buy your plane ticket to New York ...

**DeShaun Foster • RB • UCLA**

Last Week: Rushed 31 times for 301 yards

Season: 143 rushes, 803 yards and eight TDs

This Week: The Bruins are at home vs. California

**Woodrow Dantzler • QB • Clemson**

Last Week: Completed 23-of-27 for 333 yards.; threw for four TDs and rushed 23 times for 184 yards and two TDs

Season: 102-of-148 for 1,199 yards and nine TDs; has rushed 102 times for 516 yards and six TDs

This Week: The Tigers are at home vs. North Carolina

**Ken Dorsey • QB • Miami**

Last Week: 14-for-27 for 249 yards and three TDs

Season: 85-for-132 for 1,430 yards

and 11 TDs

This Week: The Hurricanes have a bye

**Eric Crouch • QB • Nebraska**

Last Week: Rushed for 132 yards on 18 carries and three TDs; passed for 47 yards on 4-of-9 attempts

Season: 55-for-90 with 781 yards in the air with four TDs and has run for 672 yards on 115 carries

This Week: The Cornhuskers host Texas Tech

**Rex Grossman • QB • Florida**

Last Week: 25-of-42 for 364 yards and two TDs

Season: 134-for-205 with 2,229 yards and 22 TDs

This Week: The Gators are off this week

### Hangin' Tough ...

**David Carr**

• QB • Fresno State

Last Week: 28-of-37 for 389 yards and two TDs

Season: 140-for-216 with 1,800 yards and 14 TDs; has two rushing TDs

This Week: The Bulldogs host Boise State tonight

**Joey Harrington • QB • Oregon**

Last Week: 13-of-20 for 181 yards and two TDs; also ran for a TD

Season: 107-for-178 for 1,407 yards and 13 TDs; has rushed for six TDs

This Week: The Ducks are at home against Stanford

**Kurt Kittner • QB • Illinois**

Last Week: 12-of-17 for 116 yards and two TDs

Season: 101-of-191 for 1,438 yards and 10 TDs; has also rushed for one TD

This Week: The Fighting Illini host Wisconsin

### It was fun while it lasted ...

**Ken Simonton**

• RB • Oregon State

**Damien Anderson**

• RB • Northwestern

## UO streak

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The Ducks are sitting on top these days, near the front of the polls and atop the Pacific-10 Conference standings, but they remember the not-so-long-ago times when they were the underdog. And they know that something like "the streak" is the perfect motivational tool for the Cardinal to use to get themselves fired up.

"It does give other teams something to shoot at, and Stanford's going to come up here and say that they're going to break the longest home winning streak and we have to be prepared for that," Oregon tight end Justin Peelle said. "I know if we were going somewhere that had that, that would be our main goal."

A lot goes into a good home-field advantage. For Autzen Stadium, it's clear that the energetic game day atmosphere and the bowl shape of the stadium sets it apart from other collegiate venues.

Just recently, Autzen Stadium was voted the 10th-best college football stadium in the country by The Sporting News.

"I think a lot of those wins have to do with the enthusiasm of the fans and the way the stadium was built and how loud it can get because of that," Oregon fullback Josh Line said. "Also, as a team, we never

accept losing in our house.

"And we've had some close ones, so I think it's partly us and partly the environment."

Including Saturday's contest with Stanford, the Ducks have three remaining home games this season. Should Oregon beat Stanford this weekend, Arizona State on Nov. 3 and Oregon State on Dec. 1, it would match the Pac-10 Conference record.

During the years of 1919 through 1923, California won 26 straight games at home to set a mark that has yet to be matched. The Ducks do possess the league record for most consecutive Pac-10 victories at home with 14.

The nation's second-longest current home winning streak belongs to Fresno State and its 17 straight wins since Sept. 26, 1998. And should Stanford head coach Tyrone Willingham have his way with the Ducks on Saturday, the Bulldogs would move up to the top spot on the active list.

"(The Ducks) haven't lost at home in awhile, but they can be beat," Willingham said. "If you play better than Oregon, you win, and if you don't ..."

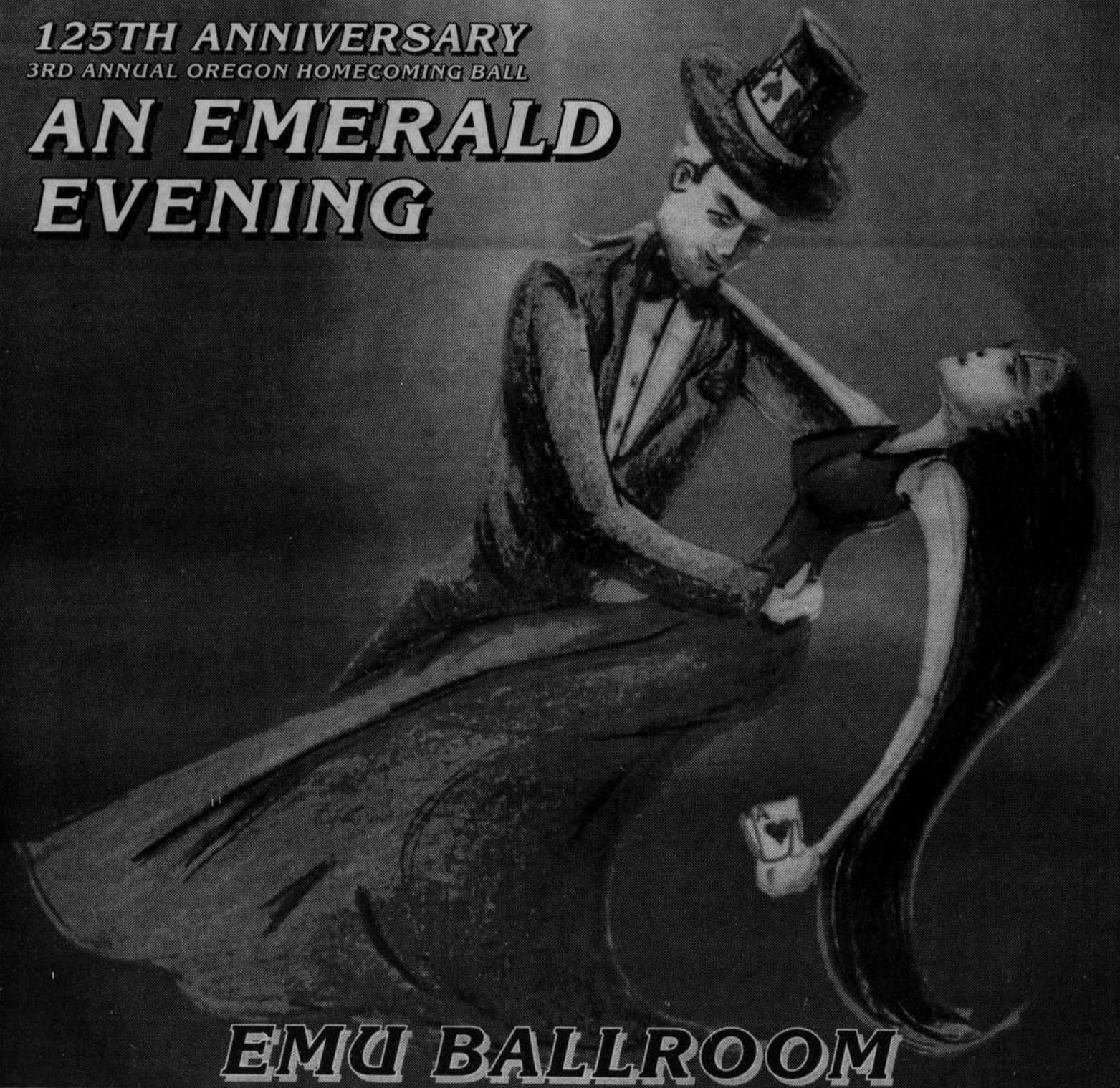
Well, if you don't, then it's pretty easy to succumb to the constant clamor of the sold-out Autzen Stadium crowd, which, after almost a month of resting, is probably antsy to lose some voices.

"The fans give us a great advantage, and with such an advantage, we try to capitalize on that," Peelle said. "Also, we don't like to lose at home, and that's just flat-out. We don't like to lose to begin with, and especially not at home."

"We take pride in that."

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