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Now's not the time to lose faith

Twenty years from now, you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do." — Mark Twain

Before Saturday's game, he might as well have been Superman.

In the first quarter of Saturday's game, he was nearly flawless.

As his desperation heave fell to the ground to end Saturday's game, he proved fallible.

What do you say when you have the weight of a team, a school, a city, a state resting on your right arm ... and you fail? What can you say when you lose a game you know you should have won, in your own backyard?

Joey Harrington sat in front of a media horde, an ice pack taped around



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Out in left field

his golden gun, and said little after a 49-42 loss to Stanford. Quiet and sullen, the senior quarterback's hoarse voice seemed to barely reach the microphones sitting just inches in front of him.

"We lost," he said. "It doesn't matter how or why or who, we lost."

His mood characterized the end of a dream season. A season that had the Ducks playing for the national championship and Harrington heading to New York to receive the Heisman Trophy, given to the country's best collegiate football player.

With Saturday went those hopes, those dreams. No more Rose Bowl. No more Heisman. No more streaks.

From here on out, though, the Ducks must do the only thing they can: forget Saturday.

Forget the consecutive fourth-quarter blocked punts. Forget the interceptions. Forget Stanford. Forget the streak.

Of all the things Harrington didn't say after the loss Saturday, it was the few mumbled words he did speak that said a lot about him and the Oregon football team.

Is the team's confidence shaken?

"No."

Where do you go from here?

"I'd like to think we can look this week like we've got something to prove."

In a disappointed and frustrated state, Harrington found, if only a tingle, hope. He still has to prove the Ducks can win consecutive Pacific-10 Conference titles. Prove fourth-quarter miracles are still possible. Prove a No. 5 ranking was no fluke.

And it starts now.

Harrington celebrated his 23rd birthday Sunday. Let's call it 23 wishes for the 23-game home winning streak, now evaporated. Now make a new wish, reach for the stars.

In the season of all seasons, now is not the time to bow down or to lose confidence, no matter how shaken that confidence may be. Now is the time

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Junior Keenan Howry returns a punt 69 yards for a touchdown in Oregon's 49-42 loss to Stanford. On five punt returns, Howry set a Pac-10 record with 186 return yards.

Ducks deal with end of streak, title hopes

■ Oregon players react with shock to witnessing their home-win streak and hopes for a national title come to an end at Autzen on Saturday

By Jeff Smith
Oregon Daily Emerald

Maurice Morris had only participated in nine of Oregon's nation-leading 23 straight victories at Autzen Stadium.

But winning at home was all he was used to. So, along with the 46,021 fans who slowly marched home in silence, Morris didn't quite know how to feel after the Ducks lost a wild, back-and-forth contest to Stanford, 49-42.

"It was a lot different," Morris said. "This is my second year here and every game I walk out of Autzen smiling and happy that we won, but today I had that feeling of walking out after a loss. It's tough, especially with it being in the day and having all that time to lay

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Stanford running back Brian Allen (34) fumbles the ball after a hit by Oregon's David Moretti.

Murphy's two goals lift Ducks past Arizona, 3-2

■ The Ducks beat Arizona State in a dramatic fashion to earn a split with the Arizona schools

By Peter Hockaday
Oregon Daily Emerald

The Oregon soccer team had its back to the wall Sunday afternoon in Tempe, Ariz. The chips were down. There was no tomorrow.

Not until Annie Murphy showed up, anyway.

Murphy, the Ducks' senior midfielder, scored her first and second goals of the season — the second in overtime — as Oregon toppled Arizona State 3-2 in the extra period. Murphy's timely goal earned the Ducks a weekend

split with the Arizona schools and helped keep Oregon's NCAA Tournament hopes alive.

"It was a great test of character for our kids," Oregon head coach Bill Steffen said.

The Ducks, who suffered a comeback loss at the hands of Arizona Friday night, almost saw Arizona State come back on them Sunday. Murphy scored the first goal of the match at the five-minute mark, when she took a pass from senior forward Chalise Baysa, dribbled through traffic and beat Sun Devil goalie Kristin Slater.

The teams played the next 60 minutes without a goal, before Arizona State sophomore Patrice Feulner scored her team-leading

10th goal with 25 minutes left in the second half. Oregon senior Beth Bowler made sure the lead didn't last, as she netted her fifth goal of the season two minutes after Feulner's goal. Arizona State knotted the game at 2-2 with only seven minutes left, on Andrea Waite's point-blank goal.

The teams battled back and forth in overtime, but Murphy's shot was the first to find the back of the net. Twelve minutes into the extra period, Baysa passed the ball to Murphy, who slipped around Slater and scored before the Sun Devil defense could reach her. Murphy was injured on the play, and her status for next weekend's games is uncertain, according to Steffen.

"Annie had the best game of her career," Steffen said.

The Ducks were denied an Arizona sweep before they even faced Arizona State Sunday. Under the lights of a rare night game in Tucson on Friday, Arizona came from behind to stun Oregon, 2-1. The Wildcats had not beaten the Ducks in four previous tries.

"Unfortunately, we came up on the short end tonight," Steffen said Friday. "Arizona battled and that's the strength of their game."

Oregon had the lead for a short period in Friday's contest. Baysa scored her team-leading seventh goal of the season in the 16th

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