

## Game preview

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in the conference — allowing just 93 yards per contest — while the Ducks sit in ninth-place in total defense, allowing 420 total yards per game.

"We just need to stay calm," Tetterton said. "When we go up (to Pullman), we're on the road and we

just have to trust each other and not get sucked into their stadium, because it can get kind of loud."

Amid snow and rain, Martin Stadium was buzzing last season when the then-seventh-ranked Ducks narrowly escaped with a 27-24 win on a field goal in overtime. Oregon linebacker David Moretti said playing in the Palouse last year "was the

coldest game I've ever been in.

"We're expecting that again this year," Moretti added. "But there's nothing you can do about it. You just have to go out there and play football and put that in the back of your mind."

Saturday's forecast calls for scattered showers and a low of 36-degrees.

## Cougars

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in the Rose Bowl. The Ducks had a chance to make school history last week, but couldn't pull out a win against Stanford.

Another star for the Cougars is redshirt junior Mike Bush, who also plays hoops. The 6-foot-6 wide receiver represents the same challenge Teyo Johnson provided last week, only with a twist. Johnson is not a focal point of the Stanford offense. Bush averages 86.7 yards a game receiving, a tough task to stop for the smaller Oregon secondary.

"Bush is 6-foot-6 and is a very talented athlete," Bellotti said about the Cougars' two-sport star. "Teyo Johnson did a great job of

using his body. He's a tremendous athlete, (and) he's a basketball player.

"So Bush presents the same problems and we've talked a little bit about how we can counter that," he added. "It's not for public consumption yet, but we're going to try to do our best."

But the Washington State offense as a whole has to be scary for the much-maligned Oregon defense. Ranked first in the Pac-10, the Cougars average 44 points per game, pass for 327.4 yards per game and average 492.4 yards per game of total offense.

This week may be a mismatch for the Oregon defense, and it will take one heck of an effort to stop Gesser and Co.

## Linebackers

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"There is some pressure because of the high stakes, but at the same time, it's just football and we've got to make the plays," Mitchell said. "If we don't make the plays it's going to affect us like it did last week."

Head coach Mike Bellotti appreciates the play of the linebacker core this season.

"As the bridge, in a sense, between the defensive front and the defensive secondary, they've done a great job at covering people, making tackles and pressuring the quarterback," he said. "They are great contributors to this football team."

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