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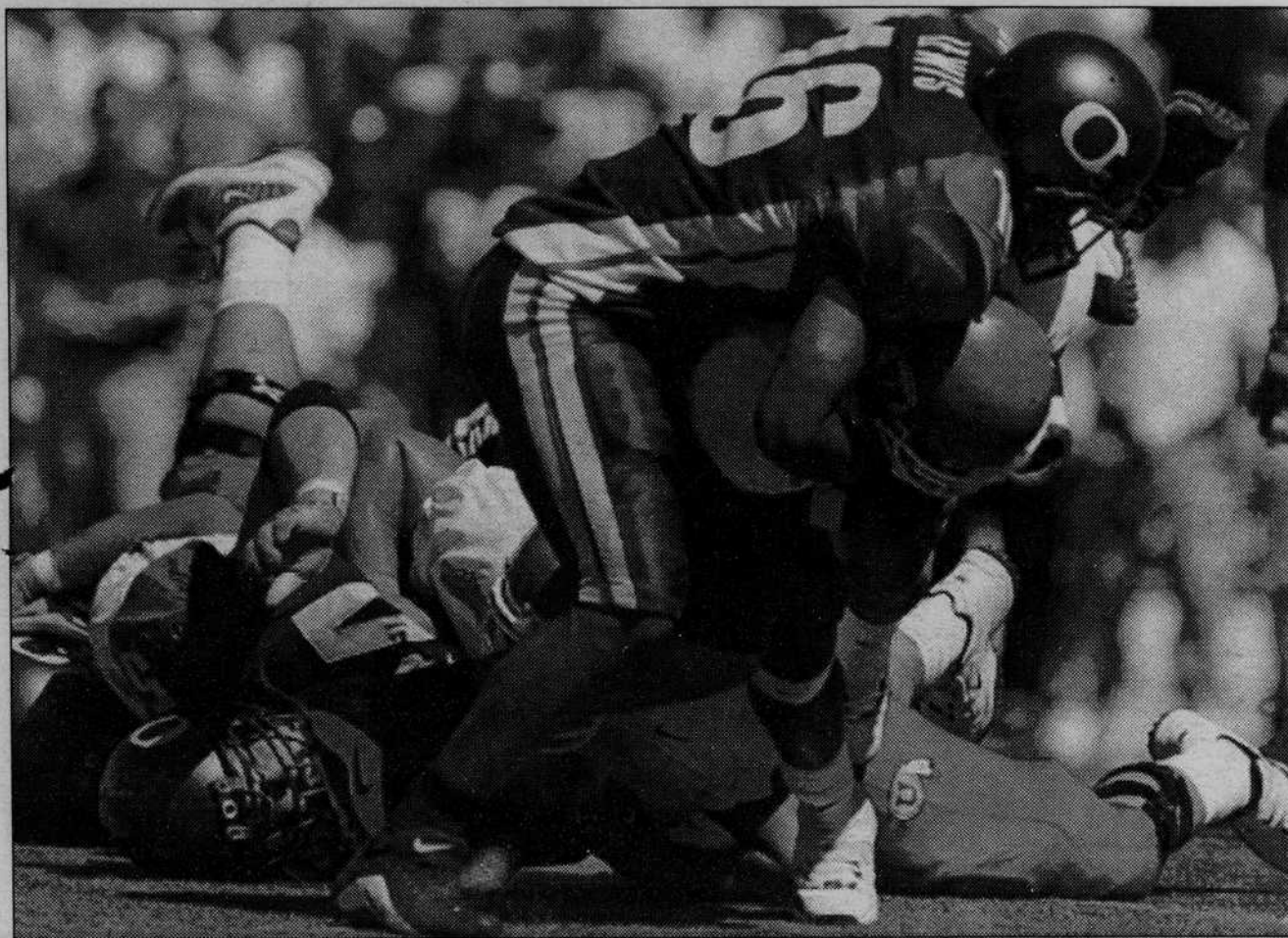
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UO defense surprises all in shut-down of WSU



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Sophomore safety Keith Lewis, seen here against Utah on Sept. 8, and the Oregon defense surprised the top-ranked Washington State offense Saturday in a 24-17 victory in Pullman, Wash. The Ducks held the Cougars to a season-low 322 yards of total offense.

■ By allowing the Cougars a season-low 322 total yards, the Oregon defense proved its worth in Pullman

By Adam Jude
Oregon Daily Emerald

The scene at Martin Stadium was bleak, at best — and it wasn't because of the cold, dreary rain.

Most the 34,150 fans in Pullman, Wash., Saturday expected the undefeated Cougars and the 6-1 Ducks to run up the scoreboard in a classic shootout.

But nothing turned out as expected Saturday, especially the play of the Oregon defense.

Rashad Bauman joked with reporters after Oregon's 24-17 upset victory after he was asked about his team's defensive effort.



"How many'd you think they'd score?" the senior defensive back asked with a grin. "How 'bout you? You?"

The so-called experts had to admit their surprise.

Of the responses to Bauman's query, nobody predicted that the potent Cougar offense — ranked No. 1 in the Pacific-10 Conference prior to the showdown — would only score 17 points against the Oregon defense, which was ranked ninth in the conference.

"You would never have known (that Washington State was the top-ranked offense) by the way we came prepared," sophomore safety Keith Lewis said at Tuesday's practice.

Even more impressive for the Ducks (7-1 overall, 4-1 Pac-10) was the lone field goal Washington State scored through three quarters, and the 322 total yards the Cougs accumulated, their lowest output of the season.

The result: Washington State's (7-1 overall, 4-1 Pac-10) first loss of the season and a logjam of five teams atop the conference leaderboard.

"We came in knowing what we had to do — we had to beat them," junior defensive end Darrell Wright said. "This gives us

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Harriers emphasize running as a team

■ Jason Hartmann is not the only reason the Ducks walked away from the Pac-10s with a third-place finish

By Chris Cabot
Oregon Daily Emerald

All-American Jason Hartmann has been steady at his No. 1 position for the Ducks, and redshirt senior Adam Bergquist jumped up to finish second for the Ducks at Saturday's Pacific-10 Conference Championships, but three other members of the Oregon squad have been running steady all season.

Sophomores John Lucas and Brett Holts and redshirt freshman Ryan Andrus finished out third, fourth and fifth place, respectively, for the Ducks, and the three have been consistent scorers for head coach Martin Smith this season.

"We feed off each other, and every race, somebody from the pack has had a great race," Holts said. "One day it was John; one day it was Adam; and one day it could be me or Ryan. You never know. But somebody is going to have a good day and the rest of us just



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Soccer still searching for elusive eighth victory

■ The Ducks are tied for last in the Pac-10, but lead the conference in several important categories

By Peter Hockaday
Oregon Daily Emerald

So close, and yet so far.

The Oregon soccer team came oh-so-close to picking up its eighth win of the season last weekend against Southern California and No. 3 UCLA, but couldn't notch a victory against either team.

Eight wins is not insignificant to the Ducks (7-7-1 overall, 1-5 Pacific-10 Conference). Eight wins would set the team record, and mark the official arrival, of sorts, of a new era in Oregon soccer.

But the eight wins kept slipping just out of the Ducks' grasp last weekend, as chance after scoring chance missed the Papé Field nets for Oregon. The Ducks lost 2-0 to UCLA and 1-0 to USC.

Oregon will try for win number eight against Oregon State in Corvallis on Sunday.

Beaver beat down

When UCLA escaped Papé Field with a closer-than-expected 2-0 win over Oregon, the Bruins thought they could handle everything offered by the state of Oregon.

Not so.

The Bruins headed to Corvallis Sunday, and what they got was a rude awakening from the Oregon State Beavers. Oregon State — previously winless in the Pac-10 — handed UCLA a 2-1 loss. The loss was only the second of the year for the Bruins, who fell into a three-way tie for second in the conference.

Oregon State's victory had ramifications for UCLA in the national polls. The Bruins dropped from third to sixth in the Soccer America weekly poll, and plummeted from third to fifth in the NSCAA poll.

Seeing red

One team in the Pac-10 was happy to see UCLA lose to Oregon State. The Stanford Cardinal, undefeated in the Pac-10, took over sole possession of the top spot with the Bruin loss. Stanford is 5-0 in the Pac-10, and 12-1-1 overall.



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Oregon freshman forward Nicole Garbin (in white) goes for a header against Portland on Oct. 3. The Ducks' physical play this season has led to 16 yellow cards, the most in the Pac-10.

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