

## Arizona State

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the come-from-behind victory. The loss marked the ninth-straight game the Sun Devils have lost to opponents ranked in the Associated Press poll.

In the No. 8 Ducks, the Sun Devils hope to give first-year coach Koetter — a former offensive coordinator at Oregon from 1996-97 — his first win over a ranked opponent. Arizona State, however, is well aware of the effect Autzen Stadium can have on the outcome of the football game.

"Crowd noise will definitely be a factor," Koetter said.

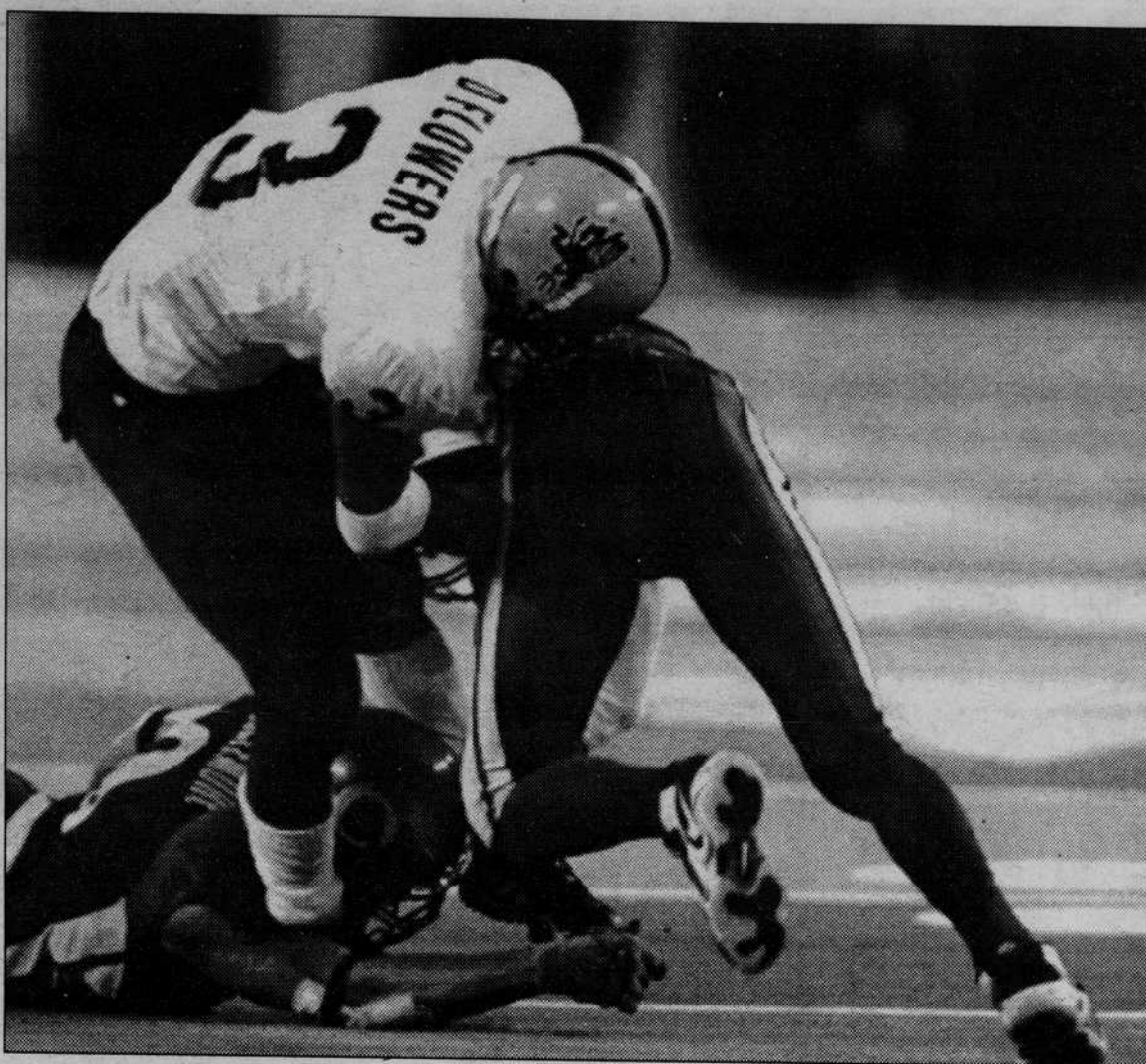
Arizona State is led by sophomore quarterback Jeff Krohn, who is leading the Pacific-10 Conference and is sixth in the nation in passing efficiency (165.3). He is coming off the third 300-yard game of his brief career with a 320-yard effort against Washington.

Krohn, a former walk-on, often looks for receiver Shaun McDonald, who is averaging 99.4 yards per game, which is second in the Pac-10. McDonald ranks first in the conference with an average of 22.5 yards per catch.

Other key players for Arizona State include senior tailback Delvon Flowers, true freshman Jason Shivers and sophomore Terrell Suggs on the defensive side, and junior Mike Barth and senior Tom Pace on special teams.

Shivers, a free safety, is the leading tackler on the squad, but much of the notoriety goes to Suggs, who has nine sacks and 16 tackles for loss this season.

Barth is 8-of-10 this season in field goals and will probably give the Oregon returners few chances to run back kickoffs. He has booted more than 55 percent of his kickoffs into the end zone this year. Returning for the Sun Devils, Pace ranks second in the Pac-10 and seventh in the country with an av-



Senior tailback Delvon Flowers rushed for career highs of 23 carries and 161 yards last time he visited the Ducks at Autzen Stadium. Emerald

erage of 29.8 yards per return.

Arizona State's offense is averaging 6.6 yards per play, which is best in the conference, but the Devils have also turned the ball over 17 times this year.

The team's turnover margin is minus-five while the Ducks are at positive 12. The turnover margin has played a key role in the outcomes of some of Arizona State's games this season, and may be a reason why the Ducks are highly

avored in this weekend's game at Autzen.

"It's not a secret that no one is going to give us a chance to win up there," punter Nick Murphy said in his weekly column for Arizona State's official Web site. "I like that because all the pressure is on the Ducks to start another winning streak at home after losing to Stanford two weeks ago."

Koetter, in his first year at Arizona State, is looking forward to

the chance of playing the Ducks despite the Sun Devils losing the previous three contests between the two schools. Tom Osborne, Oregon's tight ends and specials teams coach from 1995-2000, also makes his first return to Autzen after becoming the ASU assistant coach.

"It's going to be a great challenge to us and an opportunity that we are really looking forward to," Koetter said.

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Last Week: Completed 10-of-18 for 102 yards and rushed for 21 yards; caught a 63-yard TD pass

Season: 75-for-130 with 1,088 yards in the air with seven TDs and has run for 798 yards on 149 carries

This Week: The Cornhuskers face Kansas in Lawrence

#### KEN DORSEY • QB • MIAMI

Last Week: Completed 16-of-27 for 192 yards and two TDs

Season: 101-for-169 for 1,622 yards and 13 TDs

This Week: The Hurricanes host Temple

#### DESHAUN FOSTER • RB • UCLA

Last Week: Rushed 21 times for 77 yards and a TD

Season: 188 rushes, 997 yards and 11 TDs

This Week: The Bruins travel to Pullman to face Washington State

#### REX GROSSMAN • QB • FLORIDA

Last Week: 27-of-35 for 407 yards and two TDs

Season: 161-for-240 with 2,636 yards and 24 TDs

This Week: The Gators host Vanderbilt

#### JULIUS PEPPERS

#### • DE • NORTH CAROLINA

Last Week: Had a bye. Against Clemson on Oct. 20 recorded five tackles, one sack and an interception

Season: 43 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, 8.5 sacks and three interceptions

This Week: The Tar Heels travel to Georgia Tech

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#### WOODROW DANTZLER

#### • QB • CLEMSON

Last Week: Completed 16-of-27 for 211 yards and one TD; rushed 20 times for 119 yards and one TD

Season: 128-of-200 for 1,483 yards and 10 TDs; has rushed 134 times for 678 yards and seven TDs

This Week: The Tigers are at home vs. Florida State

#### JOEY HARRINGTON

#### • QB • OREGON

Last Week: 14-of-26 for 119 yards and 0 TDs; ran for 23 yards

Season: 143-for-245 for 1,796 yards and 16 TDs; has rushed for six TDs

This Week: The Ducks host Arizona State

#### KURT KITTNER • QB • ILLINOIS

Last Week: 24-of-45 for 401 yards and four TDs

Season: 125-of-236 for 1,839 yards and 14 TDs; has rushed for one TD

This Week: No. 18 Illinois travels to No. 15 Purdue

#### WILLIAM GREENE

#### • RB • BOSTON COLLEGE

Last Week: Rushed 28 times for 195 yards and one TD; caught two passes for 67 yards and one TD

Season: 218 carries, 1164 yards and 12 TDs

This Week: The Eagles are off before their Nov. 10 game against No. 1 Miami

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