

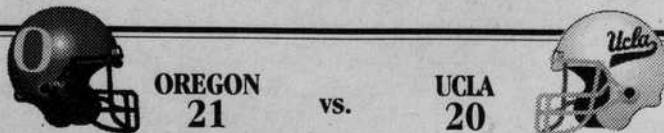
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Snapshots from an Oregon win

PASADENA, Calif. — *Click.* In this stadium with these teams on this November afternoon, images worth savoring flowed together as one, as if they were time-elapsing in the ever-expanding list of unforgettable Oregon games.

Which is why the use of a scrapbook for all these mental pictures proves crucial.

Joey Harrington, next to friends and teammates Ryan Schmid and Justin Peelle on the sideline, has his back turned to the field.

He can't bear to witness UCLA kicker Chris Griffith attempt a 50-yard field goal with two seconds left that would give the Bruins a two-point win and send the Ducks home with glum uncertainty about their bowl future.

"I'm tired of watching those things," Harrington said.

He does sneak a peek at the end, just in time to see the kick sail wide right and deliver Oregon a did-you-expect-anything-else? 21-20 victory at



Jeff Smith
Hakuna Matata

the Rose Bowl that keeps the Ducks on top of the Pacific-10 Conference and in control of their own destiny.

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Seth McEwan, the gritty, hard-nosed junior defensive end for the Ducks, watches the field goal bounce off the ground and subsequently drops to his knees. With a face red from pure exhaustion, he gazes skyward while lifting arms to the air and lets out a scream.

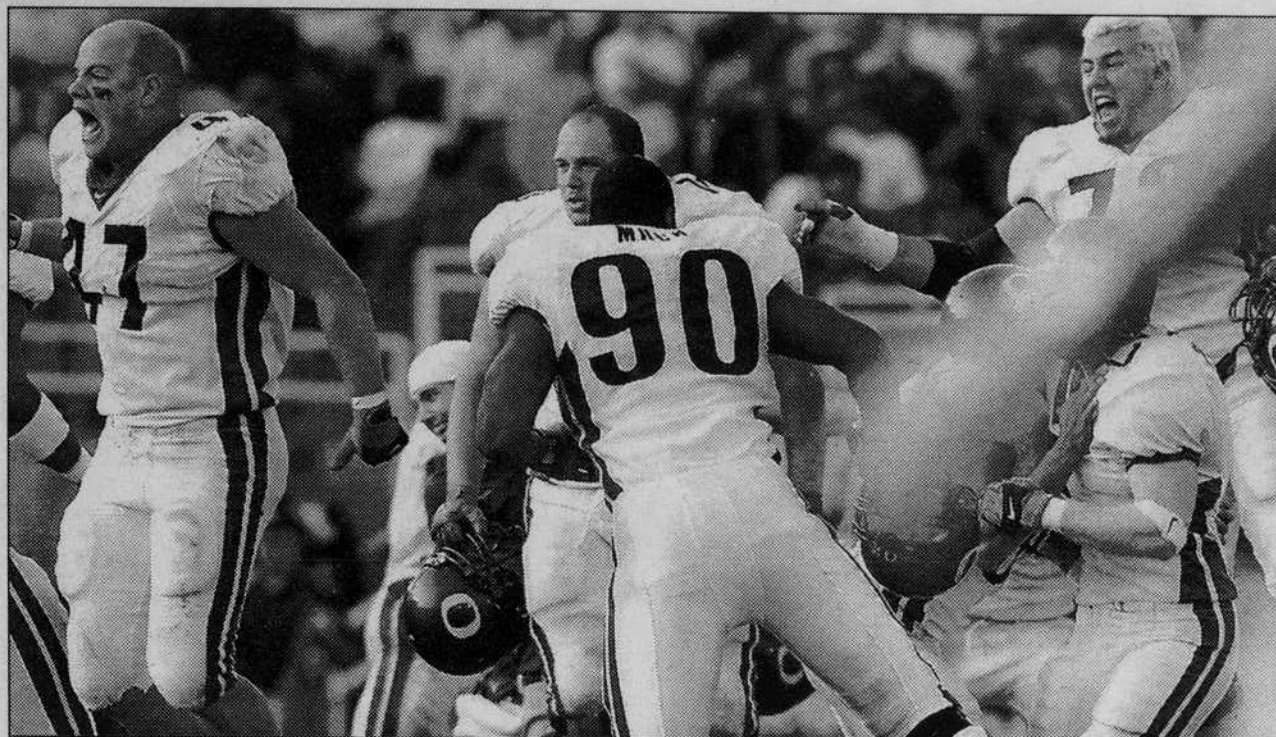
He then props himself up and hugs a distraught and teary-eyed Mike Saffer, the Bruins' 6-foot-5, 304-pound offensive lineman, who pounded into McEwan and the Oregon defensive line during the 60-minute trenches battle.

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Rashad Bauman joins about 20 of his teammates at the game's conclusion and sprints toward the end zone opposite of where their locker room is located to thank and celebrate with the thousands of Ducks' fans who made their presence felt among the 78,330 in attendance.

Bauman waves up at them. Steve Smith yells at them. And Onterio Smith slaps some fives with them. Bauman, after around 10 minutes with the Oregon faithful,

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Oregon's Josh Line (47) and Kevin Mack (90) celebrate after UCLA's Chris Griffith missed the potential game-winning field goal for the Bruins. Line caught the game-winning touchdown in the fourth quarter for the Ducks, who hung on for the victory in front of a crowd of 78,330 at the Rose Bowl.

Oregon wins one for the roses

■ The Ducks keep hope alive for a national title with a 21-20 victory over UCLA on Saturday at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena

By Adam Jude
Oregon Daily Emerald

PASADENA, Calif. — "Never any doubt," Rashad Bauman said. "Wide right all the way."

Chris Griffith's last-second, 50-yard field goal couldn't find the uprights in front of 78,330 fans at the Rose Bowl on Saturday, perhaps — even if it is a long shot — setting up another Oregon trip to Pasadena on Jan. 3 for the National Championship.

"You'll probably call me a liar, but the whole time, we were saying 'wide right, it was going to go wide right,'" said Bauman, a senior defensive back, after Oregon's 21-20 victory over UCLA. "We were so relaxed and so calm."

"And I was sitting in the huddle, and I was like, 'What the hell's going on? Why's everyone so relaxed?' As we came up we were just laughing, and we knew it would go wide right."

The Bruins — playing without star DeShaun Foster, the nation's third-best rusher who was suspended for receiving "extra benefits" — weren't laughing after their third straight loss dropped them from a national championship contender into the bottom half

of the Pacific-10 Conference.

The No. 7 Ducks (9-1 overall, 6-1 Pac-10), celebrating the 500th victory in program history, now have three weeks to prepare for the Dec. 1 Civil War against Oregon State. A win in the final game of the regular season would clinch at least a berth to the Fiesta Bowl for the Ducks.

Oregon vaulted to fourth in the Bowl Championship Series standings after the win. But there would be no talk of Oregon in the BCS now if Griffith, UCLA's junior placekicker, had made his first career 50-yard field goal attempt with two ticks remaining on the clock.

UCLA got to the Oregon 33-yard line

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Harriers run to third at West Regionals

■ Jason Hartmann finishes third overall at the Western Regionals in Tucson, Ariz., and leads the Ducks to a probable berth in the national meet

By Chris Cabot
Oregon Daily Emerald

With a third-place finish at the Western Regionals on Saturday, the Oregon men's cross country team will most likely be heading to South Carolina for the NCAA Championships.

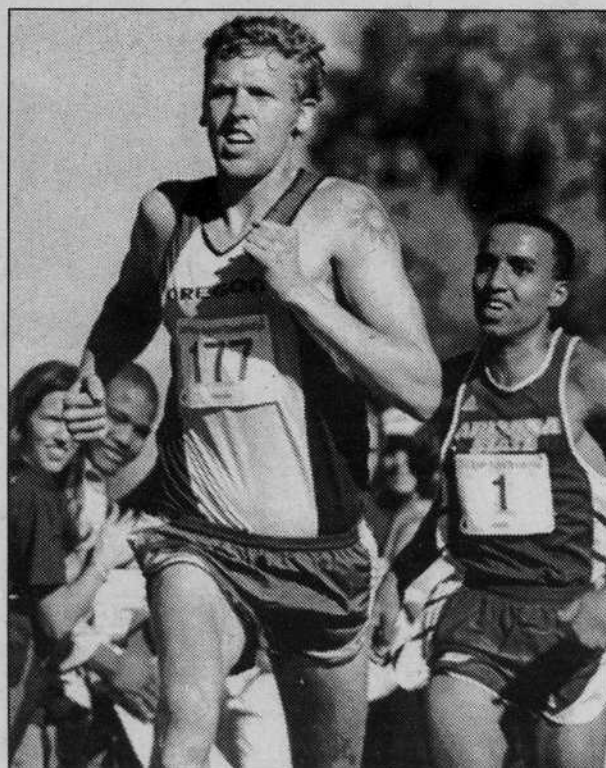
Only No. 2 Stanford, which finished with 37 points, and No. 8 Portland (91 points) finished higher than the No. 18 Ducks, whose 112 points on the 10,000 meter Dell Urich Golf Course in Tucson, Ariz., could spell NCAA.

Four ranked teams fell to the Ducks, including No. 14 Arizona State (fourth, 116), No. 13 Santa Barbara (fifth, 124), No. 20 Arizona (sixth, 135) and No. 28 Washington (seventh, 140).

Oregon's All-American junior Jason Hartmann made a run at the regional title and finished in third place overall with a time of 30:57.6. Two Stanford runners led the field: Donald Sage finished with a time of 30:43.4 and Grant Robison came in seven seconds later.

Last year at the same meet, Hartmann finished as the runner-up. This year he was excited to turn in a sound performance after a fall in the Pacific-10 Championship race that featured many of the same runners.

"I thought it was a good race," Hartmann said. "Strategy-wise, I wasn't keying off anybody in particular. I just wanted



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Oregon's Jason Hartmann placed third at the NCAA West Regionals.

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Ducks topple WSU, nearly take out UW

■ Ann Westermark scores three goals in a victory over Washington State and a tie with Washington

By Peter Hockaday
Oregon Daily Emerald

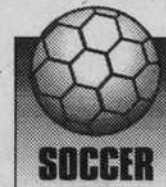
In the final two regular-season games for the seniors of the Oregon soccer team, a weekend in Washington belonged to a sophomore.

Ducks sophomore forward Ann Westermark scored three goals as Oregon tied No. 13 Washington 1-1 on Friday, then creamed Washington State 4-0 on Sunday.

With the win Sunday, Oregon achieved its school-record eighth win, and kept alive an outside chance for a berth in the NCAA Tournament. The Ducks finished the regular season with an 8-8-2 record, 2-6-1 in the Pacific-10 Conference.

"We finished up on a good note," Oregon head coach Bill Steffen said. "We'll see if it has an impact on the (NCAA Tournament) selection committee."

The Ducks had a chance to beat both Washington schools over the weekend, but that chance was dashed with three minutes to play in Friday night's contest. After Westermark scored in the 78th minute in Seattle, Oregon



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