

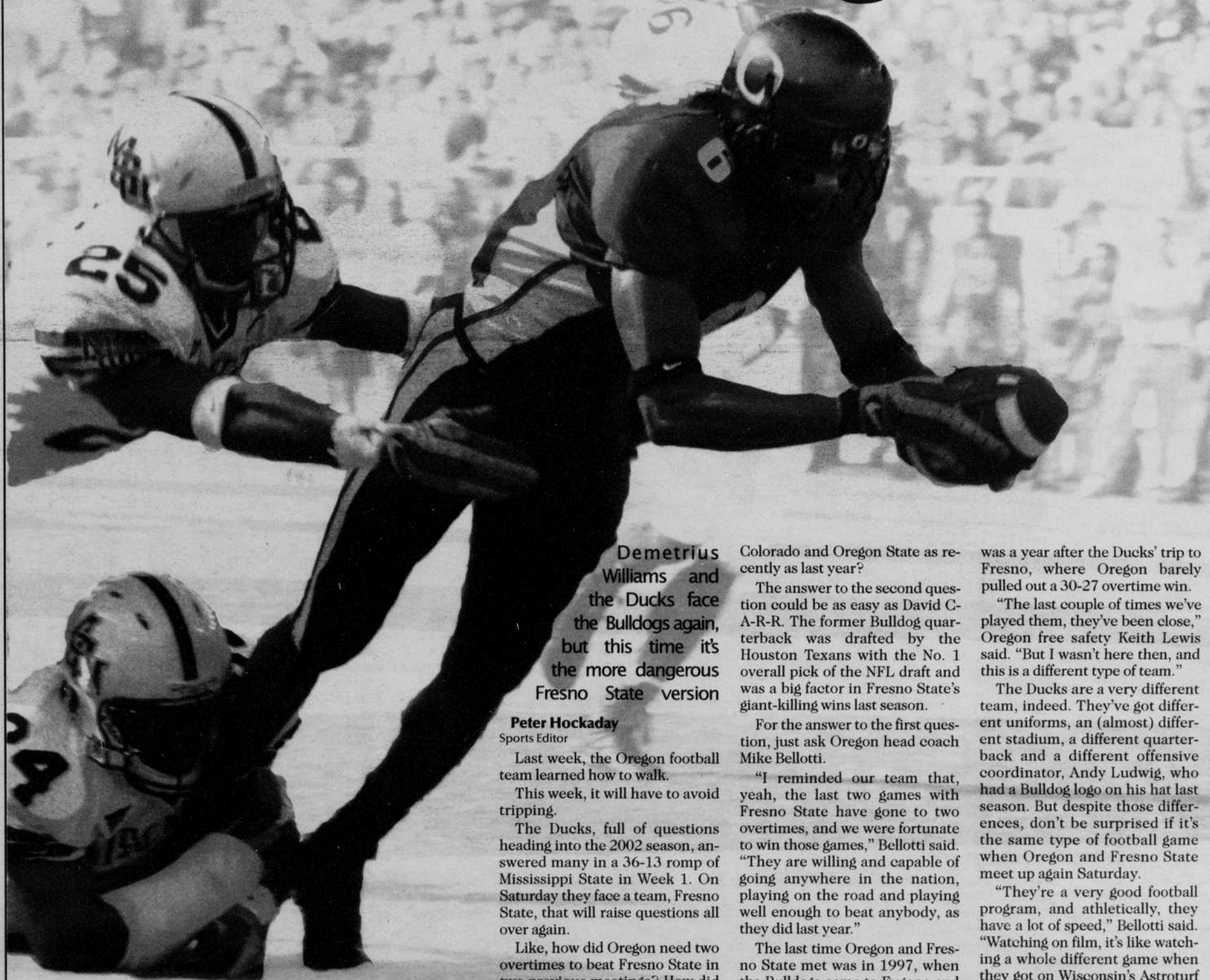
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Fresno State vs. No. 13 Oregon

Ducks diving on



Demetrius Williams and the Ducks face the Bulldogs again, but this time it's the more dangerous Fresno State version

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Last week, the Oregon football team learned how to walk.

This week, it will have to avoid tripping.

The Ducks, full of questions heading into the 2002 season, answered many in a 36-13 romp of Mississippi State in Week 1. On Saturday they face a team, Fresno State, that will raise questions all over again.

Like, how did Oregon need two overtimes to beat Fresno State in two previous meetings? How did Fresno beat teams like Wisconsin,

Colorado and Oregon State as recently as last year?

The answer to the second question could be as easy as David C-A-R-R. The former Bulldog quarterback was drafted by the Houston Texans with the No. 1 overall pick of the NFL draft and was a big factor in Fresno State's giant-killing wins last season.

For the answer to the first question, just ask Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti.

"I reminded our team that, yeah, the last two games with Fresno State have gone to two overtimes, and we were fortunate to win those games," Bellotti said. "They are willing and capable of going anywhere in the nation, playing on the road and playing well enough to beat anybody, as they did last year."

The last time Oregon and Fresno State met was in 1997, when the Bulldogs came to Eugene and lost an overtime game 43-40. That

was a year after the Ducks' trip to Fresno, where Oregon barely pulled out a 30-27 overtime win.

"The last couple of times we've played them, they've been close," Oregon free safety Keith Lewis said. "But I wasn't here then, and this is a different type of team."

The Ducks are a very different team, indeed. They've got different uniforms, an (almost) different stadium, a different quarterback and a different offensive coordinator, Andy Ludwig, who had a Bulldog logo on his hat last season. But despite those differences, don't be surprised if it's the same type of football game when Oregon and Fresno State meet up again Saturday.

"They're a very good football program, and athletically, they have a lot of speed," Bellotti said. "Watching on film, it's like watching a whole different game when they got on Wisconsin's AstroTurf

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