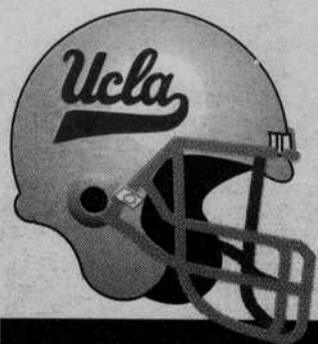


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UCLA vs. No. 7 Oregon

Bruin a title?

The streaking Oregon Ducks head to UCLA for an early season showdown that could have Pac-10 title implications

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The Ducks, simply, are streaking. Streaking like they've never streaked before. Streaking better than any team not named Miami. Streaking right into the Rose Bowl, where those streaks could quickly turn to shrieks.

No. 7 Oregon has several notable streaks heading into Saturday's matchup at UCLA (4-1 overall, 1-0 Pacific-10 Conference), ranked No. 25 in the coaches' poll.

At the forefront of streaks for Oregon (5-0, 1-0), the lone undefeated Pac-10 team, is 10 consecutive wins, which ties a school record and currently stands as the second-best mark in the country.

Then there's Oregon's road-winning streak, which stands at a league-best six games. Not to be forgotten are two consecutive wins over the Bruins, although that mini-streak is overshadowed by UCLA's 37-19 all-time advantage.

"It's our first trip to the Rose Bowl, hopefully to ensure a second one," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said.

Individually, Onterrio Smith looks to set a school record with his sixth consecutive 100-yard rushing effort. Keenan Howry has caught a pass in 40 straight games and looks to get within one game of tying the conference record.

The streaking list goes on. As does Oregon's desire for improvement.

Despite averaging 38.8 points per game, third-best in the conference, Smith said the Oregon offense has not had a complete game.

"We still haven't arrived yet," said Smith, who leads the Pac-10 with 122.4 rushing yards per game. "But our main thing is just to keep improving every game, and that's what we're doing."

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