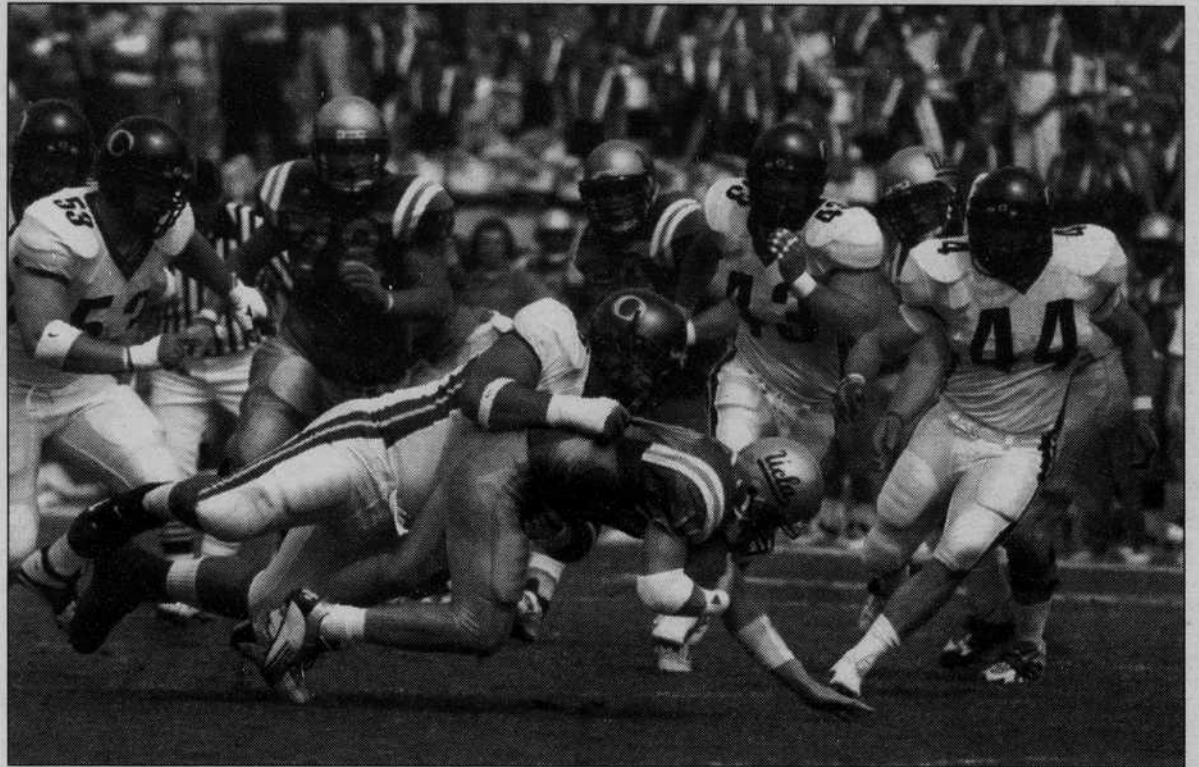


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Jeremy Forrest Emerald

Haloti Ngata sacks UCLA's Cory Paus in the Ducks' win Saturday. Ngata also blocked an extra point in the contest.

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Wojciechowski's "Bring a coat and tie to the Yale Club" segment, and fourth in ESPN.com's "Heisman Watch."

But the people don't agree with the experts. Smith is ranked ninth in CNN.com's online "People's Heisman" poll with 26,176 votes, 314 behind No. 8 Charles Rogers. Seneca Wallace leads that poll with 41,090 votes. And in the only poll that truly counts other than the final writer's poll, Smith is 11th in Suzuki's official "Vote Heisman" poll at www.voteheisman.com. The winning player from that poll receives one official first-place vote in the final Heisman balloting.

It's all just speculation and hearsay now, but if Smith continues to play to his New York-sized stature, he might earn a much smaller statue at the end of the season.

Baffling Computer Stuff

Isn't that what BCS stands for? Or is it Boggling Computer Systems? Big Computers Stink?

Oh, wait, it's Bowl Championship Series. And it's back.

The seven-computer ranking system that gave Oregon so many headaches last season will be released for the first time Monday, and should fuel national college football debates for the rest of 2002.

Of course, with the Ducks' sour BCS experience last year, this year's squad isn't exactly excited for the release of that first poll.

"I didn't even know that," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said when asked about the upcoming release of the BCS rankings.

"(The BCS) isn't really our concern right now, our main focus is Arizona State, and coming out here to get our game plan working," Smith said.

The Ducks, who are ranked at No. 6 in both national polls, are No. 7 in the mock BCS rankings of college-

BCS.com. Washington State is 10th in the mock poll.

Blocking ...

With a blocked extra point at UCLA, Oregon has now blocked as many kicks this year — four — as the entire 1999, 2000 and 2001 seasons combined. Freshman defensive end Haloti Ngata blocked Chris Griffith's extra point try Saturday, and also had a hand in Kevin Mitchell's field goal block against Portland State, as Mitchell leapfrogged over Ngata to block that kick. Keith Lewis has two punt blocks on the season.

... and picking

The Oregon secondary has intercepted at least one pass in 10-straight games. The Ducks will try to make it 11 straight Saturday when they host Arizona State at Autzen Stadium.

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