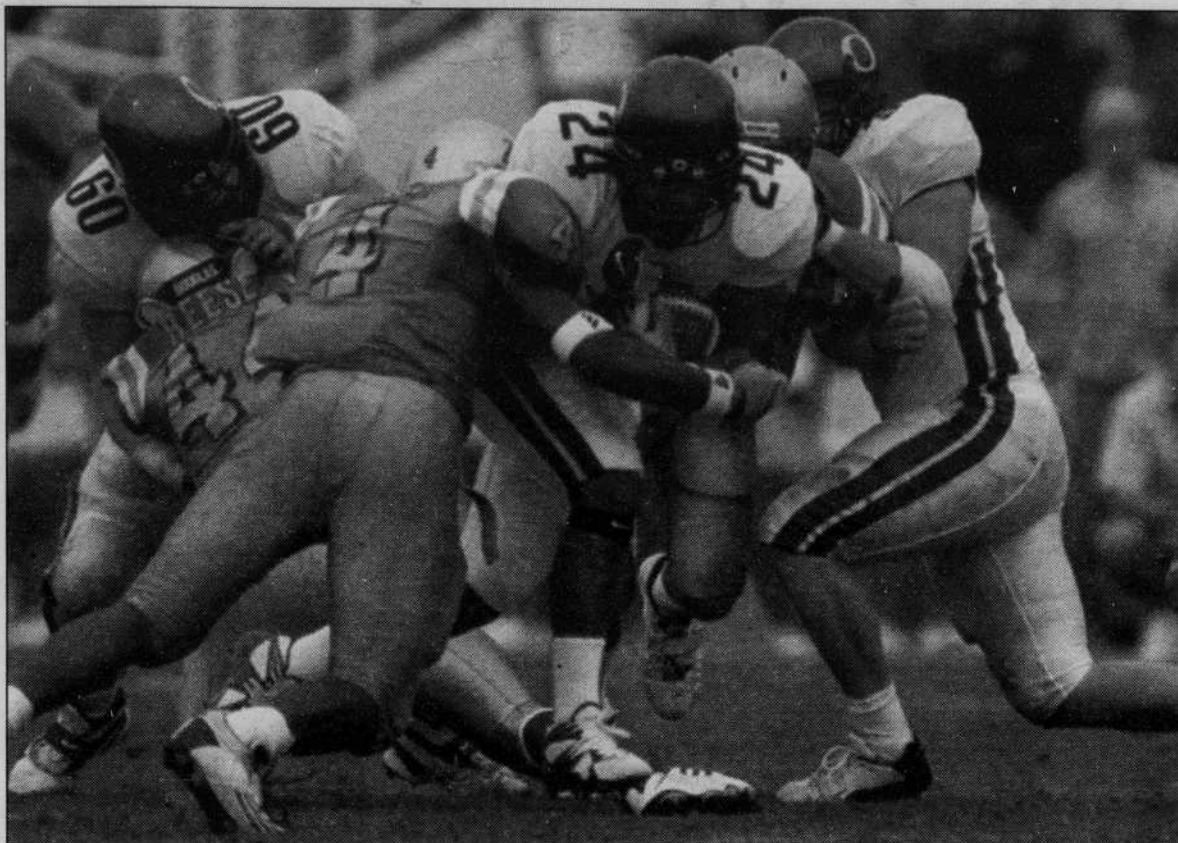




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Terrence Whitehead (24) has proven to be another option in the running game for the Ducks after a 37-yard touchdown run.

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into Saturday's matchup, as much as Bellotti's warnings ring true. The Sun Devils have been inconsistent at best this season; they lost to North Carolina and barely survived Oregon State. The Devils are undefeated in Pac-10 play, but their only two opponents have been the Beavers and the Cardinal.

Oregon has been doing the Oregon thing: steadily improving each week as the competition improves, working out the kinks, staying undefeated. After six games, the Ducks are 6-0 and ranked sixth in both national polls. Onterrio Smith has matured into a weekly 100-yard back — his current streak of six-straight games with more than 100 yards rushing is an Oregon record — and seems to be running headlong toward the Heisman Trophy.

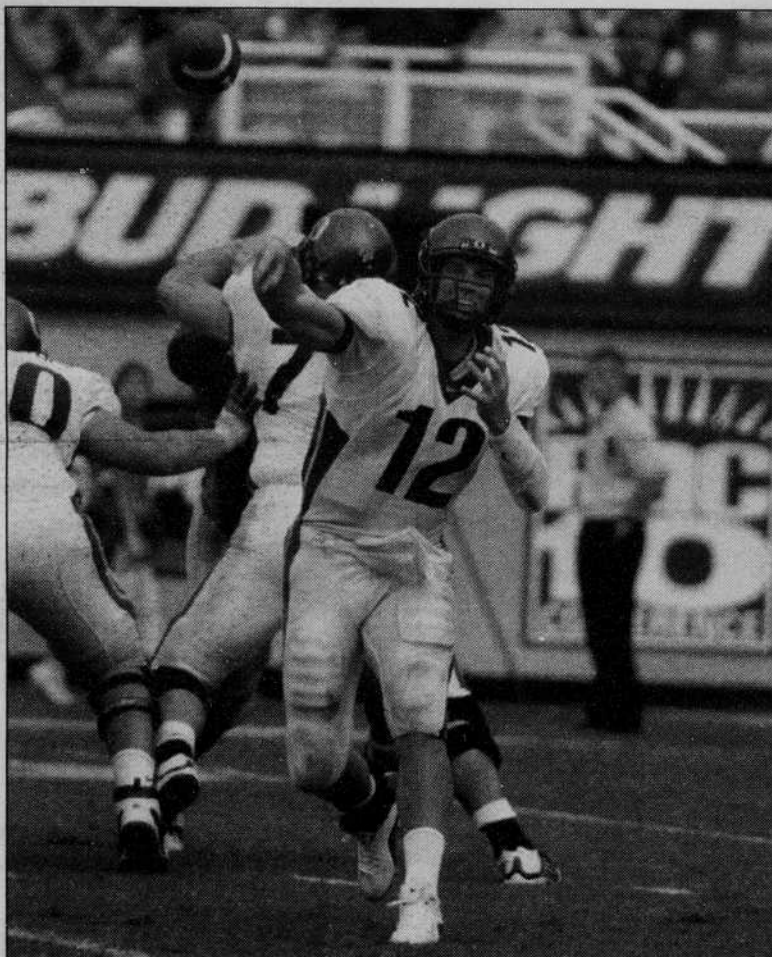
"We're kind of streaky," Smith said of his running and his run protection. "We get some good things going, kind of drop off in the middle and pick it up in the third and fourth quarters. So we're trying to have one of those games where we sustain the effort throughout."

Oregon quarterback Jason Fife has found his niche, and it appears to be the "don't make mistakes" niche. Fife is ranked third in the nation in pass efficiency, a statistic that reflects his 12-to-1 touchdowns-to-interceptions ratio. Fife has scrambled often to avoid sacks this season.

"He made some great scrambles (against UCLA)," Bellotti said. "But there were a couple other times I felt that he could have sat in that pocket."

On defense, the Ducks minimized the penalties that plagued them earlier in the season against UCLA but showed a glaring weakness in giving up big plays.

"The problem was, a lot of those big plays were for touchdowns," Bellotti said. "You can give up a big play, but if you keep the ball out of



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Jason Fife's 161.21 passing efficiency rating ranks him third in the nation.

the endzone, yardage doesn't matter. But yardage that results in a touchdown is very damaging."

And we return full circle to Arizona State. The Sun Devils have been, at times, a big-play team. Walter threw five touchdowns against Stanford and four the week before that against San Diego State. Bellotti said they will sometimes go deep 15 to 20 times per game, where a normal team might go deep four to eight times. The Sun Devils receivers may have something to do with it.

"They have two Bobby Wades,"

Bellotti said, referring to the Arizona receiver who torched Oregon for 151 yards on 12 catches.

Arizona State receivers Shaun McDonald and Daryl Lightfoot have accounted for nine touchdowns this season.

"It's going to come down to our little men's leaping ability — being ready to jump for the high balls," Lewis said.

Too bad Autzen Stadium can't jump up for those balls, too.

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week, preparing for the Cougars' patsy game against Arizona.

Fortunate will get to kick her feet up again after playing Oregon, because WSU will have another bye week before the Apple Cup against Washington on Nov. 23. Then Fortunate will get yet another bye week to prepare for UCLA on Dec. 7. See, in the offseason, Fortunate did a little digit-dialing to get ABC to move that game. Fortunate knows how to work the system.

The lady might be spending a little

time in Berkeley this season, too. Because Fortunate scheduled Cal for a bye week Nov. 2, then consecutive games against Arizona State, Arizona and Stanford to close the season. All but Arizona State are patsies.

For you, Duck fans, you can only hope that Hairy and Fortunate settle into a long, meaningful relationship and have a kid and such. Maybe they could name it Lucky.

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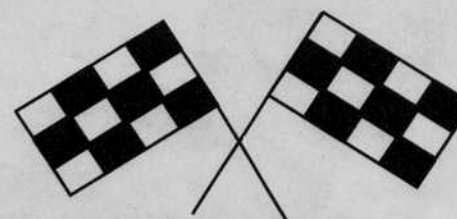
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conference coffee cup by any means. Then Fortunate stuck around, shook hands with Hairy at the Rose Bowl and sent Chris Griffith's 46-yard boot wide to the left.

But Fortunate isn't with the Ducks any more, unless she comes back to visit every now and then. Fortunate's up in Pullman. Fortunate is kicking her feet up on a bye