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people's admission, too small, too slow out of high school, yet I think he is a tremendous receiver who we truly covet."

Howry has averaged 54.6 yards per game this year, and if he keeps up that pace he will not break the total yards record. He would need to average 78.8 yards per game, assuming the Ducks head to a bowl, in order to break that record.

But Howry, who has notched four touchdowns and averages three catches per game, seems likely to achieve the records in those categories.

"He did come on a little slower than a lot of people expected, slower than even he wanted to, but he has once again developed into that primary guy on offense," quarterback Jason Fife said.

Don't Duck

When the Oregon Athletic Department carted a massive "egg" to midfield before Saturday's loss to USC, it may have hatched more than a new mascot.

Because it certainly hatched a controversy.

Many Oregon students have reacted negatively to the new mascot, despite the Athletic Department's clear statement that the new Duck is not intended to replace the beloved Donald mascot. The Athletic Department is currently negotiating an agreement with The Walt Disney Company to continue using Donald's image.

Insulting injury

Fife came down with a cold Sunday, adding "insult to injury," according to the junior quarterback.

Perhaps he meant it added injury to insult.

Fife wasn't the only Oregon player to come out of the weekend with an injury. Onterrio Smith woke up with a sore left knee Sunday morning and sat out of practice on Monday and Tuesday. Smith, who said he is "about 75 percent," is still not completely positive he will start Saturday.

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Mike Bellotti
Oregon head coach

But Smith is taking his injury in stride. When asked Tuesday if he was receiving any shots to help him through the pain, Smith said "I was in (the training room) screaming like a little baby."

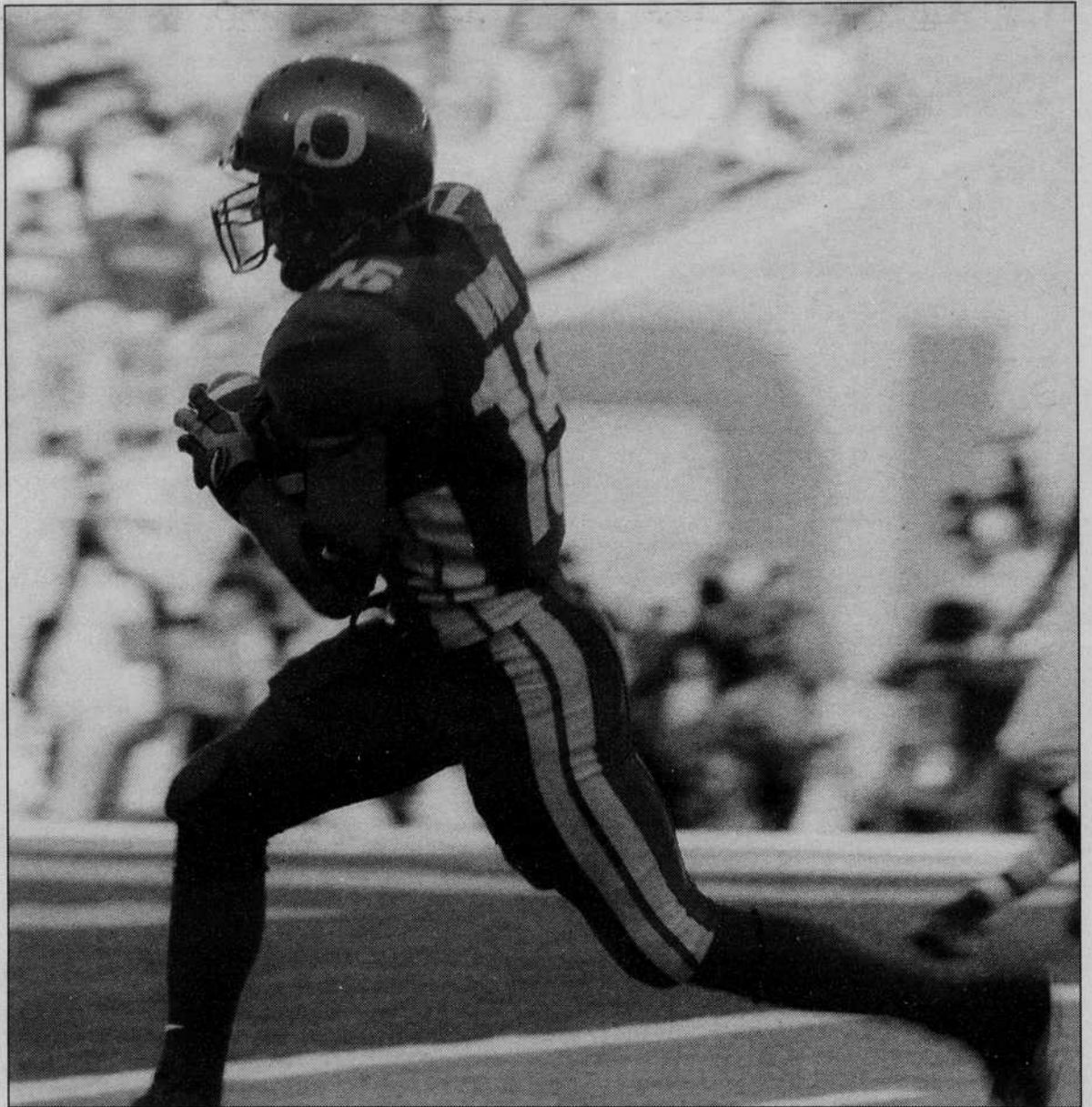
"I don't like needles," Smith said, chuckling. "I never have and I never will."

In other injury situations, backup wide receiver Keith Allen did not practice Monday with an injured knee but could play this weekend, while tackle Michael DeLagrange, out with a sprained ankle, is not likely to play.

Bad timing

Stanford officials denied Oregon's request to move Saturday's game to an evening start to accommodate a broadcast on the Oregon Sports Network. That means kickoff will happen at its originally scheduled time, 12:30 p.m.

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Jeremy Forrest Emerald

Keenan Howry needs two more touchdowns and six more catches to break the Oregon records in both categories.

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didn't need those anyway.

I'll be the first to admit that yeah, when handed those ThunderStix recently at Autzen, I was the first to inflate them and pound them together as though there was no tomorrow.

When in Rome ...

But that doesn't mean I'll endorse the damn things, or will be disappointed next season when the Pac-10 ban comes into effect.

Seriously, when did Oregon fans need a noisemaker to be loud and support the Ducks? It's not as

though the Autzen expansion took away the home-field advantage.

Well, not that much, at least.

Reportedly, USC head coach Pete Carroll and Oregon Athletic Director Bill Moos were at the forefront of the ban. It's excellent to see two of the conference's sharpest minds put into motion a sensible act.

I see a bit of a correlation between winning and sensibility in the Pac-10. Didn't think I'd ever see John Mackovic from Arizona try to pull a ban like this.

Wildcat fans probably couldn't make half the noise Oregon fans do anyway.

When I first noticed the things while watching the Major League Baseball playoffs, I never thought that any one fan would be so unruly and ignorant as to use them against a player.

Well, I must've misunderstood some of the fans in this country.

Not only did the Angels fan look bad Sunday when rapping Reggie Sanders in the back, she also gave fans a black eye.

I've seen fans run on the field, do a striptease on hockey ice and generally just act stupid. But come on, to hit a player with an inflatable piece of plastic is not only stupid — really,

what's it going to do to Sanders anyway — but absolutely pointless.

Besides, whose goal is it to spend upwards of \$500 to go the seventh game of the World Series and get kicked out for getting two seconds of television exposure?

Boggles the mind. It truly does.

Hey, this whole Pac-10 idea could be a national craze. Ban the ThunderStix — especially for Anaheim Angels' fans — and anything else that has no place in stadiums and arenas. There could be a no-horns ban — or, better yet, how about the first fan who does "the wave" gets a free ticket out of the stadium.

I can see it now. Fans behaving like human beings. Verbal taunts are okay of course, but come on, hurling ThunderStix 10 rows down from you when your team is losing is, well, pretty childish.

Come to think of it, though, aren't most serious sports fans usually children at heart, anyway?

Oh well, I guess the sporting society of this country just isn't ready for real cheering.

Rat-a-tat tat, rat-a-tat tat. Oh yuck.

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Horoscope by Linda C. Black

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 30). Slow and steady wins the race this year, no matter what others may say. The tried and true works best to keep food on the table and a little money in the bank. Deal with people you know you can trust, and make sure they can trust you back. If you avoid risky propositions, you'll do fine. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) _ Today is a 7 _ You may be rarin' to go, but circumstances seem to be against you. Is it a subversive plot? More likely it's a signal to be cautious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) _ Today is a 6 _ You may suspect you're involved in a discussion that will never be completely resolved, but that's not the case. There are basic things you can all agree upon. Keep it simple.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) _ Today is a 7 _ You're smart, but that's not enough. You also need to be persistent. The first few dozen things you try may not work. Hang in there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) _ Today is a 7 _ Fantasies may seem out of reach, but don't believe it. What's needed now is common sense. Start by following through on what you promised.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) _ Today is a 7 _ Your trouble may be that you and your partner don't share the same objective. Better find out before proceeding. It's always good to know.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) _ Today is a 6 _ Looks like somebody's leaning on you heavily, perhaps applying guilt to get you to do something. Tell them you'll do it for free, and they can keep the guilt. You don't need any.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) _ Today is a 7 _ Others can't see eye to eye. You can help. Act as a translator. They're all so caught up in their own ideas, they've having trouble listening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) _ Today is a 6 _ Frustrations you're experiencing won't last forever. You're naturally patient and persistent. Be willing to modify your expectations, too.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) _ Today is a 7 _ A person who's been trying to tell you what to do may actually be right. Consider that possibility, and keep travel to a mini mum.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) _ Today is a 6 _ You can make a difficult job appear effortless. But it's not, as you well know. You're on the right track, however. Never let them see you sweat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) _ Today is a 6 _ It would be wonderful if we all got along, but sometimes we don't. Listen to the dissenting opinion to see if it has some merit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) _ Today is a 6 _ This is not an easy situation for you. Luckily, you have inner strength. Draw on it, even if it seems unreasonable.

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