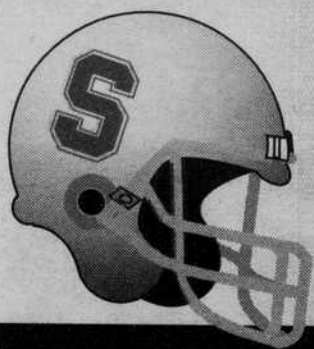


GAME DAY



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Stanford vs. No. 19 Oregon

Seeing Cardinal

The Ducks are reeling from two straight losses, but won't have a problem getting motivated for Stanford, the only team to beat them last season

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Two days after Halloween, the kids will be stuffed with candy, the pumpkins will start rotting and the broken egg shells will start decomposing into lawns. But one group of costumed men will still be seeing red. One group will still be clothed in devil's garb.

When the Stanford Cardinal come to Autzen Stadium on Saturday, they bring a recent history of negativity that many of the Oregon Ducks said will motivate them as they try to bounce back from two straight losses. Stanford was the "1" in Oregon's 11-1 record last year, as the Cardinal broke the Ducks' 23-game home winning streak with a 49-42 victory that, ultimately, kept Oregon out of the national championship game.

"They ruined our hopes last year, and to add insult to injury, they were showing it in our faces, so I think there's going to be some reconciliation on that account," Oregon quarterback Jason Fife said.

The Cardinal players, band and mascot celebrated last season's win by dancing at midfield after the wild victory.

"They derailed us off our national championship course last season," tight end George Wrighter said. "And the way they celebrated on our field afterwards—nobody's happy about that."

The players said that head coach Mike Bellotti showed them tape of the celebration to motivate them for Saturday's contest, but the coach himself played down the bitterness factor.

"We need to play four quarters; in my mind, that's more important than any vengeance or any revenge or any other factor about disrespecting the Ducks or anything like that," Bellotti said. "Stanford is a different team from last year. I would have rather played them earlier in the season when they were still adjusting to a new coach, but for both of us, this is a huge game."

Stanford is, indeed, an entirely different squad from last season's team. Former Cardinal head coach Tyrone Willingham departed for the more tradition-laden pastures of Notre Dame, where he has led the Irish to an 8-0 record. New Stanford coach Buddy Teevens, formerly the assistant offensive coordinator at Florida under Steve Spurrier, and the Cardinal

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The Ducks still think about last season's loss to Stanford, a game that ended Oregon's national title hopes.

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Like a nice steak

Samie Parker may be one of the fastest Ducks on the field, but he's really just a very slow-roaster.

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