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# GAME DAY

**Best bet**  
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## The big box of football

### Tasty morsel No. 1

Maybe it's the leaves falling from the trees. Oregon has a record of 17-3 in the month of November under head coach Mike Bellotti. That includes a 10-0 record in the confines of Autzen Stadium.

### Morsel No. 2

Oregon hasn't lost three-straight games in the same season since 1997. The Ducks lost two to end the 1998 season and the 1999 season opener.

### Trivia Bowl

Keenan Howry tied an Oregon record in last season's loss to Stanford. What was it?

### Rank me

Oregon and Stanford in the 2002 Pac-10 rankings

#### Rushing offense

Stanford.....1  
Oregon.....2

#### Passing offense

Oregon.....8  
Stanford.....10

#### Scoring offense

Oregon.....1  
Stanford.....9

#### Total offense

Oregon.....4  
Stanford.....9

#### Rushing defense

Oregon.....2  
Stanford.....7

#### Passing defense

Stanford.....6  
Oregon.....10

#### Scoring defense

Oregon.....6  
Stanford.....10

### Morsel No. 3

Jared Siegel has made 16 of 17 field goals this year. His only miss was a block in the Ducks' first game of the season against Mississippi St.

### Trivia answer

Howry tied a school record with 338 all-purpose yards. Onterio Smith broke that record against Washington St.

## Cardinal deal with new system

Stanford has changed since they beat Oregon last year, from the coach to the quarterback

**Hank Hager**  
Sports Reporter

Stanford returns to the site where last season's most improbable victory took place.

But for the Cardinal (2-5 overall, 1-4 Pacific-10 Conference), the game is in the past, a distant memory of a season that produced six Pacific-10 Conference victories and a spot in the 2001 Seattle Bowl.

Gone is starting quarterback Randy Fasani, as well as hard-nosed running back Brian Allen.

Back, though, is 6-foot-7 wide receiver Teyo Johnson, and, well, there's not much else going on for Stanford.

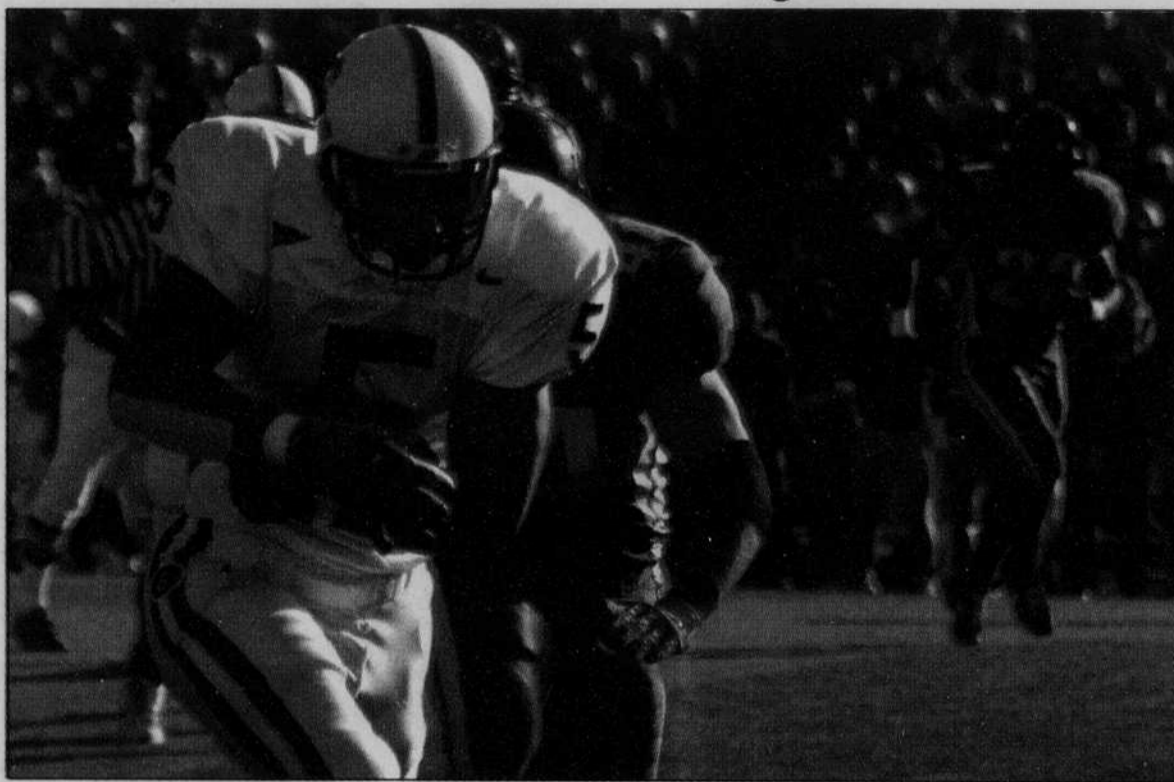
Junior quarterback Chris Lewis, the heir apparent to Fasani, has had to deal with injuries this season.

Penciled in to start for Lewis is freshman Kyle Matter, a 6-foot-3 signal-caller from Newhall, Calif.

First-year head coach Buddy Teevens is still upbeat, despite Stanford's poor play to start the season.

"We're an improving football team that has experienced frustration with not getting the win at the end," Teevens said. "The attitude of our players is very resilient. They see things on tape that are encouraging as well. Obviously, they are frustrated, but also aware of the improvements we are making."

In place of Lewis, Matter has completed 55 passes in 95 attempts, including a 10-for-22 performance against UCLA last week, a game the Cardinal lost, 28-18.



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Sophomore Teyo Johnson gave the Ducks fits last season as Stanford ruined Oregon's chances at a perfect season.

"I thought he played smart football," Teevens said of Matter's play against the Bruins. "He was harassed most of the afternoon, but he scrambled and picked up some key first downs for us. I thought he played really heady football. I was pleased overall."

Johnson has been the pulse of the Stanford offense this season, a unit that has been sputtering and is last in the Pac-10 in passing offense with 194.1 yards per game. Johnson leads

the team in receptions with 29 and yards with 356. But in the team's most recent loss, UCLA, he had just 32 yards on four catches.

Against Arizona — Stanford's only Pac-10 victory of the season — he had just one catch for two yards.

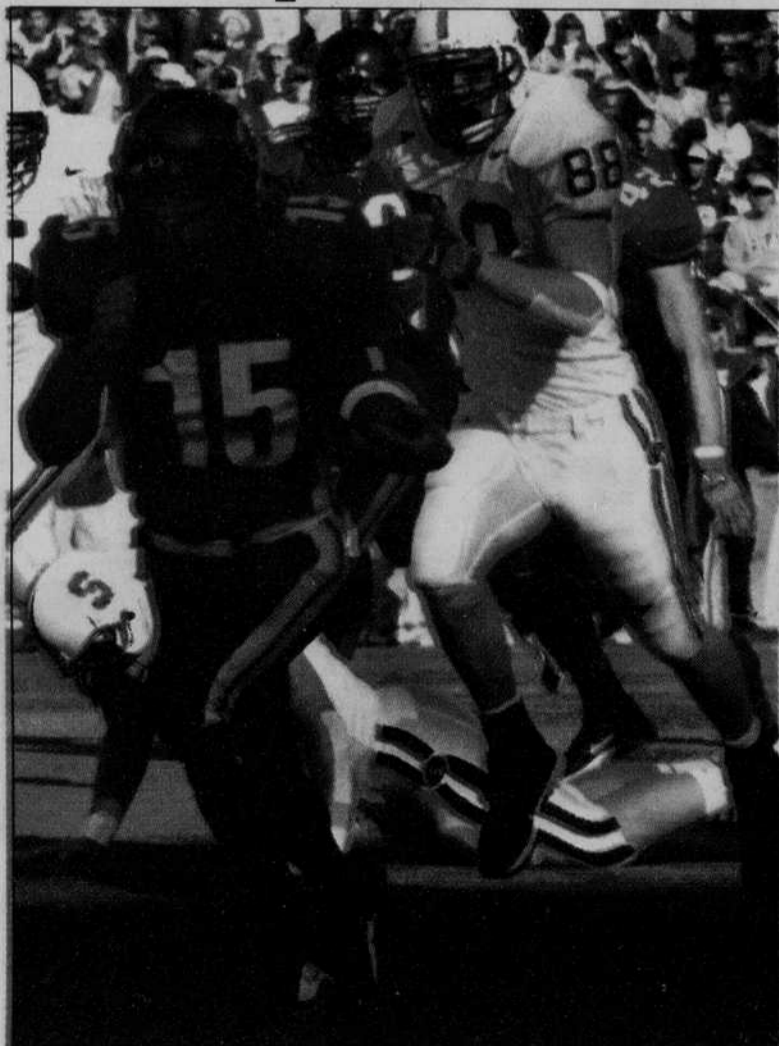
Oregon — which is often said to have the loudest fans in the Pac-10 — could present a problem for the struggling Stanford offense. Yet with Johnson's height and Oregon's smaller cornerbacks, the Cardinal could

present a mismatch.

"Defensively, I've been very impressed with their inside linemen," Teevens said. "Haloti Ngata and Igor Olshansky are big and physical guys that can run. David Moretti and Kevin Mitchell are very solid linebackers that move extremely well. Their defense backs have made a lot of interceptions."

Overall, Stanford averages 353.3 total yards offensively per game, Turn to **Stanford**, page 8B

## 'The Upset' burns in UO players' minds



Adam Amato Emerald

Keenan Howry (15) returned a punt for a touchdown late in last year's loss to Stanford.

Stanford's 49-42 win in Eugene last season ruined Oregon's hopes for the 2001 national title

**Mindi Rice**

Freelance Sports Reporter

49-42.

No, that isn't the score of either Oregon loss this season.

49-42.

That represents the score when "Captain Comeback" Joey Harrington appeared to run out of magic comeback dust.

It represents the one tarnish to then fifth-ranked Oregon's 11-1 record for the 2001 season.

The Stanford win on Oct. 20, 2001, ended Oregon's 23-game home winning streak. It ended dreams of a perfect season, and it only took 15 minutes.

After three strong quarters of Oregon football, the Ducks looked like they were on track for another win. Ahead 42-28, and with Stanford missing their starting quarterback, students were chanting the numbers "24."

Chris Lewis, Stanford's backup quarterback, replaced Randy Fasani after Fasani suffered a sprained right knee in the second quarter. Lewis had done something similar before, coming off the bench in the 2000 season to guide the Cardinal past No. 5 Texas.

The Ducks did not score in the fourth quarter, and, after blocking two punts by Jose Arroyo, Stanford scored a touchdown with 9:09 left in the game. The score was 42-35, and Oregon was still safe.

On the ensuing kickoff, Oregon was caught off-guard by Stanford's inside kick. The Cardinal scored a touchdown with 5:32 left, but Seth McEwen blocked their point-after attempt. Oregon just had to hold onto the ball and it would win, 42-41.

With four minutes left, Oregon was on its own 30-yard line. On third-and-1, Harrington passed. Defensive end Marcus Hoover ended up with the ball after a tip and an interception, and Stanford had the opportunity it needed to take the lead for the first time since the first quarter.

With 1:10 left in the game, Stanford scored a touchdown and added a two-point conversion to make the score 49-42.

The Ducks got back down to the Stanford 37-yard line, but Harrington threw four incomplete Hail Mary passes in a row, the last flying out of the end zone as time ran out.

"We lost. It doesn't matter how or why," Harrington said after the game.

The Ducks dropped five places in the national polls, and all hope seemed lost for a national championship.

"This puts a damper on everything," Oregon receiver Keenan Howry said after the game.

The game began as a nail-biter, with Stanford scoring first, and the score was tied at 14 with 3:26 left in the first quarter. Oregon added a touchdown and the first quarter ended with the Ducks up 21-14.

Each team put up a touchdown in the second quarter, leaving the Ducks

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