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To the Ducks' credit, they had just two possessions in the third quarter against Stanford (after the Cardinal put together a 10-minute touchdown drive), though both of those drives ended with punts.

In the decisive third quarter against USC two weeks ago, Oregon managed just nine total yards on four possessions, including an interception, while the Trojans scored three touchdowns.

"The third quarter is definitely an area we need to improve in. We can't trade touchdowns for field goals," Oregon safety Keith Lewis said. "If we played four straight quarters, we could beat a lot of teams."

But Lewis said the Ducks start to feel their aches and pains during halftime and begin to lose adrenaline.

"It's just a matter of finding a solution," Lewis said.

Easier said than done.

Onterio's "85 percent" healthy

O-man, Onterio's back. Washington State must be shaking. And it's not because of snow.

Onterio Smith, the Pac-10 rushing leader with 126.9 yards per game, wore a brace during practices on Monday and Tuesday after sitting out Oregon's win over Stanford with a minor left knee injury.

Smith said he will play Saturday against the No. 5 Cougars (8-1, 5-0), a team he torched for 342 all-purpose yards and 285 rushing yards, both school records, in Oregon's win in Pullman last year.

"Right now, I'm about 85 percent," Smith said Monday. "The percentage should rise as the week progresses. Hopefully, by Saturday I'll be 100 percent."

Although he did not practice last week, Smith was cleared to play against Stanford. But Bellotti held him out as a precaution.

"I feel like he'll be ready, and the trainers feel like he'll be ready (for WSU)," Bellotti said.

And considering the dreary weather conditions in Pullman, Smith could be set for another big game.

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Joey Harrington
Detroit Lions quarterback

"I heard it's going to rain, so that calls for the running game," Smith said.

In Smith's place, freshman Terrence Whitehead rushed for 132 yards on 29 carries against Stan-

ford. Bellotti said Whitehead will give Smith some relief in Pullman.

The sensation continues

Oregon sophomore Jared Siegel was named a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award, given to the nation's top kicker.

Siegel, the Pac-10 special teams Player of the Week, has converted 18-of-19 field goals this season; his only miss was blocked in the first game of the season against Mississippi State. He has since converted a school-record 15 consecutive field goals.

Cal's Mark Jensen is the only other Pac-10 semifinalist for the award. The list will be narrowed to three on Nov. 18.

Ducks in the NFL

Vicious.

That's the only way to describe former Oregon cornerback Rashad Bauman's greeting of former Oregon teammate Maurice Morris at Seahawks Stadium on Sunday.

Bauman, who plays for the NFL's Washington team, made a

brutal clothesline tackle of Morris, a return specialist for the Seattle Seahawks, during a kickoff in a 14-3 Washington victory.

In Detroit, Mr. Oregon, er, Joey Harrington improved his record to 3-3 as the starting quarterback for the Lions, although it wasn't pretty. Harrington was 14-for-33 for 104 yards as the Lions won 9-6 on three field goals.

But a win's a win, right Joey? "You can call it ugly, you can call it whatever you want to. I don't care," Harrington said after the game. "We won, we won, we won, we won. That's a win in the record; that's a step in the right direction, that showed the kind of guts this team has."

Also of the 2001 graduating class, tight end Justin Peelle has seen action for the San Diego Chargers as a starter and on special teams. Former Oregon linebacker Peter Sirmon (1996-99), now a starter for the Tennessee Titans, recorded his first NFL interception Sunday.

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conference play and six losses each.

The Beavers enter their final weekend after a rough stint in L.A. with consecutive losses to UCLA and USC. Oregon State has found glory only once in the Pac-10, but has won seven times in non-conference play.

The Beavers and the Ducks will each look for one last win in the rival matchup at Papé Field Friday night.

Washington State is running strong at 4-1-2 in Pac-10 with two recent wins over the desert schools. Junior forward Shelby Brownfield helped WSU move from sixth to fourth in Pac-10

standings with the game winner against ASU and another goal at Arizona.

The Washington Huskies sit at .500 after losses at Arizona and Arizona State. Both losses were upsets as Washington has never lost to the Wildcats in seven previous matchups, and it was their first loss to the Sun Devils in six meetings.

Arizona is highlighted by freshman forward Kelly Nelson as she has been named the Pac-10 Player of the Week. Nelson scored the game-winner against Washington and snapped a six-game losing streak for the Wildcats.

But for Arizona, postseason play is not an option as they are 1-6 in Pac-10 play and sit in a tie for ninth in the standings.

Arizona State could be looking at playing in the NCAA Tournament as they are 4-3 in conference and with the win over the Huskies,

snapped a three-game losing streak at Sun Devil soccer field.

Cal rounds out the Pac-10 squad and took a tough loss to Stanford last week in dropping to seventh in conference at 2-5. Senior forward Laura Schott scored just the fourth goal against Stanford this season and the first in Pac-10 play. Schott's goal brought an end to Stanford's string of seven consecutive shutouts.

For postseason play, if Stanford can win one more, it will receive the league's automatic NCAA Tournament berth. Other teams can look forward to tournament play as well, but it depends on Monday's selections.

Last year UCLA, Stanford, Washington, USC and Cal participated in the tournament.

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Sports brief

Freshman leads golf team to 10th place

The Oregon men's golf team sent all of its upperclassmen to La Quinta, Calif., but in the end, it was a freshman who led the way.

True freshman Gregg LaVoie finished in a career-best 15th-place tie as the Ducks finished tied for 10th at the two-day Prestige, which concluded Tuesday. LaVoie, who Oregon head coach Steve Nosler said would be an immediate impact player before the season started, fired a 2-over par 218, helping the Ducks improve six places over the second day.

"It wasn't planned to have all our upperclassmen going," Nosler said. "But it just worked out that way in qualifying."

The Ducks carded a 30-over 894,

41 strokes behind tournament winner Texas Christian's 853. The Horned Frogs were the only team to finish under par, including rounds of 284, 287 and 282. California Irvine finished second with a 4-over 868, followed by Pepperdine at 873 and UCLA at 877. Vanderbilt rounded out the top five with an 880.

"Our goal coming in was to win the tournament, and after a slow start in the first round, our guys played great," TCU head coach Bill Montigel said. "We played exceptionally well over the last two rounds and I am really proud of the guys."

Individual honors went to Kansas senior Chris Marshall, who fired an 11-under 207. TCU senior Adam Rubinson finished second, one stroke off the pace, followed by Vanderbilt's Brandt Snedeker at 211, Stanford's Jim Seki at 212 and California-Irvine's Jay Choe at 213.

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