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# Tasty morsel No. 1

Oregon State and Oregon are used to going at each other. The two teams have played 105 previous games, the eight most-played rivalry in the nation.

## Morsel No. 2

Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti is 5-2 all-time against the Beavers as he finishes his eighth year at the helm. However, the Ducks have been more successful against Arizona during that span, going 7-1.

#### **Trivia Bowl**

When was the last time Oregon lost to Washington State, Washington and Oregon State in the same season?

### Rank me

Oregon and Oregon State in the 2002 Pac-10 rankings

Rushing offense Oregon State ....1 Oregon . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3

Passing offense Oregon State .....7 Oregon . . . . . . . . . 9

Scoring offense Oregon State .....6 Oregon . . . . . . . . . . . . . 3

Total offense Oregon State ....4 Oregon . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 7

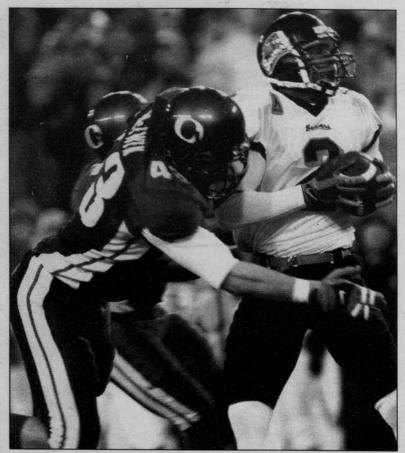
Rushing defense Oregon State .....1 Oregon . . . . . . . . . 5

Passing defense Oregon State .....1 Oregon .....9

Scoring defense Oregon State .....1 Oregon . . . . . . . . . . 6

## Trivia answer

1974 when Oregon finished the season 2-9 overall.



Oregon's Seth McEwan (43) takes out Oregon State's James Newson (2) in last season's Civil War at Autzen Stadium. Newson and the Beavers have won three of four games.

# Beavers regain winning drive

Oregon State is vastly improved from the team that went 5-6 in a disappointing 2001 campaign

Hank Hager Sports Reporter

Far from the team that was picked to finish as NCAA champions by Sports Illustrated prior to the 2001 season, but much improved from the team that finished 5-6 last season, Oregon State is not your typical Pacific-10 Conference team.

In other words, the Beaver running game plays a vital role in the well-being of the offense. Oregon State's (7-4 overall, 3-4 Pac-10) passing game, while impressive, is less of a game-breaker.

Sophomore tailback Steven Jackson is responsible for that. So far this season, he has run for 1,596 yards, which includes three games of 200plus, and just three with less than 100.

In those three games, Oregon State is 1-2. When Jackson is on his game - rushing for more than 100 yards - the Beavers are 6-2.

"He's a heck of a back, there's no question about that," Oregon State head coach Dennis Erickson said. "Steven brings a lot to the table. He's big, he's got good feet, he's got good speed, sometimes I think he tricks you with how fast he is for how big he is. But he's been our workhorse. Let's face it, when we made a decision that he's going to carry it 25 or 30 times a game, we've become more productive offensively

Behind center, Derek Anderson has been a surprise success, in the sense that he has taken over for Jonathan Smith so quickly. The sophomore from Scappoose is already tied for the Oregon State single-season touchdown record at 20, and has led the Beaver offense to an 84 percent (36-of-43 attempts) red zone success record.

Yet, this will be his first Civil War, and expectations will be high. Erickson expects a lot from the young signal-caller.

"Like any young quarterback, he's made mistakes," Erickson said. "He's got a lot of things that he has learned and a lot of things he'll continue to learn.

In the previous three games against teams with former Oregon offensive coordinators, Oregon State is 1-2, having lost to UCLA and Arizona State before defeating California.

Why, you ask, is this an important facet to the Beavers and their success? The three squads typically run the same type of offense as the Mike Bellotti-led Ducks.

If the Beavers have seen it before, well, there's a good chance they

could stop it.
"It helps," Erickson said. "They're
a little bit different than Oregon. The basic stuff is somewhat the same, but they all have their little different things. Jeff (Tedford, Cal head coach) is a little different than Dirk (Koetter, ASU head coach) ... some of the

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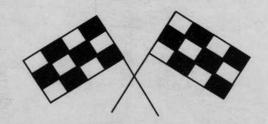
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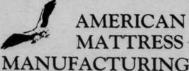
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