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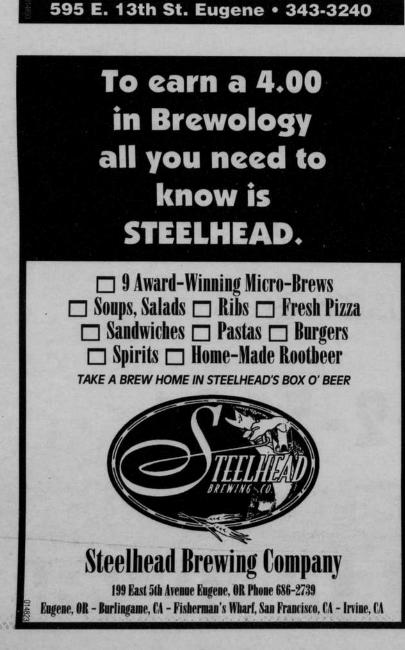
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he's a real smooth guy. He has real good moves," Campbell said. "He sees the field very well. He has a good feel for where defenders are and makes nice cuts."

Getting to Eugene wasn't easy for Whitehead. Originally signed in 2001, he had to sit out last season because his entrance exam score was challenged. After two games this season, though, an anonymous tip from the NCAA put Whitehead's eligibility in question again, forcing him to miss the final two preseason games before taking another entrance test.

Now surely entrenched on the Oregon roster — and the man tabbed to replace Smith should he opt for the NFL after this season — Whitehead is no longer getting headaches from entrance exams. Instead, he's creating the headaches on the field.

"I see myself as a playmaker," Whitehead said. "I see myself putting up some big numbers for the Ducks."

While Whitehead provides the finesse, Shaw is the power.

The son of former a former NFL player, Shaw is finally getting his chance to carry the load. In a losing effort against Washington last week, the 5-foot-11, 201-pounder had his best game in a Duck uniform, leading the Ducks with 42 yards on seven carries, a 6-yard average.

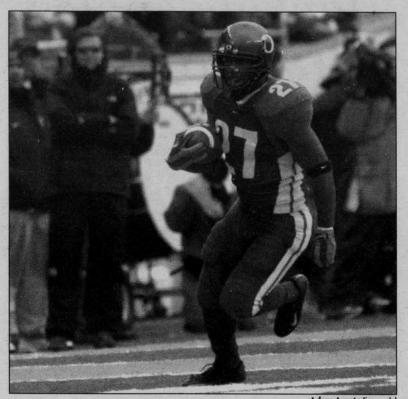
"I've been waiting for my opportunity for awhile," Shaw said. "I'm just trying to make my reps count.

"I have faith that everything will work out."

His father, Pete Shaw, played eight seasons as a cornerback for the San Diego Chargers and New York Giants. But Shaw said he never felt pressured to play football, which he picked up as a freshman in high school.

"I just ean't say enough about him," Campbell said of Shaw. "Ryan's a quick guy with a little more power than Terrence. Right now, I'd venture to say that (Shaw's) running a little bit faster right now because he's healthy. Unfortunately, he hasn't gotten to play a whole lot this year, but fortunately he's got fresh legs because of it."

At La Costa Canyon High School in Carlsbad, Calif., Shaw tallied 2,580 yard and 33 touchdowns in his final two seasons. Upon coming to Oregon, though, Shaw faced the challenge of competing for playing time against the likes of Smith and Morris. As a freshman, he participated in just



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Redshirt sophomore Ryan Shaw, who worked on the scout team last year to learn from Maurice Morris and Onterrio Smith, had 42 yards on seven carries against UW.

Terrence Whitehead file

Year: Freshman

Hometown: Los Angeles (Crenshaw High)

Oregon: Sat out the 2001 season because of eligibility problems... has totaled 252 yards on 57 carries this season, including a 132-yard effort in a win over Stanford.

High School: One of nation's top-100 recruits and top-five safeties... recorded 700 yards, seven TDs rushing, and 600 yards, seven TDs receiving as senior... also had 119 tackles.



Ryan Shaw file

Year: Redshirt sophomore

Hometown: Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)

Oregon: Used redshirt season in 2001... has 11 carries and 48 yards in two games this season, including 42 yards against Washington.

High School: Rushed for 1,086 yards (6.5-yard average) and 11 TDs in final season... A Western 100 nominee by the Tacoma News Tribune... had 1,494 yards and 22 TDs as a junior.



three preseason games. Last season, he redshirted to save his eligibility.

"He's going to see more action this week and those guys are going to share the duties," Campbell said. "(Whitehead and Shaw) have some things that they both can do and we're going to let them do what they do best."

What a show it could be.

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