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Wake Forest vs. Oregon



Tarence Williams, Wake Forest running back

Onterio Smith, Oregon running back

Oregon looks to snap a three-game losing skid with a win over Wake Forest in the Dec. 30 Seattle Bowl

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After a dismal end to a season that began with so much promise, Oregon hopes to begin the 2003 season with a promising end to 2002.

"We're happy just to get the opportunity to end the season with a win," Oregon senior linebacker David Moretti said after

practice Sunday, when the Ducks learned that they're destined for the Dec. 30 Seattle Bowl, formerly the Oahu Bowl.

Oregon's opponent for the 2:30 p.m. kickoff at Seahawks Stadium is Wake Forest, which finished its season 6-6 overall, 3-5 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. Tickets go on sale today.

The Ducks (7-5 overall, 3-5 Pacific-10 Conference), who opened the season 6-0 and ranked No. 6 in the country, lost five of their last six, including a 45-24 Civil War loss at Oregon State on Nov. 23. But head coach Mike Bellotti, who led Oregon

to a No. 2 ranking last year after a win over Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl, said he is excited about making a sixth straight bowl appearance and the extra few weeks of practice that comes with it.

"This is to reward the seniors for their work over the past four years, and a springboard to the 2003 season," Bellotti said.

Despite such a drop-off in bowl prestige this year, the Ducks say they're preparing just as hard for the 300-mile trip to Seattle.

"We want to get the Civil War loss out of our minds," Oregon senior wide receiver Keenan Howry said. "We want to get rid

of that taste."

With Washington State securing a trip to the Rose Bowl with a win over UCLA on Saturday, Oregon was slated for a Dec. 31 visit to San Jose, Calif., for the Silicon Valley Classic, which is given to the Pac-10's sixth bowl-eligible team.

But Oregon Athletic Director Bill Moos had independent discussions with Seattle Bowl president Jim Haugh to keep the Ducks in the Northwest, and a deal was reached with the San Jose bowl to swap Oregon and Georgia Tech. Thus, the Silicon

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