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Defensive tackle Igor Olshanky will have bigger shoes to fill after defensive tackle Haloti Ngata injured his ACL and MCL Saturday.

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As almost an afterthought to Ngata's injury, Oregon fans should expect to see both Clemens and Fife behind center against Nevada, and again, a train of running backs slicing through holes and sweeps.

It's not as though the Duck offense didn't prompt its fair share of accolades, anyway.

Clemens was 14 of 21 for 247 yards and three touchdown strikes, while Fife was 8 of 8 for 111 yards and one score.

Bellotti has not hinted who will get more playing time against Nevada. He showed against Mississippi State that he is not afraid to rotate the two even if one has a hotter hand.

The running game, meanwhile, racked up 198 yards against the Bulldogs and Junior Ryan Shaw led the way offensively, having ran for 84

yards in 16 carries last week.

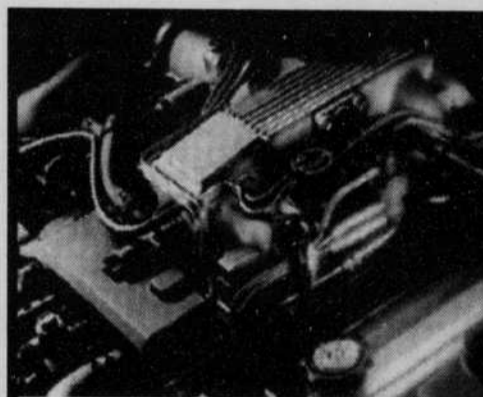
"We were just all fresh, ready to go," he said. "Whenever one of us got tired, somebody was there to step up."

With the Michigan game looming — Sept. 20, to be exact — the Ducks are entering the Nevada contest with the thoughts of a must-win this week. With a strong showing against the Wolf Pack, the Ducks could gather momentum next week against Arizona, then focus on the biggest non-conference game at Autzen in 20 years.

But they can't look past the Wolf Pack. After all, it is just the second game of the season.

Last week, "We made enough mistakes for the season and we made enough mistakes to learn from," Mitchell said. "We went over it, learned from them, and now it's just time to move on."

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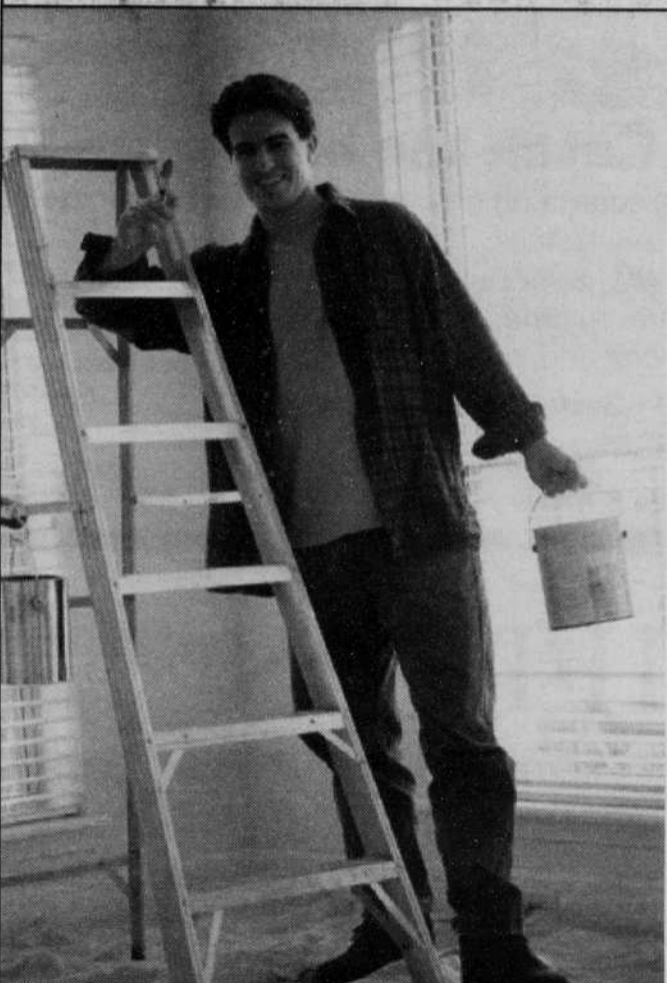
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