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Fife and Clemens combined to go 23 of 27 for 265 yards and no interceptions. Clemens led the way with 149 yards on 15 completions in 17 attempts, while Fife completed eight of 10 attempts for 116 yards.

Fife ran for a score in the second quarter for his fifth rushing touchdown this season. Whitehead and Fife lead the team in rushing touchdowns with five each.

Oregon capped the scoring in the last five minutes of the game with a one-yard rush by Rosario. The true freshman scored his first Oregon touchdown on a hand-off from Clemens.

"What makes (the first touchdown) feel even better is that we won," Rosario said.

Linebacker Kevin Mitchell also ran in a touchdown in the second quarter, picking off a pass by Stanford's Chris Lewis on the 9-yard line for his

first interception of the season.

"They mixed up the formation," Stanford head coach Buddy Teevens said of Oregon. "They looked like the team that played against Michigan."

Stanford struggled offensively during the game. Placekicker Michael Sgroi missed his only field goal attempt of the day with a 39-yard boot in the second quarter that went wide right.

The Cardinal converted five of their 16 third downs and failed to convert on three fourth-down attempts. Oregon was six for 13 on third downs and two for two at fourth down.

The Ducks offense hummed along after they made a few placement changes with their assistant coaches on Saturday. Offensive line coach Neal Zoumboukos and receivers coach Dan Ferrigno spent the game in the box, while offensive coordinator Andy Ludwig and graduate assistant Aleki Pascua moved down to the field.

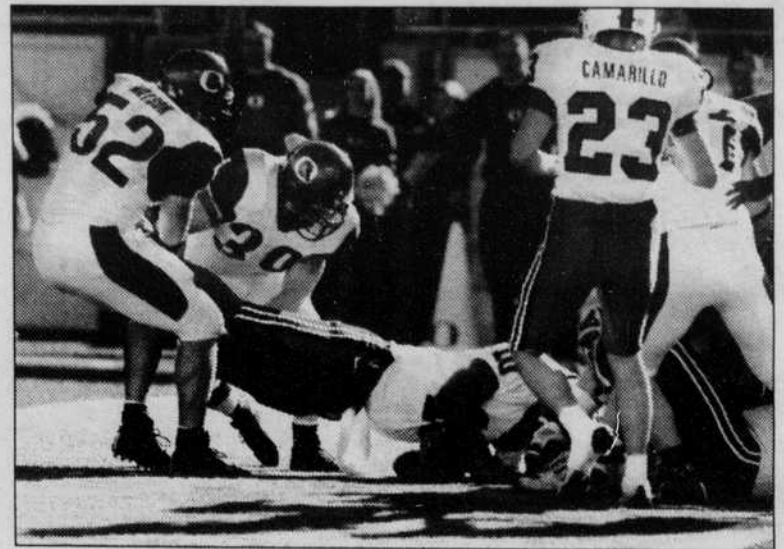
"The communication was so much better (with Ludwig on the field)," Clemens said. "We had two pairs of eyes on the defense, we had one pair of eyes on the QB. Everything was critiqued. (Ludwig) knows so much about every single position that he can help out when he's down on the field as opposed to when he's in the box."

One aspect of the game Oregon couldn't change was injuries.

Robin Knebel got a concussion in the first play of Oregon's first drive and sat out for the rest of the game. Knebel and Mike DeLaGrange, who left the game with a back spasm, will return in practice this week, Bellotti said.

Cornerback Steven Moore, who injured his left ankle on a punt return in the first quarter, returned to the sideline on crutches. X-rays came back clean, leaving Moore questionable for Oregon's next game.

In addition, wide receivers Samie Parker and Marcus Maxwell were



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Jerry Matson (52) and Kevin Mitchell (39) kept Stanford quarterback Chris Lewis (10) out of the end zone Saturday for Oregon's first Pac-10 shutout since 1992.

plagued by shoulder problems. Parker is probable for next week when the Ducks visit Washington in

Seattle, but Maxwell is questionable. Contact the senior sports reporter at mindirice@dailymerald.com.

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won the game.

"Most of it was our defense," she said. "(Domenique Lainez) played terrific, and if she didn't make those saves that she did, then it would have been so much harder for us to score."

Oregon's defense never allowed Cal to gain an edge. Lainez, Oregon's starting goalkeeper, was credited with five of her seven saves in the first half amid eight Cal shots.

In one play, with 11 minutes to go in the half, Cal's Katie Ratican made a 35-yard run down the field on a break away. When Ratican took her shot, Lainez misjudged it but managed to block the ball with her feet. It was the second shutout of Lainez's Oregon career.

"It was great for Dom to have a big game," Steffen said.

The Ducks entered the second half leading 1-0 but never settled. Oregon took three of its 11 shots in the half within the first eight minutes. Cal goalkeeper Anna Key never had a chance to relax. She earned three saves that day.

Oregon converted its second goal at the 82 minute, 25 second mark. Garbin earned her second assist of the game when she delivered a 30-yard pass to redshirt freshman Andrea Valadez. Valadez dribbled the ball 14-yards, going left to right, and clinched the game-winning goal.

Garbin took seven shots in the contest, tying her second-highest output of the season. The redshirt sophomore recorded eight shots against Pacific on Sept. 12.

Among her on-field actions, Garbin was given a yellow card in the second half for punching the ball out of the goalie's hands.

Her frustration continued to swell throughout the game after having her hair pulled, getting knocked to the ground and having her jersey stretched out. It was her second yellow card of the season.

"We're never nice on the field," Garbin said. "Everybody says that 'oh yeah, we're one of the nicest teams in the Pac-10.' No, that's not true. I say we're the toughest. We don't take any crap out there. It doesn't matter if it's Cal Berkeley, a really prestigious school. Whatever, that doesn't mean anything to us."

Both schools competed as if it

was a rivalry game. In the 90-minute contest, Oregon accumulated 17 fouls compared to Cal's 15. In other statistics, the Ducks outshot the Golden Bears 16 to 14, and both teams recorded four corner kicks.

It was the first time in program history that Oregon defeated the Golden Bears. Cal (7-6-3 overall, 2-4 Pac-10), which isn't ranked in any major soccer poll for the first time since 1999, earned its second conference victory on Friday against Oregon State.

"Cal is a great tournament team, and this is great for our kids," Steffen said. "It was a very hard game, but at the same time, I think both teams respected each other."

Oregon split its weekend of conference play with the California schools. Stanford came to Papé Field on Friday night and defeated the Ducks 3-1 in the contest.

"Bad first half, better second half," Steffen said. "We just kind of watched people play the first half. You have to work hard, play hard and play well and we sort of watched Stanford play the first half."

The No. 17-ranked Cardinal scored two goals in the first 18 minutes from seniors Allyson Marquand and Natalie Spilger. Stanford's 18 shots in the contest more than doubled the seven shots recorded by the Ducks.

After another Cardinal goal at 58:46 by senior Brittany Oliveira, the Ducks managed to prevent the shutout in the 75th minute. Midfielder Erin Engelhardt converted on a 15-yard run to score her first career goal.

"I was just trying to help things flow and do my part," Engelhardt said on Friday. "I love to play. Tonight felt good playing. (It was) just flying, that's all; catching the energy and running with it."

Lainez recorded five saves that night, compared to Stanford's Nicole Barnhart, who had two saves. The game was not as rough as Sunday's contest, but Stanford did have eight fouls, with Oregon recording seven.

Oregon heads out on the road this weekend to face Arizona State on Friday and Arizona on Sunday. It will be the Ducks' final regular-season road weekend.

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sacked on the third play of the stand, but a facemask penalty put the Cardinal back to the 1-yard line.

Lemon tried another rush on the fourth play of the stand, but he was stopped by linebacker Kevin Mitchell. Lewis then ran for no gain, followed by yet another ineffective run by Lemon.

That's when Tucker and Martin decided to end Stanford's feeble attempt at a touchdown.

"We got the job done," defensive end Quinn Dorsey said. "It was exciting. I've never seen that done before."

Bellotti called it a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and the Oregon players said it could very well be a shot in the arm.

"We believed we could get the job done down there," Dorsey said. "That's a great building block. I hope we can do it (the rest of the season)."

Overall, Stanford mustered 326 yards offensively, 225 of which

came from an aerial attack. However, a 71-yard pass from Lewis to wide receiver Mark Bradford in the second quarter accounted for a large chunk of that yardage.

The Cardinal had the ball on the Oregon 3-yard line at that point, but Martin made his first major play of the day with an interception on the Ducks' 1-yard line.

"On that drive, I give that to Keith Lewis," Martin said. "Keith gave us another chance. He stopped (Bradford) on the 3-yard line and I happened to get the pick on the one. That's a good defensive effort right there."

Oregon's last shutout came last season when the Ducks defeated Portland State by 41. The Vikings, however, are a Division I-AA school and were outmatched by Oregon's defense that day.

The last time the Ducks held a Division-I opponent scoreless came on Nov. 21, 1992 in a 7-0 blanking of Oregon State in Corvallis.

"If you shut out somebody in the Pac-10 — it doesn't matter who it is — it is an accomplishment," Bellotti said.

The Ducks all took pride in the feat, but said it wasn't the biggest achievement they will take away from the game.

"I think we take pride in it," cornerback Justin Phinisee said. "But we're more focused on us playing as a whole."

Oregon did, however, lose a key component of its secondary. Cornerback Steven Moore left the game in the first half after a punt return.

He returned shortly thereafter to the sideline with a boot and crutches. The senior has a sprained left ankle, although X-rays showed nothing abnormal. Early indications are that he is questionable for Oregon's game against Washington next week in Seattle.

"I think, DB-wise, we're healthy enough to where we can have somebody come in and defend," Phinisee said. "Steven is a great player. We will miss him, but I think whoever does come in for him will be ready."

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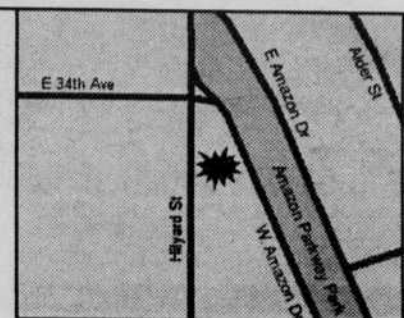
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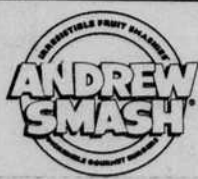
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