

Tuiasosopo bounces back from off-season trouble

After a run-in with the law during the spring, fullback Zach Tuiasosopo has a renewed drive on the field

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In Seattle football, the Tuiasosopo family is well-known.

Manu Tuiasosopo, a father of five, was drafted with the seventh-overall pick in the 1979 NFL Draft by the Seahawks.

A month before the draft, Tuiasosopo's second child, a son named Marques, was born.

Two years later, another future Husky — Zach Tuiasosopo — was born.

Now a redshirt junior, the middle of three boys and five total siblings, Zach Tuiasosopo has started six of eight

games at fullback for the Huskies.

He missed the season opener against defending national champion Ohio State when he was suspended by head coach Keith Gilbertson for one game. His suspension stemmed from a May 2003 incident where Tuiasosopo was accused of malicious mischief for bashing in the windows of four cars while drunk.

He entered an Alford plea — pleading to lesser charges while maintaining his innocence — in October to a misdemeanor.

"There's a maturity to him now," older brother Marques Tuiasosopo told The Seattle Times in October. "You can just tell that he's being very serious about school and football and getting things done the right way. I think he's definitely learned his lesson."

Zach Tuiasosopo has returned to his

teammates determined to succeed after the off-season troubles, and he has found some success. Fifteen carries for 52 yards and his first career touchdown have made his teammates happy to see him back on the field.

"It's meant a whole lot having him back," running back Rich Alexis told The Seattle Times. "He brings an attitude of toughness back there. He's got some similarities to his brother, that type of leadership where you just get that vibe."

During the 2002 season, Tuiasosopo started five of the 13 games he played in and rushed for 34 yards on 15 carries.

Marques Tuiasosopo, who starts his first game for Oakland on Saturday against Joey Harrington and the Lions, was a standout quarterback in his heyday at Washington. He was a standup guy off the field too, respected by teammates and fellow students.

"At no point was I embarrassed by (my brother)," Marques Tuiasosopo said. "Stuff like that happens in life. You have to learn from it."

The family's togetherness and proximity helped Zach Tuiasosopo get through his law troubles.

Matt Tuiasosopo, the family's fourth child, is a senior quarterback at Woodinville High School in Woodinville, Wash., a suburb of Seattle where all three brothers excelled at football.

The youngest boy in the family, Matt Tuiasosopo is regarded as one of the top quarterback recruits on the West Coast. He has received offers from five Pacific-10 Conference schools: Stanford, UCLA, USC, Washington State and the Washington.

Marques Tuiasosopo doesn't think Zach Tuiasosopo's incident will affect the latest recruit's school choice, but told

The Seattle Times he'd love for his youngest brother to attend Washington.

As for the middle Tuiasosopo, he is moving on from his run-in with the law, but not without learning a few life lessons along the way.

"Maturity was a big part of the whole thing," Zach Tuiasosopo said. "It's (changed my) lifestyle in general. You have to look at the big picture."

Tuiasosopo's coaches have noticed a change in him as well.

"He's more focused now," running backs coach Chuck Heater told The Seattle Times. "Football has always been important to him, but I think he brings it on a daily basis with a little more focus now."

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to the postseason, dating back to 1994.

Arizona (5-8-2, 1-3-1) is coming off a 1-0 upset of USC and a 4-0 loss to UCLA last weekend. Although Oregon has a 4-1-1 series lead over

"This is what we have been working all season for. This is what all the fitness and all the training is working towards."

Carlie Ashcraft
Oregon sophomore defender

the Wildcats, they don't expect it to be a walk in the park.

"Arizona is a much improved team," Steffen said. "They're very athletic but they're much more organized than in years past. It's also going

to be their last home game so their kids will be very motivated."

Oregon's motivation is sky high right now. With the win over Cal last weekend that tied the best record in program history, the Ducks couldn't be more excited.

"Right now they are probably performing at the highest level of any team we've had here," Steffen said. "I think this team still has a ways to go in terms of how good can they be. I think they can still be better. They still have their best soccer in front of them this season."

This year's team will have its chance to stake its claim as Oregon's best team ever while in Arizona this weekend.

Regardless of what the next two weekends hold — including the final regular season matchups with USC and UCLA — it has become NCAA tournament or bust.

Garbin put it the best: "We have nothing to lose," she said.

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takes — including 16 service errors — ruined a match that presented Oregon with ample opportunities to win. The Ducks (3-18, 0-12) recorded a season-high .315 hitting clip, marking the third consecutive match in which they set a season-best.

"We came into this match with really high hopes," Westendorf said. "We out-executed them, we out-hit them .315 to .300, but we just couldn't pull it out in the end."

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It's not that easy for Harrington. The only thing the Lions have done to help the Portland native is to draft former Michigan State wide receiver Charles Rogers, and even he hasn't helped after an injury of his own.

Freshman outside hitter Sarah Mason led all players with 17 kills, while hitting at a .324 clip. Sophomore outside hitter Jaclyn Jones added 12 kills, while sophomore setter Jodi Bell dished out a match-high 48 assists.

"It makes it even more disappointing that we had so many people come out," sophomore Kelly Russell said. "We want everybody to be behind us and come out like that every time and it's really disappointing not to come through for ourselves and the community."

Oregon head coach Carl Ferreira

said he's disappointed that Oregon lost, but he'll remind his players that this game can be used as part of the learning process for a team with 12 freshmen and sophomores.

"The thing that we've had to do with a young team is truly try to separate process from outcome," Ferreira said. "There will be another time in our growth and development that we'll have a heavier emphasis on a certain aspect of an outcome."

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take the pressure off Tuiasosopo's shoulders by establishing a running game, the Raiders should have an easy time with the hapless Lions.

Prediction: Oakland 35, Detroit 14.

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