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## Oregon defense stymies Bruins

The Ducks' defense allowed two field goals and a touchdown in Oregon's 31-13 win in Pasadena

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Oregon won the coin toss before the game and deferred to the Bruins, who chose to receive the ball to start the game.

It was a statement of the Ducks' faith in their defense — and it was right on target Saturday.

Oregon held UCLA to two field goals in the first half and a touchdown with 12 seconds left in the game en route to a 31-13 Duck victory in the Rose Bowl.

"I'm very pleased with our defense today," Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti told KUGN 590 AM after the game. "They played extremely well. Those guys are warriors in there."

The Ducks guaranteed their 10th-consecutive winning season — matching a school record — by improving to 7-4 overall and 4-3 in the Pacific-10 Conference.

The first drive of Saturday's game at the Rose Bowl was indicative of the defensive play to come for Oregon.

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UCLA (6-5 overall, 4-3 Pac-10) started with a 10-yard holding penalty and a 1-yard loss on a rush by Bruins quarterback Drew Olson, setting up a 2nd-and-21 situation. Under pressure, Olson threw a pass that Duck linebacker Jerry Matson snagged at the 22-yard line and ran in for his first touchdown.

That all happened in the opening 72 seconds of the game.

Oregon continued to make its presence felt by scoring on three of its first four drives with Kellen Clemens starting at quarterback.

With 6:20 remaining in the first quarter, Clemens found Samie Parker for a 40-yard touchdown pass, extending Oregon's early lead to 14-0.

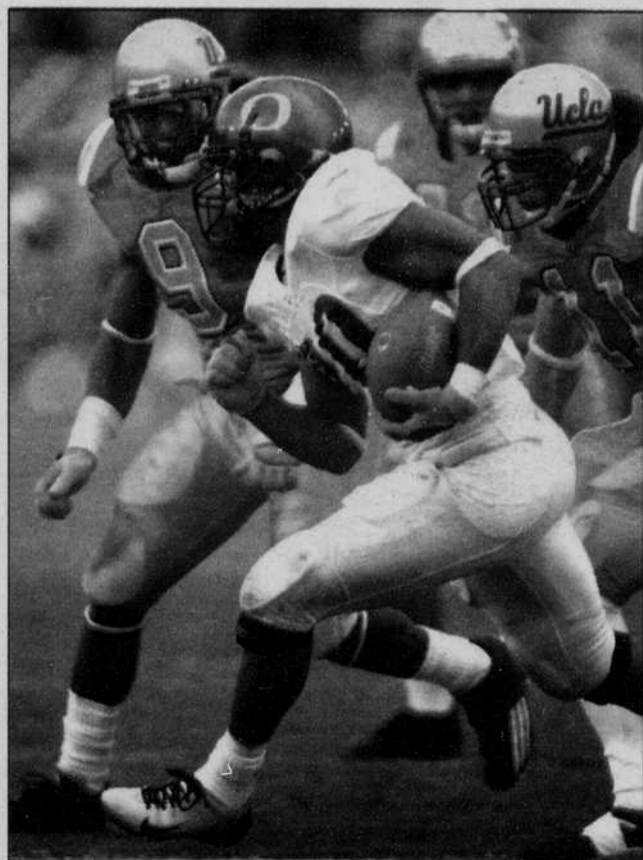
The Bruins answered with their first points on a 36-yard field goal by Justin Medlock. On the following kickoff, Oregon junior Kenny Washington returned the ball 97 yards for a touchdown. It was the fourth-longest kickoff return in Oregon history.

"I was running, and it just opened wide up," Washington told KUGN. "The first thing I was thinking was: 'Don't let the kicker get you,' because that's what happened last week. After I got by him, I was like, 'This might go.' That was kind of surreal. It hasn't sunk in yet."

The Ducks held their 21-3 lead into the second quarter, then increased it to 24-3 on a Jared Siegel field goal.

The 51-yard field goal was Siegel's longest of the season, and tied him for Oregon's individual career record for most

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Courtesy The Daily Bruin

Kenny Washington (20) returned a kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown Saturday in the first quarter of Oregon's 31-13 victory against UCLA. The Ducks improved to 7-4 this season with the win.

## Ducks dominate No. 9 LSU

Oregon upsets the No. 9 Lady Tigers to win the Women's Sports Foundation Classic; the Ducks are now 2-0 this season

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It might be early in the season, but the Oregon women's basketball team made a statement this weekend.

The Ducks defeated Valparaiso on Saturday and No. 9 LSU on Sunday to win the Women's Sports Foundation Classic at McArthur Court.

Sunday's 76-67 win over the Tigers was sparked by aggressive defensive play. After taking a 5-4 lead at the 18 minute, 48 second mark of the first

half, the Ducks never trailed a team that advanced to the Elite Eight in last year's NCAA tournament.

"It's not so much what we did today, it's how we did it," Oregon head coach Bev Smith said. "We played defense the way I think we're capable of playing defense. I think (the win) gives us a great foundation to build on for the rest of the year."

Senior Cathrine Kraayeveld was a key factor toward Oregon's defensive pressure. She finished with nine rebounds and three blocks and was one of the main reasons LSU shot 41.4 percent for the game, including 29.7 percent in the first half.

Oregon built a second-half lead that at one point reached 21 points after several consecutive three-pointers from Kraayeveld. The 6-foot-4 forward finished with 26 points — including 5 of 11 from three-point range — putting her on her way to being named the tournament's MVP.

"I thought (Oregon) took us out of the things we wanted to do," LSU head

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Cathrine Kraayeveld was named tournament MVP, leading the Ducks with 51 points. Corrie Mizusawa and Andrea Bills were both named to the all-tournament team as well. The Ducks upset No. 9 LSU on Sunday to go 2-0 to start the season.

## Ducks get momentum from upset

It's been three years since Oregon started the season 2-0.

That season the Ducks made the NCAA Tournament in March 2001.

"I don't think we've been 2-0 like this before," senior forward Cathrine Kraayeveld said Sunday.

What Kraayeveld means is that record of 2-0 came with wins against 2003 NCAA Tournament teams. That includes a 76-67 domination of No. 9 LSU on Sunday after a 60-47 victory against Valparaiso.

With a strong starting five and injuries doing anything but slowing



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The girl and the game

down these Ducks, Oregon's claim of the Women's Sports Foundation Classic's championship may give the team the momentum it needs for a

successful 2003-04 campaign.

Whatever the task was, the Ducks took the challenge — defending a 5-foot-4 point guard Saturday against Valparaiso, playing a physical South-eastern Conference team that pushed a defensive press at the end or playing the last eight minutes of Sunday's victory with no shot clock directly on top of the basket.

They even bought into the experimental three-point line and trapezoidal key that may go into effect for the 2004-05 season. They combined

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## Sandoval takes ninth at Western Regional

The Oregon men claim fifth at Regionals while the women finish ninth; both now await word on NCAA Championships

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Every week the stakes get a little higher for senior Magdalena Sandoval.

Every week the senior responds with a top-10 finish.

Saturday was no different for Sandoval. She finished ninth in the 2003 NCAA Western Regional Championships in

Portland. The finish will most likely qualify the senior for the NCAA Championships next weekend.

As a team, the Oregon women finished ninth overall and will await word from the NCAA today on whether the team qualified for the NCAA Championships with enough at-large points accumulated throughout the season.

Oregon needed a second-place regional finish to guarantee a team spot in the championships.

Sandoval's time of 20 minutes, 48 seconds makes it likely she will receive an individual invite.

Four individuals automatically qualify out of the regional if their teams fail to make it. Sandoval finished behind just two other individual-only invites; Iryna Vaschuck of USC finished sixth overall and Cal's Bridget Duffy finished eighth.

However, three other individuals ahead of Sandoval — Amy Hastings and Anna Masinelli of Arizona State, and Ingvill Makestad of Washington — should earn at-large invites with their teams.

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