

# PREVIEW

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spect for the game, knowing what it's all about and growing up in Oregon."

The past six Civil War games have gone to the home team, with two being decided by a 3-point margin.

Last year, Oregon traveled to Corvallis and returned with a 45-24 loss to the Beavers. This season, the Ducks want a reversal of fortune and to continue the Autzen Stadium winning streak.

"You don't want to prepare for it any differently," corner Justin Phinisee said. "It's a big game, but the big thing is to stay focused with all the hype coming around. Of course you want to have some fun with it, because when you look back when you're 30, you don't want to have been all intense about the game; you want to have some fun because it is the rivalry."

The rivalry game has bowl implications for the Ducks and Beavers. Should Oregon win, they could end up at the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas, while a loss could send them to the Dec. 24th Las Vegas Bowl.

While the Ducks are keeping bowl possibilities in the back of their minds, for now Oregon is concentrating on finishing the season with a victory against their in-state rival.

"They are playing very good football, and they have the best running back — not just in this conference,



Mark McCambridge Photographer

Sophomore tailback Terrence Whitehead (24) is the Ducks' leading rusher this season with 625 yards and six touchdowns. He also has 21 receptions for 194 yards.

but probably in the nation," Bellotti said. "It's a very good team that is playing well."

Oregon State leads the Ducks in every category except passing efficiency and punt and kickoff returns.

"It's the funnest game to play, regardless of records, just because there's so much emotion and so much tradition involved," Matson said. "My best friend's on the team and we get to play each

other. It makes it that much more competitive."

Oregon State (7-3, 4-2) is coming off a 43-3 home win against Stanford. The Beavers finish their season with a game against USC on Dec. 6.

"I'm always excited every week," Floberg said. "But there's a little extra there when it's Civil War week."

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# MICHIGAN

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didn't. She sent him to Oak Ridge Military Academy in North Carolina for a summer, with the idea that he would enroll as a full-time student in the fall.

Chris overslept for the admission test. He figured his mom would forget about military school. Sorry, wrong mom. She looked for another school.

"Wherever I go," he told her, "I've

gotta play football, I've gotta play football."

Irene found Fork Union Military Academy in Virginia, and off he went.

Chris thought he would hate it. He had no idea how much. He had to rise at dawn, to the sound of "Reveille." He had to shine his shoes. He had to wax the floors. Classes were serious. Study hall was mandatory.

Fork Union was way out in the country, nowhere near any kind of downtown or even a mall. He had

limited access to telephones, and there were no girls at the school.

"Fork Union was pretty bad," he said. "They just seemed to lack reasoning skills at Fork Union. There were times when you'd get in trouble — you wouldn't even get in trouble."

"We had things called sticks. They would stick you for so many demerits. And then there were times you would go and report your stick to the head officer, which would be a grown man, and tell him what happened. They

had the power to reduce the demerits that you were given. Sometimes they didn't reduce them. It was like they just lacked reasoning skills."

"I remember one time I told the guy I didn't deserve this stick because I didn't do anything wrong. So he says, 'Well, we're going to leave the stick on for all the stuff you've done that we didn't catch you for.' I'm like, 'What???' What does that mean? What are you talking about? And they're like, 'I know you've done something and got

away with it.'"

"And that's why every time I speak of Fork Union, it won't be nice."

Nobody actually liked the discipline, but most kids learned to accept it. Chris never did. He thought they wanted him to respect authority, even when the authority was wrong. He felt the authority was often wrong, and he let the authority know it.

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