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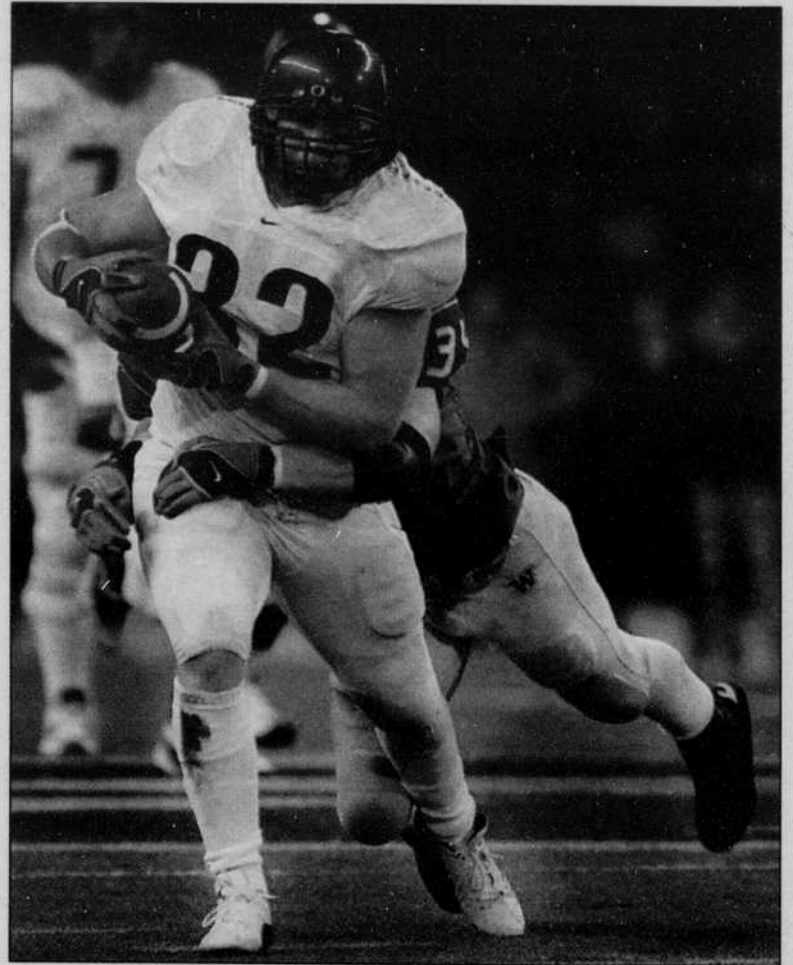
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Senior fullback Matt Floberg will play in his final game at Autzen on Saturday.

## SENIORS

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"The year we beat (Oregon State) here (in 2001) to go the Fiesta Bowl was huge," Weaver said of one of his favorite memories. "That whole year was just a good memory maker. You know, beating Michigan, those memories can never go away."

Five years, five bowls. Four years, four bowls.

Those two statements have been the backbone of the mission of Oregon football this season. Not since 1996 have the Ducks failed to make it to the postseason.

No member of the Ducks — from this season's redshirt freshmen and true sophomores to Fife, Parker and Mitchell — has ever missed out on what it's been like to go to a bowl. Making sure the postseason tradition is carried on was important to the graduating group.

"It was pretty important," Floberg said. "I've been lucky since I've been here that we've gone to a bowl every year. The class that I came in with is putting their stamp on their season. I wouldn't want this to be the year where we didn't go to a bowl."

For Fife, career passing figures of more than 3,000 yards will be what represents him in Oregon's history books. For Mitchell, the more than 350 tackles he has accumulated as a Duck will mark his time in Eugene.

Parker will be noted for his 17 touchdown receptions — entering Saturday's game — while Lewis will have picked off 11 passes in his career.

OK, well maybe Lewis will be remembered most for his brash and aggressive style of play.

For the most part, the players who

leave Autzen Stadium for the last time Saturday will be remembered in the far future for their statistics.

What the players will remember most is the rafting trips, the games where it shouldn't have rained at Autzen and trips to Los Angeles, Seattle, San Diego and most importantly, Tempe, Ariz.

Remember? The last one is the Fiesta Bowl.

"The thing that stands out is just the teammates I've had and the friends I've made," Floberg said.

Oregon will welcome back one senior next season. Cornerback Steven Moore said he expects to be back because he is a partial qualifier.

Because he met all GPA requirements coming out of high school but failed to get a required score on the SAT, he was forced to sit out his freshman season, which can equate to a redshirt year. According to Moore, if he is able to graduate by summer, he will be eligible to play next season.

"To me, it's just been (great) having the honor to play with these guys," Moore said. "To me, playing with guys like Mitchell and Lewis and the rest of the guys for the past couple of years, it's been fun. You can't have a better story than that."

One-by-one, they'll run out of the Autzen tunnel on Saturday.

One-by-one, the memories they've made will creep back into their minds. They'll remember the good times in Eugene.

"I've got mixed emotions," Mitchell said.

Then it's time to focus on Oregon State.

For the last time.

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## OSU

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Jackson ranks sixth in the NCAA in average rushing yards with 126.6 per game. Jackson has rushed for 1,266 yards this season.

Jackson will be ready for Oregon on Saturday after rushing for 153 yards against the Ducks last season. He believes Oregon State is playing its best football of the season.

"I think we are," he said. "One week it was the offense, the next week it was the defense, but lately the whole team has come together and been really strong."

Oregon State is averaging 309.1 passing yards per game behind the arm of quarterback Derek Anderson. Wide receiver James Newson ranks second in the nation, averaging 117.67 receiving yards per game.

Oregon State and Oregon have nearly equal records, both are on two-game winning streaks and bowl implications are at the forefront in this game.

The Beavers have scored a combined 95 points in the last two games, and the Ducks have allowed a combined 30 points.

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