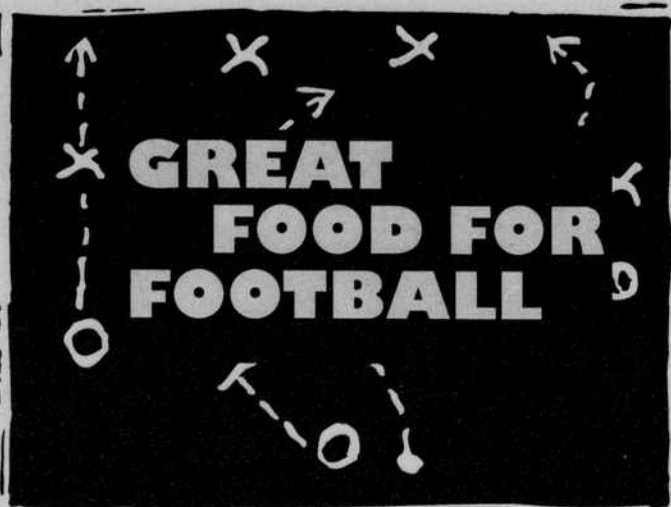




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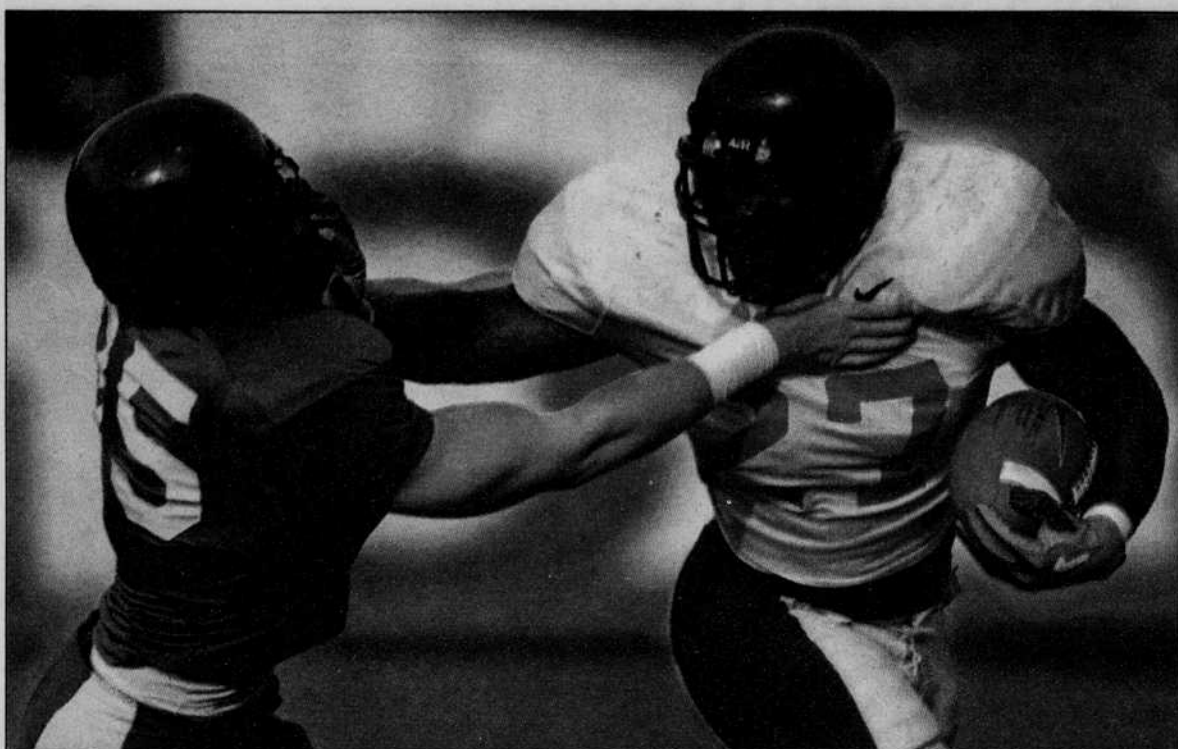
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Oregon running back Ryan Shaw (27) is a part of the Ducks' running back by committee this season. Shaw, along with Terrence Whitehead, Chris Vincent and Kenny Washington, will be counted upon to contribute to the rushing attack.

Ducks' season finally begins against Hoosiers

Oregon faces off against Indiana for the third time in school history

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The wait is over.

An eager Oregon team takes to the field for the first time this season Saturday. The Ducks face an Indiana team that is already halfway to its win total from last year.

The Ducks, ranked 24th in the latest Associated Press poll, are the last Division I team in the country to start their season.

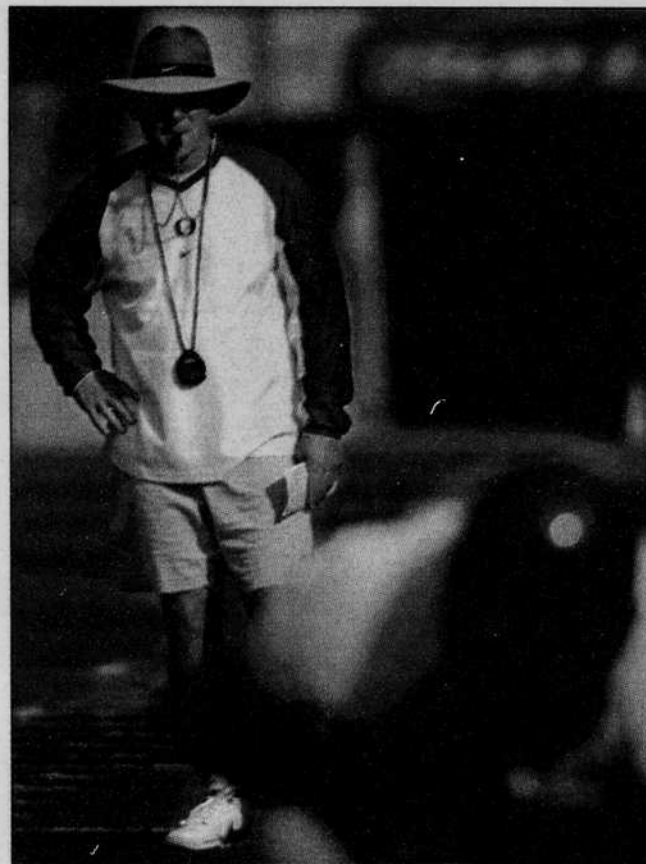
Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti, beginning his 10th season at the helm, anticipates a conservative Big Ten Conference-style football team coming to town.

"They have their entire offensive line back and they run the ball very well against Central Michigan," Bellotti said. "For us to be successful in this game we need our defensive line to play well, because Indiana will run the football until you stop them."

Senior linebacker Jerry Matson also thinks stopping the running game will be key as the Hoosiers ran for 203 yards against Central Michigan.

"They're a hard-nosed team, and they get after it and stay on their blocks," Matson said. "It's Big Ten football, and we just got to have rules so whatever they give us we can adjust."

Indiana won its opener 41-10, but is coming off a lackluster



Head coach Mike Bellotti and the Ducks are excited to finally begin the season this weekend against Indiana. Oregon is the last Division I team to play its first game of the 2004 season.
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2-10 record in 2003.

"We've got a tough game this weekend traveling to Oregon," head coach Gerry Dinardo said. "It will be loud and tough to communicate, and it is going to be tough for us going up against one of the better teams in the Pac-10."

DiNardo said he doesn't see his team already having played a game as an advantage.

"There are advantages both sides," DiNardo said. "If you already played you have some of the first game, issues behind you. If you have not

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