

Penalties: Ducks sit at bottom of Pac-10

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The senior has now thrown for 8,897 yards in his Sun Devil career, passing former Washington State quarterback Jason Gesser, who amassed 8,830 yards in four seasons as a Cougar.

Next on the list is NFL Hall of Famer and former Stanford quarterback John Elway, who passed for 9,349 yards with the Cardinal.

Oregon State quarterback Derek Anderson ranks seventh on the list, which is the highest among active Pac-10 signal callers. The Scappoose native has thrown for 9,357 yards and is only 324 yards from passing Erik Wilhelm and Jonathan Smith — both former Beavers — for fifth all-time.

The streak continues

USC extended its winning streak

to 15 games with a 45-7 victory against then-No. 15 Arizona State Saturday.

The Trojans have now won 26 of their last 27 games, including 10 straight conference contests. USC's last loss was a 34-31 triple-overtime defeat at the hands of California on Sept. 27 of last season.

During USC's current streak, the Trojans have outscored their opponents 598-230 and have a 25-point average margin of victory.

The co-defending national champions wrap up a three-game homestand against Washington Saturday. USC leads the conference in attendance, averaging 88,580 fans per game.

Explosive offense

California's potent offense continued to shine Saturday in a 45-28

win against UCLA.

Head coach Jeff Tedford has the Golden Bears hitting on all cylinders. Cal leads the Pac-10 in rushing offense, scoring offense and total offense.

Running back J.J. Arrington rushed for 205 yards and two touchdowns in 29 carries against the Bruins.

"I love when they put the ball in my hands," Arrington said after the game.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers completed 19 of 29 passes for 260 yards and four touchdowns, while All-American wide receiver Geoff McArthur caught nine balls for 163 yards and a pair of scores.

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Smith: Despite Red Sox's lack of pulse, they will win

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Ludwig guy. He was a joke. All those fans sure were right. I mean, that new offensive coordinator sure is putting up some numbers, isn't he? He got 1138 yards in two games. Wait, what? That's still Ludwig? Oh. I guess somebody always has to be the scapegoat.

Barry Bonds' trainer was secretly taped saying that he gave Bonds an undetectable steroid for the 2003 season. Are we supposed to be surprised? Bonds has been juiced for years in my opinion, and this is nothing new to me.

I do, however, think that Bonds is one of the best hitters in baseball. But is it because of the drugs? Would his bat be as fast? Would those end-of-the-bat home runs still go out?

I'm still waiting for the other shoe to drop on Bonds, and until it does, I will withhold full credit for 703 and counting.

Last week, I predicted that the Red Sox would win in seven. What I meant to say was the Red Sox will win in seven years. The year 2027. Seven decades from now. I certainly didn't mean this year. I'm not an idiot.

Alright, I am.

With the Red Sox being down 3-1, without a pulse and delaying the inevitable with Sunday night's walk-off job, my rock-solid prediction is anything but.

When the hope of the Red Sox nation rests on a miracle brace for Curt Schilling's ankle, that's a problem.

When Johnny Damon, the Red Sox leadoff hitter, has a championship series batting average of .056, that's another problem.

However, I will stick to my guns and believe that the Red Sox will win in seven. No matter how ludicrous that looks at the moment.

How is everyone's fantasy golf team? That's right, fantasy golf baby. Trying to guess which players are going to win the week's PGA tournament not sexy enough? Apparently not for me, for I have failed to edit my team for the past five months now, and I don't think that I am going to start again.

Good news, however.

With a win this week, my public league fantasy football team has clawed its way back to the .500 mark, after beating the trash-talking "HE HATE ME?" which included one Daunte Culpepper and his 425 yards and five touchdowns yesterday against the Saints.

There are few things that make Monday morning at the sports desk more enjoyable than doing rapid fist pumps in celebration of a gritty, gutty win by names on a screen.

I know because I did this at 10:30 Monday morning with a 20 oz. Mountain Dew at my side.

I always take special pride in beating the trash-talker in the league. It makes the season. For the rest of the fantasy year I can walk around knowing that I shut down "HE HATE ME?" and his plans to dominate the league.

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Dear UO Students,

The University of Oregon Athletic Department thanks you for your cooperation in welcoming visiting teams and fans to our home football games. We hope that all visitors to the University of Oregon events continue to experience the same hospitality and sportsmanship that has been exhibited in the past few weeks.

We know that our students are among the best in the nation and your continued support and assistance does not go unnoticed and is very much appreciated.

Thank you for your support and GO DUCKS!!

Sincerely,

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