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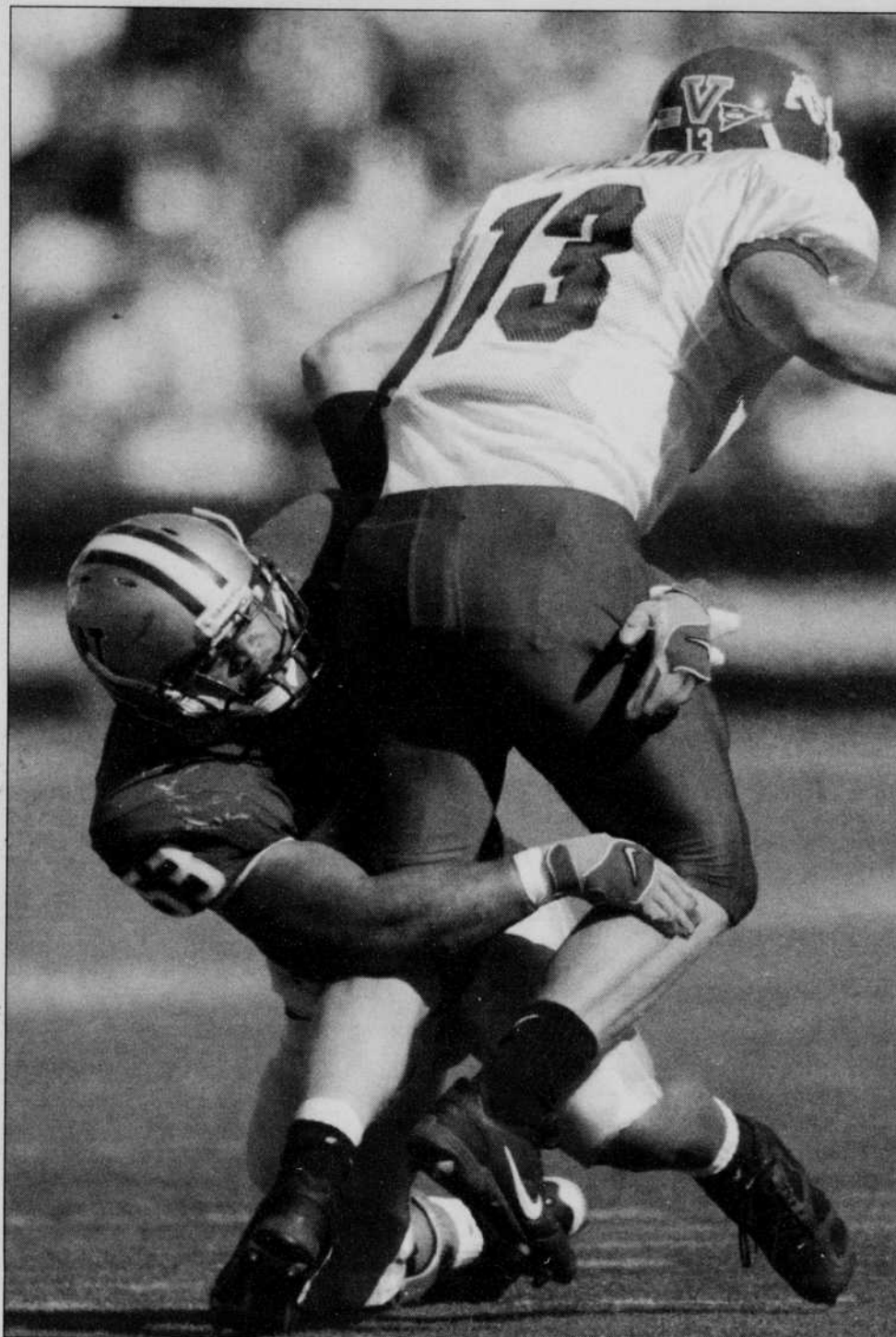
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Washington junior inside linebacker Joe Lobendahn (53) leads the Huskies in tackles this year with 77 and has eight tackles for loss.

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Washington: Huskies seek first Pac-10 win

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has made three of seven kick attempts. Junior Evan Knudson has not made a kick in two attempts this season. Coach Gilbertson is looking for accuracy on a consistent basis.

"We've missed three in a row now, so I think we have to force the issue," Gilbertson said. "That job is in competition again this week, and like we (always) do, we'll chart all the kicks. Evan's healthier now and hitting the ball better."

Oregon knows how to win with field goals, especially after last week's booting battle with Stanford, so Washington will need to resolve this issue.

Trio of new QB's

The Huskies are also juggling personnel at another position during times of uncertainty. As a team that has produced many professional

quarterbacks, Washington is looking for potential and guidance from three new arms.

Junior Casey Paus made his first career start in the season-opener against Fresno State and thus far has started four games and played in seven. This season, Paus has completed 59 passes in 133 attempts for 699 yards. He has thrown for three touchdowns and six interceptions.

Isaiah Stanback has played in three games this season as a sophomore and started last weekend against USC. His biggest day of production came against Oregon State when he threw for 219 yards and two touchdowns on 11 tosses. Stanback has passed for 256 yards and has only been intercepted twice this year.

Arguably, the most inexperienced of the group is redshirt freshman Carl Bonnell. Bonnell has participated in four games this season and started

against Stanford and San Jose State. He has completed 20 of 54 pass attempts for a total of 228 yards with no touchdowns and four picks.

All three quarterbacks made their first starts of this season, and each suffered a loss. Bonnell is the only one to see his team win a game in which he started behind center.

Stingy defense

No opponent has converted a fourth down attempt against Washington this year in 11 occasions. To no avail, opposing teams have tried to squeeze a first down in five of the seven games this season.

Washington's defense has caught many eyes and stopped many drives in recent contests. The Huskies have only allowed their opponents to score a total of four times in 14 trips to the red zone over the last two games. They have evolved into the third-best red zone defense in the league by allowing only 19 scores (11 TD's, eight FG's) in 26 occurrences.

Defensive lineman Manase Hopoi tied a school record by recording six tackles for loss against USC. That number was the most collected by a Pac-10 player this season. The senior leads the team with 19 tackles for loss that add up to a total of 92 negative yards. Eight of those stops were quarterback sacks.

The Huskies' trio of starting linebackers is ranked one of the best in the Pac-10. Junior Joe Lobendahn has a team-best 77 tackles and is third in the conference with 11 tackles per game. Junior Evan Benjamin sits at No. 4 in the conference, averaging 9.6 tackles per game and sophomore Scott White averages 8.6.

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