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# Bruins' rushing attack strong regardless of starting tailback

*Manuel White has stepped in for injured starter Maurice Drew*

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Running away will not be an option for UCLA as it faces Oregon, a team it has lost to each of the last four seasons in the Rose Bowl.

The Bruins are hurrying to Autzen Stadium, and they will be running toward the end zone in search of a bowl bid, no doubt. The question is: Who will be rushing for them?

Running back Maurice Drew lost six yards in his only carry against Washington State last week before UCLA lost him in the first quarter for the remainder of the game.

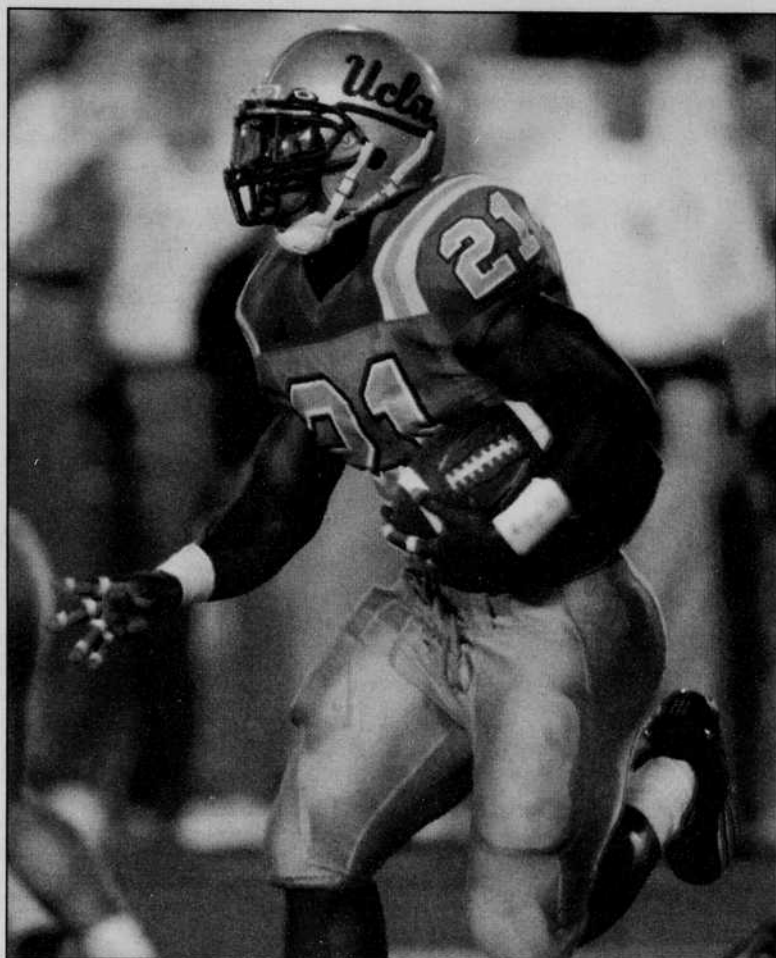
UCLA head coach Karl Dorrell said his injury is pretty serious and that he will be a game-time decision.

UCLA (5-4 overall, 3-3 Pacific-10 Conference) lost more than just its leading rusher last week as it surrendered in a 31-29 loss to the Cougars. Running back Jerome Harrison ran for 247 yards and carried the ball 42 times for Washington State in the narrow defeat.

The Cougars took an early lead after UCLA's Tab Perry turned over the ball by fumbling the opening kickoff. Being without a lead in the beginning of a game is something Dorrell's squad was not used to.

"(Washington State) just made some plays early in the game that gave them the momentum from the start," Dorrell said. "That was something we didn't anticipate and we got ourselves in an unfamiliar situation."

The Bruins went down to the



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UCLA running back Maurice Drew has helped the Bruins to the second-best ground game in the Pac-10. UCLA is averaging 205.8 yards per game.

wire but only put together 308 yards of offense. A two-point conversion attempt by quarterback Drew Olson, which would have tied the game, fell incomplete with 42 seconds left in the contest.

Senior tailback Manuel White took on a more emphasized role for UCLA and caught a 4-yard touchdown pass to go with the 46-rushing yards he

hauled in on 13 carries.

White has started six games and played in all nine. He has acquired the same amount of rushing attempts as Drew (133) and has recorded 666 yards on the ground. White is averaging five yards per carry and he is ranked sixth in the

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