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GOTW: Cardinal attempts to end three-game losing skid

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Hass is Oregon State's big-play receiver. He also praised Hass for running effective routes and being "extremely sure-handed."

"I haven't seen him drop the ball this year. He's obviously playing with a great deal of confidence," Teevens said. "You don't stop a guy like that. He's hurt everybody in the conference and you just try to limit the impact that he has."

The Cardinal has been hurting itself as a team after starting the season with a 4-2 record. Since then, Stanford has lost three straight games, including a 34-31 loss to Arizona State in Tempe, Ariz., last week.

Teevens said, however, that his players have remained confident and focused during practice.

"You don't see them getting down or dragging around," Teevens said. "They remain crisp and sharp at practice. When adversity strikes, they respond to it. It's a testament to their character. I keep pointing to the senior leadership of the group — they're strong and committed to each other."

For Stanford's 11 seniors, this upcoming game will mark their final home game at Stanford Stadium.

"They've been a special group," Teevens said. "They're resilient and have tremendous character. I believe in ownership, accountability and leadership from within, and these guys have responded extremely unselfishly."

The Cardinal's players, though, have not conceded the season yet and plan to fight as hard as they can to keep their bowl hopes alive.

"As we look to Oregon State, it's a critical game for us," Teevens said. "They're coming down to play for a bowl opportunity, and we're doing the same. I expect a heated contest."

Alex Tam is a freelance reporter for the Daily Emerald

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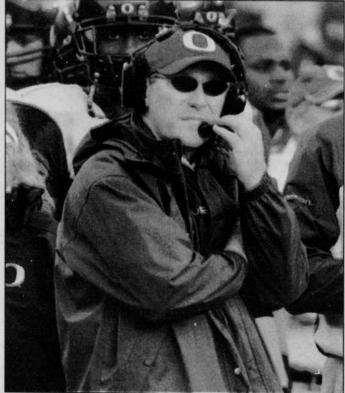
Team	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	w	L
USC	6	.0	9	0
California	5	1	7	1
Arizona State	4	2	7	2
Oregon	4	2	5	4
UCLA	3	3	5	4
Oregon State	3	3	4	5
Stanford	2	4	4	5
Washington State	2	4	4	_ 5
Arizona	1	5	2	7
Washington	0	6	1	8

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Team	Record	Points	Previous
1. USC (52)	9-0	1,611	1
2. Oklahoma (10)	9-0	1,555	2
3. Auburn (3)	9-0	1,512	3
4. Wisconsin	9-0	1,384	5
5. California	7-1	1,341	4
6. Texas	8-1	1,259	6
7. Utah	9-0	1,245	7
8. Georgia	8-1	1,210	8
9. Michigan	8-1	1,133	10
10. Virginia	7-1	971	12
11. Florida State	7-2	887	13
12. Louisville	6-1	866	14
13. West Virginia	8-1	862	15
14. Boise State	8-0	788	16
15. Tennessee	7-2	654	9
16. Virginia Tech	7-2	631	18
17. LSU	6-2	628	17
18. Miami	6-2	593	11
19. Iowa	7-2	522	20
20. Arizona State	7-2	345	23
21. Boston College	6-2	254	24
22. Texas A & M	6-3	160	22
23. UTEP	6-2	148	25
24. Notre Dame	6-3	143	NR
25. Oklahoma State	6-3	131	19

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Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti said the Ducks will have no problem responding to last week's 28-27 loss at California when they play UCLA on Saturday.

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