

Oregon State University vs. University of Oregon

Quarterback Derek Anderson

Oregon State has ridden on the arm of quarterback Derek Anderson during his three-year career.

The senior out of Scappoose commands an aerial offense that would scare any pass defense. The Beavers' passing offense is second in the Pacific-10 Conference and seventh in the nation, averaging 298.0 yards per game.

Oregon State will not reach its 2003 school record of 4,265 passing yards this season, but with a projected total of 3,278 yards, it is on pace to surpass the 3,152 yards in 1987, which is the greatest amount accumulated in an 11-game schedule.

Anderson is first in the conference in passing yards per game (290.6) and total offense (274.1). He is one of only six quarterbacks in Pac-10 history to pass for more than 10,000 yards, and the only one for Oregon State. Anderson is one of only two Pac-10 quarterbacks to ever throw for more than 4,000 yards in a season, which he did last year with 4,058. He has thrown at least one touchdown pass in 27 of the last 28 contests, including a streak of 22 consecutive games, which ended on Oct. 2 against California.

Anderson's No. 1 connection is junior wide receiver Mike Hass, who also sits atop the league in two of his position's respective categories with 112.0 receiving yards and 7.2 receptions per game. Hass is ranked nationally in the top 10 in each of those areas. His career average of 18.4 yards per reception is second in the nation among active receivers. The former walk-on has 1,120 receiving yards, which equals his total from last season. He is attempting to break James Newson's single-season receiving yards record of 1,306 yards. The Portland native set a new Pac-10 record, collecting 293 yards through the air against Boise State on Sept. 10.

— Stephen Miller

Cornerback Aaron Gipson

The Oregon secondary has made great strides since 2002.

Two years ago, the Ducks were 115th out of 117 teams in pass defense in the nation. During that season, they gave up a conference-record 536 passing yards to Arizona State's Andrew Walter in the Ducks' 45-42 loss. In 2003, the Ducks finished 105th in nation in pass defense.

In 2004 however, the much maligned secondary has moved up to 48th in the nation in passing defense and currently ranks fourth in the Pacific-10 Conference, giving up just 201.7 yards per game.

Much of the transformation can be attributed to the maturation of junior corner Aaron Gipson.

Gipson has turned himself into one of the top corners in the conference. He is second in the Oregon secondary in tackles with 39 and also has one forced fumble. He also leads the team and is tied for second in the conference in interceptions with four. Gipson will be questionable for the game due to a sprained ankle last week.

Another contributor in the secondary has been cornerback Jackie Bates. Starting as a true freshman, much like Gipson did in 2002, Bates has recorded 29 tackles and snagged the first interception of his career against Arizona earlier this season.

Junior Justin Phinisee is ninth on the team in tackles with 38 in nine games this season.

Sophomore free safety J.D. Nelson has filled in for the departed Keith Lewis by registering 61 tackles, good for second on the team. The first-year starter recorded 10 tackles in the season-opener against Indiana and equaled that mark last week against UCLA.

— Brian Smith

STATISTICAL LEADERS

2004 OREGON STATE SCHEDULE

September	
4	@ LSU, (ot) L, 21-22
10	@ Boise State, L, 34-53
18	New Mexico, W, 17-7
25	@ Arizona State, L, 14-27
October	
2	California, L, 7-49
16	@ Washington, W, 29-14
23	Washington State, W, 38-19
30	@ Arizona, W, 28-14
November	
6	USC, L, 20-28
13	@ Stanford, W, 24-19
20	Oregon, 4 p.m.

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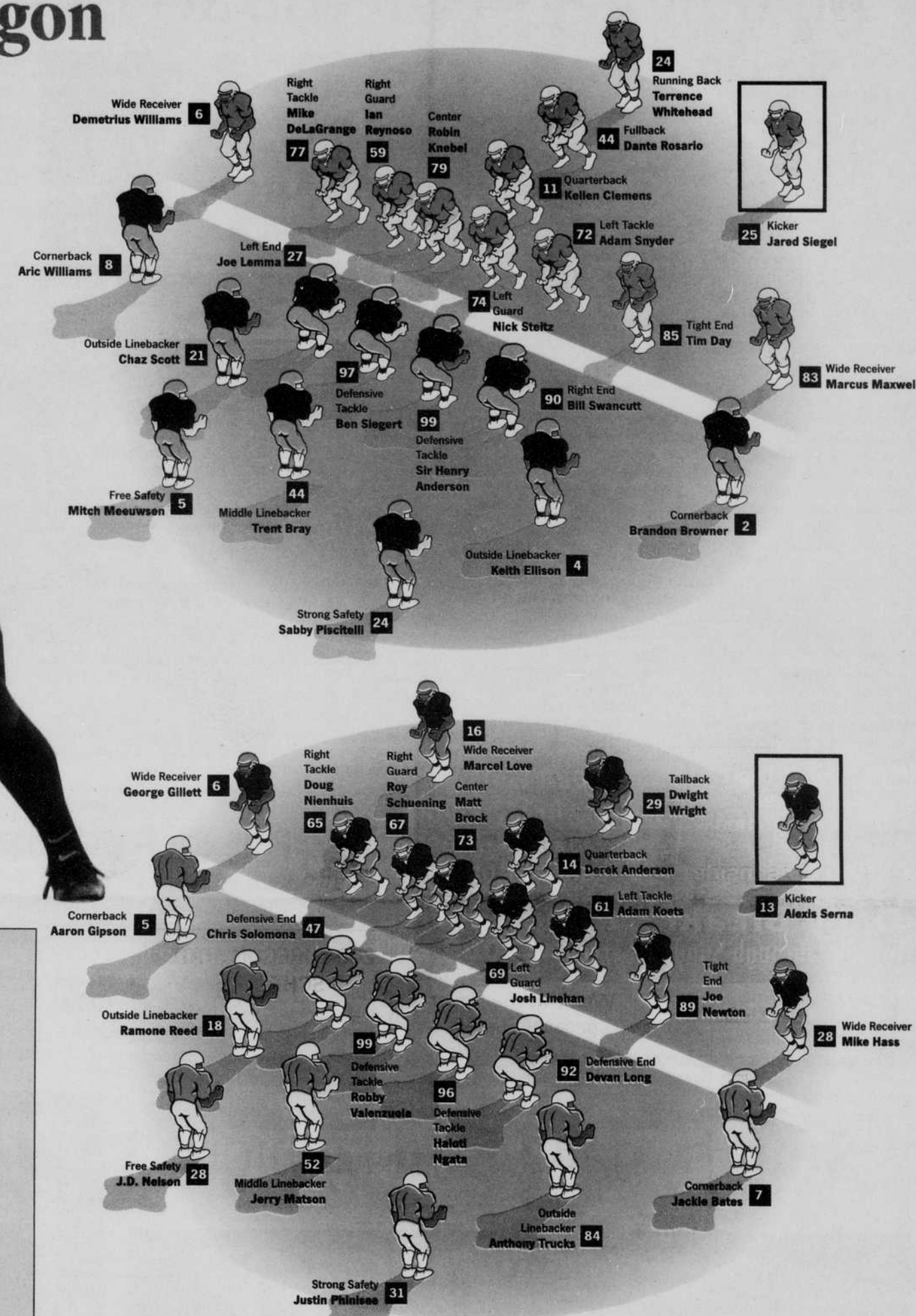
Rushing		Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Game
Dwight Wright, lb		184	700	3.8	5	70.0
Ryan Cole, lb		68	199	2.9	2	19.9
Yenson Bernard, lb		6	20	3.3	0	2.5
Passing		Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	TD/Int.
Derek Anderson, qb		429	227	2906	52.9	21/16
Receiving		No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Mike Hass, wr		72	1120	15.6	5	49
Joe Newton, te		44	536	12.2	4	37
A. Wheat-Brown, wr		33	400	12.1	3	35
Tackles		UT	AT	FR	INT	TFL
Trent Bray, lb		61	39	0	1	5.5-32
Mitch Meeuwse, fs		42	16	0	5	4.0-8
Bill Swannett, de		45	12	3	0	15.0-82
Keith Ellison, lb		26	28	2	1	8.5-31

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Rushing		Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Game
T. Whitehead, lb		182	1034	5.7	6	103.4
Kellen Clemens, qb		105	216	2.1	4	21.6
K. Washington, lb		48	161	3.4	1	16.1
Passing		Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	TD/Int.
Kellen Clemens, qb		343	210	2422	61.2	19/7
Receiving		No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
D. Williams, wr		43	539	12.5	1	59
T. Whitehead, lb		40	374	9.4	2	51
Tim Day, te		33	451	13.7	6	34
Tackles		UT	AT	FR	INT	TFL
Jerry Matson, lb		41	25	1	0	11.0-44
J.D. Nelson, fs		34	27	0	0	4.0-12
Ramone Reed, lb		37	21	1	2	3.5-11
Anthony Trucks, lb		32	16	0	0	5.5-39

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23	@ Stanford, W, 16-13
30	Washington, W, 31-6
November	
6	@ California, L, 27-28
13	UCLA, L, 26-34
20	@ Oregon State, 4 p.m.



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