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# Arizona State vs. University of Oregon

## Quarterback Sam Keller



Oregon had better be wary of an angry quarterback searching for redemption. That is exactly what Arizona State quarterback Sam Keller is. Top-ranked USC had the Sun Devil signal caller by the tail in the second half last week, when Keller threw four interceptions. By the time the game had finished, Arizona State had given up a 21-3 halftime lead. The fourth quarter was especially difficult as the ball deflected off an Arizona State receiver and into the hands of a USC player twice.

Prior to the game, Keller tossed four touchdown passes in each of the season's first four games and accounted for 1,443 passing yards. Sun Devil quarterbacks have had big games against the Oregon secondary in recent years. Former quarterback Andrew Walter torched the Ducks for 1,016 yards and nine touchdowns to lead the Sun Devils to victories the past three years.

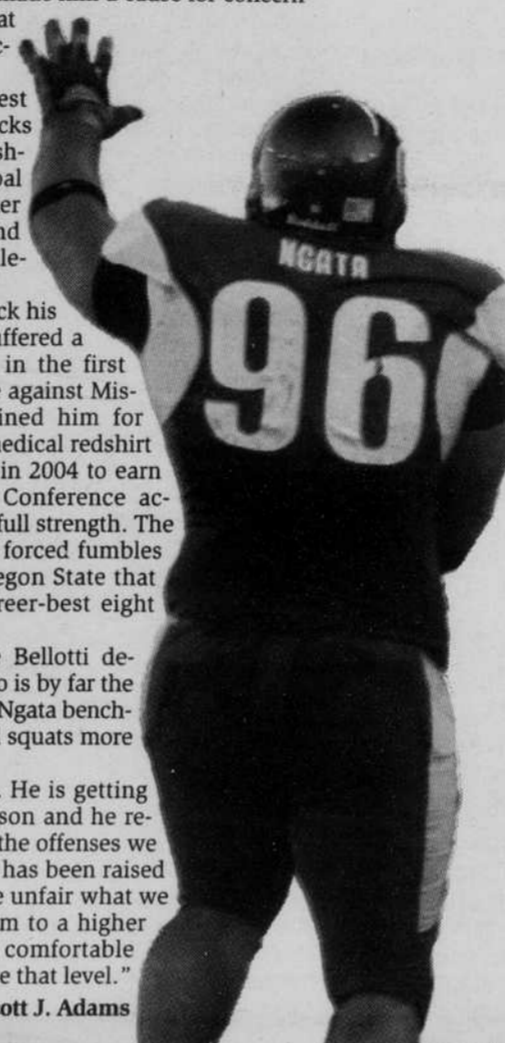
Oregon has given up an average of 262.8 passing yards and 2.2 touchdown throws this season, placing them seventh in the Pacific-10 Conference in pass defense. They have recorded eight interceptions, which is second-best in the conference.

Keller currently ranks third in the NCAA in total offense (348 yards per game) and 12th in passing efficiency (161.3). He leads the Pac-10 Conference in passing average (358), total offense and touchdown passes with 18.

The junior from Danville, Calif., completed 25 of 45 attempts for 370 yards and three touchdowns in his first career start — a 27-23 victory over Purdue in the Sun Bowl on New Year's Eve. He had completed 40 of 69 for 483 yards and three touchdowns in 11 appearances as a reserve.

— Shawn Miller

## Defensive Tackle Haloti Ngata



Junior defensive tackle Haloti Ngata has been a consistent force on Oregon's defensive line since earning a starting spot at tackle his freshman year in 2002. His strength and quick first step off of the line have made him a cause for concern for offensive coordinators that have to make sure he is accounted for on every play.

As a freshman, he was best remembered for blocking kicks against UCLA, USC and Washington. He blocked a field goal attempt of Stanford kicker Michael Sgroi last weekend marking the sixth of his collegiate career.

Ngata faced a major setback his sophomore year when he suffered a season-ending knee injury in the first quarter of the opening game against Mississippi State, which sidelined him for 2003. Ngata was granted a medical redshirt for the season and returned in 2004 to earn second-team all Pacific-10 Conference acclaim, despite not playing at full strength. The Salt Lake City native posted forced fumbles against Washington and Oregon State that same year and added a career-best eight tackles against Arizona.

Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti demands much from Ngata, who is by far the strongest player on his roster. Ngata benches more than 500 pounds and squats more than 550.

"(Ngata) is working hard. He is getting better. He is a dominant person and he receives a lot of attention from the offenses we play," Bellotti said. "The bar has been raised for guys like Haloti. It may be unfair what we ask him to do, but I hold him to a higher standard, and I think he is comfortable with that. He wants to achieve that level."

— Scott J. Adams

### Arizona State statistical leaders

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Game
Keegan Herring, tb	70	484	6.9	5	96.8
Rudy Burgess, wr	54	219	4.1	2	43.8
Preston Jones, tb	10	73	7.3	1	73.0

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	TD/Int.
Sam Keller, qb	192	114	1,790	59.4	18/7

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Derek Hagan, wr	36	593	16.5	5	45
Rudy Burgess, wr	17	220	12.9	3	49
Jamaal Lewis, te	14	266	19.0	5	36

Tackles	UT	AT	FR	INT	TFL
Dale Robinson, lb	29	21	0	0	3.0/28
Zach Catanese, s	25	20	1	0	1.5/7
Maurice London, s	14	11	3	0	1.5/2
Jamar Williams, lb	7	0	1	2.0/15	

### 2005 Oregon statistical leaders

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Game
T. Whitehead, tb	53	177	3.3	1	44.2
Kellen Clemens, qb	42	139	3.3	0	27.8
Terrell Jackson, tb	23	92	4.0	0	18.4

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	TD/Int.
Kellen Clemens, qb	184	119	1,516	64.7	12/1

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
D. Williams, wr	33	572	17.3	5	47
James Finley, wr	24	264	11.0	0	30
T. Whitehead, tb	13	114	8.8	1	42

Tackles	UT	AT	FR	INT	TFL
J.D. Nelson, fs	16	20	0	0	0
A.J. Tuttle, lb	18	13	0	0	2.0/3
Anthony Trucks, ss	16	15	0	1	3.0/14
Patrick Chung, rrv	21	9	0	0	0

### 2005 OREGON SCHEDULE

- September
- 1 @ Houston, W, 39-24
  - 10 Montana, W, 47-14
  - 17 Fresno State, W, 37-34
  - 24 USC, L, 45-13
- October
- 1 @ Stanford, W, 44-20
  - 8 @ Arizona State, 7:15 p.m.
  - 15 Washington, 12:30 p.m.
  - 22 @ Arizona, 4 p.m.
- November
- 5 California, 12:30 p.m.
  - 12 @ Washington State, 7:15 p.m.
  - 19 Oregon State, 3:45 p.m.

## Starting Lineups

**Offense**

- QB: Sam Keller (66)
- RB: Stephen Berg (60)
- WR: Terry Richardson (17), Lee Burghgraff (83)
- TE: Jesse Answorth (20)
- OL: Josh Yechigri (41), Kellen Clemens (72), DeWayne Hollyfield (90), Kyle Caldwell (50), Jordan Hill (1)
- LB: Jamar Williams (4), Dale Robinson (44)
- DB: Zach Catanese (8), Maurice London (2), Patrick Chung (15)
- ST: Paul Martinez (34), Demetrius Williams (6)

**Defense**

- DE: Victor Filipe (56)
- DT: Haloti Ngata (96), DeWayne Hollyfield (90)
- LB: Dale Robinson (44), Jamar Williams (4)
- CB: J.D. Nelson (16), Anthony Trucks (16)
- S: Zach Catanese (8), Maurice London (2)
- ST: Justin Pittinise (31), Derek Hagan (86)

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