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University of Oklahoma vs. University of Oregon

Running Back Adrian Peterson

Adrian Peterson's second-place finish in the 2004 Heisman Trophy voting is nothing but the past after this season for he sophomore tailback. With more than 900 rushing yards fewer than last year's total, 2005 has been a less impresive year for the Palestine, Texas, native but it has added to his character nonetheless.

With 1,024 rushing yards in a season that saw him sit out a game and record less than 10 carries in four others, Peterson further solidified this year that he is one of the nation's premier running backs - and he's still an underclassman. At 6-foot-2, 218 pounds, Peterson is a scary sight for defenses running out of the I-formation. Peterson's open-field speed combined with his

strength and agility make him capable of reeling off a big run on any given play. Fans will see him in action on Sundays in the near future but he still has two years of eligibility left to perfect his game.

Coming off an ankle sprain that sidelined him early in the season, Peterson returned to being his reliable self for coach Bob Stoops' offense. Peterson had just less than 30 carries in each game he started and churned out more than 200 yards in two games this year including a 220 yard outing against Tulsa. In the same game, he scored a season-high three touchdowns. Peterson eclipsed the 100-yard mark in the final four games of the season. He saved his best game for last rushing for a season-high 237 yards in Oklahoma's regular season finale

against Oklahoma State. Peterson was allowed just under 200 yards last year by the Oregon defense and will have to put up similar numbers in order to give the Sooners the edge on offense in the Holiday Bowl.

- Scott J. Adams

2005 Oklahoma statistical leaders

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Game
Adrian Peterson, tb	197	1,024	5.2	14	102.4
Jacob Gutierrez, tb	48	254	5.3	2	25.4
Kejuan Jones, tb	79	250	3.2	3	25.0
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	TD/Int
Rhett Bornar, qb	278	150	1,789	54.0	9/9
Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Malcolm Kelly, wr	26	392	15.1	2	42
Travis Wilson, wr	25	310	12.4	1	27
J.D. Runnels, fb	19	188	9.9	0	35
Tackles	UT	AT	FR	INT	TFL
Rufus Alexander, Ib	50	43	1	1	17.0-51
Zach Latimer, Ib	47	30	1	0	5.0-33
D.J. Wolfe, cb	43	30	0	2	4.0-9
Clint Ingram, Ib	33	24	0	4	10.0-41

Placekicker **Paul Martinez**

One of the biggest question marks heading into the season was the placekicking of Paul Martinez. The punter-turned-kicker quickly answered doubters by netting 11 of 12 field goal attempts in Oregon's

Early in the season it was Martinez who bailed out the Oregon offense which failed to finish drives with touchdowns. Ten of his first 12 field goal attempts were within 40 yards, as the Ducks produced only five offensive touchdowns in both games combined.

Martinez tied the school record for makes and attempts (five of six) in the season opener at Houston and followed that by breaking his own record and tying a Pacific-10 Conference record with six field goals in as many attempts a week later against Montana. He garnered Pac-10 Conference Player of the Week honors after each game, as well as after Week 11, when Martinez kicked the game-winning field goal to help Oregon defeat

Despite a thigh injury that sidelined him for three games this season, Martinez has made 19 of 24 field goals, which currently marks him fifth in makes and percentage (79.2). Martinez didn't qualify for any of the conference statistics due to lack of games played: however, he would rank second in the conference in field goals made and percentage this season.

Martinez also leads the Ducks in scoring with 81 points, tied for ninth on the school's single-season list. That would rank eighth in the conference if Martinez were eligible.

No matter how difficult the situation, Martinez shows up. Oregon has to hope that if its offense stalls in the bowl game, Martinez will come up clutch once again.

2005 Oregon statistical leaders

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Game
T. Whitehead, tb	144	636	4.4	4	63.6
J. Stewart, tb	69	182	3.6	6	20.2
J. Johnson, tb	23	146	6.3	2	20.9
Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Pct.	TD/Int
Dennis Dixon, qb	85	58	670	68.2	6/3
Brady Leaf, qb	58	34	331	58.6	2/2
Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
D. Williams, wr	55	1,032	18.8	10	61
James Finley, wr	48	504	10.5	2	30
T. Whitehead, tb	46	407	8.8	4	42
Tackles	UT	AT	FR	INT	TFL
Anthony Trucks, ss	51	34	2	1	14.0-67
Patrick Chung, rov	49	30	0	2	1.5-3
J.D. Nelson, fs	34	27 -	0	0	0

2005 OREGON **SCHEDULE**

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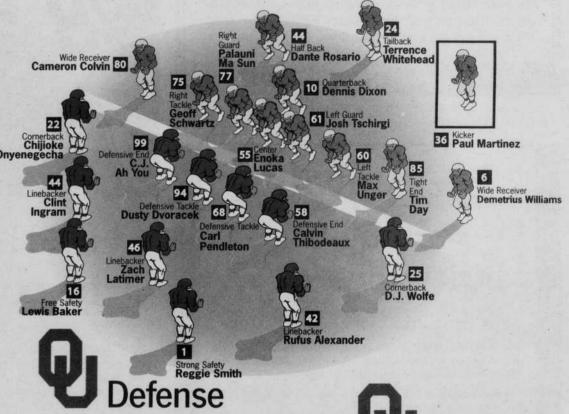
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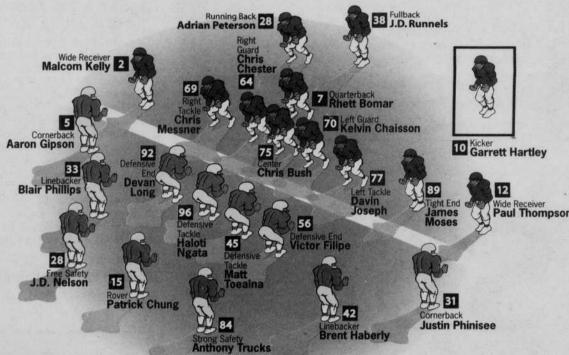
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