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Oregon senior wide receiver Tony Hartley is one of the top NFL prospects but holds a limited role in the Ducks' offense.

## Bellotti needs to increase Hartley's role in offense

I wonder what University of Oregon Head Coach Mike Bellotti is thinking. Normally, if a coach has one of the top receivers in the nation, he would factor that receiver quite strongly into

be run to get the first down. The other Oregon receivers haven't quite got the grasp of this yet.

Against UCLA on the last play of the game, Oregon receiver Marshaun Tucker ran his route to about the 2 or 3 yard line.

He caught the ball, but he didn't get

into the endzone. Oregon lost. Hartley knows to run his route into the endzone, and would have known exactly where it started. He has shown this in previous games.

I'm not sure Tucker realized he was on the one or two yard line instead of in the endzone.

It is in situations like this that Hartley's experience comes in handy.

He showed that against USC, when he made several key receptions on the game tying drive.

Bellotti is only hurting his chances of success in crucial moments of the game by pulling Hartley in the non-crucial moments.

AJ Feely has not yet developed the connection with Hartley that should exist between a quarterback and his go-to receiver.

I'm not even sure Feely has a go-to receiver.

He rarely throws to Hartley, and the statistics prove it. In four of Oregon's six games, Hartley had only 3 catches or less. In two of those games, he had just one catch.

Feely clearly doesn't feel as comfortable throwing to Oregon's top wide receiver as he should. The reason for that is Hartley's playing time.

Playing Hartley only half the game has prevented Feely and Hartley from developing a strong quarterback-receiver bond.

The lack of this bond has already cost Oregon two games, the Michigan State game [in which Hartley had only 3 catches] and the UCLA game [in which Hartley had only 1 catch].

So let's junk this "receiver by committee" system and play Hartley full time.

Oregon is in need of a definitive go-to receiver, and Hartley will provide them with just that.

### FROM THE SIDELINES ...



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his offensive game plan.

For Oregon however, it seems to be different.

Tony Hartley, a senior flanker from Los Alamitos, CA, is arguably the top receiver in the Pac-10 and one of the top receivers in the nation [A pre-season NFL scouting report had him listed as one of the top 20 receiving prospects in the nation].

Apparently, Mike Bellotti disagrees somewhat; at least it sure looks that way.

Bellotti is putting Hartley on the field for only about half of the offensive plays, opting for another receiver [usually junior college transfer Marshaun Tucker or Keenan Howry] for the other half.

I wouldn't have a problem with Bellotti occasionally giving Hartley a rest, or even playing him out of a three receiver set [which Oregon did quite a bit last year].

The problem I have is with Bellotti purposely removing one of his best offensive skill players from the lineup on half the plays and replacing him with someone not of the same caliber.

Don't get me wrong, Tucker and Howry are good receivers, but they aren't Tony Hartley.

Hartley is something special. He's the complete package; he has size, speed and knowledge of the game.

Most importantly however, Hartley is Oregon's most experienced player on offense.

Hartley has been a starter since his sophomore season. That's over two and a half seasons.

It's that experience that gives Hartley the edge over the other receivers in terms of his knowledge of the game.

Hartley knows exactly where to be, and when to be there.

Hartley won't cut his pass route off short; he will run it to where it needs to



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Sophomore Paul Kezes, shown above competing in the Clackamas Open, finished 9th in the men's race at the Ricks College Invitational with a time of 27:00.

## Cougars show toughness at Ricks

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Clackamas' men and women showed a lot of mental toughness Saturday at the Ricks College Invitational.

The Ricks meet proved to be tough on both sides, with strong competition, poor racing conditions [wind gusts of up to 35 mph]

and an elevated course stretching the Cougars' mental toughness to its limits.

"With the wind it was just brutal," Coach Mike Hickey said. "Our athletes really had to dig down and be mentally strong throughout the race."

The Clackamas women had a difficult meet, finishing fourth

overall. Stephanie Costanzo finished as the top performer on the women's side for the third time in four meets, finishing with a time of 20:35.

The Clackamas men raced well as a team. They took the challenge and went with it, especially freshman Tomm Johnson.

"Tomm Johnson had a good race, very good race again," said Coach

Hickey. "He's a big time runner—every time he's challenged he steps up and makes a statement."

Johnson placed 4th in the men's race, running with a time of 26:15. This was the second time

in three meets Johnson has had a top 4 finish [Johnson finished third in the Clackamas open].

Sophomore Paul Kezes also had

another good race, finishing 9th with a time of 27:00. Kezes has finished in the top eight percent of the field in the previous three races.

Clackamas' season should start to come into focus after this weekend's meet at Lower Columbia College.

"We'll have a better idea [of where we stand] after this weekend; we'll have a better idea of how we'll do [at the end of the season] after that race," said Coach Hickey. "On the men's side we're pretty solidified. On the women's side, they still have a lot to prove to themselves."

Coach Hickey has faith that his teams will respond with the proper frame of mind.

"We're coming into the final phase of the season... a champion will respond by pressing and breaking through. I think that's the type of team we have. I think we have a championship team on both sides [men and women]."

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Head Coach

## Alcohol Awareness

Alcohol Awareness Week will be held Oct. 18-22 in Gregory Forum.

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