

MORE ABOUT STEVEN

Favorite Pro Athlete:

Charles Woodson

Favorite Food:

Chicken Enchiladas

Favorite Movie:

Friday

Favorite TV Show:

The Bernie Mac Show

Favorite Music:

DJ Quick

Dream Play:

90-yard Interception Return to Win the Game

Player I miss the

most from last year:

Onterio Smith

Career after Football:

Music Industry

Most Influential:

Parents

If I was stranded on an island,

I'd like to be with... :

Halle Barry

Team I Enjoy

Beating the Most:

Oregon State and Washington

Funniest Guy on the Team:

Erik Cheney

Team Not on the

Schedule I'd Like to Play:

Miami Hurricanes

On my wall I have a poster of:

Muhammad Ali

Hobbies:

Watching Movies, Rollerskating & Music

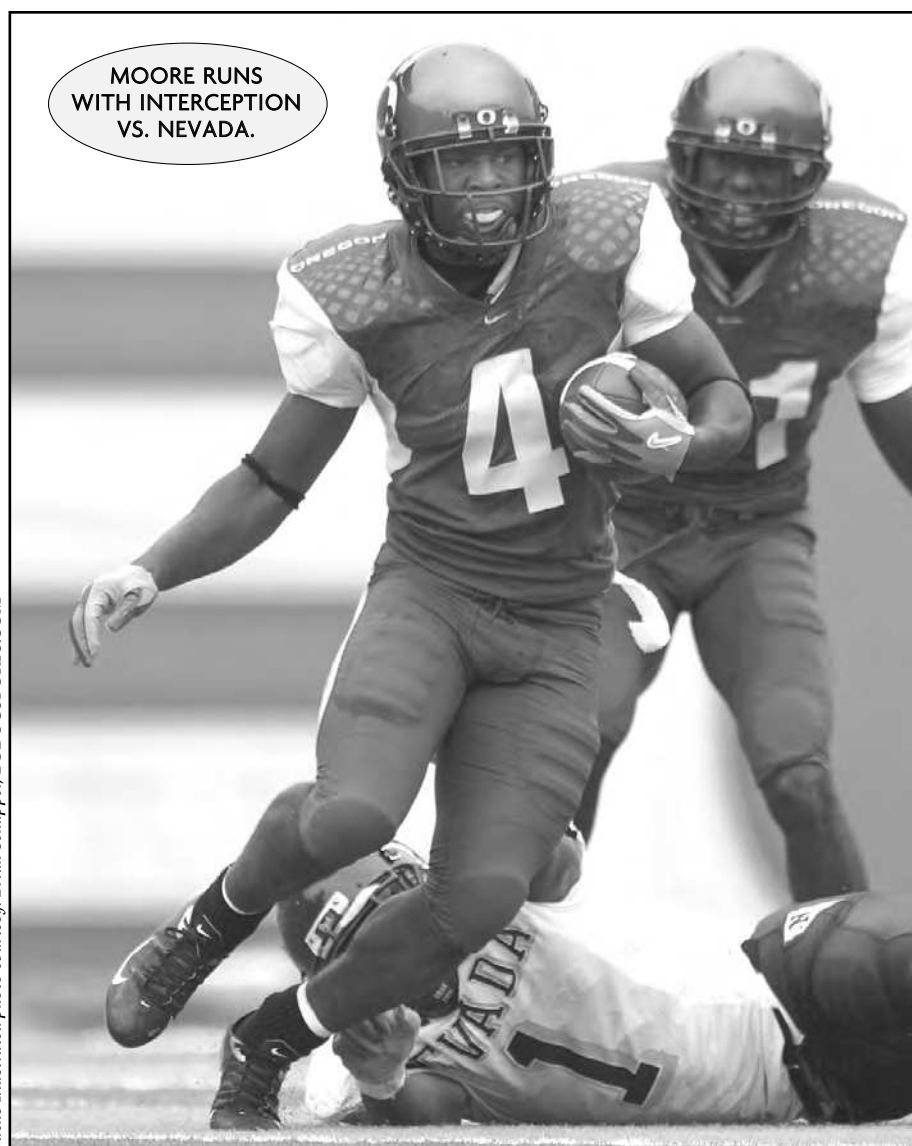
home. Ultimately, he chose Oregon because of the facilities, family oriented atmosphere, and school environment. Coming out of high school Steven was a partial qualifier with the NCAA. For those of you who are not familiar, that means that he met most of the NCAA initial eligibility requirements but not all of them. Steven was not eligible to participate in games his freshman year and he automatically lost that year of eligibility. So in reality he only has three years of college football unless he fulfills his graduation requirements before the start of fall 2004. If he does graduate, it looks like Steven could be rewarded with his fourth year and be back for the Ducks. Steven said that it's hard to graduate in four years but he is trying his best to finish up this spring with a degree in Sociology. After his playing days are over Steven wants to get into the music industry and possibly do some producing. Who knows he could turn out to be the next P. Diddy? Before Steven gets into the music industry he is going to have to come up with a good nickname for himself. How does "Sizzlin Steven" sound? Or maybe "S Dot"!!!

Football

Steven plays the most competitive position in college football. Cornerbacks must be fast, smart, aggressive, and confident. They are the first to be recognized when the team is winning and the first to be blamed when the team is losing. Their position is highly recognizable because of all the open space. Successful cornerbacks are truly great competitors. They must have their game face on every play or else it could mean a touchdown. The departure of Rashad Bauman and Steve Smith to the NFL after the 2001 season left a huge hole to be filled in the Oregon secondary. Steven Moore immediately stepped up his game and took over as the starting left cornerback in the spring of 2002. Last year he started all 13 games recording 63 tackles and 5 interceptions, plus knocking down a team high 15 passes. His 5 interceptions tied him for second in the Pac-10 confer-

MOORE RUNS WITH INTERCEPTION VS. NEVADA.

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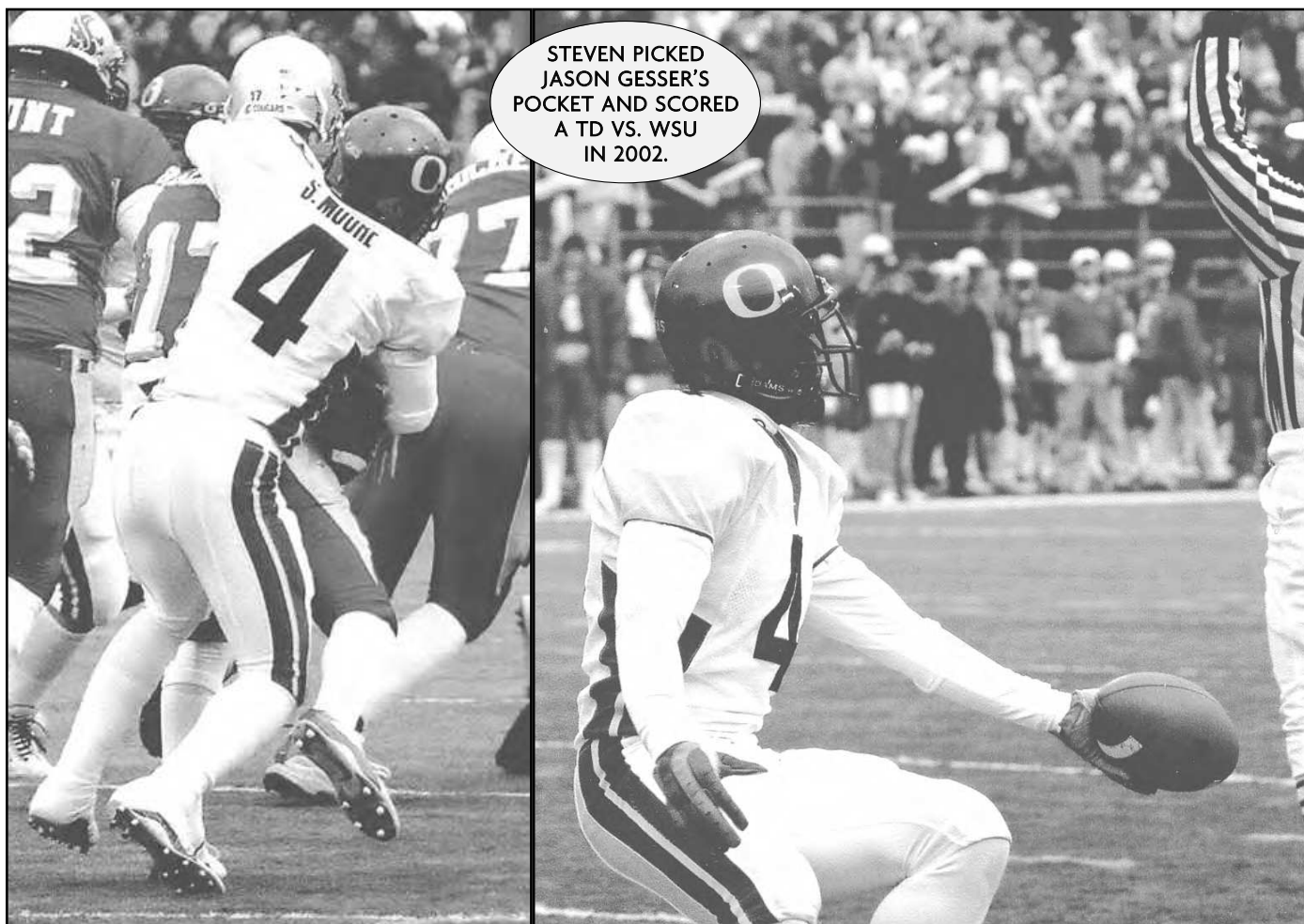


ence. I think that Steven's most memorable play last year was stripping Washington State's quarterback Jason Gesser of the football and walking into the end zone for 6. He also had a career high 8 tackles against Arizona State. In my opinion Steven looks like he has improved his coverage skills this season. His secondary coach John Neal said that Steven has improved a lot. "I think he knows some of his weaknesses and he's working on them. I think he's gained a lot of confidence and he finishes at the

end of a route, and the deep ball." In addition Neal had several other favorable comments to say about Steven. "He's a great person, a great football player. I love the way he competes all the time. He comes out to practice hard every day. He is one of the most well-liked players on the team and I would definitely say he's one of our true team leaders." This year Steven has also taken on the task of being the team's primary punt returner. Punt returners must be fearless, willing to take a hit, and focused. So far he has been pretty successful with 8 returns for 85 yards. However, Steven has had a couple of really good returns called back because of stupid penalties. The halo rule is gone this year so I hope Steven keeps his head up.

Steven wants to make the all Pac-10 team this year and go to a BCS bowl game. I asked him what the biggest difference between this year's team and last year's team is and he said "Togetherness, this team is much more focused." Steven said that he looks forward to every game because he wants to prove to people that Oregon is not a joke. He said that the team worked really hard this off season and is much improved. It's no secret that Oregon's pass defense was pretty bad last season so I asked Steven what they will do differently this year in the secondary. "We will play more zone defense and have the safety back more often." Also he said that they have added two or three new coverages to mix things up. But the overall defensive philosophy will be the same. They want to stop the run by bringing the safeties up for support. Steven said "Most Division I schools play with two safeties deep to stop the pass and we don't, any little mistake is a touchdown." I have faith in Steven and his ability to not make those mistakes. Good luck this season Steven and make sure that you remember to tuck in your tube — your Nike coolant tube that is. **O**

STEVEN PICKED JASON GESSER'S POCKET AND SCORED A TD VS. WSU IN 2002.



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