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## Win Puts Ducks in Rose Bowl Race

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—One coach was hoping, the other praying.

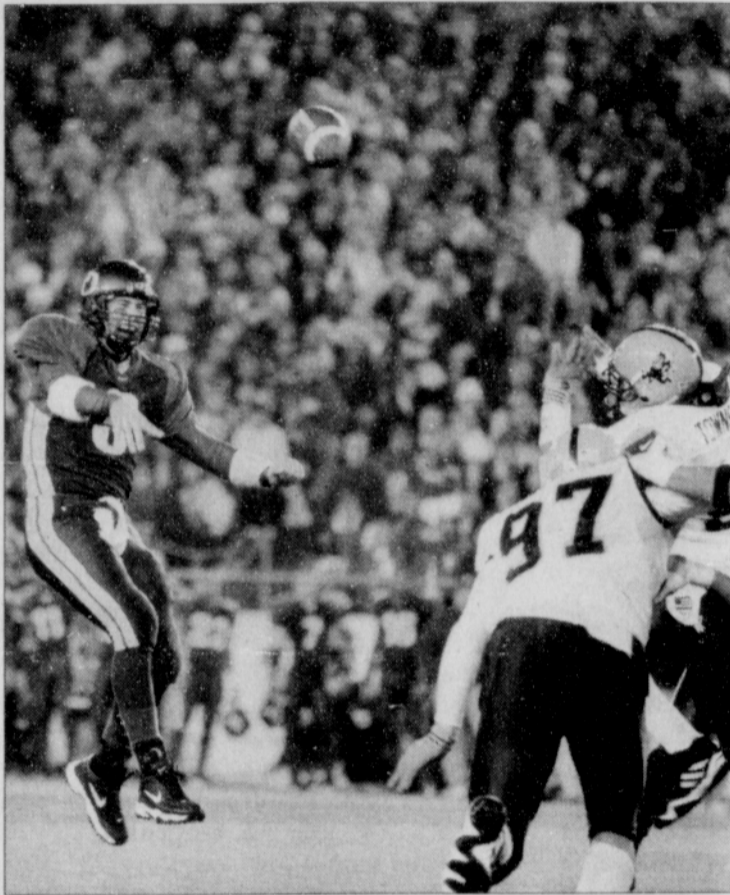
The prayers of Oregon's Mike Bellotti won out, and now the Ducks need only a victory over Oregon State at Autzen Stadium on Dec. 1 to earn the Pac-10 title and a berth in the Fiesta Bowl.

Thus, the Ducks have plenty of time to get ready. Bellotti said they need it.

"We will practice for Oregon State as if it were a bowl game," Bellotti said after No. 7 Oregon held off No. 20 UCLA 21-20 when Chris Griffith missed what would have been a career-best 50-yard field goal on the final play Saturday at the Rose Bowl.

Oregon (9-1, 6-1 Pac-10) is tied for first place with Washington State, but the Ducks own the tiebreaker, having beaten the Cougars 24-17 on Oct. 27.

Harrington, 22-3 as a starter at Oregon, was 3-for-3 for 52 yards on the drive, and the reception



was the only one in the game for Line, who has caught just six passes all season.

Even without Foster, the nation's third-leading rusher, the Bruins gave the Ducks all they could handle. But it wasn't enough, as they lost their third straight after opening the season with six wins.

Foster, a senior who leads the Pac-10 in rushing and touchdowns, was declared ineligible after the NCAA made UCLA aware of an extra benefits violation. His status for next Saturday's game against crosstown rival Southern California is uncertain.

Quarterback Joey Harrington has led the Ducks to a possible Rose Bowl berth. PHOTO BY DAVID GIEZYNG/ THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

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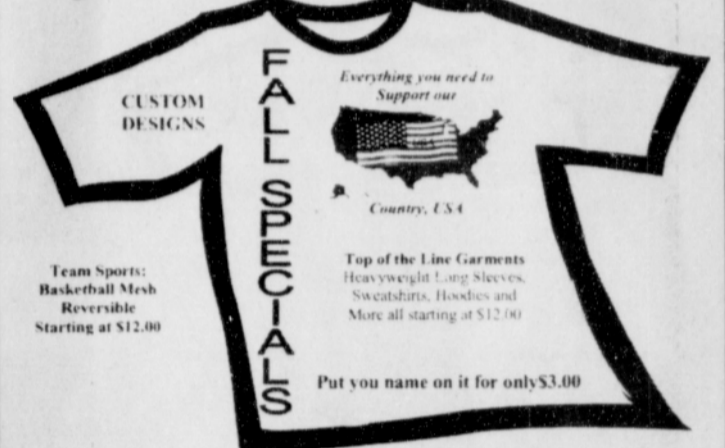


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## SPORTS briefs

### Mark McGwire Ready to Retire

ST. LOUIS—St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Mark McGwire has told ESPN he's retiring after 16 seasons in the big leagues. McGwire hit 70 home runs in 1998 shattering Roger Maris' single-season record of 61 set in 1961. McGwire would finish his career with 583 home runs, good for fifth-place on the all-time list.

### Norman, Stewart Head Golf Hall of Fame Class

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. —Greg Norman and the late Payne Stewart were among six members inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame during a 90-minute ceremony at the World Golf Village. The others were two-time U.S. Women's Open champion Donna Caponi, Ping Golf founder Karsten Solheim, former U.S. Golf Association president Judy Bell and Allan Robertson of Scotland, believed to be the first golf professional.

### Lakers Earn Sixth Straight Win

LOS ANGELES — Shaquille O'Neal had 38 points and 18 rebounds and Los Angeles kept its perfect start intact, defeating Orlando for its sixth consecutive victory. The Magic briefly challenged in the first half, but like the Lakers' first five opponents, they offered little resistance against O'Neal. O'Neal's points were a season high, and he equaled his best rebounding performance of the season.

### Nebraska New No. 1 in Coaches' Poll

Nebraska claimed the NO. 1 spot in the latest USA TODAY/ESPN Coaches' Poll after defeating Big 12 rival Kansas State 31-21. The Cornhuskers garnered 30 first-place votes, while second-ranked Miami got 28. Florida, Oklahoma and Texas, all winners on Saturday, rounded out the top five.

### NFL Fines Jets' Robinson \$20K for Role in Fight

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — The NFL fined New York Jets safety Damien Robinson \$20,000 for twisting the facemask of Saints quarterback Aaron Brooks and sparking a melee near the end of the game. Jets coach Herman Edwards sent a letter to Saints coach Jim Haslett expressing his unhappiness about the end of last Sunday's game. Edwards also hinted that Robinson's job may be on shaky ground.

## Jefferson Wins Pop Warner Superbowl



Bryson Hampton, quarterback for the Jefferson 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders Pop Warner team, with his father Michael Hampton, celebrate a 25-6 superbowl victory Sunday over Whitaker 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the Jesuit High School stadium. Bryson plans to attend Benson High School next year where his father is a football coach.

PHOTO BY DAVID GIEZYNG/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

### Fuqua Beats Record with Rushing Performance

Redshirt freshman Ryan Fuqua put together the finest rushing performance in PSU history and nearly in all of 1-AA history on Saturday against Eastern Washington.

Fuqua rushed 45 times for 393 yards and three touchdowns in a 37-22 win at Eastern Washington. His rushing attempts and yards gained were both new PSU records. The 393 rushing yards is the second biggest rushing day in the history of NCAA 1-AA football (409, Charles Roberts, Sacramento State, 1999).

Fuqua had runs of 71 and 51 yards in the game and broke Chip Dunn's PSU record of 324 by 69 yards. The 5-11, 190-pounder out of Ontario, California, now has 1,073 rushing yards on the season—all of it coming in the last six games. Fuqua has started only the last four games.

### Portland Athlete Named Rookie of the Year



Christa Thoeresz

Christa Thoeresz of Portland has been named Rookie of the Year in women's soccer for the New England Small College Athletic Conference.

Thoeresz is a freshman at Connecticut College. She is a graduate of Caitlin Gabel School in Portland.

This fall, she led her Camels team in scoring with 14 points on a team-high six goals and two assists. She scored four of her six goals in the final five games of the season, including a two-goal effort in a 3-0 victory over Eastern Connecticut on Oct. 9. Thoeresz also recorded three of her six goals against NESCAC rivals Tufts, Colby, and Williams.

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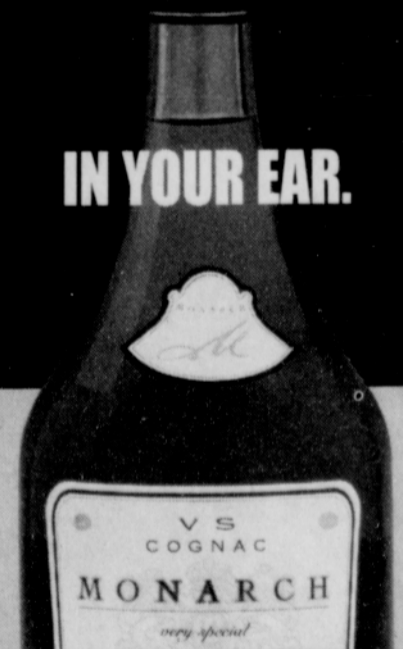
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