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*May 1, 2021; Eugene, Oregon, USA; Oregon Ducks cornerback Dontae Manning (8) runs the ball after an interception during the Oregon Spring Game at Autzen Stadium. Mandatory Credit: Soobum Im-USA TODAY Sports*

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Football fans have heard the old saying: defense wins championships. Can the same be true in Eugene Oregon under Dan Lanning? College football season is right around the corner and Oregon hopes to repeat the success they had during the 2021 season.

Defense is an interesting concept to talk about with Oregon's football program. In the past, the Ducks have been known for their high-scoring offense. Oregon has had good offensive personnel including Marcus Mariota, Justin Herbert, Kenjon Barner, and LeGarrette Blount. All players have had success at the professional level. A high-scoring offense guided Oregon to a national championship appearance in 2014.

The Ducks have also had notable defensive players in the league. Some players are Arik Armstead, Justin Hollins, Troy Hill, Deforest Buckner, and most recently Kayvon Thibodeaux.

## Oregon's defensive performance in 2021



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In 2021, Oregon's defense ranked 72 out of 130 qualifying football teams. Oregon recorded 23 sacks, 17 interceptions, one defensive touchdown, 13 forced fumbles, and returned six fumbles in 2021. Coach Lanning's team has to limit yards if they want to compete for a Pac-12 championship. Oregon allowed 385.6 yards per game last season.

Oregon recruited two four-star defensive backs, a four-star safety, and a four-star defensive tackle. These acquisitions should help Oregon limit passing attacks and control the line of scrimmage on Saturdays.

## Dan Lanning's defense background and how he can Oregon improve



Dan Lanning brings a lot of defensive experience to Eugene. Lanning was the defensive coordinator for the Georgia Bulldogs. Georgia's strong defense helped them win the national championship.

The bulldogs posted eye-popping numbers with Lanning. Lanning's defense allowed 10.2 points per game and 267.9 yards per game. The Bulldogs also recorded 49 sacks. In the national championship game, the Bulldogs gave up 18 points to a high-scoring Alabama team.

Coach Lanning has coached players who played in the NFL. During the 2022 NFL draft, Trayvon Walker, Jordan Davis, Quay Walker, Devonte Wyatt, and Lewis Cine were selected.

If the ducks can continue to score points on offense and improve on the defensive side of the ball they can have a successful season. Dan Lanning can bring back a physical, fast, and stifling defense in 2022.