

# Special Teams Impact on College Football

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# What is Special Teams (SPT)?

- Units on the field when a team is kicking (often for change of possession)
- Punting / Kickoff / Field Goal
- Fewest number of plays in a game





# Why Special Teams?

- Underrated element of the game
- Some FBS schools do not designate a SPT Coordinator
- Approximately 17% of plays in a game are special teams plays
- Difference between Losing and Winning (Duke vs Notre Dame)



25 Washin  
8-2, 5



Oregon  
11 CONF

|           |   | Final |     |   |    |   |    |    |    |  |
|-----------|---|-------|-----|---|----|---|----|----|----|--|
| 15 Oregon |  | 28    |     | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4  | T  | 27 |  North Carolina |
| 10-3      |   |       | ORE | 7 | 7  | 0 | 14 | 28 |    | 9-5  |
|           |   |       | UNC | 7 | 14 | 0 | 6  | 27 |    |  |

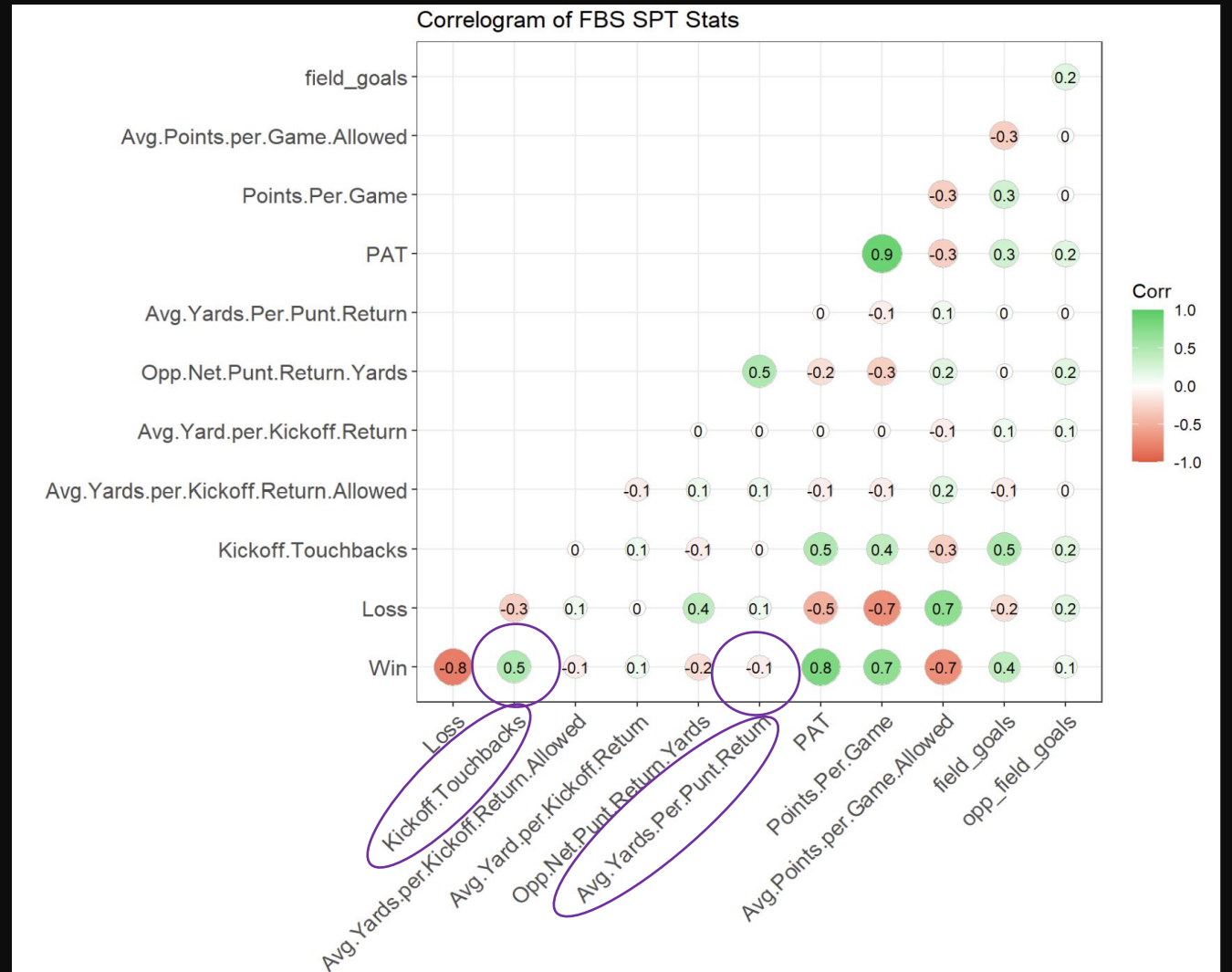
# Team of Focus

- 2022 Oregon Ducks (University of Oregon)
- PAC-12 Conference (10-3 Record)
- New Head Coach: Dan Lanning
- New SPT Coordinator: Joe Lorig
- SPT Analyst: Parker Rollins

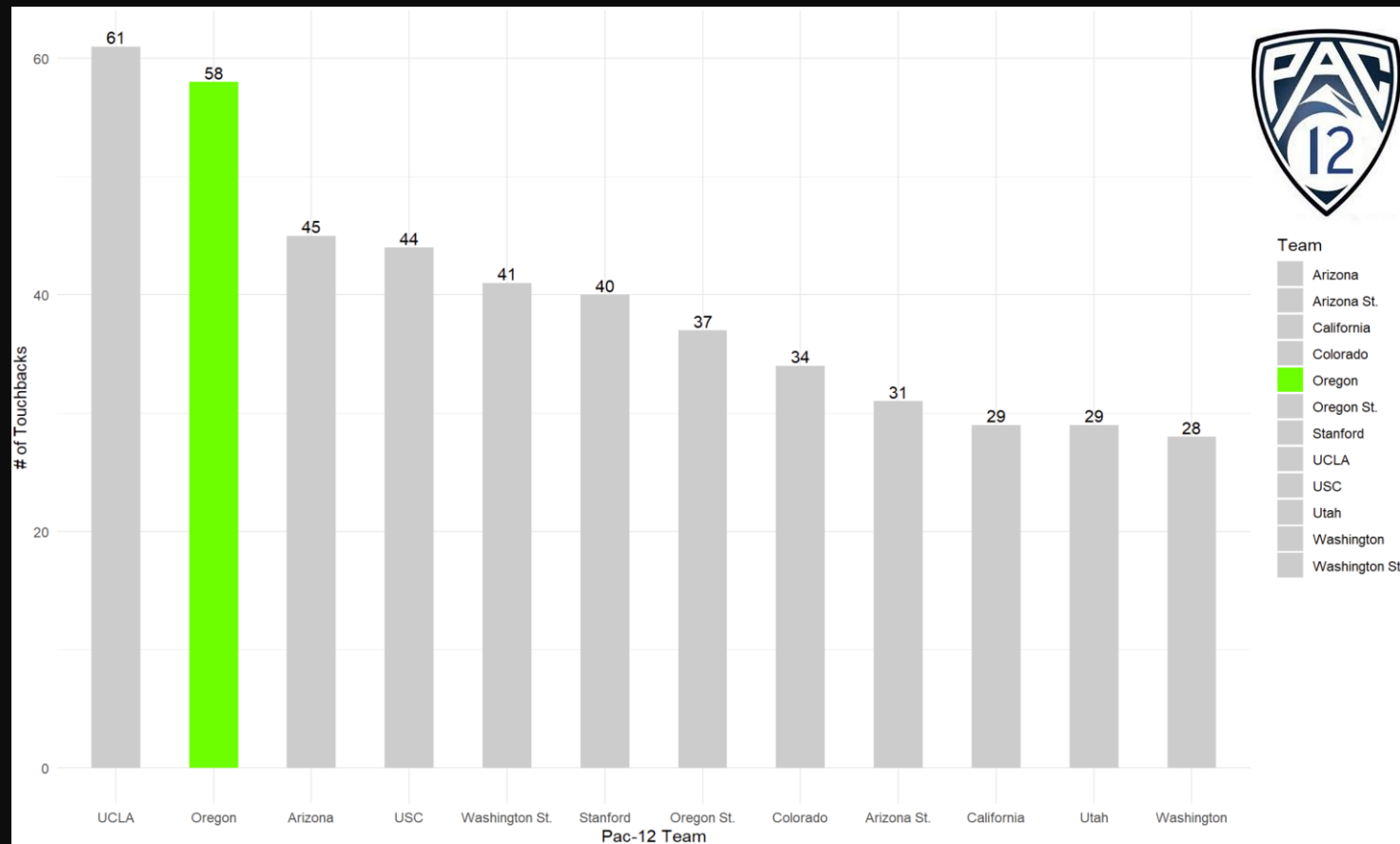


# Correlogram

- Touchbacks (want to rank high)
- AVG Opponent PR Yards (low)

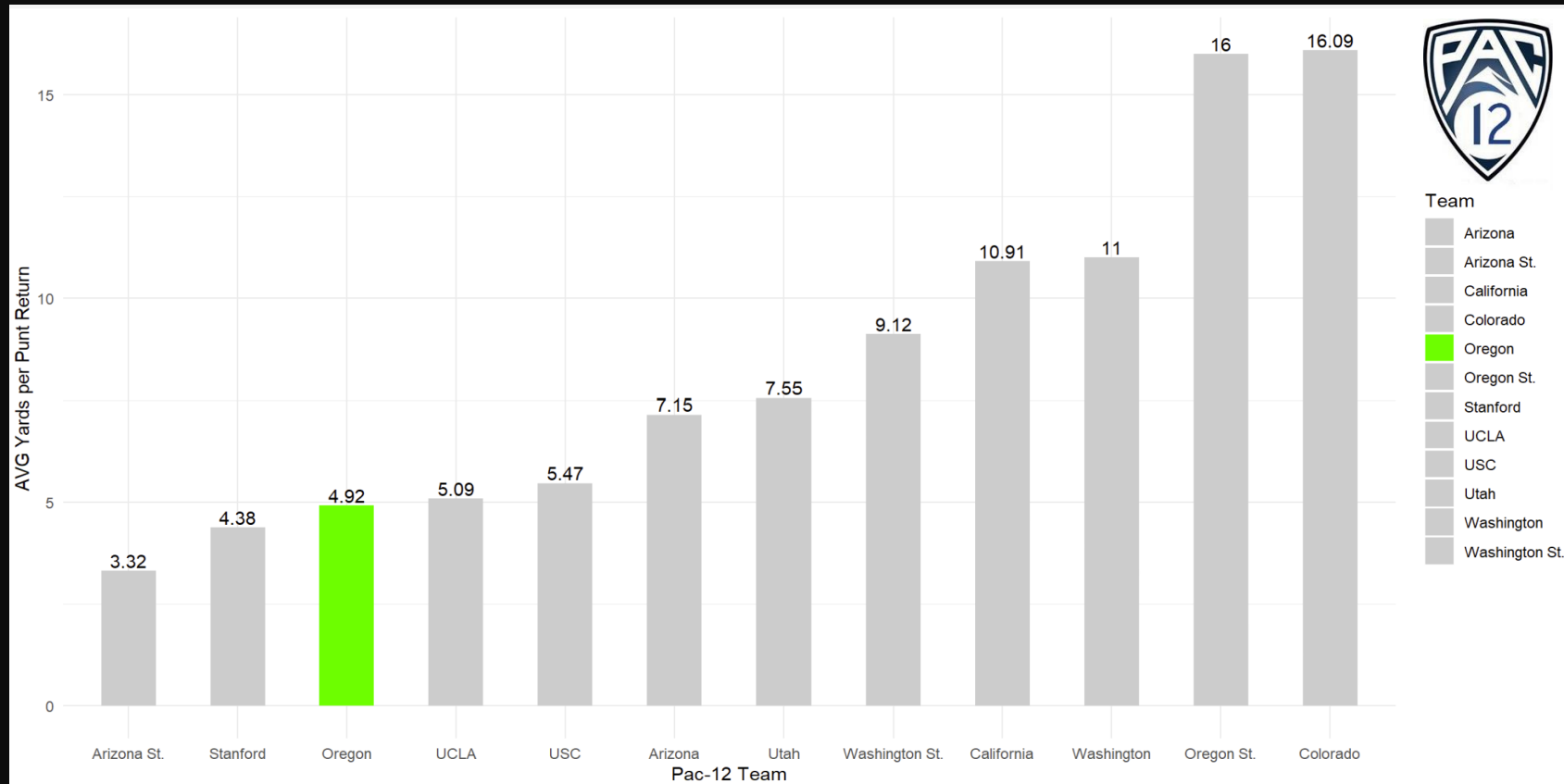


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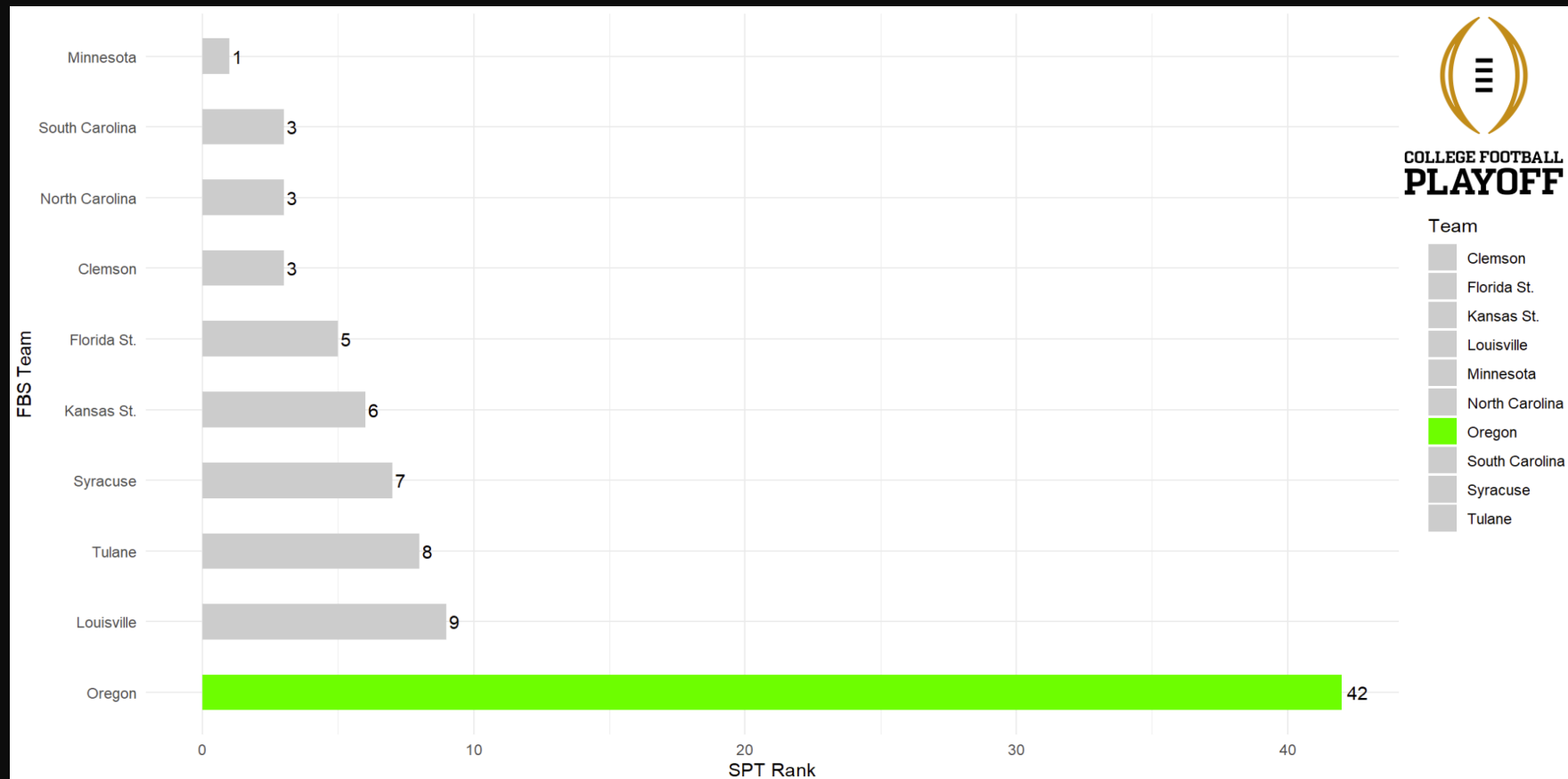




# AVG Yards per Punt Return



# FBS Rank





# What Next?

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- Analyze the Effect Punt has on SPT ranking
- Analyze where Oregon has ranked in previous seasons to determine efficiency
- Analyze where SPT Coordinators have ranked in previous seasons to determine efficiency
- Influence 4<sup>th</sup> Down Decision-Making

Questions?

