

# OSU gets state bragging rights

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For the second time in three years, Oregon State came into Eugene, shut down Oregon's offense and went home Civil War champions.

Oregon's defense did a superb job of containing Oregon State's option offense, but the Beavers took advantage of Oregon's mistakes to beat the Ducks 15-12 at Autzen Stadium Saturday.

Oregon's much-maligned defense did an excellent job against the Beavers offense, allowing less than four yards per carry. Oregon State finished the game with 217 yards rushing but needed 63 carries to do so. Oregon State's pitchman J.J. Young was never able to get around the Oregon defense and finished with only 65 yards and a long

run of only 10 yards.

"I thought our defense played the option extremely well," Oregon head coach Rich Brooks said. "If you'd have told me we would hold them to that many offensive points, I'd have told you before the game that we'd win."

But Oregon didn't win, mainly because it didn't make the big plays Oregon State did, particularly on special teams. The final break came in the fourth quarter with Oregon leading 12-7, when a snap to Oregon punter Tommy Thompson was high, and Thompson was forced to run with the ball but was tackled deep in Oregon territory.

"They lined up everybody they had, and one guy came free," Thompson said. "Their

guy (Marc Williams) was right there so the only thing I could do was run around the end, and I made the decision not to throw the ball."

Oregon State got its best field position of the game at Oregon's 24-yard line, and scored the winning touchdown six plays later when running back J.J. Young scored from two yards out to give the Beavers a 15-12 lead with 3:50 remaining in the game after Oregon State quarterback Rahim Muhammad scored on the two-point conversion.

Oregon's next drive stalled, and Brooks elected to punt and hope his defense could stop the Beavers and get the ball back. However, Oregon State got three first downs on the final drive and ran out the final 2:56.

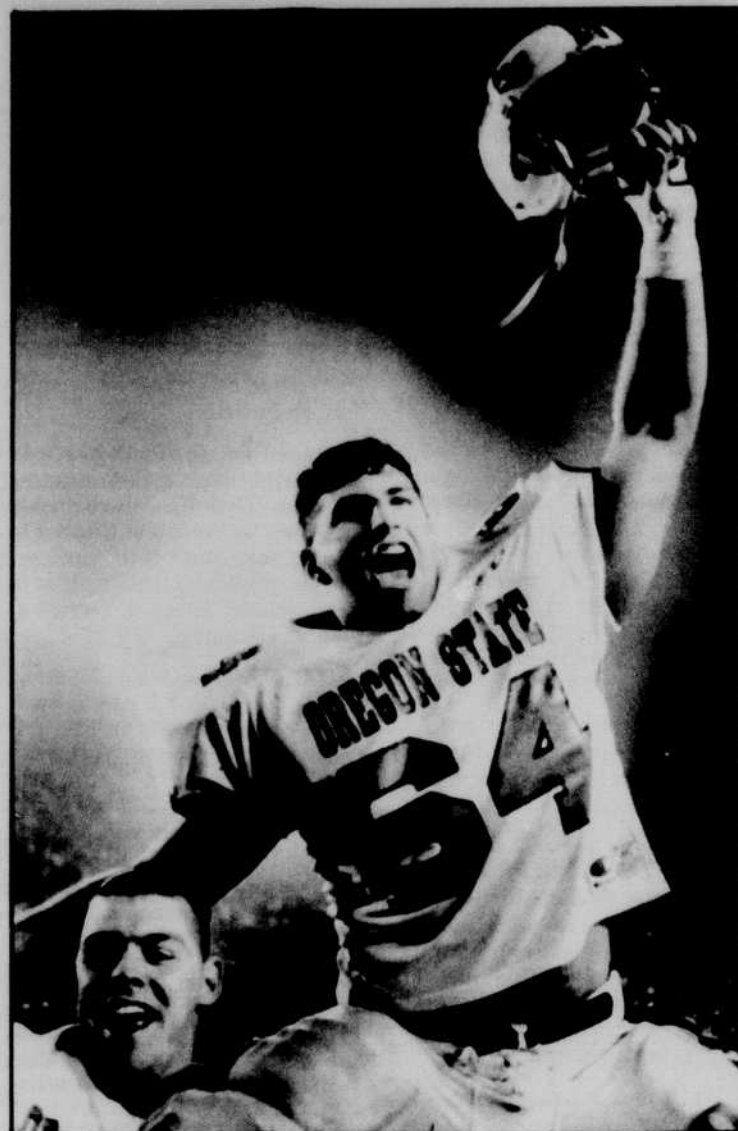
"This is the third time in the last 23 years that an Oregon State team has won four games in a season," said Oregon State head coach Jerry Pettibone, who is now 2-1 against Oregon. "We've had fans that have been very loyal, and for them to have the experience they had this year, and especially today, to feel good about being Oregon State people, it means an awful lot."

The Beavers' first big play came when cornerback Herschel Curry stepped in front of Oregon fullback Juan Shedrick, intercepted Oregon quarterback Danny O'Neil's pass and returned it 45 yards for a touchdown on the Ducks' first possession of the game.

"He made a great break on the ball," O'Neil said. "Obviously, that's a big no-no, and it hurt us real bad. It is obviously a bad read, and he broke on it harder than I thought he could."

Oregon killed itself twice in the first half on separate occasions when it inadvertently touched live balls. First, on the kickoff after Curry's touchdown, Oregon State kicker Brooke Knight drilled the ball off Oregon's Michael Allison, and Knight recovered at the Oregon State 31-yard line.

Two possessions later, Oregon State punter Tim Kollas shanked a 28-yard punt, but the ball bounced and hit Oregon's Brian Collins, and the Beavers recovered at the Oregon 47-yard line. Oregon State didn't score on either possession, but the plays took away good field possession and momentum from the Ducks.



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Oregon State senior defensive tackle Mark Schulz is carried off the field after the Beavers 15-12 victory over Oregon Saturday.

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## Ducks, Beavers reflect on another Civil War

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Oregon State's seniors were carried off the field after the Beavers beat Oregon on Saturday, but they weren't the ones doing most of the talking afterward.

With a few notable exceptions, Oregon State was represented by juniors and underclassmen at its postgame press conference. They were relishing a win and an end to a successful season. They were also eyeing next season, knowing they have a young team and feeling they have plenty of potential to fulfill.

"We can top this next year. We have a lot to look forward to, a lot of improvements to

make, a lot of work to do," Oregon State quarterback Rahim Muhammad said.

Both teams were looking back on their seasons after the Civil War game. While Oregon State considered its year a success, Oregon had plenty to regret.

"I feel bad for the seniors," Oregon quarterback Danny O'Neil said. "It's not just this game. This is just kind of the last deal. We lost to OSU, but the whole season has been a disaster, really."

Oregon State expects to have 13 starters from Saturday's game back in its lineup next season. Beaver players were talking about the Civil War win not only as a suc-

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