



EMERALD

The junior quarterback may be playing his final game at quarterback against Oregon on Saturday. The Beavers have started to use him as a wide receiver this season.

## Alexander rolls with the punches

The Oregon State quarterback has suffered his share of adversity in four seasons with the Beavers

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It just wasn't supposed to be like this. Tim Alexander came to Oregon State as now-former head coach Jerry Pettibone's first big-time recruit, the prize of the 1994 recruiting class. He came out of Riverview High School in Sarasota, Fla., touted as one of the top option quarterbacks in the nation, and rightly so. He was a three-year starter for the Rams and during his senior season rushed for more than 1,000 yards, passed for more than 800 and scored 21 touchdowns. He led them to an 8-4 record and the state 5A quarterfinals that season.

He rushed for more than 1,000 yards in each of his three seasons at Riverview and led it to a 10-2 record and a No. 2 national ranking by USA Today as a sophomore.

After high school graduation, Alexander decided to pack his bags and move out west to Corvallis, choosing Oregon State over several more renowned schools that heavily recruited him — including mighty Nebraska, which is well-known for its use of the option quarterback.

The Beavers were coming off a 4-7 season in 1993, Pettibone's third at the school, and showed signs of being on the brink of turning things around.

Alexander was supposed to lead that turnaround. By now, the Beavers were supposed to have snapped their long streak of consecutive losing seasons, which has now reached 27.

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