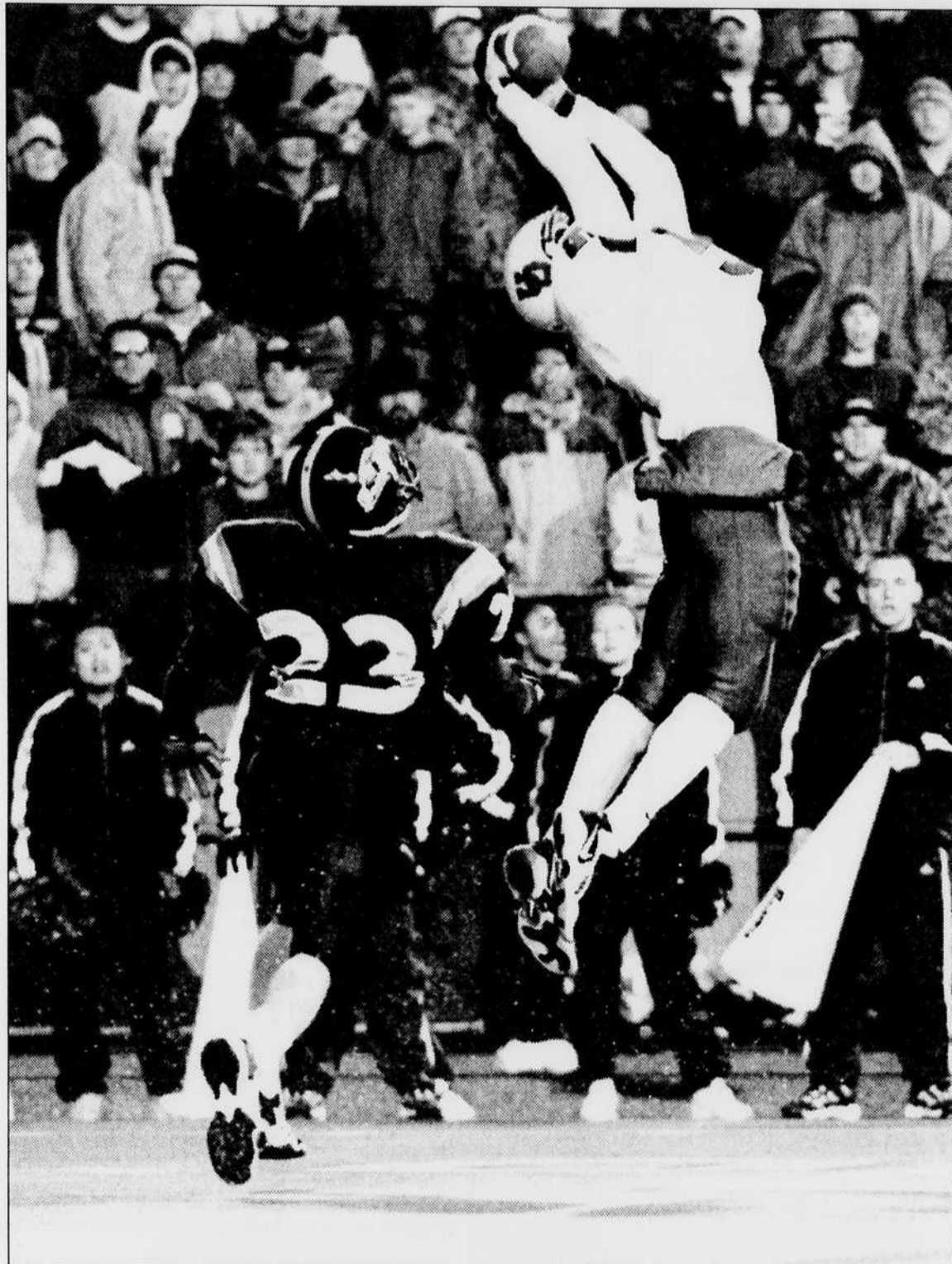




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Beavers upend Ducks after hard-fought battle



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Wide receiver Damon Griffin pulls in one of his game high 10 catches during the Saturday civil war game at Oregon State's Parker Stadium.

Oregon State hangs on and comes away with its fifth win of the season after a tough matchup with Oregon

By Rob Moseley
Oregon Daily Emerald

CORVALLIS — It was chaos in Corvallis on Saturday night.

Two in-state rivals, two overtime periods and even two instances of Oregon State students rushing the field, and in the end, two Parker Stadium goal posts being torn down.

Ken Simonton's fourth rushing touchdown of the evening, a 16-yard run on the Beavers' second play of the second overtime period, capped a wild game that gave Oregon State a 44-41 win and its first five-win season since 1971, and virtually assured the Ducks of spending Christmas in Hawaii.

After three-straight heartbreaking losses, by a total of nine points, Oregon State again took its opposition to the brink, this time prevailing on a cold, windy night in Corvallis.

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Oregon State celebrates victory, renewed rivalry

Opinion



Joel Hood

CORVALLIS — Let's call it celebration...the sequel.

It lasted for nearly an hour after Oregon State's wildly entertaining 44-41 Civil War victory against Oregon, and fans didn't know it was over until Parker Stadium's south-end goal posts came crashing to the turf.

The only difference from this one and the evening's first bleacher-clearing malay: These fans were allowed to stay until the end.

But this deliriously happy ending almost never happened for Beaver fans. Their first celebration was cut short by a pass interference penalty on Oregon State cornerback Andrae Holland, who appeared to illegally haul down Oregon receiver Tony Hartley just seconds before a sea of orange and black covered the field.

Trailing 38-31 in the first overtime period, Oregon faced fourth down and 12 from the Oregon State 27 yard line. The entire outcome of the game hinged on this one play and it would take nearly 30 minutes to

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Oregon dismantles the Vandals on its way to victory

The Ducks rely heavily on Jenny Mowe and Angelina Wolvert on their way to a sound beating of Idaho

By Joel Hood
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Angelina Wolvert's spinning lay-in with 10 minutes, 45 seconds to go in the second half capped a 20-2 Oregon run and propelled the Ducks to a rousing 76-58 victory against Idaho on Sunday afternoon in front of 3,222 fans at McArthur Court.

Wolvert scored a game-high 16 points and sparked a furious second-half rally by Oregon that turned a 40-32 halftime lead into 62-40 blowout midway through the period.

Playing for the first time since the heartbreaking 72-70 loss to Colorado State in the second round of the Women's National Invitational Tournament at Mac Court a week ago, the Ducks (2-1) jumped out to an early 5-2 lead on a Natasha O'Brien three-point bucket two minutes into the game.

Led by Jenny Mowe's eight first-half points, Oregon was able to keep in front of the streaking Vandals, who sliced the Ducks' lead to just one point five minutes before halftime. Oregon converted 11 of 12

free-throw attempts down the stretch to extend its lead at the half.

Idaho (2-2) cut the Ducks' lead to just 42-38 with back-to-back three pointers by guards Rikki Jackson and Susan Woolf just minutes after the break.

But Oregon responded with a 15-foot jump shot by Mowe and a fast-break pass from O'Brien to guard Lisa Bowyer who slid past two Vandal defenders to the hoop. The Ducks blew the game wide open by scoring the next eight points in a row.

"I'm very much pleased with our effort in the second half," Oregon head coach Jody Runge said. "We played a lot harder, and we showed much more intensity running the fast break and setting up our offense in the second half."

"We talked at halftime about how our guards needed to step up and run the offense. They weren't listening in the first

half, so we ran a lot of broken plays and had a lot of missed opportunities."

Oregon shot a season-low 28 percent from the floor in the first half, but out-rebounded the Vandals 26 to 14. The Ducks continued their domination on the boards in the second half, posting a 25-18 advantage.

"We were a lot closer to where we want to be defensively this week than we were last week," said Mowe, who played 18 minutes and finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds. "Our timing is still a little off, but we're getting better. We're still trying some different things on both offense and defense."

A big key, Runge said, was free throw shooting. The Ducks hit 30 of 39 in the game and six of nine down the stretch in the second half to seal the victory.

Idaho was in foul trouble throughout much of the first half, tallying 17 personal fouls in just the first 20 minutes of play.

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