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Oregon State vs. Oregon



The 106th Civil War will divide the state in more ways than one, as the teams fight for in-state supremacy and postseason berths

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So other Pacific-10 Conference schools have their "Cups" and their "Big Games" and their "Victory Bells," but they don't have war.

The Oregon-Oregon State matchup is called the Civil War, but it's more "War" than "Civil." It divides the state into black-and-orange vs. green-

and-yellow. It's Ducks and Beavers.

"It's the most important game of my life," Oregon senior defensive lineman Seth McEwan said. "It's always the most important game of my life, because it's a pride thing and it's for the ownership of Oregon."

"It's the biggest rivalry I've ever been in," Oregon State head coach Dennis Erickson said.

This year, the game takes on a theme seen in many recent Civil Wars: It's about more than just in-state supremacy.

This year, the Ducks and Beavers will be competing for a chance to be pulling slot machines on Dec.

25. That's the date of the Las Vegas Bowl. Or they're playing for a shot at a bowl game in a baseball stadium — Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix for the Insight Bowl on Dec. 26.

Whatever way you look at it, the Civil War has postseason implications.

That means the teams have come a long way since the infamous 0-0 "Toilet Bowl" of 1981.

"We have a lot to play for, that's the biggest thing," Bellotti said.

The key matchup on the field Saturday will be Oregon's struggling offense against Oregon State's

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### Beaver believers

Oregon State started strong, faltered, and now is coming on strong again toward the end of the regular season.

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### Running committee

With Onterio Smith out, the Ducks will look to the tandem of Terrence Whitehead and Ryan Shaw.

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