

PHOTOS BY ZANE RITT
(Right) Oregon strong safety Anthony Trucks drags down Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson.
(Below) Oregon running back Terrence Whitehead runs downfield during the Ducks' 17-14 loss to Oklahoma.



(Left) Oklahoma's Willie Roberts celebrates with fans and teammates following the Sooners' victory over Oregon in the Holiday Bowl.
(Below) Oklahoma quarterback Rhett Bomar scrambles to avoid pressure from the Oregon defense.



Oregon quarterback Brady Leaf (16) escapes from Oklahoma's Calvin Thibodeaux (58) during the 28th annual Holiday Bowl in San Diego.



Holiday *Bowled* Over

BY SHAWN MILLER
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SAN DIEGO — A couple of inches decided the Holiday Bowl winner Dec. 29 when Oklahoma held on to defeat then-No. 6 Oregon 17-14.

A record crowd of 65,416 witnessed the Sooners (8-4 overall, 6-2 Big 12 Conference)

dominate the third quarter on both sides of the ball, but escape from Qualcomm Stadium after stopping a late rally by Oregon (10-2 overall, 7-1 Pacific-10).

Oklahoma linebacker Clint Ingram intercepted a pass by Oregon quarterback Brady Leaf at the Oklahoma 10-yard line to seal the victory with 33 seconds remaining.

"I fully believe we would have won that football game — a couple of inches on that last pass," Oregon coach Mike Bellotti said.

Leaf found receiver Demetrius Williams open near the 7-yard line but decided to forfeit touch for quickness during the pass. Attempting to take trajectory off the ball, Leaf said, he simply didn't get it high enough.

"I just underthrew the ball a little bit," he added.

Despite the final score, the Ducks erased a double-digit deficit in the final four minutes of the game and made key defensive stops in the closing quarter: Leaf found Tim

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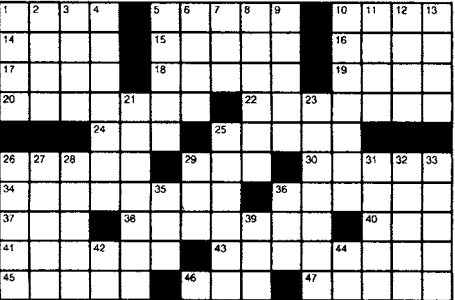
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