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Players looking forward to an intriguing Civil War

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CORVALLIS — When the Oregon State Beavers say they're looking forward to the Civil War, they really mean it.

In recent seasons the team hasn't always seemed quite as sincere about the prospects in facing Oregon, which has an eight-game winning streak in the rivalry.

But it has been a disappointing season for the Ducks, who are 4-7 overall and 2-6 in the Pac-12, and likely won't play in the postseason for the first time since 2004.

Oregon State, which is 3-8 overall but has an identical conference record as the Ducks, likes its chances at home, especially after a 42-17 victory over Arizona at Reser Stadium this past Saturday night.

The Beavers are definitely fired up. "Everyone in Oregon is probably going to be there, so we're looking to win that one, too," said cornerback Dwayne Williams.

Marcus McMaryion, pressed into duty as a starter for the Beavers earlier this season after both Darell Garretson and backup Conor Blount were injured, threw for 265 yards and a career-best five touchdowns against the Wildcats.

Sold out

Oregon State announced on Monday that the Civil War game was already a sellout.

"Big games are created sometimes by win-loss records or where you sit in the season. This game is a big game every year regardless of the situation or the scenario," Beavers coach Gary Andersen said. "Our



Left: Ducks running back Royce Freeman (21) helped Oregon defeat then No. 12 Utah 30-28 Saturday in Salt Lake City. Right: Oregon State running back Ryan Nall scored against Arizona in Corvallis on Saturday, and the Beavers won 42-17.



AP File Photos

kids understand that, they know that and it's a privilege and honor for them to play in it. It's a game they'll remember for the rest of their lives."

The Ducks will be motivated, too.

Oregon is coming off a 30-28 upset of then-No. 11 Utah, a victory that was sealed by Justin Herbert's touchdown pass to Darren Carrington with two seconds left.

Oregon State running back Ryan Nall predicted a fun game. Nall has rushed for 796 yards and nine touchdowns, but his season has been marred by a foot injury.

"We're going to take off with momen-

tum. Oregon also came off a big win, so they are going to come after us," Nall said. "They're not going to just going to think, 'Oh, it's Oregon State. We beat them every year.' It's going to be a fun game. We're coming off a big win; they're coming off a big win. We'll see who can execute the best."

Nall's Oregon counterpart, Royce Freeman, has had two straight games with 100 or more yards, and seems to have bounced back after a midseason lull. Freeman has 839 yards rushing and nine touchdowns.

"The last two weeks have been better,

there's still time," coach Mark Helfrich said. "He did some great stuff absolutely like you're saying, that's the quote-unquote 'old Royce.' That was good to see."

In the end, however, the game may come down to defense, where both teams are struggling.

Oregon is ranked 126th in the nation for total defense, allowing an average of 528.2 yards a game, and 126th in scoring defense, allowing 42.1 points per game.

The Beavers are allowing averages of 433.3 yards and 31.1 points per game. They're ranked 88th in both categories.

UP NEXT: CIVIL WAR • Oregon Ducks (4-7) at Oregon State Beavers (3-8) • Saturday, 1 p.m. TV: PAC12

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Knicks edge Blazers, 107-103

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kristaps Porzingis had 31 points and nine rebounds, Derrick Rose scored six of his 18 points down the stretch, and the New York Knicks beat the Portland Trail Blazers 107-103 on Tuesday night.

Rose made the go-ahead basket with a little more than 3 minutes remaining and hit the jumper that clinched it with 6.8 seconds left.

Carmelo Anthony finished with 17 points despite a scoreless fourth quarter for the Knicks, who won their fifth straight at home. Brandon Jennings had 11 assists off the bench.

Damian Lillard scored 22 points for the Trail Blazers but fell to 4-1 at Madison Square Garden. CJ McCollum added 16 points.

The Blazers were trying for a New York sweep, having routed the Brooklyn Nets 129-109 on Sunday. They had a late three-point lead but managed just a pair of free throws from Lillard in the final 3-plus minutes.



AP Photo/Rick Bowmer

Oregon forward Dillon Brooks (24) drives around Tennessee guard Kwe Parker (12) in the first half during an NCAA college basketball game in the Maui Invitational on Tuesday in Lahaina, Hawaii.

No. 13 Oregon beats Tennessee 69-65 in OT in Maui tourney

By JOHN MARSHALL
 AP Basketball Writer

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Dillon Brooks came up short with a chance to win the game in regulation. Given another shot, he wasn't going to miss.

Brooks hit a long 3-pointer with 22 seconds left in overtime and scored 17 points, lifting No. 13 Oregon to a 69-65 victory over Tennessee at the Maui Invitational on Tuesday.

"I knew I had to redeem myself," Brooks said.

Oregon (3-2) shot poorly in a loss to Georgetown in its Maui opener and continued to struggle on Day 2. The Ducks shot 34 percent, including 5 of 17 from 3-point range, and had 21 turnovers.

But they have Brooks.

The preseason All-American was limited eight points in 13 minutes in his return Monday night, leaving him frustrated. Ducks coach Dana Altman gave his star more playing time and Brooks delivered, hitting 4 of 9 shots and 7 of 10 free throws in 25 minutes.

UP NEXT: DUCKS

Maui Invitational, in Hawaii
 • Oregon Ducks (3-2)
 vs. Connecticut Huskies (2-3)
 • Today, 1:30 p.m. TV: ESPN2

Brooks has been his best when the game's on the line and came through when Oregon needed him in Maui — after failing at the end of regulation.

The junior guard missed an open shot in the late at the buzzer, but pulled up without hesitation in overtime. Brooks drained that shot from well behind the arc, then grabbed a defensive rebound after the Vols missed before being fouled.

On the way to hitting 1 of 2 game-sealing free throws, Brooks high-fived ESPN announced Bill Walton and yelled: "Come on Bill!"

"I thought he was going to drive it," Altman said of Brooks' game-winner. "When he pulled it up, it was one of those no, no, great shot."

Tennessee (1-3), which lost to

No. 16 Wisconsin in its tournament opener, struggled against the Ducks' constant defensive pressure.

The Vols had 25 turnovers and shot 37 percent, though managed to keep the Ducks within reach. Shembari Philips hit two free throws with 30 seconds left in regulation, but Tennessee could not come up with the big shot it needed in overtime.

Detrick Mostella led Tennessee with 22 points.

"I keep saying I really like our team," Tennessee coach Rick Barnes said. "We keep getting better and better each time out, certainly coming here and playing against the level of competition is proving that our guys can compete. And now we've got to learn to win games"

Oregon had a disappointing tournament opener, digging a 17-point first-half hole before a furious second-half rally fell short.

The Ducks slow-started the second game as well, missing their first six 3-pointers and 10 of 13 shots overall.

Oregon State rallies, but falls to Tulsa

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Junior Etou scored 17 points and made two clutch baskets down the stretch that helped Tulsa repel a strong Oregon State rally for a 75-64 win on Tuesday night.

Junior college transfer Jaleel Wheeler added 16 points and Sterling Taplin and Pat Birt nine each in matchup of two of last year's NCAA Tournament participants which were hit hard by graduation. Tulsa (2-2) shot 45 percent and outrebounded OSU 38-23, led by Eton's seven boards.

Tres Tinkle scored 19 points for Oregon State (2-3), JaQuori McLaughlin had 12 points and five rebounds and Drew Eubanks added 10 points and five boards.

Trailing 37-22 after a tentative first half, Oregon State asserted itself early in the second, opening with a 17-3 run to pull within 40-39 on a 3-pointer by Kendal Manuel.

Tulsa regained some control with a 7-0 run by Taplin, who made a 3-pointer, a free throw and then a steal and layup to push the lead back to 53-44. OSU kept chipping away and was within four when Etou answered with a 3-pointer from the left corner, then a layup on a nifty assist from Taplin, giving Tulsa a 67-58 advantage with 2:50 left.

"I think what we did was we shot quick shots early in the second half," said Tulsa coach Frank Hait. "We got out of character on offense in the second half. They have good players and they made some shots, they got their rhythm and they got confidence, but I'm proud of how we bowed our backs and didn't falter."

Tulsa opened the big halftime lead despite using 12 players and changing lineups constantly. Seven players made at least one 3-pointer in the half, eight scored and Tulsa limited the Beavers to 39 percent shooting (9-23).

UP NEXT: BEAVERS

• Fresno State Bulldogs (3-2)
 at Oregon State (2-3)
 • Friday, 6 p.m.

UP NEXT: BLAZERS

• Portland Trail Blazers (8-8)
 at Cleveland Cavaliers (10-2)
 • Today, 4 p.m. TV: CSNW

Seattle wins in MLS West finals

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Seattle Sounders will go to Colorado needing only a draw or a win to reach the MLS Cup final for the first time.

The Rapids are perfectly fine heading home for the second-leg of the Western Conference finals knowing a win will send them to the championship match, too.

Nicolas Lodeiro scored on a penalty kick in the 61st minute and the Sounders beat the Rapids 2-1 on Tuesday night in the first-leg of the conference finals.