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IN BRIEFSeaside Jiu Jitsu
athlete wins gold

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Seaside resident Patrick Meuer recently won an individual title with the Seaside Jiu Jitsu Academy's Competition Team, at the U.S. Open, held annually in Santa Cruz, Calif.

It was a big title for Meuer, competing in the adult male blue belt-heavy division. He was fresh off a double-gold performance at the Oregon Open the month before.

Meuer had four matches against tough competition from all over the nation. The final was a barn burner.

"He literally exploded up off his back, threw his opponent down and held him for the win in the last 10 seconds of the final," said Seaside Jiu Jitsu professor Zach Adamson. "It was a real testament to his mental toughness and burning desire to win."

Meuer is one of five members of the academy's competition team. While 95 percent of the Seaside Jiu Jitsu students train to have fun, learn self-defense skills and live a healthier lifestyle, Meuer and the rest of the competitors train five to six days a week, often twice a day with little to no off-season.

"They train like professionals and the results are starting to show. It's a very exciting time for Jiu Jitsu at the Oregon Coast," Adamson said.

He added that Meuer moved to Seaside after completing his college degree training in Tokyo. Meuer hopes to become a professional black belt competitor.

"He's clearly getting results, and is on the right path to accomplishing his goals," Adamson said.

In February, the Seaside Jiu Jitsu Academy will reach its 10-year anniversary.

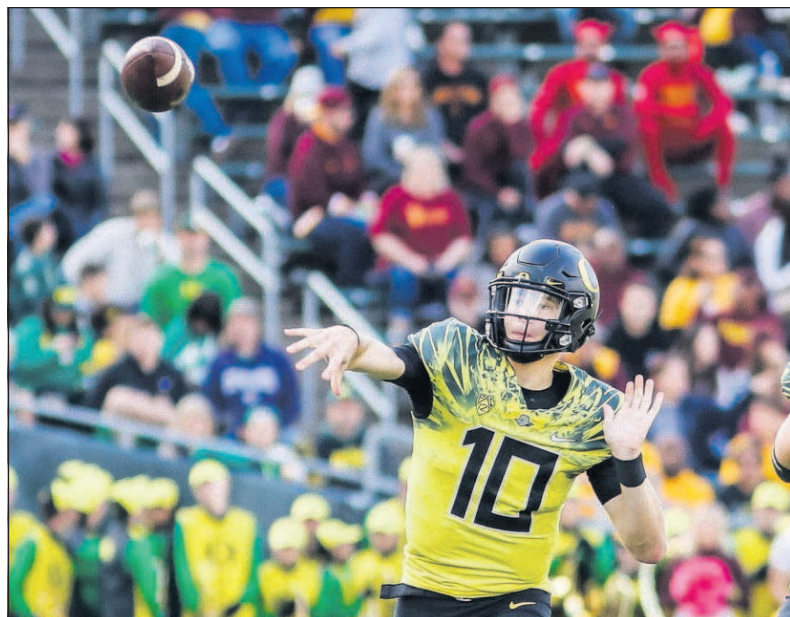


Patrick Meuer



AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez

Oregon State running back Ryan Nall runs into the end zone during an NCAA college football game against Arizona in Corvallis on Saturday.



AP Photo/Thomas Boyd

Oregon quarterback Justin Herbert passes in the second quarter against Arizona in an October NCAA college football game in Eugene.

Ducks, Beavers pumped for Civil War

By ANNE M. PETERSON
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — Even though there aren't any conference championships or big bowl games on the line, the winner of Saturday's Civil War does get something: They avoid the Pac-12 North basement.

Oregon and Oregon State both have 2-6 records in conference play, but the stories surrounding those results are decidedly different.

The Beavers (3-8) continue to show incremental improvement in the second year under coach Gary Andersen, despite getting hit by injuries — most notably to starting quarterback Darell Garretson. The Ducks (4-7) are having an unexpectedly disappointing year marked by five-game midseason losing streak.

But both teams were also boosted this week by victories last weekend. The Ducks upset then-No. 11 Utah 30-28 in Salt Lake City, thwarting the Utes' shot at a spot in the Pac-12 championship game. The Beavers are coming off a 42-17 thumping of Arizona at Reser Stadium. Marcus McMaryion threw for 265 yards and

five touchdowns.

"Big games are created sometimes by win-loss records or where you sit within the season. This game's a big game every year regardless of the situation or the scenario," Andersen said. "Our kids understand that, they know that, and that it's an honor and a privilege for them to play in it. They'll remember it for the rest of their lives."

The game is the first sellout at Reser Stadium since the 2014 Civil War. Other things to consider when the Ducks visit the Beavers on Saturday:

Playing for Seth

Oregon State wide receiver Seth Collins remains hospitalized with an undisclosed illness. Andersen has not been able to talk about Collins' condition because of privacy rules. Collins fell ill following the Beavers' game at UCLA on Nov. 12. Linebacker Manase Hungalu said Collins was in the team's thoughts following the victory over Arizona, and he will be in the Civil War, too.

"This whole team is built around family. One family member goes down, we gotta fight for him. That was our whole motivation for this game

and it will continue until he gets better," Hungalu said.

Is there a chance?

Should the Ducks win and get to five overall wins this season, there is a chance that they'll be invited to a bowl game because there's a possibility that there won't be enough six-win teams to fill all the games. Coach Mark Helfrich addressed the possibility earlier this week.

"I heard a couple guys talking about that and there's a lot of — again, the biggest part of that is getting to five and the best way you do that is recover from this one" he said. "We've already obviously gotten a great advance look on Oregon State who's playing really well right now and dominated Arizona and so again, the only thing that matters is how we prepare."

Focus on backs

Both teams have sturdy running backs who struggled at times with injuries this season. Oregon State running back Ryan Nall has rushed for 796 yards and nine touchdowns, but his season has been impacted by a foot injury. His Oregon counterpart, Royce

Freeman, has had two straight games with 100 or more yards, and seems to have bounced back after dealing with an injury to his right leg earlier in the season. Freeman has 839 yards rushing and nine touchdowns.

Quarterbacks, too

Both teams are playing quarterbacks that weren't starters at the beginning of the season. Justin Herbert unseated graduate transfer Dakota Prukop at Oregon and has fared well for a true freshman, throwing for 1,756 yards and 18 touchdowns while making just six starts. McMaryion, a sophomore, was pressed into service when Garretson and backup Conor Blount were injured earlier this season. He's thrown for 1,189 yards and nine touchdowns in the past six games.

History lesson

This is the 120th edition of the Civil War, which dates to 1894. Oregon holds a 63-46-10 advantage in the series, including the last eight straight. The Beavers' last victory in the series was a 38-31 OT thriller at Autzen Stadium in 2007. Last season the Ducks won 52-42 at Autzen.

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

A look back at some of the more memorable Civil War games

By ANNE M. PETERSON
AP Sports Writer

CORVALLIS — With an eight-game losing streak in the Civil War rivalry against Oregon, Oregon State quarterback Marcus McMaryion says the Beavers are due.

"It's definitely like no other game I've played in before. The atmosphere, it's insane," McMaryion said. "The crowd's so into it. They guys feel the adrenaline pumping through their blood like no other game. It's definitely a special opportunity to be able to play in this game."

Some years the Civil War stakes are high. Other years, not so much. With both teams 2-6 in conference games, the winner this season will avoid finishing in the basement of the Pac-12 North.

But both teams are coming off confidence-boosting wins. Oregon upset then-No. 11 Utah last weekend 30-28 in Salt Lake City. The Beavers beat Arizona 42-17.

This is the 120th Civil War game between the two teams, a series that dates to 1894 and is the longest-running rivalry game west of the Rocky Mountains.

"If you don't get excited to play in the Civil War, something's wrong with you," McMaryion said.

Could this be the year the Beavers breakthrough? A look at some of the more memorable Civil Wars:

EARLY DAYS: Oregon State — then Oregon Agricultural College — won the first one 16-0 in a showdown between the "Farmers" and the "Lemon-Yellows" in front of some 500 fans. In 1916, Oregon beat OAC 27-0, giving the Ducks a 6-0-1 regular-season record and their first appearance in the Rose Bowl, where they topped Penn 14-0.

PYRAMID PLAY: The 1933 game was notable because Oregon's extra-point attempt was

blocked by Clyde Devine, who was lifted in the air by his teammates. The Ducks nonetheless defeated Oregon State 13-3, and the so-called Pyramid Play was later banned by the NCAA.

THE INTERCEPTION: The visiting Beavers stunned the Eugene crowd in 1953 when Oregon quarterback Barney Holland's pass bounced off the hands of George Shaw — the first pick of the 1955 NFL draft by the Baltimore Colts — and was intercepted by Oregon State's Tommy Little. He returned it 30 yards for the only touchdown in a 7-0 victory.

TERRY BAKER: In 1962, the Beavers and their Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback trailed 17-6 at halftime but dominated the second half. Baker's 13-yard touchdown pass to Danny Espalín in the fourth quarter sealed a 20-17 victory. Baker was the only Heisman Trophy winner from an Oregon school until Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota in 2014.

GIANT KILLERS: A week after beating No. 1 USC and O.J. Simpson 3-0 in the mud in Corvallis, the Beavers' famous 1967 "Giant Killers" team came back from a 10-0 deficit to win the first Civil War at the new Autzen Stadium, 14-10.

TOILET BOWL: A futile 0-0 tie on a blustery and wet day in November 1983, featured 11 fumbles, five interceptions and four missed field goals. It would go down as the last scoreless Division I college football game.

"It was almost like neither team wanted to win," Oregon coach Rich Brooks was quoted as saying.

FINISHING BIG: In his first year with the Beavers, Jerry Pettibone led Oregon State to a victory after 10 straight losses to start the 1991 season. Ian Shields, playing with a broken big toe, scored on a 6-yard bootleg for the go-ahead touchdown. Oregon State won 14-3, the Beavers' first victory in Eugene in 18 years.

NFL IN BRIEF



Associated Press

An official signals touchdown as Dallas Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) runs the ball into the end zone during the second half of the team's NFL football game against the Washington Redskins on Thursday in Arlington, Texas.

AP Photo/Ron Jenkins

Prescott strong arms Cowboys 10th win

ARLINGTON, Texas — Dak Prescott showed off his strong arm even when effectively using his feet in yet another victory.

While the rookie's season-low passing total of 195 yards was less than half of what Washington's Kirk Cousins had on Thanksgiving Day, the Dallas rookie used a stiff-arm to get extra yards on one play and later tied the single-season franchise record for rushing touchdowns by a quarterback in a 31-26 victory.

The NFL-leading Cowboys (10-1), with their rookie combo of Prescott and running back Ezekiel Elliott, stretched their team-record winning streak to 10 games. They have their 10th win by Thanksgiving for only the second time since 1995 — the last of their five Super Bowl championship seasons.

Steelers move forward in playoff hunt with 28-7 win at Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS — The Pittsburgh Steelers' fast start created big expectations.

A midseason swoon put all those hopes in jeopardy. Now, with two straight double-digit wins, the Steelers find themselves with momentum as they try to charge back into the playoff hunt.

"We know it's time for us to roll our sleeves up and show our identity, put our will on display, and find a way to do what we desire to do," receiver Antonio Brown said after catching three touchdown passes in Thursday night's 28-7 victory over the Indianapolis Colts.

Lions edge Vikings late in 16-13 win

DETROIT — Matthew Stafford led another crucial drive late in the fourth quarter, and Matt Prater's kicking again helped Detroit to a tight victory over Minnesota.

For the second time this month, the Lions edged the Vikings. This time, they didn't need overtime.

Prater's 40-yard field goal on the final play gave Detroit a 16-13 victory Thursday, moving the Lions a game ahead of Minnesota atop the NFC North. Darius Slay intercepted Sam Bradford's pass with 30 seconds remaining to set up the winning kick.

On Nov. 6 at Minnesota, Stafford led the Lions into range for Prater's 58-yard field at the end of regulation, and Detroit went on to win 22-16 in overtime. Now the Lions (7-4) have sole possession of first place after Thursday's victory.



AP Photo/Jose Juarez

Aretha Franklin performs the national anthem before an NFL football game between the Detroit Lions and the Minnesota Vikings, Thursday in Detroit.

Aretha's anthem
grabs Thursday's
conversation

Associated Press

DETROIT — Aretha Franklin's lengthy version of the national anthem ahead of the Detroit Lions-Minnesota Vikings matchup may have been as much a topic at Thanksgiving dinner as the game itself.

Franklin's "Star Spangled Banner" clocked in at 4-minutes, 35 seconds on Thursday. That's compared to about 2-minutes, 20 seconds for Whitney Houston's iconic rendition of the song ahead of the Super Bowl in 1991.

Franklin quickly started trending on social media. One Twitter user joked that there was enough time to cook a turkey, eat and do the dishes during the performance. Others opined that the 74-year-old "Queen of Soul" had earned the right to sing the anthem for as long as she wanted.

The CBS production team got in on the fun during the game by including Franklin in a time of possession graphic.