

## **DUCKS (6-1)**

Aug. 31: No. 16. Auburn 27 No. 11 Oregon 21,

Sept. 7: No. 16 Oregon 77,

Nevada 6 Sept. 14: No. 15 Oregon 35,

Montana 3 Sept. 21: No. 16 Oregon 21,

Stanford 6 Oct. 5: No. 13 Oregon 17,

California 7 Oct. 11: No. 13 Oregon 45

Colorado 3 Oct. 19: No. 12 Oregon 35,

No. 25 Washington 31

Saturday vs. Washington State, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Nov. 2 at Southern Cal, 5 p.m. (FOX)

Nov. 16 vs. Arizona, TBA

Nov. 23 at No. 24 Arizona State, TBA

Nov. 30 vs. Oregon State, TBA



#### **OREGON STATE** BEAVERS (3-4)

Aug. 30: Oklahoma State 52, Oregon State 36

> Sept. 7: Hawaii 31, Oregon State 28

Sept. 14: Oregon State 45, Cal Poly 7

Sept. 28: Stanford 31, Oregon State 28

Oct. 5: Oregon State 48, UCLA 31

Oct. 12: No. 15 Utah 57, Oregon State 7

Oct. 19: Oregon State 21, California 17

Nov. 2 at Arizona, 1:30 p.m. (PAC12)

Nov. 8 vs. No. 25

Washington, 7:30 p.m. (FS1) Nov. 16 vs.

No. 24 Arizona State, TBA Nov. 23 at Washington

State, TBA Nov. 30 at No.12 Oregon, TBA

#### **AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE**

## **THURSDAY**

No. 16 SMU 34, Houston 31

## SATURDAY

No. 1 Alabama vs. Arkansas, 4 p.m.

No. 2 LSU vs. No. 9 Auburn, 12:30 p.m.

No. 3 Ohio State vs. No. 13 Wisconsin, Noon

No. 4 Clemson vs. Boston College, 4:30 p.m.

No. 5 Oklahoma at

Kansas State, Noon

No. 6 Penn State at Michigan State, 12:30 p.m.

No. 8 Notre Dame at **No. 19** Michigan, 4:30 p.m.

No. 11 Oregon vs. Washington State, 7:30 p.m.

No. 12 Utah vs. California, 7 p.m. No. 15 Texas at TCU, 12:30 p.m.

No. 17 Minnesota vs. Maryland, 12:30 p.m.

No. 20 lowa at Northwestern, Noon

No. 21 Appalachian State at

South Alabama, Noon No. 23 Iowa State vs.

Oklahoma State, 12:30 p.m. No. 24 Arizona State

at UCLA, 4:30 p.m.

#### **FAR WEST SCHEDULE**

## **FRIDAY**

Southern Cal 35 Colorado 31

### **SATURDAY**

Nevada (4-3) at Wyoming (5-2), 11 a.m. Eastern Washington (3-4) at Montana (5-2), 11:05 a.m.

Arizona (4-3) at Stanford (3-4), 12:30 p.m

Hawaii (4-3) at New Mexico (2-5), 1 p.m. Idaho State (3-4) at Southern Utah (1-7), 1:05 p.m Portland State (5-3) at Northenr Arizona (3-4), 3 p.m.

Weber State (5-2) at UC Davis (4-4), 4 p.m. Colorado State (2-5) at Fresno State (3-3), 4:30 p.m.

Sacramento State (5-2) at Cal Poly (2-5), 5 p.m.

California (4-3) at Utah (6-1), 7 p.m. Utah State (4-2) at Air Force (5-2), 7:15 p.m. San Diego State (6-1)

at UNLV (2-5), 7:30 p.m.



Atlanta Falcons coach Dan Quinn, right, says he never backs down from a challenge. Just in time for a visit from his mentor, Seattle coach Pete Carroll, left, Quinn is facing the biggest challenge of his career as the Falcons will try to stop a five-game losing streak when they face the Seahawks on Sunday.

## Falcons' Quinn may be coaching to save his job just in time for visit from his former boss

By CHARLES ODUM Associated Press

TLANTA — Dan Quinn says he never backs down from a challenge. Just in time for a visit from his mentor, Seattle coach Pete Carroll, Quinn is facing

the biggest challenge of his career. Quinn's Atlanta Falcons will try to stop a five-game losing streak that threatens his job security when they face the Seahawks on Sunday. Quinn worked in two stints as an assistant with Carroll, including as defensive coordinator from 2013-14, before he was hired as Atlanta's coach.

Quinn has been unable to sustain momentum from a 2016 Super Bowl season and return trip to the playoffs in 2017. After a 7-9 finish last year, Quinn could be coaching to protect his job as the floundering Falcons (1-6) face the Seahawks (5-2).

"For sure it's been challenging, but I've never been one who felt like I'm out of the fight," Quinn said Wednesday. "Some of the best things I've done, my back was against the wall. I don't ever mind being in that position."

Seattle linebacker Bobby Wagner, one of the few remaining Seahawks veterans who played under Quinn, said it's strange to see the Falcons at such a low

"It's definitely a little surprising," Wagner said. "It's one of those teams that you can't take lightly. You can't look at their record and think that that's what it is, the way D.Q. is, the way that he gets those guys prepared."

Quinn said Carroll "meant more to me on the coaching side and has had the biggest impact on me than anyone in my career."

Carroll also has warm feelings for the former assistant he calls "Danny." He said the friendship or Quinn's hot-seat status, can't get in the way of an important game for Seattle.

## **DAMAGING LOSS**

Atlanta's lopsided 37-10 loss to the Los Angeles Rams last week may have been the low point of an ugly season. Quarterback Matt Ryan hobbled off the field with a sprained right ankle, which could force him to miss a start for the first time since 2009.

Running back Devonta Freeman was ejected for attempting to punch the much larger Aaron Donald,

who at one point picked Freeman off the ground. The boxing mismatch was about as close as the game.

Veteran Matt Schaub, 38, took first-team snaps in practice this week. He would make his first start since 2015 with Baltimore if Ryan is held out.

#### **COMING AND GOING**

Each team made trades on Tuesday. The Falcons sent wide receiver Mohamed Sanu to New England for a 2020 second-round pick. The Seahawks acquired safety Quandre Diggs from the Detroit Lions for a 2020 fifth-round pick.

#### **FIND THE RUSH**

Seattle continues to wait for its pass rush to make the kind of impact that was expected with Ziggy Ansah and Jadeveon Clowney added to the mix. The Seahawks have just 11 sacks on the season and only one in the past three games. This could be a week for Seattle to break out. The Falcons have given up 19 sacks, including five last week.

#### **RIDLEY'S TIME**

Sanu's exit could lead to a bigger role for Calvin Ridley as the Falcons' undisputed No. 2 wide receiver behind Julio Jones. "In the last 16 or 17 months you've seen that development and where he's headed," Quinn said. "It's that time for him to get more opportunities.'

Ridley said he will miss Sanu.

"Mo meant a lot to me," Ridley said. "I learned a crazy amount from him, all about my game. He was the juice, the energy in our room."

## **BOBBY, THE BEST**

Wagner needs just two tackles to move into first lace on the team's all-time list, passing former safety Eugene Robinson. Wagner is third in the NFL with 69 combined tackles this season. The four-time first-team All-Pro has taken on an even larger role as the leader of Seattle's defense, even though he was unaware of how close he was to the record.

"It's kind of a testament to hard work," he said. "When you first enter the league, you kind of don't know what your career is going to look like, and I still feel like I have a lot left, but to be at the top of a list like that with all the players that played here would definitely be a blessing.

# Oregon looks to extend 6-game streak

Line: Oregon by 14. Series record: Oregon leads 49-40-7.

## WHAT'S AT STAKE?

Oregon is on a six-game winning streak since its loss to Auburn in the opener. If the Ducks stay the course they'll claim the Pac-12 North title and a spot in the conference championship game. After a 35-31 victory at Washington, the Ducks jumped to No. 11 in the AP poll, their highest regular-season ranking since 2015. Washington State was considered among Oregon's primary challengers in the North but three straight losses to open conference play hurt. The Cougars rebounded last week and beat Colorado 41-10 at home.

## **KEY MATCHUP**

Washington State QB Anthony Gordon vs. the Ducks' improved defense. Gordon threw for four touchdowns against the Buffaloes to up his total to 29. He has four games with four touchdowns or more and leads the nation in passing yards per game (425.9) and completions per game (35.14). Oregon's defense under new defensive coordinator Andy Avalos is only allowing 11.9 points per game. Nine different Ducks have had interceptions this season, led by Jevon Holland with three.

## **PLAYERS TO WATCH**

Washington State: Running back Max Borghi rushed for 105 yards against Colorado for his third 100-



Oregon quarterback Justin Herbert, right, reaches over Johnny Johnson III (3) to

congratulate Mycah Pittman (4) on Pittman's 36-yard touchdown reception against Washington in the second half Oct. 19 in Seattle. Oregon won 35-31.

yard rushing game this season. He also had nine catches for 57 yards. He's got the most 100-yard rushing games for the Cougars since Jerome Harrison had eight in 2005. He's got nine total touchdowns this season, tied for second most in the Pac-12. Oregon: As always, quarterback

Justin Herbert. The senior has thrown a touchdown pass in 35 straight games, the longest current streak in the nation. Oregon averages 44.5 points per game when Herbert starts at home. He has just one interception so far this season.

## **FACTS & FIGURES**

Washington State has a four-game winning streak against the Ducks. It's the longest winning streak over Oregon by a Pac-12 opponent since Washington won five straight from 1989-93. The Cougars have never won five straight against Oregon. ... A win would give the Ducks their first 5-0 start in Pac-12 play since 2013. ... Jaylon Redd leads Oregon with eight touchdowns, seven via pass and one on the ground.

- Associated Press



## SEAHAWKS (5-2)

Sept. 8: Seattle 21, Cincinnati 20

Sept. 15: Seattle 28, Pittsburgh 26

Sept. 22: New Orleans 33, Seattle 27

> Sept. 29: Seattle 27, Arizona 10

Oct. 3: Seattle 30, LA Rams 29

Oct. 13: Seattle 32, Cleveland 28

Oct. 20: Baltimore 30, Seattle 16

Sunday at Atlanta, 10 a.m. (FOX)

Nov. 3 vs. Tampa Bay,

1:05 p.m. (FOX) Nov. 11 at San Francisco,

5:15 p.m. (ESPN) Nov. 17 BYE

Nov. 24 at Philadelphia, 5:20 p.m. (NBC) Dec. 2 vs. Minnesota,

5:15 p.m. (ESPN) Dec. 8 at Los Angeles Rams,

5:20 p.m. (NBC) Dec. 15 at Carolina, 10 a.m. (FOX)

Dec. 22 vs. Arizona, 1:25 p.m. (FOX) Dec. 29 vs. San Francisco,

**SEAHAWKS-**

1:25 p.m. (FOX)

#### **FALCONS CAPSULE** OPENING LINE — Seahawks by 31/2

**RECORD VS. SPREAD** — Seahawks 3-4, Falcons 1-6 SERIES RECORD — Seahawks lead

LAST MEETING — Falcons beat Seahawks 34-31, Nov. 20, 2017 **LAST WEEK** — Seahawks lost to Ravens 30-16, Falcons lost to Rams

AP PRO32 RANKING — Seahawks No. 9, Falcons No. 29

SEAHAWKS OFFENSE — OVERALL (5), RUSH (12), PASS (10) SEAHAWKS DEFENSE — OVERALL

(16), RUSH (17), PASS (19) FALCONS OFFENSE — OVERALL (16),

RUSH (29), PASS (2) FALCONS DEFENSE — OVERALL (27), RUSH (20), PASS (28) STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES Falcons have playoff wins over

Seahawks in 2012, 2016. ... Falcons

coach Dan Ouinn worked for

Seahawks coach Pete Carroll as Seattle's defensive line coach and assistant head coach from 2009-10 and defensive coordinator from 2013 14 before he was hired by Atlanta. ... OB Russell Wilson needs 11 vards assing to move past Eli Manning fo 10th most in first eight seasons. ... DK

Metcalf second among rookie WRs

## with 389 yards receiving.

**NFL STANDINGS** AMERICAN CONFERENCE WLT Pct PF PA New England 7 0 0 1.000 223 48 Buffalo 5 1 0 .833 121 91

N.Y. Jets

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Jacksonville 3 4 0 .429 144 148 3 4 0 .429 121 112 Tennessee 5 2 0 2 4 0 .714 214 156 .333 120 154 Cleveland

Pittsburgh 4 0 .333 123 131 0 7 0 .000 114 186 Cincinnati W L T Pct PF PA WEST Kansas City Oakland 5 2 0 .714 202 150 3 3 0 .500 127 165

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#### **NFL SCHEDULE** THURSDAY'S GAME

#### Minnesota 19, Washington 9 **SUNDAY'S GAMES**

#### Arizona at New Orleans, 10 a.m. Tampa Bay at Tennessee, 10 a.m. N.Y. Giants at Detroit, 10 a.m. Cincinnati vs L.A. Rams in London.

UK, 10 a.m.

Denver at Indianapolis, 10 a.m. Philadelphia at Buffalo, 10 a.m. N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, 10 a.m. Seattle at Atlanta, 10 a.m. L.A. Chargers at Chicago, 10 a.m. Carolina at San Francisco, 1:05 p.m. Oakland at Houston, 1:25 p.m.

Cleveland at New England, 1:25 p.m

Green Bay at Kansas City, 5:20 p.m. Open: Dallas, Baltimore MONDAY'S GAME

Miami at Pittsburgh, 5:15 p.m.