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- Maya Angelou

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SPORTS



Auburn's Emory Blake (80) celebrates with Cam Newton after scoring a touchdown during the first half of the BCS National Championship NCAA college football game against Oregon Monday in Glendale, Ariz. (AP Photo)

Cam Do! Auburn Wins BCS Title

Oregon falls in 22-19 thriller

(AP) -- For a brief moment, Michael Dyer stopped running. Hold on.

No whistle. No ref raising his hand.

So he started running again — past the tackler who thought he had him down, deep into Oregon territory. A once-in-a-lifetime run, the kind that wins championships.

Dyer's stop-and-go maneuver set up a short field goal on the last play that sent No. 1 Auburn over the No. 2 Ducks 22-19 in the BCS title game Monday night.

"All I knew was the whistle wasn't blowing and my coach was saying 'Go!'" Dyer said.

With his 37-yard run, sure to be preserved in college football's highlight reel, the freshman running back did what most fans thought was impossible — he upstaged his teammate, Heisman-winning quarterback Cam Newton.

Three plays later, Dyer ran 16 yards to push the ball to the 1 and set up Wes Byrum's 19-yard field goal with no time left. It was his sixth career game-winning field goal — one that capped a perfect, 14-0 season, brought the title back to Auburn for the first time since 1957 and left the Southeastern Conference on top for the fifth straight year.

"Fifty-three years, baby!" coach Gene Chizik said to the cheering crowd. "This is for you. War Eagle!"

Auburn won The Associated Press national title as well, earning 56 of the 59 first-place votes. TCU was second and Oregon came in third.

One of the most memorable championship games in recent memory began with a moment of silence to remember something much more somber. The six victims of the week-end assassination attempt on Rep. Gabrielle Giffords in Tucson were honored by having their names read, and a choir sang "God Bless America" while the crowd stood at attention.

A few hours later, it was standing for an entirely different reason.

Dyer was starring in a classic sequence that closed out a wild finish — five crazy minutes of football that made up for the first 55, which were more of a bruising battle than the offensive masterpiece everyone had predicted.

The craziness began when Casey Matthews, son of the 1980s NFL linebacker Clay, knocked the ball from Newton's hands while he was trying to ice a 19-11 lead.

Oregon's offense, shut down by Nick Fairley & Co. most of the night, moved 45 yards over the next 2:17 and Darron Thomas threw a shovel

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