

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Beavers wideout adjusting well to new coach, new system, and new QB

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CORVALLIS — Ask Oregon State receiver Victor Bolden what he did this summer, and he'll reel off the rote football-related answers about putting in time at the gym and conditioning. But then a smile spreads across his face.

"My summer GPA was a 4.0," he said. "I'm most proud of that."

Bolden, a junior majoring in public health, is about to embark on a pivotal season, not just for the Beavers but also for himself, with a new coach and a new system.

Oregon State is coming off a 5-7 season, after which longtime coach Mike Riley unexpectedly bolted for Nebraska. The Beavers hired Gary Andersen, who had spent the last two seasons at Wisconsin, leading the Badgers to a 19-7.

Andersen and Riley couldn't be more different as coaches, Bolden said. Not taking anything away from Riley, Andersen is fiercely



AP Photo/Troy Wayrynen, File  
**Oregon State receiver Victor Bolden (6) catches a pass over a Washington State defender during a 2014 game in Corvallis.**

detail-oriented. Andersen is one of the reasons Bolden was inspired academically;

the receiver says the coach is encouraging his players in the classroom by offering tutors and talking up good study habits.

Andersen said the emphasis on academics is part of establishing a new program.

"I think the key thing is just to lay out your plan and let the young men understand what your core beliefs are and that what we say is what we're going to do," Andersen said. "The strides we've made academically in two quarters and the summer is substantial. Our GPA has risen substantially on this football team and that's a great sign."

Bolden is excited about the changes he's seen so far.

"Coach definitely emphasizes that we have to be on our game, on the field and off," he said.

Last season, Bolden caught 72 passes for 798 yards and two touchdowns. Against Washington, he caught 10 passes for 145 yards, including a 72-yard touchdown.

His quarterback was Sean

Mannion, the prolific senior who set the all-time conference record for career passing yards with 13,600 and a school record for touchdown passes with 83. Mannion is now with the St. Louis Rams.

Andersen will bring a spread offense to the Beavers, who used more of a pro-style offense under Riley with Mannion. That likely means that Bolden's role this season will change. And the Beavers will likely be forced to run the ball more anyway with an inexperienced quarterback. None of the three who are vying to start have taken a snap in a Pac-12 game.

The front-runner appears to be freshman Seth Collins, who generated buzz in spring practice and threw for 175 yards and two touchdowns in the spring game. Redshirt freshmen Nick Mitchell and Marcus McMaryion will also compete to start at quarterback.

"They all bring something different," Bolden said. "Nick is really good as far as his throwing

arm. He has a strong arm. Marcus is good in space and is very good at making a play continue, and Seth, as you've probably seen, his running ability is good. So they all bring something different to the table."

Frankly, Bolden is just worried about helping his team win. He is one of six Pac-12 players who have been named to the preseason Biletnikoff Award watch list. The honor goes to the nation's top wide receiver.

Bolden, who is from Rancho Cucamonga, California, was also among a group of players who participated in a special forces leadership development program at Camp Williams in Utah.

While the culture in Corvallis may be changing, Bolden said his overall goal hasn't.

"Being a playmaker for our team," he said. "Giving our team a little jolt of energy and giving us a little momentum, I feel like I bring that to the table."

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

5:10 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	61	50	.550	—
Toronto	62	52	.544	½
Baltimore	57	54	.514	4
Tampa Bay	57	56	.504	5
Boston	50	63	.442	12

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Kansas City	68	44	.607	—
Minnesota	56	56	.500	12
Detroit	54	59	.478	14½
Chicago	53	58	.477	14½
Cleveland	52	59	.468	15½

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	61	52	.540	—
Los Angeles	59	53	.527	—
Texas	55	56	.495	5
Seattle	52	61	.460	9
Oakland	51	63	.447	10½

**Tuesday's Games**  
Toronto 4, Oakland 2  
Tampa Bay 2, Atlanta 0  
Miami 5, Boston 4, 10 innings  
Cleveland 5, N.Y. Yankees 4, 16 innings  
Kansas City 6, Detroit 1  
Chicago White Sox 3, L.A. Angels 0  
Minnesota 3, Texas 2  
Seattle 6, Baltimore 5  
Houston at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.  
**Wednesday's Games**  
Baltimore (Gausman 2-3) at Seattle (Iwakuma 3-2), 12:40 p.m.  
Houston (Feldman 4-5) at San Francisco (Heston 11-6), 12:45 p.m.  
Boston (E. Rodriguez 6-4) at Miami (Conley 1-0), 1:10 p.m.  
Oakland (Brooks 1-0) at Toronto (Buehrle 12-5), 4:07 p.m.  
Atlanta (Wisler 5-2) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-6), 4:10 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 4-8) at Cleveland (Salazar 9-6), 4:10 p.m.  
Detroit (D. Norris 2-2) at Kansas City (Volquez 11-6), 5:10 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Heaney 5-1) at Chicago White Sox (Joh. Danks 6-9), 5:10 p.m.  
Texas (N. Martinez 7-6) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 5-7), 5:10 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**East Division**  
W L Pct GB  
New York 61 52 .540 —  
Washington 58 53 .523 2  
Atlanta 51 62 .451 10  
Miami 45 68 .398 16  
Philadelphia 45 68 .398 16  
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St. Louis 72 40 .643 —  
Pittsburgh 65 45 .591 6  
Chicago 63 48 .568 8½  
Cincinnati 49 61 .445 22  
Milwaukee 48 66 .421 25  
**West Division**  
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San Francisco 59 52 .532 2½  
Arizona 55 56 .495 6½  
San Diego 53 60 .469 9½  
Colorado 47 64 .423 14½

**Tuesday's Games**  
Tampa Bay 2, Atlanta 0  
Miami 5, Boston 4, 10 innings  
N.Y. Mets 4, Colorado 0  
Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 3  
St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 3  
Philadelphia at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.  
Cincinnati at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.  
Washington at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.  
Houston at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.  
**Wednesday's Games**  
Cincinnati (R. Iglesias 2-4) at San Diego (Shields 8-4), 12:40 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Nola 2-1) at Arizona (Ch. Anderson 5-4), 12:40 p.m.  
Houston (Feldman 4-5) at San Francisco (Heston 11-6), 12:45 p.m.  
Boston (E. Rodriguez 6-4) at Miami (Conley 1-0), 1:10 p.m.  
Atlanta (Wisler 5-2) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-6), 4:10 p.m.  
Colorado (J. De La Rosa 7-4) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 10-6), 4:10 p.m.  
Milwaukee (Garza 6-12) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 6-5), 5:05 p.m.  
Pittsburgh (G. Cole 14-5) at St. Louis (Wacha 13-4), 5:15 p.m.  
Washington (Zimmermann 8-7) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 9-6), 7:10 p.m.

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Omaha	63	54	.538	6½
Colorado Springs	48	66	.421	20

American South Division				
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Round Rock	65	50	.565	—
Memphis	62	55	.530	4
Nashville	53	64	.453	13
New Orleans	51	66	.436	15

**Pacific North Division**

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Fresno	67	48	.583	—
Tacoma	56	60	.483	11½
Reno	55	60	.478	12
Sacramento	53	63	.457	14½

**Pacific South Division**

W	L	Pct.	GB	
Las Vegas	65	51	.560	—
El Paso	59	56	.513	5½
Albuquerque	51	65	.440	14
Salt Lake	46	70	.397	19

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New England	8	9	7	31
Montreal	8	9	4	28
Orlando City	7	10	7	28
New York City FC	6	11	6	24
Philadelphia	6	13	5	23
Chicago	6	12	4	22

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W	L	T	Pts	
Vancouver	13	8	3	42
Los Angeles	11	7	7	40
FC Dallas	11	6	5	38
Sporting Kansas City	10	4	7	37
Portland	10	8	6	36
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