

College Football

Freshman receiver dismissed from Beavers

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CORVALLIS — Wide receiver Datrin Guyton has been dismissed from the Oregon State football team for violation of athletic department and team rules as it relates to the expectations of a student-athlete.

Guyton was sent to the locker room during Saturday's 41-0 Pac-12 loss to UCLA and coach Gary Andersen made the announcement on Monday.

"Datrin and I have definitely talked and we're in complete understanding with each other that the goal is to help Datrin get somewhere where he can start his next journey," Andersen said.

Guyton had worked his way into some playing time this season and started three games.

He is third on the team with 14 catches for 178 yards and a long gain of 26 yards.

"I'm very willing to help him. I wish it wasn't this way, but it is that way. I'm excited for his future when he decides where to go and I'm here to help him. I'm not excited with the way that he's not with us. He is a good kid, it just is what it is," Andersen said.

"I am going to help him get to his

next spot because I think he can be successful. Kids make mistakes and that's where we're at."

MIXED SIGNALS

The Bruins were called for seven false starts during Saturday's game and both coach Jim Mora and quarterback Josh Rosen said it wasn't the fault of the offensive line.

Rosen pointedly accused the OSU defensive linemen of calling cadences.

"I want to say it was B.S. what their defensive line was doing," Rosen told the Los Angeles Times. "They were calling out cadences, saying 'set' and 'hut.' All the false starts on the offensive line weren't on them."

Andersen had a different view of the situation.

"If you watch how we play defense, we've moved the same way for five years," he said. "It was taken away from us in one game this year and the officials have come back and told us exactly how we can do it. I keep the piece of paper in my pocket to let anybody that would like to read that rule and they can surely read that rule exactly how it's been given to me from the Pac-12."

"It's within the rules. If we can't say, 'move' and our defense can move side to

side, then I suppose the offense should not be able to go on two, the offense should not be able to motion. We're not gaining any more of an advantage than they're gaining by doing what they're doing. That's how I see it."

KEEPING THE HEADS UP:

The season has been a struggle for the Beavers (2-7, 0-5).

They are still looking for their first Pac-12 win and are coming off the big loss to the Bruins.

Andersen and the players talk every week and said he has not seen a problem with morale.

"We just sit back and just talk about where we're at and the challenges that are out in front of us and the commitment that we made to grind this thing out regardless of what happened," Andersen said. "You can't sit back and feel sorry for yourselves. I've never felt that from this team and I don't feel it again today."

Andersen said the players have a responsibility to play for the seniors and for OSU.

"If they cannot do that and they're questioning themselves on their ability to be able to do that, then they're in the wrong place and they understand that," he said.



Oregon State wide receiver Datrin Guyton (9) during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Arizona, Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015, in Tucson, Ariz.

NBA

Nuggets hold off Trail Blazers

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DENVER — Emmanuel Mudiay nitpicked his performance even after hitting two big free throws in the closing seconds and blocking a critical shot.

"I'm my hardest critic," the Denver Nuggets rookie said, quickly pointing out that he missed two early free throws and had two turnovers.

But this was exactly what the Nuggets envisioned when they took him with the No. 7 pick overall. Mudiay had 18 points, six rebounds, five assists, two blocks and those clinching free throws in a 108-104 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Monday night.

"He grew up tonight," Nuggets coach Michael Malone said. "It hasn't been easy for him. I've been on him. ... He made big plays for us."

Earlier in the season, Mudiay was a little timid and afraid of making mistakes. Not against Portland. He was forward-thinking — just like Malone wants.

"When I'm aggressive and not playing like a robot, good things happen for me and my teammates," Mudiay said. "If we continue to play team basketball like that and everybody doing our job, we're going to be fine."

J.J. Hickson came up clutch, too, with 19 points and 13 boards. His biggest contributions were four straight free throws over the final 1:49 to keep the Blazers at bay. This after going 1 of 7 earlier in the game at the line.

"I gained a little more of Coach's trust to keep me in the game down the stretch, because I showed I could make free throws," Hickson said.

Sure did.



Portland Trail Blazers forward Allen Crabbe, right, jumps to take a shot as Denver Nuggets guard Will Barton, left, defends in the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Nov. 9, 2015, in Denver.

Kenneth Faried added 17 — and drew a key late charge — as the Nuggets ended an eight-game skid to the Trail Blazers.

With Denver up 106-104, Mudiay connected on two free throws. He then blocked Damian Lillard's layup to close out Denver's first win at home this season.

"The energy was contagious tonight, between all my teammates," Mudiay said. "It was definitely good."

Lillard led Portland with 30 points. Backcourt mate CJ McCollum had a rough shooting night early, but scored 12 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter to keep the Blazers in the game.

Portland took a lead into the fourth

quarter for a second straight night, and again couldn't close it out.

On Sunday, the Blazers blew a 13-point lead in the final quarter during a 120-103 home loss to Detroit.

Lillard had a four-point play with 4.6 seconds remaining in the third quarter as he launched a deep 3-pointer as Foye tried to grab him. He hit the basket and the free throw to give the Blazers an 80-79 lead.

Denver grabbed the lead for good on a dunk by Hickson with 4:17 remaining.

"It's not discouraging because it's so early," Lillard said. "But we don't want to keep having the same thing happen over and over again."

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Ducks were unable to return any of Cal's six punts.

"I definitely think we're playing better in phases," Helfrich said Sunday. "We still need to put the complete thing together. A ton of yards, but not the matching points. Part of that is red-zone execution: Two picks in the end zone will affect that, field goals affect that. So obviously we want to finish those with touchdowns."

"(Defensively) there's always errors, whether it's coverage or fits or tackling that are kind of glossed over in a win. Obviously, a ton of special teams stuff that is literally installation stuff, day one-type mistakes that happened that can't happen going forward."

Oregon piled up 477 rushing yards. Royce Freeman led the way with 180 yards on 29 carries.

Tony Brooks-James (101 yards) averaged 14.4 yards per carry, Kani Benoit (94 yards) averaged 11.8 yards per carry and Taj Griffin (59 yards) averaged 7.4 yards per carry.

"I give them a huge thanks," Freeman, the nation's fifth-leading rusher (143.0 ypg), said of the offensive line. "It was something we haven't seen much of all season as far as the amount of holes that were open and just the variety of different run plays we ran."

Adams passed for 300 yards and four touchdowns, but his eight rushes for 43 yards helped make the offense look more Mario-ta-like.

"You have to have that

element in our offense, that gap has to exist, the defense has to account for that," Helfrich said. "If it's one false step, it becomes an arm tackle for Royce, or as we saw last night, Kani, Tony James, Taj all getting better and better. That element has to be there."

Despite missing outside linebacker Christian French, cornerback Chris Seisay, safety Juwaan Williams and defensive end Canton Kaumatule with injuries, Oregon's defense took a big step forward after allowing a school-record 742 yards at Arizona State.

DeForest Buckner played with a cast on his injured wrist and finished with a team-high seven tackles, including a sack of Goff that forced Cal to settle for a field goal in the red zone.

"The guy is playing his tail off and is one-handed," Helfrich said. "He's double-teamed, he's triple-teamed, jumped and chipped on releases and he's just battled."

"We take him out of practice to kind of force a little healing time and stuff, but DeFo is a rock."

The Ducks (6-3 overall, 4-2 Pac-12) play the No. 7 Cardinal (8-1, 7-0) on Saturday at Stanford Stadium (4:30 p.m., Fox).

Stanford leads the all-time series between the two teams 46-31-1, but Oregon has won 10 of the last 13 match-ups — most recently a 45-16 win in 2014 in Eugene.

With the win, Stanford would clinch the Pac-12 North division.

NFL

Cutler leads Bears over Chargers

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — Zach Miller made a one-handed grab of a 25-yard touchdown pass from Jay Cutler with 3:19 to go, and the Chicago Bears beat the San Diego Chargers 22-19 on Monday night.

Cutler, who overcame an interception return for a touchdown and a fumble to throw for 345 yards, calmly led the Bears on the winning 10-play, 80-yard drive after the Chargers had taken a 19-14 lead on rookie Josh Lambo's 22-yard field goal.

Miller made a leaping grab with his right hand and scored. Rookie Jeremy Langford, subbing for the injured Matt Forte, ran in the 2-point conversion.

Cutler's TD passes broke the franchise record, giving him 139. He had been tied with Hall of Famer Sid Luckman.



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