College Football

Utah hurting coming into game at Oregon State

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CORVALLIS — Injuries have begun to mount for No. 21 Utah — so much so that coach Kyle Whittingham was rightfully dramatic about the situation this week.

"This is the worst I can remember, and I've been here a lot of years," he said.

The Utes (5-1, 2-1 Pac-12) travel to Corvallis for Saturday's game against Oregon State (2-3, 1-1) with a depleted roster, especially at running back. Utah lost sophomore Armand Shyne for the season during a 36-23 victory over Arizona last Saturday.

Junior Jordan Howard made his debut at running back following Shyne's injury. Whittingham didn't specify the injury, but Howard cannot play this week against Oregon State. Junior Troy McCormick and freshman Zack Moss are also out.

It is so bad that Joe Williams, who started in the opener but retired following Utah's second game because of injuries, rejoined the team in practice this week. It is uncertain if he'll play against the Beavers.

Previously, Utah lost center J.J. Dielman for the season with a lower leg injury, and last week against Arizona backup Lo Falemaka was also unable to play. Defensive end Kylie Fitts and tight end Siale Fakailoatonga have also gone down with injuries.

"It's been a little bit of a mystery this year as far as the injuries," Whittingham said. "But you just deal with it and move on. We'll figure it out."

While the Utes are hurting, the Beavers have been boosted by last weekend's 47-44 overtime victory over California. It was Gary Andersen's first victory over a Pac-12 opponent since he became coach. Oregon State did not win in conference last season.

Oregon State running back Ryan Nall, left, breaks through the California defense to score a touchdown during the first half of a game in Corvallis on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2016.

AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez

"Success breeds confidence," Andersen said. "There's absolutely no doubt about it and it breaks down barriers. As youthful as we are, it gives them confidence, but it doesn't change our approach at all. Win or lose this week or the next week, we're going to do what we do. Our plan is set in stone and it won't change."

Other things at play on Saturday when the Utes visit Oregon State:

WILL HE OR WON'T HE? Last week against Cal, the Beavers had 474 yards on the ground, including 221 yards and three touchdowns from Ryan Nall. But Nall's status for the Utah game is uncertain. Earlier this week, Nall was seen wearing a boot and he remains a game-day decision. Oregon State's rushing attack will be up against a Utah defense that is holding opponents to an average of 119 rushing yards a game, ranked No. 24 in the nation.

WHAT'S AT STAKE: At 2-1 in the conference, Utah is tied for the Pac-12 South lead with Arizona State and Colorado. While it had appeared that the Utes could count on the Oregon State game as an easy W, the Beavers' win against Cal should throw some doubt in their minds. Utah, which needs just one more victory to become bowl eligible, has a two-game winning streak against Oregon State, including last year's 27-12 victory.

TIES THAT BIND: Andersen, a Utah native, played at center for the Utes. He first worked with Whittingham in 1993 when both were on the defensive staff at Idaho State, and the close friends crossed paths on the staff at Utah a couple of different times. Andersen was defensive coordinator for the Utes' Whittingham for four seasons before moving on to become head coach at Utah State in 2009.

Utah Utes (5-1, 2-1) — **Oregon State Beavers (2-3, 1-1)**

- Saturday, 1 p.m.
- at Reser Stadium
- TV: PAC12 Network

Whittingham called Andersen last weekend to congratulate him on the victory against Cal. But Andersen joked this week that it was probably the last he'd hear from Whittingham until after the game.

"I might shoot a little text to him and he probably won't answer it," Andersen said.

WHO'LL STOP THE RAIN: The forecast for Saturday is not just bad, it's bordering on scary. Strong winds and rain are expected to pummel the region, getting worse by game's end. There could even be 50 mph wind gusts — the remnants of a typhoon that is going to cause the biggest problems this weekend in Washington state. Officials were already issuing warnings about downed trees and power lines, as well as power outages. Conditions definitely will not favor passing.

UNDER ARMOUR UTES: The Utes will wear a new uniform combination for the game against the Beavers, pairing their matte black helmets with white pants and jerseys. The new look comes the same week that Utah agreed to a 10-year, $65 million extension with Under Armour, which has outfitted the football team since 2008 and the rest of the school's athletic teams since 2011.

NFL

Quinn returns to face old team

By TIM BOOTH
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SEATTLE — When Dan Quinn left Seattle for his opportunity to be an NFL head coach in Atlanta, he wanted to create an identity unique to the Falcons.

Quinn didn't want Atlanta to be a replica of what he experienced in Seattle, even if the principles he wanted for the Falcons were similar.

Quinn

"Can the team be featured in the very best way of how we wanted to utilize the players? The messaging, the identity, the toughness that we wanted to play with, having that really come to life?" Quinn said. "I think it took going through some tough lessons and developing some resiliency through last year with some difficult losses. ... Those were scars that were painful as hell to go through, but on the other side of it we grew tougher, we grew stronger."

Quinn's former team will get an up-close look at what he's created in Atlanta when the Seahawks host the Falcons on Sunday in a clash of teams that look to be among the top contenders in the NFC.

It's an enticing matchup, featuring Atlanta's No. 1 offense against Seattle's top-ranked defense that's had an extra week of rest and preparation. And it's a reunion for Quinn to see the defense he helped create in Seattle during his two seasons as coordinator, and whether it can slow down Matt Ryan and the Falcons.

"It's going to be fun. It's going to be a fun matchup for our defense to go up against their offense," Seattle cornerback Richard Sherman said. "They throw the ball a whole lot, Matt Ryan has been having a phenomenal year, so we're going to have a good time with that challenge."

The Falcons went down this path a year ago, starting 6-1 before losing six straight, finishing 8-8 and missing the playoffs, so there is still hesitation about the validity of Atlanta's start this season. But a win in Denver , followed by a win in Seattle would certainly quiet doubters.

"When something bad goes bad, you have to forget it and get the next play. You can't let that determine the outcome of the game if you had one bad play," Atlanta wide receiver Julio Jones said. "That's how we were last year as a team. One negative thing happened and then it was like a snowball effect on us. This year we're definitely a different ballclub as far as the mentality of the team."

Here's what else to watch:

JULIO vs. SHERM: No individual matchup will top the expected battle between Jones and Sherman. Jones is two weeks removed from having 300 yards receiving against Carolina, while Sherman has started to follow specific wide receivers on a more regular basis. He did that for most of Seattle's win over the New York Jets, shadowing Brandon Marshall.

Others Sherman has followed in the past include Dez Bryant, Antonio Brown and Torrey Smith.

"What the fans should expect is two real dog competitors wanting to go battle for it. That's one of the coolest parts about our game," Quinn said.

HERE'S JIMMY: If there was any question, Jimmy Graham is back and he's finding a prominent role in Seattle's offense. Graham is coming off consecutive 100-yard receiving games, the first time he's accomplished that feat since early in the 2013 season. Graham's 12 catches in the past two games has come without quarterback Russell Wilson forcing the ball his direction. Rather, the throws are coming to Graham within the rhythm of the game plan.

MLB

Lindor's blast sends Cleveland past Toronto in Game 1

By TOM WITHERS
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CLEVELAND — Francisco Lindor hit a two-run homer and Corey Kluber silenced Toronto's booming bats, giving the Cleveland Indians a 2-0 win over the Blue Jays in Game 1 of the AL Championship Series on Friday night.

ALDS
Toronto 0
Cleveland 2

Lindor connected in the sixth inning off Marco Estrada and raced around the bases like a track star as the bend-but-don't-break Indians won their fourth straight playoff game in this most unexpected season.

Kluber, Cleveland's solid and stoic ace, pitched 6 1/3 spotless innings before manager Terry Francona turned things over to the Indians' best weapon — their bullpen.

Andrew Miller struck out five of the six batters he faced and Cody Allen got the save with a perfect ninth.

Toronto slugger Jose Bautista struck out three times and Edwin Encarnacion lost his cool when he was fanned in the eighth, jawing at plate umpire Laz Diaz.

After getting their first ALCS win since 2007 — and tying their longest postseason win streak since 1920 — the Indians will try to take a 2-0 lead Saturday with Josh Tomlin facing Toronto's 20-game winner, J.A. Happ.

Cleveland's Francisco Lindor rounds the bases on his two-run home run against Toronto during the sixth inning in Game 1 of the ALCS Friday in Cleveland.

AP Photo/Gene J. Puskar

Tomlin was originally scheduled to start Game 3, but was moved up when Trevor Bauer sustained an odd injury as he sliced open his right pinkie while repairing a drone.

Kluber kept flying in the postseason.

The right-hander has not allowed a run in 13 1/3 innings this October and he kept the Blue Jays inside Progressive Field after they teed off against the Texas Rangers in the Division Series.

Toronto had some early chances, putting six runners on in the first three innings. But the Blue Jays failed to come up with a timely hit and lost for the first time in the postseason.

Estrada carried a four-hit shutout into the sixth before walking Jason Kipnis with one out. Lindor was in an 0-2 hole before the shortstop, who could become a household name before this series ends, drove his homer over the wall in right-center.

Lindor pumped his fist as he rounded first and he didn't stop smiling or slow down until he crossed home plate.

Kluber dodged some early trouble and held the Blue Jays, who hit eight home runs and scored 22 times in their ALDS sweep of Texas, to six hits in the first six innings. The Indians needed every out they could get from Kluber, who shut out Boston for seven innings in his postseason debut 10 days after he injured a quadriceps in a start against Detroit.

The 2014 AL Cy Young Award winner, who will certainly get votes this season after winning 18 games, has been the only dependable starter all season for Cleveland, which lost starters Carlos Carrasco and Danny Salazar to injuries in September and are now dealing with Bauer's mishap.

Kluber walked a tightrope over the first three innings, when the Blue Jays mounted what turned into idle threats.

Toronto had two on with one out in the first, but Kluber struck out Bautista and retired Russell Martin on an easy grounder. The right-hander was on shaky ground again in the second, allowing a single and walk before getting Devon Travis to ground into an inning-ending double play. In the third, Kluber gave up a single and a walk with two outs before striking out Martin.

UP NEXT

Blue Jays: J.A. Happ struck out 11 and allowed one run over seven innings in beating the Indians on July 3. He was second in the AL in wins, going 20-4 with a 3.18 ERA. Happ picked up the victory in Game 2 of the ALDS against Texas, allowing one run in five innings.

Indians: Josh Tomlin gave up three homers — to Martin, Melvin Upton Jr. and Encarnacion — in a loss to the Blue Jays on Aug. 20. Tomlin went 0-5 in August, but has bounced back and given up seven earned runs in 31 2/3 innings over his last six appearances.

SCOREBOARD

Local Slate

PREP VOLLEYBALL
Today's Games
Helix at Powder Valley, 10 a.m.
Riverside at Nyssa, Noon
Irrigon at Vale, Noon
Mac-Hi at Ontario, Noon
Umatilla at Burns, 1 p.m.
Arlington at Mitchell/Spray, 1 p.m.
Helix at Wallowa, 1 p.m.
Riverside at Vale, 4 p.m.
Irrigon at Nyssa, 4 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
South Wasco at Arlington 5 p.m.
Horizon Christian at Condon/Wheeler, 5 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Weston-McEwen, 5 p.m.
Stanfield at Heppner, 5 p.m.
Pendleton at Hermiston, 6:30 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER
Today
Irrigon at City Christian, 1 p.m.
Mac-Hi at La Grande, 2 p.m.
Tuesday
Hermiston at Hood River, 4 p.m.
Pendleton at The Dalles, 4 p.m.
Umatilla at City Christian, 4 p.m.
Walla Walla Valley Acad. (WA) at Irrigon, 4 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SOCCER
Today
Mac-Hi at La Grande, Noon
Tuesday
Hood River at Hermiston, 4 p.m.
The Dalles at Pendleton, 4 p.m.
Portland Christian at Riverside, 4:15 p.m.
De La Salle at Umatilla, 4:15 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Today
Eastern Oregon at Southern Oregon, 6 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Today
Northwest University at Eastern Oregon, 5 p.m.

COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER
Today
College of Idaho at Eastern Oregon, 3:30 p.m.

COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER
Today
Blue Mountain at Walla Walla, Noon
College of Idaho at Eastern Oregon, 1 p.m.

Football

NFL
Sunday's Games
Cincinnati (+6.5) at New England, 10 a.m.
Pittsburgh (-7) at Miami, 10 a.m.
Philadelphia (PK) at Washington, 10 a.m.
Baltimore (+3) at N.Y. Giants, 10 a.m.
Jacksonville (+1.5) at Chicago, 10 a.m.
Carolina (-2) at New Orleans, 10 a.m.
Los Angeles (+2.5) at Detroit, 10 a.m.
San Francisco (+7) at Buffalo, 10 a.m.
Cleveland (+6) at Tennessee, 10 a.m.
Kansas City (+2) at Oakland, 1:05 p.m.
Atlanta (+6) at Seattle, 1:25 p.m.
Dallas (+5.5) at Green Bay, 1:25 p.m.
Indianapolis (+3.5) at Houston, 5:30 p.m.
Open: Minnesota, Tampa Bay, Oakland
Monday's Games
N.Y. Jets (+6.5) at Arizona, 5:30 p.m.

NCAA
Top 25
Friday's Game
No. 7 Louisville 24, Duke 14
Today's Games
NC State at No. 3 Clemson, 9 a.m.
Kansas St. at No. 19 Oklahoma, 9 a.m.
No. 20 W. Virginia at Texas Tech, 9 a.m.
No. 10 Nebraska at Indiana, 12:30 p.m.
N. Carolina at No. 16 Miami, 12:30 p.m.
No. 24 W. Mich. at Akron, 12:30 p.m.
Wake Forest at No. 14 Florida St., 12:30 p.m.
Kansas at No. 11 Baylor, 12:30 p.m.
No. 1 Alabama at No. 9 Tennessee, 12:30 p.m.
No. 17 Va. Tech at Syracuse, 12:45 p.m.
Missouri at No. 18 Florida, 1 p.m.
No. 21 Utah at Oregon State, 1 p.m.
Tulsa at No. 13 Houston, 4 p.m.
No. 12 Ole Miss at No. 22 Arkansas, 4 p.m.
No. 2 Ohio State at No. 8 Wisconsin, 5 p.m.
Colorado State at No. 15 Boise State, 7:15 p.m.

Pac-12
Today's Games
USC at Arizona, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)
Utah at Oregon State, 1 p.m. (PAC12)
Stanford at Notre Dame, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
Arizona State at Colorado, 5 p.m. (PAC12)
UCLA at Washington State, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

NAIA
Frontier Conference
Today's Games
Carroll at Montana Tech, Noon
MSU-Northern at Rocky Mountain, Noon
College of Idaho at Montana Western, 1 p.m.
Eastern Oregon at Southern Oregon, 6 p.m.

Baseball

MLB
Playoff Glance
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
American League
All Games on TBS
Toronto vs. Cleveland
Friday:Cleveland 2, Toronto 0
TODAY: Toronto (Happ 20-4) at Cleveland (Bauer 12-8), 1:08 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 17: Cleveland (Tomlin 13-9) at Toronto (Stroman 9-10), 5:08 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 18: Cleveland (Clevinger 3-3) at Toronto (Sanchez 15-2), 5:08 p.m.
National League
Chicago vs. Los Angeles
TODAY: Los Angeles at Chicago (Lester 19-5) (FS1), 5:08 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 16: Los Angeles at Chicago (FS1), 5:08 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 18: Chicago at Los Angeles (FS1), 5:08 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 19: Chicago at Los Angeles (FS1), 5:08 p.m.

Basketball

WNBA
Playoff glance
Finals
(Best-of-5)
Los Angeles 1, Minnesota 1
Sunday, Oct. 9: Los Angeles 78, Minnesota 76
Tuesday, Oct. 11: Minnesota 79, Los Angeles 60
Friday: Minnesota at Los Angeles, 6 p.m. (ESPN2)
Sunday, Oct. 16: Minnesota at Los Angeles, 5:30 p.m.
x-Thursday, Oct. 20: Los Angeles at Minnesota, 5 p.m.

NBA
Preseason
Friday's Games
Orlando 114, Indiana 106
Toronto 122, San Lorenz 105
Chicago 118, Cleveland 108
Miami108, San Antonio 100
Golden State 129, Denver 128, OT
Phoenix 112, Dallas 107
Today's Games
Detroit at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 4 p.m.
Boston at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 4:30 p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 5 p.m.
Chicago at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.
Golden State at L.A. Lakers, 7 p.m.

Hockey

NHL
Friday's Games
Nashville 3, Chicago 2
Edmonton 5, Calgary 3
Philadelphia 4, Los Angeles 2
Today's Games
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanderrs at Washington, 4 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 4 p.m.
Montreal at Ottawa, 4 p.m.
Detroit at Florida, 4 p.m.
Aneheim at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
San Jose at Columbus, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona 6 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 6 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 7 p.m.

Soccer

MLS
Sunday's Games
Columbus at New York, Noon
New England at Chicago, Noon
New York City FC at D.C. United, Noon
Orlando City at Philadelphia, Noon
Toronto FC at Montreal, Noon
Colorado at Portland, 2 p.m.
Los Angeles at Houston, 2 p.m.
Seattle at FC Dallas, 2 p.m.
Sporting K.C. at Real Salt Lake, 2 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 2 p.m.

Motorsports

NASCAR Sprint Cup
Hollywood Casino 400
Race Sunday, 11:15 a.m. (TV: NBC)
At Kansas Speedway
Starting Lineup
1. (20) Matt Kenseth, Toyota
2. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota
3. (19) Carl Edwards, Toyota
4. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota
5. (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet
6. (22) Joey Logano, Ford
7. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota
8. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford
9. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet
10. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet
11. (4) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet
12. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet
13. (24) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet
14. (14) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet
15. (41) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet
16. (27) Paul Menard, Chevrolet
17. (21) Ryan Blaney, Ford
18. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford
19. (10) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet
20. (5) Kasey Kahne, Chevrolet
21. (48) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet
22. (16) Greg Biffle, Ford
23. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet
24. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet
25. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford
26. (7) Regan Smith, Chevrolet
27. (83) Matt DiBenedetto, Toyota
28. (23) David Ragan, Toyota
29. (13) Casey Mears, Chevrolet
30. (34) Chris Buescher, Ford

Golf

PGA Tour
Safeway Open
Friday
At Silverado Resort, North Course
Napa, Calif.
Purse: $6 million
Yardage: 7,166; Par: 72
Partial Second Round

Bill Haas	66-70—136	-8
J.J. Spaun	70-67—137	-7
Phil Mickelson	69-69—138	-6
Tag Ridings	68-70—138	-6
Mackenzie Hughes	69-69—138	-6
Emiliano Grillo	69-70—139	-5
Peter Malnati	67-72—139	-5
Tony Finau	70-69—139	-5
Chez Reavie	69-70—139	-5
Brandon Hagy	72-67—139	-5
Jon Curran	68-72—140	-4
Nick Watney	71-69—140	-4
J.J. Henry	68-72—140	-4
John Senden	70-70—140	-4
Cameron Smith	70-70—140	-4