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Broncos outlast Cougars

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Brett Rypien threw for 442 yards and three touchdowns as No. 14 Boise State overcame five turnovers to hold off BYU 28-27 Thursday night.

The Broncos (7-0), who won their 23rd straight non-conference home game, needed a stout defensive performance and a blocked field goal to secure the win.

BYU (4-4) attempted to kick a 45-yard game-winning field goal with 16 seconds remaining, but the kick was blocked. However, the ball didn't cross the line of scrim-



mage and Mitch Juergens recovered for BYU, giving the Cougars the ball at the Boise State 42 with 8 seconds left.

The Cougars, who beat Boise State on a last-minute Hail Mary play last season, couldn't duplicate the magic on the final play of the game as the ball was knocked down in the end zone.

Boise State fumbled four times, with BYU recovering three and also intercepting

Rypien twice.

Jeremy McNichols carried the ball 30 times for 140 yards and scored the go-ahead touchdown on a four-yard scurry with 10:37 left in the game. He also caught five passes for 109 yards and another touchdown. Thomas Sperbeck also caught five passes for 109 yards and a touchdown for Boise State. Rypien was 25-of-39 passing.

BYU quarterback Taysom Hill finished the game 21-of-42 passing for 187 yards and added 48 yards and a touchdown on 13 rushes.

BYU's Fred Warner and Nick Kurtz each scored on interception returns in the second quarter.



Boise State running back Jeremy McNichols (13) runs on a long touchdown past BYU linebacker Fred Warner (4) during the first half of an NCAA college football game in Boise, Idaho, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2016.

Prep Roundup



Pendleton's Isaac Ukachukwu (18) runs for the ball followed by Baker's Omar Benites (3) in the Bucks' game against the Bulldogs on Thursday in Pendleton.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

College Football

EOU coming off big win

Mounties host Montana Western for homecoming

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LA GRANDE — For the first time since 2008, the Eastern Oregon Mountaineers hold the state's bragging rights after beating Southern Oregon 39-29 last week to sweep the two-game series against the Raiders.

EOU pulled off the upset with a different offensive game plan than the one that was deployed in the season-opener. In the first game,

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- Saturday, 1 p.m.
- at Community Stadium, La Grande
- Radio: NewsTalk 103.1 FM

Buckaroos draw with Bulldogs

Pendleton snaps seven-game scoreless streak

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PENDLETON — The Pendleton Buckaroos boys soccer team

snapped a seven game scoreless and losing streak all in the same day, drawing with Baker 1-1 on a rainy Thursday afternoon at Blue Mountain Community College.

Pendleton had some notable players out of the game due to injury and all-conference defender Lincoln

Johnson was limited due to a torn meniscus that he is recovering from.

"We have had a rough season with injuries, but I'm proud of my team especially the few guys playing up from the junior varsity team, who helped us grit out a positive result," Pendleton coach Jeremy Talbot said.

Pendleton (1-10-2, 0-5 CRC) scored its only goal of the game in the second half when senior Brian Ramirez sent a corner kick floating towards the net, where it made contact with a Baker defender and

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Oregon prepares to visit Cal in matchup of struggling Ds

Teams allowing combined 81 points a game

By JEFF FARAUDO
Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — The last time Oregon traveled south to play California, the teams wound up scoring a combined 100 points.

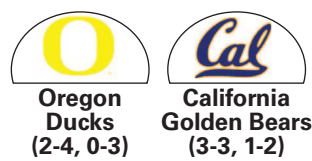
Two years later, it's hard to imagine the scoreboard getting much less of a workout when the defense-challenged Ducks (2-4, 0-3 Pac-12) and Bears

(3-3, 1-2) meet Friday night.

Oregon is surrendering 41.8 points per game — 125th nationally out of 128 FBS teams — and is coming off a 70-21 loss two weeks ago to No. 5 Washington. Cal ranks 123rd, allowing 40.0 points per game, and has not held the Ducks under 43 in a game since 2010.

Cal coach Sonny Dykes, whose Bears lost 59-41 to Oregon at Levi's Stadium in 2014, can relate to the Ducks' defensive downturn.

"Sometimes when you can't stop the run, it makes it hard to play good defense," he said. "We've dealt with



- Today, 7:30 p.m.
- at Memorial Stadium, Berkeley, Calif.
- TV: ESPN

that at times this year. It's hard the way people play offense now."

For Oregon, which began the season ranked No. 24 but hasn't won since Sept. 10 against Virginia, getting a win over anyone would provide an "immeasurable" boost to

the team's confidence, coach Mark Helfrich said.

Helfrich wants practices to be tougher than games, convinced that will lead to success.

"Now it's a matter of, 'Hey, when you're going against this guy who's a fifth-year senior and you're a redshirt freshman, or there's 50,000 screaming people — whatever the situation — you execute exactly how you practice,'" he said. "That's all we need. Nothing more, nothing less."

Cal's tendency is to throw the ball, but the Bears ran for

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In this Oct. 1, 2016, file photo, Oregon head coach Mark Helfrich instructs his team during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Washington State in Pullman, Wash.

Sports shorts

NFL investigating Giants kicker

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The NFL is going to re-open its investigation of New York Giants placekicker Josh Brown and the team has pulled him from its next game after police released journal entries and emails in which he admitted that he verbally and physically abused his former wife.

The King County Sheriff's Office in Washington released 165 pages of documents that were turned over to authorities by Brown's former wife, Molly, after his arrest in May 2015. She had accused him of more than 20 instances of domestic violence.

The Giants said they want to review the new information released by county law enforcement officials in Washington and reach a decision on the kicker's future with the club, possibly next week.



Brown

"I'm winning. Of course I'm happy. That's why I don't buy into the rumors. I feel like I do my job here and I feel like I've done everything that they've asked. That's why I haven't bought into the rumors."

— LaMarcus Aldridge

San Antonio Spurs forward addressing rumors that he's unhappy with his role on the team and could ask for a trade during the season. Aldridge made the comments during a segment of the Jim Rome Show.

Mariners will return entire coaching staff for 2017

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners will bring back their entire coaching staff for the 2017 season after the club won 86 games and barely missed the postseason.

The Mariners announced the decision Thursday. Manager Scott Servais said Manny Acta (third base coach), Tim Bogar (bench coach), Casey Candaele (first base coach), Mike Hampton (bullpen coach), Edgar Martinez (hitting coach) and Mel Stottlemyre (pitching coach) will all return.

There will be one addition to the coaching staff as Scott Brosius will join the major league club as an assistant coach. Brosius served as the hitting coach for Triple-A Tacoma in the Mariners system.



THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1956 — Billy Howton of the Green Bay Packers catches seven passes for 257 yards and two touchdowns in a 42-17 victory over the Los Angeles Rams.

1975 — Carlton Fisk homers in the 12th inning to give the Boston Red Sox a 7-6 victory over the Cincinnati Reds and force a seventh game in the World Series.

1998 — The New York Yankees close out their historic season with 3-0 victory to sweep the Padres to win their record 24th World Series.

2007 — Rob Bironas kicks an NFL-record eight field goals, the last a 29-yarder with no time left to give Tennessee a 38-36 win over Houston. Bironas adds two extra points to set the NFL record for most points by a kicker, with 26.

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