

College Football

Are Beavers due? A look back at Civil War's highlights

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CORVALLIS — With an eight-game losing streak in the Civil War rivalry against Oregon, Oregon State quarterback Marcus McMaryion says the Beavers are due.

you," McMaryion said. Could this be the year the Beavers breakthrough? A look at some of the more memorable Civil Wars:

"It's definitely like no other game I've played in before. The atmosphere, it's insane," McMaryion said. "The crowd's so into it. They guys feel the adrenaline pumping through their blood like no other game. It's definitely a special opportunity to be able to play in this game."

Some years the Civil War stakes are high. Other years, not so much. With both teams 2-6 in conference games, the winner this season will avoid finishing in the basement of the Pac-12 North.

But both teams are coming off confidence-boosting wins. Oregon upset then-No. 11 Utah last weekend 30-28 in Salt Lake City. The Beavers beat Arizona 42-17.

This is the 120th Civil War game between the two teams, a series that dates to 1894 and is the longest-running rivalry game west of the Rocky Mountains.

"If you don't get excited to play in the Civil War, something's wrong with



AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez, file In this Nov. 19, 2016, file photo, Oregon State quarterback Marcus McMaryion looks to throw in the first half of an NCAA college football game in Corvallis.

stunned the Eugene crowd in 1953 when Oregon quarterback Barney Holland's pass bounced off the hands of George Shaw — the first pick of the 1955 NFL draft by the Baltimore Colts - and was intercepted by Oregon State's Tommy Little. He returned it 30 yards for the only touchdown in a 7-0 victory.

TERRY BAKER: In 1962, the Beavers and their Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback trailed 17-6 at halftime but dominated the second half. Baker's 13-yard

touchdown pass to Danny Espalin in the fourth quarter sealed a 20-17 victory. Baker was the only Heisman Trophy winner from an Oregon school until Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota in 2014.

GIANT KILLERS: A week after beating No. 1 USC and O.J. Simpson 3-0 in the mud in Corvallis, the Beavers' famous 1967 "Giant Killers" team came back from a 10-0 deficit to win the first Civil War at the new Autzen Stadium, 14-10.

TOILET BOWL: A

futile 0-0 tie on a blustery and wet day in November 1983, featured 11 fumbles, five interceptions and four missed field goals. It would go down as the last scoreless Division I college football game.

"It was almost like neither team wanted to win," Oregon coach Rich Brooks was quoted as saying.

FINISHING BIG: In his first year with the Beavers, Jerry Pettibone led Oregon State to a victory after 10 straight losses to start the 1991 season. Ian Shields, playing with a broken big toe, scored on a 6-yard bootleg for the go-ahead touchdown. Oregon State won 14-3, the Beavers' first victory in Eugene in 18 years.

ROSE BOWL BOUND: The Ducks entered the 1994 Civil War tied with USC for the Pac-10 championship and needed a win to clinch their first Rose Bowl berth since 1957. Trailing 13-10, Danny O'Neill drove the team 70 yards, hitting Dino Philyaw for a 19-yard touchdown with 3:47 to play, giving Oregon a 17-13 victory.

HARRINGTON TEARS: In 2000, the No. 8 Beavers denied the fifth-ranked Ducks a trip to Pasa-

dena with a 23-13 victory. Afterward, quarterback Joey Harrington wept in the arms of his father, John, who played the same position for the Ducks in the late 1960s and never beat Oregon State in three tries.

THE FLY SWEEP: The Beavers snapped a 10-game winning streak for the home team in the 2007 Civil War when freshman James Rodgers scored on a fly sweep for a 38-31 double-overtime victory. It was Oregon State's last win in the series. On Oregon's chance to answer, the Beavers stuffed Jonathan Stewart on fourth-and-1 from the 16.

BEAVERS DENIED: In 2008 the Beavers were looking toward their first Rose Bowl in 44 years with a victory in the final game when the Ducks romped to a 65-38 win in Corvallis. The next year the game was dubbed the "War of the Roses" because the winner was guaranteed a Rose Bowl berth. Oregon won 37-33.

THE LAST TIME: Vernon Adams threw for 366 yards and three touchdowns and then-No. 18 Oregon extended a winning streak to six games and closed out the regular season with a 52-42 victory over the Beavers.

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