

College Football

# Beavers' Wallace making strides at corner

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The Gazette-Times

BEND (AP)—Christian Wallace was ready to postpone his dream of playing Division I football.

The prize of Oregon State's 2016 recruiting class, Wallace spent last August in Houston and Louisiana while working to become eligible. It was a discouraging experience for the burly 6-foot-1, 220-pound cornerback.

"I felt like I was going to quit," Wallace said. "It was horrible because at that point I was thinking about going to a junior college, but my mom and my girlfriend never let me quit anything." Wallace kept at it and was finally cleared in early September. He flew to Oregon shortly thereafter to begin his college career.

Rated the nation's No. 6 athlete and a four-star prospect by Rivals.com, the late-arriving Wallace

redshirted in 2016 and is battling to take over Treaston Decoud's vacated starting spot at corner.

"He's improved a lot with his mechanics, the art of the backpedal," cornerbacks coach Cory Hall said after Tuesday's practice at Summit High. "Those are the things we actually talked about this morning. He's on schedule with what his development should be."

Wallace is still learning the intricacies of the corner position.

As a prep star for Sealy High in southeastern Texas, Wallace primarily played running back and finished with 10 touchdowns as a senior. He chose OSU over offers from TCU, Texas and Mississippi State, among others.

To have a longer career, Wallace was interested



Wallace

in making the switch to defense.

"On a scale of one to 10, I feel like I'm at a seven with my technique," Wallace said. "I feel like I've improved a lot. This is my first year focusing on that spot, so I think I have a lot to keep going over but I'm learning pretty good."

Just like Wallace, Hall was a running back in high school before transitioning to corner during his freshman season at Fresno State.

Hall mastered the position and was taken by the Cincinnati Bengals in the third round of the 1999 NFL Draft. He went on to play six seasons in the NFL.

"I had a lot of big colleges after me but it was for running back; I chose the college based on who

was going to let me play DB," said Hall, who was tired of getting battered by larger players. "When I got to Fresno State, I couldn't backpedal. They all laughed at me. A couple guys said 'how'd you get a scholarship? Why are you here?'"

Hall worked tirelessly with coach Ken Greene, a former NFL safety, to develop his technique. By the end of his college career, Hall had some of the quickest feet in the Bulldogs' secondary.

"So that's how I know that if you put the time in and your mind to it, you can do it," Hall said. "When I look at a Christian Wallace, the conversion (to defense) is easy. It's just how hard you want to work."

Wallace credits Hall for helping him mature on and off the field.

In less than a year, Wallace is already feeling significantly more comfortable in the secondary.

"Coach Hall is my

biggest resource here," Wallace said. "He's a great man. I see him as a father figure because he took me from straight offense, not playing a down of cornerback, to making me an average player already within like six months. So I praise him."

Wallace is the first to admit that he's far from a finished product.

While his technique has improved, Wallace acknowledges that he must work harder at learning the schemes. Safety Jalen Moore believes the play-book will be Wallace's final hurdle in earning a starting spot opposite Xavier Crawford.

"He's doing a lot better with that than he did last year," Moore said. "Everyone in this league has speed, talent and athleticism. What's going to separate each guy is his IQ and mental capacity. That's what really important."

# OSU names transfer as starting QB

Associated Press

BEND — Oregon State coach Gary Andersen has named community college transfer Jake Luton the Beavers' starting quarterback.

Andersen announced his decision Tuesday following practice in Bend, Oregon, where the Beavers have traveled for a week of this year's fall camp.

Luton, who transferred to Oregon State from Ventura Community College, was competing with Marcus McMaryion and Darell Garretson for the starting nod.

Luton threw for 3,551 yards and 40 touchdowns, both single-season records, last year at Ventura. He also went 13-for-21 for 118 yards in the Beavers' spring game.



Luton

## SCOREBOARD

### Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	59	49	.546	—
New York	57	48	.543	½
Tampa Bay	55	53	.509	4
Baltimore	52	54	.491	6
Toronto	50	57	.467	8½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	57	48	.543	—
Kansas City	55	50	.524	2
Minnesota	50	54	.481	6½
Detroit	48	57	.457	9
Chicago	41	63	.394	15½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	69	37	.651	—
Seattle	55	53	.509	15
Los Angeles	52	55	.486	17½
Texas	50	56	.472	19
Oakland	47	60	.439	22½

**Tuesday's Games**  
 Baltimore 7, Kansas City 2  
 Detroit 4, N.Y. Yankees 3  
 Boston 12, Cleveland 10  
 Seattle 8, Texas 7  
 Tampa Bay 6, Houston 4  
 Toronto 8, Chicago White Sox 4  
 San Francisco 10, Oakland 4  
 L.A. Angels 7, Philadelphia 1  
 San Diego 3, Minnesota 0

**Wednesday's Games**  
 Detroit (Zimmermann 6-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 8-9), 10:05 a.m.  
 Toronto (Happ 3-8) at Chicago White Sox (Holland 5-10), 11:10 a.m.  
 Minnesota (Santana 11-7) at San Diego (Perdomo 5-5), 12:40 p.m.

Kansas City (Vargas 13-4) at Baltimore (Tillman 1-6), 4:05 p.m.  
 Cleveland (Bauer 9-8) at Boston (Porcello 4-14), 4:10 p.m.  
 Seattle (Miranda 7-4) at Texas (Cashner 6-8), 5:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay (Pruitt 5-2) at Houston (Keuchel 9-0), 5:10 p.m.  
 Philadelphia (Thompson 1-0) at L.A. Angels (Ramirez 9-9), 7:07 p.m.  
 Oakland (Gossett 2-6) at San Francisco (Moore 3-10), 7:15 p.m.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**East Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	63	42	.600
Miami	50	55	.476
New York	48	56	.462
Atlanta	48	57	.457
Philadelphia	39	65	.375

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	57	48	.543
Milwaukee	56	52	.519
St. Louis	52	54	.491
Pittsburgh	51	55	.481
Cincinnati	43	63	.406

**West Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	75	31	.708
Colorado	61	46	.570
Arizona	60	46	.566
San Diego	48	58	.452
San Francisco	41	67	.379

**Tuesday's Games**  
 Cincinnati 9, Pittsburgh 1  
 Miami 7, Washington 6  
 L.A. Dodgers 3, Atlanta 2  
 Milwaukee 3, St. Louis 2  
 Chicago Cubs 16, Arizona 4  
 Colorado 5, N.Y. Mets 4

San Francisco 10, Oakland 4  
 L.A. Angels 7, Philadelphia 1  
 San Diego 3, Minnesota 0

**Wednesday's Games**  
 Minnesota (Santana 11-7) at San Diego (Perdomo 5-5), 12:40 p.m.  
 Cincinnati (Stephenson 0-4) at Pittsburgh (Williams 4-4), 4:05 p.m.  
 Washington (TBD) at Miami (Worley 0-2), 4:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Dodgers (Stewart 0-0) at Atlanta (Teheran 7-9), 4:35 p.m.  
 Arizona (Godley 4-4) at Chicago Cubs (Arieta 10-7), 5:05 p.m.  
 St. Louis (Wainwright 11-5) at Milwaukee (Suter 2-1), 5:10 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets (Flexen 0-1) at Colorado (Chatwood 6-11), 5:40 p.m.  
 Philadelphia (Thompson 1-0) at L.A. Angels (Ramirez 9-9), 7:07 p.m.  
 Oakland (Gossett 2-6) at San Francisco (Moore 3-10), 7:15 p.m.

**Northwest League**  
**North Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Spokane	6	1	.857
Tri-City	4	3	.571
x-Vancouver	3	4	.429
Everett	2	5	.286

**South Division**

W	L	Pct	GB
Eugene	4	3	.571
Hillsboro	4	3	.571
x-Salem-Keizer	3	4	.429
Boise	2	5	.286

**Monday-Wednesday**  
 No games (All-Star break)

**Thursday's Games**  
 Eugene at Spokane, 6:30 p.m.

Everett at Salem-Keizer, 6:35 p.m.  
 Vancouver at Hillsboro, 7:05 p.m.  
 Boise at Tri-City, 7:15 p.m.

### Soccer

**MLS**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	12	3	7	43	22
Chicago	11	5	5	38	40
New York City FC	11	7	4	37	40
New York	11	8	2	35	32
Atlanta United FC	10	7	4	34	28
Columbus	10	11	2	32	33
Orlando City	8	6	3	23	31
New England	7	9	5	26	36
Philadelphia	7	10	5	26	29
Montreal	6	8	6	24	30
D.C. United	5	14	3	18	42

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting K.C.	9	4	9	36	28
FC Dallas	9	4	7	34	23
Houston	9	7	6	33	39
Seattle	8	7	3	31	31
Portland	8	7	3	31	38
Vancouver	9	8	3	30	29
San Jose	8	9	5	29	24
Real Salt Lake	7	12	4	25	30
Los Angeles	6	10	5	23	47
Minnesota United	6	12	2	22	29
Colorado	6	12	2	20	29

**NOTE:** Three points for victory, one point for tie.

**Saturday's Games**  
 FC Dallas at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.  
 Toronto FC at D.C. United, 4 p.m.  
 Orlando City at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.  
 Seattle at Minnesota United, 5 p.m.  
 New England at Chicago, 5:30 p.m.  
 Houston at Real Salt Lake, 7 p.m.

Vancouver at Colorado, 7 p.m.  
 Columbus at San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**  
 Los Angeles at Portland, 1 p.m.  
 New York at New York City FC, 3 p.m.  
 Atlanta United FC at Sporting K.C., 5 p.m.

### Basketball

**WNBA**  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	14	9	.609
Washington	14	9	.609
New York	12	11	.522
Atlanta	10	13	.435
Chicago	8	16	.333
Indiana	8	16	.333

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	19	2	.905
Los Angeles	17	6	.739
Phoenix	13	10	.565
Dallas	11	14	.440
Seattle	10	13	.435
San Antonio	4	21	.160

**Tuesday's Games**  
 San Antonio 93, New York 81

**Wednesday's Games**  
 No games scheduled

**Thursday's Games**  
 Atlanta at Minnesota, 5 p.m.

### Golf

**PGA Tour**  
**FedEx Cup Standings Through July 30**

Points	Money
1. Jordan Spieth	2,579 \$6,793,145
2. Dustin Johnson	2,359 \$6,561,568
3. Hideki Matsuyama	2,204 \$6,074,907
4. Justin Thomas	2,060 \$5,131,179

**Upcoming Schedule**  
 WGC-BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL  
 Site: Akron, Ohio.  
 Course: Firestone Country Club (South Course). Yardage: 7,400. Par: 70.  
 Television: Thursday-Friday, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Golf Channel); Saturday-Sunday, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (Golf Channel); 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (CBS).  
 Defending champion: Dustin Johnson.

### Auto Racing

**NASCAR Monster Energy Cup Series Points Standings Through July 30**

1. Martin Truex Jr.	823
2. Kyle Larson	738
3. Kevin Harvick	726
4. Kyle Busch	723
5. Brad Keselowski	649
6. Denny Hamlin	649
7. Chase Elliott	616
8. Jamie McMurray	615
9. Matt Kenseth	594
10. Clint Bowyer	577
11. Jimmie Johnson	566
12. Ryan Blaney	529
13. Joey Logano	525
14. Kurt Busch	494
15. Ryan Newman	491
16. Erik Jones	469

**Upcoming Schedule**  
 Sunday—1 (heart) NY 355 at The Glen, Watkins Glen Int'l Speedway, Noon (TV: NBCSN).

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