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## College Football

# Ducks run wild in opener



Oregon running back Tony Brooks-James, center, breaks into the open on his way to a touchdown on a kickoff return to start the game against Southern Utah during Saturday's game in Eugene.

AP Photo/Chris Pietsch

## Oregon sets stadium record with nine rushing touchdowns

By STEVE MIMS  
The Register-Guard

EUGENE — An Autzen Stadium record nine rushing touchdowns lived up to Tony Brooks-James' goal for Oregon's veteran backfield.

"Running Back University," the junior said. "That's what we came here to do and what we're going to keep doing."

Brooks-James returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown and Justin Herbert found Jacob Breeland for a 20-yard

touchdown pass to put Oregon ahead for good. From there, the running game took care of the scoring in Oregon's 77-21 win over Southern Utah on Saturday night at Autzen Stadium.

Royce Freeman ran for four touchdowns, Kani Benoit added three and Charles Nelson and Taylor Alie each had one to help the Ducks break the stadium record of seven rushing touchdowns by one team, which the Ducks did

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Oregon coach Willie Taggart, center, throws the "O" to fans as the team celebrates Saturday's victory over Southern Utah.

AP Photo/Chris Pietsch

## Saturday Prep Roundup

# Locals fare well in Ultimook XC race

Hermiston boys, girls fight through mud to finish fifth

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TILLAMOOK — Just miles off the Oregon Coast, 68 prep cross country teams made the trip to run in the Ultimook Race Nike Invitational on Saturday, and Hermiston, Umatilla and Heppner were included in the group.

Hermiston competed in a 5A/6A group that included 20 schools for both the boys and girls side and the Bulldogs earned a fifth place finish in both. The Bulldog girls were without top runner Melany Solorio, but in her place Sheila Solorio carried the team with a 17th place finish with a time of 22:33.64, just two minutes off the winning pace.

Behind Solorio, freshman Amanday Nygard (22:55.04) finished 22nd in her debut and freshman Julianna Joyce (23:26.71) finished 35th.

On the boys side, Emanuel Ibarra was the top finisher in 20th place after running a time of 18:53.40 and Isaac Sanchez finished 26th at 19:14.07. Hermiston coach Troy Blackburn said afterward that Sanchez battled some adversity during the race, losing a shoe in a mud pit that saw him drop for a third place spot way back in the field. Sanchez switched shoes with a coach and then picked up his pace to earn a respectable top-30 finish.

"I'm very pleased with how both teams performed and I am excited for this year," Blackburn said.

Umatilla finished first in the 3,000-meter novice 1A-4A class with 18 points after three top-25 finishes. Abigail Cardenas had the best outing for the Vikings with a time of 15:56.16 to place 12th.

On the boys team, Trevor Reiner made it to the podium after placing 10th (14:24.68) in the 3,000-meters novice

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# Beavers face week of homework

Oregon State not satisfied with victory

By KEVIN HAMPTON  
Albany Democrat-Herald

Oregon State coaches and players have a lot of homework this week.

It started with a long look at the tape of the Beavers' 35-32 win over Portland State on Saturday.

There are plenty of problems to work out and it starts on defense.

The Vikings had 28 first downs, rushed for 291 yards and wound up with 515 total yards. They were forced to punt just twice.

The Beavers (1-1) have had consistent breakdowns against the run in their first two games.

After the game, coach Gary Andersen said he's going to break down the film with intensity and the players will give it a strong going over as well.

"You can't just keep doing the same thing and expect all of



Oregon State quarterback Darell Garretson (10) fumbles the ball while being surrounded by Portland State's Tyler Foreman (1) and Artuz Manning (24) in the second half of Saturday's game in Corvallis. Oregon State won 35-32.

AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez

a sudden the results are going to magically change," Andersen said. "And so we know after two games where we're at from a personnel standpoint and we know what we have to be able to address and we're going to have to get into that room and we have to break it down very aggressively and understand where we're at."

This is not a matter of making a few tweaks to get the situation under control.

Defensive linemen are not executing their assignments, linebackers are getting caught out of position and defensive backs are getting beat over the top.

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## MLB



Houston's Alex Bregman celebrates in the dugout after scoring on a double hit by Josh Reddick against the Seattle Mariners during the seventh inning Monday's game in Seattle.

AP Photo/John Froeschauer

# Keuchel, Astros top Mariners

By JIM HOEHN  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Alex Bregman had a tiebreaking two-run double in Houston's four-run seventh inning and Dallas Keuchel pitched effectively into the eighth to lead the Astros to their fifth straight win, 6-2 over the Seattle Mariners on Monday.

Keuchel (12-3) allowed two runs and seven hits in 7 2/3 innings. He struck out five and walked two in his longest outing since April 5. The



left-hander started the season 9-0, but was 2-3 with a 5.35 ERA in his seven previous starts since coming off the disabled list on July 28.

Yuli Gurriel and Brian McCann had solo homers in the fifth for the Astros,

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## Sports shorts

### Pendleton alum makes collegiate debut at QB for Mountaineers

LA GRANDE — Pendleton High School graduate Kai Quinn made his collegiate debut on Saturday, as he and his Eastern Oregon Mountaineers lost to Southern Oregon 31-21.

Quinn, a sophomore, won the starting QB job for EOU this fall and played well in his debut, rushing for 95 yards and one touchdown as well as throwing for 129 yards and two touchdowns.

His first career TD was a three-yard rush just three minutes into the game that put his team up 7-0.

Coincidentally, Quinn's first career TD pass was a 43-yarder to fellow Buckaroo TJ Hancock with 3:38 left in the second quarter.

Heppner grad C.J. Kindle also made his debut for EOU on Saturday and was credited with one solo tackle.



Quinn

"It's kind of like that old deal when you're a little kid and your mom tells you don't touch the hot stove. So, what do you have to do as a curious kid? You have to go touch the hot stove and you learn real quick how nice that stove is when it's not hot. Needless to say, I'm very thankful to be back here."

— Brock Osweiler

The new Denver Broncos QB told reporters he has no regrets on leaving Denver for Houston in free agency in 2016, but is happy to be back with the team.

### Martinez hits 4 home runs as Diamondbacks thump Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — J.D. Martinez tied a major league record by slugging four of Arizona's six home runs, and the Diamondbacks routed the NL West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers 13-0 on Monday night for their 11th straight victory.

Robbie Ray struck out a career high 14 while helping second-place Arizona match the longest winning streak in the majors this season. The last time the D-backs won 11 in a row was June 18-30, 2003.

The Dodgers are still baseball's best team at 92-45, but they remain mired in a season-worst slump, having dropped four in a row and nine in 10 games.

Martinez is the 18th player in major league history to hit four homers in a game, and the 16th in the modern era.



Martinez

## THIS DATE IN SPORTS

1989 — Chris Evert's illustrious career ends in the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open when she blows a 5-2 first-set lead and is beaten 7-6, 6-2 by Zina Garrison. Evert's record at the U.S. Open is 101-12 and she finishes her career with a match record of 1,304-145 and 18 Grand Slam titles.

1998 — Mark McGwire becomes the third player in baseball history to reach 60 home runs when the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Cincinnati Reds 7-0. He joins Babe Ruth and Roger Maris with 60 homers in a season.

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