

College Football

# Oregon State hosts No. 20 Stanford for weeknight football

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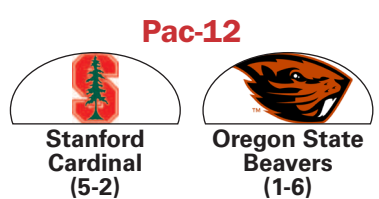
CORVALLIS — In the midst of his Heisman campaign Bryce Love may — or may not — sit this one out.

Stanford's running back tweaked an ankle against Oregon on Oct. 14 and is a game-time decision for the No. 20 Cardinal on Thursday night at Oregon State.

Love is the nation's top running back, averaging 198.1 yards per game. He has 1,387 total yards this season and is averaging 10.27 yards per carry — both also national bests.

The junior human biology major has nine carries of at least 50 yards, more than anyone for an entire season since Melvin Gordon had 10 for Wisconsin in 2014. Love was picked as a midseason AP All-American.

Love ran for 147 yards and two touchdowns in Stanford's 49-7



• Thursday, 6 p.m. (TV: ESPN)  
• at Reser Stadium, Corvallis

victory at home over the Ducks. A few days later, Stanford formally launched his Heisman campaign with the hashtag HeismanLove.

So it's really no surprise that coach David Shaw is unconcerned about the lack of practice time Love has put in leading up to the game.

"If he can't go, fine, he'll go next week. When he's out there, he's going to get the ball," Shaw said. "He's played a lot of football for us the past 2 1/2 years. If it takes until game time for him to be ready to go, he'll go out and play."

Obviously, it's better for the

Beavers if Love watches from the sidelines.

Oregon State (1-6, 0-4 Pac-12) is ranked second-to-last in the Pac-12 for run defense, allowing an average of 200.1 yards a game. In the Beavers' last game, a 36-33 loss at home to Colorado, Phillip Lindsay scored on a 74-yard run for the Buffaloes.

Interim Oregon State coach Cory Hall said Love definitely has his team's attention — but so does the rest of the Cardinal (5-2, 4-1).

"The challenge for us this Thursday night is for us to be against Bryce Love and everyone else on that offense, and same thing with our offense on that talented defense," Hall said. "At the end of the day it's still football. I'm not singling out any one player, they have 10 other guys on that offense you have to account for."

**LOVE'S COUNTERPART:** Oregon State's Ryan Nall is coming

off his best game of the season. He had 24 carries for 172 yards and three touchdowns against Colorado. Stanford inside linebacker Joey Alfieri went to Portland's Jesuit High School and often played against Nall, who went to Central Catholic.

"It seems like we've played against each other since the third grade," Alfieri said about Nall. "He's definitely a challenge."

**BEAVERS' QUARTERBACKS:** The Beavers got a scare when quarterback Darell Garretson briefly left the field during the Colorado game. Oregon State had already lost starter Jake Luton to injury earlier this season. Then they learned that junior receiver Seth Collins would be out indefinitely with health issues. Collins played quarterback for the Beavers his freshman year and was considered an option at the position should injuries pile up. So in response, the

Beavers moved redshirt freshman Mason Moran from safety to quarterback.

**AFTER ANDERSEN:** The Beavers showed a spark in the loss to Colorado, which came five days after the school parted ways with coach Gary Andersen. Hall gave the team an impassioned postgame speech in the locker room saying the team had just begun its transformation.

"They're an energized football team," Shaw said. "They play hard, they play fast and they've had 1 1/2 weeks to get ready. There may be things we haven't seen before and we'll have to make adjustments. They played against Colorado with a lot of heart. From a coaching standpoint, that's good to see."

**HISTORY:** Stanford leads the all-time series against Oregon State 55-25-3, and currently has a seven-game winning streak over the Beavers.

# ECHO: Marti Huff tallies team-high eight blocks, Ray leads with six kills

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Prior to this match, Echo swept three out of its last five opponents. But none had a greater margin of victory than the win over the Mustangs (15-8 overall, 6-1 High Desert League).

"We're finally starting to work together as a unit," Scott said. "It's not just one it's all six — or all nine because the girls on the bench really help out too. We've been working really hard at getting our passes up where they need to be so we can keep the ball in system, and they have been doing that and hitting well."

The Cougars (16-9, 10-5 Old Oregon League) commanded the lead in all three sets, and only fell behind the Mustangs twice in the first set due to service errors.

In that first set, Echo went on a 14-5 run to distance itself from Jordan Valley and take a 16-8 lead. The Mustangs next point would be the last their would earn, a quick tip over the net landed just outside of a Cougar's reach. Echo made sure that wouldn't happen again.

Senior Marti Huff and

sophomore Tylene Skillman each had huge blocks that sandwiched a kill from senior Monique Montoya to push the lead to 19-9.

Skillman and Montoya would go on to earn the four of the six points that sealed Echo's first set victory.

"Tylene is (a) huge (asset)," Scott said. "She has been covering things that are unbelievable and getting things that we would not even think they would be. She just reads the ball well and she is just someone I can put in there and depend on her to get it."

The Cougars again reaped the benefits of Skillman's work at the net, as well as the efforts of senior Alyssa Ray, when they returned to the court. Ray tallied four of her six kills in the second set, but overall Echo relied on Jordan Valley for most of its points.

A 10-2 run that put the Cougars up 21-9 was mostly thanks to attacking errors and a few long balls from the Mustangs' offense.

Going into the third and final set, Jordan Valley was visibly frustrated. After the Mustangs handed Echo the 25-16 second set victory,



they need to get back to the play that allowed them to qualify for playoffs.

Jordan Valley had won eight of its last 10 matches — one due to a forfeit — and only gave up nine sets in the process.

"We were expecting a

game, and we were ready for them," Scott said. "We saw them in North Powder at the tournament. We didn't get to play them, we watched them but of course that was early in the season so we knew they were going to be ready to play, so we came out

**Echo's Annie Barnes tips the ball over the net guarded by Jordan Valley's Becky Mackenzie in the Cougars' 3-0 win against the Mustangs on Wednesday in Echo.**

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

ready to play as well. I told (the girls), 'just be ready for anything.'"

Another long run highlighted the third set, where Huff's talent was on display yet again.

After four errors and down 14-6, Jordan Valley took a timeout. And that breather helped the Cougars more than it did the Mustangs. Huff notched a block and then seconds later a kill to put Echo up 19-7. She again made her presence felt at the net to force the match point after a block landed out every Mustangs reach. Echo couldn't wait to seal the deal, and took their first opportunity at match point to cement the sweep.

"They are excited, they are just leaving it all out there," Scott said. "They have nothing to lose. So they are just playing whole heartedly and with everything they've got."

Plenty of other Cougars also helped out Wednesday night. Junior Lexie Cox ended the night with five kills, two digs, and two aces. Huff had a team-high eight blocks, and Skillman followed with six of her own.

Montoya finished with four digs, three kills, and two aces. Ray led with six kills.

"We definitely worked hard at the net, with passing, hitting — we were in our rotation," Ray said. "We did everything we could have done out there tonight."

Echo will have a quick turnaround with its second round game on Saturday with the opponent TBD at press time.

**HELIX ADVANCES, IONE FALTERS:** Elsewhere in the 1A first round, the Helix Grizzlies and Ione Cardinals were both in action.

Helix kept its season alive as it held off Dufur 3-2 to advance to the second round. Ione came up short on the road against North Clackamas Christian as the Cardinals fell 3-1 (28-26, 14-25, 3-25, 16-25.)

Ione ends the season with a 9-20 overall record. Helix (21-9) will play again on Saturday in the second round with opponent TBD.

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# WORLD SERIES: Astros' Springer calls it "craziest game that I've ever played in"

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Los Angeles Dodgers 7-6 in a Hollywood thriller Wednesday night to tie the Series at one game apiece.

"This is an instant classic and to be part of it is pretty special," Astros starter Justin Verlander said.

On a night of dramatic swings and a World Series-record eight home runs, Marwin Gonzalez stunned the Dodger Stadium crowd with a solo shot off dominant Los Angeles closer Kenley Jansen on an 0-2 pitch in the ninth that made it 3-all.

Jose Altuve and Carlos Correa hit consecutive home runs against Josh Fields in the 10th to build a 5-3 Astros lead, with Correa making a big bat flip to celebrate.

But there was more. Much, much more.

"That's the craziest game



AP Photo/Alex Gallardo

**Houston Astros' George Springer celebrates after hitting a two-run home run during the 11th inning of Game 2 of baseball's World Series against the Los Angeles Dodgers Wednesday in Los Angeles.**

that I've ever played in, and it's only Game 2," Springer said

Puig homered off Ken Giles starting the bottom of the 10th and Enrique Hernandez knotted the

score 5-5 with a two-out RBI single.

Devenski entered and with Hernandez at second, a wild pickoff throw headed toward center field before it struck second base umpire

Laz Diaz. An incredulous Hernandez put both hands on his head, unable to advance, and was stranded when Chris Taylor flied out.

Cameron Maybin, who had entered in the 10th, singled leading off the 11th against losing pitcher Brandon McCarthy, a surprise addition to the Dodgers' World Series roster who was pitching for the first time since Oct. 1. Maybin stole second and Springer hit a drive to right-center for a 5-4 lead, just the third 11th-inning home run in the Series after shots by Kirby Puckett in 1991 and David Freese in 2011.

Springer, an All-Star leadoff hitter, was 0 for 4 with four strikeouts in the Series opener Tuesday.

Devenski retired Corey Seager and Justin Turner on lineouts in the bottom half. Puig checked his swing on a 2-2 pitch — the

Astros jumped when first base umpire Gerry Davis signaled no swing — and Puig fouled off two more. Devenski threw his fifth straight changeup, and Puig swung over it as the Astros ran onto the field to celebrate after finally closing out a back-and-forth game that lasted 4 hours, 19 minutes.

"Oh my gosh, it was crazy. A lot of emotions, a lot of feelings," Correa said. "The ball flies at this ballpark."

After another steamy night in a Santa Ana heat wave, the series shifts to Texas and resumes Friday at Houston's Minute Maid Park, where the retractable roof has not been open for a game since June 8. Lance McCullers Jr. starts for the Astros and Yu Darvish for the Dodgers, who acquired him from Texas at the July 31 trade deadline.

Houston is 6-0 at home in the postseason, where the Astros have outscored the Red Sox and Yankees by a combined 31-7, but just 2-5 on the road.

Before Gonzalez's home run, the Dodgers had an 85 percent chance of winning, according to Fangraphs. After Correa's long ball, the Astros were a 93 percent favorite.

"Up, down, up, down, up," Springer said, describing his emotions over the last few innings. "That's a heck of a game right there."

Houston improved to 10-0 in nine starts and one relief appearance by Verlander, the 2011 AL MVP and Cy Young Award winner obtained in a trade from Detroit at the Aug. 31 deadline to be eligible for the Astros' postseason roster.

## SCOREBOARD

### Local slate

<b>PREP FOOTBALL</b>
<b>Friday</b> Hermiston at Pendleton, 7 p.m. Burns at Irigon, 7 p.m. Nyssa at Umatilla, 7 p.m. Riverside at Vale, 7 p.m. Weston-McEwen at Culver, 7 p.m. Corbett at Heppner, 7 p.m. Arlington at Pilot Rock, 7 p.m. Monroe at Stanfield, 6 p.m. Harper Charter at Echo, 6 p.m.
<b>PREP VOLLEYBALL</b>
<b>Saturday</b> No. 9 Heppner at No. 8 Reedsport (2A first round), Noon No. 12 Pendleton at No. 5 Sandy (5A first round), 4:30 p.m. Echo vs. TBD (1A second round), TBD Helix vs. TBD (1A second round), TBD
<b>PREP BOYS SOCCER</b>
<b>Friday</b> Nyssa at Umatilla, 3:30 p.m. Irrigon at Riverside, 4 p.m. <b>Saturday</b> Catin Gabel at Riverside, 3 p.m. Milwaukie at Hermiston, 7 p.m. (5A Play-in)
<b>PREP GIRLS SOCCER</b>
<b>Friday</b> Irrigon at Riverside, 4 p.m. Nyssa at Umatilla, 5 p.m. <b>Saturday</b> La Salle at Hermiston (5A play-in), 5 p.m.
<b>PREP CROSS COUNTRY</b>
<b>Thursday</b> Pendleton, Hermiston at CRC districts (at Wildhorse), 3:30 p.m. <b>Friday</b> Heppner, Helix, Stanfield, Weston-McEwen, Umatilla at Districts (Pendleton Community Park), 3 p.m.
<b>COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL</b>
<b>Friday</b> BMCC at Treasure Valley, 6 p.m.

EOU at Corban, 7 p.m. <b>Saturday</b> EOU at Northwest Christian, 5 p.m.	<b>COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER</b>
<b>Friday</b> Northwest Christian at EOU, 11:30 a.m. <b>Saturday</b> Corban at EOU, 11:30 a.m.	<b>COLLEGE MEN'S SOCCER</b>
<b>Friday</b> Northwest Christian at EOU, 2 p.m. <b>Saturday</b> Corban at EOU, 2 p.m.	<b>COLLEGE FOOTBALL</b>
<b>Saturday</b> College of Idaho at EOU, 1 p.m.	<b>Baseball</b>
<b>MLB POSTSEASON</b>	<b>WORLD SERIES</b>
(Best-of-7; x if necessary) All Games Televised by Fox <b>L.A. Dodgers 1, Houston 1</b> Tuesday: L.A. Dodgers 3, Houston 1 Wednesday: Houston 7, L.A. Dodgers 6, 11 innings Friday: L.A. Dodgers (Darvish 10-12) at Houston, 5:09 p.m. Saturday: L.A. Dodgers at Houston, 5:09 p.m. Oct. 29: L.A. Dodgers at Houston, 5:16 p.m. Oct. 31: Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 5:09 p.m. Nov. 1: Houston at L.A. Dodgers, 5:10 p.m.	<b>Hockey</b>
<b>Wednesday's Games</b> St. Louis 5, Calgary 2 Columbus 5, Buffalo 1 <b>Thursday's Games</b> San Jose at Boston, 4 p.m. Arizona at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m. Carolina at Toronto, 4 p.m. Winnipeg at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m. Detroit at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m. Anaheim at Florida, 4:30 p.m.	<b>NHL</b>

Los Angeles at Montreal, 4:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Ottawa, 4:30 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Minnesota, 5 p.m. Dallas at Edmonton, 6 p.m. Washington at Vancouver, 7 p.m.	<b>Football</b>
<b>NFL</b>	<b>Thursday's Game</b>
Miami at Baltimore, 5:25 p.m. <b>Sunday's Games</b> Minnesota vs Cleveland at London, UK, 6:30 a.m. San Francisco at Philadelphia, 10 a.m. Oakland at Buffalo, 10 a.m. Indianapolis at Cincinnati, 10 a.m. Carolina at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m. Chicago at New Orleans, 10 a.m. Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m. L.A. Chargers at New England, 10 a.m. Houston at Seattle, 1:05 p.m. Dallas at Washington, 1:25 p.m. Pittsburgh at Detroit, 5:30 p.m. Open: L.A. Rams, Arizona, N.Y. Giants, Jacksonville, Tennessee, Green Bay	<b>NCAA</b>
<b>Top 25 Schedule</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
No. 20 Stanford at Oregon State, 6 p.m. (ESPN)	<b>Friday</b>
No. 24 Memphis vs. Tulane, 5 p.m. (CBSN)	<b>Saturday</b>
No. 2 Penn State at No. 6 Ohio State, 12:30 p.m. (FOX)	No. 3 Georgia vs. Florida at Jacksonville, Fla., 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
No. 4 TCU at No. 25 Iowa State, 12:30 p.m. (ESPN2)	No. 7 Wisconsin at Illinois, 9 a.m. (ESPN)
No. 9 Notre Dame vs. No. 14 NC State, 12:30 p.m. (NBC)	No. 10 Oklahoma vs. Texas Tech, 5 p.m. (ABC)

No. 11 Oklahoma State at No. 22 West Virginia, 9 a.m. (ABC)	<b>Soccer</b>
No. 12 Washington vs. UCLA, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)	<b>MLS Playoffs</b>
No. 13 Virginia Tech vs. Duke, 4:30 p.m.	<b>Knockout Round</b>
No. 15 Washington State at Arizona, 6:30 p.m. (PAC12)	<b>Eastern Conference</b>
No. 16 Michigan State at Northwestern, 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)	Wednesday: New York 4, Chicago 0
No. 17 South Florida vs. Houston, 12:45 p.m. (ESPN2)	Thursday: Columbus at Atlanta, 4 p.m.
No. 18 UCF vs. Austin Peay, 2 p.m. (ESPN3)	<b>Western Conference</b>
No. 21 USC at Arizona State, 7:45 p.m. (ESPN)	Wednesday: San Jose at Vancouver, 7:30 p.m.
	Thursday: Sporting Kansas City at Houston, 6:30 p.m.
	<b>Basketball</b>
	<b>NBA</b>
	<b>Wednesday's Games</b>
	Charlotte 110, Denver 93
	Detroit 122, Minnesota 101
	Houston 105, Philadelphia 104
	Brooklyn 112, Cleveland 107
	Oklahoma City 114, Indiana 90
	San Antonio 117, Miami 100
	Dallas 103, Memphis 94
	Phoenix 97, Utah 88
	Golden State 117, Toronto 112
	L.A. Lakers 102, Washington 99, OT
	<b>Thursday's Games</b>
	Atlanta at Chicago, 5 p.m.
	Boston vs. Milwaukee at Milwaukee, Wis., 5 p.m.
	Dallas at Memphis, 5 p.m.
	L.A. Clippers at Portland, 7 p.m.
	New Orleans at Sacramento, 7:30 p.m.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

**Coby Dougherty**  
Heppner High School • Senior - Football

Dougherty ran for 128 yards on 20 carries with two touchdowns and caught a touchdown pass in Heppner's 44-15 win over Stanfield to clinch the Columbia Basin Conference title.

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