

Sports

OREGON STATE
FOOTBALL

Cougars hold off Beavers

By Kyle Odegard
Associated Press

CORVALLIS — When Washington State fell behind on Saturday, the Cougars' offense responded, and that's part of the team's mindset, said quarterback Gardner Minshew II.

"Any time our backs are to the wall, we're going to come out swinging," Minshew added.

Minshew threw for 430 yards and five touchdowns as Washington State scored 28 straight second half points to beat Oregon State 56-37 on Saturday night.

Tay Martin had 119 yards receiving and two touchdowns and James Williams added 134 yards from scrimmage and a receiving touchdown for the Cougars (5-1, 2-1 Pac-12).

"We have a bunch of guys who can make plays, and I trust any of them in one-on-ones," Minshew said.

Washington State Coach Mike Leach said Minshew has room for improvement this season. "He continues to get better as the receivers get used to him. The receivers around him are young guys," Leach added.

Jermar Jefferson rushed for 139 yards and four touchdowns for the Beavers (1-5, 0-3).

"We gave it all out there, but it's not quite good enough," Oregon State coach Jonathan Smith said. "We're playing good teams and we can't get over the hump."

Oregon State hasn't been able to stop the run lately, but Washington State stuck to its strengths - the Air Raid offense and Minshew's arm - to pull away in the second half.

Washington State stormed out to a 14-0 lead in less than two-and-a-half minutes, thanks in part to a blocked punt that was recovered for a touchdown.

But Oregon State tied things up before the end of the first quarter, scoring its second touchdown after a muffed punt by the Cougars.

The Cougars led 28-24 at the break, but trailed 30-28 after Oregon State scored first in the second half.

BAKER FOOTBALL AGAINST MAC-HI

Bulldogs roll past Pioneers

By Gerry Steele
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Baker has been searching for a solid running game all season.

Friday, the Bulldogs found that missing part of its offense during a 48-12 Greater Oregon League football win over Mac-Hi at Bulldog Memorial Stadium.

Gabe Gambleton got the call to start at quarterback in place of Spencer Shirtcliff and answered by running for 72 yards and four touchdowns on 14 carries.

The Bulldogs ran for 203 yards as a team.

"We obviously ran the ball well," said Baker coach Dave Johnson. "We were pretty pleased with that. The kids did a great job. Give credit to our offensive line. They made the blocks and our backs took advantage of that."

Baker's win, coupled with La Grande's 49-12 win over Ontario Thursday, also tightened the GOL standings.

Ontario and La Grande are knotted in first place with 3-1 records. Baker is right behind those teams with a 2-2 mark.

Baker travels to Ontario Friday, then hosts La Grande in two weeks.

"The kids are ready to go play Ontario," Johnson said. "It will be a big game."

Against Mac-Hi, Gambleton scored his first touchdown with 4:55 left in the first quarter.

On the play Gambleton was surrounded by a trio of Mac-Hi defenders, avoided their rush and sprinted to the corner of the end zone.

Then, after Mac-Hi cut Baker's lead to 7-6 early in the second period, Gambleton scored his second TD when he followed Gauge Bloomer's block into the end zone from 12 yards out.

Baker led 14-6 at halftime.

Gambleton scored his third touchdown with 2:45 left in the third quarter on a 1-yard run.

Baker's defense then got into the scoring column for the third consecutive week eight seconds later.



Kathy Orr/Baker City Herald

Gauge Bloomer runs for positive yards against Mac-Hi Friday.

Sam McCauley forced the Mac-Hi quarterback to fumble and Mason Van Arsdall scooped the ball up and went 25 yards for a 27-6 Baker lead.

"The kids did a really great job defensively," Johnson said.

Besides the fumble return, Spencer Smith had a pair of first-half interceptions.

Gambleton scored his

final TD 47 seconds into the fourth quarter on a 7-yard run.

Shirtcliff then returned at quarterback and completed a pair of touchdown passes to Kaden Myer and Carlos DeLaRosa.

Mac-Hi	0	6	0	6	—	12
Baker	7	7	13	21	—	48

B — Van Arsdall 25 fumble return (Rushton kick)
B — Gambleton 7 run (Kick failed)
B — Myer 51 pass from Shirtcliff (Rushton pass from Flanagan)
B — DeLaRosa 20 pass from Shirtcliff (Rushton kick)
M — White 5 run (Kick failed)

Individual statistics

Rushing — Mac-Hi: White 18-84, Brinkley 1-2, Gilmore 17-1, Birdwell 1-4, Carlson 2-1-23; Baker: Hammans 14-96, Gambleton 14-72, Bloomer 9-35, Shirtcliff 2-0.
Passing — Mac-Hi: Gilmore 11-22-2-120; Baker: Gambleton 4-10-0-35, Shirtcliff 2-4-0-71.
Receiving — Mac-Hi: White 4-62, Quist 3-22, Brinkley 2-9, Birdwell 1-19, Brennan 1-8; Baker: Flanagan 2-25, Myer 1-51, DeLaRosa 1-20, Hammans 1-11, Schwin 1-11.

WASHINGTON FOOTBALL

Gaskin leads Washington past UCLA

By Joe Reedy
AP Sports Writer

PASADENA, Calif. — Jake Browning is known for his arm, but the Washington quarterback showed that he can be elusive on the run.

Browning threw for 265 yards and a touchdown, and he also ran for 49 yards and a score to lead the 10th-ranked Huskies to a 31-24 victory over UCLA on Saturday.

"I think that's his game. As long as he is moving up into the pocket and keeping his eyes downfield, we want him to run," Washington coach Chris Petersen said. "He has a feel for it. He's

crafty when he runs and we want it to be a part of his game."

Browning, who was one yard off his rushing best of 50 against Montana in 2017, said none of the runs were designed plays. Even though there was immediate talk about next week's game at No. 18 Oregon, Browning was happy that the Huskies were able to get their first win over the Bruins at the Rose Bowl since 1995.

"It feels pretty good to get the win down here. There's always stuff we need to work on, but now we're moving on," said Browning, who completed 18 of 26 passes with one touchdown and one interception.

Browning wasn't the only Huskies player to have success on the ground. Myles Gaskin rushed for 116 yards and two touchdowns as Washington (5-1, 3-0 Pac-12) held the ball for 38 minutes, 9 seconds.

Aaron Fuller had five receptions for 100 yards.

The Huskies led 24-7 at halftime but saw the Bruins climb back within a touchdown twice in the fourth quarter.

WEEK AHEAD IN
HIGH SCHOOL
SPORTS

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

■ **Boys soccer:** Four Rivers at Baker, 3 p.m.
■ **Volleyball:** Burnt River at Prairie City, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCT. 11

■ **Volleyball:** Baker JV2 at La Grande, 4 p.m.; Baker JV at La Grande, 5 p.m.; Imbler at Powder Valley, 5 p.m.; Baker at La Grande, 6:30 p.m.; Adrian at Burnt River, 7 p.m.
■ **Football:** Ontario JV at Baker, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCT. 12

■ **Football:** Huntington at Burnt River, 2 p.m.; Baker at Ontario, 6 p.m.; Pine-Eagle at Elgin, 7 p.m.; Cove at Powder Valley, 7 p.m.
■ **Volleyball:** Cove at Powder Valley, 4 p.m.; Huntington at Burnt River, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 13

■ **Girls soccer:** Ontario at Baker, 2 p.m.
■ **Boys soccer:** Ontario at Baker, noon; Ontario JV at Baker, 2 p.m.
■ **Volleyball:** Powder Valley at Griswold, 10 a.m.; Powder Valley at Nixyaawii, 3 p.m.
■ **Cross country:** Baker at Burns, 11:15 a.m.

AT A GLANCE

Late field goal lifts Portland St. to road win

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — A quartet of takeaways, some clock control and a freshman kicker helped Portland State end its 12-game losing streak in Big Sky Conference football with a 22-20 win over turnover-prone Montana on Saturday.

Cody Williams' 52-yard field goal with 4 seconds left also let Portland State (2-4, 1-2) snap its road losing streak at 10 games. It was Williams' third field goal of the game and his career-long.

It came after a fumble by Montana's Keenan Curran at the Portland 23 with 4:10 left in the game. The Vikings drove to the Grizzlies' 35 — running the ball seven times and also converting a fourth-and-3 pass — before calling their final timeout with 9 seconds left.

Williams then hit the game-winner.

"Anybody who beats the Montana Grizzlies at home, you have to be proud of the group," said fourth-year Portland State coach Bruce Barnum. "I was proud of the defense. Then credit goes to that guy down there for putting it through the sticks."

"Throughout the whole fourth quarter everyone was coming up to me and saying, 'Hey, it might come down to you. Get ready; we know you have it,' " Williams said. "I've been dreaming of that moment for so many years. I'm glad it finally came down to it and I was able to produce for my team."

Montana (4-2, 2-1) had shaken off a rough start to twice take the lead in the second half.

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