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PAC-12 FOOTBALL

Ducks hold off Bruins

By Anne M. Peterson
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EUGENE — Tyler Shough and Devon Williams have found their on-field chemistry. Shough threw for 334 yards and three touchdowns and No. 11 Oregon held off short-handed UCLA 38-35 on Saturday to remain undefeated.

Williams was Shough's favorite target, with six catches for 123 yards, including a 19-yarder for a touchdown and a 49-yard reception that helped set up a third-quarter score.

"He's been such an electric player in practice, and that's showing in the games," Shough said about his sophomore receiver who has been challenged over the past two weeks to contribute with receiver Mycah Pittman unavailable.

At 3-0, Oregon solidified its spot atop the Pac-12 North. UCLA (1-2) had several players out because of COVID-19 protocols and contact tracing, including starting quarterback Dorian Thompson-Robinson. Redshirt freshman Chase Griffin started.

"I will not have the opportunity to play vs. Oregon today for reasons out of my control. Frustrated I can't help the team but they will still be great regardless! #Go-Bruins," Thompson-Robinson posted to Twitter shortly before the game.

Griffin threw for 195 yards and a touchdown, with two interceptions. Demetric Felton rushed for a career-high 167 yards and two touchdowns, including an 11-yard scoring run that got the Bruins within three with 3:43 left.

"I think that was less about Oregon's defense and more about how our offense was operating. All the running backs did a great job and up front, we were phenomenal. And then as far as our playmakers on the outside, I can't ask for any better effort as quarterback. We came out and played hard today," Griffin said.

Oregon's ensuing drive failed and UCLA got the ball



Chris Pietsch/The Register-Guard

Oregon's Devon Williams pulls down a Tyler Shough pass for a touchdown against UCLA in the first quarter Saturday, Nov. 21, at Autzen Stadium in Eugene.

"He's been such an electric player in practice, and that's showing in the games."

— Oregon quarterback **Tyler Shough**, talking about wide receiver **Devon Williams**, who had a touchdown catch in the Ducks' 38-35 win over UCLA on Saturday

back with 1:24 left. A penalty on the Ducks got the Bruins a first down on the Oregon 39. But Oregon went on to stop the Bruins on fourth-and-12 to end it.

That was way closer than the Ducks would have liked. "We weren't our very best today, and we know there are things to improve," Oregon coach Mario Cristobal said.

UCLA coach Chip Kelly thought that with Griffin playing well, the Bruins had a chance at the end.

"I know in Pac-12 games you need as many points as you can so if you could get one, you know, on a tip or something there. We were just trying to throw on up to the end zone and see if we could get a tip and possibly make a play. But the defensive lineman slipped out, Chase didn't have a chance to set his feet and the ball went

straight up. It's not Chase's fault. He was trying to everything he could."

Thompson-Robinson, junior, threw for 196 yards and three touchdowns and ran for 52 yards and another score in UCLA's 34-10 victory over Cal last Sunday. Saturday's game was originally set for Friday night, but moved after that game at the Rose Bowl came together.

Oregon took an early lead on Shough's 19-yard scoring pass to Devon Williams, midway through the opening quarter. The Ducks recovered a fumble on the kickoff return, and scored on the next play with Shough's 32-yard pass to Travis Dye.

Shough, who replaced Justin Herbert as Oregon's starter this season, threw for 312 yards with four touchdowns, and had nine carries for 81 yards, in a victory at Washington State last week-end.

Felton pulled the Bruins closer with a 1-yard touchdown before they tied it on a Qwantrezz Knight's 20-yard fumble return early in the second quarter. Knight scooped up the ball on a bounce after it was knocked from Oregon running back CJ Vedell's hands.

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Beavers rally past Cal Bears for first win

By Gary Horowitz
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CORVLLIS — Oregon State quarterback Tristan Gebbia passed for a touchdown, ran for a touchdown and was on the receiving end of a score in the Beavers' 31-27 victory Saturday over California at Reser Stadium.

Gebbia is the first Pac-12 quarterback since 1996 to account for touchdowns via the air, ground and as a receiver.

"That was definitely the first time I caught a touchdown pass," said Gebbia, who completed 12 of 20 for 147 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. "That was pretty cool."

Gebbia's 1-yard touchdown run with 4:30 remaining, set up by Jesiah Irish's blocked punt, gave Oregon State its final lead.

California drove to the Beavers' 10 late in the fourth quarter, but on first-and-goal Chase Garbers' pass was tipped by Hamilcar Rashed Jr. and intercepted by fellow linebacker John McCartan.

"Very unfortunate play," said Garbers, who passed for 315 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions. "Defensive back came free off the edge. Tried to throw our hot route to (Trevon) Clark. Tipped it straight up in the air, hoping it would just go backward or off to the side. But worst-case scenario, it went straight up in the air."

Jermar Jefferson's 65-yard run with just under a minute to go sealed the win for Oregon State (1-2, 1-2 Pacific 12), which opened the season with losses to Washington State and Washington.

"After I passed the second level I was like, 'This game. We won it,'" Jefferson said.

Jefferson ran for 196 yards, including a 75-yard jaunt on the game's first offensive play.

Oregon State led 24-20 in the fourth quarter and had possession, but safety Elijah Hicks intercepted a Gebbia pass and returned it 30 yards to the Beavers' 32.

The turnover led to Garber's 2-yard touchdown pass to tight end Jake Tonges and a 27-24 California lead with 8:01 remaining.

Tyjon Lindsey's 7-yard touchdown pass to a wide-open Gebbia gave the Beavers a 24-20 lead with 13:35 left.

California (0-2, 0-2) gained 439 total yards to 360 for the Beavers, but the Bears will have to wait at least another week for their first win.

"It's a very frustrating loss, it's frustrating for everyone," California coach Justin Wilcox said.

BOISE STATE FOOTBALL

Broncos top Hawaii, 40-32

HONOLULU (AP) — Avery Williams had 192 all-purpose yards — including a 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown — Khalil Shakir caught two touchdowns passes, and Boise State beat Hawaii 40-32 on Saturday night.

Andrew Van Buren had a career-high of 27 carries and 113 yards rushing for Boise State (4-1, 4-0 Mountain West Conference). Shakir finished with a career-best 11 receptions for 130 yards.

Williams, the 2019 conference special teams player of the year, had a 34-yard punt return to the Hawaii 44 and two plays later Hank Bachmeier hit Khalil Shakir for a 38-yard touchdown. The Rainbow Warriors then

went three-and-out — for the fourth time in their first six possessions — and Shakir caught a 3-yard TD pass from wide receiver CT Thomas on a jet-sweep pass to make it 19-3 just before halftime.

Chevan Cordeiro was 25-of-48 passing for 253 yards and three TDs — including two to Calvin Turner — and added 90 yards rushing on 18 carries for Hawaii (2-3, 2-3). Turner had scoring catches of 36 and 15 yards and scored on a 1-yard run.

Boise State has won nine in a row against the Rainbow Warriors, including a 31-10 victory in the 2019 conference championship game.

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

FC Dallas eliminates Timbers

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PORTLAND — Jimmy Maurer saved Jorge Villafana's shootout attempt and FC Dallas advanced 8-7 on penalty kicks in the Major League Soccer playoffs after a 1-1 draw with the Portland Timbers on Sunday night.

Dallas will face the winner of Tuesday night's match between the defending champion Seattle Sounders and LAFC in the Western Conference semifinals.

"I was frustrated. I felt like I

was getting good reads on the PKs. I got really close on a few," Maurer said. "I just knew that the guys were taking their shots so well, that I was like, 'I've just gotta get one, I've just gotta get one, and we're going to win it.'"

Villafana scored in the 81st minute to give Portland the lead, but 17-year-old Ricardo Pepi's goal in stoppage time sent the match into extra time.

"When you leave a game to PKs it can go either way. It's unfortunate because we did everything to be able to have

won this match, until that moment. But this is what the game is all about. At the end of the day, you need to be good in all areas," Timbers coach Giovanni Savarese said.

Portland was coming off a 1-1 draw with LAFC in the final regular-season game. Villafana scored the late equalizer in that one.

Against Dallas, Villafana took a short, well-placed pass from Diego Valeri and buried the ball into the far corner. It was Valeri's 100th assist across all competitions.

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