

Sports

OREGON FOOTBALL

Ducks' offense disappears in 2nd half of 21-17 loss to Cal

■ Oregon led 17-14 at halftime but failed to score in the 2nd half and had two turnovers

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BERKELEY, Calif. — Oregon's turnovers have been costly in recent weeks, and now the Ducks are hurting themselves with ill-timed penalties.

California cleaned up its mistakes and finally got a win. Chase Garbers threw for a touchdown and ran for a short score, Muelu Iosefa made a late fumble recovery, and Cal handed Oregon its second straight loss with a 21-17 victory Saturday night. No. 21 Oregon (3-2) got the ball back with 2:01 left and Tyler Shough marched the Ducks down the field, but his team gave the ball away once again in what has become a pattern for the Ducks this season.

"I see a team that's really trying. I see a coaching staff that's working their tails off," coach Mario Cristobal said. "We haven't done good enough the last two weeks." Garbers outshined young Oregon star Shough, who threw for 231 yards in his fifth time with 200-plus yards passing in as many career starts.

Shough's 67-yard completion to Travis Dye in the final minute of the second quarter set up a 1-yard touchdown run by Cyrus Habibi-Likio that lifted the Ducks to a 17-14 halftime lead.

They didn't score again. "It was just us shooting ourselves in the foot," Shough said. "We really just handed that game away at the end." Garbers completed 10 of his first 13 passes and wound up 20 of 32 for 183 yards for the Golden Bears (1-3), who had an extra-point attempt blocked in the waning moments of a 24-23 loss to rival Stanford in the Big Game last Friday on their home field. Nikko Remigio's 28-yard TD in the third was his longest reception of the season and his six catches were a season high. Makai Polk also made six receptions and Cal's defense stopped the Ducks



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Oregon QB Tyler Shough (12) throws a pass as California's Daniel Scott (32) closes in during their game on Saturday, Dec. 5, at Berkeley, California.

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on fourth-and-1 at the Bears 18 early in the final quarter. Kuony Deng forced the late fumble by Johnny Johnson III that Iosefa recovered. "Just being the second guy there I just wanted to get an opportunity to spit it out, and luckily it happened," said Deng, who had the first two forced fumbles of his career. Shough wound up 14 of 26. He lost a fumble after throwing two interceptions in last week's loss to Oregon State. The Ducks dropped 12 spots from ninth in the AP poll this week. Losing to the Beavers cost Oregon whatever shot it had at a spot in the College Football Playoff after the team had been ranked 15th in the first CFP rankings. A holding penalty by JH Tevis and Josh Drayden's illegal block on Oregon's second offensive series moved the Ducks to Cal's 8, but they had to settle for a 21-yard field goal from Henry Katleman. Cal answered 13 plays

later, converting two third downs on the way to Garbers' 1-yard TD run. The Bears overcame a false start penalty near the end of the first quarter then capitalized on an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and pass interference by Oregon, going ahead 14-3 on Bradrick Shaw's 1-yard TD run with 5:31 left in the first half. Garbers helped set up the score with a 21-yard scamper for his fifth career run of 20 or more yards. Shaw scored his first career rushing touchdown to cap Cal's longest drive of the season at 19 plays. The Bears want to build on this and stay in the postseason mix. "It's a good thing any time we have some success and then are able to parlay that into more opportunities to play," coach Justin Wilcox said. **TAKING CARE OF THE BALL** Cristobal stressed taking care of the ball, baffled by all the offensive mistakes leading to costly turnovers. There were five lost fumbles and four interceptions in the first four games. The Ducks didn't have a turnover until Shough's lost

fumble midway through the fourth, and then the other in the closing moments. But Oregon also committed penalties all game — nine for 60 yards in all. These mistakes will certainly be evaluated going forward. Late in the second quarter, offensive lineman Malae-sala Aumavae-Laulu had consecutive penalties with a personal foul then a false start. **THE TAKEAWAY** • Oregon: The Ducks run defense held Cal to 88 yards rushing. ... Oregon hadn't lost in the series since a 52-49, two-overtime defeat in Berkeley on Oct. 21, 2016, having won 10 of the last 11 against Cal overall ... The Ducks lost for only the third time in their last 16 Pac-12 games. • California: The Bears didn't score on their opening drive for the first time this season. ... Drayden notched his team-best fourth pass breakup this season and the 12th for his career. ... Garbers ran for his second TD of the season and seventh overall. ... Cal's 19-play scoring drive was its longest since another of 19 plays vs. Oregon State in 2016.

OREGON MEN'S BASKETBALL

Oregon pulls away from Seton Hall

By Eric Olson
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OMAHA, Neb. — Eugene Omoruyi put together another strong game for No. 21 Oregon, and coach Dana Altman is eager to see what he does next. Playing in his second game since transferring from Rutgers, Omoruyi scored 22 points to lead the Ducks past Seton Hall 83-70 on Friday night. "He's all about team, and it's so easy to coach and work with him," Altman said. "He listens, he tries to do everything we ask him to do. When he doesn't do something and you bark at him a little bit, he knows it and he's ready to adjust. "He's going to have a tremendous year. Wow, this week, two really good games." Oregon bounced back from an 83-75 loss to Missouri in its opener, a game in which Omoruyi had a career-high 31 points and 11 rebounds in his first game since transferring. The Ducks (1-1) didn't pull away against Seton Hall until the last eight minutes, when

they went on a 14-4 run and built a 16-point lead. Eric Williams Jr. scored 10 of his 15 points in the second half and Chris Duarte finished with 14 points. Seton Hall (1-3) is off to its worst start since the 1982-83 team opened with five straight losses. Shavar Reynolds Jr. led the Pirates with 17 points and Tyrese Samuel and Myles Cale each had 11. The Ducks all but shut down Pirates star Sandro Mamukelashvili. It took him 15 minutes to make his first basket, and that was a bank-in 3 from the wing. The 6-foot-11 senior didn't score

again until he dunked with about five minutes left in the game. Mamukelashvili came into the game averaging a Big East-leading 21.7 points. He attempted only seven shots and finished with 10 points. "Our goal was to keep the ball out of his hands as much as possible," Altman said. "There's no doubt he's the guy who stirs the drink for them." Seton Hall coach Kevin Willard said it was apparent the Ducks were doing all they could to clamp down on Mamukelashvili. "I didn't do a good job of moving him around enough

to get him in different situations," Willard said. "That's more on me than it is on Sandro." Oregon got a boost from LJ Figueroa, a transfer from St. John's who received his NCAA waiver on Friday. He scored six points, grabbed nine rebounds and played tough defense on Mamukelashvili. "Well, LJ Figueroa is a heck of a player," Altman said. "He gave us so much energy tonight. He was the difference in the game. If we didn't have him, I'm not sure we would have been successful."

OREGON STATE FOOTBALL

Beavers' rally falls short against Utah

By John Coon
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah has found a new star at running back. Ty Jordan ran for a career-high 167 yards and a touchdown to help Utah survive a late rally and beat Oregon State 30-24 for its first win of the season. Jordan, a true freshman, totaled 129 yards rushing in his first two games. He added 22 yards receiving Saturday while getting 29 total touches on offense. His vision and breakaway speed have allowed him to emerge in a crowded backfield after only a few games. "He's like a little rock," receiver Britain Covey said. "If I were a recruiter, the first type of player I would recruit is someone like Ty Jordan." Jordan has gained confidence with each game. He has already made enough strides that Utah coach Kyle Whittingham declared him as the team's lead back after only three games at the FBS level.

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— Jonathan Smith, Oregon State head coach

"I feel really prepared," Jordan said. "I have a great coach. I have great running backs around me that I can just learn from and bounce ideas off of and talk with." The Utes (1-2, 1-2 Pac-12) piled up 229 yards rushing overall to snap a two-game losing streak. Jake Bentley added 174 yards passing and a touchdown for Utah. Chance Nolan threw for 202 yards and a touchdown and added 36 yards rushing in his first career start. It wasn't quite enough for the Beavers (2-3, 2-3 Pac-12) to overcome a sluggish start on offense. Oregon State seized momentum as the fourth quarter progressed. The Beavers cut a 20-point deficit to six on Kolby Taylor's 21-yard catch between two defenders with 5:07 left. Oregon State had a couple of chances to drive for a go-ahead touchdown. Nate Ritchie stopped Tyler for a 1-yard loss on 4th-and-1 at the Utah 31 to end the first threat. The Utes were forced to punt with 1:16 left, but Nolan's fourth-down pass to Luke Musgrave fell incomplete with 21 seconds remaining. "We're gonna fight for four quarters," Beavers coach Jonathan Smith said. "I respect the effort and competitiveness of our outfit. But we got to execute better to win games." Utah gained only 21 yards in the fourth quarter and went 3-and-out or turned the ball over on downs on three straight drives to open the door for Oregon State to rally. "We just got too vanilla and too unimaginative," Whittingham said. "That was awful to have three 3-and-outs in a row when we could have put the game on ice." Utah leaned on explosive running from Jordan to take control in the first half. Jordan piled up 81 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries before halftime. His touchdown, a 1-yard plunge off a long draw play on 4th-and-goal, put the Utes up 16-3 late in the second quarter. Oregon State seemed lost on offense with starting quarterback Tristan Gebbia and top running back Jer-mar Jefferson both sidelined. The Beavers found some temporary footing when Calvin Tyler scored on a 1-yard run to narrow Utah's lead to 16-10 just before halftime.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 25

Coastal Carolina holds off BYU

CONWAY, S.C. (AP) — Mateo Sudipo stopped BYU's Dax Milne at the 1 as time expired and No. 14 Coastal Carolina beat the eighth-ranked Cougars 22-17 in a short-notice showdown of 9-0 teams Saturday night. BYU (9-1, No. 13 CFP) was a late-week fill-in, traveling more than 2,200 miles to the South Carolina coast and eagerly stepping in after No. 25 Liberty had to back out of the game Thursday due to COVID-19 concerns. It looked like an uphill climb for Coastal (10-0) with BYU entering with a dynamic passer in Zach Wilson and the fourth-highest scoring offense in the country at more than 47 points a game. The Sun Belt East champion Chanticleers (10-0) controlled the clock with three long touchdown drives and made plays when it counted.

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