# Beavers fall to Purdue in opener

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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind.— Purdue coach Jeff Brohm promised to make changes heading into this season. On Saturday, Sept. 4, it paid dividends.

Now, he's hoping it keeps working.

Jack Plummer threw for 313 yards and two late touchdowns while the Boilermakers' revamped defense made sure it held up for a 30-21 victory over Oregon State to cap the 500th game played at Ross-Ade Stadium.

Purdue has won 291 games since its home venue opened in 1924 and this one came in prime time and in front of the largest home crowd in 644 days — thanks largely to the Boilermakers defense.

"I think they played really hard, tough, had a couple huge fourth-down stops," Brohm said. "We did what we had to do"

It was good enough to snap a four-game losing streak and bring some relief to a program that hasn't played in a bowl

game since 2018.

The difference: Two fourth-down stops in the second half, which Purdue (1-0) converted into 10 points and Brohm's willingness to throw it deep late in the game.

Plummer finished 29 of 41, sealing the victory with a 50-yard TD pass to a wide open Payne Durham with 2:09 left.

"Sometimes those play calls can be really stupid when they don't work," Brohm said. "But I knew while we ran the ball a little better, we had to convert and pass the football. Jack did a great job."

Oregon State (0-1) lost its fourth in a row and still has only two nonconference wins under fourth-year coach Johnathan Smith.

And this one came down to the inability to keep drives moving.

When the Beavers failed to convert on fourth down late in the third quarter, Mitchell Fineran capitalized with his third field goal to give Purdue a 16-7 lead. When it happened again in the fourth, Plummer threw a 5-yard touchdown



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Oregon State quarterback Sam Noyer (6) escapes from Purdue defensive tackle Branson Deen (58) during the first half of Saturday's game in West Lafayette, Indiana, on Sept. 4, 2021.

pass to Durham for a 23-14 edge with 4:56 left.

"We've got to execute better offensively," Smith said. "We had a guy or two not on point and that's hard on offense."

Sam Noyer struggled in his Oregon State debut. The transfer from Colorado was pulled in the third quarter and his replacement, Chance Nolan, led the Beavers to two fourth-quarter scores to twice cut the deficit to two. B.J. Baylor ran for two scores.

#### THE TAKEAWAY

Oregon State: Noyer's spotty start and Nolan's strong finish will likely create a debate over who should start for the Beavers in Week 2. But the offensive line needs to improve, too. The Beavers ran 25 times for 78 yards and Noyer found himself under pressure frequently in the first half.

Purdue: George Karlaftis' return and Brohm's aggressive defensive philosophy proved to be the perfect combination Saturday. The offense, meanwhile, made just enough impact plays. But Purdue will have a much better sense of how much it has improved in two weeks with a visit to No. 9 Notre Dame.

#### **STAT PACK**

Oregon State: Noyer went 10 of 21 with 94 yards and one interception. He's the first Oregonian to start at quarterback for the Beavers since Ryan Gunderson in 2005. ... Nolan was 10 of 16 with 157 yards. ... Trevon Bradford caught five passes for 75 yards.

Purdue: David Bell had eight receptions for 134 yards, the 11th 100-yard game of his career.... Durham's seven catches, 120 yards and two TDs were all career bests. ... Zander Horvath ran for 81 yards and one TD. ... Karlaftis finished with four tackles but made his presence felt repeatedly.

#### STRANGE NIGHT

The game was riddled with replay reviews, trick plays, the fourth-down tries and even included a first-quarter ejection of Oregon State linebacker Cory Stover for targeting.

Purdue had one touchdown overturned late in the first half, and Jack Albers was picked off on a fake field goal early in the third after it appeared Durham had made a first-down catch. The Purdue bench also got in on the action, drawing an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty in the first half that knocked the Boilermakers out of field-goal range.

#### **UP NEXT**

Oregon State: Opens its home schedule next Saturday against Hawaii.

Purdue: Visits UConn next Saturday.

## Montana shocks Huskies, 13-7

**ByTIM BOOTH** 

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SEATTLE — A couple
of weeks before the season
started, Montana coach Bobby Hauck met with university president Seth Bodnar.
His message was clear: The
Grizzlies were going to be
really good and even might
take down Washington in
the opener.

Yes, that Washington. The one from the Pac-12 and expected to challenge for a conference title.

"He asked me how I thought we'd do and I told him we'd win," Hauck said.

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Shockingly, Hauck turned out to be right.

Montana became the first FCS team to upset a ranked FBS team in five years, stunning No. 20 Washington 13-7 on Saturday, Sept. 4.

The Grizzlies were the better of their Pac-12 foe, pulling off arguably the biggest victory in school history outside of winning two FCS national titles.

Montana is the first FCS team to beat a ranked FBS team since North Dakota State won at No. 13 Iowa 23-21 early in the 2016 season, and the fifth time it has happened since Appalachian State's famous upset of No. 5 Michigan in 2007. It was Montana's second victory over Washington, the last coming in 1920.

"This is the Washington Huskies. OK. This is App State over Michigan," said Hauck, a one-time assistant at Washington.

Montana quarterback Cam Humphrey scored on a 4-yard run early in the fourth quarter, and the Grizzlies added a short field goal with 2:54 left to take a six-point lead. Needing a touchdown to avoid the upset, Washington came up empty on its final two possessions. Dylan Morris was incomplete on fourthand-2 with 1:33 left giving the ball back to the Grizzlies.

Montana was able to run off only 21 seconds, and Kevin Macias' 50-yard field goal attempt was well short. Given one more chance, Washington reached the Montana 43, but Morris' pass was intercepted by Marcus Welnel with 31 seconds left and those in maroon and silver started a wild celebration.

### **Hawaii tops Vikings**

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HONOLULU (AP) — Chevan Cordeiro passed for three touchdowns, Dedrick Parson ran for two scores and Hawaii beat Portland State 49-35 on Saturday night, Sept. 4 in the first-ever football game played on school campus.

The 9,000-seat retro-fitted Clarence T.C. Ching Complex will be the program's home until the New Aloha Stadium Entertainment District is completed. It was Hawaii's first home game outside of Aloha Stadium since Dec. 7, 1974 when the Rainbow Warriors hosted Arizona State at Honolulu Stadium, which had served as the team's home

field from 1926-74. Cordeiro threw touchdown

passes to Nick Mardner and Jared Smart, Calvin scored on a wild winding 38-yard run — on which he crossed over into Hawaii territory before racing down the left sideline into the end zone — and Parson ran for a 17-yard TD as the Rainbow Warriors scored touchdowns on their first four possessions to take a 28-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Parson added a 2-yard TD run in the third quarter and Dae Dae Hunter, who finished with 128 yards rushing, scored on a 59-yard run in the fourth for Hawaii (1-1).

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