Beavers stun Trojans in LA, improve to 3-1

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LOS ANGELES — Chance Nolan threw four touchdown passes and Oregon State beat Southern California 45-27 on Saturday night, Sept. 25.

Tyjon Lindsey had five receptions for 102 yards and two touchdowns, B.J. Baylor ran for 158 yards and the Beavers (3-1, 1-0 Pac-12) ended a 24-game losing streak — dating to 1960 the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. It was their fourth win in 49 road games (4-42-3) in the series.

"I just love the feeling of getting a big team win. It doesn't matter what I did, it matters what we all did, and I was just a small part of it," Lindsey said. "The praise goes to the team. It's a team effort, and I love the way we handled business here. It looked like a complete team to me."

Kedon Slovis threw for 355 yards with one touchdown and three interceptions as the Trojans (2-2, 1-2) lost their

second straight home game as double-digit favorites. It was the first home game for interim coach Donte Williams, who replaced Clay Helton two days after a 42-28 loss to Stanford on Sept. 11.

"Well, tonight just wasn't our night," Williams said. "Oregon State, tonight they outcoached us, they outplayed us, and it will all get fixed. I promise you that."

Oregon State used a dominant run game and Nolan's precise passing to methodically wear down USC, scoring touchdowns on five straight drives starting in the second quarter. That included consecutive 92-yard marches, the latter capped by Tre'Shaun Harrison's 36-yard scoring grab with 44 seconds left in the first half that put the Beavers up for good.

Nolan was 15-of-19 passing for 213 yards, though he did throw his first two interceptions of the season, and added 57 yards rushing.

Oregon State ran for 319



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Chance Nolan (10) of the Oregon State Beavers avoids a tackle from Drake Jackson #99 of the USCTrojans during the second quarter at Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum on Sept. 25, 2021 in Los Angeles. Oregon State upset USC, 45-27.

yards, repeatedly gashing USC's defense with fly sweeps and other runs to the perimeter. Those plays opened up play-action passes, with tight end Teagan Quitoriano left all alone to catch Nolan's opening touchdown.

"When we first got on offense, our offensive line just was dominating the whole game," Baylor said. "Every offensive possession, just the offensive line was pushing

'em back, and the holes was just opening, so I give all the praise to the offensive line and the tight ends and the wide receivers for blocking."

Inside linebacker Jack Colletto added two short scoring runs on direct snaps, and he picked off Slovis late in the fourth quarter.

With freshman quarterback Jaxson Dart unavailable because of a knee injury sustained after coming off the

bench to lead the Trojans' win at Washington State, Slovis started but was hampered by the same issues that cost him against the Cardinal, including dropped passes and inconsistent protection.

"This is not gonna turn around overnight," Slovis said. "We're trying to build something here, and Coach Donte has done a great job of starting to hold guys accountable and changing the culture and building the culture. You're not gonna see it change in one week, and we have a lot of work to do, and the main thing, the message we're kind of having is we got to stay together and stay up."

Keaontay Ingram did offer some pop in the ground game for USC in the first half, but he became less of a factor as the game went on. He finished with 79 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Dart will be week to week after he underwent surgery to repair his meniscus, Williams said.

The takeaway

Oregon State: With the efficient Nolan leading the way and a solid defense starting to find itself, the Beavers have to feel like they can now be a factor in the jumbled Pac-12. At minimum, they are on track to reach a bowl game for the first time since the 2013 season ended with a victory in the Hawaii Bowl.

USC: It won't be an easy fix for the Trojans' next coach. Their issues with poor recruitment, inadequate player development and a lack of fundamentals were repeatedly exposed by Oregon State.

Up Next

Oregon State: The Beavers host Washington on Saturday and will try to end a nine-game losing streak in the series.

USC: The Trojans have an early start at Colorado on Saturday, with kickoff set for the equivalent of 11 a.m. in Los Angeles.

EOU suffers first loss of season

By DAVIS CARBAUGH

The (La Grande) Observer LA GRANDE — No. 11 Eastern Oregon suffered its first loss of the year, losing in brutal fashion to rival College of Idaho. The Yotes limited the Mountaineer's offensive output throughout the game, winning 24-7 at Community Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 25.

The College of Idaho totaled 419 yards to just 252 for Eastern Oregon, while putting up 212 rushing yards behind a standout performance from running back Nick Calzaretta. The senior rushed for 122 yards and hauled in 16 receiving yards.

The offensive output for Eastern struggled throughout the game, as quarterback Kai Quinn constantly had to rely on his legs to move the ball. Quinn went 14-for-37 with 180 passing yards, while ern's offense stalled for the rushing for 53 yards.

The Yotes set the tone on their first offensive possession, with a steady flow of rushing gains down the field. Yotes quarterback Jack Rice finished the drive with a 39yard deep ball to Isaiah Veal to put the first points on the board in the first quarter.

The Mountaineers bounced back, driving the ball quickly down field behind several big runs from Quinn. He found the end zone on a 24-yard rush to tie the game at 7-7 midway through the first quarter. Unfortunately for the Mountaineers, this would go on to be the team's only score of the game.

what became mostly a stalemate, with both defenses stepping up for most



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Eastern Oregon guarterback Kai Quinn drops back in the pocket during a game against the College of Idaho on Saturday, Sept. 25. The Yotes limited offensive production from the Mountaineers throughout the game, defeating Eastern 24-7 at Community Stadium.

of the first half. A field goal from Stan Mulderij gave the Yotes a 10-7 lead early in the second quarter, but he finished the day one for three. Eastern went into halftime trailing 10-7.

In the second half, Eastmajority of possessions late in the game. Coming off a fourth down stop by Eastern's defense with their back on the wall at the Mountaineers' seven-yard line, Quinn was intercepted on the first play of the ensuing drive. Cade Flint made the interception and ran it back five yards to put the College of Idaho up 17-7 with 2:36 re-

maining in the third quarter. Eastern had several offensive possessions in the fourth quarter that stalled out, allowing the Yotes to hold their lead. Rice later completed a five-yard pass to Connor Gagain with just over two minutes left in the fourth quarter to give the Yotes a

mount a comeback, falling 24-7. Eastern's defense held its own, forcing a fumble and a turnover on downs in two separate goal-to-go scenarios. Solo Taylor and Blaine Shaw led the way with 11 tackles each. Despite the resilient effort on defense, the Mountaineers struggled to maintain drives and put

points on the board. Coming into the game ranked No. 11 in the NAIA Coaches' Poll, the Mountaineers experienced a tough blow in today's game. The loss dropped Eastern's record to 3-1 on the year. Up next, the Mountaineers will look to bounce back on the road against Southern Oregon on Oct. 2.

• Lumber

No. 3 Oregon has big 4th quarter in 41-19 win over Arizona

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EUGENE — Thirdranked Oregon had a fast start and a big finish against Arizona.

Anthony Brown threw for 206 yards and three touchdowns, and the Ducks handed the Wildcats their 16th straight loss with a 41-19 victory on Saturday night, Sept. 25.

Oregon (4-0, 1-0 Pac-12) extended its winning streak at Autzen Stadium to 15 games. The Ducks are the lone undefeated team left in the Pac-12.

After Arizona got uncomfortably close in the third quarter, Oregon scored 17 unanswered points to put the game away in the fourth.

"The fourth quarter was a real bright spot. But the stuff in between is the stuff that we continually have to — we have to get better, bottom line," coach Mario Cristobal said. "There's too many inconsistencies in the middle there that we should be, and can be, better at. So we've got to go to work."

The Wildcats (0-4, 0-1) closed to within 24-19 on Drake Anderson's 1-yard touchdown run.

Oregon extended its lead with Camden Lewis' 43-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter, then added Brown's 18-yard scoring pass to Spencer Webb to make it 34-19 with 8:26 left.

Bennett Williams' 68yard interception return for a touchdown on Arizona's ensuing series sealed Oregon's victory.

"I would say we had a lot of self-inflicted wounds today, and even just mental errors," Brown said. "So just cleaning that up as the season goes on, and everything should be fine."

Brown found Jaylon Redd with a 63-yard touchdown just more than a minute into the game. Then Oregon intercepted Arizona starter Jordan McCloud on the Wildcats' first series.

Arizona's depth chart this week included all three quarterbacks as possible starters: Will Plummer, Gunner Cruz and McCloud.

It was clear from pre-game warmups that Plummer was nursing an injury. McCloud started and threw for 233 yards and a touchdown, but was intercepted five times.

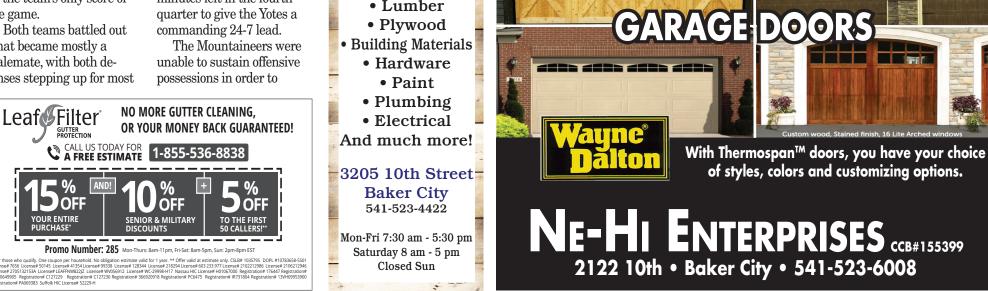
Lewis gave the Ducks a 10-0 lead with a 21-yard field goal, and Arizona answered with McCloud's 11-yard scoring pass to tight end Bryce Wolma.

CJ Verdell scored on an 11-yard run for the Ducks before the opening quarter was over. Brown's 9-yard scoring pass to Terrance Ferguson gave the Ducks a 24-7 lead.

Lucas Havrisik's 28yard field goal made it 24-10 with 4:24 left in the half.

Mo Diallo's safety and Anderson's touchdown run narrowed the margin in the third quarter.





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