

# Musgrave, Baylor help Oregon State overcome Utah, 42-34

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CORVALLIS — Oregon State took a pretty good shot from Utah in the first eight minutes but the Beavers never wavered and responded with an all-around performance that put them a win away from a bowl berth.

Luke Musgrave blocked and returned a punt for a touchdown, B.J. Baylor rushed for over 100 yards and a score, and Oregon State rallied from an early deficit to defeat Utah 42-34 on Saturday night, Oct. 23.

The Beavers (5-2, 3-1 Pac-12), who trailed 24-14 at the half, scored touchdowns on their first three possessions of the second half to take control.

One more win and the Beavers will be bowl eligible for the first time since the 2013 season.

“What’s in front of us is bigger than going to a bowl game,” fourth-year coach Jonathan Smith said. “And so the mantra is you try to win a game to make the next game bigger and that’s what we did.”

Oregon State, the conference leader in rushing yards per game, rushed for 260 yards with Baylor, who entered averaging 112.8 yards per game, leading the way with 152.

Quarterback Chance Nolan was 14-for-19 passing

for 208 yards and two touchdowns with Trevon Bradford catching six passes for 74 yards and a score. Bradford also had two carries for 20 yards and a touchdown.

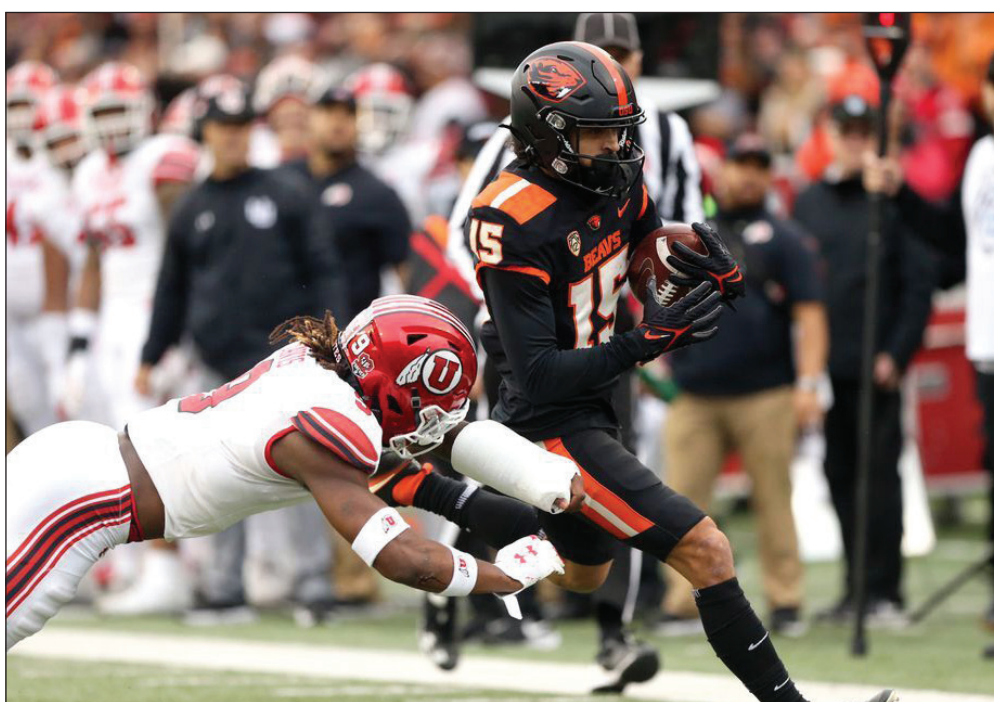
Utah entered the game allowing just 128.3 on the ground.

“First of all, I think they have the best offense in the conference, and statistically that will bear out,” Utah coach Kyle Whittingham said. “They run the ball better than anybody, they score more points than anybody, convert third downs better than anybody. ... Their offensive line is extremely efficient. ... They’re well coached, and they have an identity, and they know exactly who they are and what they want to be.”

Utah (4-3, 3-1) led in time of possession but missed a field goal and was stopped twice on fourth down from the 2-yard line.

Tavion Thomas led the Utah rushing attack with 74 yards on 21 carries with two scores and quarterback Cameron Rising added 73 yards in 10 attempts. Rising completed 22 of 36 attempts for 267 yards and two scores.

The Utes took the opening kickoff and marched 75 yards with Rising connecting with Micah Bernard for a 14-yard pass for the score. Rising then found Brant Kuithe wide open in the back corner of the end zone for an 11-yard scores



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Oregon State wide receiver Anthony Gould (No. 15) runs in a touchdown as the Beavers face the Utah Utes in a college football game at Reser Stadium in Corvallis on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021.

and a 14-0 lead with 7:19 left in the first.

A 68-yard Baylor run set up a 1-yard pass from Nolan to Jack Colletto and the Beavers cut the deficit to 17-14.

Utah recovered a fumble at the 19 in the final two minutes of the half and Thomas finished the short drive with a 3-yard run for a 24-14 half-time lead.

The Beavers clawed back into it after the half, going 75 yards in 10 plays with Nolan connecting with Bradford for an 11-yard score to make it 24-21.

Oregon State took its first lead, 28-24, thanks to a blocked punt and 27-yard return for a score by Musgrave.

“That thing changes the game,” Smith said. “It wasn’t an all-out rush on the punt, we’re bringing four guys and they’re doing their job and believing they can make a play and they did.”

Utah answered with a 1-yard run by Thomas to regain the lead 31-28 with 5:01 left in the third.

But Bradford’s 10-yard touchdown run put the Beavers back up for good

and Baylor later scored from eight yards out to make it 42-31.

Alex Austin then broke up a fourth-down pass with 6:22 to play to give the Beavers possession with the 11-point lead. On third down, Nolan hit Tre-Shaun Harrison for 54 yards to get the Beavers out of a hole and help run time off the clock.

### Colletto time

Colletto, a former quarterback, has been used often this season by the Beavers in short-yardage situations

on offense. So it was no surprise when he was on the field with the Beavers at the 1-yard line.

But instead of taking the handoff — he has five rushing touchdowns this season — Colletto went out for a pass and made the first touchdown reception of his career to get the Beavers within 17-14 in the second quarter.

He is the 16th player to have an interception, a rushing touchdown and a receiving touchdown in the same season since 1996, and the second this year (Baylor’s Dillon Doyle).

### The takeaway

UTAH: The Utes had a chance to start conference play 4-0 for the first time since joining the Pac-12. Instead, they drop into a tie with Arizona State for the South Division lead.

OREGON STATE: The Beavers had a week off to regroup from a loss at Washington State that ended a four-game winning streak. It didn’t look good in the first five minutes but the defense made some big stops and the Beavers remain in a tie for first in the North Division.

### Up next

Utah: Hosts UCLA next Saturday.  
Oregon State: Plays at California next Saturday.

## EOU FOOTBALL

# Mountaineers stunned by MSU-Northern in five-overtime bout

By DAVIS CARBAUGH

The (La Grande) Observer

HAVRE, Montana — Things continued to slide in the wrong direction for the Eastern Oregon University football team Saturday, Oct. 23.

The Mountaineers lost to MSU-Northern 22-20 in a five-overtime thriller that is not only the first win of the year for the Lights, but also the team’s first conference victory in its last 48 contests. The loss is the fourth straight for Eastern, dropping the team’s record to 3-4.

The Mountaineers started the game strong off its bye

week, going up 10-0. Kicker Zachary Cahill, who came up with a strong performance throughout the game, got Eastern on the board with a 40-yard kick for the only score of the first quarter. Sophomore running back Nathan Reed scored his first of two rushing touchdowns on the day early in the second quarter, giving Eastern a 10-point advantage.

In the second half, the Mountaineers gained little offensive traction, allowing the Lights to take the lead on two field goals. Midway through the fourth quarter, All-American quarterback Kai Quinn was benched for redshirt-

freshman Carson Bohning after Quinn went 10-24 for 107 yards and three interceptions.

With six minutes left in the game, Cahill drilled a 48-yard field goal that hooked over the crossbar by just inches. This tied the game at 13-13 and would set the stage for an extensive overtime period.

In the first overtime, MSU-Northern moved the ball quickly and eventually scored on a jump-pass from Kaymen Cureton to Devin Carmona. On the ensuing drive with the game on the line, Bohning connected with Isaiah Thomas on 4th and 12 to move the chains. Reed would go on to score from

four yards out to tie the game at 20-20.

Both teams exchanged blows and were unable to pull ahead until the fifth overtime period. Cureton ran in from short to give the Lights the advantage and put Eastern on the hot seat. With one play to tie the game, Bohning’s pass was batted away to Thomas, however, defensive pass interference was called. One play later, receiver Tyler Brown bobbled a pass in the end zone that was ruled incomplete. The Lights rushed the field in what was a monumental win for the program, as well as a devastating loss for Eastern.

## POWDER VALLEY VOLLEYBALL

# Powder 2nd in district, will host playoff match

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It was a very competitive day of volleyball at the Old Oregon League district tournament, with the Joseph Eagles taking first overall on Saturday, Oct. 23 in the Baker High School gym.

Joseph edged Powder Valley in five hard-fought sets, winning 26-24, 25-14, 20-25, 20-25 and 15-13.

Powder Valley advanced to the championship by sweeping Cove earlier in the day. Joseph beat Imbler in the first round.

From the start, the match was neck and neck. It took extra points for the Eagles to take a narrow advantage in

the first set, while the team cruised to win the second set.

Powder Valley showed great resilience, bouncing back in the following two sets. Joseph led 13-12 in the second set, but the Badgers came back to win 25-20. A narrow 25-20 victory set the stage for a crucial fifth set to determine the tournament champions.

In the fifth set, the Eagles scored five unanswered points to pull ahead. Joseph won the set 15-13 to take the title.

Both teams have qualified for the Class 1A playoffs.

Powder Valley, with a season record of 23-9, will play host to Ione/Arlington on Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 6 p.m.

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