

Beavers can't stop Cal offense in 39-25 loss

■ Oregon State rallies but blocked punt proves key for Golden Bears

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BERKELEY, Calif. — After three straight Pac-12 losses to open the season, California is starting to find its stride.

Chase Garbers threw one of his three TD passes one play after a partially blocked punt and the Golden Bears beat Oregon State 39-25 Saturday, Oct. 30.

"We're certainly improving," Cal coach Justin Wilcox said. "There are guys who are developing and making some big plays in the game who are coming into their own a little bit. We are improving but the margins are so thin at this level of football and in our conference that there are going to be a handful of critical plays in the game that you have to find a way to make and I thought there were some big ones today."

The biggest plays came in the closing seconds of the third quarter with Cal (3-5, 2-3 Pac-12) leading by seven points.

Chance Nolan couldn't connect with Trevon Bradford on a third-down pass and sent out Luke Loecher to punt.

Nick Alftin got a piece of the kick and it went out of bounds 1 yard past the line of scrimmage. Garbers then went deep and con-

nected on a 38-yard TD pass to Trevon Clark to make it 31-17 on the final play of the third quarter.

The Beavers (5-3, 3-2) lost for the second time in three games and fell a game behind rival Oregon in the Pac-12 North.

"There's nobody feeling sorry for themselves, because we put ourselves in this position," defensive back Jaydon Grant said. "We're the ones who came out and didn't execute. We're the ones who came out and got out-physicaled from top to bottom. We're the ones who are accountable for losing this game — not the coaches, not the game plan. It's us. It's not being able to execute for four quarters throughout the duration of the game. It's don't feel sorry for yourself and back to work tomorrow."

Oregon State tried to mount a comeback, cutting it to 31-25 on a 46-yard TD pass from Chance Nolan to Trevon Bradford followed by a 2-point conversion.

But the Golden Bears answered on Garbers' second TD pass of the game to Christopher Brooks followed by a 2-point conversion of their own and held on for the win.

Garbers also ran for a score on the opening drive and threw a 38-yard TD pass to Brooks earlier in the third quarter to lead Cal to their second straight conference win.

"Tonight we showed out," safety Elijah Hicks said. "I'm proud of the guys... We're just hungry for more. We're

not satisfied. We're not done. We're going to keep coming."

The takeaway

Oregon State: The Beavers were done in by three turnovers and the partially blocked punt as they failed in their first chance to become bowl eligible. They also struggled to get going on the ground with B.J. Baylor held to 42 yards on 13 carries. Baylor came into the week sixth in the nation at 118.6 yards rushing per game and had topped the 100-yard mark in four straight and five of the past six games contests.

California: The Bears followed up a lopsided win over Colorado last week with a more impressive one in a tougher opponent in the Beavers. They need to win three of the final four games to get bowl eligible.

Fast start

Cal jumped out early with Marqez Bimage ripping the ball away from B.J. Baylor for a fumble on the first play from scrimmage. That set up a 3-yard TD run by Garbers that gave him the most TD runs by a quarterback in school history with 10.

Cal has now scored on the opening drive in six of eight games this season with five touchdowns and one field goal.

Up next

Oregon State visits Colorado on Saturday, Nov. 6.

California visits Arizona on Saturday, Nov. 6.



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Kelly Oubre Jr. (12) of the Charlotte Hornets is guarded by Nassir Little (9) of the Portland Trail Blazers during the fourth quarter during their game at Spectrum Center on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021, in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Ball, Oubre lead Hornets past Trail Blazers, 125-113

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CHARLOTTE, N.C.

—The Charlotte Hornets signed free agent Kelly Oubre Jr. this offseason to provide energy off the bench and allow starting forward Gordon Hayward to rest a little more so he can make it through an 82-game season.

Oubre is working out just as planned so far for the surging Hornets.

LaMelo Ball had 27 points, nine rebounds and seven assists and Oubre sparked the Hornets by scoring 13 of his 26 points in the decisive fourth quarter in a 125-113 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers on Sunday night, Oct. 31.

"He has been fantastic," said James Borrego, who won his 100th game as head coach of the Hornets. "This why we brought him here. We believe in him. We believe there is a major role for him on this team and tonight was a great example."

Miles Bridges added 19 points and a career-high nine assists, and P.J. Washington had 17 points and some big plays down

the stretch to help Charlotte improve to 5-2.

The Hornets led 89-88 entering the fourth quarter when Oubre took over.

He provided 10 quick points, including two 3s and a dunk off an offensive rebound. He also helped the Hornets step up their overall defensive effort with a steal out near the top of the key as Charlotte limited the Blazers to 25 points in the fourth quarter.

Oubre had another 3 with 2 1/2 minutes to play to stifle one Blazers rally and push the lead back to double digits. Washington sealed the win with a turnaround jumper in the lane to beat the shot clock and a block at the other end.

"He is a difference maker out there," Hornets guard Terry Rozier said about Oubre. "He and Miles Bridges do the same thing. He just turns it up out there."

The Hornets had 36 assists.

"This is pretty much the most fun I have had in my career playing basketball," Oubre said. "We all have the same goal in mind. We want each other to eat and succeed

and as long, so as we have that mindset I think we will have more and more fun throughout the year."

C.J. McCollum had 25 points for Portland, and Jusuf Nurkic had 13 points and 14 rebounds. The Blazers had won two in a row.

Charlotte finished 20 of 42 from 3-point range after entering the game as the league's second-best 3-point shooting team at 40.2%.

"I thought we got caught up kind of playing their style," said Blazers coach Chauncey Billups. "They kind of just get up and down and run and play like you're at the park and it's easy to get caught up like that because that's fun. It's fun to play that way. I thought we got caught up there."

Ball steps up

Ball broke out of a mini-slump by making 10 of 20 shots from the field, including four 3s. Ball was coming off a tough two-game stretch where he was 1 of 10 from 3-point range and he was held to six points in a loss Friday night to the Miami Heat.

Boise State rallies past Colorado State, 28-19

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — Hank Bachmeier threw three touchdown passes and Boise State erased a 13-0 first-quarter deficit to knock off Colorado State, 28-19 on Saturday night, Oct. 30.

Cayden Camper sandwiched field goals from 22 and 20 yards out around a 30-yard Todd Centeio-to-Cameron Butler touchdown pass to stake Colorado State to the 13-0 lead.

The Broncos got on the board with 1:50 left in the first half when Bachmeier

capped a 13-play, 97-yard drive with a nine-yard touchdown pass to Octavius Evans, but the Rams answered with Camper's third field goal of the half from 20-yards out with 11 seconds left.

Evans cut the Colorado State lead to three with a 13-yard touchdown run early in the third quarter. Bachmeier put Boise State in front with an 11-yard strike to Stefan Cobbs and padded the lead with a 51-yard bomb to Tyneil Hopper in the fourth quarter.

Bachmeier was 21 of 32 for 253 yards passing and did not throw an interception to lead the Broncos (4-4, 2-2 Mountain West). Khalil Shakir caught nine passes for 118 yards and Cyrus Habibi-Likio carried 19 times for 61 yards.

Centeio was 23 of 36 for 276 yards passing without an interception and carried 10 times for 65 yards. Trey McBride caught 10 passes for 103 yards and Camper kicked four field goals for the Rams (3-5, 2-2), the longest from 28 yards out in the third quarter.

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