

Colorado nips Beavers in double OT

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BOULDER, Colo. — Cole Becker was more impressed with his counterpart's big field goal than he was with his own game-winner in double overtime.

Oregon State kicker Everett Hayes missed a 38-yard field goal in the second overtime after nailing a school record 60-yarder at the end of regulation, and Becker's 43-yarder gave Colorado a 37-34 win over the Beavers on Saturday night, Nov. 6.

"That's the moment all young kickers dream about,"

said Becker, a freshman, after navigating his way through the homecoming crowd that rushed the field when his last field goal sailed high through the uprights.

But what about Hayes' 60-yarder, which is the longest in the FBS this season, the longest in Oregon State history and tied for the longest ever at Folsom Field.

"That was incredible," Becker said. "I think, if I'm right, he hadn't hit 50-plus in his career. When he lined up for 60, I was like no shot. I'm standing on the bench, it was good from 65, and I was like,

"That was a kick!"

Colorado (3-6, 2-4 Pac-12) won for the first time in four multi-overtime games in the program's history and the Buffaloes denied bowl eligibility for Oregon State (5-4, 3-3), which remains in search of its first six-win season since 2013.

The teams exchanged touchdowns in the first overtime with Brendon Lewis scoring on a 9-yard quarterback keeper for Colorado and running back B.J. Baylor snaring a high direct snap with his left hand and trotting into the end zone.

Baylor, the conference's leading rusher, gained 98 yards on 22 carries but the Buffaloes were pleased because they were without their top tackler in injured linebacker Nate Landham and several others stepped up.

Colorado actually outgained the Beavers on the ground 222 yards to 220 thanks to Jarek Broussard's 151 yards on 24 carries, including a 49-yarder that set up a go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

For the game to even go extra time required an incredible finish by the Beavers.

Hayes missed a 51-yarder with 32 seconds remaining, but the Beavers had all three of their timeouts and they forced Colorado to punt the ball, which Anthony Gould returned 26 yards to the Beavers 49 with 5 seconds left.

With five defenders at the goal line, Chance Nolan threw a 9-yard pass to Gould, who stepped out of bounds at the Buffs 42 with 1 second remaining.

With his holder at the 50-yard line, Hayes easily cleared the crossbar, his 60-yarder breaking the school record of 58 yards set by

Chris Mangold in 1982 and tied by Alexis Serna in 2006. It also tied Mason Crosby's record, set against Iowa State on Oct. 16, 2004, for longest field goal at Folsom Field.

"I was like, 'Wow!' I think he definitely has the length," Colorado coach Karl Dorrell said. "And it was right down the pike. And what I did was I looked at our sideline just to see what their thoughts were. It wasn't like they hung their head. They just said, 'We're going overtime.'"

"The mindset was just, 'Go out there, score again,'" Lewis said. "And we did."

No. 7 Oregon avoids stumble, rallies to top Washington 26-16

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SEATTLE — By the time the final seconds ticked away, most of the purple had vacated, leaving Oregon to once again dance around the field and celebrate in the stands of arguably its most-heated rival.

On a windy, rainy night the seventh-ranked Ducks showed a bit more "prowess" — the word of the week in this rivalry — than Washington.

"Proud of the way our guys came out and showed our prowess in handling inclement weather," Oregon coach Mario Cristobal said. "We continued to play hard throughout the entire game making sure every critical situation our team responded really well."

Travis Dye rushed for a career-high 211 yards and a touchdown, Anthony Brown ran for a score and passed for another and Oregon overcame a sluggish start to beat Washington 26-16 on Saturday night, Nov. 6.

A year after the border rivals didn't play due to a COVID-19 outbreak within the Huskies program, the Ducks (8-1, 5-1 Pac-12) fell behind early before running off 21 consecutive points and beat Washington for the seventh time in the past eight games played in Seattle.

"The 'W' means everything to me. The performance is just a plus," Dye said.

Brown threw a 31-yard TD pass to Devon Williams late in the first half to take a 10-9 lead at the break and scored on a 2-yard run early in the third quarter. Dye capped the scoring streak when he rumbled 19 yards for a score on the first play of the fourth quarter to give the Ducks a 24-9 lead.

Dye's rushing performance was the most yards rushing by an Oregon running back against Washington since Jonathan Stewart went for 251 yards in 2007.

Oregon had 215 yards rushing and averaged 6.9 yards per carry in the second half.

"When you can run the ball down somebody's throat,



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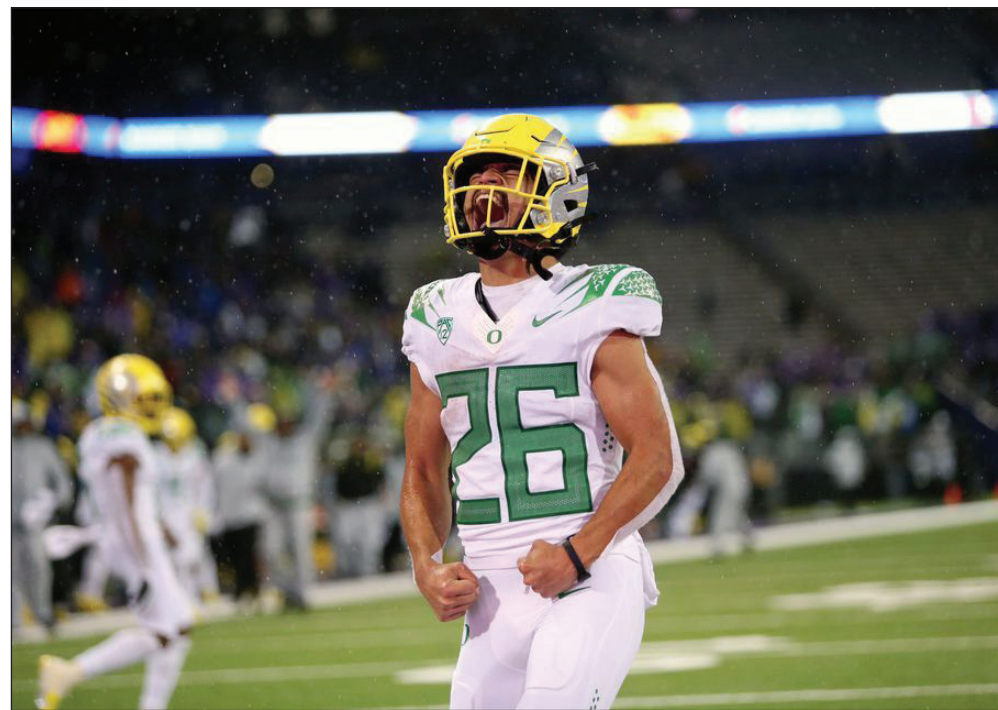
Oregon quarterback Anthony Brown Jr. (No. 13) avoids a sack as the No. 4 Ducks face the Washington Huskies in a college football game at Husky Stadium in Seattle, Washington, on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021.

that's the best feeling in the world," Dye said. "When you have the confidence in your offensive linemen and running backs where you're just running it, it is the best feeling."

Washington's languishing offense that had done nothing all night suddenly went the length of the field and pulled to 24-16 with 11:13 remaining on Sean McGrew's second TD run.

Oregon was able to grind nearly nine minutes off the clock even though they didn't score. The drive was helped by a long run from Dye and Brown hitting Johnny Johnson III for 13 yards on a third-and-10. It was Johnson's only catch after he was suspended for the first half following a targeting ejection last week.

Washington (4-5, 3-3) got the ball back with 2:14 left and 90 yards to go but had two dropped passes, an incompletion and when coach Jimmy Lake opted to punt the snap went over Race Porter's head for a safety.



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Oregon running back Travis Dye (No. 26) celebrates after his touchdown to open the fourth quarter as the No. 4 Ducks face the Washington Huskies in a college football game at Husky Stadium in Seattle, Washington, on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021.

Lake said he opted to punt because Washington had two timeouts left and felt the Huskies could get the ball back with about 50 seconds left and better field position.

"We obviously weren't planning on a safety there with our punt operation," Lake said.

Washington had won two straight on the road, but its offensive deficiencies led to several missed chances to

create a cushion after taking a 9-3 lead.

Carson Bruener intercepted Brown's pass on Oregon's opening drive and returned it 50 yards to the 7. In less than three minutes Washington had a 7-0 lead after McGrew scored on a 1-yard run and the Huskies added a safety shortly after for a 9-3 lead.

But Washington failed to extend the lead. Washington punted twice on fourth-and-short near midfield. Morris was intercepted in Oregon territory trying to force a pass into triple coverage. And McGrew was stopped on a fourth-and-1 run at the Oregon 23 late in the second quarter.

"So frustrating. You have a team like that on the ropes in our stadium and all those big plays that we're making, the defensive stops that we're making," Lake said. "Extremely frustrating."

The takeaway

Oregon: The Ducks finished with 329 yards rushing, the second time this season a team rushed for at least 300 yards against the Huskies. Michigan had 343 yards rushing in September. Between 2014-20 only one team topped 300 yards rushing against Washington. Brown added 63 yards rushing and Byron Cardwell had 55 yards. Oregon rushed for 465 yards against Washington in 2007.

Washington: Some type of change needs to be made to Washington's offense. They had no first downs in the first quarter, and went three-and-out six times. The conditions were awful, but the lack of potency and consistency from the offense has been a problem all year and has left the Huskies in the position of needing to win two of its last three games to become bowl eligible.

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Washington: Hosts Arizona State Saturday, Nov. 13.

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