

# Oregon State beats Arizona State, 24-10

## Beavers alive for berth in Pac-12 championship game

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CORVALLIS — A week after becoming bowl eligible for the first time since 2013, Oregon State remains in contention for the Pac-12 North Division title following a 24-10 victory Saturday night, Nov. 20 over Arizona State.

A program coming off a 1-11 season before Jonathan Smith took over as head coach at his alma mater in 2018, the Beavers (7-4, 5-3 Pac-12) have come a long way.

Jack Colletto ignited a stagnant Oregon State offense by running 47 yards for a touchdown on fourth-and-2 from the Wildcat formation, giving the Beavers a 24-10 lead with 11:24 remaining.

"I was thinking touchdown all the way," Colletto said with a smile. "Adrenaline kicked in on that one."

It was the eighth rushing touchdown of the season for Colletto, a former quarterback converted to linebacker in 2019.

B.J. Baylor led Oregon State's offense with 150 yards rushing.

The Beavers were in jeopardy of squandering a 17-0 halftime lead.

Punter Luke Loecher mishandled a snap deep in Oregon State territory in the opening minute of the fourth quarter and the Sun Devils recovered at the 4.

That set up DeaMonte Trayanum's 1-yard touchdown run, cutting the lead to 17-10 with 13:56 remaining.



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Oregon State's B.J. Baylor (No. 4) runs the ball as the Beavers take on the Arizona State Sun Devils in a Pac-12 football game on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at Reser Stadium in Corvallis.

Baylor's 20-yard run on the ensuing possession gave the Beavers a spark, and Colletto's touchdown run proved decisive.

If Washington defeats Washington State (6-5, 5-3) at home Friday, and Oregon State wins at Oregon (9-2, 6-2) the following day, the Beavers would play Utah in the Pac-12 championship game Dec. 3 in Las Vegas.

Oregon controls its own destiny and would win the North Division with a win over the Beavers. In a three-way tie between Oregon, Oregon State and Washington State, the Cougars would get the nod in a tiebreaker.

"Some things have got to fall our way to win the North," Oregon State wide receiver Trevon Bradford said. "But this game, we had

to take care of business and do our part."

Arizona State (7-4, 5-3) was missing 14 players due to injury. Quarterback Jayden Daniels completed 16 of 27 passes for 166 yards and an interception, and was sacked three times. He led the Sun Devils in rushing with 46 yards.

Since Smith fired defensive coordinator Tim Tibesar on November 7, the Beavers have given up a total of 24 points in wins over Stanford and Arizona State under interim defensive coordinator Trent Bray. And the Sun Devils' lone touchdown came after a turnover inside the Beavers' 5-yard line.

"I can't say enough about our defensive effort and performance," Smith said. "Those guys came to play

(and) create some havoc."

Chance Nolan's 10-yard touchdown pass to Tre'Shaun Harrison gave Oregon State a 10-0 lead with 9:09 remaining in the first half.

Nolan's 1-yard touchdown on a quarterback sneak at 1:59 of the second quarter culminated a 13-play, 88-yard drive and increased the lead to 17-0 at the break.

Arizona State drove to the Beavers' 8-yard line on its first possession of the second half, but settled for Cristian Zendejas' 26-yard field to make it a 17-3 game.

Rachaad White had 15 carries for 39 yards and added six receptions for 89 yards for Arizona State.

### The takeaway

Arizona State: The

### Pac-12 championship game scenarios

*Ducks, Beavers, Cougars in contention for Pac-12 title game*  
The Pac-12 North division title remains up for grabs heading into the final week of the Pac-12 football regular season. The Oregon Ducks, Oregon State Beavers and Washington State Cougars each still have a chance to win the division and play Pac-12 South champion Utah in the Pac-12 championship game.

Here are the scenarios:

- Oregon will win the Pac-12 North with: a victory against Oregon State in their rivalry game at 12:30 p.m. next Saturday, Nov. 27, in Eugene.
- Oregon State will win the Pac-12 North with: a victory against Oregon in their rivalry game, combined with a Washington State loss to Washington in the Apple Cup on Friday.
- Washington State will win the Pac-12 North with: a victory against Washington in the Apple Cup, combined with an Oregon State win against Oregon. If this scenario happens, the Ducks, Beavers and Cougars would have identical conference records of 5-3. But the Cougars would win the three-way tiebreaker by virtue of having a better record against Pac-12 North teams (at 4-1) than the Ducks and Beavers (both at 3-2).

— Joel Odom, oregonlive.com

Sun Devils are playing to enhance their bowl credentials. With Utah's win over Oregon, Arizona State has been eliminated from Pac-12 South title contention. Utah defeated the Sun Devils 35-21 on Oct. 16.

Oregon State: Baylor had his fifth 100-yard rushing game of the season, finishing with 150 yards on 20 carries. He eclipsed 1,000 yards rushing for the season in the Beavers' previous game, a 35-14 win over Stanford. The Beavers finished 6-0 at home for the first time since the 2000 season. Oregon State is guaranteed to finish with a winning record for the first time since 2013.

### Fiesta Bowl team honored

Oregon State's Fiesta Bowl team from the 2000

season was honored after the first quarter. Members of the 2000 team that finished 11-1 and defeated Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl included current coach Jonathan Smith, who was the starting quarterback. The head coach was Dennis Erickson.

The 2000 team was inducted into the Oregon State Hall of Fame on Friday. The Beavers wore throwback uniforms from the 2000 season for Saturday's game against Arizona State.

### Up next

Arizona State: The Sun Devils host Arizona next Saturday, Nov. 27, in their regular season finale.

Oregon State: The Beavers will be at Oregon next Saturday, Nov. 27, in their regular season finale.

# Frustration growing after Seattle Seahawks falter against Cardinals

By TIM BOOTH

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Pete Carroll is willing to give an answer — usually with many words and thoughts — to nearly every question.

On Sunday, Nov. 21, Carroll had no answers and for a time was finished with the questions.

"It's not a different story. It's the same story this whole season and we've got to see if we can turn this thing. I'm really done," Carroll said, abruptly ending his postgame comments after Seattle's 23-13 loss to Arizona.

It was a rare outburst of frustration from Carroll during his long tenure with the Seahawks. But it's also unusual that Seattle has been this bad with Carroll in charge.

Seattle is 3-7, its playoff hopes seemingly gone with the loss to the Cardinals. His team is abysmal on offense, can't get stops consistently on defense and has massive personnel issues looming.

Carroll eventually returned and took more questions but still had few answers.

"I'm not any good at this," Carroll said about handling losing.

Seattle was already playing with a thin margin for error, but between injuries and poor performances the season has spiraled downward. A team that's been in the playoffs in nine of the previous 11 seasons is near the bottom of the league.

The Seahawks said all the right things following the loss about how they can turn things around and still have something to play for. And while that's true — an NFC team could make the playoffs with a 9-8 record — Seattle would have to raise its level of play significantly and sustain it for the rest of the season.

"This is not what Seattle is used to," safety Jamal Adams said. "But at the end of the day, we got to go out there and we got to switch it around. We're in a storm right now and it's going to take all of us to get out."

The loss to Arizona encapsulated all of Seattle's issues. Russell Wilson was average at best. Seattle's defense let Colt McCoy move up and down the field with ease and allowed Arizona to

control possession. James Conner put the game away with a short TD run late in the fourth quarter, but Seattle had a chance mostly because of two missed field goals by Arizona's Matt Prater.

For a game deemed a must-win by the Seahawks, the performance was as disappointing as any in recent memory. With seven games left, Seattle has already equaled its most losses in any season with Wilson and is likely to miss the playoffs for just the third time since Carroll arrived in 2010.

When Carroll returned to take more questions, he acknowledged being as frustrated as he's ever been in his time with Seattle.

"I'm struggling to do a good job of coaching when you're getting your butt kicked in week in and week out. It's just new territory," Carroll said. "So I'm competing in every way I can think of, but I'm just unfamiliar with it."

In his second game back following finger surgery, Wilson was indecisive and confused at times, and his receivers dropped

a handful of passes. There were also questionable play calls when the likes of Penny Hart and DeeJay Dallas were targeted on third down.

The Seahawks' streak of offensive drives without a touchdown dating to Oct. 31 against Jacksonville finally ended when Dallas scored on a 2-yard run midway through the fourth quarter. Seattle had failed to score a TD on its previous 20 offensive possessions, and after stressing the run game all week, Dallas' TD run was one of seven rushing attempts in the second half by the Seahawks.

But the defensive effort was more troubling. Arizona had touchdown drives of 92, 82 and 67 yards. The Cardinals held the ball more than 40 minutes. The journeyman McCoy posted the third 300-yard passing game of his career.

"As much talent as we have on this roster, it's kind of it's disappointing," Seattle linebacker Jordyn Brooks said. "Just like everybody else, gotta keep. And I still think there's hope. I'm still optimistic."

# Wright's career high leads Princeton past Oregon State, 81-80

CORVALLIS (AP) — Ethan Wright scored a career-high 24 points with six 3-pointers, also a career best, and sank two free throws with 6 seconds remaining as Princeton held off Oregon State 81-80 on Sunday, Nov. 21.

The Ivy League Tigers (4-1) never trailed after a Drew Friberg 3-pointer gave them a 29-27 lead at the 5:41 mark of the first half, and led by as many as 11 points with 6:33 remaining in the game.

Friberg added 17 points with four 3-pointers, Tosan Egbuomwan scored 14 with five assists, while Jaelin Llewellyn also scored 14.

Princeton has defeated Power Five opponents South Carolina and Oregon State while falling to Minnesota of the Big Ten in double-overtime.

Dashawn Davis scored 16 with five assists to lead Oregon State (1-4) which lost its fourth in a row. Jarod Lucas scored 13 and Tre' Williams 11 for the Beavers.

Lucas scored eight of his 13 in the final 6:11 — including a 3-pointer that cut the gap to 81-80 with 1 second remaining.

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