

Ducks top Beavers, will play for Pac-12 title

■ Oregon led 24-3 at halftime, held off OSU rally for 38-29 win

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EUGENE — Oregon quarterback Anthony Brown Jr. got one chance to face rival Oregon State in his career with the Ducks, and he made it count.

Brown threw for 275 yards and two touchdowns while running for another score, and No. 11 Oregon beat Oregon State 38-29 on Saturday, Nov. 27 to win the Pac-12 North Division and claim a spot in the league's championship game.

"I can just check that off my box of things I always wanted to do. Today was special," said Brown, a graduate transfer from Boston College who played behind Tyler Shough last season.

Now there's more for Brown to accomplish.

The Ducks (10-2, 7-2) will face No. 16 Utah for the conference championship in Las Vegas on Friday, Dec. 3.

Oregon was coming off a 38-7 loss last Saturday against the Utes, which dropped it from No. 3 in the College Football Playoff rankings to No. 11 and out of contention for a national title.

Oregon extended its home winning streak to 19 games, including 15 conference games.

Washington State, which defeated Washington 40-13 in the Apple Cup on Friday night, needed the Beavers (7-5, 5-4) to beat the Ducks to win the division.

Devon Williams had six catches for 110 yards and a touchdown for Oregon, which will play for the league title for the third consecutive season. Travis Dye ran for 99 yards and two scores.



Oregon's Byron Cardwell (left) runs the ball just short of the goal line as the No. 11 Ducks host the Oregon State Beavers in their annual college football rivalry game on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021, at Autzen Stadium in Eugene.

Anthony also rushed for 83 yards.

"He showed tremendous command, tremendous leadership, resolve and resiliency, had a strong week of practice. The game plan was pretty extensive because they're so complicated on defense," Oregon coach Mario Cristobal said. "Just a great performance by a great team leader."

B.J. Baylor ran for 59 yards for the Beavers, who are bowl eligible for the first time since 2013. Baylor came into the game leading the Pac-12 and at No. 10 in the nation with an average of 109.1 yards rushing per game.

Oregon State's Chance Nolan threw for 308 yards and a pair of touchdowns. He ran for another in the waning moments.

"We were down, and look: This team has been this way for a long time, I think, playing until the end, keep scratching

and clawing and never give up," Beavers coach Jonathan Smith said.

The game was tense at times, with several shoving matches breaking out. Oregon State wide receiver Tre'Shaun Harrison was ejected late.

Dye rushed for a 20-yard touchdown on Oregon's opening drive. The Ducks doubled the lead on Brown's 50-yard scoring pass to Williams.

Everett Hayes kicked a 38-yard field goal for the Beavers just before the end of the first quarter.

Oregon padded its lead with a 36-yard field goal from Camden Lewis. Brown added a 10-yard keeper to make it 24-3 at halftime.

Nolan hit Luke Musgrave with a 4-yard scoring pass, narrowing the gap to 24-9 after the 2-point attempt failed.

Brown found Kris Hutson with a 7-yard scoring pass early in the fourth quarter

to extend Oregon's lead, but Baylor scored on a 4-yard run to make it 31-15 after another failed 2-point try.

The Beavers recovered an onside kick, and on the ensuing drive Nolan found Trevon Bradford with a 15-yard scoring pass to make it a 10-point game with 8:28 to go. Oregon answered with Dye's 1-yard TD.

"It got a little chippy, and too far chippy. Some of what I saw out of our team, was not

very pleased seeing, or happy seeing that. So yeah, that's not a part of the game we want to be a part of," Smith said.

It was the 125th anniversary of the rivalry game between the Oregon schools. The game was called the Civil War until last year, when both schools decided to drop the moniker.

Futures?

Defensive end Kayvon Thibodeaux was honored along with the team's seniors

before the game. Thibodeaux has not yet used all of his eligibility, but is expected to be a top pick in the NFL draft next spring.

Dye has played four seasons for the Ducks, but the pandemic-shortened season granted the running back an extra year of eligibility.

He did not take part in the senior festivities — but earlier this week he cautioned not to read too much into it because he hasn't decided about his plans for next year.

The takeaway

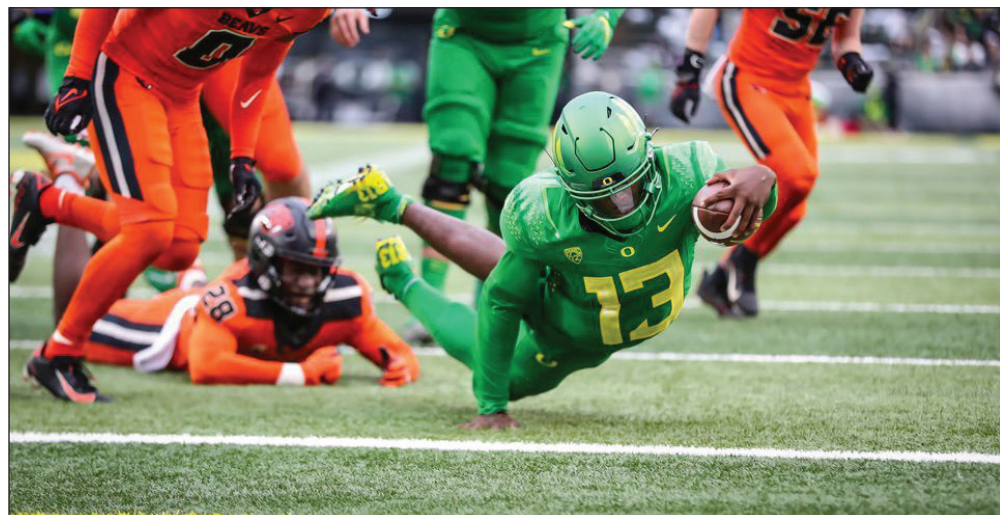
Oregon State: The Beavers won last year's game in Corvallis 41-38. Oregon State hasn't won in Eugene since 2007.

Oregon: The Ducks averaged 39 points in their six games at home, the best in the Pac-12. Oregon is holding opponents to an average of 20 points at home. ... Dye topped 1,000 yards rushing for the season. ... Linebacker Noah Sewell was hurt in the second half and did not return. It appeared to be a shoulder injury. ... Cristobal said he was traveling late Saturday to visit his mother, who was ill. He was planning to return to the team on Sunday.

Up next

The Beavers await a bowl invitation.

The Ducks meet the Utes for the Pac-12 title on Friday, Dec. 3.



Oregon quarterback Anthony Brown Jr. (No. 13) runs for a 10-yard touchdown in the second quarter as the No. 11 Ducks host the Oregon State Beavers in their annual college football rivalry game on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2021, at Autzen Stadium in Eugene.

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