

## POWDER VALLEY FOOTBALL

## Badgers renew rivalry with Cove in Class 1A quarterfinal

Unbeaten Powder Valley hasn't played Cove since 2019

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Powder Valley will put its perfect record on the line Friday night, Nov. 11 with a berth in the Class 1A football semifinals at stake, and the Badgers' opponent is a familiar one.

But not as familiar as they used to be.

Powder Valley, 9-0 and the second seed in the playoffs, will play host to the Cove Leopards (6-4, 10th seed) at 6 p.m.

Although the two schools are separated by just 25 miles of Highway 237, they haven't competed against each other on the gridiron for more than three years.

The Badgers won 54-0 at Cove on Oct. 18, 2019.

"It's gonna be fun reigniting the Cove/Powder Valley rivalry," Badgers coach Josh Cobb said. "It's been a while. Nice having two teams in Union County representing in the quarterfinals."

Powder Valley earned a bye in the first round of the playoffs by virtue of its unbeaten record.

Cove has won three straight, including a 30-24 win over Enterprise in a first-round playoff game Nov. 4 at Enterprise.

"Cove beat a solid team in Enterprise the first round of the playoffs, so their confidence is going to be high coming into the game," Powder assistant coach Dan Townsend said. "We are gonna be playing a tough physical Cove team that has been getting better each week. They have shown that they can play physical with some of the toughest teams in the league. It should be a good quarterfinal matchup."

Although the Badgers and the Leopards didn't play this season, the teams do have four common opponents: Adrian, Union, Enterprise and Ione/Arlington.

Cove went 3-1 against that quartet, while Powder Valley was 4-0.

The one exception is Adrian, and the difference between the two teams' results is stark.

Cove lost to the Antelopes 50-0 on Sept. 16,

while Powder Valley pounded Adrian 46-14 on Oct. 21.

Results against other common opponents:

#### Union

- Cove won 50-34
- Powder Valley won 64-20

#### Enterprise

- Cove won 30-24
- Powder Valley won 60-12

#### Ione/Arlington

- Cove won 30-26
- Powder Valley won 44-20

If the Badgers win Friday night they could earn a rematch in the semifinals with Adrian. The Antelopes, seeded sixth, will travel to third-seed Lost River, in Merrill near Klamath Falls, for a quarterfinal game Saturday at 1 p.m.

The semifinal games are scheduled for Nov. 18, time and place to be determined.

The Class 1A state championship game will take place Saturday, Nov. 26.



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Powder Valley's Tucker Martin heads for the end zone against Dufur on Sept. 29, 2022, at North Powder.

## OREGON BASKETBALL

## No. 21 Ducks romp past Rattlers in opener

BY ANNE M. PETERSON

Associated Press

EUGENE — N'Faly Dante had 16 points and 10 rebounds as No. 21 Oregon opened with an 80-45 victory Monday night, Nov. 7 over Florida A&M.

Keeshawn Barthelemy added 13 points for the Ducks, ranked to begin the season for the ninth straight year.

Dante, guard Will Richardson and forward Quincy Guerrier are all returning starters for the Ducks, who finished last season 20-15 overall.

"I feel great. Since I've been at Oregon, I haven't had a summer to work out with the team and practice with the team," said Dante, hampered by injuries in 2020-21 and at the start of last season. "I was glad to have that, and glad to have a team that trusts me and picks me up every single day when I'm down. It feels great."

It was Dante's fifth career double-double. He also made four steals.

Richardson led Oregon with 14.1 points and 3.6 assists last season. He flirted with going pro but withdrew his name from the NBA draft in early June to instead use an extra year of eligibility with the Ducks this season. He had 11 points in the opener.

Jordan Tillmon and Jordan Chatman scored eight points apiece for the Rattlers, who lost seven top players from last season when they went 13-17 overall. Florida A&M has 11 new players, including junior college transfers Tillmon, Byron Smith and Jaylen Bates.

Oregon began to pull away midway through the first half. Dante hit a pair of layups and junior college transfer Tyrone Williams added another to put the Ducks up 27-13.

Hantz Louis-Jeune got the Rattlers within 33-26 on a 3-pointer with 1:42 left in the half, but the Ducks led 36-26 at the break.

Dante's dunk put Oregon up



Sean Meagher/The Oregonian

Oregon forward Quincy Guerrier drives baseline for a two-handed dunk as the No. 21 Ducks face the Florida A&M Rattlers in a men's college basketball game at Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene, Oregon on Monday, Nov. 7, 2022.

43-31 with just over 16 minutes left. Barthelemy's 3-pointer extended the lead to 54-35, and Oregon rolled to the win.

Barthelemy transferred from Colorado.

*"We didn't have as many communication mistakes as we've had in our two scrimmages before tonight."*

—Oregon coach Dana Altman

ally good, Montana State is an NCAA Tournament team. Obviously, Houston in 10-11 days will be really tough. We've got a lot of work to do to be ready for those folks."

#### Legacy series

The game was part of the Pac-12's basketball partnership with the Southwestern Athletic Conference that debuts this season. The Legacy Series between the two conferences seeks to fos-

ter competition and education around issues of anti-racism and social justice. Oregon's game against Florida A&M, among the HBCUs in the SWAC, was the first of 12 men's and women's Legacy Series games for Pac-12 teams this season.

#### Big picture

Florida A&M: Rattlers coach Robert McCullum was on Altman's staff from 2014-17. ... Florida A&M visits eight Power Five teams on its non-conference schedule, including Oregon State, Miami, Florida, Georgia, Louisville, Kentucky and Purdue. The team plays 11 of its 13 non-conference games on the road.

Oregon: Opened the season without guard Jermaine Couisnard, who had lower body surgery last week. A transfer from South Carolina, he averaged 12 points and 3.2 assists last season. ... Oregon also won the previous three meetings with Florida A&M. The Ducks will visit Florida A&M in Tallahassee next season.

#### Up Next

Oregon: Will host UC Irvine on Friday, Nov. 11.

## OREGON STATE BASKETBALL

## Beavers rally to win season opener

CORVALLIS (AP) — Jordan Pope had 19 points, Dexter Akanno scored 18 and Oregon State overcame a 19-point deficit to beat Tulsa 73-70 in a season opener on Monday night, Nov. 7.

Two free throws by Bryant Sebangue gave Tulsa a 41-22 lead with 2:45 remaining in the first half.

Anthony Pritchard closed out the scoring with a three-point play and the Golden Hurricane led 44-28 at intermission.

Pope hit a 3-pointer to open the second half for Oregon State and then fed Glenn Taylor Jr. for a layup off a Tulsa turnover. Pope, Dzmitry Ryuny and Dexter Akanno followed with back-to-back-to-back 3-pointers to cap a 14-0 run and the Beavers trailed 44-42 with 15:27 left to play.

The Golden Hurricane stayed in front until Pope sank four straight free throws to knot the score at 59 with 5:31 remaining after Tulsa's Sterling Gaston-Chapman was charged with a foul and a Class A Technical.

The lead went back and forth until Akanno sank two free throws and followed a Pope layup with one of his own, giving OSU a 70-64 lead with 2:28 left.

The Beavers never trailed again in upping their record to 9-0 in season openers under Wayne Tinkle.

Taylor finished with 16 points for the Beavers, while Ryuny scored 11.

Sam Griffin hit five 3-pointers and led Tulsa with 29 points. Sebangue added 15 points and nine rebounds, while Brandon Betson scored 13.

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