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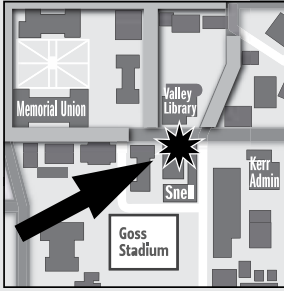
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What makes one school better than the other? University of Oregon students say



“We have a lot more options athletically and in general — we have more club sports and more classes, other than engineering and agriculture. And because a duck is a lot better than a beaver.”

Zach Schwarts
sophomore, business administration



“I grew up in Eugene and there’s no way I would go anywhere but U of O. It’s way better here.”

Tyler Cable
Junior, business



“Our campus doesn’t smell like cow poop. They do have lumberjacks walking around on campus, though. I’ll give them that.”

Aaron Bickel
Junior, business



“I didn’t even hear about Oregon State when applying to schools. U of O was more my type and had a better reputation out of state.”

Lacie Watson
Junior, biology/pre-med

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Oregon State students say



“All in the family. The engineering program here is vastly superior.”

Micah Sauter
Mechanical engineering, sophomore



“UofO was very impersonal and Oregon State’s music department was more friendly.”

Jessica McKiernan
Music education, senior



“They have a nuclear engineering program and the engineering is much better here. My friends are here.”

Jonathan Redelfs
Senior, nuclear engineering



“I know more people in Corvallis and I like the city over Eugene. It was welcoming when I visited.”

Caroline Allsop
Freshman, undecided

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Calendar

Wednesday, Nov. 21

Meetings
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 211. Meeting.

Events

Women’s Center, 5-8pm, Women’s Center. Free screening of Bollywood movie and henna application. Explore India’s cinematic pop-culture through music, dance, love, humor and drama. Popcorn snacks and drinks provided.

Thursday, Nov. 22

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - OSU CLOSED

Events

Vegans and Vegetarians at OSU, 3-6pm, 2311 NW Van Buren Ave. “Veggie House.” Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner. All are welcome, but please bring only vegan food to share.

Friday, Nov. 23

OSU CLOSED

Monday, Nov. 26

Events

Native American Longhouse, 5pm, Native American Longhouse. Native Movie Night: Take a break from studying and come watch Native movies. Popcorn provided.

OSU Campus Recycling, 6-8pm, Recycling Warehouse, 644 SW 13th St. Bring your broken items and volunteers will help you fix them.

Tuesday, Nov. 27

Meetings
ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211. Meeting.

Events

Peer Health Advocates, Oregon State Fashion Organization, 7-9pm, MU Ballroom. A fashion show that coincides with increasing awareness about HIV/AIDS worldwide.

Pride Center, 7-10pm, Pride Center. Procrastinators unite study tables. Free printing and yogurt parfaits.

SOL: LGBT Multicultural Support Network, 9-11am, MU Quad. Coffee in the Quad. Come enjoy coffee and learn about campus resources.

Wednesday, Nov. 28

Meetings
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 211. Meeting.

Events

Pride Center, 7-10pm, Pride Center. Procrastinators unite study tables. Free printing and yogurt parfaits.

Thursday, Nov. 29

Meetings
Student Incidental Fees Committee (SIFC), 6-8pm, MU 213. SSI review presentation.

Events

Baha’i Campus Association, 12:30pm, MU Talisman Room. “Elimination of the Extremes of Wealth and Poverty,” an interfaith discussion. Bring your favorite quote to share.

Pride Center, 7-10pm, Pride Center. Procrastinators unite study tables. Free printing and yogurt parfaits.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

Meetings
ASOSU Senate, 7pm, MU 211. Meeting.

Wednesday, Dec. 5

Meetings
ASOSU House of Representatives, 7pm, MU 211. Meeting.



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Editorial

Yeas & Nays

Yea to 62-14.
Yea to winning.
Yea to it being Civil War week. Unlike the bloody affair that claimed over half a million lives 150 years ago, we look forward to this one every year.
Yea to Honest Abe.
Yea to the Beavers.
Nay to the Ducks.
Nay to bandwagon Duck fans. Jump off now.
Yea to Stanford. We take back every mean things we said about you last week.
Yea to watching crying Duck fans post-Stanford last week. Magical moments of schadenfreude like that don't come by very often.
Yea to spending hours in the OSU archives reading old Barometers and Beaver Yearbooks, and flipping through boxes and boxes of old photographs.
Nay to all that research taking away from valuable time you needed to write the article you were doing the research on.
Yea to finding out while going through the archives that the Barometer almost cut a few print days during the Great Depression because of a lack of money from declining advertising revenue. Sounds eerily familiar.
Yea to facial hair.
Nay to No-Shave November. If you want to grow a beard or a mustache, be a man and do it. You don't need a month for an excuse if you're a real man.
Yea to Mike Riley.
Nay to Chip Kelly's visor. You look like the idiot Abercrombie-wearing water polo guys we hated in high school.
Yea to dancing.
Nay to running into coworkers while out dancing. We didn't want to see you do that. It just makes us feel awkward. "Hey, saw you at the Peacock Friday night." "Really?" "Yes, you were grinding your rear into several gentlemen." "Um..." "So what do you think we should do for our office holiday party?"
Yea to birthdays.
Nay to birthdays that happen on weekdays. We need to study more.
Yea to this Saturday's game being a day game. We don't think our bodies could have handled one more at night.
Nay to driving in the rain. We get distracted by the windshield wipers.
Yea to it being Thanksgiving.
Yea to overeating.
Nay to food babies.
Nay to people complaining about how much weight they are going to gain and how we should feel bad for stuffing our gullets. It sounds like those people hate America.
Yea to America. Greatest country in the history of mankind.
Nay to violence.
Nay to violence in Gaza. Back off, Israel.
Nay to shooting rockets into Israel. Back off, Hamas.
Yea to Corvallis having a lower crime rate than Eugene.
Yea to Corvallis having a lower unemployment rate than Eugene.
Nay to family tragedies.
Nay to having to work on a term paper over the Thanksgiving break. This is not the way we want to spend this long-awaited mini vacation.
Mer the five Thursdays this November. Having Thanksgiving during week eight is really awkward.
Yea to the week ending on Wednesday. Spend some time with your family this weekend, children. Catch up on your homework. Watch the Beavers on Saturday.

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Letter to the Editor

Ducks Surpass Beavers

In Recognition of Research Workers

While we gather this week to determine who reigns supreme on the football field, there is another arena where Oregon State has already fallen behind our friends from Eugene. I am referring to the recognition given to a group of workers that are vital to the university's mission: Researchers, specifically graduate research assistants.

It may seem strange to focus on research work during Civil War week, but, as a land-grant university, the development of new ideas, discoveries and innovations is a core component of OSU's purpose. On the Beavers' research team, GRAs are the players on the

field that perform much of the day-to-day work: Hours in the lab handling test tubes, days at the computer crunching data or writing the next killer app, weeks in the library gathering sources to synthesize an insightful breakthrough.

They perform this work while concurrently enrolled in a graduate program at the university, and they perform this work in service to the university's research mission. OSU is Oregon's leading public research institution, receiving over \$280 million in research funding last year.

Despite the obvious service performed by GRAs, despite being hired by the university and paying payroll taxes on their salary, most GRAs at OSU are, absurdly, not even consid-

ered employees.

This is not a condition affecting all GRAs: At U of O, which brings in under half the research dollars of OSU, they recognize that the work GRAs perform clearly qualifies them as employees. GRAs there subsequently enjoy greater workplace protections and don't face the uncertainty of switching between employee and non-employee status from term to term.

It's time for the Beavers to join the Ducks and acknowledge the essential work GRAs perform. Recognize all GRAs as employees today!

KEVIN WEITEMIER

PhD student, Graduate Research Assistant
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Even without the flash, OSU still better than U of O

You'd think I should be at the University of Oregon right now.

I am a journalist. The University of Oregon has the state's sole journalism school.

My best friend from the Marines ended up going there when he got out. I decided I wasn't going to attend there.

Green has been my favorite color since I was 4 years old. I own no Duck shirts.

Sometimes you end up embracing arbitrary loyalties and hold unfounded biases. You could say my attending Oregon State University makes no sense, considering my chosen profession, and the friends I could have had down there. But then, going to that other school south of here never crossed my mind.

OSU is just better than U of O. Our campus is better, our students are better, our fans are better and our university is better.

OSU's campus is beautiful, with its historic and modern buildings stretching across 400 acres. Think we made that up? On Nov. 17, the Oregonian found OSU's campus better than that soggy home to the webfoots south of here. What would The Oregonian have to lose by making such a statement? Absolutely nothing, which is why they are right.

Want to call us little brother? Think again. Our university is older. That's right. We were making Oregon a better state while your school was still a cow pasture. OK, we went through a couple of name changes, but we still got you beat by a few years.

Yes, we have a College of Agriculture. And that does mean



Don Iler

American Hero

that sometimes campus smells like agriculture. But that college also happens to be one of the best agriculture schools in the country. Does your school have its own sheep herd, meat processing facility, brewery, vineyard or cheese? No, it doesn't. We also invented the Marischino cherry. You're welcome.

We have our own forest, north of Corvallis, where the College of Forestry performs research. Matthew Knight Arena may have the outline of trees on its floorboards, but it sure as heck does not have a forest. Also our College of Forestry is the best in the country. Are the Ducks the best at anything? No, Stanford showed them that.

Our campus has a covered bridge, a wave laboratory and a nuclear reactor. You don't.

Our Memorial Union looks better, you could even say presidential, since it was modeled after Monticello. We have redwoods and a tree that went to the moon. You don't have that.

We have alumni that have done everything from win two separate unshared Nobel prizes, Linus Pauling, to be Playboy's Playmate of the Year, Sara Jean Underwood. Your library contains no Nobel Prizes, but ours does. Speaking of prizes, how many Heisman winners have gone to Oregon?

We have a College of Engineering

and a College of Pharmacy. I guess you have a Law School, but which is cooler, drugs and building things, or some dusty law books?

You know that football stadium you have? Well, the only reason you have it is because OSU alumnus Thomas Autzen took pity on you all and gave some of his fortune to his son so you could have one. You're welcome.

And then there is the fact that more Oregonians attend OSU. And not just any Oregonians, smarter ones. More valedictorians from Oregon high schools end up here than at your school. Have fun UC Eugene.

OSU impacts more Oregonians, too. With extension service offices in every county, the university brings the research done here in Corvallis

out to the people so they can benefit. So, you can have fun in your ivory tower down there, pensively considering whatever it is you all do when you aren't crying over losing football games, and we'll continue serving the people of the state.

And then there's the big kicker: We're going to make more than you will when you graduate. Last year, a study found, on average, OSU grads make more than grads from any other public university in the state. So have fun with your cinema studies, journalism or folklore degrees. We'll be rolling around in our fortunes. Except for me of course,

since I'll be working in journalism.

And then there is the question of school newspapers. Our newspaper won the Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence award last year for best all-around daily student newspaper in the region. You didn't. We get no training, we get paid less than you and we still make a better paper. And we do it five days a week. Granted the Emerald looks cool, but much like your football team, all the flash, distraction and pretty costumes

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still can't make up for good old fashioned hard work, which ends up with OSU beating Oregon at a game OSU should lose. Which shouldn't be surprising, considering Beavers are the hardest working animals in nature. What do Ducks do besides poop on everything, anyway?

All of this comes around to the fact that I just really hate the University of Oregon. I feel nauseous when I come near it. I hate the bandwagon fans rolling around the state. I hate everything about that place, from its jerkoff mascot to its jerkoff sports facilities down to the jerkoff buildings all named after some member of the Knight family.

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Historicizing the war between the state schools

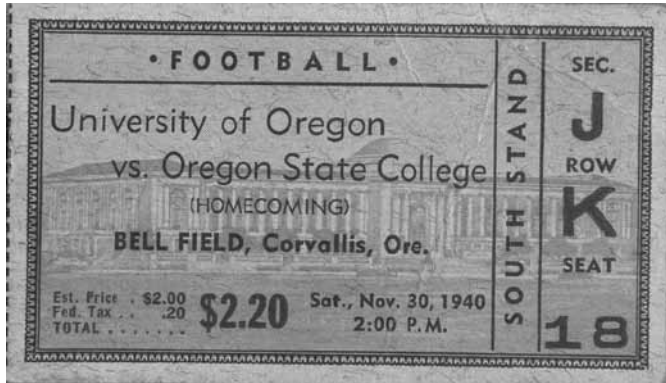
■ The rivalry between OSU, U of O has waxed, waned in popularity, carries a past filled with antics

By Don Iler
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Think the Civil War rivalry is bad this year? At least it hasn't become as ugly as it did in 1957.

In 1957, several student athletes from the University of Oregon decided they needed to exact revenge on Oregon State University, after some Beavers removed and cut up a giant "O" on top of Skinner Butte in Eugene. Abduction was the course these U of O students decided to take.

Posing as reporters from The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, the students lured Oregon State's homecoming queen, Pearl Friel, into a car and drove her away from the Corvallis campus. She was returned in 30 minutes, but only after they called OSU's



student body president with an ultimatum.

Still, this abduction did not really affect the outcome of the game. Oregon State had the best record on the West Coast that year, except they could not go back to Rose Bowl again that year because of the no-repeat rule. Oregon would go to Pasadena regardless of the outcome.

There was nothing on the line for the Beavers except pride.

Oregon State beat U of O at Hayward Field 10-7.

Of course, the Civil War wasn't always as much of a production as it is now, and it wasn't always called the Civil War.

The first meeting in football between the two schools appears to have been a minor affair. Played on Nov. 3, 1894, Oregon Agricultural College's football team, only in its second year of existence, invited some men from the state university down in Eugene to play them in football.

According to an article in the Feb. 22, 1933, Daily Barometer, the Beavers coached themselves that year, since their coach arrived later in the year. The article described the Ducks play as dismal, with it being some of the players first time throwing around the pigskin. However, the Aggies, as Oregon State players were called at the time, weren't much better, having only five returners from the previous year's team.

But the men from Oregon Agricultural College were able to use their superior size and strength to put 16 points on the board. The game was played on the lower campus, on the grassy fields across the

street from what is now the site of McNary and Wilson halls, where games were played for many years until construction of Bell Field, located where Dixon Recreation Center now stands.

Later, both teams were treated to a dinner in the women's dormitory prepared by the president's wife and Margaret Snell, head of the home economy department, according to a 2009 "Oregon Stater" article.

The game wasn't regularly referred as the Civil War until the 1930s, with the Barometer referring to the game as "the state championship" for many years.

Since then, the stakes have gotten bigger, but the games have varied.

In the midst of a 13-year Civil War losing streak, the Beavers played the Ducks to a 0-0 tie in 1983s so called "Toilet Bowl," a game that saw



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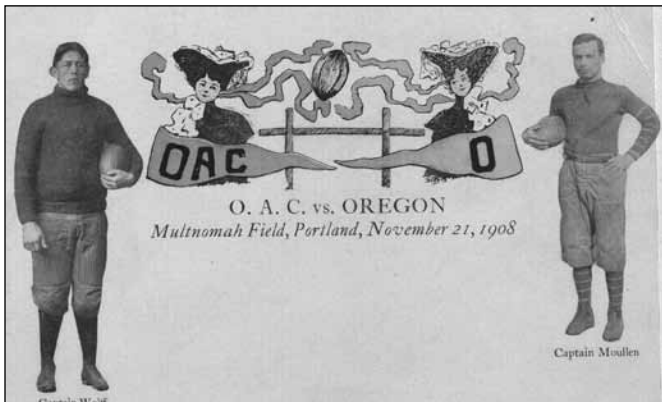
The Beavers played the Ducks to a 0-0 tie in front of record crowd at Bell Field in 1920. Bell Field, located where Dixon is now, was the home of Beavers football until 1953.

11 fumbles, five interceptions and four missed field goals.

Over the last few years, Oregon's team has risen to national prominence. While the Beavers have returned to obscurity, the stakes at play for this year's Civil War seem as high as ever, with a lot more

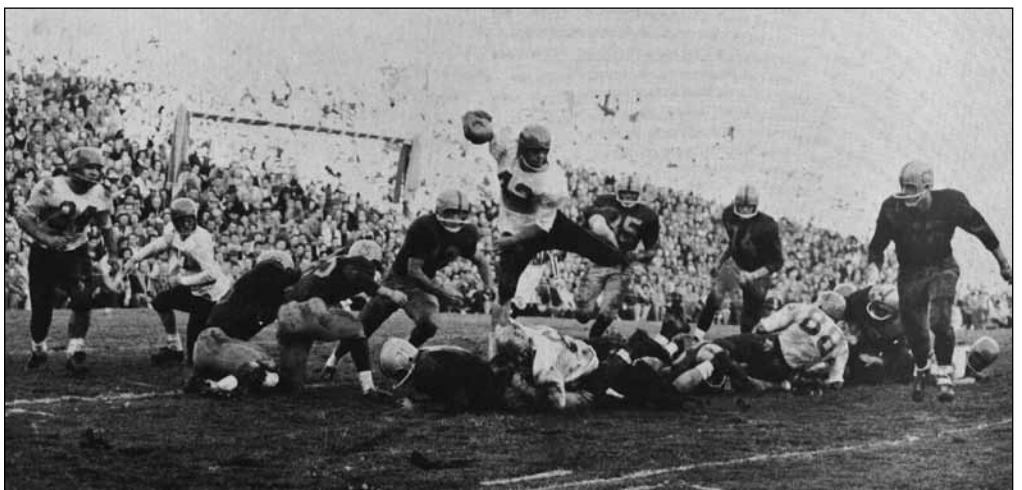
than just bragging rights on the line. Whatever the outcome, the game will likely be remembered for the foreseeable future.

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The Civil War has been played nine times at places other than Eugene and Corvallis, including Portland and Albany.



BEAVER YEARBOOK

Joe Francis (42) hurtles over the Oregon line during the Beavers 1957 victory over the Ducks at Hayward Field in Eugene.

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State schools work together in Civil War blood, energy drives

■ The Civil War Blood Drive, Energy Civil War encourage involvement from U of O, OSU communities for friendly competition

By Jack Lammers
THE DAILY BAROMETER

Pitted against each other, the University of Oregon and Oregon State University campuses are swept up in the euphoria of the poignant Civil War football game. Beyond the competition, groups from both campuses have continued with cooperative efforts during a time where both schools remain steeped in anticipation of this rivalry game.

Benefiting students' wellness and encouraging friendly sport, OSU's Student Sustainability Initiative and U of O's Office of Sustainability are sponsoring the "Energy Civil War." The U of O Student Recreation Center and OSU's Dixon Recreation Center have been counting the

energy created by ReRev elliptical machines, 10 selected for competition in each facility.

According to the Ecologue, the Student Sustainability Initiative's blog, the ReRev technology functions like solar inverters, taking DC power from the machines and converting it to AC power, fed back into the power grid.

"We chose this event in the past as something to highlight the technology implemented by both schools," said Collette Conover, energy projects coordinator for the Students Sustainability Initiative. "The event was meant to spark students' interests, and let students know we have these machines and that they are available year round."

In its fourth year, the event afforded groups on campus an opportunity to show their support by "adopting" ReRev machines, taking responsibility for a ReRev machine for a selected day. Groups participating in the event included both the Student Sustainability Initiative

and Recreational Sports, along with Women in Policy, the Japanese American Student Association and Diversity Development.

"Adoption of machines was our way of getting organizations involved, ensuring we can get a ton of students into it," Conover said.

The event ends today at 5 p.m. and the Student Sustainability Center will post the final count of the reads tonight on the Ecologue blog website. As of Monday, the count had U of O ahead of OSU, 8100 watt-hours to 3500 watt-hours. Those interested should look for machines in Dixon's Cardio Room 1 marked with Energy Civil War labels.

OSU also took on UO in the 11th annual Civil War Blood Drive, held from Nov. 1 to Nov. 17, sponsored by the American Red Cross, Lane Blood Center, OSU Alumni Association and the U of O Alumni Association. As a statewide campaign, the Civil War Blood Drive aimed to increase blood donations, requesting donors

to submit ballots choosing OSU or U of O at all American Red Cross and Lane Blood Center blood drives in Oregon and Vancouver, Wa.

"With a lot of people leaving for the holidays, it's important for that the state of Oregon has blood to send out of Oregon," said Christi Kasten, associate director of operations and board relations for the OSU alumni association.

According to Kasten, during this season many people travel, and blood donation drops on their lists of priorities. Kasten attributes the success of the blood drive to the combination of efforts from both alumni and current students.

After receiving 8659 ballots, a record number in the 11 year history, U of O won with 4730 ballots to OSU's 3929.

"In the end, everybody wins for what we are doing for the Red Cross," Kasten said. "Both schools are known for giving back."

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Corvallis doesn't mind stomping in the mud, smells better than Eugene

Megan Campbell

The Daily Barometer

I'm an artsy person, so University of Oregon seemed logical. But I hate Eugene. Fortunately, I once thought I was going to be a mechanical engineer. My career choices have changed, but my distaste for Eugene has not.

Eugene brags about being a hip city with its flashy new clothes and fresh vegan variety. In reality, it's redundant highways and a bunch of spoiled hippies with drug addictions. I'm sure real people live there too, but the hippies' unwashed armpits must keep the normals indoors.

Navigating Eugene and dealing with the masses tries my patience. I've been lost countless times. Sure, if you're there long enough, eventually you figure it out. But Eugene isn't worth my time.

Corvallis won my loyalty and became my home with the qualities of a small town. Residents are quick to support local businesses. Up until now, we've been able to fend off Wal-Mart — which is something my high school friends back in Grants Pass would consider a crime. We're a rural town with simple, friendly attitudes.

The people of Corvallis have taught me to appreciate the things Eugenians seem to miss. Sure, Eugene is packed with over 100 thousand more people — and there are flocks of Duck fans — but the town lacks

community. Maybe I've been brainwashed over the past four years by sweet people and a homey neighborhood, but in comparison to Corvallis, Eugene's got nothing.

Eugenians are blinded with a concerning amount of affection for the Ducks. Eugenians talk the talk and stick their noses up when an orange T-shirt wanders into the mall. They have inflated self-perceptions and claim to be natural and earth-loving.

Yet, Eugenians complain the Oregon State campus smells like cow manure. They make fun of our camouflage and dirty jeans. They insult our way of life, and our people.

Well, you know what? At least in Corvallis, we are natural and earth-loving. We don't care about the cow manure — we grew up with that. We don't mind getting a little wet — we grew up with that too. We live the way Eugenians claim to live. We are real people, courteously making it through the day. Plus, since we didn't spend a fortune on our Nike shoes we don't care about treading through the mud.

Not to say Eugene is populated with couch pota-

toes, but in Corvallis, we work for what we have, and we have a lower unemployment rate. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in September, the unemployment rate in Corvallis was 5.6 percent. In Eugene, it was 7.6 percent.

One of the reasons my mom is particularly grateful I chose OSU over U of O is because of Corvallis' lower crime rate.

According to Oregon's Report of Criminal Offenses and Arrests in 2010, Benton county was ranked 31 out of 36 (the closer to 36 the lower the crime rate) in the state for person-to-person crime. Lane county is ranked number 10 — with a higher person-to-person crime rate than the state's average.

Whereas downtown Eugene is dirty and deserted, downtown Corvallis is lively with local shops. The farmer's market, where locally grown produce is sold, is a wonderful place to wander; with pumpkin donuts and adorable dogs roaming the main aisle, what more could we want from a sleepy Saturday morning?

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If tickets remain after today, the Reser Stadium ticket office will be open at 8 a.m. Saturday, making the remaining tickets available.

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Jordan Poyer has become one the best cornerbacks in the nation in his senior season. Poyer, seen here in Oregon State's 21-7 win over Utah, is currently tied for second in the nation in interceptions.

Welcome to Poyer Island

■ Senior cornerback Jordan Poyer, who is considered the most competitive player on the Beavers, is having a career year

By Warner Strausbaugh
THE DAILY BAROMETER

A wide grin spread across Jordan Poyer's face as he fielded questions about the Civil War. It was right after the Beavers clobbered Cal on Saturday.

But rather than enjoy the glow of the win, the senior cornerback was thinking about the biggest game of his career. It will be the last chance for Poyer to win the Civil War.

"The bragging rights would definitely be nice, especially in my senior year," Poyer said, considered by many to be the top cornerback in the Pac-12, and one of the best in college football.

The last time Oregon State defeated the Ducks was in 2007. Poyer was playing quarterback at Astoria High School at that time.

Coming out of high school in 2009, he had scholarship offers from the University of Idaho and Portland State. But he chose OSU, even though he wasn't guaranteed a scholarship right away.

"I was a kid from a 4A high school, barely had

any scholarships to go play anywhere," Poyer said. "I came in expecting to redshirt and just didn't know what was going to happen in my career."

At fall camp as a freshman, Poyer questioned whether he even wanted to play football.

"The first couple days of fall camp in my freshman year I wondered, 'Is this really for me?'" he said. "I did everything I was supposed to do, but it was hard."

Eventually, Poyer found his rhythm. The competitive genes handed down from his parents played a role. They both were collegiate athletes at Eastern New Mexico University.

"It was just the way of our family," Poyer said. "Everything we did was competitive and that kind of carried over to sports."

That drive made it difficult for OSU head coach Mike Riley to redshirt Poyer in his freshman year.

Riley called Poyer into his office as fall camp came to an end, where he asked if Poyer wanted to play instead of being redshirted.

"What do you mean 'What do I think about that?'" Damn right I want to play," Poyer remembers telling the coach.

When cornerback Tim Clark fractured his right leg in the Civil War that fall, Poyer shifted from

safety to cornerback.

He credits former OSU cornerbacks James Dockery and Brandon Hardin for his success at the position.

Cornerback isn't a position for the humble. "You kind of have to play with cockiness, with swagger," Poyer said. "A lot of people say it's the hardest position to play in football, other than quarterback obviously, just because you are one-on-one. You get beat and everybody knows it."

This season, Poyer is playing like an All-American.

Oregon State's wide receivers practice against Poyer daily, and say they have seen his skills mature.

"As a player, he's not the fastest, not the most athletic," said senior wide receiver Markus Wheaton. "His smarts and his aggressiveness are what stand out to me."

Poyer's strategic thinking was on show Saturday night, as the Beavers took on Cal. In the first quarter, he made an interception — his sixth this season — look routine.

"I knew exactly what route he was running before he even ran it," Poyer said. "Whenever you understand what's coming, you're able to play a

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Senior cornerback Jordan Poyer had the best game of his career on Oct. 6, when he recorded three interceptions against Washington State. Poyer still wanted more, saying, "I had three picks, so going into BYU the following week I was trying to get four. That's just my mindset."



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 @r_harrington12 Richie Harrington



From Eugene

I have something to say. Something I've kept from all but my closest of friends. A secret I'm ready to share.

I was a student at the University of Oregon.

I know I'm a traitor. I know it's blasphemy to switch from a rival school. But let me explain by going back to my childhood.

I went to my first Oakland A's game at age five. We lived in California, and right then I fell in the love with baseball, and sports.

In second grade, my mom moved us to Eugene. There was no baseball. The town was consumed with a passion for college football. It was the Ducks and only the Ducks.

My mom and two of my uncles went to Oregon. All my friends were Duck fans. It was easy to fall in love with something when you're surrounded by it as a kid.

Throughout elementary and middle school I followed Oregon football. From Joey Harrington

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What does the Civil War mean?

Editor's Note: *Matt Walks, sports editor of the Emerald Media Group at the University of Oregon, joined Barometer football beat reporter Andrew Kilstrom for comparison columns. Walks focuses on the significance of the Civil War game from the University of Oregon perspective, and Kilstrom looks at the Oregon State University perspective.*

Leave it to Chip Kelly to take the fun out of the Civil War. Since the fourth-year coach took the head job over from Mike Bellotti, the Ducks have painted the state green and yellow. Ever since Jeremiah Masoli trucked Lance Mitchell on fourth-and-3 (never forget), each Civil War has been more lopsided than the last.

And although Kelly paid his token respects to the rivalry this week after practice — "It's a huge game; the state of Oregon is on the line." — everyone who's followed Oregon knows the coach preaches nameless, faceless opponents. No team on the schedule is bigger than any other. It's an effective mentality, but it douses the players' rivalry flames. Just ask the Huskies.

Of course the Oregon faithful don't totally buy into that. I mean, you don't see Ducks fans burning Utah T-shirts. But many here in Eugene feel former Ducks cornerback Cliff Harris said it best in 2010: "You know we [are] the big brother."

Since 1975, Oregon's record in the Civil War is 27-9-1. The Ducks won 15 of those games by at least two touchdowns. Most students on campus expect another Oregon rout on Saturday. Not even a heartbreaking loss can change that.

Look, I know how good Oregon State has been this year. After many analysts predicted a last place finish in the Pac-12 North, the Beavers have redefined resilience.

I was ready to write off the Beavers after Sean Mannion's injury, only to see Cody Vaz explode onto the scene. I was ready to write them off again when Vaz injured his ankle, before Mannion came back with a vengeance.

Outside the hashmarks, they're equally talented. Oregon defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti has enough respect for the Markus Wheaton/Brandin Cooks wide-out combo that he's compared them to USC's obscenely talented duo of Marqise Lee and Robert Woods.

"Last time I checked we didn't do real well [against that combo]," Aliotti said Tuesday.

On the other side of the ball, the Beavers have a top-25 defense and were just given a blueprint of how to beat Oregon by Stanford last week: Clog running lanes up the middle, throw Kenjon Barner off his rhythm and catch touchdowns out of bounds (hey, we can be a little bitter too, can't we?). If Oregon State can keep it close in the second half, who knows what could happen? Maybe Mike Riley will take the team on a road trip down to Redding for some In-N-Out on their way to the high-profile bowl game.

But I don't think it's smart to put too much weight on last week for either team. The Beavers romped, yes, but Cal pulled the plug on its on season a long time ago. And with the pressure of a perfect season off its redshirt freshman quarterback, Oregon is free to play its own distraction-free game — you know, games where it scores eight touchdowns before halftime?

I heard Corvallis celebrated when we lost to Stanford last week. That's fair, even if it was just for tradition's sake. But there's a banner that hangs in the Moshofsky Center where the Ducks practice: "Tradition has a scary mascot," the banner reads. "Tradition wears three colors. Tradition practices at 'half speed.' Tradition milks the clock. Tradition punts on fourth down. Tradition eats turkey on Thanksgiving."

As long as Chip Kelly prowls the sidelines, Oregon doesn't deal in tradition. When Kelly takes his talents to the NFL oh-so-soon, it will be okay to expect a little more out of the Civil War. But until then, it's just another game.

Matt Walks, contributor

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The first vivid memory of my entire life took place on Nov. 21, 1998, in Parker Stadium.

Oregon State was trailing Oregon 41-38 in the second overtime when Ken Simonton ran 15 yards for the winning score into the right corner of the eastern end zone.

The pandemonium that ensued is something I will always remember, and had at least a small part in shaping my life.

The fans were on the field before Simonton had even crossed the goal line. There was yelling, hugging and an immense amount of raw emotion.

Like so many other kids at that age, I had aspirations of playing football in the NFL someday, but more importantly, for the Beavers. Having two OSU alumni as parents, I was influenced from a young age, but the joy I felt running onto that field is what sold me on Oregon State University for good.

As I crossed the sideline and headed for the Benny logo in the middle of the field, my mom grabbed me and whispered something that I will never forget: "Run down that sideline and score a touchdown. Imagine what it's going to be like when you do it for real someday."

That was the fastest I've ever run as I took off down the right sideline — my mom holding onto the back of my sweatshirt so I didn't get lost in the swarming crowd — as I headed toward the same end zone Simonton had just entered.

I was six years old.

A lot has changed in the 14 years since. My dream of crossing that goal line for the orange and black never happened; I'm certainly never going to play professional football and I no longer watch Oregon State home games sandwiched between my mom and dad.

But one thing that hasn't changed, at least not from an Oregon State perspective, is the magnitude and significance of the Civil War. Actually, it's at an all-time high.

If you grew up in Oregon you know how big this annual game is. It's bigger than the Super Bowl even, because everyone has something at stake.

Whether it's a diehard alum, a common Oregonian without much interest in the game of football at all, or a player participating in the game, everyone is required to take a side.

The game means more than the outcome's effect on the Pac-12 standings, or even the impact on which bowl game each team will go to — the game is about pride, bragging rights, and for some people, even more.

"Everyone I knew was a Duck fan," said Oregon State offensive lineman Derek Nielsen, who played football at Sheldon High School in Eugene. "I always get trash talk from my friends back home. My brother's going to be a Duck now. My family's split."

The competitive spirit and the implications that exist between the two programs have never disappeared, but the meaningfulness of the game has lessened for one of the two schools.

From 1997-2006, the home team won the coveted game, until OSU snapped the streak by winning at Autzen Stadium in 2007.

Ironically, the following year it would be the '07 loser, Oregon, that would elevate its program to an elite level neither school had previously known.

When Chip Kelly arrived at the University of Oregon and turned the already-competitive Ducks into a national powerhouse, it seemed as though Oregon had turned a corner OSU was incapable of even approaching.

The Ducks suddenly had a never-ending combination of groundbreaking jerseys, national recognition as the conference alpha dog and the ability to recruit any player it wanted.

Though the intensity and passion between the two sides never died, something seemed different.

Suddenly, everyone who had been on the fence about which side to choose leaned toward the flashy, successful option in Oregon. The Beavers had a couple of down years, culminating in last year's 3-9 disappointment, and no longer seemed like a worthy opponent.

The Ducks claimed to have the same respect for OSU they had always had before. But the fan base began calling the Beavers "Oregon's little brother," and more importantly, the Oregon State fans began to believe it to be true.

The last few years have been no fun for Oregon State. Injuries, inexperience and misfortune have resulted in the previous two losing seasons, as well as blowout losses to the team they so desperately want to beat over any other.

Going into the last two Civil Wars, it was a foregone conclusion that Oregon would trample OSU. Those Beaver teams weren't ready from a mental or physical standpoint, and it showed on the field.

But the 2012 Beavers aren't the same team from years past.

"Throughout the year you always think about the [Civil War]," said Oregon State senior Jordan Poyer. "We can play with these guys. We've seen them play on TV and they're another football team and they lace on their shoes just like we do. We definitely feel like we have a chance to beat them."

In that short period from 2008 until now, Oregonians seemingly forgot what made that game in 1998 so spectacular. They forgot about what happens every single week in this unpredictable league.

Anything can happen in college football, especially in a rivalry that has lasted 116 years.

That's the reason Oregon State was triumphant when I first rushed the field 14 years ago, and it's the reason fans just might get to do the same on Saturday.

This Civil War, more than any other I can remember, means something special for Oregon State.

Not only would a win give OSU a realistic shot at an at-large BCS bowl, but it would validate all this team has accomplished this year.

It would prove that while Oregon may be the more exciting team to watch, the Beavers can be every bit as good.

It would prove that OSU is no longer Oregon's little brother.

The Civil War has always been the most important game of the year and that is again the case this year.

Only this year it's the most important game in Oregon State's history.

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I was disgusted by everything related to Oregon football by the time I entered college. I despised the paraphernalia splattered everywhere I looked. I hated hearing the constant whining after an Oregon loss, or the excessive boastfulness after a win.

One of the toughest decisions any young person makes is where they will go to college.

My goal in life was always to get a job doing something in the field of sports. The University of Oregon had the Warsaw Sports Marketing program, recognized by Sports Illustrated and ESPN as one of the leading programs in the industry,

so I registered for classes in the fall of 2009. I was a Duck.

Most people believe a student should root for his own college team. But I couldn't.

I quietly rooted for the competition in every game that year. It was the year of the War of the Roses — the Civil War in which the winner would go to the Rose Bowl.

I remember sitting in math class the Thursday evening of the Rose Bowl; there were only two other people in the class.

After class, I caught the game on TV and rooted for the Beavers.

My first year at Oregon wasn't the experience I wanted out of college. I had an awful roommate. I didn't enjoy the pre-business classes I had to take before being accepted into the sports marketing program.

I just was not happy.

My best friends from high school were all up the road at Oregon State. I visited them a couple times that year, and had more fun in Corvallis than I ever did in Eugene.

It became obvious. After my freshman year, I transferred to OSU.

I made good friends. It was always a difficult task to tell them I was once a student at Oregon.

One friend from U of O typed "Traitor" on my Facebook wall.

These universities hate each other. That hatred may begin in athletics, as it did for me, but it seeps out like nuclear waste.

With the Civil War this Saturday, it seemed natural that after three years, I come clean.

I'm not proud of once being a student at Oregon, but it's all in the past.

This is my third year at Oregon State, and the move was one of the best decisions I've ever made.

I don't hold anything against the University of Oregon. But being a Duck was not for me.

It may have taken me a year too long to realize, but if I could go back, I wouldn't change a thing.

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Ward emerging, has family ties to Oregon

■ Terron Ward has become an important cog in the OSU offense, his brother, T.J., played for the Ducks

By Andrew Kilstrom
THE DAILY BAROMETER

With the high stakes involved in the annual Civil War, it's not as if anyone needs any extra motivation for Saturday's matchup.

But for one Oregon State player, there's another reason to knock the No. 5 Ducks out of national championship contention.

Sophomore running back Terron Ward has family ties to the University of Oregon; bragging rights will surely act as another incentive, even if a minor one.

To win football supremacy, No. 15 Oregon State will first need to beat Oregon, which is certainly no easy task.

Oregon's offensive statistics speak for themselves.

The Ducks enter Corvallis ranked second in the nation in points per game with 51.1 and fifth in the nation in rushing, with nearly 314 yards per contest.

That scoring prowess is something Ward knows all too well, considering he's been following the Ducks since his older brother T.J. — now a safety for the Cleveland Browns — played at Oregon from 2005-2009.

"[Oregon's] his school, that's his alumni," Ward said. "He's a big Duck fan, but he's also a fan of me, so we'll see what comes Saturday."

Though the Ducks are coming off their worst offensive performance of the season, scoring only 14 points in their loss to Stanford, it's a pretty safe bet they will find a way to put a good number of points on the scoreboard Saturday.

While the Beavers hope to hold the potent Oregon offense in check, they are confident in their ability to score in bunches as well, thanks to the plethora of weapons at OSU's disposal.

The obvious offensive threats for the Beavers include senior wide receiver Markus Wheaton, sophomore wide receiver Brandin Cooks and redshirt freshman Storm Woods.

While Ward isn't yet the household name Wheaton and Cooks have become, he has proven to be equally as dangerous, racking



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In two of OSU's last three games, Terron Ward rushed for more than 140 yards.

up 293 total yards of offense and four touchdowns in the last three games.

"I think sometimes the best predictor of production is past production," said head coach Mike Riley after the Arizona State game. "I like those guys, and Terron has done it before, so there's no reason to think he won't do it again."

The 5-foot-7, 195-pound running back broke onto the scene three weeks ago, when Woods suffered a concussion early in a home game against ASU, and was forced to leave the game.

Thanks to some big runs and a knack for breaking tackles, the sophomore is averaging a hefty 6.5 yards a carry, including touchdown runs of 47 and 53 yards.

"It's always good to have a big play in a game," Ward said. "It gets the crowd going, it gets the team morale going."

Ward played sparingly last season, recording 237 yards rushing in 2011. Though he did start against Oregon in the Civil War, he was only able to muster 31 yards rushing in the 49-21 loss to the Ducks.

Even though OSU lost in Terron's only

Civil War as a Beaver, T.J. has been a good big brother regarding the rivalry.

"I know he was rooting for me," Ward said. "He's a good sport. He doesn't do too much talking to me about that stuff. I was already too mad to take any jokes, so he didn't rub it in."

As a backup this season, Ward was only expected to be serviceable filling in for Woods. But he has been closer to outstanding in his time this year.

"[I'm] proud of Terron," Riley said. "That's a good example of what has to happen if you want to win. If somebody's down, somebody has to step in, and we've had that in a big way with [Ward]."

It's no coincidence that Oregon State had two of its biggest games of the season when Ward delivered — OSU scored 36 points against ASU with 146 rushing yards and a TD from Ward, and 62 points against Cal thanks to 128 rushing yards and two touchdowns from Ward.

"Terron's been great," Wheaton said. "When he gets those big plays, the defense has to key in on him and then we can go deep with play action."

To keep pace with Oregon's high-octane offense, OSU will likely need another big performance out of Ward.

Ward talks with his brother on an almost daily basis, and the two provide support and words of encouragement during a football season that is long and grueling.

But while the back-and-forth is generally positive, trash talking is inevitable between competitive brothers.

"[We'll talk trash] a little bit," Terron said. "He's always posting some Duck stuff on Instagram, so I maybe need to tell him to stop that this week. I'm going to let him know [if we win]."

Regardless of which school comes out on top Saturday, one thing is for sure, the two will always have each other's backs.

"My brother and my family are proud of me for being a Beaver and for being successful at what I love to do," Ward said. "When he was a Duck, we were all Ducks. When I'm a Beaver, we're all Beavers. That's just how it is."

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Positional breakdown



QB Sophomore Sean Mannion has shown flashes of greatness this season, including a 325-yard, four-touchdown performance in one of his best games of the season last week against Cal. Though Mannion has the hotter hand of the two quarterbacks (the other being Cody Vaz) entering Saturday's game, his inconsistency and tendency to throw interceptions is a cause for concern. If the Mannion that annihilated Cal shows up Saturday, OSU could have an offensive explosion. But if the Mannion that threw four interceptions against Washington comes to play, it could mean an Oregon blowout.

QB Marcus Mariota is the most efficient quarterback in the Pac-12, and one of the most efficient in the nation. He is fifth in the NCAA in completion percentage (69.8 percent) and sixth in quarterback rating (168.0). Mariota's 29-6 touchdown-to-interception ratio shows the redshirt freshman QB doesn't make a lot of mistakes. Oh, and Oregon's backup Bryan Bennett could probably start for eight other teams in the conference.

RB Though the running game has been hit-or-miss for Oregon State, the running back tandem of redshirt freshman Storm Woods and sophomore Terron Ward has been productive recently. Woods had 61 yards and a touchdown in a little over a half of action last week, and Ward is coming off of a 128-yard, two-touchdown game. If Oregon State can get big gashes in the run game, it will do wonders for the passing game and will open up play-action.

RB Of all of these matchups between Oregon and OSU, there is no larger gap between the two teams than at running back. Oregon is fifth in the nation in rushing yards per game (313.5), first in yards per attempt (6.0) and third in rushing touchdowns (41). Kenjon Barner will be a Heisman finalist in a season in which half of his nights ended at halftime because Oregon was blowing out its opponent.

WR Senior Markus Wheaton and sophomore Brandin Cooks are arguably the best wide receiver duo in the conference, and are in the conversation for the best tandem in the nation. Cooks is 12th in the country in yardage, with 1,048 receiving yards and five touchdowns, while Wheaton is 23rd, with 977 yards and 10 touchdowns. To get that type of production from two receivers on the same team is special, considering the guy throwing them the ball has changed four times now.

WR If running back is the biggest advantage for Oregon in the Civil War, wide receiver is its biggest disadvantage. The best wide receiver on the team is De'Anthony Thomas, who leads the team with 40 receptions, but none of the wide outs have made an impact this season. Colt Lyster is a talented tight end who finds the end zone, but the guys on the outside are average – for Oregon's standards at least.

OL Oregon State's offensive line was arguably the team's biggest question mark entering the season, but it has exceeded expectations, and is just as big a reason as any that the Beavers enter the Civil War at 8-2. Freshman center Isaac Seumalo has been phenomenal in the middle, and junior guard Josh Andrews has provided some holes for Woods and Ward as of late. This unit isn't flashy, but it's been solid all year.

OL The Ducks showed against USC that amidst all the talk about Barner and Mariota, the offensive line is the reason for a lot of their success this season. The big boys up front pushed the Trojans around, and the running game more than doubled the USC defense's season average against the run. Nick Cody, Tyler Johnstone, Hroniss Grasu and the rest of the offensive line deserve a lot of credit for Oregon's gaudy offensive numbers.

DL Like the offensive line, Oregon State's defensive front was a cause for concern entering 2012 after its inability to stop the run last season. The Beavers have corrected that problem, and now rank 14th in the nation, allowing 108.7 yards per game on the ground. Sophomore Scott Crichton has been a force at defensive end providing a pass rush, and is responsible for nine of OSU's 22 sacks this season.

DL Injuries have been a concern for the unit. All four starters missed the game at Cal two weeks ago, but the Ducks will have the presence of elite defensive end Dion Jordan Saturday. Jordan is currently No. 14 on Mel Kiper's Big Board for the NFL Draft next April. Jordan has 42 tackles, 10.5 tackles for loss, five sacks and three forced fumbles this season.

LB The linebacker corps is very much improved for OSU in 2012. Sophomore D.J. Alexander and junior Michael Doctor are as fast as any in the conference, and along with senior Feti Taumoepeau, they have led the Oregon State defense in a successful year. OSU's speed chasing down Kenjon Barner and De'Anthony Thomas sideline is a luxury most teams in the conference don't possess.

LB Michael Clay is the leader of the Oregon defense. Not only for what he can do as a linebacker, but as the quarterback of the defense. Clay has intangible skills, like intelligence and discipline, which provide a sense of guidance for the other 10 players. Clay had 20 tackles Saturday against Stanford while Kiko Alonso adds exceptional pass coverage to the linebacker corps. As good as this unit has been, Stanford rushed for 200 yards against them on Saturday.

SECONDARY The secondary is arguably Oregon State's best positional unit outside of the receivers. Senior Jordan Poyer will play on Sundays next year, and junior Rashaad Reynolds has quietly developed into an elite corner in the Pac-12. The real advantage this unit gives OSU, however, is the ability to make open-field tackles on Oregon's elusive playmakers. Both Poyer and Reynolds are great in the open field, and safeties Ryan Murphy and Anthony Watkins are capable as well.

SECONDARY Injuries have ravaged Oregon's secondary. First it was John Boyett ending his season before it started with season-ending surgery on both his knees. Then Boyett's replacement, Avery Patterson, tore his ACL against Cal, and now he's out for the season too. Their third option, Erick Dargan, recorded an interception on Saturday. Oregon State may present the biggest test for Oregon's secondary this year. Wheaton and Cooks could cause plenty of matchup problems for the Ducks.

ST Placekicker Trevor Romaine went from being one of the most unreliable kickers in the conference to almost a sure thing. Romaine has connected on 13 of 15 field goals this season, and has a knack for touchbacks on kickoffs, which could be key in keeping the ball out of Thomas' hands. Keith Kostol has been reliable in the punting game, and has flipped field position on multiple occasions.

ST As we've learned over the last few years, Alejandro Maldonado is not to be trusted to make a field goal in a close game. Maldonado clanked an overtime field goal against Stanford, his second miss of the game. The Ducks do have the most explosive return man in football in De'Anthony Thomas, but teams have been avoiding kicking in his direction all year.

COACH Coach: Mike Riley is more than just the nicest head coach in college football. He has also transformed a 3-9 team from a year ago into an 8-2 contender seemingly overnight. Riley might not get the national notoriety Chip Kelly gets, but he is the all-time wins leader in Oregon State history, and has a bowl record of 5-1, showing he knows how to coach in big games.

COACH Coach: Chip Kelly became the head coach at Oregon four years ago, and his aptitude as a college football coach speaks for itself. Kelly created one of the best offensive schemes in the history of college football, which has routinely made the Ducks one of the top offenses in the country. Kelly may not be the nicest guy, but he knows what he's doing, and there's no arguing that.

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two quarters before a big third for the Ducks blows it wide open.

Matt Walks, sports editor

Oregon 49, Oregon State 28

Anything can happen on any given Saturday, and given what did happen to the Ducks last Saturday, it's hard to see Chip Kelly and company walking off the field with another loss. Oregon State may hang with the Ducks early on, but as the Ducks have done so often this year, they'll pull away.

Isaac Rosenthal, digital sports editor

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off devastating losses with wins, so expect the Ducks to come out firing in Corvallis this weekend. Oregon State may stand strong at home, but the Ducks will pull away in the second half as they always do to come away with another Civil War victory.

Hayden Kim, sports reporter

Oregon 3, Oregon State 0

Oregon plays great defense and purposely does not score all game until the end of regulation to allow Alejandro Maldonado a 41-yard shot at redemption. The kick goes wide wide wide right but hits a low flying goose and falls through the posts for an Oregon win.

Jackson Long, sports reporter

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Wheaton and Cooks could have a field day against a banged-up Oregon secondary. And as Stanford showed, as long as the run game of Oregon can be slowed down, that high-powered offense

Oregon State 42, Oregon 41

I can't believe I'm doing this. I told myself all week I wouldn't pick the Beavers to win. But ever since Saturday night I've talked myself into it. Mannion, Wheaton and Cooks could have a field day against a banged-up Oregon secondary. And as Stanford showed, as long as the run game of Oregon can be slowed down, that high-powered offense

can too. Two predictions for this game: First, Jordan Poyer has a pick-six. Second, Oregon loses by one point because of a failed two-point conversion.

Warner Strausbaugh, sports editor

Oregon State 31, Oregon 28

Between all the injuries on the defensive side of the ball for the Ducks, and their loss last weekend, it really feels like this is the year Oregon State can knock off. You look at seniors Jordan Poyer and Markus Wheaton, and it's tough to imagine them going four years without beating the Ducks once. There are a lot of "ifs" going into the Civil War — Oregon State will win if: Sean Mannion takes care of the ball, the defensive line stops the run, OSU can get the run game going, etc. Those things being said, Oregon State is riding a giant wave of momentum and gets to play in Reser Stadium, where they're undefeated. It'll be a nail-biter, but I really think Oregon State will come out on top.

Andrew Kilstrom, sports reporter

Andrew Kilstrom

Sports Reporter

Oregon State 45, Oregon 22

Protect your faces and secure your laptops, the Ducks are coming to town! In one of the more prolific Civil Wars in recent memory, I predict a

Beavers win in a high scoring game. The final score will not do the game justice, however, as the Beavers will storm out of the gates behind their recently revitalized offense and command a huge early lead. Their stifling defense will thwart the Ducks' option-based offense. By halftime, the game will be a blow-out.

Head coach Mike Riley will pull his starters from the game at the start of the third quarter, in a sincere act of grace and respect for the opponent. This is so the score won't reach ridiculous heights and hurt the Ducks' feelings. We would not want them to feel too bad. Better put in the backups for half the game. It just shows good sportsmanship.

Mitch Mahoney, sports reporter

Mitch Mahoney

Sports Reporter

Oregon 28, Oregon State 17

Although the Beavers have had a great season and have the home-field advantage for this Civil War, it will not be enough to top Oregon this year. The Ducks are coming off their first loss this season and will be coming out hard in this rivalry game. The Beavers have been strong on defense and will be able to hold the fast Oregon offense to only four touchdowns. Though Oregon State's offense was on fire against Cal, the high-pressure Oregon defense will cause more turnovers. I'm hoping the Beavers pull off the upset, but Beaver Nation needs to be prepared for the heart ache of another loss to the Ducks.

Sarah Kerrigan, sports reporter

Sarah Kerrigan

Sports Reporter

Alex Crawford

Sports Reporter

Oregon State 21, Oregon 17

Let me preface any talk of the football portion of the game by calling out every student who is trying to sell their ticket and

every person who "isn't sure" if they will be at the game or not. This is the most epic Civil War match-up since 2000, when both teams were in the top 10. If you can't decide if you want to go to the game or not, you don't deserve to wear orange and black. What happened to a little thing called pride? The enemy is in town, get out there and cheer for your Beavs. As for football, Oregon State is going to have to play a perfect game to beat the Ducks — because Oregon seems to exponentially increase their momentum whenever they get even a tiny amount of it — and I think they can do it. Expect a physical and sloppy game. Expect both teams to come out of the gate a little too hyped up, but expect the Beavers to do what they haven't done since 2007 — beat the Ducks.

Alex Crawford, sports reporter

Oregon State 38, Oregon 35

After a blowout victory against Cal, I expect the Beavers to take the field and play with added motivation for this Civil War game. Oregon is coming off an upset loss against Stanford and will be looking to make up for its poor play Saturday night. Oregon State will overwhelm Oregon with a combination of tough play and crowd energy. The Beavers are going to need great games from Sean Mannion and Jordan Poyer in order to complete the upset over the Ducks.

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Teammates call cornerback Jordan Poyer the most competitive player on the team. Poyer is seen here surrounded by teammates on the bench at Reser Stadium in an Oct. 6 game vs. Washington State.

POYER

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whole lot faster.”
That was one of many high-light-worthy plays in Oregon State’s 48-point victory over the Golden Bears.
In his senior year, Poyer has stepped into a leadership role and fought alongside Wheaton to correct last year’s dismal season.
“He’s a verbal and active leader,” said junior linebacker Michael Doctor. “In the summer time, he made sure everyone was on time for everything, made sure everyone was doing extra lifting, extra running, anything we could do to get better.”
Poyer’s leadership style was largely propelled by his own competitive drive.
“His number one attribute is he is such a competitor,” Riley said. “He does not like to lose, and he practices like that all the time, that’s just his nature.”
While Oregon State’s turnaround season has been remarkable, losses to Washington and Stanford sting the worst.
“I really think losing hurts a lot more than winning feels good,” he said.

But Poyer is having the best season of his career, tied for second in the nation in interceptions (6) and ranked 24th in interceptions (6) and ranked 24th in interceptions (11).
“I play with just a passion,” Poyer said. “I feel like if you don’t play with emotion, you’re playing dead.”
Poyer lives with three teammates: Doctor, Sean Martin and Kevin Cummings.
Martin says as soon as they get home after a long day of class and practice, the video games commence.
Friendly wagers over Call of Duty and NCAA Football keep the competition alive off the field.
“We’ll bet for push-ups, we’ll bet for who cleans the dishes, we’ll bet for all of that kind of stuff,” Poyer said. “They get pretty heated in the house. Sometimes they turn into wrestling matches.”
Aside from video-game sessions that bring out the best and the worst in Poyer, his roommates love having him around.
“Whenever we’re around him, it’s jokes, it’s fun, it’s a relaxing time,” Cummings said.
“He’s a good person to be around,” Martin added. “When you’re with people like that, it just makes your experience here

in college much better.”
Avoiding a swollen ego can be a challenge for the most talked about, most interviewed and most nationally recognized player on the team. But Poyer said his notoriety also keeps him from getting into too much trouble.
“It keeps me grounded,” Poyer said. “I’ve got to be smart in the decisions that I make.”
Poyer was invited to the Senior Bowl this year, along with Wheaton. ESPN’s Mel Kiper has Poyer rated as the third-best senior cornerback for the 2013 NFL Draft.
“It’s hard not to think about,” Poyer said. “I’m from Oregon.

I went to a 4A high school. It’s kind of surreal.”
Even Oregon coach Chip Kelly has called Poyer “one of the best defensive backs in the country.”
But the spotlight isn’t a place where Poyer cowers. It’s where he shines. And that spotlight will be shining Saturday when the Beavers take on the Ducks.
The Beavers know if anyone can elevate their play to stop the best offense in the nation, it will be Poyer.
“He is that man,” Brandin Cooks said. “And he will win.”

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