

WEEK NINE
WASHINGTON ST at OREGON

Lewis' FG gives No. 11 Oregon 37-35 win over Washington St

EUGENE, Ore. -- Freshman kicker Camden Lewis flexed his muscles with a holler as teammates raised him on their shoulders.

He had just nailed a 26-yard field goal as time expired, extending No. 11 Oregon's winning streak to seven games with a 37-35 victory over Washington State on Saturday night.

He deserved that flex.

CJ Verdell ran for a career-high 257 yards and three touchdowns for the Ducks (7-1, 5-0 Pac-12), who haven't lost since the season opener against Auburn.

Anthony Gordon's 5-yard touchdown pass on fourth down to Brandon Arconado with a minute remaining gave Washington State a 35-34 lead. But then Justin Herbert completed four straight passes on the ensuing drive to get the Ducks close for Lewis' kick.

"I want that kick so bad, that's just why you do it," Lewis said about his mindset as he watched Oregon march down the field. "I don't want them to score, I want to kick it."

The loss snapped Washington State's four-game winning streak over Oregon. Gordon threw for 406 yards and three touchdowns for the Cougars (4-4, 1-4), while Arconado caught nine passes for 130 yards and two scores.

Gordon went into the game leading the nation in yards passing (425.9) and completions (35.14) per game. He has 32 touchdowns this season, including the four he threw last week in a 41-10 victory over Colorado.

"Definitely it felt good to get the ball in the end zone in crunch time like that," Gordon said about the Cougars' final drive. "Just coming up a little bit short, and in general throughout the four quarters, just got to figure out how to make maybe one more play to give us an opportunity to win."

Herbert threw for 222 yards but his streak of 35 straight games with a touchdown pass -- the longest active run in the nation -- was snapped. He threw for 280 yards and four touchdowns last week in a comeback victory over Washington to earn Pac-12 Offensive Player of the Week honors.

"To be able to trade that for a win, I'd do that again," Herbert said about the streak ending.

The Ducks were without senior linebacker Troy Dye, who broke his thumb last week against Washington. Dye has 351 career tackles, most among current Power 5 players, and has led the Ducks in tackles for three straight seasons. Dru Mathis started in his place.

The Cougars got to the Oregon 19 on their opening drive, but Gordon twice failed to connect with Rodrick Fisher and the team settled for Blake Mazza's 36-yard field goal.

The Ducks answered with Lewis' 40-yard field goal.

Verdell ran untouched for an 89-yard touchdown to put the Ducks up 9-3 midway through the first half. The extra point attempt by Lewis went wide right.

Gordon was intercepted in the end zone by Verone McKinley III, who snagged the ball when Arconado bobbled it. It was McKinley's third interception this season. But the Ducks failed to capitalize on the turnover.

Max Borghi's 1-yard touchdown run pulled Washington State in front 10-9.

Jevon Holland intercepted Gordon and ran it back 19 yards for a touchdown, and the 2-point conversion was good to give the Ducks a 17-10 lead. The Cougars tied it with 47 seconds left before the break when Gordon found Renard Bell with a 15-yard touchdown pass. Verdell's 2-yard scoring run put Oregon back in front before Mazza's 23-yard field goal closed the gap to 24-20 going into the fourth quarter. Verdell added a 1-yard TD early in the period. The Cougars trimmed the margin with Gordon's 19-yard pass to Arconado, and the conversion was good to make it 31-28.

Lewis made a 30-yard field goal with 6:29 left to give the Ducks some cushion, but a pass interference call and Gordon's 48-yard pass play to Tay Martin got the Cougars to the Oregon 12 with less than two minutes to go. On third-and-5, Gordon's pass to Arconado was incomplete, but Washington State went for it on fourth down and this time Arconado pulled down the TD.

"Football's a game of inches and it shows out there. Just one play different could change the whole game. But there are some take-aways from that: We played a good game, I thought. We played all four quarters well, probably the best of the season," Borghi said.

Verdell's yards rushing were the most by a Pac-12 player in a conference game this season.

THE TAKEAWAY

Washington State: Mazza has not missed a field goal this season. ... The Cougars got a scare in the first half when Borghi gingerly limped off the field after a 14-yard run, but he returned. Borghi's nine touchdowns this season were tied for second-most in the Pac-12.

Oregon: The Ducks have 14 interceptions this season. They went into the game leading the Pac-12. Holland has four of them. ... True freshman Mase Funa had his fourth sack of the season. ... Washington State's four-game winning streak over Oregon was the longest by a Pac-12 opponent since Washington won five straight meetings from 1989-93.

TARGETING

Washington State's Travion Brown was ejected for targeting on Oregon running back Travis Dye, who went to the locker room following the hit and did not return. Travis Dye is the younger brother of Troy Dye.

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WSU	3	14	3	15	35
ORE	9	8	7	13	37

Scoring Summary -----

	WSU	ORE
FIRST QUARTER		
WSU FG 7:26 Blake Mazza 36 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 56 yards, 3:49	3	0
ORE FG 3:11 Camden Lewis 40 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 53 yards, 4:15	3	3
ORE TD 1:15 CJ Verdell 89 Yd Run (Camden Lewis PAT failed)		
1 play, 89 yards, 0:12	3	9
SECOND QUARTER		
WSU TD 6:59 Max Borghi 1 Yd Run (Blake Mazza Kick)		
7 plays, 51 yards, 3:40	10	9
ORE TD 1:51 Jevon Holland 19 Yd Interception Return (Justin Herbert Pass to Johnny Johnson III for Two-Point Conversion)		
3 plays, -15 yards, 0:53	10	17
WSU TD 0:47 Renard Bell 15 Yd pass from Anthony Gordon (Blake Mazza Kick)		
3 plays, 59 yards, 1:04	17	17
THIRD QUARTER		
ORE TD 6:47 CJ Verdell 2 Yd Run (Camden Lewis Kick)		
14 plays, 65 yards, 6:40	17	24
WSU FG 2:40 Blake Mazza 23 Yd Field Goal		
12 plays, 78 yards, 4:07	20	24
FOURTH QUARTER		
ORE TD 13:20 CJ Verdell 1 Yd Run (Camden Lewis Kick)		
9 plays, 75 yards, 4:20	20	31
WSU TD 11:01 Brandon Arconado 19 Yd pass from Anthony Gordon (Anthony Gordon Pass to Brandon Arconado for Two-Point Conversion)		
7 plays, 78 yards, 2:19	28	31
ORE FG 6:29 Camden Lewis 30 Yd Field Goal		
12 plays, 52 yards, 4:32	28	34
WSU TD 1:00 Brandon Arconado 5 Yd pass from Anthony Gordon (Blake Mazza Kick)		
8 plays, 90 yards, 2:06	5	34
ORE FG 0:00 Camden Lewis 26 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 53 yards, 1:00	35	37

Team Stats	WSU	ORE
First Downs	27	25
Passes for First	20	11
Rushes for First	3	14
Penalties for First	4	0
Third Down Efficiency	1-9	11-17
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-2	0-0
Total Yards	446	528
Total Plays	65	77
Avg Gain Per Play	6.9	6.9
Net Yards Rushing	40	306
Rushes	15	47
Yards Per Rush	2.7	6.5
Net Yards Passing	406	222
Comp-Att	32-50	21-30
Yards Per Pass	8.1	7.4
Times Sacked	1	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-10	-27
Interceptions	2	0
Punts	3	4
Punt Average	41.0	36.0
Penalties	4	9
Penalty Yards	36	100
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	25:26	34:34

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
WASHINGTON ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Max Borghi	8	54	6.8	1	16		
Anthony Gordon	6	1	0.2	0	7		
Team	1	-15	-15.0	0	0		
OREGON							
	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
CJ Verdell	23	257	11.2	3	89		
Cyrus Habibi-Likio	12	48	4.0	0	17		
Travis Dye	3	8	2.7	0	3		
Jaylon Redd	1	1	1.0	0	1		
Justin Herbert	8	-8	-1.0	0	12		
PASSING							
WASHINGTON ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Anthony Gordon	32	50	406	8.1	3	2	65.5
OREGON							
	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Justin Herbert	21	30	222	7.4	0	0	62.6
RECEIVING							
WASHINGTON ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Brandon Arconado	9	130	14.4	2	28		
Max Borghi	8	70	8.8	0	18		
Davontavean Martin	2	59	29.5	0	48		
Dezmon Patmon	5	56	11.2	0	19		
Travell Harris	3	37	12.3	0	23		
Easop Winston Jr.	3	28	9.3	0	14		
Renard Bell	2	26	13.0	1	15		
OREGON							
	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Juwan Johnson	4	64	16.0	0	24		
CJ Verdell	4	56	14.0	0	27		
Spencer Webb	3	42	14.0	0	18		
Jaylon Redd	4	25	6.3	0	11		
Cyrus Habibi-Likio	3	15	5.0	0	6		
Bryan Addison	1	11	11.0	0	11		
Johnny Johnson III	1	7	7.0	0	7		
Mycah Pittman	1	2	2.0	0	2		