

WEEK TWO  
SOUTHERN UTAH AT OREGON STATE

CORVALLIS, Ore. -- Jermar Jefferson said that he dreamed about playing college football all his life. On Saturday night, he had a dream game.

The freshman rushed for 238 yards and four touchdowns -- including a weaving 62-yard score -- as Oregon State beat Southern Utah 48-25 on Saturday night.

In his second game, Jefferson notched the third-highest single-game rushing total for Oregon State.

Jefferson gave his offensive line much of the credit. "They were opening up big holes for me so I could do good stuff in the open field," Jefferson added.

Conor Blount started at quarterback and completed 15 of 22 passes for 226 yards and a touchdown for the Beavers (1-1).

Chris Helbig threw for 340 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for another score for the FCS-member Thunderbirds (0-2).

Oregon State matched its win total from last season in Coach Jonathan Smith's first home game.

Smith was a walk-on quarterback who led the Beavers to their best season, with a No. 4 ranking, after pummeling Notre Dame 41-9 in the 2001 Fiesta Bowl.

In Oregon State's season opening 77-31 loss at No. 4 Ohio State, starting quarterback Jake Luton suffered a concussion and left the game after the first series. He was replaced by Blount.

On Saturday, Luton was medically cleared, but Blount started. Luton entered the game in the third quarter.

Blount said that he wasn't told directly that he was the starter during the week. "I had a good feeling about it, so I prepared like the starter," Blount added.

Starting running back Artavis Pierce had 91 yards rushing and a touchdown for the Beavers before injuring his elbow early in the second quarter. Smith said he wasn't sure about the severity of the injury, or of the injury of wide receiver Trevon Bradford.

Oregon State led 38-0 and went to the half up 41-7, having scored on seven of eight first-half possessions.

Southern Utah Coach Demario Warren noted that his team continued to fight in the second half.

"Hopefully, we see that if we play together, cheer for each other and have some fun together, we'll have a pretty good team," Warren said.

The Beavers broke an 11-game losing streak and won for the first time in more than a year.

THE TAKEAWAY

Southern Utah: The defending Big Sky champs went 9-3 last season but are in danger of starting 0-3 this year. The team has never won against a Pac-12 opponent and play at Arizona next.

Oregon State: After a 1-11 season in 2017, fans have reason for optimism. The Beavers should be competitive in their next games against Nevada and Arizona.

OSU STARTING QB?: Smith said he will take a bit of a week-to-week approach with choosing the team's starting quarterback. "I think we have two quarterbacks we can move the ball with," Smith said.

THUNDERBIRDS NEW QB: While Helbig had good stats through the air, he also rushed for 37 yards in his second game as a starter for Southern Utah. Warren said the junior college transfer scrambled and escaped trouble "like a magician" to extend drives. "For him to come out there and compete like that, especially in the second half, was fun to see," Warren added.

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SUU	0	7	9	9	25		
ORST	17	24	0	7	48		
<b>Scoring Summary -----</b>							
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>							
ORST FG 11:44							
Jordan Choukair 23 Yd Field Goal							
10 plays, 69 yards, 3:16				0	3		
ORST TD 7:14							
Jermar Jefferson 6 Yd Run (Jordan Choukair Kick)							
9 plays, 36 yards, 3:15				0	10		
ORST TD 4:40							
Artavis Pierce 2 Yd Run (Jordan Choukair Kick)							
6 plays, 79 yards, 1:43				0	17		
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>							
ORST TD 10:46							
Jermar Jefferson 32 Yd Run (Jordan Choukair Kick)							
8 plays, 90 yards, 2:06				0	24		
ORST TD 8:15							
Trevon Bradford 33 Yd pass from Conor Blount (Jordan Choukair Kick)							
4 plays, 60 yards, 1:13				0	31		
ORST TD 6:42							
Jermar Jefferson 62 Yd Run (Jordan Choukair Kick)							
1 play, 62 yards, 0:14				0	38		
SUU TD 4:43							
Frank Harris III 43 Yd pass from Chris Helbig (Manny Berz Kick)							
5 plays, 74 yards, 1:53				7	38		
ORST FG 0:00							
Jordan Choukair 32 Yd Field Goal							
4 plays, 18 yards, 0:22				7	41		
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>							
SUU FG 11:16							
Manny Berz 36 Yd Field Goal							
8 plays, 57 yards, 3:44				10	41		
SUU TD 6:45							
Chris Helbig 2 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)							
8 plays, 70 yards, 2:28				16	41		
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>							
SUU FG 12:04							
Manny Berz 38 Yd Field Goal							
7 plays, 50 yards, 2:04				19	41		
ORST TD 6:58							
Jermar Jefferson 7 Yd Run (Jordan Choukair Kick)							
6 plays, 55 yards, 2:43				19	48		
SUU TD 3:34							
Jay Green Jr. 21 Yd pass from Chris Helbig (Manny Berz PAT blocked)							
11 plays, 75 yards, 3:24				25	48		
<b>Team Stats</b>							
First Downs		SUU		ORST			
Total Yards		28		28			
Total Plays		488		649			
Avg Gain Per Play		86		76			
Net Yards Rushing		5.7		8.5			
Rushes		148		360			
Yards Per Rush		38		45			
Net Yards Passing		3.9		8.0			
Comp-Att		340		289			
Yards Per Pass		31-48		19-31			
Times Sacked		7.1		9.3			
Yds Lost To Sacks		1		1			
Interceptions		-9		-3			
Punts		0		0			
Punt Average		5		3			
Penalties		0.0		0.0			
Penalty Yards		7		6			
Fumbles		55		80			
Fumbles Lost		0		1			
Possession		0		1			
		33:22		26:38			
<b>Individual Stats</b>							
<b>RUSHING</b>							
SUU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
James Felila	12	51	4.3	0	9		
Jay Green Jr.	15	49	3.3	0	11		
Chris Helbig	9	37	4.1	1	11		
Ty Rutledge	1	8	8.0	0	8		
Lelon Dillard	1	3	3.0	0	3		
ORST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Jermar Jefferson	22	238	10.8	4	62		
Artavis Pierce	11	91	8.3	1	34		
Conor Blount	5	15	3.0	0	12		
B.J. Baylor	4	11	2.8	0	11		
Jake Luton	1	4	4.0	0	4		
Christian Wallace	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0		
<b>PASSING</b>							
SUU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Chris Helbig	31	48	340	7.1	2	0	137.8
ORST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Conor Blount	15	22	226	10.3	1	0	169.5
Jake Luton	4	9	63	7.0	0	0	103.2
<b>RECEIVING</b>							
SUU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Logan Parker	6	73	12.2	0	18		
Landen Measom	7	67	9.6	0	19		
Ty Rutledge	5	50	10.0	0	27		
Frank Harris III	2	47	23.5	1	43		
McCoy Hill	4	47	11.8	0	31		
Jay Green Jr.	1	21	21.0	1	21		
Alex Croyle	1	13	13.0	0	13		
James Felila	3	9	3.0	0	10		
Carlos Baker	1	8	8.0	0	8		
Lelon Dillard	1	5	5.0	0	5		
ORST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Isaiah Hodgins	4	59	14.8	0	20		
Trevon Bradford	3	47	15.7	1	33		
Timmy Hernandez	2	45	22.5	0	24		
Isaiah Smalls	1	31	31.0	0	31		
Aaron Short	2	27	13.5	0	16		
Jermar Jefferson	3	27	9.0	0	12		
Andre Bodden	1	25	25.0	0	25		
Tino Allen	2	22	11.0	0	18		
Artavis Pierce	1	6	6.0	0	6		