

Beavers Stop Roth to Upset Cal, 10-9

CORVALLIS, Ore. (UPI)—An incredible Oregon State defense throttled Joe Roth's aerial circus Saturday and the Beavers upset California, 10-9.

The loss was a crippling blow to the Bears' Rose Bowl hopes. The win was Oregon State's first in six games and the first for Craig Fertig, the Beavers' new coach.

The Beavers held Roth, possibly the nation's best college passer, to 13 completions in 28 tries for only 119 yards, far below his 240 yards-per-game average. The Oregon State secondary intercepted him three times and he was also sacked three times. He was decked with 28 seconds to play and was helped from the field with a leg injury.

Cal coach Mike White said he did not know how serious the injury was.

The Bears' top receiver, Wesley Walker, was injured Friday and played sparingly against Oregon State.

Oregon State's defense was brilliant in keeping the explosive Bears out of the end zone.

The Beavers, inept on offense most of the day, began a 65-yard drive late in the fourth period featuring the running of junior-college transfer James Fields, who scored from the 1 with 3:23 left in the game. In addition to Fields' running, a 22-yard pass from freshman quarterback Scott Richardson to Duane Hall at the Cal 19 was a key play in the drive.

An end-zone pass interference call on the Bears gave Oregon State the ball at the 1 from where Fields drove into the end zone. Kieron Walford, whose 32-yard field goal early in the second quarter had given Oregon State a 3-0 halftime lead, kicked the winning extra point.

Oregon State, which features the best pass defense in the conference, kept the wraps on Roth and the Bears relied on their premier placekicker Jim Breech for a pair of 41-yard field goals in the third period to go ahead, 6-3. Breech's third field goal, from 23 yards, came 5½ minutes into the final period after the Beavers staged a goal-line stand.

Breech's three field goals set a Cal school record as he now has a career mark of 28, eclipsing the former record of 25 by Ray Worshing.

"This is the happiest day of my life," said Oregon State coach Fertig, long-time assistant to John McKay at USC.

"I keep telling you there is something special about this team," he said. "They are the guttiest bunch I have ever been around.

"Cal is the best team we have faced and they definitely have the most offensive weapons," Fertig said.

"This might be OSU's best win since beating USC here 3-0 in 1967," he added.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

California	0	0	6	3-9
Oregon St.	0	3	0	7-10
OS—FG Walford	32			
Cal—FG Breech	41			
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Cal—FG Breech	23			
OS—Fields	1 run (Walford kick)			
Attendance	—23,963			

STATISTICS

	Cal	OS
First downs	18	14
Rushes-yards	42-128	52-135
Yards passing	186	33
Return yards	56	15
Passes	19-36-3	2-18-3
Punts	6-31	6-40
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-yards	16-172	8-86