



OREGON STATE BIO

National Championships - 0



PAC-12 Championships: **5**
(Last: **2000**)

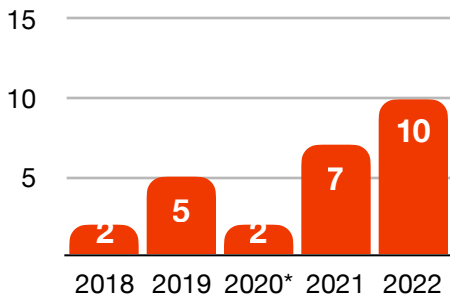
Location: **Corvallis, OR**

All-Time Record: **487-582-36**

2022 Results: **10-3**
Won Las Vegas Bowl

Head Coach: **Jonathan Smith**
6th Year (26-31)

5-YEAR WIN TREND



Reser Stadium (45,674)

Beavers Aim for Dream Season

Jonathan Smith's Beavers have been building for this season for a long time. Removing the Covid year, Oregon State has improved their record by at least 2 wins over the course of his five-year tenure. When Smith took over as head coach in 2018, his alma mater was one of the country's laughing stocks going 7-29 the three years prior under Gary Anderson. Now, after a steady rebuild, the Beavers have a legitimate shot at their first PAC-12 title since Smith was the starting quarterback in 2000. With a rabid fanbase and supportive administration, Oregon State has always been a location with possibilities for success; what was missing was a coach that understood the unique culture and how to win in Corvallis. Typically forgotten about in the Pacific northwest, the Beavers took many by surprise last season with a 10-3 finish. Their announcement to the country really came in a tight loss to USC and Caleb Williams by a score of 14-17. The defense shut down the Heisman trophy winner better than anyone had to that point. Losing to the other top three teams in the PAC-12 (Utah and Washington), the Beavers took care of everyone else on their conference schedule. In the "Civil War" they found themselves down 17 in the fourth quarter before staging a miracle comeback to defeat the Ducks 38-34. To follow it up, the Beavers put an exclamation point on the season by blasting Florida in the Las Vegas Bowl 30-3.

With a strong finish to the 2022 season and many returning contributors, there's a lot to be excited about for the coming season. The first move Smith made was to stabilize the erratic play of the quarterback position that cost the team in big moments against USC and Washington. Bringing in transfer quarterback **DJ Uiagalelei** from Clemson was one of the most significant moves of the portal. The former five-star recruit brings in a lot of talent and experience, but perhaps some baggage as well from his struggles last season with the Tigers. Hopefully, he is able to regain the initial success he had his freshman year when he had to replace Trevor Lawrence due to covid regulations. The offensive line should help with the transition as they were among the best in the conference last season and bring back four starters including **Tallies Fuaga** and **Joshua Gray** at tackle. Despite opponents' awareness of their reliance on the run Oregon State was still able to average almost 200 yards per game, led by star running back **Damien Martinez**. Now entering his second season, he should again alleviate some pressure off of the passing game. The Beavers must replace several key pass catchers. Losing tight end Luke Musgrave to the NFL draft is a big blow but **Jack Velling** was actually more productive at that position. The receiving room will need to elevate this season to help Uiagalelei and the run game. Look for **Anthony Gould** and **Silas Bolden**, who have patiently waited their turn, to have productive seasons.

No defense was stronger than the Beavers in the PAC-12 last year in terms of points allowed. **James Rawls** and **Sione Lolohea** will bring leadership and once again anchor an elite run defense. There are key losses in the secondary, but Smith has recruited and developed extremely well. Most of their replacements are already in the program and he hasn't had to go deep into the transfer portal. **Kitan Oladapo** is a holdover at safety who earned fourth-team All-PAC-12 honors. There is quality depth of talent on this defense (some players with multiple years of experience will serve as backups). That depth should serve the team well in their attempt to replicate last year's success.

The Bottom Line: Last season was an enormous success as the Beavers won 10 games for the first time since 2006 and defeated Oregon for the second time in three years. However, this year they are shooting much higher believing that their first conference title in 23 years is at hand. There are some tricky September and October games that could trip them up around their revenge matchup against the Utes. Ultimately, the season boils down to the last two weeks of the season against Washington and Oregon. Defeating both teams would normally be seen as "business" and a means to get to the PAC 12 title game. But, after all the conference realignment there will be plenty of hurt feelings entering these matchups. Oregon State will have another great year, but will the Beavers be able to realize their dream season in the concluding season of the PAC-12 as we know it?













Projection: 10-2 (4th in PAC-12)

2022 Statistics

Points Scored	Rush Yards	Pass Yards	Turnover Margin
32.2	196.5	199.5	-1
40th in FBS	28th in FBS	105th in FBS	T-76th in FBS
Points Allowed	Rush YDS Allowed	Pass YDS Allowed	
20.0	108.2	224.5	
16th in FBS	15th in FBS	65th in FBS	



2023 Oregon State Schedule

Week	Date	Team
1	Sun, Sept 3	 @ San Jose State
2	Sat, Sept 9	 vs. UC Davis
3	Sat, Sept 16	 vs. San Diego St.
4	Sat, Sept 23	 @ Washington St.
5	Fri, Sept 29	 vs. Utah
6	Sat, Oct 7	 @ California
7	Sat, Oct 14	 vs. UCLA
8	Bye Week	
9	Sat, Oct 28	 @ Arizona
10	Sat, Nov 4	 @ Colorado
11	Sat, Nov 11	 vs. Stanford
12	Sat, Nov 18	 vs. Washington
13	Fri, Nov 24	 @ Oregon

Conference Games in Bold

KEY GAMES

Sat, Sept 29: vs. Utah - Avenging their worst loss from last season (16-42) won't be easy, but playing nearly all of their difficult games at home (12-1 record in last two seasons) make winning games like this one possible.

Sat, Nov 18: vs. Washington - The tough two-game stretch to close the season begins with hosting the Huskies. To make the title game, the Beavers will need to win either this game or the "Civil War", if not both.

Fri, Nov 24: @ Oregon - Both teams want the final word before Oregon leaves for the Big Ten, but a win would mean everything to the Beavers who feel betrayed by their rivals. Could the winner move to the PAC-12 title game?

KEY PLAYERS

Damien Martinez - RB



The PAC-12 Offensive Freshman of the Year came just short of a 1,000 yard season. Continued improvement from Martinez behind an experienced offensive line is to be expected and with Uiagalelei new to the offense, expect Smith to rely heavily on the run game early in the season. In an otherwise pass-happy conference, Martinez could provide the Beavers with another dominant run game.

DJ Uiagalelei - QB

Experienced but embattled after his time at Clemson, "DJU" is hoping for a fresh start in Corvallis. He will have a strong offensive line and run game which will allow him time to find his footing. A more freeing offensive style should fit his abilities and his confidence should return. If he is able to elevate the Beaver passing attack, a PAC-12 title could be in the cards.



2022 RESULTS (10-3)

Boise State (W 34-17)
@ Fresno State (W 35-32)
Montana State (W 68-28)
 USC (L 14-17)
 @ Utah (L 16-42)
@ Stanford (W 28-27)
Washington State (W 24-10)
Colorado (W 42-9)
 @ Washington (L 21-24)
California (W 38-10)
@ Arizona State (W 31-7)
Oregon (W 38-34)
Florida (W 30-3)

RECRUITING

2023 Class Ranking

49th

(Via 24/7 Sports)