

What's Next? Podcast

Henry Childs from University of Oregon

[Snip-it's from Podcast] Henry: You know, that game is referenced so many times just because everyone knows about that game.

But I remember seriously, you know, sitting in the Ducks section and then just the students and the fans rushing the field immediately like it was just like immediately after they scored that touchdown is crazy. And I was like, oh...

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[Introduction] Welcome to the What's Next? podcast. Let me just start off by saying. Not everyone has the same background. There is no road-map for success. Life begins at the edge of your comfort zone. Leaning into your curiosities. It does suck when you grow up. We're all still figuring out who we are. You can't just sit back and be silent. Black lives matter. It is the little stuff that makes the biggest difference. Do you have another hour? [Laughs]

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Cody: Hello, Beaver Nation, welcome to the season finale episode of season two of the What's Next? podcast. I'm your host, Cody Stover. Our theme this season has been back to school, and that means we've been focusing on highlighting a variety of guests from OSU 11 different colleges and also the grad school at Oregon State.

So before we jump into this final episode, which I'm excited to do, I just wanted to take a quick pause for just a moment here and express a little bit of gratitude to all of you who've been listening, whether you came on and started listening when we launched last summer for season one, or you just popped on here recently to listen to maybe a friend who is coming on here. We're really thankful for you listening at any point in the journey that you've come on. So thank you so much for listening and for supporting our hypothesis. Kind of going into this podcast was that we'd find that there wasn't really one single path as we interviewed all these different grads to how you do life after

college. And I think if we can say anything after two seasons, it's that we've really confirmed that the hypothesis is true. We've heard from food scientists on this season, tour managers for major performing artists. We've even had people who are now college professors and people who are doing research for the benefit of underserved communities in the states and around the world. So it's been a really unique experience for me personally to have the opportunity to talk to these people and hear their stories. But I hope you as the listener, to have really enjoyed and found inspiration in some of the, again, unique, unique stories and unique paths that these different young Beaver alums have taken. I'm sure grateful and grateful for you to listen in as well. That being said, this is our final episode of Season two. And so we are going to be doing something a little bit different and maybe even something a little bit crazy, you might say.

But since this is the week of the Beaver Duck football game, in the spirit of that rivalry, we have a duck on the show today. And if we had an audio engineer, this would be the point where we would add hundreds of people gasping all at once.

But since we don't, you'll have to gasp by yourself as we introduce this guest today who actually graduated with a degree in journalism from the University of Oregon in 2011 and now is the general manager at Rose City Golf Course here in Portland, Oregon. He actually is a former co-worker of mine and a friend, and we are happy to welcome him into enemy territory here on the What's Next? podcast. Henry Childs, thanks for joining us.

Henry: Hi, Cody. Thanks for having me. I am I am honored to be the first duck on this podcast.

Cody: The first Duck on the podcast. Yes, you are. You're breaking new ground here.

Henry: I am. I'm very honored.

Thank you. Hopefully there's not too much shock amongst your listeners.

Cody: No, and to set the stage here to I think we wanted to do this episode and bring someone from that other, quote on quote, university here in the state just to kind of lean into the tradition that we do have to celebrate this year, the Oregon-Oregon State

football game that will be later this week. And the rivalry between those two athletic programs in general, not just football, but focusing on that game today, too. I want to touch a little bit on that. We also the rivalry game went through a name change this year. So I want to talk a little bit about that on this episode. And then, of course, want to end with some specific favorite memories about the game. I know we both probably have a few that stand out in our minds.

So I'm excited to kind of dive through some of those things here on this episode. But Henry, maybe to start out, just to give us a little background. Were you always going to go to UO or someone who grew up in Oregon, where you kind of like both colleges were on the table?

Henry: So, I definitely was leaning, you know, while I was in high school, you know, between the two, it was going to be UO, and not Oregon State. I actually originally was going to go to the University of Portland, but I but that didn't pan out. Just it just wasn't going to work. And so I decided to go to the University of Oregon. But, you know, it's funny, my mom and all of that side of the family for me is from Corvallis. My mom went to Corvallis High School.

Cody: Go Spartan's

Henry: Go Spartan's.

She went to Oregon State. My grandparents went to Oregon State, my cousins went to Oregon State. My aunts went to Oregon State. So the majority of my family, my mom's side of the family are all beavers. I still have family that live in the Corvallis area. So, you know, there was always that growing up. My sister, though, I think when I kind of knew that I wanted to go to UO my is nine years older than me and she would to UO. And so kind of visiting her and just, you know, hearing about her experience made me want to kind of follow in her footsteps and going to go to Oregon as well.

Cody: I grew up in an all beaver family. And so I always am interested in how people find their way, obviously. A bunch of folks don't have any background with either school who end up coming.

Cody: But there's also, you know, there's the mix, there's the all Duck families. All beaver families.

And then it sounds like you're kind of in one of those house divided type situations or scenarios

Henry: A little bit, you know, and I think that, you know, like for my mom, you know, like for my family, I mean, like I feel like everyone is kind of very much like, you know, is a supporter of both schools. Honestly, just because we have a lot of family and friends, I mean, like a lot of people in Oregon, I mean, you know, in Portland, they go to both gone to both either Oregon, Oregon State.

So, you know, I mean, yeah, it was kind of a house divided, but, you know, and my mom's probably going to hate me for saying this.

She is like a joint Oregon, Oregon state.

Cody: (Gasp)

Henry: Which I know

Henry: She went from Oregon State

Cody: Inset gasp again.

Henry: I know, from Corvallis but both of her children went to Oregon. Well, you know, it's understandable.

But mom if you're listening to this, I'm sorry that I put that out in the world.

Cody: That's great. As you're saying that too I think one of the things geographically that's similar between Oregon, Oregon State is Corvallis and Eugene aren't that far apart. They're both like in the whatever you want to call it, Mid-Willamette Valley.

They're just and I think that regardless of if you grew up in all duck family or beaver family or a family with both, the experience of driving down I-5 like towards the middle of Oregon to go to a game, or if you're coming down from Portland or if you're coming from the south, you know, everybody makes that trek kind of in that direction or in that realm. So even though you might go to a different school, there are some similar experiences.

Henry: Oh, totally. I think there's so many similar experiences. I mean, I think the two schools have a lot more in common than they don't.

Cody: How was Eugene as a college town if I could ask for your opinion there?

Henry: You know, I think at the beginning I.

I mean, everything's just so new when you get to school and coming from Portland, from Portland, going to Eugene. I mean, you know, now looking like in hindsight, there are a lot of differentials between Portland and Eugene. Back and back when I was like a freshman sophomore, I was like, this is just a smaller Portland, kind of similar feel. I don't think that's necessarily the case, really. I think I was just young and didn't really know what I was talking about. But, you know, I really like Eugene. And I think the more you know, as I in my junior, senior year, I really enjoyed exploring the city and just I mean, the area around it. And, you know, I mean, like you said, I mean, it's only two hours away from Portland. So for me. You know, going. Driving down two hours to Eugene. It wasn't that much different, but there's just different places to go visit and different things to do. And, you know, I really enjoyed it.

I mean, I think it has a really lively downtown. You know, I love the campus of, UO, a lot and spend a lot of time on there, but it's just beautiful in the fall and in the spring. And I didn't really spend much time in the summer down there. But I know for a lot of people, that was their favorite time of year was summer. And that was the perfect time to be down there. So I really like Eugene. I've been down there obviously quite a few times since I've graduated. And it's definitely a little different. I mean, it's just grown a lot like a lot of places, but it still has that college town feel which I really, you know.

Really like.

Cody: It's interesting you say that you had friends who said the best time of year is the summer or like, you know, when there's not as many students. Maybe it's a little more emptied out, a little more quiet. That was totally the case. I never spent a summer in Corvallis during my time going to Oregon State, but I had roommates and friends who did. And they said they had the exact same sentiment of, oh, it's such like a refreshing change and joy. The town without all the hustle bustle of school, which, of course, the hustle bustle of school is like fun and great and fills up the city that both cities. But also they're like, oh, it's a nice, refreshing change to spend the summer

Henry: Totally. Looking back, I wish I would have spent a summer in Eugene. I just had other priorities at that time. Maybe if it had worked out a different way, I would have been able to do that. But I heard the same thing.

I had friends down..

Cody: In a second life we'll spend summers in our college town.

Henry: Yes. Yes.

Cody: Well, great, I appreciate you sharing a little bit about what you're Eugene and UO experience is like up to this point. I want to transition now over more towards the Oregon, Oregon State rivalry and tradition, kind of that football game that's always been kind of a November beacon on the schedule. Did you ever go to a game at the opposing stadium? If I could ask first, was that did you ever participate in the both sides of it?

Henry: I have. One of my first memories was a game.

At Reser Stadium when I was nine or 10 and then I was able to go, I won't go into too much detail because also for a future conversation, when I went to a game in while, I was in college at Reser Stadium. And then I also went a couple of years ago to Reser Stadium. My grandpa has been going to our games for a long time. So for a couple of times, a couple times, I've been able to go as his guest and then other times I've kind of been lucky to be able to go. But yeah, it's always a fun experience. I mean, like, half of my family is usually there, too, so that's always entertaining.

Cody: So we're going to get into here in just a second. What you were alluding to earlier, where we're going to popcorn back and forth a little bit about our favorite Beaver-Duck game memories before we jump into that.

Like I prefaced earlier this episode this year, the rivalry went through a name change. So starting in 1894, which was the first playing of the Oregon, Oregon State football game, and this year will be the one hundred and twenty fourth playing.

The rivalry is called the Civil War. And so this year, the two schools mutually agreed to change the name as President. Ed Ray former president Ed Ray, I should say the statement he made was changing. This name is long overdue as it represents a connection to a war fought to perpetuate slavery. While not intended as a reference to the actual civil war, OSU sports competition should not provide any misconstrued reference to this divisive episode in American history. And so I know that UO president made a similar statement and the two schools mutually decided it was time to move on from this name. Just wanted to get your thoughts. Why was a significant and what was your thoughts on it?

Henry: Well, I thought that it was definitely the right thing to do. You know, I get a little confused, honestly, when people. Get really upset that something like this, like the name change happens, you know, all that matters to me. If I were in an administrative, you know, position where I at least I know on the Oregon side, I think it was Dennis Dixon that spearheaded this. He him and a group of former players went to the administration and said. This is something that has bothered us and we think that it should be changed right there, if that happens, I'd be right on board, you know, and like and Ed Ray's statement, you know, it's no way intended to be like a correlation between the two, the civil war that was fought in this country one hundred and sixty so odd years ago and the rivalry between Oregon and Oregon State. But we can do better as. You know, our two state colleges and what we want to call that rivalry, so I'm all for it and I think it just also presents an opportunity to come up with a really great creative name for the rivalry going forward.

Cody: Mm hmm. And as you said to Dennis Dixon, that was in the mid 2000's. Is that right? Is that when he was at Oregon?

Henry: Yes, I believe his last summer was in 2007, yes.

Cody: Yeah. And so, again, as Ed Ray said, overdue as it was something that was brought to light before. But I'm glad to see that the name change is happening and that we can, you know, brainstorm a new one and continue to move forward. And I think that's one of the cool things about this, is like we can move past that, knowing that there is connotations to that name and kind of leave the injustices in the past and move forward and something that can create a more inclusive community for everybody. So excited for the future, the rivalry.

Henry: Yeah, me too. I completely agree.

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Cody: Before we get into our favorite memories I just wanted to say at the end of every podcast on this season, the next podcast, we do a little trivia challenge, but we're going to mix it up a little bit today. So I'm going to give you a little bit of a trivia challenge here, but it's going to be on Beaver duck game trivia.

Henry: So, OK. All right.

Cody: So it's going to be five questions. We'll see.

Henry: Oh, wow. OK. All right.

Cody: Ok, so before we get into our individual memories, here we go. So the game was first played in 1894, as we said, and it's the fifth most played college football rivalry game in the United States. What is the oldest?

Henry: Oh, my gosh.

Oh, jeez.

I'm going to go out on a limb and say. I'll say Harvard and Yale.

Cody: That's really close, that's the third most. So it's actually Lafayette and Lehigh.

Henry: Oh, OK. All right.

Patriot League

Cody: Patriot League, the name of that is the rivalry plain and simple. They've done one hundred and fifty five games, so.

Henry: Wow.

Cody: Yeah. Close, though. The Yale and Princeton, Yale and Harvard are the two. So you got to think those Ivy League one sounds pretty good. Guess. I think Oregon, Oregon State is the oldest West Coast one though, so.

Henry: I believe so. And I believe hopefully this isn't one of your trivia questions, that it is the most played college basketball rivalry.

Cody: Oh, I think you're right

Henry: In the country.

Cody: Yeah, that's. Yeah. Obviously basketball. You get a few more games per year or a couple more than.

Yeah, but OK, the next one.

So from 1959 to 1961, a certain trophy was awarded to the winner of the Oregon, Oregon State game. It was lost for over 40 years and finally found in 2005. And beginning with the 2007 game, it started being awarded to the winning school's alumni association. What was the trophy called?

Henry: Oh, I don't know what it's called, is it just the platypus trophy? I just...

Cody: Yeahh!

Henry: I knew it was a platypus, that's all.

Cody: Yeah you got that one. That's a that's a crazy story of this trophy.

Henry: I know it is, it is.

Cody: Adds to the lore

Henry: I know. It really does

Cody: Ok, so you got your one and one here so one right. One wrong. So what is the longest winning streak in the series for a school. Single school.

Henry: Do I just have to guess the number of games or the winning streak?

Cody: You just have to guess the number of games

Henry: I'm going to go with.

I'm going to go with eight games,

Cody: That is right.

Henry: Oh, yes!

Cody: Eight.

And it's actually been done by both schools, at different times.

Henry: Oh, okay.

Cody: So Oregon State did it once. Nineteen sixty four to seventy one won eight in a row. Obviously it's been a while. Oregon won eight in a row from 75 to 82 and then again in twenty eight to twenty fifteen. So Oregon's twice Oregon State's done at once.

Henry: Oh interesting. OK, I knew it was around something like that.

I thought that the most recent Oregon streak was going to be up there.

Cody: Yeah, that was almost the longest.

Henry: Lucky guess.

Cody: Yeah. OK, good, good guess this fourth question.

So the 1983 Oregon State versus Oregon football game was played at Austin Stadium during a very cold, very driving rainstorm, which featured 11 turnovers between the two teams and four missed field goals. And it ended in a zero zero tie, actually, the last college football game to ever end in a zero zero tie. What was this game's infamous nickname?

Henry: Oh, it was the toilet bowl.

Cody: Got it.

Now. Now we're cooking.

Henry: Yes, yes.

Cody: Yes, the toilet bowl. As a lot of Oregonian's know it.

Henry: I wish I was there to see it. But honestly, it would have, Just now? I mean, just can you just imagine, like, the commentary on it would have just been glorious.

Cody: Yeah, those highlight. I've seen the highlights and they always it seems like the ball is just squirting out everywhere.

Like nobody can complete a pass, nobody even tries to pass anymore.

Henry: I know.

Cody: Ok, so the game, this is our final trivia question. The game is usually played at the home team stadium, Reser Stadium, as it's now known in Austin Stadium as it's known. Where else has the game been played? You just have to get one.

Henry: Well, I think I can get this, it was played at Hayward Field in Eugene.

Cody: It wasn't on my answering list, but I think you're right, that is a true statement, right?

Henry: Well..

Cody: You're just, you're going beyond my key here, but now that you say it, it sounds right.

How about this, where has this game been played? Outside of Corvallis and Eugene.

Henry: OK, that's good.

Cody: Because you might be right on Hayward. I think that's right.

Henry: Well, this is a good one, I mean. Has it been played at. I mean, very numerous names.

It's been called numerous names, but Providence Park in Portland.

Cody: Yes, formerly known as Multnomah Stadium.

Henry: Multnomah Stadium. Yes.

Cody: Yes, that is correct.

Henry: All right.

Cody: Call in the Hayward to.

Henry: Well, we're going to have to see about that. I knew that they had played football games there. Not totally sure.

Cody: You're probably right.

The better way to phrase it would be outside Corvallis and Eugene. Yeah, good job. So the other one to add just to add to that was it also was played in Albany.

Henry: Really?

Cody: Yes.

And I believe if my facts are right, it was because there was a sort of brawl between fan bases at previous game, and they wanted a neutral site to kind of be more less of a heated.

Henry: Oh, my Gosh.

Cody: This was way back. And I think like it was before the nineteen fifties, I believe somewhere earlier.

Henry: Oh wow.

I didn't not know that, I had no idea about that.

Cody: You still did really good with 80 percent right there for it. The only real question you got wrong was the one that was Lehigh Lafayette which we don't expect you to have to know anyway.

So congratulations.

Henry: Well thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Cody: Ok, so let's jump into this final section where we will go back and forth. So if you want to share first a favorite beaver, duck game memory, this could be anything. This could be a result of the game. This could be experienced at the game or at home watching or just anything general around that you can share. But if you want to go first and then I'll popcorn after you and we can go back and forth. What what's your first memory you want to share?

Henry: Sure, so I kind of cheated for like my number three memory because I have two I couldn't decide. So I have four. Sorry I already broke the rules.

Cody: Classic ducks.

Henry: Haha, it's true.

So no number 3 tie would be not the result for me as a duck fan, but because of the experience, it was my first Oregon, Oregon State game as a student in 2007. And back when I was a student to get football tickets, you had to wait in line at either the EMU, Erb Memorial Union or at Austin Stadium.

Or at the box office.

And that year was like, you know, we had Dennis Dickson and we were up to number two in the country then Dennis Dickson got hurt.

And we had lost a couple in a row, but the people still wanted to.

You go to the Oregon, Oregon State game, so we camped out and it poured down rain, I woke up in the middle of the night. Our tent was flooded. I remember the next day I was just miserable.

But, you know, it was like, hey, freshman in college, you got to do what you got to do to get to the game.

So anyways, that game was won by Oregon State in overtime. So it was a very sad result for me as a fan. But, you know, it just kind of always sticks out because it was my first rivalry game as a student. And then the next year would be kind of like my number three.

Cody: These two kinda go together.

Henry: Yes, and I was not at this game, but it was 2008 and I'm already like nervous that the listeners are not going to like me after this because they're all, because they're all not good memories.

So I apologize in advance.

Cody: That's why we're popcorning back and forth.

Henry: So 2008, Oregon State and Oregon, we're playing in Corvallis, if Oregon State, won, they would go to the Rose Bowl and Oregon came in and just I think they put up sixty five points and it was just, you know, just watching it on TV.

It was like something just as I did not expect that. And I believe it was Mike Blobbies last game. Last regular season game coached. And, you know, it was again, I apologize in advance, but they showed a lot of fans and students on the screen, you know, holding up roses and be like, oh, and then Oregon went in there and just won.

So anyways, that was, you know. So anyway, so why don't you go ahead.

Cody: I mean, the wound is still fresh.

And, you know, I that's a that was a crazy game because I actually went up from Medford originally.

And so my dad and I went up to that game because the idea was the opportunity to see the beavers beat the ducks on the way to the Rose Bowl. And, yes, things came crashing down. I believe, though, based on when I was preparing the trivia question, that's the highest score by any one team is the sixty five points Oregon put up.

Henry: I think it was sixty five. Thirty eight the final. I want to say it was just a ridiculous game.

Cody: Yeah, I think it was the most by any one side and then also total score.

Henry: Yeah. So yeah.

Cody: Oh yes. Good, good there. Okay, so my, my number three was as you slightly alluded to earlier, the nineteen ninety eight beaver duck game.

So this was back at Parker Stadium before it was called the Reser Stadium, before the new big side was built. And there's just a small grandstand there. And I wasn't at this game, I was six years old. But it's kind of I've watched it the tape of it a couple of times since then to better understand that game. But basically, it was, you know, November day. It was extremely wet. You could tell on TV the old Astro turf was not draining as well as our new Astro turf do. So it had that old 90 football game look. And I remember as a kid, I was we were over at a friend's house who a family of duck fans for dinner and to watch the game. And I wasn't fully into like football or following along at that time. But I do remember my dad and our neighbor as my dad as the beaver and my neighbor, the duck fan sitting in front of the TV.

And this game I remember we stayed at the neighbor's house forever because this game just kept going on and on as a double overtime game. And I think one of the craziest things, as I watched the tape at an older age later of this game was to see like the fans rushed to the field after the first overtime because they thought that the game was over. Like, I think Oregon State broke up a pass. On fourth down that you UO threw. And that was it that. But there was a pass interference call. And so they had to

get the fans all off the field. And then I thought it was kind of a cool moment from there on out, because as you're seeing like replay shown from different angles, you see all these like college kids on the sides of the sidelines. And so they're kind of playing this final downs of this game with all these fans, like right there, like intimately on the sides of the field, which you couldn't have predicted. And of course, I guess since you threw out a painful memory as your first memory Ken Simonton made it around the end in double overtime to score the touchdown and clinch that one and really too.

I think that game had a lot of impact. And Oregon State fans probably know this because it was kind of like the start of a new era. We had hadn't had a winning season in close to thirty years. And then the next year we finally got that back and then went to the Fiesta Bowl the next year. So it's a long winded answer, but that 1998 game, although I wasn't there and didn't remember much of it at the time, is a special one to think back on.

Henry: You know, that game is referenced so many times just because everyone knows about that game. And, you know, it's interesting that was that what I was alluding to earlier was one of the first football games that I had, but my first memories was at that game. And I remember I..

Cody: Because you were there

Henry: Yeah. And I remember and I vaguely remember, but I remember seriously, you know, sitting in the duck section and then just the students and.

And the fans rushing the field immediately, like it was just like immediately after Simonton scored that touchdown is crazy. And I was like, oh, you know, I didn't really know.

What was going on too much because I think I was nine or ten, but but yeah. I mean, it was just a great game. Yeah, great.

Cody: One of those ones I think though, no matter how long the rivalry goes, that will look back and that'll be one of the ones that pops up.

But what's your next answer to a number two?

Henry: Number two would be two years later from my number three. So it would be 2010, and it was once again in Corvallis at Reser Stadium. And that was the game that Oregon won to clinch their spot in the BCS National.

Cody: Oh, that's right, the undefeated season.

Henry: Yes, so far.

And I was able to attend that game. And so my friends and I drove up early that morning. College game day was there. So we were at college game day.

The game started, I think at twelve thirty. So I was like college game day. And then it was kind of like, you know, you're tailgating. And then the game started early and I just, you know, it was. It was a really special moment, you know, as a fan to see that and, you know, I mean, there's a kind of a very special moment to have it happen on your rival's home turf.

Cody: I'm sure.

Henry: But we all had you know, it was, in the BCS or, you know, in that era, it's over again the first time ever that they were going to play for a national.

And, you know, that was very, very cool. And I remember seeing highlights afterward. And, you know, the duck mascot, the duck had a bunch of Tostitos chips that he was eating because the national championship was at the Fiesta Bowl that year.

And so, yeah, that was really, really special. So that was just a really cool I mean, just an amazing experience. That was my number two.

Cody: As much as it was a painful length of years where Oregon State struggled to get a win during that time, it also was really cool given you UO's like rise to national prominence, how they did, you know, that that rise did bring in College Gameday and stuff like that to put a focal point on the game.

Yeah. OK, so my number two was actually I'm going to go with last year's game, so twenty nineteen.

The reason being it was my first time ever at Austin Stadium, so my first time ever participating in the rivalry on the in the stadium at the opposing team side. So my friend Doug from high school who went to UO invited me to go along with him actually shout out Doug, today's his birthday. So happy birthday.

Henry: Happy birthday Doug.

Cody: Thanks for inviting me to the game last year. But it was a cool moment because it was and it was kind of full circle because it was like I've been watching this rivalry, you know, for a long time. And so it was great to finally go to one in Eugene. One thing I remember that stood out in my mind is I remember kind of before the game started, just kind of scanning the crowd as a stadium filled in and seeing, you know, yellow and green everywhere, but pockets of orange, black across the stadium and little gaps where visitors were or where people were sitting with family. And up to our left kind of there was this just giant section of what I assumed to be season ticket holder ducks. They all seem to know each other. It was just full of yellow and green, just pure yellow and green. And right in the middle, there was maybe a kid. He was probably eight years old. He was with his family. It looked like they had a few other kids, too. He was decked out in orange and black.

And it was hilarious because all his siblings were where yellow, green.

His parents were yellow and green. Five rows deep on either side of him was pure yellow, green. And I was like, look at this kid just fighting the good fight.

Henry: That's awesome.

Cody: Wearing his orange and black, marching to the beat of his own drum.

So, yeah, anyway, as a as a beaver and close to that giant swarm of yellow and green, it was cool to see that kid.

Henry: That's really cool.

I was just going to say add to that fact of that, like, you can see pockets of, you know, orange and black in the stands. I think it's really cool that at both sites, like whatever the two teams play like, there's always pockets or people like in the cup different the other opposing teams colors at the game. I just think that's really cool because, I mean, it just, you know, it just shows like how close, you know, like Oregon and Oregon State, you know, so many people that are fans of one or the other, you know, I mean, so I think that's really cool. Props to that kid.

Cody: Yeah.

There's there random pockets, too. I was going to say, you play Stanford or something. There's like a very defined like red and white section less in one little area where they sold tickets to the Stanford fans. But Oregon, Oregon State, it's everywhere. Because everywhere I mean, not it's not overwhelming, but it's like there is pockets all over the place because of people inviting their family and sitting in the usual section for the other team. So, yeah, it's a pretty good shot out. That game actually ended the Beavers loss last year.

We stayed in. It is a close game until the end. I think we end up losing by ten or something, but cool. Cool to be there at the other team's field. Let's cut to a quick break and then we'll come back with our top memories.

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[Bouncy theme music fades.]

Cody: Ok, what's your number one?

Henry: So my number one would be 2009, and it was I don't know if there was an official title for the game, but it was kind of like Battle for the Roses because the winner, the winner take all game. So whoever won was going to win the PAC 10, which was then the PAC 10, and was going to go to the Rose Bowl.

Both teams hadn't been to the Rose Bowl in a very long time. And I remember I mean, that game, it was just absolutely freezing out. It was so cold. And I remember, you know, being so hyped for it. My dad came down for the game that we went to the game and Oregon State looked really good. Jacquizz Rogers, I believe James Rogers was I think that was his senior year. If I'm not wrong, you know, they were just.

Playing great and then on to the field came Legarrette Blount, who had not played since the first game of the year against Boise State, and he came out, he scored a touchdown. It just turned things around like that was just, you know, that was Chip Kelly's first rivalry game. And that was the moment like that that turned everything around. And it was just a great game. It was so close.

I think the final score was thirty seven, thirty three, if I'm not mistaken. But Oregon had the ball, I think for the last five or six minutes. They kept the ball and they converted a couple of fourth downs where if they hadn't converted, Oregon State was going to have the ball with the chance to win. And it was just a really cool moment. And then I remember, you know, at the end, all the students rushed to the field and the fans rushed the field and then announcing over the speakers in the stadium, they said, you know, Oregon is going to the Rose Bowl.

And I was like, oh, my God. And then they lost Ohio State in the Rose Bowl.

You know, it was really cool to witness that in person. So I just and it was such a great game.

Cody: And to have it at home stadium.

Henry: Yeah. And it was just like back and forth and yeah, it was it was a great game. So that was my number one.

Cody: That's really cool. Now, thanks for sharing that, that's I think that was like, well, in my lifetime, it was cool during those years that you kind of shouted out where both teams were vying for Rose Bowl opportunity like both were going for to move up in the bowl standings. I hope we get back to that point where both teams are, you know, the Beaver, duck game really has that impact.

Henry: Yes, I think we will.

Cody: I think we will.

Henry: I really think it will be.

Cody: Ok, my final one, so 2016, the Beavers had not won a beaver-duck football game since 2007.

So it had been that eight year drought that we talked about earlier, tied for the longest, and I think that the Beavers did not want to set a new record of how long that drought went.

And so it was and it was a weird year for both teams. Honestly, the ducks were having a bit of an off year.

The Beavers were had been through some coaching changes in the last few years and had been ups and downs. And so it was going into this game, I think kind of both teams were like, well, this season didn't go as planned, but like, here we go. This is this is what we play for.

And I was actually at this game, so the game was tight. It was close in the first half, 14, 14. It was one of those classic like as many of these games are rainy, cold, Oregon, November. I was there bundled up in the rain. And so second half started and it started to just kind of come down more and more and just get that, you know, perpetual rain going. And we were pretty hyped about 14, 14 and 1/2. It was looking good. OK, like let's just have a solid second half. Third quarter started and the ducks jumped up 10 points pretty quickly. They offense and defense was click. And all of a sudden and I think like the Beaver fans were just a little bit like, oh my gosh, come on. Like, come on. And the rain started just coming down hard at this point.

And the beavers kind of scrapped the passing game plan and literally just started handing the ball off over and over.

The running back was Ryan Noll at the time.

Henry: Yes, yes I was just thinking that.

Cody: And they handed off the same play. I think they just switched left and right.

And that was pretty much ran the same play for like third quarter through fourth quarter and just went for the run. The defense came in and the beavs switched the momentum back and ended up, I think the fourth quarter, it was like two touchdowns to zero or something. So we flipped the flipped it on the ducks and ended the game. I think it was thirty four. Twenty four. But it stands out in my mind again, it wasn't there wasn't a lot riding on this game for either team, but it stands out in my mind because it had been such a long, hard stretch of an Oregon State football history against the ducks of losing eight straight and then finally getting one through, getting one to go. And especially felt good for the players because there had been so much coaching changes and things like that. It was great to have a positive. I remember again, I think we won the game to finish four and eight, but like we rushed to the field.

I remember not even just the students, but the other fans all rushed to the field as well. People were legit crying. It's been a long time and it was a much needed victory, I think, for all involved. But yeah, that's what a special one that stands out in my mind.

Henry: Yeah, that's great. I remember watching that game and I was at my sister and brother in law's house and my brother in law, also a beaver, was so excited and I was just like, oh, I knew that this had to happen at some point it was going to last forever.

And so, yeah, I was just like, yeah, but that was yeah. That I remember that game and I remember just I mean. Could not stop Ryan Noll at all. I was like they're running the same play. But, you know, I'm not the coach.

Cody: You guys let us get one there on an off year. So we appreciate that. Now, we'd like to take one when you're on track to the Rose Bowl. Just to just to know. Heal that old wound.

Henry: Yeah, yes, yes.

Cody: And I should say with the beavers on track to the Rose Bowl, that's we want the positive there as well.

Henry: Yes. Yes.

Cody: Well, Henry, thank you so much for sharing those memories. I think that's really cool and something like I'm sure that many other fans have this similar conversation at certain times of the year, especially this time of year, about what those favorite memories are.

And I think like looking at the list we just shared, there's a lot of cool ones. And I'm sure that everybody's list is slightly different based on what memory you have, whether you were there, you were watching it or playing something else in your mind. So thanks for sharing those.

Henry: Well, thank you and thank you for having me. It was really fun. I hope I didn't, you know, make many listeners upset about talking about Oregon football victories. But, you know, that's why it's such a great rivalry. I mean, honestly. I mean, you know, it's really great. And I'm looking forward to the game, although it's going to be just strange that it's not the last game of the year.

Cody: I know. I would have to mention that.

Yeah, this is going to be an, I guess, quote unquote the middle of the season.

Henry: I mean, like the fourth game, I think. The fourth game of the season, it's very strange, I guess everything is just very different.

Cody: But it's at the same time of year.

Henry: It is.

Cody: November as usual, late November.

Henry: And I like it. That's the Friday of that weekend, I think.

Cody: Yes.

Great tradition continues. All right, Henry. Well, again, thank you so much for coming on. We hope you have a good time watching the game from home this year. And. Yeah, appreciate you coming on the podcast.

Henry: Hey, thanks, Cody. Go ducks!

Cody: Go Beavs!

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