

September 1, 2016
TCF Bank Stadium
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Game Notes

- Weather at kickoff was 72 degrees with a slight breeze.
- The game aired on the Big Ten Network.
- The Beavers wore white helmets with white jerseys and black pants.
- The game marked the first time OSU opened the season on the road against a Power 5 Conference school since playing at Stanford Aug. 28, 2008. The Beavers hadn't played a non-Pac-12 Power 5 conference school on the road to open the season since Sept. 4, 2004 at LSU.
- Minnesota returns to Corvallis to complete the two-game contract Sept. 9, 2017.
- Oregon State's travel roster (suited) included 20 freshmen (7 true), 18 sophomores, 23 juniors and 13 seniors.
- Pac-12 officiating crew with Big Ten replay officials.
- OSU won coin toss and elected to kickoff.
- OSU started its first two drives at its own 1-yard line and 11-yard line.
- The initial first down of the game came on a targeting penalty against Minnesota at the 9:26 mark of the first quarter.
- Minnesota's first two touchdowns came after Beaver fumbles.
- OSU scored its first safety since the 2014 Civil War.
- OSU converted over 50 percent of its third down attempts (10-19); it never reached that mark last year.

Oregon State Individual Notes

- QB Darell Garretson made his first start for the Beavers after making 11 starts at Utah State during the 2014 and '15 seasons.
- OSU had five first time starters who had never played a down for the Beavers: Defense -- Elu Aydon, Xavier Crawford. Offense -- Blake Brandel, Yanni Demogerontes and Darell Garretson.
- Darell Garretson first completed pass of his Beaver career came at the 8:15 mark to Ryan Nall for 31 yards and the first non-penalty first down of the game.
- Seth Collins stepped in at QB (shotgun) at the 9:26 mark of the first quarter as Darell Garretson positioned himself at WR. Garretson returned to QB the following play. Collins played QB a total of six snaps
- The first TD of the 2016 season came at the 5:52 mark of the first quarter, a 6-yard pass from Garretson to TE Noah Togiai. The 89-yard scoring drive was the second-longest in the Gary Andersen Beaver coaching era (98-yard drive vs. Oregon in '15).
- True-freshman Artavis Pierce carried the ball for the first time in his college career at the 11:56 mark of the second quarter for two yards.
- Tim Cook's first Beaver rush came on the first play from scrimmage in the second half for two yards. Then he caught his first pass for TD --12 yards at the 2:30 mark of third quarter.
- WR Victor Bolden Jr. moved into 16th position on the all-time receiving yards list with 1,353. He passed Tim Euhus (1,346) and Greg Ainsworth (1,349).
- Victor Bolden Jr.'s 30-yard TD reception in the second quarter marks the third-longest scoring pass in the Gary Andersen era.
- Ryan Navarro recovered the first opponent turnover of the season -- at the 4:03 mark of the third quarter -- on a bobbled fielding of a punt. It led to Cook's TD reception.
- Noke Tago made his first tackle since 2013. Due to injuries he played in only one game last year and just five games over the last two seasons.