Fighting Herons Weekly Recap

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

#3 SAN MARCOS FIGHTING HERONS 45 VS #5 OREGON DUCKS 40

SAN MARCOS, Texas - The Fighting Herons are your 2026 National Champions, after defeating the Oregon Ducks 45-40 in the NCAA National Championship Game.

The game was a nail-biter heading into halftime, with the Herons up by only a single point (28-27). The back-and-forth game saw the Herons score two touchdowns in each of the first two quarters.

The Herons took the lead in the third quarter, scoring two more touchdowns and holding the Ducks to two field goals.

In the fourth quarter, the Herons put the game away with a 53-yard field goal to become your 2026 National Champions and getting revenge over the Ducks from their regular-season loss.

Quarterback Stephen Bandy threw for 435 yards and four touchdowns in the win over the Ducks.

After the game wideout Elijah Meredith was named the best receiver in college football and head coach Luke Cantu was named a finalist for the Coach of the Year Award.

The Herons ended the season ranked No. 1 in the NCAA.

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