

SCORE CENTER

STEELERS HANG ON FOR WIN OVER TEXANS

Pittsburgh Steelers 30, Houston Texans 23

CAVS DEFEAT BULLS BEHIND KYRIE'S 28 PTS

Cleveland Cavaliers 107, Chicago Bulls 98

MANCHESTER UNITED ENDS WITH DRAW

Manchester United 2, West Bromwich Albion 2

WHAT TO WATCH

FALL CLASSIC BEGINS IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City Royals vs. San Francisco Giants, 5 pm, FOX

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE PLAY RESUMES

Bayern Munich vs. AS Roma, 11:45 am, ESPN3

CLIPPERS AND WARRIORS FACE OFF ON TNT

Los Angeles Clippers vs. Golden State Warriors, 7:30 pm, TNT

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOOTBALL

10/25 at Washington State

MEN'S BASKETBALL

11/9 vs. Cal Poly Pomona

VOLLEYBALL

10/22 at Oregon

SOCCER

10/24 vs. Stanford

QUOTE TO NOTE

Fun fact: the ASU newspaper actually does power rankings for women's hoops

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TWEET TO NOTE

Our game at UCLA on Sat., Nov. 1 will kick at 7:30 p.m. PT and will air on ESPN @ESPNCFB #BearDown —@ArizonaFBall

The Pac-12 finally releases the time for Arizona's November 1 matchup against UCLA. Yet another night game for the Wildcats.

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Big things expected from men's hoops' twin towers



TYLER BAKER/THE DAILY WILDCAT

ARIZONA JUNIOR CENTER Kaleb Tarczewski (35) tries to shoot over Arizona freshman center Dusan Ristic (14) during the red team's 53-46 win against the blue team during Arizona's Red-Blue Game in McKale Center on Saturday. Tarczewski and Ristic have the potential to provide 14 formidable feet of size for the Wildcats down low.

BY JAMES KELLEY
The Daily Wildcat

With about 14 feet of center, Arizona men's basketball looks like it's deep at the five.

After the Red-Blue Game, Arizona men's basketball head coach Sean Miller praised both junior center Kaleb Tarczewski and freshman center Dusan Ristic.

"Kaleb's our most improved player," Miller said. "You didn't really see it [Saturday], but in 10 practices, he might be our best player by how consistent he's played. He's a remarkable defensive player."

Tarczewski scored 11 points and grabbed nine rebounds in 21 minutes on Saturday in the Red-Blue scrimmage. Ristic tallied 14 points to go with two rebounds, two steals and a block in 18 minutes, and was 7-for-8 from the field.

"Dusan is a great basketball player," Tarczewski said. "He's a big dude with long arms, and he's really skilled. It's really nice to be able to play against him every day."

Ristic, like Tarczewski, is listed at 7 feet and 245 pounds. He is from

Novi Sad, Serbia.

Tarczewski said Ristic brings a crafty European style, and practicing against him and junior forward Brandon Ashley will really help the junior center's game.

"I think he's going to be able to come in and help this team in ways that we really haven't had before," Tarczewski said. "Adding that second 7-footer — and obviously he's a great basketball player — is really going to help us out."

Miller said the coaching staff is excited about Ristic's potential, and he just needs to catch up defensively.

"Dusan is ahead of the game on offense," Miller said. "He has tremendous hands, he has a knowledge of how to score and free throw shooting, jump shots, hooks — he's ahead of where you see normal frontcourt players."

Depth Discussion

With five potential NBA draft picks, how many Wildcats will play is an early topic of discussion.

"I would be shocked if we didn't have four or five players in double

figures," Miller said. "If we're clicking, that's how our offense should look."

Miller said he isn't sure yet how deep the Wildcats' rotation will be, and that they might rotate the starting lineup.

"I think we can play pretty much eight to nine guys and that's why it's so competitive in practice, because it is tough to get 40 minutes in for eight to nine guys," UA senior point guard T.J. McConnell said. "We could go small, we could go big."

Top Cats

No wonder fans lined up at 5 a.m. to get into the Red-Blue Game.

Last week, Arizona was selected as the No. 2 team in the USA Today Coaches Poll.

Second is Arizona's highest preseason ranking since 2002, when the UA was No. 1. The Wildcats were No. 5 last season in the preseason poll.

Arizona has been ranked in the top five of the coaches poll for 22 straight polls, including at the No. 1 spot for eight weeks.

Kentucky is No. 1 in the latest coaches poll.

Undefeated T.J.

Saturday's scrimmage continued the early season trend that every team fifth-year senior McConnell plays on wins.

"At his position, he has total command on defense and on offense," Miller said. "People come and watch us practice, they recognize how important a player he is to our team and how good he is."

Miller, a former point guard, said McConnell is the first returning starting point guard he has ever had.

McConnell had eight points, six assists, three steals, one block and one rebound in 23 minutes in his red team's 53-46 win.

"I thought it probably was as good as it gets," McConnell said. "We have a long way to go; what college basketball team doesn't have a long way to go eight practices in?"

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PAC-12 POWER RANKINGS WEEK 8

Little changes in South

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North

1. No. 6 Oregon (6-1, 3-1 Pac-12 Conference)

The only North team to actually win last week, the Ducks look like they have their swagger back and are right back in the playoff hunt. Plus, their throwback Donald Duck uniforms were just plain cool.

Last week: First, W vs. Washington 45-20

This week: Friday at California (4-3, 2-3)

2. Stanford (4-3, 2-2)

There isn't a Pac-12 North team that deserves to be second, but the Cardinal shamefully takes this spot. At least its close loss at Notre Dame looks good after the Irish almost beat Florida State.

Last week: Second, L at ASU 26-10

This week: Saturday vs. Oregon State (4-2, 1-2)

3. Washington (5-2, 1-1)

The Huskies got spanked at Oregon, and, except for a close loss to an overrated Stanford side, haven't looked at all like a team that was ranked in the preseason. This week, they must face a resurgent ASU team.

Last week: Third, L at Oregon 45-20

This week: Saturday at No. 14 ASU (5-1, 3-1)

4. Oregon State (4-2, 1-2)

The Beavers began the South's misery with a home loss to Utah



TYLER BAKER/THE DAILY WILDCAT

ASU THEN-REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE WIDE RECEIVER Jaelen Strong (21) fends off Arizona then-sophomore safety William Parks (11) during Arizona's 58-21 loss at Sun Devil Stadium on Nov. 30, 2013. Strong and the Sun Devils have recovered after a rocky start to the 2014-15 season.

on Thursday. This week, a trip to Stanford could mean their third loss in the last four games.

Last week: Fourth, L vs. Utah 29-23 2OT

This week: Saturday at Stanford (4-3, 2-2)

5. California (4-3, 2-3)

The Golden Bears played their UC rival tough but ultimately came up short to UCLA. Another loss to the North for the South. Cal is much improved from last year, but it faces a tough road to get a few more wins and bowl eligibility.

Last week: fifth, L vs. UCLA 36-34

This week: Friday vs. Oregon (6-1, 3-1)

6. Washington State (2-5, 1-3)

Last November, the Cougars

shocked Arizona and got a bowl bid as a result. Since that win, they've lost seven games and may need to surprise the Wildcats again to make a bowl game this year.

Last week: Sixth, Bye

This week: Saturday vs. No. 15 Arizona (5-1, 2-1)

South

1. No. 20 USC (5-2, 4-1)

The South is absolutely brutal, and with five Pac-12 Championship Game contenders, ranking it is almost as hard as playing in it. The Trojans are in first place, so they're a good choice to top this week's power rankings.

Last week: Second, W vs. Colorado 56-28

Football readies for explosive Cougars

BY JAMES KELLEY
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After playing against USC's more pro-style offense in its last game, Arizona football is back to playing against a spread. On Saturday, the No. 15 Wildcats (5-1, 2-1 Pac-12 Conference) travel to Washington State to face the Cougars' pass-happy Air Raid offense.

Washington State is first in the nation in passing yards with 490 per game, while Arizona is seventh with 357.5. Arizona is 36th in nation rushing offense, while the Cougars are 124th, second to last.

"Whereas they'll throw the ball, throw the ball to set up the run, we'll run the ball, run the ball, to maybe set up a throw," UA football head coach Rich Rodriguez said. "But as we've showed, we've thrown it 70 times a game; I'm not sure they've run it 70 times in a game."

WSU quarterback senior Connor Halliday is first in the country in passing yards with 3,344. UA redshirt freshman quarterback Anu Solomon is ninth with 2,136 passing yards.

Halliday broke the Football Bowl Subdivision single-game passing record with 734 yards against California earlier this season.

"Anytime we face a passing school, it's exciting to have those