

UW ready for Arizona challenge

Center Jelani McCoy and forward Kris Johnson return to the Bruins' lineup

By Rob Moseley
Sports Reporter

The national champion Wildcats should be 3-0 entering this matchup with the Huskies, who are one of those teams that could beat almost anybody "on any given night," as coaches like to say.

The guard-oriented Wildcats, led by preseason All-Americans Mike Bibby and Miles Simon, should face a stiff challenge in Seattle, where the offense runs through 7-footer Todd MacCulloch.

MacCulloch, the NCAA leader in field-goal percentage last season, should be familiar to Duck fans, as it was he who tapped in the winner with four seconds left to beat Oregon in Seattle last season.

The game is on Fox Sports Northwest at 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Back to full strength

UCLA is back at full strength after the return of forward Kris Johnson and center Jelani McCoy from suspension. Johnson made his first appearance of the season on Dec. 13, scoring 15 points in 15 minutes against Cal-State Fullerton, and McCoy returned Dec. 30 with a seven-point effort in 14 minutes against Illinois. Johnson, a senior, and McCoy, a junior, were suspended Sept. 29 for violation of department policies and team rules.

Award favorites

Arizona's guard tandem of senior Miles Simon and sophomore Mike Bibby appears on the list of finalists for two national player of the year awards. Each is named on the list of 10 finalists for the Naismith Award and among the 30 candidates for the Wooden Award.

Respect anyone?

In its annual college hoops preview, The Sporting News ranks the Pacific-10 Conference seventh nationally, below the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Big 10, the Southeastern Conference, the Western Athletic Conference, the Atlantic 10 and the Big 12. The Big 10 boasts nothing beyond No. 5 Purdue, and the Big 12 is another one-hit wonder with Kansas. Arizona won the national championship last season after finishing fifth in conference play and was the second NCAA champ in three years from the Pac-10, as well as one of four Pac-10 teams in last season's Sweet Sixteen.

Injury talk

Stanford's sophomore forward Mark Madsen, who had started the

first 11 games of the season, suffered a stress fracture in his right foot during a practice in December. Madsen, who entered the weekend as the Cardinal's second-leading scorer and rebounder, was originally expected to miss 10 to 14 days but is now expected to miss at least a month.

Two-sport star

Redshirt freshman Ortege Jenkins, a 6-foot-2 guard, joined the Arizona roster recently after completing his duties as the starting quarterback for the Wildcat football team. Jenkins began the year third on the depth chart, but injuries forced him into the starting role in the Wildcats' fifth game of the season. The Long Beach, Calif., native threw for 1,669 yards and 19 touchdowns, the most ever for a freshman in the Pac-10.

A major loss

The loss of Rodrigo de la Fuente to the Spanish professional league should mean increased pressure on Washington State's Carlos Daniel, the lone member of the Cougars' top four scorers from last season still in Pullman. Daniel ranks third in the Pac-10 in rebounding this season, as well as 12th in scoring and seventh in blocks. de la Fuente was among the top 10 in scoring, rebounding, steals and field goal-percentage before leaving school on Sunday.

Undefeated Huskies off to best start in eight seasons

The Beavers will return to Gill Coliseum for their first home game in over a month

By Alex Pond
Sports Reporter

The Washington Huskies are slowly but surely opening eyes of basketball fans not only in the Pacific-10 Conference, but across the nation.

With a perfect 10-0 record following their 73-58 win at Washington State last Saturday, the Huskies are off to their best start since going 11-1 to start the 1989-90 season.

The Huskies, unranked at the beginning of the season, have shot to No. 7 in this week's Associated Press Top 25, their highest ranking since that same 1989-90 season when they finished No. 3 with a 28-3 record.

Washington hasn't exactly been beating up on patsies, either, dealing No. 6 Vanderbilt and No. 17 North Carolina State their only losses of the season. The Huskies beat Vanderbilt (11-1) 82-71 on Dec. 6 to

avenge a loss to the Commodores in the first round of last season's NCAA Tournament.

They took care of the Wolf Pack (12-1) 95-88 in the Seattle Times Classic on Dec. 21.

Washington has been led by the dynamic duo of guard Jamie Redd and forward Amber Hall. Redd is second in the conference in scoring at 22.1 points per game, while Hall leads the Pac-10 in rebounding with an average of 11.8. Forward/center Gena Pelz is second in the conference with 9.2 rebounds per contest.

Can't shoot straight? No problem

Perhaps shooting a high percentage from the field really isn't that big of a deal.

At least it's not for the Huskies. They have gotten off to their undefeated start despite shooting a horrific 38.3 percent from the field.

Suffice it to say, that ranks dead last among Pac-10 teams.

With so many bricks being thrown up, that must mean there are a bundle of rebounds

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