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Injury sidelines Arizona's Woods

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TUCSON, Ariz. — A back injury likely will keep Loren Woods out of fourth-ranked Arizona's game against Arizona State on Saturday and the 7-foot center could be out longer.

How much longer is a mystery. Coach Lute Olson won't divulge specifics about Woods' condition.

The athletic department issued a statement Wednesday that Woods has "back problems and is currently receiving further consultation and treatment from UA team physicians."

The Tribune, a newspaper serving suburban Phoenix, quoted what it called a source familiar with the Arizona program as saying the university would announce Wednesday that Woods would be out for the season.

That didn't happen, and Olson said no determination had been made on how long Woods would be sidelined.

"Obviously the thing is going to be if there was any chance of further damage," Olson said. "Then he's not going to play if that's the case."

Woods, a junior transfer from Wake Forest who is 'Arizona's leading scorer at 15.6 points per game, is the latest casualty for a team that has continued to win despite losing players to injury, illness and defections. He leads the Pac-10 in blocked shots at 3.9 per game and tied an NCAA record with 14 blocks against Oregon Feb. 3.

If Woods doesn't play, the Wildcats, who have a half-game lead over Stanford in the Pac-10 at 12-1 and are 23-4 overall, will be down to six scholarship players.

Olson said Woods' back started bothering him in Arizona's 82-55 victory at Arizona State on Jan. 26.

Woods didn't practice the past two weeks. He played in last Thursday's 92-85 victory over USC but obviously was not as mobile as usual. He was a last-minute scratch Saturday against UCLA, a game Arizona still won easily 99-84.

Arizona could have starting forward Richard Jefferson back for next week's trip to Oregon State and Oregon.

The 6-foot-7 sophomore forward was averaging 12.2 points per game when he broke his right foot in a victory at Stanford on Ian. 8.

"He looks very good," Olson said. "Monday morning he'll be X-rayed and if it's as they expect it to be, then he'll be cleared for full practice Monday afternoon. The amount of time he would play on the Oregon trip would depend on how his conditioning is in a practice situation. But that's looking very, very good at this point."

The Wildcats said Woods' injury can be used as inspiration.

"He's dying to get out there,"
Justin Wessel, a 6-foot-8 center
who replaces Woods in the lineup. "He's been playing with it for
almost a month now. That just
shows you how dedicated he is.
That really inspires us because
he's out there playing hurt. Some
of us might have bumps and
bruises but he sacrificed so we do
also."

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