



## Huskies and fans show support for Williams

Washington established a fund and FansOnly provided a message board in support of the fallen Curtis Williams

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Saddened Washington players joined Arizona players at center field in Tempe, Ariz., for an emotional moment of silence before Saturday's game to honor fallen teammate Curtis Williams.



The senior defensive back sustained a critical spinal cord injury during the Huskies' Oct. 28 win at Stanford. Williams watched from his intensive-care hospital bed at Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto, Calif., as Washington erased a 25-10 third-quarter deficit to win 35-32.

"He was excited as he could be," UW head coach Rick Neuheisel told the Seattle Times. "His brother [David] says he continues to be encouraged."

After the game, Neuheisel attributed

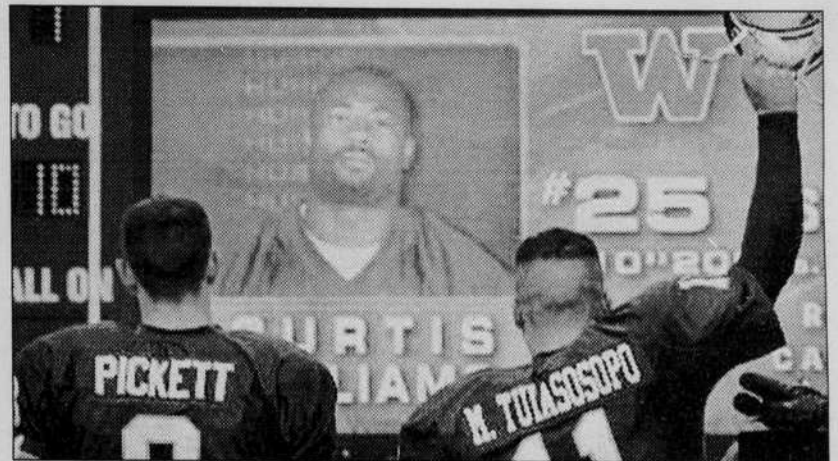
his team's tentativeness in the first three quarters to a carried-over fear from Williams' injury.

"You can never imagine what a toll it takes, seeing one of your teammates lying motionless on the field," he said. "You have to imagine every one of those kids said, 'It could have been me.'"

"It's been a hard week because everybody's been thinking about what happened last week," said Washington linebacker Derrell Daniels, one of Williams' best friends on the team. "And going out, at the beginning of the game, I guess you could tell that a lot of people were still thinking about what had happened."

Washington athletic director Barbara Hedges announced plans Monday to create a special fund to help support Williams' long-term care.

Hedges said the fund will be established in Washington's University Central Development Office to help pay expenses beyond those covered by the



Courtesy of Washington Athletics  
UW's Cody Pickett and Marques Tuiasosopo honor Curtis Williams before Saturday's game.

family, the university and the NCAA catastrophic injury insurance programs.

"We appreciate this outpouring of support and want this special fund to

address extraordinary expenses that may not be covered by existing insurance," Hedges said.

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Freshman James Davis (1) scored a team-high 21 points for the Ducks in their exhibition win Monday night, including four three-pointers.

## Exhibition game a 'thorough' win

■ Bryan Bracey and James Davis score 21 points each to lead the Ducks to a blowout exhibition win

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Typically, a head coach enters a post-game press conference after a team's first exhibition game and uses phrases such as, "a work in progress" and "we have got to get better."

But that was not the case Monday night for Oregon head coach Ernie Kent. Instead, he entered the room boasting that there were "not a lot of negatives [he] can say" and mentioning how "thorough" his team was.

It was hard to argue with the coach after the Oregon men's basketball team coasted to a 102-59 victory over Korabel, a traveling basketball team from Nikolaev, Ukraine, in its exhibition opener.

The game drew nearly 7,000 fans at McArthur Court and provided the newcomers on the team with an opportunity to play against an actual opponent for the first time. Of the much-heralded recruiting class, freshmen guards James Davis and Luke Ridnour stood out.

Davis tied Bryan Bracey for the game-high in point totals with 21, and Ridnour recorded seven assists compared to zero turnovers in 22 minutes of action.

"It's very encouraging to see what I saw out there tonight," Kent said. "To see the pieces of what we recruited and how they fit."

Oregon entered halftime with a 48-31 lead, but then opened the game up in the second half. The Ducks scored the first nine points of the half en route to a 23-5 game-clinching run.

Korabel was paced by guard Oleksandr Rayevskyy, who hustled his way to a game-high 26 points.

The only drama in the game was whether Oregon would top the century mark. The Ducks scored their 99th point on a Davis three pointer — his fourth of the game — with 2:31 to play in the game. But then Karobel made it a bit tough on the Ducks, as they began to dribble out the shot clock before shooting.

Freshman forward Luke Jackson, though, finally pushed the scoreboard

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## Freshmen step comfortably into roles

Oregon's newcomers shone against the Basketball Travelers Monday, fulfilling all of Ernie Kent's expectations

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While most people at McArthur Court were watching Oregon beat up on the Basketball Travelers 102-59 Monday night, Oregon head coach Ernie Kent was watching another game at the same time.

The newcomer game. Freshmen Luke Ridnour, James Davis and Luke Jackson, along with redshirt transfer Mark Michaelis, were all playing in their first game as Ducks against the team from the Ukraine.

"I thought the freshmen did a good job," Kent said. "It's very encouraging to see all our pieces fit

together."

Davis, along with senior forward Bryan Bracey, led Oregon with 21 points on the game. Ridnour played point guard for 22 minutes, and dished out seven assists without a turnover.

"It was a dream come true," Davis said. "It was amazing for me."

The freshmen came out with a few jitters. Davis missed his first three shots, and went into halftime shooting 1-for-5 from the floor and 0-of-3 from beyond the three-point arc.

Michaelis, the big man from Utah, also struggled

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