

Missouri latest campus where athletes spur change

By RALPH D. RUSSO
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COLUMBIA, Mo. — College athletes are learning the power of teamwork goes beyond scoring touchdowns and winning conference titles.

The Missouri football team banded together to add some high-profile heft to a campus protest that resulted in Monday's resignation of Tim Wolfe, the president of the state university system. Wolfe was under scrutiny for how he handled complaints about racism and other student-welfare issues, and he was out of a job just two days after the football players indicated

they wouldn't practice or play unless changes were made.

That plan included skipping Saturday's game against BYU in Kansas City, which would have cost the school more than \$1 million.

It was an extraordinary declaration of solidarity coming at a time when the leaders of college sports are adjusting to more empowered and outspoken athletes than they've seen in years, emboldened by court victories against the NCAA — and now with the ability to vote on NCAA legislation — and more vocal than ever thanks to social media.

"These black football players understood that they have the power,"

said Shaun Harper, executive director for the Study of Race and Equity in Education at the University of Pennsylvania. "That is so rare. I don't know another class of black people on a university campus that has as much power as these guys, who generate millions of dollars for their institutions and billions of dollars for their athletic conferences. Not in our modern history have we seen black students collectively flex their muscle in this way."

Harper authored a 2013 study on black male athletes and racial inequities in Division I sports. According to the study, blacks make up 63 percent of Missouri's football and men's bas-

ketball players, but less than 3 percent of the total undergraduate population.

Because they are often sheltered and controlled within athletic departments, black student-athletes aren't always aware of their power, Harper said.

"Hopefully, this situation raises their consciousness about their authority," he said. "If black men on these teams and at other places that are like Mizzou do what these guys just did, it could be a form of activism that procures lots of benefits for them as well as for the black student collective they represent."

Coach Gary Pinkel not only sup-

ported a group of about 30 players who announced they would boycott football, but he gathered the whole team the next day and united them all for the cause.

"They want to get more involved with the campus," Pinkel explained Monday. "I think that's a positive."

Receiver J'Mon Moore said he was the first player to visit the protesters last week in the tent city that had popped up on Camahan Quad. Moore promised his support to Jonathan Butler, the grad student who decided he would not eat until Wolfe stepped down, and then shared his experience with his roommate, Anthony Sherrills.



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Knappa's Andrew Goozee, No. 34, was named all-league as a running back and Defensive Player of the Year as a linebacker.

Knappa's Goozee named co-Defensive Player of the Year

Knappa junior linebacker Andrew Goozee was named as co-Defensive Player of the Year on the Northwest All-League football team, sharing the award with Vernonia linebacker Blade Ware.

The all-league team was voted on by the league's coaches.

Goozee was also a first team running back, joining junior offensive lineman

Michal Goodman on the first team offense.

Goozee and Goodman were also the only Loggers on the first team defense.

Offensive linemen Jacob Ford (So.) and Jared Parks (Sr.) were selected to the second team offense, while Parks was a second team defensive lineman.

Rreece Hunt (So.) was named as an honorable mention defensive lineman.

Arizona in control, but Seattle will have chance to catch up

By TIM BOOTH
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For the second straight year, the Arizona Cardinals arrived at the midpoint of the season in control of the NFC West.

And just like a year ago, the preseason favorite Seattle Seahawks will have their chances over the final eight games to play catch-up on the Cardinals.

The division race kicks into gear this week with Seattle hosting the 6-2 Cardinals, the first of two matchups over the final eight weeks. Seattle may be just 4-4, but can win the NFC West by winning out.

St. Louis sits at 4-4 and saw the emergence of running back Todd Gurley in the first half, while San Francisco hopes the change to Blaine Gabbert at quarterback sparks a late charge that started with Sunday's surprising 17-16 win over Atlanta to get the 49ers to 3-6.

Here's a look at the division at the halfway mark of the season:

BIRDS OF A FEATHER: Arizona rolled through the first half just as it did in 2014. The Cardinals have a two-game lead on Seattle. They have the best offense in the NFC thanks to Carson Palm-



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Seattle Seahawks running back Marshawn Lynch runs the ball against the Dallas Cowboys during an NFL football game Nov. 1 in Arlington, Texas.

er and the resurgence of Chris Johnson on his way to a 1,000-yard season rushing. Arizona is averaging 32.9 points per game, trailing only New England.

While Arizona's offense has gotten most of the attention, the defense has not taken a step back despite the departure of coordinator Todd Bowles. Arizona has held six of eight opponents under 350 total yards.

Last year the season got away from Arizona because of Palmer's knee injury that caused him to miss the final seven games and the playoffs. Barring another major injury, the Cardinals have put themselves in position to be in playoff contention into the final weeks.

"I don't think the identity of our ball club has been identified yet," veteran receiver Larry Fitzgerald said. "Coach says it all the time: This is our football team. We're only going to be as good as we decide to be."

SEATTLE REBOUND: No one in the division rode a bigger roller coaster through eight games than the Seahawks. From holdouts to car crashes to starting 0-2, Seattle rebounded from all those obstacles to get back to .500 at the midway point and control what happens in the division going forward.

The issue in the second half for Seattle will be rectifying problems on the offensive line. Russell Wilson is on pace to be sacked more than 60 times, though there was a glimmer of optimism as Seattle held Dallas without a sack in a 13-12 win before the Seahawks' bye week.

Seattle gets a rare three-game home-stand to begin the second half, starting with the Cardinals. Beat Arizona and the division race will likely remain wide open to the end.

"We have a second half to really go for it," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said.

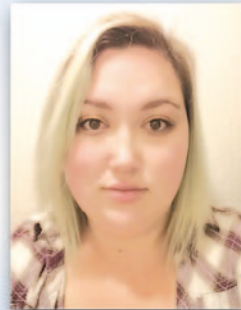
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