

College Football

Top defense in FBS belongs to Huskies

By TIM BOOTH
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SEATTLE, Wash. — Pete Kwiatkowski is quiet and unassuming. He enjoys remaining in the background, his role being that of a teacher and planner as the defensive coordinator for No. 9 Washington.

His players, though, view him a little bit differently as the one largely responsible for Washington fielding the best defense in the country.

“I think he’s kind of a little bit of an evil genius,” linebacker Ben Burr-Kirven said. “He spends so much time in the film room seeing what they’re doing and every week he comes out with some new scheme we haven’t seen, some little tweak we’re going to do that gives us an edge you’re not going to get from another coach.”

When Washington takes the field Friday night at Stanford, it will do so with the best defense in the country in terms of yards allowed per game. Better than Alabama. Better than Georgia. Better than Wisconsin. The Huskies are allowing 240.9 yards per game and 11.1 points. At this pace, this group of Huskies may end up being better statistically than the 1991 team that shared the national championship and is regarded as the best defense in school history — and one of the best in Pac-12 history.

That’s heady company, although this defense’s biggest tests — Stanford, Washington State in the Apple Cup and a potential Pac-12 title game — are still looming.

“We’re a big believer in, football’s not that compli-

Wcated. There’s a lot of nuance and detail that goes into what we do, but at the end of the day it’s about striking blocks, getting off blocks, tackling, covering,” Kwiatkowski said. “We try to keep it that simple with our guys so they can play fast. And then the carry over schematically — we have some change-ups here and there so offenses can’t dial us up. But at the end of the day, it’s fundamental football.”

What makes Washington’s defensive success remarkable is what the team has lost over the years.

After Kwiatkowski’s first season, the Huskies saw four defensive players taken in the first 44 picks of the NFL draft. And they were better the following season.

In four seasons, Kwiatkowski has built a defense that is stingy, aggressive and

refuses to give up big plays. Granted, it’s helped that Washington has not faced the most dynamic offenses this year. Of their nine opponents to date, only UCLA ranks in the Top 40 nationally and the Bruins are the only team to top 20 points against Washington, although that came with the help of a defensive score.

While the Huskies top the country in total defense, they are also second in scoring defense, third in pass defense and sixth at stopping the run. They’ve allowed just eight offensive touchdowns in nine games and have yet to allow an offensive play of longer than 36 yards.

“If you’re going to have a good team, to me it’s always going to start out on defense,” head coach Chris Petersen said. “We’ve had good defenses for a long, long time.”

SCOREBOARD

Local slate

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday
No. 6 South Albany at No. 3 Hermiston (5A quarterfinals), 7 p.m.
Saturday
No. 8 Heppner at No. 1 St. Paul (2A quarterfinals, at Newberg High School), 1 p.m.

PREP BOYS SOCCER

Saturday
No. 1 Riverside vs. No. 3 Catlin Gabel (OSAA 3A/2A/1A Championship at Liberty HS, Hillsboro), 3:30 p.m.

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Friday
Eastern Oregon vs. College of Idaho (CCC Tournament at Corban University), 4 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Carroll at Eastern Oregon, Noon

COLLEGE MEN'S WRESTLING

Eastern Oregon at Oregon State, TBD

COLLEGE WOMEN'S WRESTLING

Eastern Oregon at Pacific, TBD

Football

NFL

Week 10
Thursday's Game
Seattle at Arizona, 5:25 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, 10 a.m.
Minnesota at Washington, 10 a.m.
L.A. Chargers at Jacksonville, 10 a.m.
New Orleans at Buffalo, 10 a.m.
Green Bay at Chicago, 10 a.m.
Cincinnati at Tennessee, 10 a.m.
N.Y. Jets at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 10 a.m.
Houston at L.A. Rams, 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at San Francisco, 1:25 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 1:25 p.m.
New England at Denver, 5:30 p.m.
Open: Kansas City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Oakland
Monday's Game
Miami at Carolina, 5:30 p.m.

NCAA

AP Top 25

Week 11 Schedule

Friday
No. 9 Washington at Stanford, 7:30 p.m. (FS1)

Saturday
No. 1 Alabama at No. 18 Mississippi State, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

No. 2 Georgia at No. 10 Auburn, 12:30 p.m. (CBS)

No. 3 Notre Dame at No. 7 Miami, 5 p.m. (ABC)

No. 4 Clemson vs. Florida State, 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

No. 5 Oklahoma vs. No. 8 TCU, 5 p.m. (FOX)

No. 6 Wisconsin vs. No. 25 Iowa, 12:30 p.m. (ABC)

No. 11 Ohio State vs. No. 13 Michigan State, 9 a.m. (FOX)

No. 12 Oklahoma State at No. 24 Iowa State, 9 a.m. (ABC)

No. 14 UCF vs. UConn, 9 a.m. (ESPN2)

No. 15 USC at Colorado, 1 p.m. (FOX)

No. 16 Penn State vs. Rutgers, 9 a.m.

No. 17 Virginia Tech at Georgia Tech, 9 a.m.

No. 19 Washington State at Utah, 2:30 p.m. (PAC12)

No. 21 Michigan at Maryland, 12:30 p.m.

No. 23 West Virginia at Kansas State, 12:30 p.m. (ESPN2)

Pac-12 Schedule

Friday
Washington at Stanford, 7:30 p.m. (FS1)

Saturday
Oregon State at Arizona, 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

USC at Colorado, 1 p.m. (FOX)

Washington State at Utah, 2:30 p.m. (PAC12)

Arizona State at UCLA, 6:30 p.m. (PAC12)

Soccer

MLS Playoffs

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eastern Conference
Tuesday, Nov. 21: Toronto at Columbus, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 29: Columbus at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.

Western Conference
Tuesday, Nov. 21: Seattle at Houston, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 30: Houston at Seattle, 7:30 p.m.

Hockey

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Tampa Bay	15	11	2	2	24	59	42
Toronto	17	10	7	0	20	65	60
Ottawa	14	6	3	5	17	51	47
Detroit	16	8	7	1	17	45	43
Boston	14	6	5	3	15	41	44
Montreal	16	7	8	1	15	44	57
Buffalo	15	5	8	2	12	38	54
Florida	14	4	8	2	10	48	59

Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Pittsburgh	17	9	6	2	20	45	59
New Jersey	14	9	4	1	19	50	45
Columbus	16	9	6	1	19	52	46
N.Y. Islanders	15	8	5	2	18	55	48
N.Y. Rangers	17	8	7	2	18	56	57
Washington	16	8	7	1	17	47	51
Philadelphia	15	7	6	2	16	47	43
Carolina	13	5	5	3	13	35	38

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
St. Louis	16	12	3	1	25	53	37
Winnipeg	14	8	3	3	19	46	40
Nashville	15	8	5	2	18	40	42
Colorado	14	8	6	0	16	48	47
Dallas	15	8	7	0	16	42	43
Chicago	15	7	6	2	16	43	36
Minnesota	14	5	7	2	12	42	44

Pacific Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Los Angeles	15	11	2	2	24	52	34
Vegas	15	9	5	1	19	52	44
Vancouver	15	8	5	2	18	42	37
San Jose	13	8	5	0	16	36	30
Calgary	15	8	7	0	16	38	43
Anaheim	15	6	6	3	15	43	47
Edmonton	14	5	8	1	11	32	44
Arizona	17	2	13	2	6	42	68

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 4, Minnesota 2
N.Y. Rangers 4, Boston 2

Tampa Bay at San Jose, late finish

Thursday's Games

Edmonton at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.

Minnesota at Montreal, 4:30 p.m.
Arizona at St. Louis, 5 p.m.

Detroit at Calgary, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

Basketball

Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	10	2	.833	—
Toronto	6	4	.600	3
Philadelphia	6	4	.600	3
New York	6	5	.545	3½
Brooklyn	4	7	.364	5½

Southeast Div.	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	7	4	.636	—
Washington	5	5	.500	1½
Charlotte	5	6	.455	2
Miami	5	6	.455	2
Atlanta	2	9	.182	5

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	8	3	.727	—
Cleveland	5	6	.455	3
Indiana	5	7	.417	3½
Milwaukee	4	6	.400	3½
Chicago	2	7	.222	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Div.	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	8	3	.727	—
Memphis	7	4	.636	1
San Antonio	7	4	.636	1
New Orleans	6	5	.545	2
Dallas	2	10	.167	6½

Northwest Div.	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	7	4	.636	—
Portland	6	5	.545	1
Denver	6	5	.545	1
Utah	5	6	.455	2
Oklahoma City	4	6	.400	2½

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	9	3	.750	—
L.A. Clippers	5	5	.500	3
L.A. Lakers	5	6	.455	3½
Phoenix	4	8	.333	5
Sacramento	2	8	.200	6

Wednesday's Games

Detroit 114, Indiana 87
Orlando 112, New York 99

Boston 107, L.A. Lakers 96
Miami 126, Phoenix 115

Golden State 125, Minnesota 101

Thursday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Washington, 4 p.m.

New Orleans at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Houston, 5 p.m.

Philadelphia at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 7:30 p.m.

BRIEFLY

Big weekend at Pendleton CC

PENDLETON — On Nov. 17, the Country Club is holding its dinner and golf auction, where attendees can enjoy a steak and seafood dinner then bid on golf packages to play at some of the premier, private courses in the Northwest. Courses include Portland Golf Club, Tualatin Country Club, and Meadow Springs Country Club all with values well over \$500.

Dinner price is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members, with all proceeds going to the Pendleton Country Club Junior Golf Program. Reservations are necessary, and can be made by calling 541-443-8874.

Then on Nov. 19, PCC is hosting its Frozen Open Triple Six Tourney, which features two-person teams playing in Scotchball, Scramble and Chapman formats. Entry fees are \$40 for members, \$60 for

non-members and lunch is included. To sign up call the pro shop at 541-443-4653.

Also on Nov. 19, the PCC Pro Shop has its open house sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with golf clubs, apparel and more up to 75 percent off.

Buckaroo softball star to sign with Western Oregon

PENDLETON — In the spring, Alexi Brehaut will be mashing extra-base hits for her Pendleton softball team. But next spring, she'll be doing the same, but wearing a different uniform.

Brehaut will sign a National Letter of Intent on Saturday to play softball at Western Oregon University. She will put pen to paper during a party at 12:30 p.m. at Oregon Grain Growers Brand Distillery in Pendleton.

The Buckaroo senior was a First Team all-league selection last season.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Hunter Nichols

Heppner High School • Junior - Cross Country

Nichols finished off a stellar junior season by earning a medal at the OSAA 3A/2A/1A State Championship race with an 8th place finish on Saturday.

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