

WSU: Everybody is having a good time in locker room

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1, 7-1 Pac-12) will play No. 16 Washington (8-3, 6-2) on Friday in the Apple Cup. A victory would give the seventh-ranked Cougars their first Pac-12 North title and set a program record for wins in a season. It would also keep alive talk of Washington State's longshot bid for the College Football Playoff, however unlikely that may be.

Leach said the team's secret weapon may be how much everyone is enjoying themselves.

"In the locker room, everybody's really having a good time," Leach said. "This is a very tight team. I think that's helped us to play well."

Having perhaps the best time is quarterback Gardner Minshew, the graduate transfer from East Carolina who became a star in his first and only season for the Cougars. Minshew has captured the



AP Photo/David Zalubowski

Washington State quarterback Gardner Minshew points to the scoreboard to call for a review of his run that was ruled for a touchdown in the second half of an NCAA college football game against Colorado.

imagination of fans with stellar play, as well as his facial hair. Minshew is nicknamed the Mississippi Mustache and it has become a thing among Cougars fans to post a selfie while sporting a fake mustache.

After one recent game, Minshew sneaked up behind Leach as the coach was con-

ducting a television interview and slapped a fake mustache on his upper lip.

"I was the victim of a cruel joke," Leach said later.

Minshew has become one of the faces of college football this season, mobbed by fans, pursued by reporters, pushed as a Heisman Trophy candidate.

All the success comes from working as a team, he said.

"Man, this team has just come together so well," Minshew said. "We believe that we are going to win every game. I think that belief goes a long, long way."

Leach also is having a ball in his seventh season at Washington State. He's often relaxed when meeting the media, happy to answer off-bate questions.

Asked who would win a mythical fight among all 12 conference coaches, he opined Utah's Kyle Whittingham and Arizona State's Herm Edwards because: "They work out."

Asked what bands he would like to see at a Woodstock-style festival in Pullman, he said The Doors, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Jimmy Buffett, then added 10 more.

And so on. Of course, what's really fun is winning.

BELTRE: 31st to hit 3,000

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young to be called up" to the majors. Beltre was only 15 when he first signed with the Dodgers as an amateur free agent in July 1994.

Beltre hit a Texas-high .273 with 15 homers and 65 RBIs in 119 games this season, when he went on the disabled list twice because of a strained left hamstring. He was limited in 2017 to 94 games, his fewest since 77 as a rookie, because of calf and hamstring issues.

He got his 3,000th career hit on July 30, 2017, the 31st major leaguer to reach that milestone.

"To all my fans in the Dominican Republic, the United States and Latin America, my sincerest THANK YOU for your continuous support throughout my career," Beltre wrote. "While I will forever cherish the memo-

ries from my time playing the greatest game on earth, I am excited to become a (full-time) husband and father, and I am ready to take on the next chapter of my life."

Michael Young, now a special assistant to the general manager, was the Rangers third baseman before Beltre joined the team. Young then became a utility infielder and designated hitter and is still the career leader for games played and hits by a Rangers player.

"I knew he was good defensively, I didn't know he was this good. I knew he could hit, I didn't know he could hit like that. I knew he was tough, I didn't know he was that tough," Young said Tuesday. "I could just pretty much go on, all of the things I knew about him, he was just better in pretty much in every possible way I could have imagined."

SCOREBOARD

Football

NCAA Football
Top 25

No. 1 Alabama (11-0) beat The Citadel 50-17. Next: vs. Auburn, Saturday.
No. 2 Clemson (11-0) beat Duke 35-6. Next: vs. South Carolina, Saturday.
No. 3 Notre Dame (11-0) beat No. 12 Syracuse 36-3. Next: at Southern Cal, Saturday.
No. 4 Michigan (10-1) beat Indiana 31-20. Next: at No. 9 Ohio State, Saturday.
No. 5 Georgia (10-1) beat UMass 66-27. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Saturday.
No. 6 Oklahoma (10-1) beat Kansas 55-40. Next: at No. 7 West Virginia, Friday.
No. 7 West Virginia (8-2) lost to Oklahoma State 45-41. Next: vs. No. 6 Oklahoma, Friday.
No. 8 Washington State (10-1) beat Arizona 69-28. Next: vs. No. 17 Washington, Friday.
No. 9 Ohio State (10-1) beat Maryland 52-51, OT. Next: vs. No. 4 Michigan, Saturday.
No. 10 LSU (9-2) beat Rice 42-10. Next: at Texas A&M, Saturday.
No. 11 UCF (10-0) beat No. 19 Cincinnati 38-13. Next: at South Florida, Friday.
No. 12 Syracuse (8-3) lost to No. 3 Notre Dame 36-3. Next: at No. 22 Boston College, Saturday.
No. 13 Texas (8-3) beat No. 18 Iowa State 24-10. Next: at Kansas, Friday.
No. 14 Utah State (10-1) beat Colorado State 29-24. Next: at No. 23 Boise State, Saturday.
No. 15 Florida (8-3) beat Idaho 63-10. Next: at Florida State, Saturday.
No. 16 Penn State (8-3) beat Rutgers 20-7. Next: vs. Maryland, Saturday.
No. 17 Washington (8-3) beat Oregon State 42-23. Next: at No. 8 Washington State, Friday.
No. 18 Iowa State (6-4) lost to No. 13 Texas 24-10. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
No. 19 Cincinnati (9-2) lost to No. 11 UCF 38-13. Next: vs. East Carolina, Friday.
No. 20 Kentucky (8-3) beat Middle Tennessee 34-23. Next: at Louisville, Saturday.
No. 21 Utah (8-3) beat Colorado 30-7. Next: vs. BYU, Saturday.
No. 22 Boston College (7-4) lost to Florida State 22-21. Next: vs. No. 12 Syracuse, Saturday.
No. 23 Boise State (9-2) beat New Mexico 45-14, Friday. Next: vs. No. 14 Utah State, Saturday.
No. 24 Northwestern (7-4) beat Minnesota 24-14. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.

No. 25 Mississippi State (7-4) beat Arkansas 52-6. Next: at Mississippi, Thursday.

National Football League

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New England	7	3	0	700	280	236
Miami	5	5	0	500	199	256
Buffalo	3	7	0	300	137	251
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	300	208	254

South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	7	3	0	700	239	205
Indianapolis	5	5	0	500	298	249
Tennessee	5	5	0	500	178	189
Jacksonville	3	7	0	300	176	219

North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Pittsburgh	7	2	1	750	299	225
Baltimore	5	5	0	500	237	181
Cincinnati	5	5	0	500	256	312
Cleveland	3	6	1	350	218	263

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Kansas City	9	1	0	900	353	240
L.A. Chargers	7	3	0	700	262	209
Denver	4	6	0	400	228	235
Oakland	2	8	0	200	170	293

New England at N.Y. Jets, 10 a.m.
Jacksonville at Buffalo, 10 a.m.
San Francisco at Tampa Bay, 10 a.m.
Oakland at Baltimore, 10 a.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.
Cleveland at Cincinnati, 10 a.m.
Arizona at L.A. Chargers, 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Denver, 1:25 p.m.
Miami at Indianapolis, 1:25 p.m.
Green Bay at Minnesota, 5:20 p.m.
Open: L.A. Rams, Kansas City
Monday, Nov. 26
Tennessee at Houston, 5:15 p.m.

Basketball

National Basketball League

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	13	4	.765	—
Philadelphia	12	7	.632	2
Boston	9	8	.529	4
Brooklyn	7	10	.412	6
New York	4	13	.235	9

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Orlando	9	8	.529	—
Charlotte	8	8	.500	½
Miami	6	10	.375	2½
Washington	5	11	.313	3½
Atlanta	3	14	.176	6

West

W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	12	4	.750	—
Indiana	11	6	.647	1½
Detroit	8	6	.571	3
Chicago	4	13	.235	8½
Cleveland	2	13	.133	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Memphis	11	5	.688	—
New Orleans	10	7	.588	1½
Houston	8	7	.533	2½
San Antonio	8	8	.500	3
Dallas	7	9	.438	4

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	11	5	.688	—
Oklahoma City	10	6	.625	1
Denver	10	7	.588	1½
Utah	8	9	.471	3½
Dallas	7	10	.412	4½

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Clippers	11	5	.688	—
Golden State	12	6	.667	—
L.A. Lakers	9	7	.563	2

Sacramento 9 8 .529 2½
Phoenix 3 13 .188 8

Tuesday's Games

Washington 125, L.A. Clippers 118
Toronto 93, Orlando 91
Brooklyn 104, Miami 92
Portland 118, New York 114

Wednesday's Games

Indiana at Charlotte, 4 p.m.
New Orleans at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
New York at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
Toronto at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 5 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Cleveland, 5 p.m.
Phoenix at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Portland at Milwaukee, 5 p.m.
Brooklyn at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Memphis at San Antonio, 5:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Minnesota at Brooklyn, 9 a.m.
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 12:30 p.m.
Houston at Detroit, 4 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 4:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.
New Orleans at New York, 4:30 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 4:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 5 p.m.
San Antonio at Indiana, 5 p.m.
Phoenix at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.
Orlando at Denver, 6 p.m.
Portland at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Lakers, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Houston at Cleveland, 4:30 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
Denver at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m.
New Orleans at Washington, 5 p.m.
Boston at Dallas, 5:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 5:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Milwaukee, 5:30 p.m.

NCAA Football

1. Duke (4-0) beat San Diego State 90-64.
Next: vs. No. 8 Auburn, Tuesday.
2. Kansas (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Wednesday.
3. Gonzaga (3-0) vs. Illinois. Next: vs. Arizona or Iowa State, Tuesday.
4. Virginia (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Middle Tennessee, Wednesday.
5. Tennessee (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Louisville, Wednesday.
6. Nevada (4-0) beat Cal Baptist 90-55.
Next: vs. Tulsa, Thursday.
7. North Carolina (5-0) beat Saint Francis

(Pa.) 101-76. Next: vs. Texas, Thursday.
8. Auburn (4-0) beat Xavier 88-79, OT.
Next: vs. No. 1 Duke, Tuesday.
9. Michigan (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. Chattanooga, Friday.
10. Kentucky (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Winthrop, Wednesday.
11. Michigan State (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 UCLA, Thursday.
12. Kansas State (5-0) beat Missouri 82-67. Next: vs. Lehigh, Saturday.
13. Virginia Tech (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Francis (Pa.), Saturday.
14. Florida State (3-0) beat Canisius 93-61. Next: vs. UAB, Thursday.
15. Mississippi State (3-0) vs. Arizona State. Next: vs. Saint Mary's or Utah State, Wednesday.
16. Clemson (4-0) beat Akron 72-69. Next: vs. Georgia, Tuesday.
17. UCLA (3-0) vs. Presbyterian. Next: vs. No. 11 Michigan State, Thursday.
18. TCU (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Lipscomb, Tuesday.
19. LSU (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. College of Charleston, Thursday.
20. Iowa (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama State, Wednesday.
21. Oregon (3-1) did not play. Next: vs. Green Bay, Tuesday.
22. Buffalo (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Dartmouth, Wednesday.
23. Ohio State (4-0) did not play. Next: vs. Samford, Tuesday.
24. Purdue (4-1) did not play. Next: vs. Robert Morris, Friday.
25. Wisconsin (3-0) did not play. Next: vs. Stanford, Wednesday.

Carolina 20 9 8 3 21 53 59
Philadelphia 20 9 9 2 20 63 71
New Jersey 19 8 9 2 18 55 61
Pittsburgh 19 7 8 4 18 64 66

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Nashville	19	15	5	1	31	70	49
Winnipeg	19	12	5	2	26	61	48
Minnesota	21	12	7	2	26	65	57
Colorado	20	10	6	4	24	71	59
Dallas	21	11	8	2	24	59	54
Chicago	21	8	8	5	21	56	70
St. Louis	19	7	9	3	17	56	59

Pacific Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	21	12	8	1	25	69	63
San Jose	21	11	7	3	25	68	64
Vancouver	23	10	11	2	22	70	84
Anaheim	22	8	9	5	21	48	65
Arizona	19	9	9	1	19	49	68
Edmonton	20	9	10	1	19	57	66
Vegas	22	9	12	1	19	58	68
Los Angeles	20	7	12	1	15	61	61

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Wednesday's Games

Toronto at Carolina, 4 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at N.Y. Rangers, 4 p.m.
Dallas at Pittsburgh, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 4 p.m.
Montreal at New Jersey, 4 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 4:30 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Minnesota, 5 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 5 p.m.
Vegas at Arizona, 6 p.m.

Friday's Games

N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia, 10 a.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Edmonton at Anaheim, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Washington, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Calgary at Vegas, 3 p.m.
Toronto at Columbus, 4 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 4:30 p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 4:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Boston, 4:30 p.m.
Nashville at St. Louis, 5 p.m.
Ottawa at Dallas, 5 p.m.
Colorado at Arizona, 5 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 6 p.m.

PIGSKIN PICKERS

Week 12

Overall: 81-29
Last week: 10-0

Thurston vs. Wilsonville Wilsonville
Cascade Chr. vs. Rainier Cascade
Kennedy vs. Santiam Santiam
St. Paul vs. Dufur St. Paul
Oregon at OSU Oregon
Washington at WSU WSU
Oklahoma at W. Virginia Oklahoma
Bears at Lions Lions
Seahawks at Panthers Panthers
Packers at Vikings Vikings



Ron Gibbs
77-33
8-2
Wilsonville
Cascade
Santiam
St. Paul
Oregon
WSU
Oklahoma
Lions
Panthers
Vikings



Jeff Snell
76-34
8-2
Wilsonville
Cascade
Kennedy
St. Paul
Oregon
WSU
Oklahoma
Bears
Panthers
Vikings



Zachary Orem
72-38
8-2
Wilsonville
Cascade
Santiam
Dufur
Oregon
WSU
West Virginia
Bears
Seahawks
Vikings



Eric Singer
71-39
6-4
Wilsonville
Cascade
Santiam
Dufur
Oregon
WSU
Oklahoma
Bears
Panthers
Packers



Clint Shoemake
69-41
4-6
Wilsonville
Rainier
Kennedy
St. Paul
Oregon
Washington
West Virginia
Bears
Panthers
Vikings



Taylor Smith
65-45
6-4
Wilsonville
Rainier
Kennedy
Dufur
Oregon
WSU
West Virginia
Bears
Panthers
Vikings



Annie Fowler
64-46
6-4
Wilsonville
Rainier
Santiam
Dufur
Oregon
WSU
Oklahoma
Bears
Seahawks
Packers



Mike Appleton
63-47
6-4
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Rainer
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