

# Seahawks: Good and bad seen from both quarterbacks in mock game

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inconsistent.

"I was sitting on the couch watching games last year, so just having the opportunity to be out here playing with a team and having teammates again and having guys and going to work every day has brightened me up and picked up my spirits a lot," Lynch said.

Considering the expectations that surround a first-round selection, spending last season out of football was humbling for Lynch. If he doesn't win the backup job, Lynch could be a practice squad candidate.

"It's hard doing something you love for so long and getting used to it season in, season out and then it kind of gets taken away from you," Lynch said. "But it gave me a really good opportunity to sit back and evaluate myself as a person and what I've done to this point, try to be grateful for the things that I had accomplished up to this point and I also took a



Seattle Seahawks starting quarterback Russell Wilson (3) leads Paxton Lynch (2) and Geno Smith (7) in a quarterbacks drill at training camp in Renton, Wash.

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lot of time to get better." Seattle's mock game Saturday was a prime exam-

ple of the mix of good and bad seen from both quarterbacks. Lynch didn't have

any highlight plays, but completed 7 of 11 passes. Smith made some ques-

tionable throws — including a pass that bounced off the crossbar and was "inter-

cepted" by Poona Ford and returned for a touchdown that didn't count — but he also led a touchdown drive on the final series of the scrimmage.

The serious evaluation begins Thursday and is likely to go through the final week of the preseason.

**NOTES:** LB Bobby Wagner underwent an undisclosed procedure on his knee that will keep him out a couple of weeks, coach Pete Carroll said Monday. "He has had the procedure before, it's not his first time," Carroll said. "The reason I'm not telling you what it is is because I don't know what it is. I would tell you if I knew." Wagner participated in the Seahawks' scrimmage over the weekend. ... Seattle is still trying to determine whether TE Ed Dickson needs surgery on his knee. Carroll said if Dickson does need surgery, it would likely be a six-week recovery. ... WR DK Metcalf may play Thursday after missing Seattle's scrimmage with an oblique injury.

# Basketball: 13 years since U.S. national team lost a world championship game

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Golden State coach and USA Basketball assistant Steve Kerr said.

There is also some pressure, of course.

When the Americans start World Cup play in Shanghai on Sept. 1 against the Czech Republic, it'll be exactly 13 years since the national team program lost a game at the world championships, now known as the World Cup, or in Olympic competition.

On Sept. 1, 2006, the U.S. lost to Greece in the world championships semifinals. Since then, the Americans are 76-0 — a run that started with the bronze medal game in the 2006 worlds followed by gold-medal runs in the 2007 FIBA Americas tournament, the 2008 Olympics, the 2010 world championships, the 2012 Olympics, the 2014 World Cup and finally the 2016 Olympics.

USA Basketball has lost at times since 2006, including twice during the 12-game World Cup qualifying run.

But none of the defeats came against the full-fledged U.S. varsity, the level that Popovich is now overseeing.

"He's taken on the challenge of leading the USA team and he's taking on the challenge with seriousness," said Atlanta coach Lloyd Pierce, a Popovich assistant this summer. "The first conversation I had with him, he said that we would enjoy this and we would have fun. But when we meet as coaches, you walk into the room and there are tables full of notes and easels full of notes already. He's not taking this for granted."

There are some natural, and coincidental, parallels with Popovich following Krzyzewski as national team coach.

Both were military and service academy men: Krzyzewski graduated from Army West Point in 1969, Popovich from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1970. The Army put Krzyzewski into its Hall of Fame; the Air Force Academy did the same for Popovich. Krzyzewski has five NCAA titles; Popovich has five NBA titles.

In 2016, Krzyzewski called the pending coaching change "succession" — another term heard often in military circles when talking about the transfer of leadership. "I have the unit

right now," Krzyzewski said in 2016. "He's going to take command of the unit."

That day has arrived, and it was a long time coming for Popovich.

He was announced as Krzyzewski's successor as national team coach on Oct. 23, 2015 — nearly a year before the Rio Games ended, nearly four years before the first game he'll actually coach for the red, white and blue.

Popovich oversaw a two-day minicamp in Las Vegas last summer, a couple of light practices that became a get-to-know-you session for invitees and little else. But Monday's was the first practice of the Popovich national-team era with an actual game in sight, and came less than two weeks before the World Cup roster is selected and planes are boarded to Australia for final pre-China preparations.

"This is beyond playing for an NBA team," Popovich said. "This is the highest level you can be."

## SCOREBOARD

### BASEBALL

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	73	39	.652	—
Tampa Bay	65	49	.570	9
Boston	60	55	.522	14½
Toronto	46	69	.400	28½
Baltimore	38	74	.339	35
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	70	42	.625	—
Cleveland	66	46	.589	4
Chicago	49	61	.445	20
Kansas City	40	74	.351	31
Detroit	32	76	.296	36
West	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	73	40	.646	—
Oakland	64	49	.566	9
Texas	58	54	.518	14½
Los Angeles	56	58	.491	17½
Seattle	47	67	.412	26½

#### Sunday's Games

Baltimore 6, Toronto 5  
Chicago White Sox 10, Philadelphia 5  
Cleveland 6, L.A. Angels 2  
Tampa Bay 7, Miami 2  
Houston 3, Seattle 1  
Minnesota 3, Kansas City 0  
Texas 9, Detroit 4  
Oakland 4, St. Louis 2  
N.Y. Yankees 7, Boston 4

#### Monday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 9, Baltimore 6  
Boston 7, Kansas City 5  
Chicago White Sox 7, Detroit 4  
Cincinnati 7, L.A. Angels 4  
Texas 1, Cleveland 0  
Toronto 2, Tampa Bay 0  
Chicago Cubs 6, Oakland 5  
Minnesota 5, Atlanta 3

#### Tuesday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Cease 1-4) at Detroit (Norris 3-8), 10:10 a.m., 1st game  
N.Y. Yankees (Holder 5-2) at Baltimore (Wojciechowski 2-4), 4:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Santiago 1-0) at Detroit (VerHagen 1-2), 4:10 p.m., 2nd game  
Kansas City (Junis 6-10) at Boston (Cashner 10-6), 4:10 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Suarez 2-2) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 6-6), 4:10 p.m.  
Texas (Jurado 6-6) at Cleveland (Plesac 6-3), 4:10 p.m.

Toronto (Thornton 4-7) at Tampa Bay (Kittredge 1-0), 4:10 p.m.  
Oakland (Anderson 9-7) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 9-7), 5:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (Foltynewicz 2-5) at Minnesota (Berrios 10-5), 5:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Marquez 10-5) at Houston (Greinke 10-4), 5:10 p.m.  
San Diego (Lamet 0-2) at Seattle (LeBlanc 6-4), 7:10 p.m.

#### Wednesday's Games

Atlanta at Minnesota, 10:10 a.m.  
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 10:10 a.m.  
Texas at Cleveland, 10:10 a.m.  
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 10:10 a.m.  
Colorado at Houston, 11:10 a.m.  
Oakland at Chicago Cubs, 11:20 a.m.  
San Diego at Seattle, 3:40 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.  
Kansas City at Boston, 4:10 p.m.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	66	48	.579	—
Philadelphia	58	53	.523	6½
Washington	58	53	.523	6½
New York	57	56	.504	8½
Miami	42	69	.378	22½
Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	60	51	.541	—
St. Louis	58	52	.527	1½
Milwaukee	58	56	.509	3½
Cincinnati	53	58	.477	7
Pittsburgh	48	64	.429	12½
West	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	74	40	.649	—
Arizona	56	56	.500	17
San Francisco	56	56	.500	17
Colorado	52	60	.464	21
San Diego	51	60	.459	21½

#### Sunday's Games

Chicago White Sox 10, Philadelphia 5  
Tampa Bay 7, Miami 2  
Cincinnati 6, Atlanta 4 (10)  
N.Y. Mets 13, Pittsburgh 2  
Chicago Cubs 7, Milwaukee 2  
Colorado 6, San Francisco 2  
Oakland 4, St. Louis 2  
Arizona 7, Washington 5  
L.A. Dodgers 11, San Diego 10

#### Monday's Games

N.Y. Mets 6, Miami 2, 1st game  
Milwaukee 9, Pittsburgh 7  
Cincinnati 7, L.A. Angels 4  
N.Y. Mets 5, Miami 4, 2nd game  
Minnesota 5, Atlanta 3  
Philadelphia at Arizona, late  
Washington at San Francisco, late  
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, late

**Tuesday's Games**  
Milwaukee (Anderson 5-2) at Pittsburgh (Braut 3-1), 4:05 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Suarez 2-2) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 6-6), 4:10 p.m.  
Miami (Yamamoto 4-2) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 8-6), 4:10 p.m.  
Oakland (Anderson 9-7) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 9-7), 5:05 p.m.  
Atlanta (Foltynewicz 2-5) at Minnesota (Berrios 10-5), 5:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Marquez 10-5) at Houston (Greinke 10-4), 5:10 p.m.  
Philadelphia (Arrieta 8-8) at Arizona (Leake 9-8), 6:40 p.m.  
Washington (Sanchez 6-6) at San Francisco (Menez 0-0), 6:45 p.m.  
San Diego (Lamet 0-2) at Seattle (LeBlanc 6-4), 7:10 p.m.

#### Wednesday's Games

Atlanta at Minnesota, 10:10 a.m.  
Colorado at Houston, 11:20 a.m.  
Oakland at Chicago Cubs, 11:20 a.m.  
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 12:45 p.m.  
Washington at San Francisco, 12:45 p.m.  
San Diego at Seattle, 3:40 p.m.  
Milwaukee at Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Arizona, 6:40 p.m.

### FOOTBALL

#### NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
<b>East</b>						
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0
<b>South</b>						
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0
<b>North</b>						

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0
<b>West</b>						
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	14	10
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Chargers	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
<b>NATIONAL CONFERENCE</b>						
<b>East</b>						
Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0
<b>South</b>						
Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	10	14
<b>North</b>						
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0
<b>West</b>						
Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
L.A. Rams	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0

#### Thursday, Aug. 8

Indianapolis at Buffalo, 4 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at N.Y. Giants, 4 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 4:30 p.m.  
Tennessee at Philadelphia, 4:30 p.m.  
New England at Detroit, 4:30 p.m.  
Washington at Cleveland, 4:30 p.m.  
Atlanta at Miami, 4:30 p.m.  
Houston at Green Bay, 5 p.m.  
Carolina at Chicago, 5 p.m.  
Denver at Seattle, 7 p.m.  
L.A. Chargers at Arizona, 7 p.m.  
**Friday, Aug. 9**  
Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at New Orleans, 5 p.m.  
**Saturday, Aug. 10**  
L.A. Rams at Oakland, 5 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 5 p.m.  
Dallas at San Francisco, 6 p.m.



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