

Michigan faces USC in Big Ten opener

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Michigan has gotten off to a strong start this season and the No. 23 Wolverines will try and close out 2024 with a big victory when they visit No. 4 USC on Sunday.

The Wolverines won 10 of their first 12 games with the lone losses coming against then-No. 1 South Carolina and No. 9 Oklahoma. Michigan will have a good idea where it stands after the next two weeks as the team plays USC followed by No. 1 UCLA three days later. The Wolverines then return home to face No. 10 Ohio State a week later.

“If you told me we’d be in this spot, no, I wouldn’t have thought it,” coach Kim Barnes Arico said in a phone interview. “I know the rigors of our conference and the first three games it’s really important we stay positive and buy into the process.”

It’s one of the best starts in Barnes Arico’s time at Michigan. The Wolverines have a talented freshman class led by Sylva Swords,



(AP Photo/Jessica Hill)

Southern California guard JuJu Watkins, left, drives to the basket Saturday as UConn guards Paige Bueckers, center, and Morgan Cheli, right, defend in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game in Hartford, Conn.

Mila Holloway and Olivia Olson. The trio are all averaging in double-digits in scoring with Swords and Olson both averaging more than 15 a game.

“We have three freshmen playing at such a high level. They have ups and downs, but not all at the same time,” Barnes Arico said. “The transition has been impressive.”

Barnes Arico said her team will have a few days off before getting back together on Thursday. They will fly

to Los Angeles on Friday.

“Feels really weird that we’re leaving on the 27th to fly to California to play two games,” she said. “Our players are really excited about it. When you sign on for this, you want to compete against the best and that’s part of the reason you come to Michigan, come to the Big Ten.”

USC heads into that game on a high after beating UConn 72-70 on Saturday for the first time in school history. “This is a really sig-

nificant win, and it’s a really significant win because of the stature of UConn’s program and what Geno Auriemma has done for our sport,” USC coach Lindsay Gottlieb said. “It doesn’t matter to me that they haven’t won a championship in a couple years. There’s still a way that they prepare, a way that they play, that makes you better, and it made us better.”

QUIET WEEK

Women’s basketball teams have most of the week off with no games

scheduled between Monday and Friday. No. 16 Kentucky is the only ranked team to play Saturday and then 17 Top 25 teams play Sunday with the Big Ten, Big East and ACC all starting play.

NET RATINGS

The NCAA’s weekly NET rankings — one of the tools that the selection committee uses for the NCAA Tournament bracket — has a new No. 1 this week with Texas taking over the top spot from South Carolina. UCLA which is No. 1 in the AP poll is third with UConn and Kansas State fourth and fifth. The Huskies are the only team in the top 25 that isn’t from one of the Power Four conferences. Harvard is next at 32.

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Amoore’s 7 3s, 23 points lift No. 16 Kentucky

BY AP SPORTS

LEXINGTON — Georgia Amoore scored 20 of her 23 points in the second half, Amelia Hassett added 16, including a clutch 3-pointer with 30.1 seconds to go, and No. 16 Kentucky held on to defeat Belmont 84-78 on Friday night.

The Wildcats saw a 12-point lead with barely three minutes to go shrink to 79-76 with 53 seconds left after Tuti Jones and Kendal Holmes hit back-to-back 3 pointers. That’s when

Hassett, who also had 11 rebounds, beat the shot clock with a step-back 3 to make it 82-76..

Dazia Lawrence had 15 points for the Wildcats (10-1), who trailed 39-33 at halftime. Clara Strack and Teonnni Key both had 12. Amoore, who surpassed 2,000 career points in her last game, had seven 3-pointers, six in the second half. It’s the first game Kentucky won by less than double figures.

Jailyn Banks scored 23 to lead Belmont (5-6),

who have lost six games to Power 4 teams, including ranked Kansas State, Ohio State and Duke and Michigan, which is now ranked. Holmes added 18 points, Emi La Chapel had 12, Jones 11 and Kendal Cheesman 10.

Banks had 11 points and Cheesman 10 as the Bruins took a 39-33 half-time lead.

Amoore had back-to-back 3-points to give Kentucky a 53-50 lead with three minutes left in the third quarter. She had four 3s and 14 points

in the third quarter and the Wildcats took a 57-54 lead into the fourth quarter.

Amoore sandwiched 3-pointers around a layup from Clara Silva to give Kentucky a 73-61 lead with five minutes remaining.

Kentucky shot 62.5% in the second half with eight 3s.

Kentucky plays Western Kentucky at home on Dec. 28 before beginning Southeastern Conference play in January.

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Falcons’ Penix pick justified by Rookie QB play

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
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The Atlanta Falcons drafting of Michael Penix Jr. just six weeks after signing Kirk Cousins to a \$180 million contract doesn’t seem like that much of a head-scratcher anymore.

Penix, the eighth overall pick in this year’s draft, was supposed to serve as Cousins’ understudy for a year or two, a plan that was scuttled when Cousins quickly lost the zip and accuracy on his passes and his grip on the starting job.

It was hard to argue with making the change after Cousins had nine picks and one touchdown pass in his last five starts — but it was a daring move nonetheless with the Falcons trailing first-place Tampa Bay by a single game with three weeks left.

Penix made the move pay off with a solid first NFL start in the Falcons’ 34-7 rout of the New York Giants on Sunday that bolstered Atlanta’s playoff hopes, and the Falcons (8-7) moved back into first place in the NFC South with the Buccaneers’ loss at Dallas on Sunday night.

The left-hander was not at all overwhelmed by the moment, completing 18 of 27 passes for 202 yards — numbers that would’ve been better if not for at

least three dropped passes, one of which Kyle Pitts bobbled right into the hands of a New York defender for Penix’s lone interception.

“He went out and played almost flawless football,” coach Raheem Morris said.

Cousins will almost certainly be looking for his fourth team in 2025.

If the Falcons cut ties as expected, they’ll have paid Cousins \$90 million for 14 games. Cousins’ career earnings are about \$321 million and his record is 84-77-2, including a 1-3 mark in the playoffs and 7-7 this season.

In the spirit of expedited judgments, let’s take a gander at how other quarterbacks have fared with their new teams in 2024.

RUSSELL WILSON

The Pittsburgh Steelers landed the biggest bargain of the season in Wilson, whom they signed for the veteran’s minimum of \$1.21 million, leaving his former team, the Denver Broncos, on the hook for the remaining \$37.79 million of his 2024 salary.

Wilson’s calf injury in camp forced the Steelers to start Justin Fields, who went 4-2 before Mike Tomlin made the risky switch to Wilson, who’s gone 6-3 with 15 TD throws and

four interceptions.

With the Steelers (10-5) playoff-bound, Wilson will make his first postseason appearance since 2020. The only question is whether it’ll be at home as AFC North champ or on the road as a wild-card. They’re tied with the Ravens atop the division but currently own the tiebreaker.

SAM DARNOLD

This was expected to be a rebuilding year in Minnesota after the Vikings lost Cousins in free agency. They signed Darnold, the third overall pick in 2018, to a \$10 million, one-year contract and drafted national champion J.J. McCarthy with the 10th overall pick.

McCarthy tore the meniscus in his right knee during the preseason opener and has undergone two surgeries, opening the way for Darnold’s breakthrough season.

Darnold brought a 21-35 career record with him to Minneapolis and all he’s done is go 13-2 while setting career highs with 32 touchdown passes, 3,776 passing yards and a 67.2% completion percentage.

The Vikings are tied with the Lions atop the packed NFC North and the division crown could

come down to Minnesota’s season finale at Detroit on Jan. 5.

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/s/ William Clay Stevens, Deputy Clerk
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Cadiz, KY 42211
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Fiduciary appointments have been made by the Trigg District Court as follows:
Case No. 24-P-00132 appointed Archie Dean Bird as Executor for the Estate of Marietta Bird, deceased on November 20th, 2024, 67 Deepwood Dr. Cadiz, KY 42211.
Attorney for Estate: J. Keith Cartwright, P.O. Box 695, Madisonville, KY 42431
All persons having claims against said estates are notified to present them to the Fiduciary verified according to law not later than six (6) months from date of qualification of personal representative.
This 20th day of December, 2024
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Attorney for the Estate; Daniel N. Thomas, Thomas, Arvin & Adams, PLLC, 1209 S. Virginia St. P.O. Box 675, Hopkinsville, KY 42241-0675
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