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| UW FOOTBALL | DAY | TIME | TV |
| vs. Iowa | Saturday | 11 a.m. | ESPN |
| UW VOLLEYBALL | DAY | TIME | TV |
| at Purdue | Sunday | 11 a.m. | ESPNU |
| UW MEN'S HOCKEY | DAY | TIME | |
| at Michigan | Thursday | 6 p.m. | |
| UW WOMEN'S HOCKEY | DAY | TIME | TIME |
| at Minnesota State | Friday | 3 p.m. | |
| PACKERS | DAY | TIME | TV |
| at Arizona | Thursday | 7:20 p.m. | Ch. 47, NFLN |
| BUCKS | DAY | TIME | TV |
| vs. San Antonio | Saturday | 7 p.m. | BSW |

ON THE AIR

| | TV | RADIO |
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| NFL | | |
| 7:20 p.m. Green Bay at Arizona | Ch. 47, NFLN | 1310 AM 101.5 FM |
| COLLEGE FOOTBALL | | |
| 6:30 p.m. South Florida at East Carolina | ESPN | |
| 6:30 p.m. Troy at Coastal Carolina | ESPN2 | |
| COLLEGE MEN'S HOCKEY | | |
| 6 p.m. Wisconsin at Michigan | BTN | 100.9 FM |
| COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER | | |
| 4 p.m. Clemson at Boston College | ESPNU | |
| GOLF | | |
| 12:30 p.m. PGA: Butterfield Bermuda Championship | GOLF | |
| NBA | | |
| 7 p.m. New York at Chicago | NBATV | |
| MEN'S SOCCER | | |
| 9 p.m. Monterrey vs. Club América | FS1 | |

DIGEST

BIG TEN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cockburn leads preseason list

Illinois junior center Kofi Cockburn was named the Big Ten Preseason Player of the Year as chosen by a select media panel, the conference office announced Wednesday.

A first-team All-Big Ten honoree in 2020-21, Cockburn was the only player in the country last season to average at least 15 points and nine rebounds while shooting at least 60% from the floor.

The media also selected an 11-member Preseason All-Big Ten team, with eight conference programs represented.

Cockburn, Indiana junior forward Trayce Jackson-Davis, Michigan sophomore center Hunter Dickinson, Ohio State junior forward E.J. Liddell and Purdue sophomore guard Jaden Ivey were unanimous selections.

Illinois sophomore guard Andre Curbelo, Iowa sophomore forward Keegan Murray, Maryland senior guard Eric Ayala, Michigan freshman guard/forward Caleb Houston, Purdue senior forward Trevion Williams and Rutgers senior guard/forward Ron Harper Jr. also earned preseason accolades.

UW MEN'S HOCKEY

Suamico winger gives commitment

Suamico native Quinn Finley announced his non-binding oral commitment to play for the University of Wisconsin as early as the 2023-24 season.

The winger was the No. 1 pick of the Madison Capitols in the 2020 United States Hockey League futures draft.

Finley, a high school junior listed at 6-foot and 168 pounds, played last season as a 16-year-old with the USHL's Clark Cup champion Chicago Steel while the Capitols were on a pandemic hiatus.

SOCCER

Revolution set MLS points mark

Tajon Buchanan scored his eighth goal of the season and the host New England Revolution beat the Colorado Rapids 1-0 to break the MLS record for points in a season with 73.

New England (22-4-7), the Supporters' Shield winner, broke the mark of 72 for a 34-match season set by Los Angeles FC in 2019. The Revolution have one game left in the regular season, a home game against Inter Miami on Nov. 7.

New England coach Bruce Arena tied Sigi Schmid's MLS record with his 240th regular-season victory.

Barca fires coach: Another Barcelona loss left coach Ronald Koeman out of a job.

The Catalan club fired Koeman shortly after the team's 1-0 loss at Rayo Vallecano, three days after a 2-1 home defeat to rival Madrid in the "clásico" at the Camp Nou Stadium.

Barcelona's fifth league loss of the season left it winless in away matches and only ninth in the standings with 15 points from 10 games.

TENNIS

Rublev thrills home fans

Home favorite Andrey Rublev reached the quarterfinals of the St. Petersburg Open with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Ilya Ivashka in St. Petersburg, Russia.

He will next face American Sebastian Korda or Dutch qualifier Botic van de Zandschulp.

Second-seeded Denis Shapovalov defeated Pablo Andujar 2-6, 6-3, 6-0 to set up a quarterfinal match against Jan-Lennard Struff. The German defeated seventh-seeded Alexander Bublik 6-4, 6-3.

Russia's Karen Khachanov and Croatia's Marin Cilic will meet in an intriguing second-round match.

Halep prevails: Simona Halep won a battle of generations in Romanian tennis by defeating Elena-Gabriela Ruse 6-1, 6-2 in the opening round of the Transylvania Open in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

ODDS AND ENDS

Nelson Cruz was given Major League Baseball's Roberto Clemente Award for character, community involvement and philanthropy. The 41-year-old Cruz provided financial support to 1,200 families in his hometown of Las Matas de Santa Cruz, Dominican Republic, during the COVID-19 pandemic, helping feed 700 families. ... The San Diego Padres hired Cleveland Indians' assistant pitching coach **Ruben Niebla** as their pitching coach. ... Old Dominion accepted an invitation to join the Sun Belt Conference no later than July 1, 2023. The addition of the Monarchs comes two days after the Sun Belt formally announced Southern Mississippi's intention to join the conference. ... Tennessee sissomore quarterback **Harrison Bailey** is leaving after finding himself third on the depth chart.

— Staff, wire reports

UW FOOTBALL

Turnover margin telling stat

Hawkeyes are +15

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Homecoming is here for the University of Wisconsin football team, which will take on Iowa on Saturday.

It's the Badgers' first trophy game of the season — the other two coming against Minnesota and Nebraska — and they'll hope to return the Heartland Trophy to Madison. Iowa earned possession of the bronze bull trophy last season when it beat UW 28-7 in Iowa City.

UW (4-3, 2-2 Big Ten Conferene) is unranked for the first time in its last 10 meetings with the Hawkeyes. Iowa (6-1, 3-1) is ranked ninth in the AP Top 25, yet the Badgers enter the game as a 3½-point favorite.

Here are five things to know about the Hawkeyes.

Battle for Big Ten West

Saturday's winner at Camp Randall Stadium will control its own destiny for the Big Ten West Division title.

If UW beats Iowa, the teams will be tied with two losses, but the Badgers will hold the head-to-head advantage.

vantage.

Iowa lost to Purdue on Oct. 9, and the Badgers beat the Boilermakers last week. Purdue wide receiver David Bell had 240 yards and a touchdown on 11 catches to help the Boilermakers defeat then-No. 2 Iowa 24-7 on Oct. 16. He had six catches for 33 yards on 10 targets against the Badgers.

The Badgers' focus on Bell left Purdue's tight ends open underneath, which allowed them to be more active than usual. UW likely won't be able to do that against Iowa because junior tight end Sam LaPorta is the team's leading receiver with 28 receptions for 332 yards and two touchdowns.

Turnover battle

Iowa leads the country in interceptions (16) and takeaways (21) and ranks third in turnover margin (+15). Nine players have at least one interception.

Moss leads the Big Ten with four interceptions and is tied for second in the nation.

The Hawkeyes have turned 21 turnovers by their opponents into 78 points. Iowa's defense has scored 20 points.

The Badgers rank 128th — and worst in the Big Ten — with eight lost fumbles and nine interceptions. Auar-



Badgers vs. No. 9 Iowa

When, where: 11 a.m. Saturday, Camp Randall Stadium.

TV: ESPN.

terback Graham Mertz has thrown seven of the interceptions.

Same side of coin

Both teams have a similar mentality, relying on the running game and strong defenses.

Iowa ranks second in the Big Ten and is tied for third in the nation in scoring defense. The Hawkeyes rank fourth in the Big Ten and 13th in the country in total defense, while their rushing defense ranks third in the Big Ten and seventh nationally.

Linebacker Jack Campbell has 67 tackles. The Hawkeyes will be without senior cornerback Riley Moss, who injured his left knee while celebrating his fourth interception of the season during the victory over Penn State.

Usage of fullbacks

Both teams also utilize a

fullback, which isn't common at the FBS level. The only other Big Ten school that uses a fullback is Michigan, but the Wolverines don't utilize the position nearly as much as Iowa and UW.

Junior Monte Pottebaum is the Hawkeyes' starting fullback, whose focus is on blocking for running backs Tyler Goodson and Ivory Kelly-Martin. Pottebaum has rushed for only 45 yards on 10 carries.

Offensive talents

Both teams are known for their running game. UW averages 218.9 yards on the ground, ranking 19th in the nation.

Iowa typically runs the ball more than it passes, ranking 103rd with 116.6 rushing yards per game. Goodson leads the Hawkeyes' rushing attack with 586 yards on 136 attempts. His five rushing touchdowns rank seventh in the Big Ten. He rushed 22 times for a career-high 153 yards and a career-high three touchdowns against Kent State in September.

Behing quarterback Spencer Petras, the Hawkeyes' passing offense ranks 100th in the nation with 194.3 yards per game.

BASEBALL | WORLD SERIES

Hello Siri: Rookie announces presence

KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jose Siri launched himself headfirst into home plate, popped up with arms flexed and screamed with all his might.

Welcome to the World Series, rook.

The career minor leaguer sparked a team whose biggest stars took a while to shine, sending the Houston Astros to a 7-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday night that evened the Fall Classic at one game apiece.

Jose Altuve doubled early, homered late and scored twice to break out at the plate. Siri's speed and aggressive play created havoc on the bases, leading to a four-run second inning that helped the Astros snap a five-game skid at home in the World Series.

It's the first time they've won a World Series game in Houston since a 13-12 victory over the Dodgers in 10 innings in Game 5 on Oct. 29, 2017.

Altuve hit a leadoff double and scored in the first inning before adding a solo homer in the seventh as the October-tested Astros rolled past the suddenly sloppy Braves.

José Urquidy gave the Astros five solid innings for his second career World Series win and Houston's bullpen — already so important this postseason — did the rest.

"I was very focused," said Urquidy, a rookie when he beat Washington in the 2019 Fall Classic. "I love it. I love the feeling."

The best-of-seven series shifts to Atlanta for the first of three games Friday night, with Ian Anderson scheduled



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Astros' Jose Siri celebrates next to Braves starting pitcher Max Fried after scoring on a throwing error during the second inning Wednesday night.

to pitch for the Braves against rookie Luis Garcia.

The Astros jumped on Atlanta starter Max Fried for seven hits and six runs — five earned — in five-plus innings.

The game was tied at 1 when Kyle Tucker got things going in the second with a one-out single before advancing to third on a single by Yuli Gurriel. The speedy Siri, who made his major league debut Sept. 3, then beat out an infield single to score Tucker and put the Astros on top.

That made Siri the first player to debut in September or later and drive in a run in that year's World Series.

Hey Siri: How does that feel?

Martin Maldonado grounded a single to left fielder Eddie Rosario that scored Gurriel.

The usually fundamentally sound Braves then misplayed things all around. Rosario threw to an unoccupied third base and the ball rolled into foul territory, allowing Siri

to dash home on the error.

"We just kind of got caught in between a little bit," Atlanta manager Brian Snitker said.

Siri stood at the plate soaking in a moment he thought might never come.

Stuck in the minors since 2013, the excitable 26-year-old outfielder is now a World Siri. Before Wednesday he was most known for almost knocking over 72-year-old manager Dusty Baker en route to celebrating a teammate's postseason exploits.

The crowd, so quiet a night before, roared as Siri bounded toward the dugout. A fan in the lower deck displayed a sign that read: "Don't Poke The Bear" as the Astros rediscovered their potent offense after Tuesday night's dud of a 6-2 loss.

The Braves had a visit at the mound to try and regroup after that fiasco of a play but Fried threw a wild pitch soon after it ended to send Maldonado to third. There were two outs in the inning when Michael Brantley singled to



Astros 7, Braves 2

Key: Houston scores four runs in the second inning.

Series: Tied at 1.

Next: 7:09 p.m. Friday, Atlanta.

TV: Ch. 47.

right field, pumping his fist as he left the batter's box to send another run home that made it 5-1.

Urquidy permitted six hits and two runs while striking out seven and walking none to rebound from a clunker in Game 3 of the AL Championship Series when he allowed five runs while getting just five outs against Boston.

Altuve's leadoff double got things going for the Astros a day after the star second baseman went 0 for 5 in the first three-strikeout game of his postseason career. He advanced to third on a fly ball by Brantley before scoring on Alex Bregman's sacrifice fly to make it 1-0.

Urquidy got off to a much better start than teammate Framber Valdez did in Game 1. It was a low bar, though, after Valdez was rocked for a leadoff homer by Jorge Soler on Tuesday night.

Urquidy struck out his first two batters before allowing consecutive singles to Ozzie Albies and Austin Riley. Soler then came to the plate, and the right-hander avoided the first-inning trouble Valdez got into when he fanned the big designated hitter to escape the jam.

gers finished it off with a kill by Grace Loberg and a bad set by Nebraska.

The second set was close most of the way until the Badgers went on a 5-0 run to open up a 24-17 lead. After two Nebraska points, Smrek got a kill to end it.

Nebraska led through most of set 3, with 11-7 being its biggest margin. The Badgers were down 18-17 when they went on a 4-0 run to go ahead 21-18. Rettke got three kills in a row for UW to help wrap up the victory.

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| Wisconsin | 26 | 25 | 25 |
| Nebraska | 24 | 19 | 23 |
| WISCONSIN (kills-digs-blocks) — Barnes 0-20-0, Hilley 3-16-1, Boyer 0-11-0, Civita 0-8-0, Robinson 5-1-5, Ashburn 0-2-0, Smrek 12-0-4, Rettke 11-1-4, Loberg 8-1-0, Orzol 7-6-2. Totals 46-66-9. | | | |
| NEBRASKA (kills-digs-blocks) — Kubik 9-6-2, Krause 9-5-3, Stivrins 9-0-2, Caffey 8-1-5, Batenhorst 5-4-1, Hames 1-14-1, Akana 1-10-0, Knuckles 0-6-0, Evans 0-2-0, Rodriguez 0-11-0, Sun 0-1-0. Totals 42-60-8. | | | |
| Hitting percentage — W, 229, N, 148. ACES — W 1 (Boyer), N 0. Assists — W 45 (Hilley 37), N 37 (Hames 32). Att. — 8,247. | | | |