

UW WOMEN'S SOCCER | NCAA SWEET 16

Bruins' relentless pressure unbearable

Paula Wilkins' team allows nine shots on goal, generates one

STATE JOURNAL STAFF LOS ANGELES — Goalkeeper Jordyn Bloomer made a career-high seven saves for the University of Wisconsin women's soccer team Sunday. That wasn't good news for the junior or the Badgers. UCLA generated relentless of-

fensive pressure throughout the game, with freshman Mia Fishel and junior Viviana Villacorta scoring second-half goals to lead the seventh-ranked Bruins to a 2-0 victory over the 10th-ranked Badgers in a third-round NCAA tournament game at Wallis Annenberg Stadium. The Bruins (17-4-1) advance to



Bloomer



UCLA 2, Badgers 0

Key: The Bruins score twice within five minutes.

the NCAA quarterfinals for the third consecutive season and will play at sixth-ranked Florida State on Friday. The Badgers (16-4-2) had their season end against a Pac-12 team in the tournament's third round for the second straight sea-

son, having lost at Stanford in 2018. "Wisconsin came out (strong)," Villacorta told the Daily Bruin, UCLA's student newspaper. "They had their game plan and we had to play the way we know how to play and find a way to settle down and gain our own momentum." It didn't take the Bruins long. "The first 20 minutes was like two teams feeling each other out," UCLA coach Amanda Cromwell. "It was kind of stagnant and not as explosive as we've been. We knew that needed to change and

the second half was all us. That was true UCLA soccer." After putting five shots on goal to UW's one in the first half, the Bruins wasted no time seizing control in the second half. In the 49th minute, Fishel beat Bloomer to the bottom right corner while under heavy pressure from multiple defenders.

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PACKERS | GAME 11

Mentor schools LaFleur

Kyle Shanahan's team dominates mentally and physically in rout

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Of the six teams that would qualify for the NFC playoffs if the season ended today, four had winning records last season.

The Green Bay Packers and San Francisco 49ers are the two that didn't, winning a mere 10 games between them in 2018.

Yet, when the Packers and 49ers renewed their on-again, off-again rivalry that dates to the 1990s Sunday night, the prize on the table was control of the No. 1 seed in the NFC playoffs heading into the homestretch of the season. The resurgent teams were so attractive and the game was so big the NFL flexed it into prime time so the nation could see it.

That was pretty invigorating stuff for a Packers team that was riding high after an 8-2 start under first-year coach Matt LaFleur, was enjoying uncommonly good health and had a bye week to refresh itself. Too invigorating, it turned out.

Going head-to-head with his mentor, 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan, for the first time, LaFleur looked overmatched. So did his team.

The 49ers bullied the Packers physically and outsmarted them at every turn, handing them a sobering 37-8 loss at Levi's Stadium. Due in part to a soft remaining schedule, the Packers still have a strong chance to make the playoffs and

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TOM OATES



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Packers' Aaron Rodgers is sacked by 49ers defensive tackle DeForest Buckner, top right, and defensive end Arik Armstead during the second half Sunday at Levi's Stadium.

Bay Area beatdown

Aaron Rodgers-led offense averages paltry 1.7 yards per pass play

JOSH DUBOW Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Jimmy Garoppolo threw two long touchdown passes and the San Francisco harassed Aaron Rodgers all night, leading the 49ers to a 37-8 victory over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

Garoppolo connected on a 42-yard touchdown strike to Deebo Samuel in the second quarter and a 61-yarder to George Kittle in the third to get San Francisco (10-1) off to a resounding start to a grueling three-game stretch. Following the game against



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49ers wide receiver Deebo Samuel, right, is congratulated by tight end George Kittle after scoring on a 42-yard reception with 58 seconds left in the first half. Kittle scored on a 61-yard reception in the third quarter.

the first-place Packers (8-3), the Niners will travel to Baltimore (8-2) and New Orleans (9-2) the

next two weeks in a stretch that will go a long way to determining whether San Francisco will be



49ers 37, Packers 8

Key: Green Bay goes 1-for-15 on third down opportunities.

Next: Noon Sunday, at N.Y. Giants, Ch. 47.

able to hold off Seattle (9-2) in a tight NFC West race.

Rodgers lost a fumble on the opening drive — on one of the five sacks he took — and failed to convert a single third down on 13 tries before getting pulled late in the fourth quarter. He finished 20-for-33 for 104 yards and Green Bay averaged an anemic 1.7 yards per pass play when

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UW VOLLEYBALL

Sick Haggerty invigorates dominating attack in sweep

Sixth conference championship within reach next weekend

DENNIS PUNZEL For the State Journal

Molly Haggerty wasn't quite up to participating in the University of Wisconsin volleyball team's Sunday morning practice session.

She was more than ready by match time. The redshirt junior put away 16 kills to help propel the No. 5 Badgers to a sweep of

No. 6 Nebraska 25-19, 25-22, 25-21 before a raucous sellout crowd at the UW Field House.

The victory gave the Badgers (21-5, 17-1 Big Ten) their first ever two-match season sweep of the Cornhuskers (23-4, 15-3) and puts them on the precipice of winning the conference championship.

UW can wrap up its sixth Big Ten title, and its first since 2014,



Haggerty



No. 5 Badgers 3, No. 6 Nebraska 0

Key: The Cornhuskers don't record any aces for the second time in as many season meetings.

Next: 5:30 p.m. Friday at No. 8 Penn State, BTN.

with a victory Friday at Penn State. Road victories over the Nittany Lions and Rutgers also would make a

strong case for the Badgers to earn a top four seed in the NCAA tournament that would allow them to host up to the final four.

None of which was on the Badgers' minds as they swept the Cornhuskers for the second time this season.

"I think it's really easy to get caught up in the future and what could happen," junior setter Sydney Hilley said. "I thought we did a really good job, talking before the match and during the match that we were going to stay present, stay in the moment and take each

point one at a time and not think about next week or anything like that."

The only thing on Haggerty's mind, was being on the court Sunday.

"I'm not feeling too good, but I don't care," Haggerty said in a croaking voice. "If I was feeling great or feeling like this, I knew I was going to play for my team. I don't think I really let down too much. I didn't want to let anyone to really notice I was sick."

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