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Arizona Wildcats

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at ALKEME Arena is the centerpiece of the hoops-crazed oasis that former University of

Arizona head coach Lute Olson created in the Sonoran Desert.

The Wildcats have produced more than 75 NBA draft picks, won 32 regular-season conference championships, appeared in five Final Fours and captured, as the Silver Fox notes in the Wildcats' iconic pregame intro video, one national championship.

Opened in 1973 and named after J.F. "Pop" McKale, the university's longtime athletic

director and coach, the venue is widely regarded as one of the best environments in the country. It seats 14,688, including 2,300 rowdy ZonaZoo members eager to taunt opponents from behind both baskets.

With the school's beloved cactus logo prominently featured on the hardwood, fans remain standing until Arizona's opponent scores its first bucket. The annual whiteout game remains a highlight on the schedule and the Pride of Arizona plays the alma mater, "All Hail, Arizona!" at the conclusion of each game.

The place is said to be magical, with the Wildcats winning over 84 percent of their games throughout their history there.

Looking for the best place to watch some college hoops out west? McKale is the place to be.—**Corey Leff**

