

Post-Game Notes – 2023 Pac-12 Championship Game
Washington vs. Oregon
Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas, Dec. 1, 2023

Washington has reached 13 wins for the first time in program history. Twice before, UW has won 12 games – 12-0 in 1991 and 12-2 in 2016.

The Huskies won their 18th Pac-12 (PCC/AWU/Pac-8/Pac-10) championship, and their third in the 12-team era. UW finished 3-0 in Pac-12 title games.

UW has won its last 11 games that have been decided by one score or less. Washington's three straight wins over Oregon, going back to last year, have all been by three points – 37-34 last year in Eugene, 36-33 earlier this year in Seattle, and 34-31 tonight.

In Pac-12 championship games that were rematches (i.e., the teams played during the regular season), the winner of the regular-season game is 8-1 in the championship game.

Washington has won 20 straight games, the second-longest active streak in the country, behind Georgia, and the third-longest in Husky history (longer UW streaks: 40 straight wins 1908-16; 22 straight wins 1990-92).

Dillon Johnson rushed for 152 yards in the win, giving him 1,113 for the season. He's the first Husky to rush for 1,000 or more yards in a season since Salvon Ahmed finished the 2019 season with 1,063. Johnson had four 100-yard games this season, including two vs. Oregon (100 exactly on Oct. 14).

Johnson also scored two touchdowns to give him 14 for the season. That's tied for sixth-most in UW single-season history.

Rome Odunze, who had his ninth 100-yard game of the season, moved past 3,000 receiving yards for the season. With 102 vs. the Ducks, he now has 3,060 in his career. Reggie Williams (3,598; 2001-03) is the only other Husky to record 3,000-plus receiving yards.

Prior to this season, Washington had had two receivers total 100 yards in the same game just eight times in program history. Tonight, it happened for the sixth time this season alone, as Jalen McMillan had 132 and Odunze had 101. McMillan's total was second-most in Pac-12 Championship Game history.

Michael Penix Jr. surpassed the 4,000-yard mark for the second season in a row – he has 4,218 this season. Only twice before in UW history has a quarterback passed for 4,000-plus yards: Penix last season (4,641 yards) and Cody Pickett in 2002 (4,458). Obviously, Penix is the first to do it twice.

Washington's first and last game as a member of what is now the Pac-12 Conference were both vs. Oregon. On Nov. 4, 1916, in Eugene, Washington and Oregon tied, 0-0. One hundred three years and 27 days later, the two old foes played their final Pac-12 game vs. one another (note: Oregon's first PCC game in 1916 was vs. Cal, earlier in the schedule than the UW-UO game).

This season, through 13 games, Washington has never trailed by more than seven points. The Huskies never trailed at all in seven of 13 games. Over a total of 780 minutes this season (13 games x 60 minutes = 780 minutes), the Huskies have trailed for just 101 minutes and five seconds, meaning they've been tied or ahead for 678 minutes and 44 seconds.

Washington has allowed a total of just 31 fourth-quarter points over its last eight games, and just 17 points in the fourth over the last five.

Washington's opening drive, which resulted in a 38-yard field goal from Grady Gross, consisted of 15 plays, 54 yards and 7:26, making it the longest scoring drive of the year for UW in terms of both plays and time of possession.

Washington head coach Kalen DeBoer is now 103-11 as a head coach, and is 24-2 at UW, including 14-0 at home.