GAME RECAPS

GAME 1 – IDAHO – ARIZONA STADIUM AUGUST 30, 2008 – ATTENDANCE 47,511 – 7 P.M. – 2:54

Idaho	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	14	35	7	14	70

Scoring

1st - 10:35 ARIZ - Grigsby, N. 1 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 11-80 4:25

1st -01:15 ARIZ - Thomas, Mike 5 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 4-62 1:41

2nd - 13:17 ARIZ - Hundley, M. 87 yd punt return (Bondzio, Jason kick) 0 - 21

2nd - 09:24 ARIZ - Gronkowski, C. 12 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 4-43 2:00

2nd - 04:44 ARIZ - Grigsby, N. 2 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 7-40 3:43

2nd - 01:33 ARIZ - Antolin, K. 3 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 4-67 1:31

2nd - 00:09 ARIZ - Turner, T. 3 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Zendejas, A. kick), 6-55 0:39

3rd - 03:23 ARIZ - Scott, M. 5 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 2-13 0:44

4th - 10:52 ARIZ - Booth, N. 7 yd pass from Scott, M. (Zendejas, A. kick), 3-11 1:24

4th - 07:27 ARIZ - Smith, X. 1 yd run (Zendejas, A. kick), 4-30 1:58

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Willie Tuitama and Nic Grigsby combined for 348 yards in one half to lead Arizona's 70-0 rout of Idaho Saturday night in a rainy opener delayed an hour by lightning. It was the highest-scoring game for the Wildcats since a record 74-0 victory in 1921 over the school that would become UTEP. Tuitama completed 17 of 21 passes for 179 and three touchdowns to break the school record for career TD passes with 47, one more than Tom Tunnicliffe from 1980-83. Grigsby carried 19 times for 169 yards, including two short touchdown runs as the Wildcats set a school record with 49 first-half points. That surpassed the mark of 42 set in 1976 against UTEP and matched against Pacific in 1980. Arizona had a 521-112 advantage in yards in its first shutout since 1996. The Wildcats rolled for 359 yards in a first half played in a steady rain. The final first-half TD came on a 3-yard pass from Tuitama to Terrell Turner with nine seconds to play, the last of the 35 second-quarter points for Arizona. The players were in kickoff formation when the decision was made to clear the field and advise the fans to leave the stadium as lightning flashed in the approaching storm. Most in the student section stayed. The game started one hour and two minutes late. Arizona went 80 yards in 11 plays on the first possession. Tuitama was 4-for-6 for 65 yards, and Grigsby scored on a 1-yard run. Grigsby's 41-yard run set up the Wildcats' second score on a 5-yard pass from Tuitama to Mike Thomas that made it 14-0 with 1:15 left in the first quarter. Thomas dropped an Idaho punt, but teammate Marquis Hundley picked up the ball and ran 87 yards for a touchdown that made it 21-0 with 13:17 left in the half. Freshman Matt Scott replaced Tuitama in the second half. He ran 5 yards for a touchdown with 3:23 left in the third quarter and threw a 7-yard scoring pass to Nick Booth with 10:52 to play. The Vandals, 1-11 a year ago in their first season under Robb Akey, managed only one long-shot scoring try, a 54-yard field goal attempt by Tino Amancio that was wide right. Idaho's Nathan Enderle was 10-for-25 for 48 yards with three interceptions. Deonte Jackson gained 25 in 10 carries.

Team Statistics	Arizona	Idaho
First Downs	27	7
Rushes-Yards	49-265	25-48
Passing Yards	256	48
Att-Comp-Int	23-31-0	10-27-4
Plays-Total Offense	80-521	52-112
Time of Possession	36:05	23:55
Punts-Average	2-53	7-340
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	4-40
Third-Down Conv.	9-15	1-12
Fourth-Down Conv.	0-2	0-1
Sacks 0-0	0-0	
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Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Idaho-Jackson 10-25; Bailey 2-12; Enderle 3-11; Davis 1-6; Vital 6-6; Ashley 2-4; White 1-0. Arizona-Grigsby 19-169; Scott 8-48; Booth 5-19; Smith 9-17; Antolin 4-11; Tuitama 1-5; Team 3-minus 4.

PASSING: Idaho-Enderle, Nathan 10-25-3-48; Ashley, Quin 0-2-1-0. Arizona-Tuitama, Willie 17-21-0-179; Scott, M. 6-10- 0-77.

RECEIVING: Idaho-Williams, Eddie 3-18; Greenwood, Eric 2-10; Shaw, Maurice 2-7; White, Corey 1-8; Komar, Max 1-8; McCarty, Prince 1-minus 3. Arizona-Dean, D. 5-77; Thomas, Mike 5-28; Wright, W. 3-42; Turner, T. 3-41; Grigsby, N. 3 21; Douglas, D. 1-20; Gronkowski, C. 1-12; Roberts, D. 1-8; Booth, N. 1-7.

TACKLE LEADERS AND MISC.: Idaho-Allen 8, Faraimo 8, Faumui 6; Arizona-Palmer 4, TFL; Kelley 4, Hundley 4. INTs: Arizona-Wade, T. 2-69; Perkins, J. 1-42; Ness, N. 1-0.

GAME 2 – TOLEDO – ARIZONA STADIUM SEPT. 6. 2008 – ATTENDANCE: 50.939 – 7 P.M. – 2:54

Toledo	0	6	3	7	16
Arizona	10	14	3	14	41

Scoring

1st - 04:45 ARIZ - Bondzio, Jason 20 yd field goal, 9-69 5:21

1st - 00:30 ARIZ - Grigsby, N. 7 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 8-67 3:00

2nd - 09:20 TOLEDO - Steigerwald, A. 20 yd field goal, 14-78 6:10

2nd - 07:57 ARIZ - Grigsby, N. 27 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 3-53 1:12

2nd - 05:28 TOLEDO - Steigerwald, A. 35 yd field goal, 9-37 2:29

2nd - 01:15 ARIZ - Grigsby, N. 11 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 8-56 4:05

3rd - 09:22 ARIZ - Bondzio, Jason 26 yd field goal, 11-43 5:30

3rd - 03:17 TOLEDO - Steigerwald, A. 21 yd field goal, 13-75 5:59 4th - 14:55 ARIZ - Dean, D. 7 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 8-68 3:15

4th - 12:52 TOLEDO - Williams, S. 3 yd pass from Opelt, Aaron (Steigerwald, A. kick), 1-3 0:06

4th - 03:27 ARIZ - Thomas, Mike 12 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 7-58 3:52

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Nic Grigsby rushed for three first-half touchdowns and the Arizona Wildcats went on to beat Toledo 41-16 on Saturday night. Grigsby carried 20 times for 135 yards despite sitting out the third quarter. The shifty sophomore from Whittier, Calif., optimistically listed at 5-foot-10, had touchdown runs of 7, 27 and 14 yards to help the Wildcats take a 24-6 halftime lead. He became the first Arizona back with three rushing scores in a game since Mike Bell did it against Washington in 2003. Willie Tuitama completed 25 of 33 for 292 yards and two second-half touchdowns. Mike Thomas caught nine for 138 yards and one score. Toledo's Aaron Opelt completed 21 of 31 for 170 yards in the Rockets' season opener. Stephen Williams caught 12 for 67 yards, including Toledo's only touchdown. Coming off a 70-0 rout of Idaho, the Wildcats have more than 100 points in their opening two games for the first time since 1954. After punting on its first possession, Arizona scored on its remaining four possessions of the opening half. Grigsby's 19-yard run started the Wildcats' first TD drive, and he ended it by going 7-yard for the score to make it 10-0 with 30 seconds left in the first quarter. The Rockets, playing a Pac-10 team for the first time since 1991, didn't get a first down in the opening quarter but they moved the ball in the second, even though they couldn't get it in the end zone. Alex Steigerwarld kicked field goals of 20 and 35 in the first half and 21 in the second. Trailing 27-6, Toledo drove to the Arizona 1 in the third quarter but was pushed back a yard on each of the next three plays. Steigerwald's 21-yard field goal made it 27-9 with 3:17 left in the third quarter. Tuitama's 9-yard touchdown pass to Delashaun Dean on the first play of the fourth quarter put the Wildcats up 34-9. Toledo's touchdown came after Arizona's first turnover of the season. Terrell Turner caught a short pass and was hit by Beau Brudzinski. The ball popped loose and Damien McIntosh grabbed it in mid-air, returning it 9 yards to the Arizona 3. Opelt threw to Williams on the sidelines for the score. Initially, it was ruled incomplete but was called a touchdown after a review, cutting the lead to 34-16. Arizona

finished it off on a 12	-yard TD pass from Tuitama to Thomas.	
Team Statistics	Toledo	Arizona
1st Downs	12	28
Rushes-Yds	24-74	33-153
Pass Yds	170	299
Passing	21-31-0	26-34-0
Plays-Total Offense	55-244	67-452
Fumb-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties	7-46	5-36
Punts 6-42.0	1-34.0	
Possession	27:03	32:57
3rd-Dn Eff	6/15	4/8
4th-Dn Eff	0/0	0/0
Sacks 1-8	1-7	

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Toledo-Collins ,DaJuane 10-54; Williams ,Morgan 6-13; Walker, Jake 6-11; Opelt, Aaron 2-minus 4. Arizona-Grigsby, N. 20-135; Antolin, K. 9-22; Smith, X. 1-5; Team 1-minus 1; Tuitama, Willie 2-minus 8.

PASSING: Toledo-Opelt, Aaron 21-31-0-170. Arizona-Tuitama, Willie 25-33-0-292; Scott, M. 1-1-0-7.

RECEIVING: Toledo-Williams, S. 12-67; Williams ,Morgan 3-40; Bailey, Robin 3-29; Burzine, Tom 2-30; Collins ,DaJuane 1-4. Arizona-Thomas, Mike 9-138; Turner, T. 5-41; Dean, D. 5-37; Criner, J. 4-45; Gronkowski, C. 1-24; Roberts, D. 1-7; Simmons, A.J. 1-7.

TACKLE LEADERS AND MISC.: Toledo-Church 7, Richmond 7, Constant 6, Donald 6; Arizona-Lewis 12, Mitchell 8, SK; Palmer 6, Ness 6.

GAME RECAPS

GAME 3 – AT NEW MEXICO – UNIVERSITY STADIUM SEPT. 13, 2008 – ATTENDANCE: 32,337 – 6 P.M. – 3:16

Arizona	7	7	7	7	28
New Mexico	10	10	10	6	36

Scoring

1st - 10:43 ARIZ - Thomas, Mike 43 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 6-69 2:37

1st - 05:24 UNM - Aho, James 24 yd field goal, 4-5 1:55

1st - 00:20 UNM - Porterie, Donov 25 yd pass from Ferguson, Rodne (Aho, James kick), 8-77 3:06

2nd - 13:00 UNM - Aho, James 43 yd field goal, 4-2 1:30

2nd - 08:23 ARIZ - Dean, D. 15 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 10-72 4:26

2nd - 01:35 UNM - Ferguson, Rodne 25 yd run (Aho, James kick), 3-39 1:09

3rd - 14:36 UNM - Ferguson, Rodne 10 yd run (Aho, James kick), 1-10 0:06

3rd - 09:54 ARIZ - Grigsby, N. 4 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 11-69 4:34

3rd - 02:16 UNM - Aho, James 48 yd field goal, 10-46 3:38

4th - 14:55 UNM - Aho, James 42 yd field goal, 4-2 1:58

4th - 05:58 UNM - Aho, James 46 yd field goal, 5-32 1:55

4th - 04:38 ARIZ - Criner, J. 28 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 5-66 1:13 ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) - Rodney Ferguson ran for 158 yards and two touchdowns and freshman James Aho tied a school record with five field goals to help New Mexico beat Arizona 36-28 on Saturday night. Ferguson, a bruising tailback, also tossed a 25-yard trick play scoring pass to quarterback Donovan Porterie. Willie Tuitama, who was 27-of-50 for 321 yards and three TDs, got the Wildcats to 36-28, throwing a 28-yard TD strike to Juron Criner with 4:38 to play. Arizona used its timeouts to slow the clock on New Mexico's ensuing possession and got the ball back with 1:27 to go. Tuitama's fourth-down attempt to Mike Thomas was incomplete with 40 seconds left, setting off a celebration on New Mexico's sideline. The series is one of the oldest for both schools, dating to 1908, but the Wildcats haven't visited Albuquerque since 1990. New Mexico scored 19 points off five Arizona turnovers - four field goals by Aho and a huge TD only 18 seconds into the second half. The Lobos got an emotional lift when Clint McPeek forced a fumble by Arizona's Nic Grigsby on the first play from scrimmage in the third quarter, and Quin returned it 29 yards to the Arizona 10. Ferguson ran to the end zone on the next snap, stretching to move the ball across the goal line. The TD was upheld after a replay review, and the Lobos led 27-14 after just two second-half plays from scrimmage. New Mexico's defense set the tone midway through the first quarter, forcing their first turnover when lineman Brett Kennedy caught Tuitama's screen pass and returned it 22 yards to set up Aho's first field goal, a 24-yard effort. Grigsby's 4-yard TD run in the third quarter pulled Arizona to 27-21 but Aho, who kicked a 43-yard field goal in the second period, was good from 48 and 42 yards as the Lobos made it 33-21 early in the fourth. His fourth field goal came after New Mexico's Ian Clark sacked Tuitama, forcing another fumble, and Kendall Briscoe recovered. Arizona scored 111 points in wins over Idaho and Toledo in Tucson, but New Mexico's defense offered a tougher test. The Lobos, who struggled early in homefield losses to TCU and Texas A&M, ended a skid of 11 straight losses when their opponent scores first. The Wildcats led 7-0 when Tuitama connected with Thomas on a 43-yard scoring pass. New Mexico rallied to lead 20-14 at halftime, aided by a first-quarter trick play where Ferguson tossed a 25-yard TD pass to Porterie. Aho

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Team Statistics	Arizona	UNM
1st Downs	21	18
Rushes-Yds	24-67	47-221
Pass Yds	321	114
Passing	27-50-2	14-18-1
Plays -Total Offense	74-388	65-335
Fumb-Lost	4-3	0-0
Penalties	2-20	9-76
Punts 3-161	5-191	
Possession	26:42	33:18
3rd-Dn Eff	5-14	3-13
4th-Dn Eff	1-3	0-0
Sacks 2-12	3-17	

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Arizona-Grigsby, N. 18-72; Palmer,Ronnie 1-7; Tuitama, Willie 5-minus 12. New Mexico-Ferguson, Rodne 26-158; Baker, Paul 10-49; Porterie, Donov 7-6; McQueen, Jermai 1-6; Bruno, Roland 2-2; TEAM 1-0.

PASSING: Arizona-Tuitama, Willie 27-50-2-321. New Mexico-Porterie, Donov 13-17-1-89; Ferguson, Rodne 1-1-0-25.

RECEIVING: Arizona-Thomas, Mike 12-136; Dean, D. 6-106; Turner, T. 6-52; Criner, J. 1-28; Smith, X. 1-0; Grigsby, N. 1-minus 1. New Mexico-Hernandez, Chri 4-39; Williams, Bryan 4-19; McQueen, Jermai 2-6; Porterie, Donov 1-25; Jones, Daryl 1-13; Bruno, Roland 1-9; Ferguson, Rodne 1-3.

TACKLE LEADERS AND MISC.: Arizona-Lewis 9, Nelson 7, Palmer 7, Elmore 4, 3 TFL, 2 Sk; UNM-McPeek 13, 2 TFL; Quin 8, FR; Clark 5, Arnett 5. INTERCEPTIONS: Arizona-Hundley 1-7. New Mexico-Kennedy 1-22; Quin 1-11.

GAME 4 – AT UCLA – ROSE BOWL SEPT. 20. 2008 – ATTENDANCE: 65.434 – 12 P.M. – 3:13

Arizona	3	14	0	14	31
UCLA	7	3	0	0	10

Scoring

1st - 09:21 ARIZ - Bondzio, Jason 41 yd field goal

1st - 03:41 UCLA - Bosworth, Korey 1 yd fumble recovery (Forbath, Kai kick)

2nd - 13:11 ARIZ - Gronkowski, R. 22 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick)

2nd - 09:46 ARIZ - Grigsby, N. 3 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick)

2nd - 00:00 UCLA - Forbath, Kai 35 yd field goal

4th - 12:49 ARIZ - Gronkowski, R. 4 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick)

4th - 06:48 ARIZ - Smith, X. 8 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick)

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) -- Willie Tuitama threw for 222 yards and connected with tight end Rob Gronkowski for a pair of touchdowns Saturday to lead Arizona to a 31-10 victory over UCLA in the Pac-10 opener for both teams. The Wildcats (3-1) bounced back from a 36-28 upset by New Mexico. The Bruins (1-2), in their first season under coach Rick Neuheisel, were coming off a 59-0 defeat at BYU that was their worst loss in 79 years. Arizona broke the game open with two fourth-quarter touchdowns. Tuitama's second scoring pass to Gronkowski gave them a 24-10 pad with early in the period, then Xavier Smith added an 8-yard touchdown run with 6:48 remaining. The Bruins' defense provided their lone touchdown on a 1-yard fumble return by Korey Bosworth in the first quarter. The Wildcats' defense, meanwhile, held the Bruins to 196 total yards. Arizona's offense had 333. Bruins quarterback Kevin Craft, the thirdstringer pressed into duty by injuries, went 15-of-31 for just 81 yards in what was his third UCLA start. Tuitama, who completed 16-of-29 with no interceptions, has long been a Bruins' nemesis. The senior quarterback has keyed three victories over UCLA, with the Bruins' only win over the Wildcats during his career coming when they knocked him out of the 2006 game with concussion-like symptoms in their 27-7 victory his sophomore year. This time, Kai Forbath's 35-yard field goal pulled UCLA within 17-10 on the final play of the first half. The Bruins opted to kick on fourthand-1 after the Wildcats went for it on fourth-and-1 at the UCLA 17 earlier in the quarter and Wildcats running back Nic Grigsby was piled up for no gain. Grigsby had put Arizona up 17-7 when he scored on a 3-yard run with 9:46 remaining in the second quarter, a touchdown set up by Tuitama's 52-yard pass to Mike Thomas down to the UCLA 5. Tuitama connected with Gronkowski in the right flat near the goal line and he ran it in for a 22-yard scoring play early in the second period. The Bruins' defense gave them a short-lived lead in first quarter when Bosworth picked up Grigsby's fumble near the Arizona goal line and dived into the end zone. The Wildcats' first score, a 41-yard field goal by Jason Bondzio, also came after a turnover, when UCLA's Terrence Austin fumbled a punt and Vuna Tuihalamaka recovered at the Arizona 47.

Team Statistics	Arizona	UCLA
1st Downs	15	11
Rushes-Yds	35-111	28-115
Pass Yds	222	81
Passing	16-29-0	15-31-0
Plays – Total Offense	64-333	59-196
Fumb-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties	4-24	6-31
Punts	6-282	11-496
Possession	29:08	30:52
3rd-Dn Eff	7-16	4-17
4th-Dn Eff	0-1	1-1
Sacks3-17	2-12	

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Arizona-Grigsby, N. 20-59; Smith, X. 7-37; Scott, M. 2-19; Thomas, Mike 2-17; Booth, N. 1-5; Tuitama, Willie 2-minus 12; Team 1-minus 14. UCLA-Moline, Chane 11-72; Coleman, Derric 7-24; Craft, Kevin 9-12; Austin, Terrenc 1-7.

PASSING: Arizona-Tuitama, Willie 16-29-0-222. UCLA-Craft, Kevin 15-31-0-81.

RECEIVING: Arizona-Dean, D. 5-35; Thomas, Mike 4-115; Gronkowski, R. 3-32; Turner, T. 2-28; Grigsby, N. 2-12. UCLA-Austin, Terrenc 5-36; Moya, Ryan 3-8; Embree, Taylor 2-12; Coleman, Derric 2-2; Harkey, Cory 1-10; Moline, Chane 1-7; Johnson, Domini 1-6.

TACKLE LEADERS AND MISC.: Arizona-Lewis 7, Ross 7, Hall 6, Palmer 4, 2 Sk; UA-10 PBU; UCLA-Lockett 12, Harwell 8, Bosworth 6, Moore 6, Blake 4, Sk; INTERCEPTIONS: None.

GAME RECAPS

GAME 5 – WASHINGTON – ARIZONA STADIUM OCT. 4, 2008 – ATTENDANCE: 55, 264 – 4:30 P.M. – 2:53

Washington	0	7	0	7	14
Arizona	17	14	17	0	48

Scoring

1st - 10:47 ARIZ - Bondzio, Jason 29 yd field goal, 8-28 2:46

1st - 07:10 ARIZ - Gronkowski, R. 37 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 2-40 0:24

1st - 00:00 ARIZ - Grigsby, N. 4 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 6-72 3:15

2nd - 11:55 WASH - Homer, Paul 1 yd run (Perkins, Ryan kick), 7-81 0:00

2nd - 08:13 ARIZ - Thomas, Mike 48 yd punt return (Bondzio, Jason kick)

2nd - 03:58 ARIZ - Gronkowski, R. 9 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 5-34 2:10

3rd - 10:50 ARIZ - Gronkowski, R. 8 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 8-75 4:08

3rd - 05:42 ARIZ - Bondzio, Jason 49 yd field goal, 8-46 3:26

3rd - 00:38 ARIZ - Smith, X. 2 yd run (Zendejas, A. kick), 6-70 2:46

4th - 08:33 WASH - Gottlieb, M. 20 yd pass from Fouch, Ronnie (Perkins, Ryan kick), 7-43

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Rob Gronkowski matched a school record with three touchdown catches, Nic Grigsby ran for 113 yards and a touchdown and Arizona routed winless Washington 48-14 on Saturday night. Willie Tuitama completed 17 of 21 passes for 193 yards and threw three touchdown passes for the Wildcats (4-1, 2-0), who are looking to end the Pac-10's longest active bowl drought at nine years. On a breezy night in the desert, Arizona wasted little time putting away the woeful Huskies (0-5, 0-3). Arizona took a 10-0 lead midway through the first quarter when Gronkowski caught a screen pass and raced 37 yards for a touchdown. Grigsby added a 4-yard run to give Arizona a 17-0 lead after one quarter. Arizona moved the ball almost at will against the Huskies, who entered with the nation's 114th scoring defense, allowing 40.5 points per game. Mike Thomas broke the game open with an electrifying 48-yard punt return for a touchdown midway through the second period. Thomas fielded the ball near midfield, retreated about 10 yards and then cut up the home sideline, sprinting past Washington tacklers. Near the goal line, Thomas leaped over a prone Quinton Richardson and into the end zone as the Arizona Stadium crowd of 55,624 erupted. The return put Arizona up 24-7 midway through the second quarter, and Gronkowski caught another touchdown pass later in the quarter to give the Wildcats a 31-7 halftime lead. Facing the nation's second-ranked defense, Washington struggled behind guarterback Ronnie Fouch, a redshirt freshman making his first college start. Fouch completed 12 of 28 passes for 181 yards and one touchdown, a 20-yarder to Michael Gottlieb midway through the fourth quarter. Fouch also threw an interception. Going for their first bowl berth since 1998, the Wildcats are stacking wins against a schedule ranked 90th in the nation, according to NCAA statistics

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Team Statistics	UW	UA			
1st Downs	12	28			
Rushes-Yds	28-63	51-256			
Pass Yds	181	193			
Passing	12-28-1	17-21-0			
Plays - Total Offense	56-244	72-449			
Fumb-Lost	3-1	0-0			
Penalties	3-31	1-10			
Punts	8-287	3-111			
Possession	23:48	36:07			
3rd-Dn Eff	8-16	8-13			
4th-Dn Eff	0-0	0-0			
Sacks	3-22	1-6			

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Washington-Johnson, B. 13-35; Griffin, Willie 3-21; Dailey, T. 6-18; Homer, Paul 1-1; Fouch, Ronnie 3-1; Polk, Jordan 1-minus 5; TEAM 1-minus 8. Arizona-Grigsby, N. 14-113; Scott, M. 6-58; Smith, X. 7-36; Booth, N. 5-33; Antolin, K. 12-33; Beirne, B. 1-4; Team 4-minus 5; Tuitama, Willie 2-minus 16.

PASSING: Washington-Fouch, Ronnie 12-28-1-181. Arizona-Tuitama, Willie 17-21-0-193; Scott, M. 0-0-0-0.

RECEIVING: Washington-Aguilar, Devin 4-35; Hawkins, C. 3-33; Chidiac, Tony 3-31; Kearse, J. 1-62; Gottlieb, M. 1-20. Arizona-Gronkowski, R. 5-109; Thomas, Mike 3-26; Dean, D. 3-16; Turner, T. 2-25; Lopez, Brandon 1-12; Smith, X. 1-6; Simmons, A.J. 1-4; Antolin, K. 1-minus 5.

TACKLE LEADERS AND MISC.: UW- Forrester 9, Te'o-Nesheim 8, 3 Sk; Aiyewa 8, Johnson 7, Tuiasosopo 7; UA-Ness 6, Palmer 6, Lewis 5, Nelson 5, Horton 1 Sk. INTERCEPTIONS: Arizona-Ross 1-4.

GAME 6 – AT STANFORD – STANFORD STADIUM OCT. 11. 2008 – ATTENDANCE: 30.689 – 2 P.M. – 2:45

Arizona	3	14	0	6	23
Stanford	7	3	7	7	24

Scoring

1st - 06:38 ARIZ - Bondzio, Jason 19 yd field goal, 13-84 5:38

1st - 01:06 STAN - Baldwin, Doug 3 yd pass from Pritchard, Tavi (Zagory, Aaron kick), 11-88 5:27

2nd - 06:38 ARIZ - Grigsby, N. 25 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 3-54 1:05

2nd - 03:35 ARIZ - Ness, N. 75 yd interception return (Bondzio, Jason kick)

2nd - 00:09 STAN - Zagory, Aaron 22 yd field goal, 11-56 3:16

3rd - 04:20 STAN - Kimble, Anthony 1 yd run (Zagory, Aaron kick), 5-84 2:19

4th - 11:55 ARIZ - Bondzio, Jason 22 yd field goal, 12-89 3:59

4th - 05:48 ARIZ - Bondzio, Jason 23 yd field goal, 10-50 4:28

4th - 00:25 STAN - Gerhart, Toby 1 yd run (Zagory, Aaron kick), 11-60 5:16

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) -Toby Gerhart dove across the goal line for a 1-yard score with 25 seconds left, capping an improbable last-minute drive led by third-string quarterback Alex Loukas in Stanford's 24-23 victory over Arizona. Aaron Zagory's extra point was the decisive margin for the Cardinal (4-3, 3-1 Pac-10), who got their third victory in four games. The comeback was led by Loukas, a junior who replaced ineffective backup Jason Forcier in the fourth quarter. Loukas threw just one pass on his 12 snaps, but was effective running the ball. He gained 32 yards on four rushes during Stanford's 65-yard winning drive, which began with 5:42 to play after Jason Bondzio's second field goal of the fourth guarter for Arizona (4-2, 2-1). After throwing a 21-yard pass to Ryan Whalen and running for 16 yards, Loukas gained 8 yards up the middle for a key first down at the Arizona 1 with about 90 seconds left. Gerhart, who rushed for 116 yards, scored two plays later. Terrell Turner set career highs with 10 catches for 175 yards for Arizona, which made two strong fourthguarter drives that stalled inside the Stanford 5. Willie Tuitama went 22-of-34 for 259 yards, but couldn't get the Wildcats into the end zone late. Anthony Kimble rushed for 110 yards for Stanford, with his 70-yard sprint in the third quarter setting up a tying 1-yard TD plunge. Stanford starter Tavita Pritchard went 13-for-17 for 113 yards before getting injured on a hard tackle late in the first half. Forcier fumbled twice and threw an interception in the second half before Loukas replaced him in the middle of a fourth-quarter drive. Nate Ness returned an interception 75 yards for a score late in the second quarter for Arizona. Mike Thomas, the Pac-10's leading receiver, had just four catches for 31 yards. Turner's 38yard catch between two Stanford defenders set up Bondzio's go-ahead field goal from 22 yards with 11:55 to play. Bondzio added another from 23 yards when Arizona's next long drive stalled. When Stanford took over at its 35 with 5:42 left, Loukas confidently drove his teammates downfield. Arizona took a 17-10 lead into halftime on Nic Grigsby's 25-yard scoring run and Ness' interception return down the Wildcats' sideline in a span of just over three minutes in the second quarter. Stanford got its only TD on an 88-yard drive in the first period, ending in Doug Baldwin's short catch. Stanford replaced Pritchard to start the second half with Forcier, a junior transfer from Michigan who appeared briefly in two games earlier this season. Though Forcier made several miscues, Kimble broke a 70-yard run to the Arizona 2 on the next drive before pounding in the tying score

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Team Statistics	Stanford	UA
1st Downs	21	16
Rushes-Yds	48-286	23-77
Pass Yds	152	259
Passing	16-24-2	22-34-0
Plays	72-438	57-336
Avg/play	6.1	5.9
Fumb-Lost	5-1	4-0
Penalties	4-45	6-42
Punts	3-145	4-163
Possession	34:35	25:25
3rd-Dn Eff	6-11	5-13
4th-Dn Eff	1-0	0-0
Sacks	1-5	3-15

RUSHING: Arizona-Grigsby, N. 15-66; Thomas, Mike 3-32; Team 1-minus 3; Tuitama, Willie 4-minus 18. Stanford Gerhart, Toby 24-116; Kimble, Anthony 10-110; Loukas, Alex 5-39; Pritchard, Tavi 3-16; Thomas, Michael 1-9; Howell, Delano 1-0; Forcier, Jason 4-minus 4. PASSING: Arizona-Tuitama, Willie 22-34-0-259. Stanford-Pritchard, Tavi 13-17-1-113;

Forcier, Jason 2-6-1-18: Loukas, Alex 1-1-0-21.

RECEIVING: Arizona-Turner, T. 10-175; Thomas, Mike 4-31; Dean, D. 4-18; Gronkowski, R. 2-30; Grigsby, N. 2-9; Longacre, Joe 0-minus 2; Tretheway, J. 0-minus 2. Stanford-Whalen, Ryan 5-62; Baldwin, Doug 5-37; Owusu, Chris 3-22; Fleener, Coby 1-13; Catron, Josh 1-13; Gunder, Austin 1-5.

TACKLE LEADERS AND MISC.: UA-Ness 14, Nelson 12, Lewis 12, Palmer 10, McCovy 5, D.Reed 1 Sk; SU-Evans 9, Thomas 7, Wiser 6, McNally 6, Lorig 5, 2 Sk. INTERCEPTIONS: Arizona-Ness 1-75: Elmore 1-0.

GAME RECAPS

GAME 7 – CALIFORNIA – ARIZONA STADIUM OCT. 18. 2008 – ATTENDANCE: 48.372 – 7 P.M. – 3:26

California	7	14	3	0	27
Arizona	0	14	28	0	42

Scoring

1st - 09:19 CAL - TEAM 2 yd pass from Longshore, Nate (Tavecchio, G. kick), 5-43 2:51

2nd - 14:13 ARIZ - Antolin, K. 20 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 9-67 4:25

2nd - 12:35 ARIZ - Antolin, K. 11 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 2-47 0:29

2nd - 07:51 CAL - Best, Jahvid 67 yd run (Tavecchio, G. kick), 1-67 0:13

2nd - 03:34 CAL - Morrah, Cameron 18 yd pass from Longshore, Nate (Tavecchio, G. kick), 6-59 3:37

2nd - 00:03 CAL - Tavecchio, G. 42 yd field goal, 5-21 0:25

3rd - 13:14 ARIZ - Thomas, Mike 56 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 4-81 1:41

3rd - 09:20 CAL - Tavecchio, G. 40 yd field goal, 5-21 1:23

3rd - 06:33 ARIZ - Antolin, K. 1 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 7-77 2:42

3rd - 06:16 ARIZ - Ross, D. 21 yd interception return (Bondzio, Jason kick)

3rd - 01:29 ARIZ - Gronkowski, R. 35 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 6-59 3:04

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) -Freshman Keola Antolin ran for 149 yards and three touchdowns, and Arizona rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit to beat No. 25 California 42-27 on Saturday night. Trailing 24-14, the Wildcats blitzed the Golden Bears with four touchdowns in 11:45 of the third quarter. Arizona (5-2, 3-1 Pac-10) moved into a four-way tie for first. The Wildcats beat a ranked team for the sixth time in Mike Stoops' five seasons at Arizona. Antolin, a freshman from Las Vegas, was summoned after Nic Grigsby fumbled on his first carry, setting up the Golden Bears' first score. Antolin rushed for 61 yards by halftime and as the game wore just got better. Willie Tuitama threw for 225 yards and two touchdowns. Arizona broke out its rarely worn all-cardinal uniforms, matching the primary color of the Arizona Stadium crowd of 48,372. Jahvid Best ran for 107 yards and a touchdown to lead Cal, but did not play in the fourth quarter after tweaking an injured elbow. Nate Longshore started at quarterback for Cal, throwing for 218 yards and two scores before an interception in the fourth quarter led to reliever Kevin Riley, who threw for 97 yards and was intercepted once. The Golden Bears turned a fumble by Grigsby into an early 7-0 lead when Longshore hit Verran Tucker for a 2-yard touchdown pass. The Wildcats stormed back on a pair of touchdown runs by Antolin. The Bears tied it at 14 on Best's 67-yard run midway through the second quarter. And they made it 21-14 when Longshore hit Cameron Morrah for an 18-yard touchdown late in the second quarter. Arizona cut the deficit to 24-21 on a 56-yard touchdown pass from Tuitama to Mike Thomas on the opening drive of the second half. After Cal's Giorgio Tavecchio hit a 40-yard field goal to put the Bears up 27-21, the Wildcats answered with a seven-play, 77-yard drive keyed by Antolin's 59yard burst, Arizona's longest run to date. That set the Wildcats up at the Cal 3. Two plays later, Antolin bulled over from a yard out to put Arizona ahead 28-27. One play later, Ross picked off a pass on the sideline and bolted 21 yards for a touchdown to give the Wildcats

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Team Statistics	California	UA
1st Downs	18	17
Rushes-Yds	23-110	41-179
Pass Yds	315	225
Passing	24-56-2	16-27-1
Plays – Total Offense	79-425	68-404
Fumb-Lost	5-1	4-0
Penalties	6-49	0-0
Punts	8-363	8-370
Possession	29:02	29:32
3rd-Dn Eff	2-15	3-13
4th-Dn Eff	1-3	0-1
Sacks	4-27	2-22

RUSHING: California-Best 16-107; Verneer 4-23; Riley 2-minus 5; Longshore 1-minus 15. Arizona-Antolin 21-149; Smith 7-18; Thomas 3-14; Grigsby 1-13; Turner 1-12; Team 3-minus 3; Tuitama 5-minus 24.

PASSING: California-Longshore 18-37-1-218; Riley 7-19-1-97. Arizona-Tuitama 16-27-1-225

RECEIVING: California-Young 6-55; Tucker 4-68; Best 4-33; Morrah 3-60; Ross 3-56; Boateing 2-31; Cunningham 2-8; Vereen 1-4. Arizona-Thomas 6-104; Gronkowski, R. 6-91; Dean 2-21; Antolin 1-9; Smith 1-0.

TACKLE LEADERS AND MISC.: Cal-Mohamed 8, Folett 7, Sk; Ezeff 7, Felder 7, Williams 6, Sk; UA-Hundley 8, Ness 8, 3 pbu; B.Reed 5, 2 Sk; Kelley 4, Nelson 4. INTERCEPTIONS: California-Felder 1-15. Arizona-Ross 1-21; Wade 1-9.

GAME 8 – USC – ARIZONA STADIUM OCT. 25, 2008 – ATTENDANCE: 57,427 – 7:15 P.M. – 3:07

USC	3	7	7	0	17
Arizona	0	3	7	0	10

Scoring

1st - 12:29 USC - Buehler, David 43 yd field goal, 4-0 0:54

2nd - 12:56 ARIZ - Bondzio, Jason 30 yd field goal, 13-58 5:56

2nd - 05:03 USC - Johnson, Stafon 2 yd run (Buehler, David kick), 17-80 7:53

3rd - 12:18 ARIZ - Grigsby, N. 5 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 4-15 1:46

3rd - 07:56 USC - Havili, Stanley 30 yd pass from Sanchez, Mark (Buehler, David kick), 9-80 4:22

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) -Mark Sanchez threw for 216 yards and a touchdown, and No. 6 Southern California used its to hold off Arizona 17-10 and keep its national title hopes alive. The Trojans' stalwart defense throttled the potent Wildcats, who had averaged 40.4 points per game, ninth in the nation. The tense, tight game ended in confusion. Arizona punt returner Mike Thomas fumbled, possibly purposely, and the Wildcats returned the ball into USC territory as the clock expired. USC (6-1, 4-1 Pac-10) harried Arizona quarterback Willie Tuitama all night. The senior star completed 14 of 30 passes for 88 yards and threw an interception. The Wildcats (5-3, 3-2) gained a season-low 188 yards and couldn't even pick up an inch on a Tuitama sneak on fourth down late in the fourth quarter. Stafon Johnson ran for 83 yards and a touchdown for the Trojans. A fluke play helped the Trojans escape a tight spot in the final three minutes. On first-and-10 at USC's 3, Johnson fumbled at the 10. But USC tight end Anthony McCoy recovered and rumbled 29 yards to the 39. The game matched two of the four teams tied for the Pac-10 lead midway through the season. The Trojans jumped ahead 3-0 on a 43-yard field goal by David Buehler early in the first quarter. Given the way USC's defense has been performing, that looked as if it might be enough for the Trojans. The Trojans had allowed 7.8 points per game, No. 1 in the nation, and had shut out its last two opponents. But Arizona answered with a 30-yarder by Jason Bondzio to tie it at 3-3 early in the second quarter. It was the first score conceded by the Trojans in 11 quarters - the longest string since 12 straight in 1959. USC marched 80 yards in 17 plays, taking a 10-3 lead on a 2-yard run by Johnson with 5:03 to play in the first half. With its offense struggling, Arizona turned to its defense to turn the momentum early in the third quarter. Defensive end Brooks Reed sacked Sanchez, forcing a fumble that was recovered by tackle Donald Horton at the Trojans' 15. Four plays later, Nic Grigsby scored on a 5-yard run to tie it at 10-10. The cardinal-clad crowd of 57,427 was rocking Arizona Stadium. But the Trojans calmly responded with a nine-play, 80-yard drive capped by a 30-yard touchdown pass from Sanchez to Stanley Havili. Sanchez avoided a blitzing Wildcat, stepped up in the pocket and coolly found Havili loitering all alone at the 15, and Havili romped untouched into the end zone. USC was poised to take a commanding 10-point lead when Buehler missed a 30-yard field goal with 10:35 to go in regulation - his first miss in six field goal tries this seasor

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Team Statistics	USC	UA
1st Downs	19	13
Rushes-Yds	41-151	30-100
Pass Yds	216	88
Passing	21-36-1	14-31-1
Plays	77-367	61-188
Fumb-Lost	2-1	0-0
Penalties	10-68	1-15
Punts	6-206	7-352
Possession	33:34	26:26
3rd-Dn Eff	8-18	5-15
4th-Dn Eff	0-0	0-1
Sacks	2-2	1-1

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Southern California-Johnson, Stafon 19-83; Havili, Stanley 3-17; McKnight, Joe 5-16; Williams, D. 1-6; Gable, C.J. 5-4; Sanchez, Mark 7-3; Team 1-minus 1; McCoy, Anthony 0-23. Arizona-Grigsby, N. 14-69; Antolin, K. 9-51; Turner, T. 1-5; Thomas, Mike 1-4; Dean, D. 1-minus 2;

Tuitama, Willie 4-minus 27.

PASSING: Southern California-Sanchez, Mark 21-36-1-216. Arizona-Tuitama, Willie 14-30-1-88: Team 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Southern California-Williams, D. 5-77; Havili, Stanley 5-67; Johnson, Stafon 3-13; Turner, Patrick 2-23; McCoy, Anthony 2-22; Ausberry, David 2-6; Johnson, Ronald 1-9; Miller, Jimmy 1-minus 1. Arizona-Thomas, Mike 6-45; Turner, T. 3-24; Gronkowski, R. 2-12; Dean, D. 2-11; Antolin, K. 1-minus 4.

TACKLE LEADERS AND MISC.: USC-Maualuga 9, Cushing 6, Matthews 5, Maiva 4, Mays 4, Moala 3, 2.5 TFL; UA-Nelson 12, 2 pbu; Lewis 10, Sk; Hundley 8, Ness 8, Palmer 7. INTERCEPTIONS: USC-Thomas 1-7. Arizona-Hundley 1-5.

GAME RECAPS

GAME 9 – AT WASHINGTON STATE – MARTIN STADIUM NOV. 8, 2008 – ATTENDANCE: 24,118 – 2 P.M. – 2:51

Arizona	14	21	10	14	59
WSU	7	7	7	7	28

Scoring

1st - 10:10 WSU - Tardy, Dwight 18 yd run (Penner, Wade kick), 6-56 2:43

1st - 04:13 ARIZ - Thomas, Mike 5 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 12-72 5:52

1st - 00:52 ARIZ - Gronkowski, R. 43 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 4-73 1:53

2nd - 14:53 WSU - Lopina, Kevin 4 yd run (Penner, Wade kick), 3-54 0:53

2nd - 10:20 ARIZ - Antolin, K. 5 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 9-81 4:31

2nd - 02:47 ARIZ - Tuitama, Willie 4 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 4-69 1:37

2nd - 01:06 ARIZ - Grigsby, N. 6 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 3-29 1:22

3rd - 12:36 ARIZ - Smith, X. 6 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 5-80 2:24

3rd - 09:22 WSU - Mitz, Logwone 2 yd run (Penner, Wade kick), 7-69 3:09

3rd - 03:54 ARIZ - Bondzio, Jason 40 yd field goal, 9-48 5:20

4th - 14:54 WSU - Lopina, Kevin 6 yd run (Penner, Wade kick), 7-28 2:20

4th - 07:03 ARIZ - Smith, X. 4 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 13-67 7:46

4th - 04:35 ARIZ - Scott, M. 18 yd run (Zendejas, A. kick), 4-25 2:13

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) - Nic Grigsby ran for a career-high 189 yards and Arizona beat Washington State 59-28 on Saturday. Xavier Smith scored two touchdowns for Arizona (6-3, 4-2 Pac-10), which piled up 531 yards - including 317 on the ground - against WSU's defense. Washington State (1-9, 0-7) has lost six straight and have given up at least 52 points in five of them. The Cougars came in averaging only five points in conference games, and had not scored more than 17 points against a major college team. Their only win was 48-9 over Portland State, a FCS team. Grigsby, who rushed for a career-high 186 yards versus WSU as a freshman last year, ran 28 times. Washington State scored first - taking its first lead of the season in a Pac-10 game when Dwight Tardy took a pitch from Kevin Lopina and galloped 18 yards with 10:10 left in the first. The touchdown also broke a streak of 10 straight quarters in which the Cougars had been shut out. Arizona replied with a 12-play drive and Mike Thomas ran 5 yards for a touchdown to tie the game. Tight end Rob Gronkowski caught a short pass from Willie Tuitama and ran 43 yards for a touchdown to put Arizona up 14-7 at the end of the first quarter. Tuitama completed 11 of 15 passes for 214 yards. After getting the ball on their own 46 to start the next drive, WSU's Logwone Mitz tore off runs of 8 and 42 yards to take the ball to Arizona's 4. Lopina ran it in to tie the score at 14. Arizona replied with an 81-yard drive with Keola Antolin running 5 yards up the middle for a 21-14 lead with 10:20 left in the half. The WSU offense stalled the rest of the half. Meanwhile, Tuitama ran in from the 4 on a broken play for a 28-14 Arizona advantage. Arizona's Devin Ross intercepted Lopina on the next series, and Grigsby ran it three times, the last for a 6-yard touchdown and a 35-14 halftime lead. Arizona's Smith scored on a 6-yard run on the opening drive of the second half for a 42-14 lead. Mitz scored from 3 yards out on the next series to bring WSU to within 42-21.

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Team Statistics	UA	WSU	
1st Downs	28	12	
Rushes-Yds	57-317	29-94	
Pass Yds	214	114	
Passing	11-15-1	10-20-3	
Plays	72-531	49-208	
Fumb-Lost	2-1	3-1	
Penalties	7-70	7-65	
Punts	1-26	4-166	
Possession	37:27	22:33	
3rd-Dn Eff	3-8	3-9	
4th-Dn Eff	2-2	1-1	
Sacks	3-27	1-2	

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Arizona-Grigsby 28-189; Antolin 8-45; Smith 9-40; Scott 3-24; Tuitama 3-11; Thomas 2-6; Booth 4-2. WSU-Mitz 11-57; Lopina 12-16; Tardy 5-15; Levenseller 1-6. PASSING: Arizona-Tuitama 11-15-1-214. WSU-Lopina 8-15-2-94; Levenseller 2-5-1-20. RECEIVING: Arizona-Gronkowski, R. 4-83; Thomas 3-41; Dean 2-51; Gronkowski, C. 1-35; Turner 1-4. WSU-Gibson 4-37; Woodard 2-49; Staden 1-11; Frischknecht 1-9; Anderson 1-5; Norrell 1-3.

TACKLE LEADERS AND MISC.: UA-Perkins 6, Ness 6, Palmer 5, Kelley 4, Elmore 3, B. Reed 2 TFL; WSU-Nwachukwu 13, Trent 10, 2 TFL; Pellum 10, Bland 9, Hicks 9. INTERCEPTIONS: Arizona-Ross 1-10; Wade 1-0; Palmer 1-0. WSU-Pellum 1-32.

GAME 10 – AT OREGON – AUTZEN STADIUM NOV. 15. 2008 – ATTENDANCE: 58.369 – 3:30 P.M. – 3:20

Arizona	10	7	7	21	45
Oregon	21	24	3	7	55

Scoring

1st - 14:18 ORE - Masoli, J. 66 yd run (Flint, Morgan kick), 3-85 0:42

1st - 13:28 ORE - Chung, Patrick 31 yd interception return (Flint, Morgan kick)

1st - 08:58 ARIZ - Bondzio, Jason 29 yd field goal, 12-62 4:30

1st - 02:16 ARIZ - Antolin, K. 2 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 9-37 4:41

1st - 00:25 ORE - Scott, Terence 44 yd pass from Masoli, J. (Flint, Morgan kick), 7-71 1:51

2nd - 11:46 ORE - Masoli, J. 5 yd run (Flint, Morgan kick), 6-34 1:42

2nd - 09:34 ARIZ - Gronkowski, C. 37 vd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 6-72 2:12

2nd - 07:34 ORE - Masoli, J. 6 yd run (Flint, Morgan kick), 7-73 2:00

2nd - 03:28 ORE - Maehl, Jeff 65 yd pass from Masoli, J. (Flint, Morgan kick), 3-88 0:59

2nd - 00:00 ORE - Flint, Morgan 23 yd field goal, 7-49 0:44

3rd - 12:46 ORE - Flint, Morgan 39 yd field goal, 5-27 0:58

3rd - 08:53 ARIZ - Gronkowski, R. 7 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 8-66 3:53

4th - 14:56 ARIZ - Antolin, K. 3 yd run (Gronkowski, R. pass from Tuitama, Willie), 9-80 3:51

4th - 08:55 ARIZ - Antolin, K. 1 yd run (Antolin, K. rush failed), 9-77 4:48

4th - 06:38 ARIZ - Antolin, K. 13 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 5-33 2:03

4th - 03:38 ORE - Blount, L. 40 yd run (Flint, Morgan kick), 2-45 0:12

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) -Jeremiah Masoli threw for a career-high 298 yards and accounted for five Oregon touchdowns, leading the Ducks to a 55-45 victory against Arizona. Masoli rushed for three touchdowns and threw for two more, all in the first half. The Ducks (8-3, 6-2 Pac-10 Conference) then withstood Arizona's second-half rally from a 48-17 deficit. Masoli, a sophomore, completed 21 of 26 passes, including all 11 of his attempts in the second quarter against Arizona (4-2, 6-3). But it was Oregon running back LeGarrette Blount who sealed the victory with a 40-yard touchdown run with 3:38 to play after the Wildcats had scored 28 straight points to cut the Ducks lead to 48-45. Blount finished with 75 yards on nine carries. Arizona's Keola Antolin rushed for 87 yards and four touchdowns and tight end Rob Gronkowski had 12 catches for 143 yards and a touchdown. Willie Tuitama had 328 yards passing, two touchdowns and two interceptions. Masoli scored on the third play of the game, running 66 yards on an option-keeper to put Oregon up 7-0 just 42 seconds in. Less than a minute later, Patrick Chung stepped in front of Tuitama's pass and returned the interception 31 yards for the score. The Wildcats (4-2, 6-3) cut the Ducks' lead to 14-10 on a 29-yard field goal by Jason Bondzio and a 2-yard run by Antolin. But Masoli hit Terrence Scott with a 44-yard touchdown pass to give Oregon a 21-10 lead at the end of the first quarter. In the second quarter, Masoli had scoring runs of 5 and 6 yards, Jeff Maehl scored on a 65-yard catch-and-run from Masoli and Morgan Flint added a 23-yard field goal to give the Ducks a 45-17 lead at the break. Flint added a 39-yard field goal 2:14 into the second half to make it 48-17 before the Wildcats came to life and nearly came all the way back. Tuitama and Gronkowski connected on a 7-yard touchdown at the 8:53 mark of the third quarter to make it 48-24, and Antolin followed with fourth-quarter touchdown runs of 3, 1 and 13 yards. The last came with 6:38 to play.

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Team Statistics	UA	U0			
1st Downs	30	18			
Rushes-Yds	52-199	30-206			
Pass Yds	328	298			
Passing	29-46-2	21-27-0			
Plays	98-527	57-504			
Fumb-Lost	1-1	2-1			
Penalties	2-20	8-58			
Punts	2-65	6-254			
Possession	41:46	18:14			
3rd-Dn Eff	10-18	4-11			
4th-Dn Eff	0-3	0-0			
Sacks	1-1	3-20			

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Arizona-Antolin 20-87; Grigsby 17-56; Scott, 4-39; Thomas 3-19; Dean 1-7; Tuitama 7-minus 9. Oregon-Masoli 10-89; Blount 9-75; Johnson 6-38; Maehl 3-7; Scott 1-3; TEAM 1-minus 6.

PASSING: Arizona-Tuitama 29-45-2-328; Team 0-1-0-0. Oregon-Masoli 21-26-0-298; Dickson 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING: Arizona-Gronkowski, R. 12-143; Turner 4-51; Thomas 4-16; Gronkowski, C. 3-84; Dean 3-28; Douglas 1-7; Grigsby 1-1; Antolin 1-minus 2. Oregon-Dickson 7-84; Scott 6-87; Williams 4-32; Maehl 2-73; Harper 1-12; Pflugrad 1-10.

TACKLE LEADERS AND MISC.: UA-Ross 10, Kelley 9, 1 Sk; Ness 8, Palmer 6, Hall 5, Mitchell 5. U0-Boyd 13, Sk; Paysinger 12, Ward 10, Byrd 9, Chung 9, Matthews 7, Tukuafu 6. INTERCEPTIONS: Oregon-Chung 1-31; Jackson 1-0.

GAME RECAPS

GAME 11 – OREGON STATE – ARIZONA STADIUM NOV. 22, 2008 – ATTENDANCE: 48,503 – 5 P.M. – 2:53

OSU	0	3	7	9	19
Arizona	0	3	7	7	17

Scoring

2nd - 08:17 ARIZ - Bondzio, Jason 27 yd field goal, 16-72 7:44

2nd - 00:00 OSU - Kahut, Justin 47 yd field goal, 8-52 3:19

3rd - 09:06 OSU - Rodgers, James 7 yd run (Kahut, Justin kick), 8-61 3:31

3rd - 00:16 ARIZ - Gronkowski, R. 16 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 13-76 6:31

4th - 08:26 ARIZ - Antolin, K. 9 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 8-50 3:26

4th - 03:58 OSU - Stroughter, S. 7 yd pass from Canfield, Sean (Kahut, Justin kick failed), 10-80 4:28

4th - 00:00 OSU - Kahut, Justin 24 yd field goal, 7-73 1:19

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Justin Kahut hit a 24-yard field goal as time expired, and No. 21 Oregon State rallied to defeat Arizona 19-17 and move within one victory of its first Rose Bowl trip since 1965. Kahut nailed the winner just minutes after missing the potential tying extra point. The Beavers (8-3, 7-1 Pac-10) stayed in position to clinch a trip to Pasadena, Calif., with a victory over No. 24 Oregon. (It didn't happen.) Trailing 17-16 with 1:19 to play, the Beavers took over at their 20 with no timeouts left and on the third play of the drive quarterback Sean Canfield found Sammie Stroughter alone behind the Wildcats secondary for a 47yard gain to the Arizona 7. Four plays later, Kahut came on and calmly nailed a 24-yard field goal to seal the Beavers' comeback. Keola Antolin rushed for 114 yards and a touchdown for the Wildcats (6-5, 4-4). With the score tied at 10-10 early in the fourth quarter, and after backup tailback Ryan McCants lost a yard on fourth-and-1 at Arizona's 49, the Wildcats went on an eight-play march capped by a 9-yard touchdown run by Antolin to give Arizona a 17-10 lead. OSU receiver James Rodgers ran for 102 yards and a touchdown, all on reverses, and that proved to be a difference. Arizona struck first on a 27-yarder by Jason Bondzio midway through the second quarter. The Wildcats drove 72 yards in 16 plays but stalled after first-and-goal at the Beavers 6. Oregon State tied it at 3-3 on a career-long 47-yard by Justin Kahut as time expired in the first half. Oregon State maintained its momentum on its first possession of the third quarter, going 61 yards for a touchdown, with 52 yards coming on the ground. Rodgers wheeled around on a reverse for an 8-yard score that gave Oregon State a 10-3 lead with 9:06 to go in the third quarter. Two possessions later, Arizona answered with a methodical 13-play, 76-yard drive. Willie Tuitama hit tight end Rob Gronkowski with a 16yard touchdown pass to tie it at 10-10 with 16 seconds to go in the third quarter. After Antolin scored to make it 17-10, Oregon State went 80 yards in 10 plays for a touchdown, but not without drama. Kahut shanked the conversion, leaving the Beavers down by a point with 3:58 to play.

Team Statistics	OSU	UA	
1st Downs	17	19	
Rushes-Yds	33-166	41-139	
Pass Yds	224	158	
Passing	20-32-0	16-22-0	
Plays	65-390	63-297	
Fumb-Lost	0-0	0-0	
Penalties	6-32	4-30	
Punts	5-217	6-281	
Possession	27:17	32:43	
3rd-Dn Eff	5-14	5-13	
4th-Dn Eff	1-2	1-1	
Sacks	3-13	1-8	

Individual Statistics

RUSHING: Oregon State-Rodgers, J. 10-102; McCants 15-52; Rodgers, J. 4-20; Francis 1-2; Canfield 3-minus 10. Arizona-Antolin 25-114; Thomas 5-15; Grigsby 6-11; Tuitama 5-minus 1.

PASSING: Oregon State-Canfield 20-32-0-224. Arizona-Tuitama 16-22-0-158.

RECEIVING: Oregon State-Francis 7-61; Stroughter 5-116; Morales 3-26; Rodgers, J. 2-9; McCants 1-5; Reese 1-4; Rodgers, J. 1-3. Arizona-Thomas 6-50; Gronkowski, R. 3-50; Dean 3-19; Douglas 1-14; Turner 1-12; Grigsby 1-8; Antolin 1-5.

TACKLE LEADERS AND MISC.: OSU-Laybourn 11, Kristick 8, Cornell 6, Afalaiva 6, Norris 6, Butler 5, 2 TFL; UA-Palmer 12, Ross 8, Kelley 6, Nelson 5, Elmore 4, Sk. INTERCEPTIONS: None.

GAME 12 - ARIZONA STATE - ARIZONA STADIUM DEC. 6, 2008 - ATTENDANCE: 58,704 - 6 P.M. - 3:17

Arizona State	0	10	0	0	10
Arizona	7	0	21	3	31

Scoring

1st - 00:31 ARIZ - Gronkowski, R. 17 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 12-98 5:44 2nd - 10:58 ASU - Weber, Thomas 40 yd field goal, 9-29 4:25

2nd - 05:53 ASU - Pettes, Andrew 2 yd pass from Carpenter, Rudy (Weber, Thomas kick), 5-19 2:09

3rd - 07:23 ARIZ - Dean, D. 10 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 11-70 5:52

3rd - 04:24 ARIZ - Grigsby, N. 12 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 4-34 1:29

3rd - 02:22 ARIZ - Thomas, Mike 52 yd punt return (Bondzio, Jason kick)

4th - 12:34 ARIZ - Bondzio, Jason 49 yd field goal, 6-48 2:13

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) -- Mike Thomas broke the game open with a 52-yard punt return for a score, and Arizona trampled Arizona State 31-10 to clinch the Wildcats' first winning season since 1998. The Cats scored the last 24 points to make the statement. Nic Grigsby rushed for 114 yards and a touchdown and Willie Tuitama threw for 284 yards and two scores for Arizona (7-5, 5-4 Pac-10), which later accepted a bid to the Las Vegas Bowl in the locker room. Cardinal-clad Arizona students rushed the field to celebrate the Wildcats' most lopsided Territorial Cup triumph since a 30-6 victory in 1964. The Wildcats ended a three-game losing streak to the Sun Devils (5-7, 4-5), whose string of four straight bowl appearances ended. Down 10-7 at halftime, the Wildcats blew the Sun Devils halfway to Casa Grande with 21 third-quarter points. Arizona took a 14-10 lead on Tuitama's 18-yard pass to Delashaun Dean midway through the quarter. Then cornerback Marquis Hundley picked off Rudy Carpenter's pass and returned it 47 yards to the ASU 34. Four plays later, Grigsby scored on a 12-yard run to make it 21-10. Then came the backbreaker: the punt return by Thomas that electrified the Arizona Stadium crowd of 58,704. Thomas fielded the bouncing ball over his shoulder, dodged a tackler and raced past a wall of blockers along the left sideline for his second punt return for a touchdown this season. With that burst, the Wildcats effectively ended one of the more disappointing seasons in ASU history. The Sun Devils opened the season ranked 15th but matched a school record with six straight losses, and they went 1-6 against teams that entered with winning records. In the first eight minutes there was a fumble, an interception and seven penalties, including two personal fouls and an unsportsmanlike conduct on Arizona. One of the personal fouls pushed the Wildcats back to their own 2 midway through the opening quarter. But the Wildcats marched 98 yards in 12 plays-- their longest scoring drive of the season--to take a 7-0 lead on a 17-yard pass from Tuitama to Rob Gronkowski. Arizona State cut Arizona's lead to 7-3 on a 40-yard field goal by Thomas Weber. The Sun Devils used another Arizona miscue to take the lead midway through the second quarter. Arizona punter Keenyn Crier was ruled down when he put his right knee down while fielding a snap at his own 19, and five plays later Carpenter hit Andrew Pettes for a 2-yard touchdown pass to give the Sun Devils a 10-7 lead. That was the high point for Carpenter, who completed 13-of-31 passes for 124 yards and a touchdown, and he threw an interception. Thomas was voted winner of the Bob Moran Most Valuable Player Award with his eight-catch game plus the big punt return. He won with

about twice as many votes as run	inersup Tuitama and Gronkowski,	who tied for sec
Team Statistics	ASU	UA
1st Downs	12	25
Rushes-Yds	23-38	40-105
Pass Yds	124	284
Passing	12-31-1	25-37-1
Plays	54-162	77-389
Fumb-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties	8-61	8-76
Punts	7-306	4-179
Possession	23:10	36:50
3rd-Dn Eff	3-12	8-15
4th-Dn Eff	0-1	0-1
Sacks	1-10	3-19

<u>Individual Statistics</u>

RUSHING: Arizona State-Herring 14-31; Williams 1-12; Nance 3-11; TEAM 1-minus 1; Carpenter 4-minus 15. Arizona-Grigsby 22-114; Antolin 9- 13; Tuitama 6-minus 5; Thomas 2-minus 5; Team 1-minus 12.

PASSING: Arizona State-Carpenter 13-31-1-124. Arizona-Tuitama 25-37-1-284.

RECEIVING: Arizona State-Williams 3-40; Jones 3-33; McGaha 2-18; Nance 2-6; Taylor 1-13; Herring 1-12; Pettes 1-2. Arizona- Thomas 9-75; Gronkowski, R. 6-95; Dean 6-86; Turner 2-16; Grigsby 2-12.

TACKLE LEADERS AND MISC.: ASU-Nixon 8, Nolan 7, Wooten 7, Vasquez 6, Cox 5, Goethel 5; UA-Palmer 7, Hundley 4, Kelley 4, Hall 4, B. Reed 3, 2 Sk; Mitchell 3. **INTERCEPTIONS:** Arizona State-Bolden 1-0. Arizona- Hundley 1-47.

GAME RECAPS

GAME 13 - BYU - SAM BOYD STADIUM LAS VEGAS BOWL, DEC. 20, 2008 - ATTENDANCE: 40,047 - 5 P.M. - 3:41

BYU	0	7	7	7	21
Arizona	7	3	14	7	31

Scoring

1st - 06:23 ARIZ - Grigsby, N. 1 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 8-96 3:21

2nd - 09:21 ARIZ - Bondzio, Jason 31 yd field goal, 4-9 0:28

2nd - 06:50 BYU - Unga, Harvey 1 yd run (Payne, Mitch kick), 6-78 2:24

3rd - 11:21 BYU - George, Andrew 1 yd pass from Hall, Max (Payne, Mitch kick), 6-27 3:24

3rd - 07:07 ARIZ - Dean, D. 37 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 2-40 0:46

3rd - 00:25 ARIZ - Gronkowski, C. 24 yd pass from Tuitama, Willie (Bondzio, Jason kick), 5-65 1:48

4th - 06:09 ARIZ - Tuitama, Willie 6 yd run (Bondzio, Jason kick), 7-82 3:54

4th - 03:38 BYU - Hall, Max 1 yd run (Payne, Mitch kick), 10-68 2:25

LAS VEGAS (AP) -- Willie Tuitama threw for 322 yards and two touchdowns Saturday night as Arizona won its first bowl game in 10 years, 31-21 over No. 17 BYU in the Las Vegas Bowl. The Wildcats stifled BYU quarterback Max Hall throughout the game, forcing him to scramble often, lose a fumble and throw an interception. Arizona fans trickled onto the field as the last minute ticked off the game clock, then sprinted to midfield in celebration of the school's first bowl win since 1998, when it finished 12-1 and beat Nebraska in the Holiday Bowl. The Wildcats (8-5) kept the ball in the air most of the game. Tuitama threw a 71-yard pass to Terrell Turner that set up the first score, a 37-yard touchdown to Delashaun Dean that gave the Wildcats the lead for good, and a 24-yard strike to Chris Gronkowski that sent Cougars fans toward the exits. Arizona's career passing leader added a 6-yard touchdown run in the third quarter to give the Wildcats a 31-14 lead. BYU (10-3) lost its bid to win three straight Las Vegas Bowls in four consecutive trips, ending a sloppy night with three missed field goals and 10 penalties for 76 yards. The penalties twice cost BYU prime chances to tie or take the lead. Three straight flags just before halftime turned a third and 1 at the Arizona 19-yard line into a third and 16, and Mitch Payne ended the drive by missing a 40-yard field goal wide left. Arizona led at halftime 10-7. The Cougars took their first lead of the game in the third quarter after Arizona lost a fumble at its own 29 on the first play of the half. BYU marched to the 1 with five running plays and Max Hall completed a play-action touchdown pass to Andrew George to put BYU up 14-10. Nic Grigsby's 1-yard run on Arizona's first possession was set up by Turner's 71-yard catch. Turner cleared BYU's defense on the long pass play but was tackled from behind by Brandon Bradley just short of the end zone. Grigsby fumbled deep in BYU territory on the next drive, turning the ball over at the 5 and ending a 62-yard drive without a score. But BYU fumbled on its next possession, resulting in a 31-yard field goal for the Wildcats. BYU scored its first points midway in the second quarter, when Harvey Unga scampered into the end zone from the 1-yard line. Hall completed passes of 35 and 36 yards on the drive, including one to Austin Collie that gave the Cougars a first down on Arizona's 3-yard line.

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Team Statistics	BYU	Arizona			
First Downs	22	20			
Rushes-Yards	32-116	28-91			
PASSING YDS (NET)	328	325			
Passes Att-Comp-Int	46-30-1	35-24-0			
Plays – Total Offense	78-444	63-416			
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-37.0	3-32.3			
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	3-3			
Penalties-Yards	10-76	7-54			
Possession Time	32:48	27:12			
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 15	9 of 14			
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 1			
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-8	2-7			
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Individual Statistics

RUSHING: BYU-Unga, Harvey 17-71; Kariya, Bryan 3-24; Hall, Max 10-16; Collie, Austin 1-3; Vakapuna, Fui 1-2. Arizona-Grigsby, N. 20-87; Thomas, Mike 3-12; Tuitama, Willie 3-minus 4: Team 2-minus 4.

PASSING: BYU-Hall, Max 30-46-1-328. Arizona-Tuitama, Willie 24-35-0-325.

RECEIVING: BYU-Collie, Austin 11-119; Reed, Michael 9-117; Pitta, Dennis 5-58; George, Andrew 2-15; Kariya, Bryan 1-8; Unga, Harvey 1-6; Vakapuna, Fui 1-5. Arizona-Dean, D. 7-88; Turner, T. 4-111; Thomas, Mike 4-29 Gronkowski, R. 4-27; Gronkowski, C. 2-43; Antolin, K. 2-21; Criner, J. 1-6.

TACKLE LEADERS AND MISC.: BYU – Fowler 15, Bauman 7, Bradley 6, Nixon 5, Sk; Tafuna 5, Doman 4. Arizona-Kelley 15, Sk; Nelson 11, Hundley 8, Palmer 8 McCovy 7, Ross 6. INTERCEPTIONS: Arizona-Hundley 1-18.



Willie Tuitama



Mike Thomas



Eben Britton



Jason Bondzio

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GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

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OFFENSE											
Game	WR	WR	TE/WR	LT	LG	С	RG	RT	HB/SHB	QB	RB
Idaho	Criner	Dean	T. Turner	Britton	Baxter		Longacre	Grant	Thomas	Tuitama	
Toledo	Criner	Dean	Simmons	Britton	Baxter	•	Longacre	Grant	Thomas	Tuitama	Grigsby
@ UNM	Thomas	T. Turner	Simmons	Britton	Baxter	3	Longacre	Grant	C. Gronk.	Tuitama	Grigsby
@ UCLA	Thomas	T. Turner	R. Gronk.	Britton	Baxter		Longacre	Grant	C. Gronk.	Tuitama	Grigsby
Washington	Dean	T. Turner	R. Gronk.	Britton	Diaz	Baxter	Longacre	Grant	Thomas	Tuitama	Grigsby
@ Stanford	Thomas	T. Turner	R. Gronk.	Britton	Diaz	Baxter	Longacre	Tretheway	C. Gronk.	Tuitama	Grigsby
California	Thomas	T. Turner	R. Gronk.	Britton	Diaz	Baxter	Longacre	Tretheway	Dean	Tuitama	Grigsby
USC	Thomas	T. Turner	R. Gronk.	Britton	Diaz	Baxter	Longacre	Tretheway	C. Gronk.	Tuitama	Grigsby
@ WSU	Thomas	T. Turner	R. Gronk.	Britton	Diaz	Baxter	Longacre	Tretheway	C. Gronk.	Tuitama	Grigsby
@ 0regon	Thomas	T. Turner	R. Gronk.	Britton	Diaz	Baxter	Longacre	Tretheway	C. Gronk.	Tuitama	Grigsby
Oregon St.	Thomas	T. Turner	R. Gronk.	Britton	Diaz		-	Tretheway	C. Gronk.	Tuitama	Grigsby
3	Thomas	T. Turner	R. Gronk.		Diaz	Baxter	Longacre			Tuitama	
Arizona St. BYU	Thomas	T. Turner	R. Gronk.	Britton Britton	Diaz	Baxter Baxter	Longacre	Tretheway Tretheway	Dean C. Gronk.	Tuitama	Grigsby Grigsby
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DEFENSE											
Game	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB/NB		LB	СВ	SS	FS	CB
Idaho	B. Reed	Tuipulotu	Mitchell	R. Elmore	McCov	•		Ross	Nelson	Ness	Hundley
Гoledo	B. Reed	Tuipulotu	Mitchell	R. Elmore	McCov	y Palmer	r Kelley	Ross	Nelson	Ness	Hundle
@ UNM	B. Reed	Tuipulotu	Mitchell	R. Elmore	Hall (N	NB) Palmer	r Lewis	Ross	Nelson	Ness	Hundle
@ UCLA	B. Reed	Tuipulotu	Mitchell	R. Elmore	McCov	y Palme	r Lewis	Ross	Nelson	Ness	Hundley
Washington	B. Reed	Tuipulotu	Mitchell	R. Elmore	McCov	y Palmer	r Lewis	Ross	Nelson	Ness	Hundley
@ Stanford	B. Reed	Tuipulotu	Mitchell	R. Elmore	Hall (N	NB) Palmer	r Lewis	Wade	Nelson	Ness	Hundley
California	B. Reed	Tuipulotu	Mitchell	D. Reed	McCov	,	r Lewis	Ross	Nelson	Ness	Hundle
USC	B. Reed	Horton	Mitchell	D. Reed	McCov	•		Ross	Nelson	Ness	Hundle
@ WSU	B. Reed	Horton	Mitchell	D. Reed	McCov			Ross	Nelson	Ness	Hundle
@ Oregon	B. Reed	Horton	Mitchell	R. Elmore	Hall (N	-	-	Ross	Nelson	Ness	Hundley
Oregon St.	B. Reed	Horton	Mitchell	R. Elmore	McCov	,		Ross	Nelson	Ness	Hundley
Arizona St.	B. Reed	Horton	Mitchell	R. Elmore	Hall (N	•		Ross	Nelson	Ness	Hundle
BYU	B. Reed	Horton	Mitchell	R. Elmore	McCov	,	-	Ross	Nelson	Ness	Hundley
TEAM S	IAIISII	CS									
			ARIZ			PUNT RETURN			17.8		10.6
SCORING			476			INT RETURN A			19.2		14.8
Points Per Ga			36.6			FUMBLES-LOST			22-11		26-9
FIRST DOWNS	3		287			PENALTIES-Yard			53-457		88-679
Rushing			113		88	Average Per Ga	ame		35.2		52.2
Passing			156			PUNTS -Yards			50-2174		79-3334
Penalty			18		12	Average Per Pu			43.5		42.2
RUSHING YAI	RDAGE		2059	1	1704	Net punt avera	age		36.8	3	33.5
Yards gained	-		2374	1		TIME OF POSSE			32:11	L	27:42
Yards lost ru			315			3RD-DOWN Cor	nversions		81/175		61/178
Rushing Atte			504		411	3rd-Down Pct			46%		34%
Average Per	Rush		4.1		4.1	4TH-DOWN Cor	iversions		4/16	5	5/10
Average Per	Game		158.4	1	31.1	4th-Down Pct			25%)	50%
TDs Rushing			33		18	SACKS BY-Yards	s		24-137	,	28-181
PASSING YAR	DAGE		3172	2	2365	MISC YARDS			()	0
Att-Comp-In	t		412-266-8	407-228	8-16	TOUCHDOWNS	SCORED		62)	32
Average Per	Pass		7.7		5.8	FIELD GOALS-A	TTEMPTS		14-16	j	18-24
Average Per	Catch		11.9		10.4	ON-SIDE KICKS	}		0-0)	1-1
Average Per	Game		244.0	1	81.9	RED-ZONE SCO	RES		55-60 92%)	31-34 91%
TDs Passing			24			RED-ZONE TOU	CHDOWNS		45-60 75%)	22-34 65%
TOTAL OFFEN	SE		5231	4		PAT-ATTEMPTS			60-60 100%		31-32 97%
Total Plays			916			ATTENDANCE			367080		210947
Average Per	Play		5.7		5.0	Games/Avg Pe	r Game		7/52440		5/42189
Average Per			402.4	3	13.0	Neutral Site Ga			., 10		1/40047
KICK RETURN			47-905		1286						-, 10017
PUNT RETUR			33-587			SCORE BY QUAI	RTERS	1st	2nd	3rd 4t	h Total
INT RETURNS			16-307			Arizona	-	92		128 10	
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KICK RETURN AVERAGE

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS	INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS						
RUSHING GP Att Gain Loss Net Grigsby, N. 13 214 1195 42 1153 Antolin, K. 12 117 534 9 525 Scott, M. 6 23 200 12 188	Avg TD Long 5.4 13 55 4.5 10 59 8.2 2 36	Avg/G 88.7 43.8 31.3	FUMBLE RET No. Yds Avg TD Long Total 0 0 0.0 0 0 Opponents 4 42 10.5 1 29				
Smith, X. 7 40 154 1 153 Thomas, Mike 13 24 127 13 114 Booth, N. 12 15 62 3 59	3.8 5 12 4.8 1 21 3.9 0 10	21.9 8.8 4.9	SCORING TD FGs Kick Rush Rcv Pass DXP Saf Points				
Turner, T. 13 2 17 0 17	8.5 0 12	1.3	Bondzio, Jason 0 14-16 55-55 0-0 0 0-0 0 0 97 Grigsby, N. 13 0-0 0-0 0-0 0 0-0 0 78				
Palmer, Ronnie 13 1 7 0 7 Dean, D. 13 2 7 2 5	7.0 0 7 2.5 0 7	0.5 0.4	Gronkowski, R. 10 0-0 0-0 0-0 1 0-0 0 0 62 Antolin, K. 10 0-0 0-0 0-1 0 0-0 0 60				
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RECEIVING G No. Yds	Avg TD Long	Avg/G	Zendejas, A. 0 0-0 5-5 0-0 0 0-0 0 5				
Thomas, Mike 13 74 825 Dean, D. 13 53 593	11.1 4 56 11.2 4 41	63.5 45.6	Total 62 14-16 60-60 0-1 1 1-1 0 0 476 Opponents 32 18-24 31-32 0-0 0 0-0 0 0 277				
Gronkowski, R. 10 47 672	14.3 10 43	67.2					
Turner, T. 13 43 580 Grigsby, N. 13 12 62	13.5 1 71 5.2 0 13	44.6 4.8	TOTAL OFFENSE G Plays Rush Pass Total Avg/G Tuitama, Willie 13 448 -120 3088 2968 228.3				
Gronkowski, C. 13 8 198	24.8 3 37	15.2	Grigsby, N. 13 214 1153 0 1153 88.7				
Criner, J. 13 7 88 Antolin, K. 12 7 24	12.6 1 28 3.4 0 13	6.8 2.0	Antolin, K. 12 117 525 0 525 43.8 Scott, M. 6 34 188 84 272 45.3				
Wright, W. 11 3 42	14.0 0 26	3.8	Smith, X. 7 40 153 0 153 21.9 Thomas, Mike 13 24 114 0 114 8.8				
Douglas, D. 13 3 41 Smith, X. 7 3 6	13.7 0 20 2.0 0 6	3.2 0.9	Thomas, Mike 13 24 114 0 114 8.8 Booth, N. 12 15 59 0 59 4.9				
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Lopez,Brandon 13 1 12	12.0 0 12	0.9	Dean, D. 13 1 7 0 7 0.5 1 0.5				
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PUNT RETURNS No.	Yds Avg TD	Long	FIELD GOALS FGM-FGA Pct 01-19 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-99 Lg Blk Bondzio, Jason 14-16 87.5 1-1 7-7 2-2 4-6 0-0 49 0				
Thomas, Mike 29	392 13.5 2	52	Dolluzio, Jasoit 14-10 67.5 1-1 7-7 2-2 4-0 0-0 49 0				
Antolin, K. 2 Wright, W. 2	8 4.0 0 58 29.0 0	4 55	FG SEQUENCE Arizona OPPONENTS Idaho - 54				
Barkum, D. 0 Hundley, M. 0	42 0.0 0 87 0.0 1	42 87	Toledo (20),(26),45 (20),(35),(21)				
Hundley, M. 0 Total 33	87 0.0 1 587 17.8 3	87 87	New Mexico - (24),(43),(48),(42),(46) UCLA (41) (35)				
Opponents 22	233 10.6 0	54	UCLA (41) (35) Washington (29),(49) -				
INTERCEPTIONS No.	Yds Avg TD	Long	Stanford (19),(22),(23) (22) California - 50,(42),(40)				
Hundley, M. 4 Wade, T. 4	77 19.2 0 78 19.5 0	47 62	Southern California (30),48 (43),30				
Ross, D.	35 11.7 1	21	Washington State (40) - Oregon (29) (23),(39)				
Ness, N. 2 Elmore, R. 1	75 37.5 1 0 0.0 0	75 0	Oregon State (27) (25),(39)				
Palmer,Ronnie 1	0 0.0 0	0	Arizona State (49) (40) BYU (31) 40,53,38				
Perkins, J. 1 Total 16	42 42.0 0 307 19.2 2	42 75	BYU (31) 40,53,38 Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.				
Opponents 8	118 14.8 1	32					
KICK RETURNS No.	Yds Avg TD	Long	PUNTING No. Yds Avg Long TB FC I20 Blkd Crier, K. 48 2109 43.9 69 5 8 16 0				
Antolin, K. 15	323 21.5 0	41	Bondzio, Jason 1 14 14.0 14 0 0 0 0 0 Zendejas, A. 1 51 51.0 51 0 0 0				
Thomas, Mike 14 Wright, W. 7	317 22.6 0 109 15.6 0	52 28	Zendejas, A. 1 51 51.0 51 0 0 0 0 Total 50 2174 43.5 69 5 8 16 0				
Booth, N. 7	119 17.0 0	34	Opponents 79 3334 42.2 70 5 7 21 1				
Douglas, D. 1 Ross, D. 1	10 10.0 0 16 16.0 0	10 16	KICKOFFS No. Yds Avg TB OB Retn Net YdLn				
Lopez,Brandon 1	11 11.0 0	11	Bondzio, Jason 84 5404 64.3 21 3				
Team 1 Total 47	0 0.0 0 905 19.3 0	0 52	Zendejas, A. 5 315 63.0 0 0 Total 89 5719 64.3 21 3 1286 45.1 24				
Opponents 64	1286 20.1 0	46	Opponents 58 3604 62.1 9 1 905 43.4 26				

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Thomas, Mike	13	114	825	392	317	0	1648	126.8
Grigsby, N.	13	1153	62	0	0	0	1215	93.5
Antolin, K.	12	525	24	8	323	0	880	73.3
Gronkowski, R.	10	0	672	0	0	0	672	67.2
Dean, D.	13	5	593	0	0	0	598	46.0
Turner, T.	13	17	580	0	0	0	597	45.9
Wright, W.	11	0	42	58	109	0	209	19.0
Gronkowski, C.	13	0	198	0	0	0	198	15.2
Scott, M.	6	188	0	0	0	0	188	31.3
Booth, N.	12	59	7	0	119	0	185	15.4
Hundley, M.	13	0	0	87	0	77	164	12.6
Smith, X.	7	153	6	0	0	0	159	22.7
Criner, J.	13	0	88	0	0	0	88	6.8
Wade, T.	13	0	0	0	0	78	78	6.0
Ness, N.	13	0	0	0	0	75	75	5.8
Ross, D.	13	0	0	0	16	35	51	3.9
Douglas, D.	13	0	41	0	10	0	51	3.9
Barkum, D.	12	0	0	42	0	0	42	3.5
Perkins, J.	13	0	0	0	0	42	42	3.2
Lopez,Brandon	13	0	12	0	11	0	23	1.8
Roberts, D.	12	0	15	0	0	0	15	1.2
Simmons, A.J.	12	0	11	0	0	0	11	0.9
Palmer,Ronnie	13	7	0	0	0	0	7	0.5
Beirne, B.	2	4	0	0	0	0	4	2.0
Longacre,Joe	13	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-0.2
Tretheway, J.	12	0	-2	0	0	0	-2	-0.2
Team	10	-46	0	0	0	0	-46	-4.6
Tuitama, Willie	13	-120	0	0	0	0	-120	-9.2
Total	13	2059	3172	587	905	307	7030	540.8
Opponents	13	1704	2365	233	1286	118	5706	438.9



Ron Gronkowski

			T	ackles		-Sacks-			Fum	bles	Blkd	
DEFENSE	GP-GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yards	Int-Yds	BrUp	RYds	FF	Kick	Saf
Palmer,Ronnie	13-13	45	40	85	11.0-30	2.5-14	1-0	3				
Ness, N.	13-13	44	31	75	2.0-9		2-75	8	1-0			
Nelson, C.	13-13	41	26	67	3.0-7			5		1		
Lewis, S.	10-5	39	20	59	5.0-14	1.0-7		2	1-0	1		
Hundley, M.	13-13	43	16	59	5.0-13		4-77	7		1		
Kelley, X.	12-8	32	19	51	6.5-19	3.0-7		2		2		
Ross, D.	13-12	36	14	50			3-35	13	1-0			
McCovy, A.	13-9	21	22	43	1.5-6			1				
Mitchell, E.	13-13	16	24	40	5.5-14	1.5-10		1				
Reed, B.	13-13	26	11	37	9.5-59	8.0-57		2		3		
Hall, C.	13-4	19	16	35	3.0-6	1.5-4		5				
Elmore, R.	13-9	13	12	25	7.0-58	4.0-34	1-0	1		1		
Reed, D.	13-4	13	11	24	2.5-3	1.0-0	.1		2			
Tuihalamaka, V.	13-0	16	7	23	1.0-6	0.5-3			1-0	1		
Horton, D.	13-6	13	8	21	4.0-14	1.0-6			2-0	-		
Perkins, J.	13-0	12	8	20			1-42	2				
Golden, R.	13-0	9	4	13	1.0-3					1		
Tuipulotu, K.	11-7	7	5	12	1.0-2	•	•	1	•	1	•	•
Wade, T.	13-1	4	8	12	110 2	•	4-78	3		-	•	•
Foster, T.	13-0	10	2	12	•	•	. , ,	3		•	•	•
Vargas, O.	13-0	8	3	11	•	•	•	•	1-0	•	•	•
Tuihalamaka, A.	12-0	3	1	4	•	•	•	•	1-0	•	•	•
Barkum, D.	12-0	3	-	3	•	•	•	•	1.0	1	•	•
Austin, D.	7-0	3	3	3	•	•	•	•	•	-	•	•
Tuitama, Willie	13-13	3	3	3	•	•	•	•		•	•	•
Gronkowski, R.	10-9	2	•	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Philipp, H.	2-0	1	i	2	0.5-0	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Veal, D.	13-0	1	1	2	0.5-0	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Criner, J.	13-3	1	1	2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Crier, K.	13-0	2		2	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Samoy, J.	1-0	1	•	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Turner, T.	13-12	1	•	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Grigsby, N.	13-12	1	•	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Ward, J.	5-0	1	•	1	•	•	•	•	1-0	•	•	
Lewis, J.	5-0 7-0	1	1	1	•	•	•	•	1-0	•	•	•
	7-0 13-0	•	_	1	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Bondzio, Jason Wilcox, A.	13-0 4-0	i	1	1	•	•	•	i	•	•	•	•
			•	1	•	•	•	1	•	•	•	•
Team	10-0	1	•	1	•	•	•	•	•			
Roberts, D.	12-0	489	216	905	69-263	2/ 127	16-307	58	9-0	15	1	
Total	13-0		316	805		24-137				15	1	•
Opponents	13-0	578	323	901	74.0-272	28-181	8-118	33	10-42	12	•	

SEASON IN REVIEW

The Season

Arizona finished 8-5 overall capped by a 31-21 victory over No. 17 Brigham Young in the Wildcats' first bowl game of the Mike Stoops' era. The Cats were 5-4 in Pacific-10 Conference play, for fifth place, Stoops' second upper-division finish but his best league slate in his five years in Tucson

Stoops and staff knew they'd have a good team, knew it would take some doing once conference play began and knew there were variables. In the end, things worked out enough to help the Wildcats turn a big corner and lay a strong foundation for the future.

Re-tooling a defense that lost eight starters turned out to be effective. The Cats finished the year with the nation's No. 24 defense, building depth for '09 when Arizona will open a season with eight returning defensive starters and a solid look from front to back.

Individual play by offensive headliners was anticipated, with returning senior quarterback Willie Tuitama, senior Mike Thomas among a corps of talented receivers, junior tackle Eben Britton and senior guard Joe Longacre anchoring the front, a nationally elite tight end in Rob Gronkowski and a pair of young running backs led by Nic Grigsby. They helped the Cats rate 16th nationally in scoring at 36.62 points per game – UA's second-best ever.

Gronkowski, Britton and Thomas earned first-team All-Pac-10 honors, Tuitama and junior cornerback Devin Ross earned second-team citation and a handful of guys earned honorable mention. Gronkowski earned third-team AP All-America honors, while Tuitama, Thomas and Gronkowski had record-setting years, with all three taking over career leadership in passing, receiving or tight end receiving marks at UA. For Gronkowski, the paperwork came after just two short years. Place kicker Jason Bondzio also left his mark, with season and career field goal percentage Arizona records. Thomas was all-league as a receiver and a punt returner.

UA opened the year with huge victories over Idaho (70-0) and Toledo (41-16), then stumbled on the road at Mountain West Conference foe New Mexico, with five turnovers coloring what otherwise might have helped propel the UA into the national rankings -- because in the two subsequent weeks UA also put



Devin Ross

numbers on UCLA (31-10) and Washington (48-14) to enter the second week in October at 4-1

A crucial loss at an improved Stanford team, 24-23, in the closing moments, closed the book on the early aspirations for national acclaim, but UA rebounded with a rousing victory over then No. 25 California back in Tucson, 42-27, setting up a match with No. 6 Southern California.

The Trojans escaped from Tucson with a narrow 17-10 victory, won with a defense that held Arizona to a season low in yardage and thwarted the Cats on four fourth-quarter possessions with the game on the line.

Smarting from the lost opportunity, Arizona rambled for a 59-29 victory on the road at Washington State, with Grigsby running for a career-high 189 yards. The victory gave the Cats bowl eligibility.

A week later, in Eugene, Gronkowski put on the show that helped earn him unanimous all-league honors with 12 catches for 143 yards and a score, but a huge Arizona comeback (28 unanswered points) fell short with an unconverted 4th-and-2 play and the Ducks escaped with a 55-45 victory. That dulled another huge performance, by true freshman running back Keola Antolin who ran for a school-record four touchdowns in gaining 87 tough yards.

With chances of contention for the league championship gone, Arizona tried to put its postseason hopes in brighter light, but again fell just short, this time in a 19-17 loss to Oregon State – a team at the time in the hunt for the Rose Bowl. Late-game heroics by OSU – a 47-yard pass over broken coverage – set up the winning field goal as time expired.

That brought the 6-5 Wildcats into their season finale against arch-rival Arizona State, coming to Tucson at 5-6 and in the hunt for a needed victory for bowl eliqibility.

The Wildcats put on a third-quarter show, with Tuitama hitting a touchdown pass, Grigsby rushing for another, Mike Thomas returning a punt 52 yards for a score, and kicker Jason Bondzio nailing a 49-yard field goal, and Arizona won by the largest margin of victory in the series since 1964.

In the Pioneer Las Vegas bowl, Arizona took the first lead, trailed early in the third period and then dominated with 21 unanswered points in the next 15 minutes, fueled by the throwing of bowl MVP Tuitama (24-35, 325 yards and two TDs) and Grigsby's solid rushing night (20 totes, 88 yards and a score). Thomas set the Pac-10 career receiving record with his 259th reception in the fourth period, capping a 122-yard all-purpose night. The Arizona defense handled BYU's attack enough to limit the Cougars on the scoreboard and wrecked BYU's try for an 11th victory. Junior linebacker Xavier Kelley led the Cats with 15 tackles and a sack. But in a match of two power-spread offenses Arizona's passing game was the sharpest, with Delashaun Dean snaring seven passes for 88 yards, Terrell Turner adding 111 yards on four catches and two others – Thomas and tight end Rob Gronkowski – catching four key passes each. It added up to 31-21 margin and UA's first bowl victory in the decade.

The Numbers

Category	Pac-10	NCAA
Total Offense (402.38)	4th	33rd
Total Defense (313.00)	3rd	24th
Scoring (36.62)	3rd	16h
Passing Offense (244.00)	3rd	36th
Pass Defense (181.92)	4th	23rd
Pass Efficiency (144.61)	2nd	21st
PE Defense (106.68)	3rd	14th
Scoring Defense (21.31)	3rd	33rd
Rushing (158.38)	5th	48th
Rush Defense (131.08)	5th	39th
Net Punting (36.82)	2nd	27th
Turnover Margin (.46)	3rd	29th
Crier/punting (43.94)	2nd	13th
Thomas/PR (13.52)	2nd	15th

The Spread and the D

Arizona underscored that its version of the Spread offense works fine in 2008. The 36 points per game (1st) and 402 yards per game (5th) both were among Wildcat historical bests. Veteran personnel – senior QB Willie Tuitama, senior receiver Mike Thomas and junior OT Eben Britton – had a big hand, but Arizona's underclass brought some good numbers to the game, such as sophomore running back Nic Grigsby's 1,195-yard season and soph tight end Rob

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Gronkowski's 47-catch, 10-touchdown year. The program's continued physical development, notably along the offensive line, has helped to the point where the loss of 28-game starting center Blake Kerley to injury four games into the year wasn't insurmountable. Soph Colin Baxter stepped up and earned honorable mention all-league in his stead. That kind of continuity, and the familiarity Arizona players have with the system, makes the spread a sure thing. Too, Arizona's scoring margin in 2008 – 15 points – suggests defense is a huge part of the program. The Cats played two new cornerbacks in '08 after losing four-year starters, and they fit the bills. It helped that UA's defensive front, led by soph DE Brooks Reed with eight sacks, and junior DT Earl Mitchell, became more of a force.

The Record Book

For their part, Tuitama and Thomas left some marks on Arizona's record book. Thomas 259 career catches set Pac-10 and Arizona marks, plus left an all-purpose legacy of some 5,000 yards. Tuitama set UA game, single-season and career records for completions, attempts, yards and touchdowns, and left a legacy of competitiveness and resiliency as a four-year starter.

Place kicker Jason Bondzio also left marks by eclipsing legendary Max Zendejas' percentage marks for season and career field goal kicking, knocking home 14 of 16 in 2008 for a .875 mark and finishing his two-year stint with 35 makes in 42 tries for an .833 figure. He also is atop UA's season PAT effectiveness with his 55-for-55 effort in 2008.

Tight end Rob Gronkowski set Arizona single-game, season and career records for tight-end receiving, with 47 grabs for 672 yards and 10 TDs. A monster 12-143 outing at Oregon helped cement his reputation. In a short two-year span he has 75 catches and 1,197 yards for 16 scores.

Senior linebacker Ronnie Palmer put his name in the UA record book at No. 22 on the all-time tackles chart after a four-year starting career – including some lost games as an injured freshman. He ended up with 275 career tackles, putting himself up with former LB Spencer Larsen (312) as recent Cats on the chart

Awards and Honors

All-America – Sophomore TE Rob Gronkowski (3rd-team AP, Pro Football Weekly honorable mention); RB Keola Antolin, collegefootballnews.com honorable mention All-Freshman.

John Mackey Tight End of the Week – Rob Gronkowski, Oct. 4 (Washington), Nov. 15 (Oregon).

Lou Groza Award - Jason Bondzio, semi-finalist.

East-West Shrine Game, Senior Bowl - WR Mike Thomas.

National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame – Jason Bondzio, Hampshire Honor Society membership, 2009

NFF Southern Arizona Chapter – OT James Tretheway, Ricky Hunley Award, outstanding student-athlete.

All-Pacific-10 Conference – OT Eben Britton (1st), WR Mike Thomas (1st), TE Rob Gronkowski (1st), QB Willie Tuitama (2nd), CB Devin Ross (2nd), PR Mike Thomas (1st). Honorable Mention: LB Ronnie Palmer, RB Nic Grigsby, DT Earl Mitchell, PK Jason Bondzio, P Keenyn Crier, SS Cam Nelson, DE Brooks Reed.

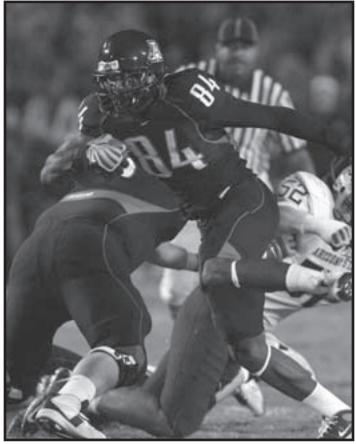
Pac-10 All-Academic – Jason Bondzio (1st), WR David Roberts (2nd), OL James Tretheway (2nd), DB Corey Hall (2nd), TE Chris Gronkowski (2nd), OL Colin Baxter (HM).

Watch Lists – C Blake Kerley, Rimington Trophy; WR Mike Thomas, Maxwell Award; QB Willie Tuitama, Maxwell Award, Davey O'Brien Award; OT Eben Britton, Outland Trophy; TE Rob Gronkowski, John Mackey Award; P Keenyn Crier, Ray Guy Award, LB Ronnie Palmer, Butkus Award.

Pac-10 Players of the Week – Keola Antolin, Special Teams (Toledo); Corey Hall, Defense (UCLA), Mike Thomas, Special Teams (UCLA), Keola Antolin, Offense (Cal).

Team Awards – Willie Tuitama, co-MVP offense; Mike Thomas, co-MVP offense; Ronnie Palmer, MVP defense; Jason Bondzio, MVP special teams; Joe Longacre/Eben Britton, Tedy Bruschi Award offense co-winners, Nate Ness, defense; Chris Hannon, scout team offense; Nick Foles/Orlando Vargas, scout team defense.

Pioneer Las Vegas Bowl MVP - Willie Tuitama



Terrell Turner

Coaching Staff

Mike Stoops 2008 staff: Mark Stoops, defensive coordinator and secondary; Sonny Dykes, offensive coordinator and QBs; Jeff Hammerschmidt, special teams coordinator and DEs; Bill Bedenbaugh, running game and offensive line; Dana Dimel, tight ends and running backs; Tim Kish, linebackers; Dave Nichol, outside receivers, Michael Smith, inside receivers; Mike Tuiasosopo, defensive line. It was the first season for Hammerschmidt, although he's a former UA player and UA coach under Dick Tomey, and the first for Nichol, who was promoted from a grad assistant spot. Following the year, Dimel and Smith departed the staff.

Draft Day

Offensive tackle Eben Britton was a second-round pick in the April NFL Draft by the Jacksonville Jaguars, ending his UA career as a graduated junior. Later, in the fourth round, the Jags picked up receiver Mike Thomas, giving Arizona 10 draft picks in the last three year.

Ranked Victims

Arizona beat two ranked teams in 2008, No. 25 California (42-27) in Tucson) and No. 17 Brigham Young (31-21) in the Pioneer Las Vegas Bowl. In each of Mike Stoops' five years in Tucson he has beaten a ranked team – No. 18 ASU in 2004, No. 7 UCLA in 2005, No. 8 Cal and No. 25 Washington State in 2006, and No. 2 Oregon in 2007. That's all well and good, but Stoops is planning on putting the Cats back into the rankings for some more head-to-head measurement.

The Zona Zoo

Arizona's 11,000-strong student seating section, the "Zona Zoo," helped give UA tremendous home-field advantage (5-2) in 2008 and continued to help Wildcat Football draw outstanding attendance. Arizona had its sixth-largest crowd ever, 58,704, for the Arizona State game and drew another capacity crowd for the USC game. The average gate of 52,440 was the fourth consecutive season above 52,000 and fifth consecutive above 50,000. Arizona has drawn 1.7 million fans during Mike Stoops tenure and they've been an animated bunch.

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INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

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Rushes	28	Nic Grigsby at Washington State
Yards Rushing	189	Grigsby at Washington State
TD Rushes	4	Keola Antolin at Oregon
Long Rush	59	Antolin vs California
Pass attempts	50	Willie Tuitama at New Mexico
Pass completions	29	Tuitama at Oregon
Yards Passing	328	Tuitama at Oregon
TD Passes	3	Tuitama vs. Idaho, at UNM and vs. UW
Long Pass	71	Tuitama vs. Brigham Young
Receptions	12	Rob Gronkowski at Oregon
Yards Receiving	175	Terrell Turner at Stanford
TD Receptions	3	Gronkowski, R. vs. Washington
Long Reception	71	Turner vs. Brigham Young
Field Goals	3	Jason Bondzio at Stanford
Long Field Goal	49	Bondzio vs. Washington, ASU
Punts	8	Keenyn Crier vs. California
Punting Avg	53.7	Crier at New Mexico
Long Punt	69	Crier at New Mexico
Long Punt Return	87	Marquis Hundley vs. Idaho
Long Kickoff Return	52	Mike Thomas vs. Southern California
Tackles	15	Xavier Kelley vs. Brigham Young
Sacks	2.0	Ricky Elmore at UNM, Ronnie Palmer at
		UCLA, Brooks Reed vs. California and vs.
		ASU
Tackles For Loss	3.0	Elmore at New Mexico
Interceptions	2	Trevin Wade vs. Idaho



Nic Grigsby

TEAM GAME HIGHS

Rushes	57	at Washington State
Yards Rushing	317	at Washington State
Yards Per Rush	5.6	at Washington State
TD Rushes	7	at Washington State
Pass attempts	50	at New Mexico
Pass completions	29	at Oregon
Yards Passing	328	at Oregon
Yards Per Pass	14.3	at Washington State
TD Passes	4	vs. Idaho
Total Plays	98	at Oregon
Total Offense	531	at Washington State
Yards Per Play	7.4	at Washington State
Points	70	vs. Idaho
Sacks By	4	at UCLA
First Downs	30	at Oregon
Penalties	8	vs. Arizona State
Penalty Yards	76	vs. Arizona State
Turnovers	5	at New Mexico
Interceptions By	4	vs. Idaho

OPPONENT INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS 26 Rodney Fermison at New Mexico

Rushes	26	Rodney Ferguson at New Mexico
Yards Rushing	158	Rodney Ferguson at New Mexico
TD Rushes	3	Masoli, J., at Oregon
Long Rush	70	Kimble, Anthony, at Stanford
Pass attempts	46	Max Hall vs. Brigham Young
Pass completions	30	Max Hall vs. Brigham Young
Yards Passing	328	Max Hall vs. Brigham Young
TD Passes	2	Longshore vs. Cal, Masoli at Oregon
Long Pass	65	Jeremiah Masoli at Oregon
Receptions	12	Stephen Williams vs. Toledo
Yards Receiving	119	Austin Collie vs. Brigham Young
TD Receptions	1	12 players in 10 games
Long Reception	65	Jeff Maehl at Oregon
Field Goals	5	James Aho at New Mexico
Long Field Goal	48	James Aho at New Mexico
Punts	11	Aaron Perez at UCLA
Punting Avg	51.0	Aaron Opelt vs. Toledo
Long Punt	70	David Green at Stanford
Long Punt Return	54	Stafon Johnson vs. Southern California
Long Kickoff Return	ı 46	Kyle Williams vs. Arizona State
Tackles	15	Kellen Fowler vs. Brigham Young
Sacks	3.0	Daniel Te'o-Nesheim vs. Washington
Tackles For Loss	3.0	Daneil Te'o-Nesheim vs. Washington
Interceptions	1	By eight players

OPPONENT TEAM CAME HIGHS

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Rushes	48	at Stanford
Yards Rushing	286	at Stanford
Yards Per Rush	6.9	at Oregon
TD Rushes	4	at Washington State
		at Oregon
Pass attempts	56	vs. California
Pass completions	30	vs. Brigham Young
Yards Passing	328	vs. Brigham Young
Yards Per Pass	11.0	at Oregon
TD Passes	2	vs. California
		at Oregon
Total Plays	79	vs. California
Total Offense	504	at Oregon
Yards Per Play	8.8	at Oregon
Points	55	at Oregon
Sacks By	4	vs. California
First Downs	22	vs. Brigham Young
Penalties	10	vs. Southern California
		vs. Brigham Young
Penalty Yards	76	at New Mexico
		vs. Brigham Young
Turnovers	5	vs. Idaho
Interceptions By	2	at New Mexico
		at Oregon