



### WASHINGTON BIO

National Championships - 2



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PAC-12 Championships: 17  
(Last: 2018)

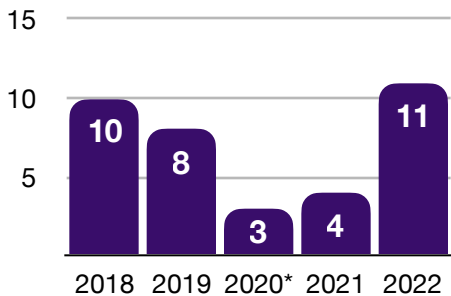
Location: **Seattle, WA**

All-Time Record: **658-434-32**

2022 Results: **11-2**  
**Won Alamo Bowl**

Head Coach: **Kalen DeBoer**  
2nd Year (11-2)

### 5-YEAR WIN TREND



Husky Stadium (70,138)

## High-Powered Huskies Make Playoff Push

Kalen DeBoer is yet another newcomer to the PAC 12 coaching ranks who got off to a flying start. The most critical decision of the season was his reunification with quarterback **Michael Penix Jr.** In 2019 during their one season together at Indiana Penix broke all kinds of records while DeBoer served as his offensive coordinator. Unfortunately, injuries continued to pile up for Penix in the seasons afterwards despite his production and was seen as damaged goods as he entered the transfer portal. Quickly, the country was reminded how dangerous Penix was as he led the Huskies to a thrashing of Michigan State in week three, throwing for 397 yards and four touchdowns. As the year continued the high flying offense continued to take out high-profile teams such as Oregon and Oregon State, but inconsistency on defense allowed for back-to-back upset defeats in the middle of the season to UCLA and Arizona State. Those losses proved to be the death nail in the Huskies' PAC-12 title hopes. However, year was still unexpected and memorable and winning the Alamo Bowl against Texas was a fitting ending to an 11-2 season.

Penix is currently seen as one of the top quarterbacks in the country and perhaps even a first round pick in next year's NFL draft. He leads a high powered offense with star receivers **Rome Odunze** and **Jalen McMillian** providing him with options on the perimeter. Outside of Columbus, this might be the best wide receiver room in the country and should allow the offense to pick up right where they left off last season. DeBoer has a long history of compelling offensive schemes and playing to the strengths of the talent at his disposal. There are very few questions to ask about this Husky offense, proving why Penix is high on the preseason Heisman list.

The only question on offense is the line with the interior losing all three starters to graduation. As opposed to the strategies of other big time programs across the country, DeBoer is focused on replenishing the offensive line is from within. Expect highly recruited **Landen Hatchett** to come in and play early in these spots. Both Hatchett brothers were sought after by the best teams in the country and brother **Geirean Hatchett** will be a sophomore and has experience after playing in 12 games last season. Extremely talented, the offensive line won't be a concern long term but might need some time to gel early in the season.

The theme in the PAC-12 for the 2023 season is NFL-caliber quarterbacks with explosive offenses against opposing defenses that are a work in progress. Washington is no different as they surrendered 40 and 45 points in their two losses last season. While the loss on the road to a quality team in UCLA and Dorian Thompson-Robinson is understandable, the following week's loss to Arizona State is what really stung. To give up 45 points to a 3-9 team with the season on the line was inexcusable. In large part, the defensive struggles are due to poor play in the secondary and the Huskies gave up over 250 yards per game, therefore ranking 100th in the country last season. In fairness, there wasn't a conference in the country with better quarterback play last season than the PAC-12, but the position is projected to be even stronger this season so improvements are needed. Hopefully, veteran transfer **Jabbar Muhammad** (Oklahoma State) can provide some stability on the backend to help the defensive back room regroup. Meanwhile, the front seven held up their end of the bargain with 37 sacks last season, led by **Bralen Trice**. **Zion Tupuola-Fetui** was also dominant on the line and linebacker **Edefuan Uiofoshio** should be an impact player if healthy. If the secondary can hold out just long enough this defense could be nasty.








**The Bottom Line:** Facing Boise State and Tulsa before a trip to Michigan State isn't a brutal schedule, but it will provide real early tests. Playing the other top five teams in the conference means the Huskies will have to properly earn a trip to the PAC-12 title game. It's hard to imagine anyone getting out of the conference unscathed with the numerous quality opponents at the top. However, the secondary problems will spell trouble against the likes of Bo Nix and Caleb Williams. Trips to Los Angeles and Corvallis will be enormous challenges to overcome. Expect another quality season out of the Penix and the DeBoer, but the defensive gives pause.

### Projection: 10-2 (3rd in PAC-12)

#### 2022 Statistics

Points Scored	Rush Yards	Pass Yards	Turnover Margin
39.7	146.0	369.8	+1
7th in FBS	69th in FBS	1st in FBS	T-61st in FBS
Points Allowed	Rush YDS Allowed	Pass YDS Allowed	
22.9	121.2	251.5	
38th in FBS	26th in FBS	100th in FBS	

## 2023 Washington Schedule

Week	Date	Team
1	Sat, Sept 2	 vs. Boise State
2	Sat, Sept 9	 vs. Tulsa
3	Sat, Sept 16	 @ Michigan State
4	Sat, Sept 23	 vs. California
5	Sat, Sept 30	 @ Arizona
6	Bye Week	
7	Sat, Oct 14	 vs. Oregon
8	Sat, Oct 21	 vs. Arizona State
9	Sat, Oct 28	 @ Stanford
10	Sat, Nov 4	 @ USC
11	Sat, Nov 11	 vs. Utah
12	Sat, Nov 18	 @ Oregon State
13	Sat, Nov 25	 vs. Wash St.

Conference Games in Bold

## KEY GAMES

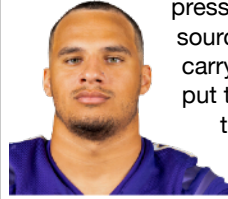
**Sat, Oct 14: vs. Oregon** - As both teams move into the teeth of their respective schedules, this growing rivalry will provide a huge head start in the PAC-12 race to whoever can claim a victory.

**Sat, Nov 4: @ USC** - In what could be the best quarterback matchup of the season, this game opens up the most difficult portion of Washington's schedule.

**Sat, Nov 25: vs. Washington State** - It may not be the biggest game of the season for the Huskies, but it will be for the Cougars in what could be the last Apple Cup for the foreseeable future. There will be a lot on the line. Washington would like to avoid the embarrassment they felt in 2021 in which enemy fans stormed Husky Stadium after a 40-13 defeat.

## KEY PLAYERS

### Bralen Trice - DE



With a secondary that struggled last season, getting pressure on the quarterback from a variety of sources is critical. The from seven will be asked to carry the load again which means Trice will have to put together another impactful season. He led the team with nine sacks last season and was an honorable mention All-American. He'll be chasing around some of the best quarterbacks in the country again in 2023.

### Jalen McMillan - WR

A lot of the focus of opposing team's defensive meetings is spent on how to stop Odunze which provides McMillan a lot of one-on-one opportunities in the passing game. Earning over 1,000 yards last season and finishing only 47 yards behind his star teammate, he will again play a critical role in making life difficult for opposing secondaries. Expect the Husky duo to have another monstrous season.



## 2022 RESULTS (11-2)

**Kent State (W 45-20)**

**Portland State (W 52-6)**

**Michigan State (W 39-28)**

**Stanford (W 40-22)**

@ UCLA (L 32-40)

@ Arizona State (L 38-45)

**Arizona (W 49-39)**

@ California (W 28-21)

**Oregon State (W 24-21)**

@ Oregon (W 37-34)

**Colorado (W 54-7)**

@ Washington St. (W 51-33)

**Texas (W 27-20)**

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## RECRUITING

**2023 Class Ranking**

**25th**

(Via 24/7 Sports)