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Greinke sits; Dodgers defeat Diamondbacks



Arizona Diamonbacks catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia, right, drops a foul pop up hit by Corey Seager of the Los Angeles Dodgers in the third inning at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2015. (Robert Gauthier/Los Angeles Times/TNS)

By Zach Helfand Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES -- On Saturday, Los Angeles Dodgers right-hander Zack Greinke appeared in the office of manager Don Mattingly with concerning news.

In his start the day before, he'd felt discomfort in his right calf. It was nothing too severe, Greinke believed, and the pair hoped it would resolve itself by his next start on Wednesday.

Then Wednesday came, and it was not resolved. Greinke, one of the front-runners for the Cy Young Award, was scratched just as the Dodgers had begun to loosen their stranglehold on the National League West

"The timing's not great," Mattingly said. "But what do you do?"

Without Greinke against the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday, the Dodgers' patchwork pitching held firm, and "the Philly boys," as Mattingly called Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley, sparked the winning rally in the eighth inning. The Dodgers won 4-1.

The Dodgers' magic number shrank to five with 11 games left, as the San Francisco Giants lost, 5-4, to the San Diego Padres.

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Pow! Pac-12 play claims more victims

By Zack Rosenblatt The Arizona Daily Star, **Tucson**

Last week was painful.It always is in Devils this conference, but this entered one was a gut-punch.If pegged illustrated in a comic an ASU loss to Texas book, there'd be a whole A&M, Oregon's loss lot of those "POW," "BOOM" and "SPLAT" splattered words throughout.

Arizona brings hype and ESPN's "College loses to UCLA 56-30, drops out of the rankings. POW.

Arizona State looks to validate Todd Graham's "best team ever" declarations against a USC team coming off a loss, instead falls 42-14 to the Trojans.

BOOM.

are indestructible. Even with a subpar defense, attest to that -- the the offense will always bail them out. Oregon is especially immortal at home. Except not any more -- the Ducks, at 3.Now, POW, they're Autzen Stadium, lose to Utah by 42 points. It's the worst home loss for

Oregon since 1977, 15 years before any current Ducks were born.

SPLAT.

The Wildcats, Sun and Ducks Pac-12 as the Pac-12 season was contenders. Even with to Michigan State and Arizona's battle with the injury bug, before last week, that was still a storyline.

But in this modern GameDay" to Tucson, college football world, one week of faltering, you might as well just give up. If you lose, you're dead.

"The hard part in college football from week to week is that you win one game and you're a national championship contender," USC coach Steve Sarkisian said. "Lose one, and you're The Oregon Ducks the worst team ever."

> Sark's Trojans can preseason pick to win the Pac-12 was dead in the water after a loss to Stanford in Week back in our good graces after beating up ASU.

> > Stanford lost to then-

Rosen, Perkins power Bruins' one-sided win over Wildcats

By Chris Foster Los Angeles Times

TUCSON, Ariz. _ As an initial response, UCLA hit all the right talking points. The No. 9 Bruins had become a question mark after injuries during the week. They lost three key defensive players. They had watched freshman quarterback Josh Rosen look very much the freshman a week earlier.

They left Arizona Stadium after an exclamation-point performance.

UCLA's 56-30 devouring of Arizona on Saturday didn't make the losses of defensive tackle Eddie Vanderdoes, cornerback Fabian Moreau and linebacker Myles Jack any less devastating. It did show that the No. 9 Bruins were capable moving on from such adversity, at least for one week.

Rosen passed for two touchdowns, and also ran for a score. Running back Paul Perkins continued to trample opposing defenses, rushing for 85 yards and three touchdowns. And the defense, though wounded, came up with three turnovers that were turned into



UCLA quarterback Josh Rosen, left, is hit hard by Arizona safety Will Parks after an 11-yard scramble in the first half at Arizona Stadium in Tucson, Az., on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015. (Robert Gauthier/Los Angeles Times/TNS)

UCLA quarterback Josh Rosen looks for the ball after he was hit by Arizona safety Tellas Jones while attempting a pass in the third quarter at Arizona Stadium in Tucson, Az., on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015. (Robert Gauthier/Los Angeles Times/TNS)

All of which fit with the Bruins' to-do list. "Going forward, we have to control our own destiny," Perkins said this week.

Beating No. 16 Arizona in their Pac-12 opener was a good starting point.UCLA (4-0 overall, 1-0 in Pac-12 play) beat the Wildcats (3-1, 0-1) a year ago. But it was Arizona that won the Pac-12 South division and went to the conference championship game after the Bruins collapsed in the season finale against Stanford.

Saturday was a chance to get back on track."They are the defending Pac-12 South champions and we're striving to get what they had last year," receiver Devin Fuller said.

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Joshua Wucki scores game winning touchdown for Old English

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Blackhawks win fourth Stanley Cup in seven years

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