

# Kicking it around



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**Above:** Katy Raybern, pre-med senior, battles with accounting sophomore Tabitha Black during the Builder Olympics Aug. 29. During the competition, the softball and volleyball teams played against each other in soccer, the volleyball and soccer teams played each other in softball and the softball and soccer teams played each other in volleyball. Softball won both of their games for the second year in a row.

**Right:** Caitlin Smith, sports management junior, with volleyball teammates Dwila Covey, chemistry freshman, and Kindell Copeland, pre-physical therapy freshman, guard the soccer ball from softball player Amanda Baughman, business senior.

## Columnist calls champions



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Between my friends and me there is a little running joke. When one of us, for example, drops pizza when pulling it out of the oven or trips while walking one foot on and one foot off the sidewalk, the other breaks into the “announcer guy” impression, inspired from the movie “Major League.” You know, “Just a bit outside!”

Announcer guy has become a fan favorite among us friends and is very effective when pointing out the ridiculousness of a situation.

This summer was a ridiculously good showing for sports. The summer days came and blasted the ball out of the park. The fall sports season is upon us, wondering “how am I supposed to follow that? Summer is supposed to be lazy and relaxed. Everyone knows I bring the heat!” My condolences go to the fall sports season, but I have confidence it will deliver as well.

There are too many story lines and dramas that have splashed over like the water from Michael Phelps’ pool. College football has already begun and already has the potential for the most controversy yet.

Georgia No. 1? I’m not sure how they are going to adjust to Uga VII, the heir apparent bulldog mascot. Unconfirmed rumors say he barks longer and louder than Uga VI and that could make it hard for the team to get much needed sleep and rest. He also demands more doggy snacks.

KU, last year’s BCS Cinderella is buried in the back half of the preseason top 25. Was last year’s Orange Bowl victory a fluke? Their opponent in that game, Virginia Tech, lost their season opener to Eastern Carolina. Who is that? Ridiculous.

It doesn’t matter anyway. Everyone is already riding the Missouri national title band wagon. As for me, I think USC will end up

getting the Tigers by the tail, everyone by the tail for that matter. Even teams with mascots that don’t have tails, they’ll get them too.

MLB teams are going to start feeling the pressure too as October nears.

It’s been 100 years since the Chicago Cubs have won the World Series. Right now they have the best record in the majors, their nearest challenger in their division is 4.5 games behind them and they have trouble losing at home.

They are on fire. But are they a lock? Or will something especially ridiculous happen to their season, something “just a bit outside!”? I’m picking the Milwaukee Brewers to win it all this year. It’s all about heating up at the right time, just ask the New York Giants.

Will those Giants stay atop the mountain? I doubt it with key losses on the defensive side of the ball. Future Hall of Famer Michael Strahan retired, even worse he decided to stay retired when his replacement got injured in a preseason game. I bet a return to the playoffs and an early exit is all they will muster.

I am also anxious to see how Brett Favre and the P... Pack...er...Jets will fare this season. My forecast is not very good. Who else plays for the Jets other than Favre? Plus, moving from the soft NFC North to the solid AFC East, which New England as a chokehold over will be a very tough transition. It is ridiculous to think too much success will come the Jets’ way.

But can New England actually win the important game this year? It’s easy to say yes but I’m gonna go ahead and say Peyton Manning and the Colts return to the Super Bowl once again and win. They have the same running back combo as they did during their first championship run. Add that with a top ranked defense and it will equal ring number two for Indianapolis.

Having said the Colts will win it all, as for the Super Bowl challenger I will

go with “the safe” pick and say the Dallas Cowboys will actually win a play off game for the first time in 13 years, but ultimately lose it all in the end.

Yes this past summer was ridiculous. Thirty-something home runs in the home run derby, eight gold medals for Michael Phelps and Favre traded to New York. Ridiculousness across the board.

The best part is, the summer months have set the stage for the fall season to be off the charts and keep fans glued to their TV screens for ridiculous amounts of time. I just hope my championship predictions don’t end up being on the wrong side of ridiculous.

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