

New MacBook makes unprecedented design choices

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Any time Apple holds a keynote, you can be sure that something fun will happen and this was no different, on March 9, 2015. Apple has reintroduced the MacBook into its laptop line up. The new MacBook is designed to be the thinnest, lightest, and in the words of the lead engineer, “all the components were optimized and designed to fit together.”

The new MacBook fits squarely in the MacBook Air line in terms of size with a small 12-inch screen size, which also leads to most of the confusion surrounding the device. Have you ever experienced that moment where you’re typing away on your ultra thin MacBook Air and thought to yourself, this computer is just too thick and heavy? Well, neither has anyone else. But Apple is listening to you, dear consumer, and the cries for improvements you

don’t want. The new MacBook is 25% thinner than the MacBook Air. It’s also significantly lighter, which makes the MacBook airier than the MacBook Air. The MacBook Air is being updated with 5000 series Intel Processors and the all-new “Force Touch” track pad. Unfortunately the new MacBook doesn’t even represent the pinnacle of technology. Asus and Lenovo have been quick to point out that they are introducing cheaper, faster, lighter, and thinner notebooks with better displays in the coming months. It’s not even the first notebook to take advantage of decreasing power requirements and implement a silent fan-less design.

The new MacBook continues to outshine its older brother, the MacBook. The screen on the MacBook has been improved to have retina whose thinner aperture allows for brighter, yet more efficient displays. The 1600 x 900 TN panel in the MacBook Air is starting

to show its age. The Core M processor inside is a tablet processor. With this and other improvements, the logic board is now 33% smaller, which lets the rest of the chassis be packed with batteries.

Past all of these mind-boggling changes, the new MacBook boasts something truly unique and special. The new MacBook has only 2 ports. One USB type C and one 2.5 mm headphone jack. The same port that provides video output and data in, powers the device. Need to plug in a USB drive? Let’s hope you don’t need to charge at the same time. To alleviate this, you can buy an \$80 adapter to give your notebook functionality it should have out of the box. Welcome to the world where having ports will no longer be a given, but a feature for new computers. For anyone who bought into the thunderbolt ecosystem, unfortunately your displays will be useless

without an adapter on adapter.

It’s clear that Apple has accepted that no one is truly productive with a Mac. The tablet processor in a flagship notebook costing up to \$1600 is a stretch beyond imagination. The singular port is a kick in the gut to the consumer. Apple will do as it does, and you will buy it. During the presentation, it almost sounded as if the lead engineer was trying to convince himself, more than the audience, of the MacBook’s “absolutely incredibly, beautiful... most advanced design yet.”

At least it comes in 3 colors, so you can match your champagne gold iPhone with your gold laptop, and it ships starting April 10.

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SPORTS

UEFA Champions League heads into Quarter Finals

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The round of sixteen comes to an end for UEFA Champions League, with an exciting second leg that saw some surprising results.

Cristiano Ronaldo matched the UEFA record by adding his 74th and 75th goals to the all-time UEFA champions league top scorer list, a record previously solely held by Messi. But Ronaldo’s celebrations were overshadowed by the valiant, but ineffectual victory of Schalke. Schalke beat the cup holders on the night in their home ground as ex-Madrid player Klaas-Jan Huntelaar brought his team up from the ashes and proved to be the Man of the match as he scored two goals of the four. Even though Schalke won the match, Real Madrid’s victory in Germany three weeks ago saw them go through to the top eight of the competition. Real Madrid 3 (5) Schalke 4 (4).

Dramatic to the final penalty kick, Atletico took down Leverkusen in a nail-biting

contest. Atletico went into the match with 1-0 down from the last leg but Mario Suarez’s drive was enough to put them back into the competition. With their aggregate score drawn at 1-1, both teams went into penalties and that’s where the experience and class of Atletico shined. They won 3 - 2 on penalties and head into the quarterfinals to meet Real Madrid. Atletico Madrid 1 (1) Leverkusen 0 (1).

The struggling Borussia Dortmund once again went up against Juventus who were already 2-1 up on aggregate, and Carlos Tevez led the Italian Champions into the second quarter final in three years, scoring two and providing the assist for the third. Juventus didn’t waste any time and went a goal ahead in the second minute of the game, after which it was just a matter of picking out the opposition defense. Borussia Dortmund 0 (1) Juventus 3 (5).

Arsenal go out of the Champion’s league from the round of sixteen for the fourth year in a row. Although it was an onslaught by the gunners, they couldn’t overcome the

debacle that was their last game against Monaco. Monaco goes through to the quarter-finals to meet Juventus. Arsenal 2 (3) Monaco 0 (3).

The Champions league comes to a dramatic close for Chelsea. Although everything seemed to be standing against Paris SG with a sending off of Ibrahimovic and then the controversial circumstances of the penalty kick awarded, but it was the captain, and the ex-Chelsea player David Luiz who brought down his previous club, paving the way to quarter-finals. Paris SG 2 (3) Chelsea 2 (3).

Barcelona once again outplayed Man City with a narrow win which took them 3-1 up on the aggregate. It was a master class of dribbling by Lionel Messi as Joe Hart, although sad about the loss, was all praises for the guy he stopped. Hart provided 10 saves that night, keeping the spirit of Man City alive all through the match, but apparently it was not enough to stop Barcelona who now go through to the quarter final to see Paris SG. Barcelona 1 (3) Manchester City 0 (1).

The unbeaten Portuguese side scored

four goals of the week displaying an exquisite show of long range shooting, two of them coming from direct free kicks as they eased through to the last eight. FC Basel went into the night tied at 1-1 from the last leg but Brahimi’s superbly executed free kick dented the hopes early on. Although all the strikes were wonderful, it was the testimony to the quality of Casemiro’s free kick that would earn him a comparison to the likes of Juninho. FC Porto 4 (5) FC Basel 0 (1).

With the competition’s biggest knockout win, Bayern Munchen soared past Shakhtar with six players getting onto the score sheet. Shakhtar, who played with 10 men for 87 minutes were no match for Bayern as the German giants thwarted them. With Muller getting a brace, Bayern dusted the opposition turning the match into the biggest defeat in the knockout stage since 1893. Bayern Munich will now meet Porto in the quarter-final of Champions league. Bayern 7 (7) Shakhtar Donetsk 0 (0).

El Clásico - Clash of the Superpowers

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The Catalans went into the clash with a run of 18 wins from their last 19 games and fresh from knocking out Manchester City in the UEFA tie, but with Madrid having a better head-to-head record against Barcelona this season, the clash of the titans was bound to be exciting.

Starting off with the scoring was Mathieu, heading his first league goal and most likely a goal he will never ever forget. Messi dropped in the ball from a set piece to set up Mathieu for a header past Casillas, opening the night with a roar across Camp Nou. Neymar came close to making it 2-0 but a poor finish

led to a quick counter attack, and Benzema and Ronaldo clicked together perfectly with a back heel pass setting up Ronaldo for a wonderful finish making it 1-1 within 30 seconds of the missed chance, bringing his total to 42 goals, just one behind Messi. The goal galvanized Madrid and they went into the second half head-strong, but just when they were having a really good second half, one telling pass, one fabulous run and Suarez brought back the lead with a fabulous touch and a shot into the far corner scoring a goal out of nothing. The goal was enough to push Real back and it assured fans of the win long before final whistle sounded. Barcelona 2 Real Madrid 1.

In other news across La Liga, Paco Alcacer scored his seventh league goal of the season as Valencia cruised to a comfortable

4-0 win over Elche and strengthened their grip on third place in the Primera division. Elche 0 Valencia 4. Atletico Madrid comfortably beat their neighbors with Torres getting on the score sheet just after 3 minutes and Tiago following soon afterwards. Atletico Madrid 2 Getafe 0.

Rayo Vallecano picked up a fourth straight Primera division home win as Gael Kakuta’s first-half header proved enough to beat Malaga, who finished the game with 10 men. Rayo Vallecano 1 Malaga 0. A late strike by the substitute gave Celta Vigo their much-deserved win against Levante, as they drown Levante to the relegation zone. Levante 0 Celta Vigo 1.

Athletic Bilbao maintains pressure on the teams above them with a high paced performance and getting the well-deserved win. Athletic Bilbao 2 Almeria 1. Eibar brings

their eight-match long losing streak to an end as they managed a draw against Granada, earning a valuable point against the relegation dogfight. Granada 0 Eibar 0.

Espanyol also held Deportivo at a goalless draw at home, and now they sit one point above the relegation zone. Deportivo La Coruna 0 Espanyol 0. Yellow submarine came out in a determined mood and moved the ball around quickly, making it two wins in a row. Villarreal 0 Sevilla FC 2.

Cordoba picked up 3 red cards and took their losing streak to nine straight matches. With three men down, it was a cakewalk for Real Sociedad maintaining their ninth spot in the league table. Real Sociedad 3 Cordoba 1.



Tuesday, March 31
Women’s Lacrosse
@ Dubuque
4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 1
Baseball
@ Lakeland
1 p.m.

Baseball
@ Lakeland
3 p.m.

Thursday, April 2
Women’s Lacrosse
vs. Carroll College
7 p.m.

Friday, April 3
Baseball
@ Maranatha Baptist
3 p.m.

Baseball
@ Maranatha Baptist
5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7
Baseball
@ Trine
3 p.m.

Baseball
@ Trine
5 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8
Women’s Lacrosse
@ Elmhurst College
7 p.m.