

PAC-10 PREVIEW

Dawgs face tougher test from Pac-10

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The 1992 Pacific-10 Conference could be described in one word: parity.

Washington is the obvious choice to successfully defend the conference title, but the gap has been closed between the Huskies and their Pac-10 opponents.

After the Washington comes a jumbled clump of teams that, with a timely win here and a Husky loss there, could dethrone the 'Dawgs and march into the Rose Bowl.

The California schools — Cal, Stanford, USC and UCLA — will give the Huskies the biggest challenges, as could Arizona State and possibly Washington State.

Here is a team-by-team analysis in predicted order of finish.

Washington Huskies



Last Year:
12-0, 8-0 in
Pac-10 (1st).
Defeated Michigan in Rose

Bowl.

Almost everyone who follows the Pac-10 expects Washington to successfully defend its Conference title this season except Husky head coach Don James.

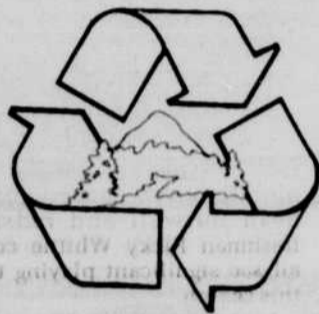
"The four best teams physically in the conference are the California schools," James said. "The rest of us will just try to keep up."

On offense, the Huskies are blessed with not one, but two outstanding quarterbacks in junior Billy Joe Hobert and senior Mark Brunell. James says that Hobert is currently the starter, but both quarterbacks will see action throughout the season.

The Huskies also return last year's star running back in Beno Bryant but lost their four

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