



Russell White overcame a bout with the chicken pox and could be the key to California overcoming the tough competition in the Pac-10.

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leading receivers from a year ago.

Washington's defense will suffer from the loss of Defensive Lineman Steve Emtman who left after his junior year and was the top pick in the NFL Draft. The Huskies still have six returning starters on defense, including three in one of the nation's best secondaries.

Coming off last season's national championship, James is taking a humble approach to the 1992 season.

"We are just as hungry as last season, just not as talented," James said.

Predicted Finish: 11-1, 7-1 in Pac-10.

Stanford Cardinal

STANFORD
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Last Year: 8-4, 6-2 in Pac-10 (tied for 2nd). Lost to Georgia Tech in

Aloha Bowl.

Bill Walsh returns to Stanford as head coach, making the Cardinal one of the most talked-about teams in the nation. The defense returns 10 starters from last year's team, but a lack of depth could hurt them if injuries become a problem. The offense lost five of last year's starting crew, including fullback "Touchdown" Tommy Vardell (1,084 yards, 20 TDs) and leading receiver Chris Walsh, (66 catches for 934 yards).

Returning is junior Steve Stenstrom, who led the Pac-10 in passing efficiency last season, completing over 60 percent of his passes. Walsh will no doubt get the most out of Stenstrom, which should be enough to keep the Cardinal near the top of the conference.

Predicted Finish: 8-4, 6-2 in Pac-10.

California Golden Bears

CALIFORNIA
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Last Year: 10-2, 6-2 in Pac-10 (tied for 2nd). Defeated Clemson in

Florida Citrus Bowl.

The Bears had their winningest season in decades last season, but the off-season brought with it an equal share of losses. Cal lost head coach Bruce Snyder to Arizona State, all Pac-10 quarterback Mike Pawlawski to graduation and leading rusher Russell White, (1,177 yards last year), to chicken pox. The latter

has returned after missing a couple weeks of practice, but the Bears will struggle to replace the other two.

Keith Gilbertson replaces Snyder and has the unenviable task of filling the shoes of 10 starters lost from last year's team. Gilbertson does have the

schedule in his favor. Cal could easily win its first four games before facing Washington and USC in back-to-back road games.

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