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Pac-10 race gets tight

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Way back in September, the Emerald sports department pumped out the mandatory Pac-10 predictions. Here's a look at what we said then and what we think will happen for the final five weeks of the season.

ARIZONA

Preseason prediction: 7-1 (conference), 10-1 (overall).

Revision: 7-1, 10-1.

Fun Fact: The Wildcat defense is giving up 17.2 inches a carry this season.

Arizona's play has been shaky as of late. Two last second wins over Stanford and Washington State have many wondering if the seventh-ranked Wildcats are for real.

The Wildcats will get the chance to prove it this weekend at UCLA. The winner of the game will have the inside track to the Rose Bowl.

The Wildcats continue to dominate on defense. So far this season, Arizona is giving up 15.1 rushing yards per game.

Arizona is the only team in the Pac-10 that has remained undefeated, and is one of only six teams nationally to be undefeated and untied. The Cats have a gruelling final four games with match-ups at UCLA, California and Arizona State. Their only home game remaining is against Oregon. They should win three of those games, but UCLA is hot and should be able to beat them.

WASHINGTON

Preseason pred.: 6-2, 9-2

Revision: 7-1, 9-2

Fun Fact: Still on probation. Still no bowl game.

The Huskies have done away with any thoughts they would fold because of the bomb dropped on them by the Pac-10. Their only losses have come on the road against third-ranked Ohio State, and to a red hot UCLA. The Huskies have the easiest schedule left in conference with games on the road at Arizona State and Oregon State, and home games against USC and Washington State.

Washington will be playing spoiler for the remainder of the season, and can virtually dash any hopes of a bowl appearance for the Trojans and the Cougars with a win over them.

PAC-10 STANDINGS

	PAC-10 OVERALL	
Arizona	4-0	7-0
UCLA	3-1	5-2
Washington	3-1	5-2
USC	3-1	4-3
Washington State	3-2	5-3
California	2-2	5-2
Oregon	1-3	4-3
Oregon State	1-4	3-5
Arizona State	1-3	3-4
Stanford	0-4	2-5

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UCLA

Preseason pred.: 4-4, 6-5

Revision: 6-2, 8-3

Fun Fact: Bruin quarterback Wayne Cook has thrown 12 touchdown passes in UCLA's last four games, 11 of those have been to J.J. Stokes.

Before nearly blowing up in all-of-a-sudden-tough Parker Stadium, the Bruins were on a roll. UCLA had to pull out all the stops last weekend in a 20-17 win over the Beavers, but in the three games prior to that, the Bruins averaged over 53 points a game.

UCLA opened the season with back-to-back losses at the hands of California and Nebraska, but haven't lost a game since. Cook continues to make a name for himself in a conference loaded with great quarterbacks, and has managed to lead the Bruins to second in the conference in total offense.

If the Bruins can beat Arizona this weekend, they will be in the driver's seat for the Rose Bowl.

CALIFORNIA

Preseason pred.: 3-5, 6-6

Revision: 5-3, 9-3

Fun Fact: After drawing 34,000 fans for its amazing 42-41 comeback win over the Ducks, the Golden Bears drew 55,000 the following week, only to lose on a dramatic Washington comeback 24-23.

Cal started 5-0 and after the Oregon win looked like the team to beat in the conference. Since then, the Washington schools have laid waste to any Golden Bear aspirations of a Rose Bowl appearance.

Now Cal must try and scrap for a number two or three finish in the conference. With the schedule the Bears have remain-

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