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## Pyle: Pac-10 has won 23 titles in last two seasons

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men's tennis (Stanford three consecutive seasons), no team outside the Pac-10 has ascended to the national throne.

Oh yeah, the Cardinal has been awarded the Sears Directors' Cup as the NCAA's best athletics program for two years running as well.

When comparing these impressive numbers with those of other conferences, the Pac-10's superiority becomes even clearer.

The ACC, widely considered the hotbed of collegiate sports, does not stand a chance. After it won two championships in 1995-96, the ACC's official web site was proud to highlight that the conference had a total of 23 titles in six seasons.

As aforementioned, the Pac-10 has 25 titles in the last two seasons.

Those stubborn folks on the East Coast often claim that the Pac-10 cannot stand up to their Eastern powerhouses in the major sports, such as football and men's basketball.

But somehow, we farmers, hip-

pies and surfers on the West Coast continue to be nationally successful in those sports as well.

Arizona's 1997 men's hoops title, Stanford's 1998 Final Four appearance and the Pac-10's 5-1 record in this season's bowl games are further proof of the conference's prowess.

Maybe the fact that the Pac-10 plays its games three hours later than its Eastern counterparts and, thus, its results don't make the East Coast's morning papers explains why it is not given its due respect.

Whatever the excuses, it is evident that somebody needs to send all those East Coast busybodies some sort of wake-up call informing them that the nation's best collegiate sports are played on the other coast.

Perhaps another handful of national championships and a bag of Chinese food will do the trick.

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