

Pac-10 trophy up for grabs in women's race

■ The women's Pac-10 title race comes down to the wire, with Arizona State in the lead

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Just two games separate the top three teams in the Pacific-10 Conference women's hoops race, and with two weeks left, it's anyone's ball game.

Arizona State (19-7 overall, 11-3 Pac-10) leads Washington by just a half game. The Huskies, who have beaten the Sun Devils twice this season, have three winnable games remaining (Washington State, USC and UCLA). The Sun Devils have four games left, which, on paper, appear much tougher; they're in Oregon this week and close conference play at home against California and Stanford (15-9, 9-5), a team that is also still in the hunt at third place.

Daugherty's Dawgs torch Stanford

Except for that little hump in Eugene, everything seems to be bouncing the Huskies' way this year.



Despite tying a Pac-10 record for the most three-point field goals, Stanford could not get past the Huskies in Seattle Sunday. The 95-87 victory keeps the Huskies in contention for their first conference title since 1990.

Against Stanford, Huskies head coach June Daugherty picked up her 200th career win.

"To do it against Stanford, at home, with a great crowd, and how well this team has fought all year, it's great for them," Daugherty said. "To play in games like this is why you come to the University of Washington."

Stanford's Lindsey Yamasaki scored a career-high 34 points against the Dawgs — including a

Women's Hoops

Arizona State	11-3, 19-7
Washington	11-4, 18-7
Stanford	9-5, 15-9
Arizona	8-6, 18-8
California	7-7, 11-13
Oregon	7-8, 14-11
Washington State	6-9, 11-14
Oregon State	6-9, 14-11
USC	4-10, 9-15
UCLA	3-11, 4-21

conference-record nine three-pointers — en route to being named the Pac-10 Player of the Week.

But Player of the Year candidate Megan Franza paced Washington with 21 points and five assists, leading her team to its seventh win in eight games.

To seal the game, Washington sank 16 of 20 free throws in the final two minutes.

"This is the most exciting game I've ever been a part of," Daugherty told The Seattle Times.

Oregon is the only Pac-10 team that the Huskies have not beaten this season.

A Devil of a time

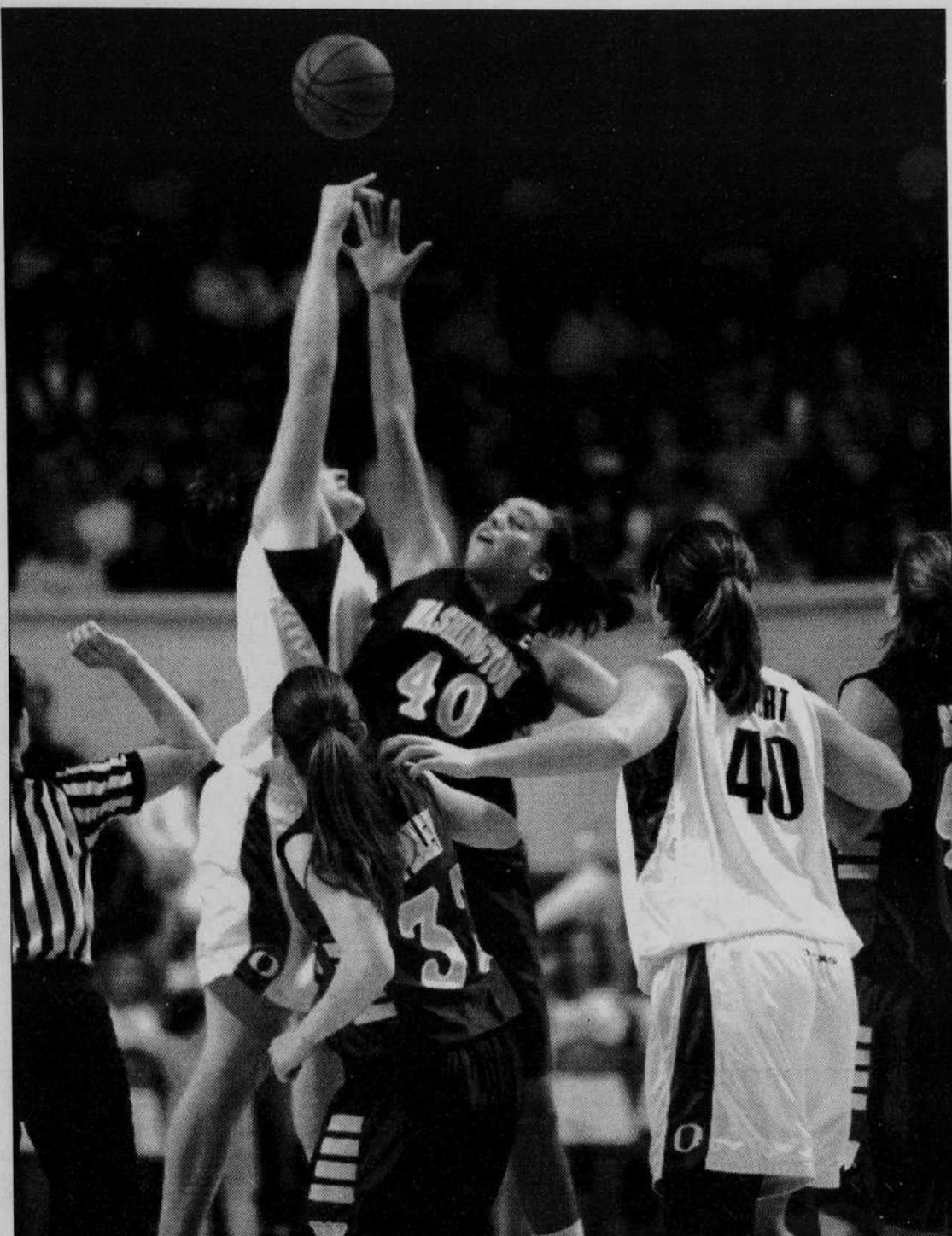
For the first time since 1993, Arizona State swept state rival Arizona.

It took an extra five minutes Sunday, but the Sun Devils pulled away with a 70-67 win to keep their stake of first place.

"I think we're very composed," Arizona State center Melody Johnson told The Arizona Republic. "When we're ahead by a lot, we don't lose our head, and when we're down we stay composed and pick away. That's a great quality about our team. We don't panic either way."

Arizona (18-8, 8-6) lost in Tucson for the first time in 14 games.

Portland native Betsy Boardman led the Sun Devils with 16 points, eight rebounds and four steals.



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Washington's Andrea Lalum helped her team beat Stanford Sunday, keeping the Huskies on track for the Pacific-10 Conference title.

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