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Stanford quarterback Randy Fasani has come back from injury and won two games, but the Cardinal will face always-dangerous San Jose State in the Bay Area this weekend.

Pac-10 teams hope to shine in six bowls

■ The Conference season is almost over, but two games and a bowl season are still ahead

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It's not over just yet. Besides the Civil War, two Pacific-10 Conference games remain on the docket this week. Both were originally scheduled for early September, but because of the terrorist attacks on the East Coast, the games will be played this weekend.

But after that comes the time for the Pac-10 to shine. While the final Bowl Championship Series on Dec. 9 will determine who goes where, as many as six teams may represent the conference when the bowls come calling — and many Pac-10 teams have already committed.

Arizona State at UCLA

Oh, UCLA, what happened to you? After a 6-0 start, four straight losses have put the Bruins (6-4 overall, 3-4 Pac-10) in a horrible position, bad enough to drop them to tie for sixth in the conference and a Silicon Valley Classic appearance. Of course, they need to handle the Sun Devils (4-6, 1-6) before looking ahead, as the Classic is an at-large bid, which does not guarantee a spot to UCLA.

If UCLA is to break out of its four-game slump, it will have to do it without running back DeShaun Foster, who has been suspended indefinitely, and quarterback Cory Paus, whom head coach Bob Toledo benched this week in favor of Scott McEwan. Toledo learned that Paus had been arrested twice in the last 15 months for driving under the influence.

"The only way he would play is if those other guys were hurt," Toledo told the Daily Bruin in regards to Paus' third-string demotion be-

hind McEwan and Ryan McCann. If the Bruins do take out the Sun Devils, they can most likely look forward to a date against Fresno State on Dec. 31 in San Jose, Calif. The Bulldogs, who were once the NCAA's Cinderella squad, feature senior quarterback David Carr, a sure-fire first-round pick in June's NFL draft.

Stanford at San Jose State

The Spartans are down and the Cardinal are up, but by no means is that a precursor of what is yet to come. Stanford (8-2, 6-2) has lost to San Jose State (3-8, 3-5 Western Athletic Conference) the last three years, and the two teams, separated by only 20 miles, have begun a little rivalry of their own.

The Spartans have senior running back Deonce Whitaker, once a front-runner for the Heisman Trophy. He no longer is on the list, but as he goes, so go the Spartans. Stanford, on the other hand, has gotten senior quarterback Randy Fasani back, and he's almost better than ever. In a 17-13 win over Notre Dame last week, he passed for a career-high 373 yards and four touchdowns but was also sacked four times.

But all of that won't matter, as the Cardinal will have revenge solely on their mind. If they lose, their seniors never will have beaten their South Bay rivals.

"There are a lot of reasons to want to beat them. I think anytime you have a team in your backyard — and I think they look at us in the same way — everyone likes

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