

# Pac-10 action centered on Golden State

Only four Pac-10 games will be played this week, but three of those take place in California

## Around the Pac-10

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This week in the Pacific-10 Conference, all roads lead to California. While Oregon hosts the Huskies in the northern-most matchup, Saturday's other three games will be played in Berkeley, Palo Alto and Los Angeles.

Washington State and UCLA have the week off, giving each team an extra week to rest up for its respective rivalry game Nov. 23. The rest of the Pac-10 will spend Saturday shuffling for a bowl game.

### Arizona (3-7, 0-6 Pac-10) at California (6-4, 3-3), 12:30 p.m.

California is having a season no one saw coming. After going 1-10 in 2001, the Golden Bears are currently 6-4, with their two remaining matchups against teams with losing records.

One of those teams, Arizona, has the last-place rushing defense in the Pac-10, as well as the last-place

standing in the Pac-10.

In last year's meeting, Arizona snapped a 10-game league losing streak with a 38-24 win at home. However, the Wildcats have lost 17 of their last 19 games, and are 2-12 in the Pac-10 under current head coach John Mackovic.

Tuesday night, 41 Arizona players met with university president Peter Likins, who, according to The Associated Press, told them not to give up on the season.

California doesn't have to worry about its players giving up this year.

"We're enjoying every minute of this season," Golden Bears tight end Tom Swoboda said.

California quarterback Kyle Boller earned Pac-10 Offensive Player of the Week honors after throwing for 213 yards and five touchdown passes in Saturday's 55-38 win over Arizona State.

Things are looking Golden for the Bears this week, and with a win over Arizona, they will guarantee their first winning record since 1993.

### Oregon State (6-4, 2-4) at Stanford (2-7, 1-5), 2 p.m.

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Running back Kenneth Tolon (26) scored the first Cardinal touchdown against Oregon on Nov. 2. Tolon has played a key part this season for Stanford's offense. Tolon and the rest of the Stanford squad face Oregon State in Palo Alto, Calif., this weekend.

## Arizona State looks to ride Trojan horse to victory

The Sun Devils will travel to USC in a contest that will determine both teams' bowl fate this year

### Game of the week

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### Arizona State (7-4, 4-2 Pacific-10 Conference) at No. 8 USC (7-2, 5-1), 4 p.m., TBS

In this week's sole clash of Pac-10 teams with winning records, Arizona State travels west to visit No. 8 USC.

While the Trojans have had the

advantage recently, winning three of the last four, the Sun Devils are the only Pac-10 team not on the losing side of a series with USC.

In last year's matchup, hosted by USC, the Trojans ended a four-game losing streak with their 48-17 victory. Trojan quarterback Carson Palmer threw for 295 yards and three touchdowns, completing 18 of his 26 passes. The USC defense took three interceptions from Arizona State after Sun Devil starting quarterback Jeff Krohn suffered an ankle injury in the second quarter.

Andrew Walter, Arizona State's current quarterback, has looked unstoppable against many teams this season. In Saturday's 55-38

loss to California, Walter passed for 477 yards and four touchdowns, giving him four games this season in which he has passed for 400 or more yards. Walter also broke the Arizona State single-season passing record, having already thrown for 2,992 yards.

"He's thrown more balls over 55 yards than guys should throw in a season," USC head coach Pete Carroll said.

Arizona State defensive end Terrell Suggs also broke a record Saturday. With 19.5 sacks this season, Suggs broke the Pac-10 and Arizona State single-season records for sacks. Suggs has 39.5 career sacks as a junior. The Arizona State record for ca-

reer sacks stands at 41.

USC can only hope to stop both Suggs and Walter, while Palmer looks to break a record Saturday.

Palmer currently stands second on the Pac-10 all-time lists for total offense and passing, and is seventh in touchdown passes. He needs only 290 yards to become the career passing leader for the Pac-10.

"Their offense fits together and when it's flowing nicely they are a tough team to stop," Arizona State head coach Dirk Koetter said.

USC has won its last four games, including a 44-33 win over Oregon at Autzen on Oct. 26, after a three-point loss in overtime to Washington State on Oct. 5.

Saturday, the Trojans defeated Stanford in a 49-17 blowout. Palmer threw for 317 yards and four touchdowns, and USC scored on seven of their twelve possessions while Palmer was in the game. Though for Palmer, it wasn't enough.

"I'm mad, I'm frustrated and I'm angry. The whole offense is," Palmer said. "We should have scored every time we had the ball."

Palmer and the Trojans may have more to be angry about after Saturday. The Sun Devils have a good shot at ending another four-game Trojan streak.

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## GO DUCKS!