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The Washington State University men's basketball team began the 2003-04 season on top of the world, made some history along the way and closed the campaign with a berth in the Pacific-10 Conference Tournament.

The Cougars opened the season at The Top of the World Classic in Fairbanks, Alaska and finished as the tournament runner-up. Marcus Moore led WSU with 14 points in a 66-46 triumph over VMI in the season opener. Moore added 20 points and Shami Gill pulled down 10 rebounds as the Cougars broke a 27-game road losing streak with a 57-51 win over tournament host Alaska Fairbanks and advanced to the title game.

Despite 16 points from Moore, the Cougars lost to Rice 64-49 in the championship tilt to fall to 2-1. Moore and Gill both earned all-tournament accolades.

After a disappointing loss at Southern Utah, the Cougars put together their first four-game winning streak since December, 1998.

WSU began the streak with a 66-46 victory over IPFW in the home opener. Thomas Kelati led the Cougars with 18 points. Randy Green came off the bench to tally 19 points as WSU routed TCU 73-52 in its next outing. Green's performance earned him a start at Montana and he responded with an 18-point effort as the Cougars knocked off the Grizzlies 64-50. WSU ran its record to 6-2 with a 62-55 win at home against Idaho behind 22 points, five assists and four steals from Moore.

The Cougars completed their nonconference schedule with losses at Fresno State and No. 15 Gonzaga before opening Pacific-10 play with a 73-51 loss at No. 5 Stanford.

In danger of falling back to .500, WSU registered a 55-50 win at California behind 15 points from Jeff Varem to raise its record to 7-5 and earn a split of the conference opening road trip. The win against the Golden Bears broke a 22-game road losing streak in Pac-10 games and a 31-game skid in California. It was also the first win in seven tries against the Golden Bears and the first since 1995 in Berkeley.

WSU's next two games were played at the Spokane Arena against UCLA and USC, respectively. A hard fought struggle

fifth highest scorer with 1,458 points.

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against the Bruins ended in a 48-45 loss when Thomas Kelati's 3-point attempt at the buzzer rimmed out. Two days later, WSU ended a nine-game losing streak to the Trojans with Varem's 22 points and seven rebounds leading the way.

Following the win against USC, the Cougars suffered losses at Oregon State and Oregon and at home to Washington as their record fell to 8-9, 2-5 Pac-10.

The Cougars then earned a much needed win by defeating Arizona State 63-56 at home as Varem scored 17 points. WSU nearly pulled off its first weekend sweep of the season when No. 9 Arizona visited Pullman. The game was tied 57-57 in the waning moments before the Wildcats escaped with a 61-57 victory despite 29 points from Moore.

The second half of the Pac-10 began the following week in Los Angeles and the Cougars made the most of their road trip.

Kelati scored 15 points and added five rebounds as WSU recorded a historic 55-48 victory at UCLA. The win broke a 22-game losing streak against the Bruins and was the first in 47 tries for the Cougars at UCLA, including 39 games at famed Pauley Pavilion.

WSU completed its first sweep of UCLA and USC in Los Angeles and just the 11th weekend road sweep since the Pac-



The scoreboard tells the story as WSU makes history in Los Angeles.

10 began play in 1978-79 with a 60-51 win over the Trojans. The victory also marked the first season sweep of USC since 1985-86 and ended a seven-game losing streak at USC. WSU's effort in Los Angeles earned it the ESPN.com Team of the Week.

				TOTAL	TOTAL	3-PTS	3PTS			REBOU	INDS	REBOU	INDS								
## PLAYER	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG-FGA	PCT	3FG-FGA	PCT	FT-FTA	PCT	OFF	DEF		AVG	PF	FO	Α	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
01 Moore, Marcus	29-29	978	33.7	146-392	.372	35-137	.255	65-82	.793	14	77	91	3.1	56	1	108	85	7	43	392	13.5
11 Kelati, Thomas	29-28	943	32.5	112-256	.438	71-160	.444	26-27	.963	12	71	83	2.9	66	5	65	42	10	38	321	11.1
45 Varem, Jeff	20-14	519	26.0	57-125	.456	7-23	.304	70-91	.769	25	58	83	4.2	57	2	37	55	7	17	191	9.6
22 Gill, Shami	29-28	796	27.4	61-138	.442	2-12	.167	47-57	.825	65	88	153	5.3	87	3	21	41	7	13	171	5.9
32 Ukeagu, Ezenwa	25-4	382	15.3	44-82	.537	0-0	.000	48-69	.696	44	49	93	3.7	37	0	6	16	3	1	136	5.4
12 Green, Randy	29-5	405	14.0	47-133	.353	25-75	.333	23-28	.821	14	24	38	1.3	20	0	13	12	0	27	142	4.9
05 Schlatter, Chris	29-21	793	27.3	50-134	.373	18-52	.346	16-27	.593	37	73	110	3.8	83	1	36	45	5	17	134	4.6
23 Paterick, T.J	9-3	146	16.2	8-16	.500	3-4	.750	2-2	1.000	1	5	6	0.7	7	0	12	8	1	5	21	2.3
25 Simmons, Isaiah	15-1	147	9.8	11-39	.282	4-10	.400	6-13	.462	10	9	19	1.3	12	0	12	9	2	1	32	2.1
55 Bellegarde, Justin	25-5	211	8.4	21-45	.467	0-0	.000	11-20	.550	11	27	38	1.5	44	0	3	9	5	6	53	2.1
21 Grant, Anthony	27-7	402	14.9	19-76	.250	13-51	.255	6-11	.545	6	23	29	1.1	28	0	14	15	3	7	57	2.1
03 Den Boer, Lance	14-0	74	5.3	8-26	.308	3-16	.188	5-7	.714	3	8	11	8.0	2	0	1	3	0	0	24	1.7
44 Garcia, Justin	7-0	17	2.4	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	2	2	4	0.6	3	0	0	1	0	1	4	0.6
33 Boyd, Cody	2-0	4	2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0
02 Ayers, Terry	3-0	8	2.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM										36	50	86	3.0	1	10						
Total	29	5825		586-1466	.400	181-540	.335	325-434	.749	280	564	844	29.1	504	12	328	352	51	176	1678	57.9
Opponents	29	5827		622-1360	.457	144-415	.347	342-496	.690	255	654	909	31.3	460	-	326	404	3	126	1730	59.7

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RECORD				
	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
All games	(13-16)	(6-6)	(6-8)	(1-2)
Conference	(7-11)	(3-6)	(4-5)	(0-0)
Nonconference	(6-5)	(3-0)	(2-3)	(1-2)

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1ST	2ND	OT	TOTAL
Washington State	726	943	9	1678
Opponents	851	865	14	1730

DEADBALL REBOUNDS

	OFF	DEF	TOTAL
Washington State	45	9	54
Opponents	64	10	74

Back over .500 at 11-10, 4-5, the Cougars suffered their third three-game losing streak of the season. Oregon State scored the final six points to defeat WSU 65-58 in Pullman to sweep the season series from the Cougars. In its next outing, WSU trailed by as many as 18 points early in the second half against Oregon. The Cougars rallied to force overtime before falling 67-62.

The Cougars appeared to have a win in hand in their next game leading by three with possession of the ball and a minute to play at Washington. However, the Huskies rallied for the final seven points and a 71-67 win that dropped the Cougars to 11-13, 4-8.

Again Arizona State was the remedy for WSU as the Cougars scored a season-high 83 points in a 13-point win at Tempe. A 72-60 loss at No. 17 Arizona followed despite a career-high 27 points from Kelati.

The Cougars returned home for the final week of the season needing at least one win to qualify for the Pac-10 Tournament.

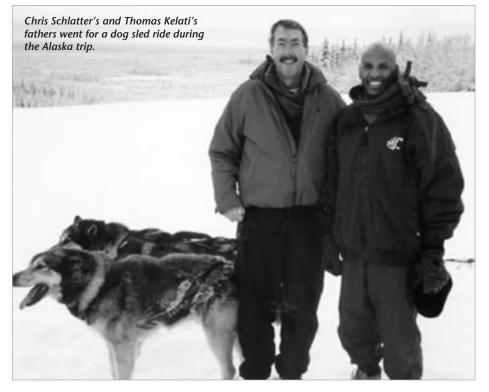
Top-ranked and undefeated Stanford came to the Palouse and, for the second time in two weeks, a seemingly sure Cougar victory ended in defeat. Over 8,000 fans were at Friel Court for the game against the Cardinal and they witnessed WSU erase a nine-point deficit and build a five-point advantage with 25 seconds remaining.

A rare four-point play cut the Cougars' lead to one. After WSU failed to inbound the ball, the stage was set for a dramatic finish. Stanford took possession with 17 seconds left and held for the final shot. A loose ball scramble ensued and Matt Lottich broke the hearts of Cougar fans with a falling away shot from well beyond the 3-point arc to give the Cardinal an improbable 63-61 win.

With one game left in the regular season, the story was simple for the Cougars. A win would earn a spot in the Pac-10 Tournament. A loss would end the season.

Moore, a senior, refused to let his career end. He led WSU with 17 points as the Cougars beat California 70-58. The win was the third season sweep of a Pac-10 opponent marking the first time in nine years the Cougars had accomplished the feat.

Washington State's season came to a close with a 68-47 loss to No. 2 Stanford in the first round of the conference tournament. The Cougars finished 13-16 to record their most victories since 1996-97. In addition, WSU won seven Pac-10 games and six road games, the most since 1995-96.



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WASHINGTON STATE SEASON 2003-04 RESULTS AND LEADERS

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT W/	L	SCORE	ATTEND	HIGH POINTS	HIGH	H REBOUNDS
11/20/03	8:30 p.m	% vs VMI	W	66-46	3757	(14)Moore	Marcus	(8)Gill, Shami
11/22/03	5:30 p.m.	% at Alaska Fairbanks	W	57-51	4250	(20)Moore	Marcus	(10)Gill, Shami
11/23/03	7:30 p.m.	% vs Rice	L	49-64	3404	(16)Moore	Marcus	(6)Gill, Shami
								(6)Ukeagu, Ezenwa
11/28/03	7:35 p.m.	at Southern Utah	L	36-55	1473	(13)Kelati,	Thomas	(10)Gill, Shami
12/01/03	7:05 p.m.	IPFW	W	66-46	1515	(3, 33 3 3,		(5)Schlatter, Chris (5)Gill, Shami (5)Ukeagu, Ezenwa
12/06/03	5:05 p.m.	TCU	W	73-52	2219	(19)Green,	Randy	(5)Kelati, Thomas
12/13/03	7:35 p.m.	at Montana	W	64-50	4204	. , ,	Randy	(7)Schlatter, Chris (7)Gill, Shami
12/20/03	2 p.m.	IDAHO	W	62-55	2174	(22)Moore	Marcus	(8)Ukeagu, Ezenwa
12/22/03	7 p.m.	at Fresno State	L	29-46	1335	4 (8)Moore,	Marcus	(5)Varem, Jeff
12/28/03	7 p.m.	at #15 Gonzaga	L	58-96	4000	(15)Kelati,	Thomas	(6)Schlatter, Chris
01/02/04	7 p.m.	* at #5 Stanford	L	51-73	6071	(15)Moore	Marcus	(4)Gill, Shami
01/04/04	6:05 pm	* at California	W	55-50	1015	4 (15)Varem,	Jeff	(6)Gill, Shami
01/08/04	7 p.m.	*#UCLA	L	45-48	2861	(13)Moore	Marcus	(9)Gill, Shami
01/10/04	1:07 p.m.	*#USC	W	76-61	3056	(22)Varem,	Jeff	(7)Varem, Jeff
01/15/04	8:07pm	* at Oregon State	L	41-52	5951	(9)Ukeagu,	Ezenwa	(6)Ukeagu, Ezenwa
01/17/04	5:15 p.m.	* at Oregon	L	45-60	9087	(9)Gill, Sha	mi	(13)Gill, Shami
01/24/04	4:07 p.m.	* WASHINGTON	L	62-75	6409	() ,	Jeff	(7)Schlatter, Chris
01/29/04	7 p.m.	* ARIZONA STATE	W	63-56	4724			(6)Gill, Shami
01/31/04	1:08 PT	* #9 ARIZONA	L	57-61	6154	(29)Moore	Marcus	(5)Moore, Marcus (5)Gill, Shami
02/05/04	7:30 p.m.	* at UCLA	W	55-48	7299	(15)Kelati,	Thomas	(5)Kelati, Thomas
02/07/04	8 p.m.	* at USC	W	60-51	4788	(14)Moore	Marcus	(6)Varem, Jeff
02/12/04	5:37 p.m.	* OREGON STATE	L	58-65	3947	(15)Varem,	Jeff	(3)Gill, Shami
02/14/04	2:07 p.m.	* OREGON	LOT	62-67	4123	(12)Moore (12)Green, (12)Kelati,	Randy	(6)Ukeagu, Ezenwa
02/19/04	7:00 p.m.	* at Washington	L	67-71	9055	(24)Kelati,	Thomas	(6)Gill, Shami
02/26/04	7 p.m.	* at Arizona State	W	83-70	8067	(21)Varem, (21)Moore,		(7)Gill, Shami
02/28/04	Noon	* at #17 Arizona	L	60-72	1457	7 (27)Kelati,	Thomas	(6)Kelati, Thomas
03/04/04	7:36 p.m.	* #1 STANFORD	L	61-63	8176	(14)Moore (14)Varem,		(9)Varem, Jeff
03/06/04	2:05 p.m.	* CALIFORNIA	W	70-58	5963	(16)Kelati,	Thomas	(7)Moore, Marcus
03/11/04	12:15 p.m.	\$ vs #2 Stanford	L	47-68		(17)Moore	Marcus	(5)Varem, Jeff

% BP Top of the World Classic (Fairbanks, Alaska) * Pacific-10 Game

\$ Pacific-10 Tournament

Moore and Kelati earned honorable mention all-conference honors and Moore closed his career with 1,458 points, fifth on WSU's all-time list. In addition, Moore's 168 steals and 423 assists ranked third and fourth, respectively in Cougar history.

As a team, the Cougars led the Pac-10 in scoring defense, giving up 59.7 points per game, the lowest average yielded by a Pac-10 team since Oregon State in 1984-85. WSU ranked in the top 15 nationally in scoring defense, free throw percentage and fewest turnovers committed per game.



WSU alumnus and current Montana athletics administrator Dan Ingram with his son Stockton prior the Cougars' game in Missoula.

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Opponent	Date	Score	W/L	MOORE	AYERS	DEN BOER	SCHLATTER	KELATI	GREEN	GRANT	GILL	PATERIC
vs VMI	11/20/03	66-46	W	14- 3- 2	DNP	3- 1- 1	8- 5- 1	9- 4- 6	7- 1- 1	3- 0- 0	6- 8- 2	2- 0
at Alaska Fairbanks	11/22/03	57-51	W	20- 3- 5	DNP	DNP	9- 7- 2	14- 2- 3	2- 2- 0	0- 1- 0	7-10-0	2- 0-
vs Rice	11/23/03	49-64	L	16- 3- 4	DNP	0- 0- 0	6- 4- 1	6- 2- 1	5- 4- 3	0- 1- 0	6- 6- 1	0- 3-
at Southern Utah	11/28/03	36-55	L	0- 3- 4	DNP	4- 1- 0	3- 5- 0	13-1-2	5- 3- 1	0-0-2	8-10-1	3- 1-
IPFW	12/01/03	66-46	W	12- 4- 2	DNP	2- 0- 0	3- 5- 2	18- 1- 1	7- 2- 0	0- 3- 0	6- 5- 1	4- 1-
TCU	12/06/03	73-52	W	18- 2- 6	0-0-0	2- 2- 0	0- 4- 1	11-5-4	19- 2- 0	1- 3- 0	8- 4- 0	7- 1-
at Montana	12/13/03	64-50	W	17- 6- 7	0-0-0	11- 5- 0	5- 7- 4	5-2-2	18- 3- 0	DNP	2- 7- 1	DN
IDAHO	12/20/03	62-55	W	22- 5- 5	DNP	0- 0- 0	0- 7- 3	6- 3- 2	13- 1- 0	DNP	6- 4- 0	DN
at Fresno State	12/22/03	29-46	L	8- 4- 3	DNP	0- 0- 0	0- 3- 0	6- 1- 0	2-1-2	0- 0- 0	4- 2- 0	DN
at #15 Gonzaga	12/28/03	58-96	L	13- 2- 4	0- 0- 0	2- 0- 0	9- 6- 1	15- 2- 0	10- 1- 0	0- 0- 0	2- 1- 0	DN
at #5 Stanford	01/02/04	51-73	L	15- 2- 6	DNP	DNP	8- 3- 0	8- 0- 1	0- 0- 0	3- 3- 1	6- 4- 1	3- 0-
at California	01/04/04	55-50	W	14- 3- 2	DNP	DNP	3- 4- 2	11-2-2	0- 0- 0	0- 2- 0	10- 6- 3	0- 0-
UCLA	01/08/04	45-48	L	13- 4- 5	DNP	DNP	11- 2- 2	7- 5- 1	0- 1- 0	2-1-2	4- 9- 1	0- 0-
USC	01/10/04	76-61	W	12- 4- 8	DNP	DNP	2- 4- 4	12-6-3	1- 0- 0	2- 1- 0	17- 5- 0	DN
at Oregon State	01/15/04	41-52	L	7- 1- 2	DNP	0- 1- 0	2- 5- 0	2-5-0	5- 0- 0	3- 1- 1	4- 3- 0	DN
at Oregon	01/17/04	45-60	L	5- 0- 2	DNP	0- 0- 0	8- 5- 2	8- 1- 3	2- 1- 0	3- 2- 0	9-13-0	DN
WASHINGTON	01/24/04	62-75	L	11- 0- 2	DNP	0- 0- 0	7- 7- 1	13-1-2	5- 2- 0	3- 0- 0	4- 4- 0	DN
arizona state	01/29/04	63-56	W	12- 1- 3	DNP	DNP	0- 3- 0	6-1-3	5- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	8- 6- 0	DN
#9 ARIZONA	01/31/04	57-61	L	29- 5- 1	DNP	DNP	0- 2- 0	7- 2- 1	6- 2- 3	0-0-2	4- 5- 1	DN
at UCLA	02/05/04	55-48	W	8- 4- 4	DNP	DNP	2- 2- 0	15-5-2	0-1-0	0- 0- 0	8- 4- 0	DN
at USC	02/07/04	60-51	W	14- 5- 1	DNP	DNP	11- 1- 1	13- 2- 2	0- 0- 0	2- 1- 0	3- 4- 0	DN
OREGON STATE	02/12/04	58-65	L	14- 2- 5	DNP	DNP	6- 2- 2	8- 2- 1	3- 0- 0	5- 2- 0	2- 3- 3	DN
OREGON	02/14/04	62-67	OL	12- 3- 2	DNP	DNP	8- 5- 2	12-5-5	12- 3- 1	0- 0- 0	4- 5- 3	DN
at Washington	02/19/04	67-71	L	13- 3- 4	DNP	DNP	5- 3- 1	24- 3- 2	8- 2- 2	11- 4- 1	4- 6- 2	DN
at Arizona State	02/26/04	83-70	W	21- 4- 5	DNP	DNP	5- 4- 2	14-6-7	4- 1- 0	7- 2- 3	4- 7- 0	DN
at #17 Arizona	02/28/04	60-72	L	5- 1- 2	DNP	0- 1- 0	2- 2- 2	27-6-3	0-2-0	6-0-2	4- 2- 0	DN
#1 STANFORD	03/04/04	61-63	L	14- 5- 4	DNP	DNP	8- 1- 0	12-4-3	3- 2- 0	3-1-0	7- 3- 0	DN
CALIFORNIA	03/06/04	70-58	W	16- 7- 6	DNP	DNP	0- 2- 0	16-0-1	0-1-0	3-1-0	10- 3- 0	DN
vs #2 Stanford	03/11/04	47-68	L	17- 2- 2	DNP	0- 0- 0	3- 0- 0	3- 4- 2	0- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	4- 4- 1	DN

Opponent	Date	Score	W/L	SIMMONS	UKEAGU	BOYD	GARCIA	VAREM	BELLEGAR
vs VMI	11/20/03	66-46	W	DNP	12- 5- 0	DNP	0- 0- 0	DNP	2- 5-
at Alaska Fairbanks	11/22/03	57-51	W	DNP	3- 4- 0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0- 4-
vs Rice	11/23/03	49-64	L	DNP	10- 6- 0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0- 0-
at Southern Utah	11/28/03	36-55	L	DNP	0- 1- 0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0- 0-
IPFW	12/01/03	66-46	W	DNP	6- 5- 1	DNP	2- 2- 0	DNP	6- 0-
TCU	12/06/03	73-52	W	0- 1- 0	7- 3- 1	DNP	0- 0- 0	DNP	0- 0-
at Montana	12/13/03	64-50	W	DNP	6- 4- 0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0- 0-
IDAHO	12/20/03	62-55	W	DNP	15- 8- 0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DN
at Fresno State	12/22/03	29-46	L	DNP	3- 4- 1	DNP	0- 2- 0	4-5-2	2- 3-
at #15 Gonzaga	12/28/03	58-96	L	2- 1- 1	3- 2- 2	DNP	DNP	0- 3- 0	2- 1-
at #5 Stanford	01/02/04	51-73	L	DNP	5- 1- 0	DNP	DNP	2- 2- 0	1- 1-
at California	01/04/04	55-50	W	DNP	2- 3- 0	DNP	DNP	15-5-1	0- 0-
UCLA	01/08/04	45-48	L	DNP	4- 3- 0	DNP	DNP	4- 3- 2	DN
USC	01/10/04	76-61	W	DNP	8- 3- 0	DNP	DNP	22- 7- 2	DN
at Oregon State	01/15/04	41-52	L	0- 1- 0	9- 6- 0	DNP	2- 0- 0	7-5-2	0- 1-
at Oregon	01/17/04	45-60	L	0- 1- 1	2- 2- 0	DNP	DNP	4- 4- 1	4- 2-
WASHINGTON	01/24/04	62-75	L	5- 2- 3	DNP	0- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	14- 3- 2	0- 1-
ARIZONA STATE	01/29/04	63-56	W	7- 3- 1	DNP	DNP	DNP	17-5-3	8- 3-
#9 ARIZONA	01/31/04	57-61	L	7- 1- 2	DNP	0- 0- 0	DNP	2-1-0	2- 3-
at UCLA	02/05/04	55-48	W	0-1-0	2- 3- 0	DNP	DNP	13- 3- 2	7- 2-
at USC	02/07/04	60-51	W	0- 0- 0	5- 4- 1	DNP	DNP	12-6-5	0- 2-
OREGON STATE	02/12/04	58-65	L	3- 1- 0	2- 2- 0	DNP	DNP	15-1-1	DN
OREGON	02/14/04	62-67	OL	0- 1- 0	7- 6- 0	DNP	DNP	0-1-1	7- 0-
at Washington	02/19/04	67-71	L	0- 0- 0	2- 5- 0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0- 0-
at Arizona State	02/26/04	83-70	W	DNP	3- 2- 0	DNP	DNP	21-5-2	4- 1-
at #17 Arizona	02/28/04	60-72	L	5- 2- 3	2- 3- 0	DNP	0- 0- 0	5- 4- 1	4- 4-
#1 STANFORD	03/04/04	61-63	Ĺ	0- 2- 1	DNP	DNP	DNP	14- 9- 5	0- 0-
CALIFORNIA	03/06/04	70-58	W	DNP	11- 5- 0	DNP	DNP	10- 6- 5	4- 5-
vs #2 Stanford	03/11/04	47-68	Ĺ	3- 2- 0	7- 3- 0	DNP	DNP	10- 5- 0	0- 0-