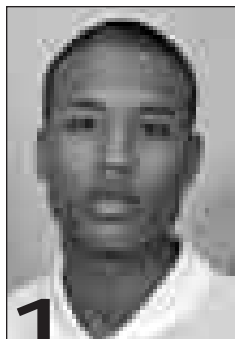


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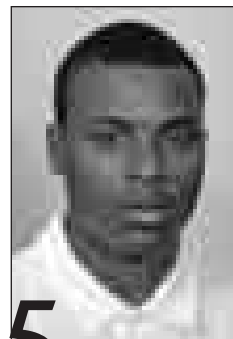
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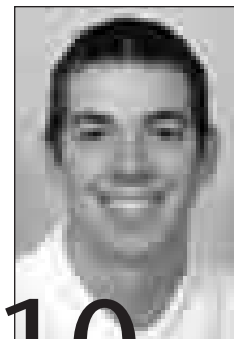
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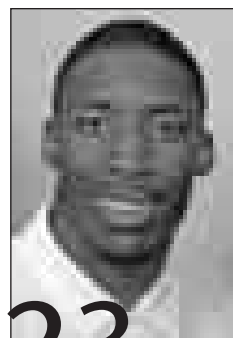
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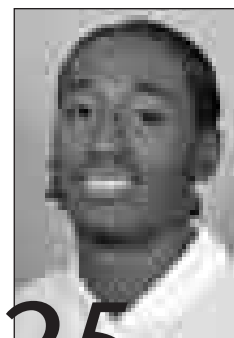
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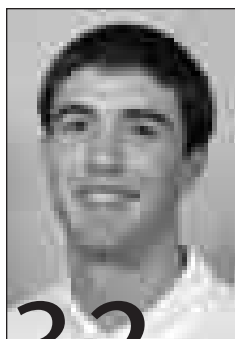
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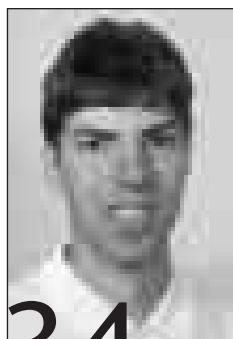
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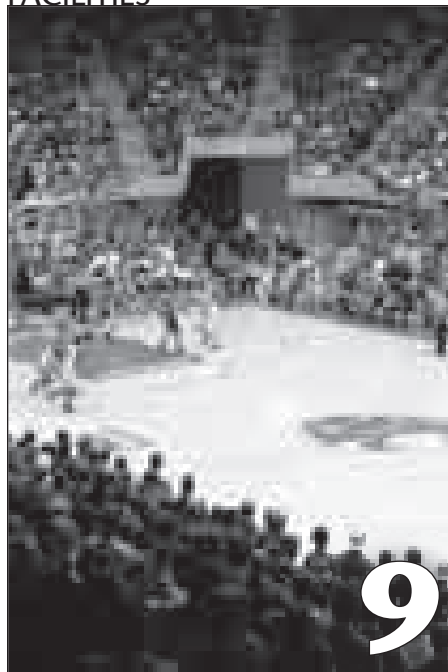
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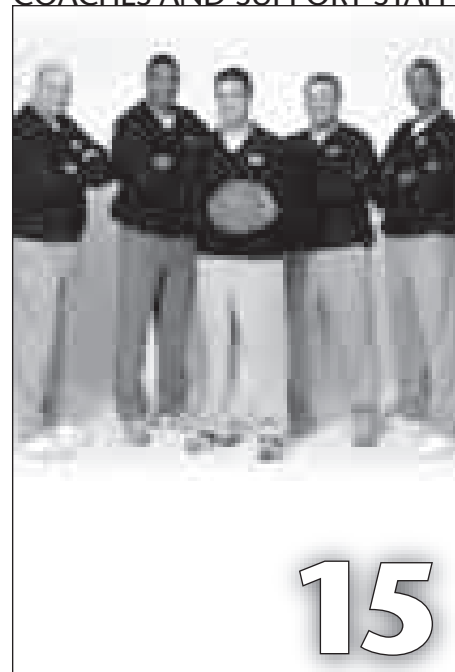
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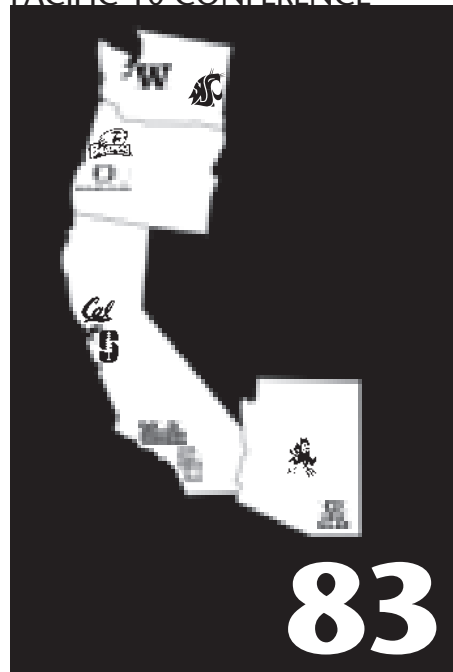
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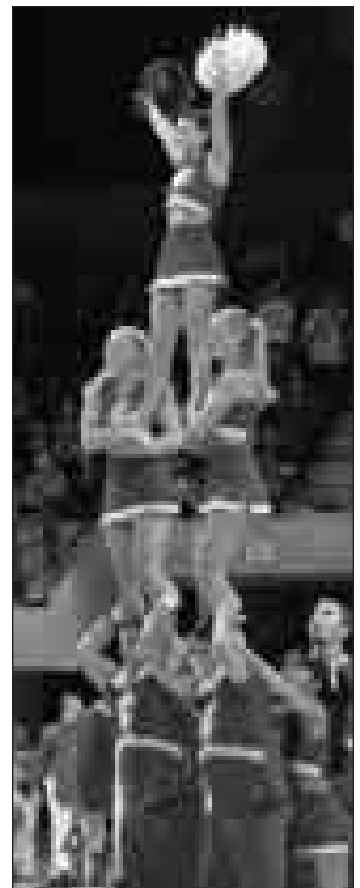
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COUGAR MEN'S BASKETBALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE LAST THREE SEASONS:

- Averaged attendance increased 26 percent compared to 1997-2003 seasons.
- Won 57-51 at Alaska Fairbanks, Nov. 22, 2003 to break 27-game road losing streak.
- Won 55-50 at California, Jan. 4, 2004 to break 31-game losing streak in California, 22-game Pac-10 road losing streak, six-game skid to Golden Bears and eight-game slide at California.
- Won 76-61 over USC in Spokane, Jan. 10, 2004 to halt nine-game losing streak to USC.
- Won 55-48 at UCLA, Feb. 5, 2004 for first victory at UCLA in 47 games, including 39 at Pauley Pavilion...broke 22-game losing streak to UCLA.
- Won 60-51 at USC, Feb. 7, 2004 to snap seven-game losing streak at USC...first season sweep of USC since 1985-86...completed first road sweep of Los Angeles schools in WSU history.



- Won 60-51 vs. Stanford in Spokane, Dec, 31, 2004 to break 17-game losing streak against Cardinal.
- Won 70-63 at No. 11 Arizona, Jan. 29, 2005 to break 38-game losing streak against Arizona...stopped 20-game losing streak at Arizona...first win in 35 tries against a ranked Arizona team...halted a 26-game road losing streak against ranked opponents and a 48-game skid overall against top 25 teams.
- Won 59-48 at Stanford, March 3, 2005 to break eight-game losing streak at Stanford...first home-and-home sweep of Stanford since 1992-93.
- Won 78-71 at No. 10 Washington, Jan. 7, 2006...first victory at Washington since 1994...first win in 57 games against a top 10 team on the road...broke 34-game losing streak to top 10 teams.
- Defeated No. 16 Washington 77-64, Feb. 4, 2006...first home-and-home sweep of the Huskies since 1994...first ranked opponent defeated at Friel Court since No. 25 California (89-87), Feb. 22, 1997 (23-game losing streak).



Cougars tear up ASU, pocket first Pac-10 win

Score one for the WSU offense



Cougars find their voice with Bennett

Cougars tame Dawgs

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THE COUGAR HEAD LOGO

In 1936, student Randall Johnson, class of 1938, designed the original Cougar head logo for Washington State College. It was used on the side of college trucks. In 1959, when the institution changed from college to university, he re-created the logo to incorporate the "U" in place of the "C." In 2002, WSU developed a new graphic identity. It employs the Cougar head within a crest, an internationally recognized symbol for higher education.

THE COUGAR NICKNAME

Washington State University students officially adopted the nickname "Cougars" October 28, 1919, three days after a reference to "cougars" was used in a football game story following WSU's upset 14-0 win at California. In the story, a Bay Area writer said the Pacific Northwest team "played like cougars" in upsetting the Bears.

THE VICTORY BELL

In the late 1800s, the victory bell was mounted on the ground in the center of campus; it rang to start and dismiss classes in those early days. Today, it is located at the Lewis Alumni Centre. A member of the Student Alumni Connection rings it after a WSU football win.



TRADITIONS

WASHINGTON, MY WASHINGTON

(WSU Alma Mater)

Washington, my Washington, The Crimson and the Gray!
'Tis the songs of memory That we sing today.
When the sad hours come to you And sorrows 'round you play,
Just sing the songs of Washington, The Crimson and the Gray,
Just sing the songs of Washington, The Crimson and the Gray!

Written by J. DeForest Cline, 1914



WSU FIGHT SONG

Fight, fight, fight for Washington State! Win the victory!
Win the day for Crimson and Gray!
Best in the West, we know you'll all do your best.
So on, on, on, on! Fight to the end!
Honor and Glory you must win!
So fight, fight, fight for Washington State and Victory!

Written by Zella Melcher (lyrics) and Phyllis Sayles (music), 1919

THE COUGAR MASCOT

In 1927, Governor Roland Hartley presented a cougar cub to the students of the University. This first cougar mascot was called Butch, to honor Herbert "Butch" Meeker of Spokane, who was WSU's football star at the time. Butch II was presented to the students by Governor Clarence D. Martin in 1938. Butch III and IV were twin cubs, presented by Governor Arthur B. Langlie in 1942. Governor Langlie presented Butch V in 1955. Butch VI, the last live mascot on campus, died in the summer of 1978. He had been presented to WSU by Governor Albert Rosellini in 1964 from the Seattle Zoo. Today, WSU students in a "Butch the Cougar" mascot costume rally school spirit at athletic contests, including football games and other events.



FACILITIES



Friel Court



The Washington State men's basketball team enters its 34th straight season at Friel Court inside the Wallis Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum. WSU won its 200th game all-time at the venerable facility Dec. 2, 1998 when the Cougars defeated Portland State 74-71.

The Cougars first moved to Friel Court Dec. 1, 1973, and christened their new home with an 80-78 victory over Louisiana State in front of 9,000 fans.

WSU has earned a postseason berth six times while calling Friel Court home. The 1979-80 season marked the first of those six occasions as the Cougars advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since the 1940-41 team finished as the national runner-up.

The Cougars won 12 of 13 games at Friel in 1979-80 and drew a season-record 110,206 fans. George Raveling's squad won its last four games at home that season, including a 69-51 win over fourth-ranked Pacific-10 champion Oregon State, Feb. 16 in front of a then-Friel Court record 12,327 fans.

The 1982-83 season saw the Cougars return to the NCAA Tournament on the strength of a perfect 14-0 record at Friel. The season finale was a thriller as WSU's Bryan Pollard's tip-in at the buzzer gave the Cougars a 70-68 victory over sixth-ranked UCLA triggering a Friel Court record crowd of 12,422 to storm the court in celebration.

Kelvin Sampson's 1991-92 Cougar team advanced to the National Invitational Tournament and finished the season 22-11, including a 14-3 record at Friel. WSU notched its 20th win in a season for the first time since 1982-83 when it defeated No. 8 USC 82-68, March 8 in Pullman.

Two years later, the Cougars made their first of three consecutive postseason appearances as Sampson guided WSU to a 20-11 season. That year, WSU was 10-3 at home, including a 94-82 victory over 16th-ranked California in the final game of the regular season, March 12.

Kevin Eastman's first season as head coach on the Palouse, 1994-95, saw the Cougars post an 18-12 record and advance to the quarterfinals of the National Invitational Tournament.

WSU won 13 of its 15 games at Friel, including four wins over ranked opponents. The Cougars swept 17th-ranked California (83-71, Jan. 5) and 23rd-ranked Stanford (77-63, Jan. 7) to begin Pacific-10 play. WSU made it three straight home wins over ranked opponents with an 83-78 victory over 17th-ranked Oregon, Jan. 19. The final home game of the year resulted in an 84-71 win over 15th-ranked Arizona State, March 4.



The 1995-96 campaign marked WSU's most recent appearance in the postseason as the Cougars advanced to the second round of the National Invitational Tournament and finished with an 18-11 record.

The Cougars recorded a 9-3 mark at Friel and drew 97,284 fans, second most in school history. WSU's biggest home win came March 14 when the Cougars defeated Gonzaga 92-73 in the first round of the National Invitational Tournament.

In 2000-01, WSU recorded 10 wins at Friel, the most since the 1994-95 squad went 13-2 in Pullman.

WSU knocked off No. 16 Washington 77-64, Feb. 4, 2006 to complete the Cougars first home-and-home sweep of the Huskies in 12 years.

Friel Court has been the site of NCAA first and second round games (1975, 1982 and 1985). In fact, Friel Court was the first stop on UCLA's 1975 NCAA title run, the 10th and final championship for head coach John Wooden. The Bruins needed overtime to defeat Michigan 103-91.

The court, which currently seats 11,566 for basketball, was formally dedicated in honor of longtime Washington State Head Coach Jack Friel, who directed the Cougars to the 1941 NCAA title game. In the spring of 1981, the coliseum was named in honor of past Washington State Vice President Wallis Beasley.

The first athletic event held in the coliseum was a National Basketball Association exhibition game between the Seattle SuperSonics and the Portland Trail Blazers Sept. 25, 1973. The first University event held at the facility was the Washington State commencement June 3, 1973. Commencement has been held there every year since.

FRIEL COURT RECORDS

Year	G	W	L	Pct.	Att.	Average
1973-74	10	4	6	.400	66,000	6,600
1974-75	12	5	7	.417	78,700	6,558
1975-76	12	11	1	.769	83,350	6,946
1976-77	10	8	2	.800	93,852	9,385
1977-78	11	8	3	.727	73,914	6,719
1978-79	10	7	3	.700	82,383	8,238
1979-80	13	12	1	.923	110,206	8,477
1980-81	13	5	8	.385	80,061	6,159
1981-82	12	7	5	.583	76,300	6,358
1982-83	14	14	0	1.000	96,127	6,866
1983-84	12	5	7	.417	63,500	5,292
1984-85	13	8	5	.620	47,100	3,623
1985-86	13	8	5	.620	61,279	4,714
1986-87	11	8	3	.727	37,050	3,368
1987-88	13	6	7	.462	55,829	4,295
1988-89	11	5	6	.454	36,308	3,301
1989-90	14	5	9	.357	45,957	3,282
1990-91	10	6	4	.600	56,060	5,606
1991-92	17	14	3	.824	79,697	4,688
1992-93	12	9	3	.750	65,559	5,463
1993-94	13	10	3	.769	79,030	6,079
1994-95	15	13	2	.867	87,603	5,840
1995-96	12	9	3	.750	97,284	8,107
1996-97	11	6	5	.545	57,775	5,252
1997-98	11	5	6	.455	45,701	4,155
1998-99	11	6	5	.545	51,527	4,684
1999-2000	13	5	8	.385	45,140	3,472
2000-01	14	10	4	.714	39,972	2,855
2001-02	14	6	8	.429	32,094	2,292
2002-03	14	6	8	.429	32,334	2,310
2003-04	10	5	5	.500	45,404	4,540
2004-05	10	5	5	.500	49,071	4,907
2005-06	13	8	5	.615	49,358	3,797
Total (33)	404	249	155	.616	2,101,525	5,280

SPOKANE ARENA

The Cougars' home away from home



For the 12th consecutive year, the Spokane Arena will serve as the “home away from home” for the Washington State men’s basketball team. Located just 75 miles north of Pullman, the Spokane Arena and WSU have teamed to host the 1997 NCAA Women’s Volleyball Championship, the 2001 NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship West Regional and the 2003 NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Championship First/Second Rounds. The most recent event was named the Festival and Event of the Year at The Inland Northwest Tourism Awards. The venue will also serve as host for the 2007 NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball Championship First/Second Rounds and the 2008 Spokane Regional during the NCAA Division I Women’s Basketball Championship.



TICKET INFORMATION

Spokane Arena Box Office

800-325-seat

509-325-seat

Online: www.ticketswest.com

G&B Ticket Outlets

KEYARENA

For the second straight season, the Cougar men's basketball team will travel to the Emerald City for a "home" game when WSU hosts San Diego State, Dec. 21 at KeyArena. Located at the Seattle Center, on the north side of downtown Seattle, KeyArena opened in 1995 and seats over 17,000 for basketball. Owned and operated by the city of Seattle, the venue is home to the NBA's Seattle SuperSonics and WNBA's Seattle Storm. The site has also served as host for the 1999 and 2004 NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship First/Second Rounds.

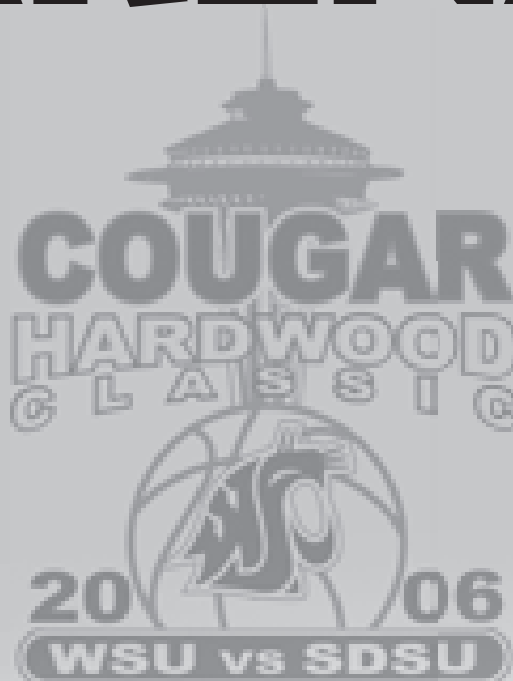


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COUGAR PRACTICE FACILITY

Prior to the 2004-05 season, the Washington State University athletics department opened a practice facility exclusively for the Cougar men's and women's basketball teams. It is the first time the basketball programs have had a practice facility they can call their own.

The court provides student-athletes and coaches with the state of the art facilities that are synonymous with Washington State University.

Located in the physical education building, the facility is available year round for workouts and practices. The floor markings at the facility were painted to match Friel Court at Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum, site of Cougar home games.



THE PAC-10 CONFERENCE