

Pac-10 Conference



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Entering the 2005-06 season, the Pacific-10 Conference continues to uphold its tradition as the "Conference of Champions."® Pac-10 members have claimed an incredible 90 NCAA team titles over the past 11 seasons, for an average of more than eight championships per academic year.

Even more impressive is the breadth of the Pac-10's success, as those 90 team titles have come in 21 different men's and women's sports. The Pac-10 has led the nation in NCAA Championships 39 of the last 45 years and finished second five times.

Spanning nearly a century of outstanding athletics achievement, the Pac-10 has captured 342 NCAA titles (248 men's, 94 women's), far outdistancing the runner-up Big Ten Conference's 201 titles.

The Conference's reputation is further proven in the annual United States Sports Academy Directors' Cup competition, the prestigious award that honors the best overall collegiate athletics programs in the country. STANFORD continued its remarkable run in the 2004-05 season, winning its 11th consecutive Directors' Cup. In the 2004-05 competition, seven of the top-20 Division I programs were Pac-10 members: No. 1 STANFORD, No. 3 UCLA, No. 10 USC, No. 11 ARIZONA STATE, No. 14 WASHINGTON, No. 15 CALIFORNIA and No. 18 ARIZONA. The Pac-10 landed six programs in the top-15, twice as many as any other conference, with the ACC and SEC at three each.

The Pac-10 captured six NCAA titles in 2004-05, third-most in the nation. It should be noted that the Pac-10 total does not include USC's national championship in football or CALIFORNIA's in rugby, as they are not counted as NCAA titles. The Pac-10 tied the Big 12 for the most NCAA titles in women's sports with four.

NCAA team champions from the Pac-10 in 2004-05 came from UCLA (men's tennis, men's water polo and women's water polo), STANFORD (women's volleyball and women's tennis) and CALIFORNIA (women's rowing). The Pac-10 also had runner-up finishes in eight NCAA Championship events: women's golf (UCLA), soccer (UCLA) softball (UCLA), track and field (UCLA) and water polo (Stanford) and men's water polo (Stanford), swimming (Stanford) and volleyball (UCLA). Overall, the Conference had 20 teams finish in the top three at NCAA Championship events.

Participation in the postseason was a common occurrence for the Pac-10 in 2004-05. Of the 22 sports sponsored by the Pac-10, 19 witnessed at least half its teams participating in the postseason. The men sent 55 of a possible 89 teams into the postseason (61.8 percent), while the women sent 68 of a possible 98 teams into NCAA Championship action (69.4 percent).

The Pac-10 experienced continued success in football as the league sent five teams to bowl games. USC claimed its third consecutive Pac-10 crown and second straight national championship, capping a 13-0 season with a dominating 55-19 win against Oklahoma in the FedEx Orange Bowl. Overall, the Pac-10 went 3-2 in postseason bowl games, the best record among the BCS conferences, with ARIZONA STATE, OREGON STATE, CALIFORNIA and UCLA also earning bids.

USC quarterback Matt Leinart won the Heisman Trophy, the second Trojan to win the award in three years. USC and CALIFORNIA found themselves ranked in the top 10 nationally at the conclusion of the season, finishing first and ninth, respectively.

The Pac-10 also showed its worth on the basketball court, as it sent four teams into the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship. Two teams advanced to the Sweet Sixteen for the fifth time in nine seasons. The ARIZONA Wildcats captured their 11th Pac-10 regular-season title, while the WASHINGTON Huskies claimed the Pacific Life Pac-10 Tournament title, their first. On the women's side, five teams competed in the NCAA Tournament, third-most among the major conferences, while three teams concluded the season ranked among the national Top 25, the most in seven years. STANFORD and ARIZONA STATE reached the Sweet Sixteen. The Cardinal advanced to a regional final for the second straight year, on the heels of a record-tying fifth consecutive Pac-10 championship and third straight State Farm Pac-10 Tournament title. The Conference also landed a freshman on the Kodak All-America Team.

The Conference continued its dominance in softball as all eight teams earned trips to NCAA regional play for the fourth time, the last being 2003. UCLA advanced to the first Women's College World Series Championship Series, losing a 10-inning thriller in the third and deciding game. It marked the 15th time a Pac-10 team has finished as the runner-up in the WCWS, as opposed to a nation-leading 18 national championships. For the first time in Conference history, four Pac-10 teams tied for first place to share the league title — ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, OREGON STATE AND STANFORD.

The Conference also swept NCAA team tennis and water polo honors. Stanford captured the women's tennis title while UCLA garnered the men's tennis, men's water polo and women's water polo hardware. Women's volleyball proved to be another showcase of Pac-10 talent, as a record six teams advanced to NCAA regional action. The Pac-10 had three teams in the national semifinals — STANFORD, USC and WASHINGTON — while the Cardinal won its sixth NCAA title, the Pac-10's 12th volleyball crown overall. The Huskies claimed their first Pac-10 volleyball title.

On the men's side, Pac-10 members have won 248 NCAA team championships, far ahead of the the 188 claimed by the runner-up Big Ten. Men's NCAA crowns have come at a phenomenal rate for the Pac-10 - 15 basketball titles by five schools (more than any other conference), 49 tennis titles, 45 outdoor track and field crowns, and 24 baseball titles. Pac-10 members have won 23 of the last 36 NCAA titles in volleyball, 31 of the last 46 in water polo, and 20 total swimming and diving national championships.

Individually, the Conference has produced an impressive number of NCAA men's individual champions as well, claiming 1,096 NCAA individual crowns.

On the women's side, the story is much the same. Since the NCAA began conducting women's championships in 1981-82, Pac-10 members have claimed at least four national titles in a single season 16 times. Overall, the Pac-10 has captured 94 NCAA women's crowns, easily outdistancing the Southeastern Conference, which is second with 63. Pac-10 members have dominated a number of sports, winning 18 softball titles, 16 tennis crowns, 10 of the last 15 volleyball titles, 11 of the last 16 trophies in golf and eight in swimming and diving.

Pac-10 women athletes shine nationally on an individual basis as well, having captured an unmatched 439 NCAA individual titles, an average of more than 19 champions per season.

The roots of the Pacific-10 Conference go back nearly 90 years to December 15, 1915, when the Pacific Coast Conference (PCC) was founded at a meeting at the Oregon Hotel in Portland, Ore. Original membership consisted of four schools - the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Washington, the University of Oregon, and Oregon State College (now Oregon State University). All still are charter members of the Conference.

Pacific Coast Conference play began in 1916. One year later, Washington State College (now Washington State University), was accepted into the Conference, and Stanford University joined in 1918.

In 1922, the PCC expanded to eight teams with the admission of the University of Southern California and the University of Idaho. Montana joined the Conference in 1924, and in 1928, the PCC grew to 10 members with the addition of UCLA.

The Pacific Coast Conference competed as a 10-team league until 1950, with the exception of 1943-45, when World War II curtailed intercollegiate athletic competition to a minimum. In 1950, Montana resigned from the Conference and joined the Mountain States Conference. The PCC continued as a nine-team Conference through 1958.

In 1959, the PCC was dissolved and a new Conference was formed - the Athletic Association of Western Universities. Original AAWU membership consisted of California, Stanford, Southern California, UCLA, and Washington. Washington State became a member in 1962, while Oregon and Oregon State joined in 1964. In 1968, the name Pacific-8 Conference was adopted.

Ten years later, July 1, 1978, the University of Arizona and Arizona State University were admitted and the Pacific-10 Conference became a reality. In 1986-87, the league took on a new look, expanding to include 10 women's sports.

Currently, the Pac-10 sponsors 11 men's sports and 11 women's sports. Additionally, the Conference is a member of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) in four other men's sports and two other women's sports.

Edwin N. Atherton was named the Conference's first Commissioner in 1940. He has been succeeded by Victor O. Schmidt (1944), Thomas J. Hamilton (1959), Wiles Hallock (1971), and current Commissioner Thomas C. Hansen in 1983.

The Pacific-10 Conference offices are located 25 miles east of San Francisco in Walnut Creek, Calif.

2004-05 PACIFIC-10 CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL FINAL STANDINGS

CONFERENCE						OVERALL					
	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUT
Arizona* (NCAA)	15	3	.833	8-1	7-2	30	7	811	15-1	8-3	7-3
Washington** (NCAA)	14	4	.778	9-0	5-4	29	6	829	15-0	6-5	8-1
UCLA (NCAA)	11	7	.611	6-3	5-4	18	11	.621	12-3	6-5	0-3
Stanford (NCAA)	11	7	.611	7-2	4-5	18	13	.581	10-2	5-6	3-5
Oregon State (NIT)	8	10	.444	8-1	0-9	17	15	.531	12-2	2-10	3-3
Arizona State (NIT)	7	11	.389	4-5	3-6	18	14	.563	13-5	4-7	1-2
Washington State	7	11	.389	4-5	3-6	12	16	.429	6-6	6-9	0-1
Oregon	6	12	.333	4-5	2-7	14	13	.519	9-5	3-7	2-1
California	6	12	.333	3-6	3-6	13	16	.448	8-9	5-6	0-1
USC	5	13	.278	3-6	2-7	12	17	.414	7-7	2-10	3-0

^{* -} Pac-10 regular season champion

PAC-10 HONORS

ALL-PAC-10						
NAME	SCHOO	L POS	YR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
Ike Diogu	ASU	F/C	Jr.	6-8	250	Garland, Texas (Garland HS)
Channing Frye	ARIZ	C	Sr.	6-11	248	Phoenix, Ariz. (St. Mary's HS)
Dan Grunfeld	STAN	G	Jr.	6-6	215	River Hills, Wis. (Nicolet HS)
Chris Hernandez	STAN	G	Jr.	6-2	190	Fresno, Calif. (Clovis West HS)
Thomas Kelati	WSU	G	Sr.	6-5	194	Walla Walla, Wash. (Walla Walla HS)
David Lucas	OSU	F	Sr.	6-8	246	Tigard, Ore. (Tigard HS)
Nate Robinson	WASH	G	Jr.	5-9	180	Seattle, Wash. (Rainier Beach HS)
Tre Simmons	WASH	G	Sr.	6-5	195	Seattle, Wash. (Green River CC)
Salim Stoudamire	ARIZ	G	Sr.	6-1	179	Portland, Ore. (Lake Oswego HS)
Dijon Thompson	UCLA	G/F	Sr.	6-7	198	Inglewood, Calif. (Redondo Union HS)

Honorable Mention (also receiving votes): Hassan Adams (ARIZ, Jr., F), Aaron Brooks (ORE, So., G), Will Conroy (WASH, Sr., G), Nick DeWitz (OSU, Jr., F), Jordan Farmar (UCLA, Fr., G), Matt Haryasz (STAN, Jr., F), Brandon Roy (WASH, Jr., G).

PAC-10 ALL-FRESHMAN

NAME	SCHOOL	POS	HT	WT	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
Arron Afflalo	UCLA	G	6-5	200	Compton, Calif. (Centennial HS)
Jordan Farmar	UCLA	G	6-2	180	Van Nuys, Calif. (Taft HS)
Malik Hairston	ORE	G	6-6	200	Detroit, Mich. (Renaissance HS)
Gabe Pruitt	USC	G	6-4	170	Los Angeles, Calif. (Westchester HS)
Bryce Taylor	ORE	G	6-5	200	Encino, Calif. (Harvard-Westlake HS)

Honorable Mention (also receiving votes): **Robbie Cowgill (WSU, C)**, Sasa Cuic (OSU, F/C), **Derrick Low (WSU, G)**, Josh Shipp (UCLA, G/F), Joel Smith (WASH, G/F), Nick Young (USC, G/F).

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Ike Diogu, Arizona State FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR: Jordan Farmar, UCLA COACH OF THE YEAR: Lorenzo Romar, Washington NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Nick DeWitz, Oregon State



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2005 INDUCTEES

Pete Williams, Arizona Joe Caldwell, Arizona State Darrall Imhoff, California Gail Goodrich, UCLA Blair Rasmussen, Oregon Ed Lewis, Oregon State John Rudometki, USC Rich Kelley, Stanford Jack Nichols, Washington Gene Conley, Washington State

^{** -} Pacific Life Pac-10 Tournament champion