

Washington State will face off against Arizona State in the pair's first match since 2019

Washington State's high ranking in the PAC-12 conference will be tough for Arizona to beat as they both enter their 15th game of the season.

Arizona will host the game at the Sun Devil Soccer Stadium at 7 p.m. this Friday. You can watch the game on the PAC-12 Network and PAC-12.com with a subscription.

The two teams have always been neck and neck with each other, with ASU winning 13 games and WSU winning 10. The last time the pair faced off was in 2019. They went into double overtime but ended the game with a 0-0 tie. This year, PAC-12 coaches have favored Washington State over Arizona. Washington is currently ranked at #2 in the conference standings while Arizona is ranked at #11.

Arizona and Washington could not have more opposite seasons so far. The Washington State Cougars started off the conference with a winning streak, coming out on top of the Arizona, Colorado, and Utah games. Last Thursday, they faced their first loss of the conference against Stanford but recouped before their Sunday game against California where they won 2-0. Arizona has had a rough start, beginning the conference with zero wins and one tie against the University of Washington.

Freshman Nadia Cooper just recently broke WSU's record for longest shutout streak in women's soccer, clocking in at a whopping 523:56 minutes. Her competitor, Giulia Cascapera, started in all but one game at ASU and earned

Pac-12 Goalkeeper of the Week on March 15, 2020. She collected five shutouts to tie at #10 in the single-season record books last season.

Both teams have decorated players. WSU's Brianna Alger and Sydney Studer both earned all-region honors. ASU's Lieske Carleer earned All-Pac-12 honors in 2020 and Olivia Coleman was awarded 03 ECNL Captain, U15 GDA Captain and U16 GDA Captain. However, Washington is still favored heavily to win. If Arizona can pull off a victory against Washington it will soar their rankings in the conference standings.