

## Washington State loses winning streak against Stanford

WSU beats their record for longest shutout while they face their first loss in the PAC12 Conference.

On Thursday, October 7 the stands were filled at the Lower Soccer Field as WSU prepared for their fourth conference game against Stanford. Fans were dressed in gray and Crimson and hopeful that Washington State would take home their fourth win of the conference. WSU was on a three-game winning streak beating out #7 Colorado 2-0 just days prior. Stanford had won two of the three conference games prior to the Thursday game. While the matchup was fairly even, the night ended with a Stanford win of 1-0.

The defense at the game was very strong and there was not an attempted shot until 12 minutes into the game. Mid-way through the first half, Stanford senior Naomi Girma scored against WSU goalkeeper Nadia Cooper giving them their only point of the night.

Prior to the game, Cooper had a shutout streak of 495:00 just 17 minutes away from the all-time high held by Gurveen Clair in 2013. She beat out Clair in the Stanford game bringing the new record to 523:56. Cooper is a freshman and Clair was a senior when she broke the record. "For a freshman to do that in this conference, especially with the last couple games, it's pretty outstanding so we're excited and hopeful about her and her future here," said Washington State Coach Todd Shulenberger.

The game was very physical and each team had a fair amount of fouls. Washington State ended the night with seven and Stanford with eight. At the

beginning of the second quarter, Stanford's Samantha Williams accidentally headbutted Washington State's Mykiaa Minniss in the face. Minnis was taken off the field and did not play the rest of the game.

Washington State has not won against Stanford's team since 2013. With the win, Stanford moved from #4 in the conference to #3 and WSU moved from #1 to #2 right behind USC who just won their fourth game on Thursday against Colorado. With both teams leading the conference right now the game was bound to be a close match. Coach Shulenberger is ready for the California Game on Sunday and believes that this game will give them a push to bounce back, "This game could have gone either way tonight...I don't even call this a loss because we haven't really been beat yet and we're ready for Sunday's game and we're going to bounce back."