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IN BRIEF

SPOKANE

Season surpasses record snow mark

It's official. It's been the snowiest season on record.

As of 5 p.m. Sunday, the National Weather Service in Spokane recorded a seasonal snow total of 93.6 inches at Spokane International Airport, besting a record set in 1949-'50.

The past two winters now rank as No. 1 and No. 3, respectively, on the all-time list of snowiest in Spokane. Snow records have been kept locally since 1893.

The snow was expected to taper off Sunday night and give way to gusty west winds and cool conditions today. The forecast for the week ahead? Unsettled, with cool and breezy conditions. Forecasters expect some mountain snow and valley rain on Tuesday, with similar storms set to return late in the week.

Snowiest winters

This is the snowiest winter on record for Spokane.

1	2008-09	93.6"
2	1949-50	93.5"
3	2007-08	92.6"
4	1974-75	89.0"
5	1992-93	87.3"
6	1955-56	83.2"
7	1964-65	81.7"
8	1996-97	80.5"
9	1951-52	79.6"
10	1968-69	77.5"

*Total snowfall as of noon Monday

SOURCE: National Weather Service

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