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KSC SPACE SHUTTLE STATUS REPORT
Monday, Sept. 18, 1995

Touchdown of [Endeavour](#) occurred on Runway 33 at the [Shuttle Landing Facility](#) at 7:37:56 a.m. EDT this morning. At wheels stop, the STS-69 mission elapsed time was 10 days, 20 hours, 29 minutes, 52 seconds.

The orbiter was towed from the runway starting at 11:22 a.m. and arrived in front of OPF Bay 3 at 12:50 p.m. Work will now begin to establish access, offload residual cryogenic reactants, and open the payload bay doors. The Wake Shield Facility and the Spartan will be removed from Endeavour's payload bay next Saturday, Sept. 22. Spartan will be transported to the Multipurpose Processing Facility (MPPF) in the KSC Industrial Area. The Wake Shield Facility will be taken to NASA Hangar AE on Cape Canaveral Air Station. Removal of the of the Spartan data tapes and the Wake Shield Facility samples are expected to occur in the early part of next week.

The STS-69 astronauts are scheduled to return to Houston about 4 p.m. EDT today. The solid rocket boosters from Endeavour's launch have been inspected and no hot gas paths to the nozzle O-ring seals were observed.

Meanwhile, on STS-73, the launch pad is closed today for ordnance work. When the pad reopens later tonight [Columbia](#)'s aft main engine compartment closeouts will begin. All activity at this time is on schedule for a launch at 9:35 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28.

Other activity scheduled this week includes countdown preparations in Firing Room 3, installing the contingency EVA spacesuits into Columbia's airlock, installation of the flight crew equipment lockers in the mid-deck area, charging of the experiment support equipment in the USML-2 laboratory, purging the external tank to condition it for its load of liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen, and top off of the pad storage tanks with those propellants.

The [STS-73](#) countdown begins at 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25. The astronauts will arrive at KSC on Monday at 7 a.m.

In OPF Bay 2, preparations are underway on [Atlantis](#) for the Interface Verification Test (IVT) of the Russian MIR-2 Docking Module on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Repair of the STS-74 solid rocket boosters will be performed in the Vehicle Assembly Building starting Sept. 24. Atlantis' rollover to the VAB is scheduled to occur on Oct. 2. Launch is targeted for Nov. 2.

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