

# 2008 CALIFORNIA BASEBALL

## 2008 CALIFORNIA BASEBALL FACTS AND FIGURES

School: University of California  
 Location: Berkeley, Calif. 94720  
 Enrollment: 33,000  
 Founded: 1868  
 Nickname: Golden Bears  
 Colors: Blue and Gold  
 Conference: Pacific-10  
 Chancellor: Robert J. Birgeneau  
 Athletic Director: Sandy Barbour  
 Head Coach: David Esquer (Stanford, 1987)  
 Years at Cal: Ninth season  
 Career Coaching Record: 263-234-2 (.529)  
 Assistant Coach: Dan Hubbs  
 Assistant Coach: Jon Zuber  
 Volunteer Assistant: Tony Americh  
 Trainers: Brian Schulman, Ryan Curran  
 Director of Operations: Stefan Shakiba  
 2008 Record: 33-19-2 (12-12 Pac-10 Conference)  
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*Junior shortstop  
Michael Brady*



*Junior left fielder Charlie Cutler and junior first baseman David Cooper*



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### ON THE FRONT COVER

Cal's 2008 Postseason Honor Candidates junior right-hander Tyson Ross, junior first baseman David Cooper, freshman right-hander Kevin Miller, junior right-hander Matt Gorgen and senior second baseman Josh Satin.

### ON THE BACK COVER

The Bears' Postseason Honor Candidates sophomore center fielder Brett Jackson, sophomore right fielder/right-handed pitcher Blake Smith, sophomore catcher Dylan Tonnison, junior left fielder Charlie Cutler and sophomore third baseman Jeff Kobernus.



# GOLDEN BEAR BASEBALL

## THE SCHEDULE

The California Golden Bears (33-19-2, 12-12, fourth in the Pac-10, ranked 17th in Collegiate Baseball, 20th in *Baseball America*) enter the Long Beach Regional as the No. 3-seeded team and will face the No. 2-seeded University of San Diego Toreros (41-15, ranked seventh in *Baseball America*)...the Long Beach Regional goes from Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1...other teams in the Long Beach Regional bracket are No. 1 seed Long Beach State (37-19, ranked 22nd in *Baseball America*) and No. 4 seed Fresno State (37-27).

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Fri.	May 30	University of San Diego	Blair Field, Long Beach, Calif.	2:00 p.m. PDT

## RADIO

KALX Radio (90.7 FM) will broadcast all Cal games at the Long Beach Regional with Duncan Wold announcing...broadcast of the Bears game at the Long Beach Regional will be available on a KALX link available on the Cal website, [www.calbears.com](http://www.calbears.com).

## SERIES RECORD

Cal has a 2-2 all-time series record against No. 7-ranked University of San Diego, last defeating the Toreros, 5-0, on Mar. 2 at the University of San Diego Tournament...the Bears have a 62-57 all-time record against Fresno State, twice defeating the Bulldogs this season: 14-4, Feb. 28 at the University of San Diego Tournament, and, 5-4, Apr. 2 at Evans Diamond...Cal has a 30-26 all-time record against No. 22-ranked Long Beach State, sweeping the 49ers 6-1, 10-6 and 4-3 Mar. 28-30 at Evans Diamond...this season, the Bears are 21-7-2 at Evans Diamond, 9-10 on the road and 3-2 at neutral sites...Cal was 12-12 in Pac-10 games, 1-0-1 versus Stanford in non-conference games and 20-7-1 versus non-conference opponents...the Bears are 6-0 against the Long Beach Regional field and 9-6-1 this season against teams currently ranked in *Baseball America's* Top-25 poll.



Head coach  
David Esquer

## REGIONAL INFORMATION

The 2008 Long Beach Regional is held at Long Beach State's Blair Field...the four-team double elimination tournament begins Friday, May 30 at 2 p.m. with the Cal-University of San Diego game, followed by the Fresno State-Long Beach State game at 6 p.m....game times for Saturday are 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. as well...if the Bears win Friday, they will play the winner of Fresno State-Long Beach State at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 31.

## CAL HEAD COACH DAVID ESQUER

Esquer, 43, is in his ninth season at Cal with a career record of 263-234-2 (.529). In 2001, he was Pac-10 Coach of the Year after leading the Bears to a 34-25 mark and a berth to the NCAA regional in Baton Rouge, La. (1-2). Thirty nine Cal players have signed professional contracts since Esquer became coach, including first-round picks **Brandon Morrow** (RHP, Seattle, fifth overall) in 2006 and **Conor Jackson** (1B, Arizona, 19th overall) in 2003. On June 10, 1999, Esquer became the 10th coach in Cal baseball history, which began in 1892. He came to Berkeley after serving as the top assistant at Pepperdine from 1996-99, and the No. 2 assistant at Stanford from 1991-96. A shortstop at Stanford from 1984-87, he was a starter on the 1987 College World Series championship team as a senior, earning all-tournament honors.

## BEAR NOTES

The California baseball team (ranked 17th in *Collegiate Baseball* and 20th in *Baseball America*) are 33-19-2 overall and 12-12 in the Pac-10 after a thrilling 7-6, 10-inning victory over UCLA on May 25 in which senior second baseman **Josh Satin** hit the game-winning homer in his final at-bat at Evans Diamond...the Golden Bears also received a stellar effort from sophomore right fielder/pitcher **Blake Smith** who hit two home runs in the game and earned the win with 2.2 innings of relief...Cal's .630 winning percentage so far this season is the school's best since the 1985 squad finished 42-24 (.636)...the Bears' 33 wins are their most regular-season wins since the 2005 squad finished 34-23...Cal, under head coach **David Esquer** and led by Satin, junior first baseman **David Cooper** and junior right-hander **Tyson Ross**, among others, is making its first NCAA regional appearance since 2001 when they went 1-2 at the Baton Rouge, La. Regional...this is the Bears' 10th regional appearance all-time where it owns a 22-11 record...Cal has also qualified for the College World Series five times, most recently in 1992 under coach Bob Milano....in the school's history, five of the nine times the Bears have gone to an NCAA regional, they have gone on to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. (1947 NCAA Championship was held in Kalamazoo, Mich.), twice winning the national title (1947, 1957), including the first-ever national championship in 1947 (defeating former President George Bush's Yale team, 8-7, in the title game)...Cal has a 32-17 (.653) overall record in postseason play, including a 22-11 (.667) mark in regional play and 10-6 (.600) record in World Series games...for more information on the Cal players, check the 2008 season in review story and the Bears individual player bios...Cal was predicted to finish fifth in the Pac-10 Coaches' Preseason Poll.

# 2008 SEASON IN REVIEW

## TENTATIVE CALIFORNIA LINE-UP

No.	Pos.	Player	2008 stats
31	DH	Rich Gorman, So.	.263, 20 RBI, 4 HR
16	LF	Charlie Cutler, Jr.	.333, 19 RBI, 2 HR
18	1B	David Cooper, Jr.	.363, 55 RBI, 19 HR
3	2B	Josh Satin, Sr.	.388, 52 RBI, 18 HR
4	CF	Brett Jackson, So.	.320, 40 RBI, 4 HR
33	C	Dylan Tonneson, So.	.315, 33 RBI, 6 HR
37	RF	Blake Smith, So.	.295, 41 RBI, 11 HR
23	3B	Jeff Kobernus, So.	.308, 27 RBI, 3 HR
26	SS	Michael Brady, Jr.	.247, 29 RBI, 5 HR
44	RHP	Tyson Ross, Jr. (Fri.)	7-3, 4.40 ERA

Junior first baseman  
David Cooper



## UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

The University of San Diego Toreros (ranked No. 6 in *Collegiate Baseball* and No. 7 in *Baseball America*), coached by Rich Hill (10th year at USD, 350-234-3, .599), are 41-15, 16-5 in the West Coast Conference...top hitters for the Toreros are sophomore right fielder James Meador (.385, 6 HR, 51 RBI), senior second baseman Kevin Hansen (.347, 1 HR, 36 RBI) and junior first baseman Jose Valerio (.344, 5 HR, 24 RBI)...USD's tentative starting pitcher is standout junior left-hander Brian Matusz (11-2, 1.88 ERA)...

## 2008 PAC-10 STANDINGS

	CONFERENCE				OVERALL			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	T	.PCT
ASU	16	8	.667	---	45	11	0	.804
Stan	14	10	.583	2.0	33	21	2	.607
UCLA	13	11	.542	3.0	31	25	0	.554
Ariz	12	12	.500	4.0	38	17	0	.691
<b>CAL</b>	12	12	.500	4.0	33	19	2	.630
Wash	11	13	.458	5.0	33	22	0	.600
OSU	11	13	.458	5.0	28	24	0	.538
USC	11	13	.458	5.0	28	28	0	.500
WSU	8	16	.333	8.0	30	26	0	.536

## 2008 GOLDEN BEARS EARN REGIONAL BERTH

The 2008 California baseball team, under the direction of head coach David Esquer, definitely has earned its spot among the nation's elite this season. The Golden Bears are currently 33-19-2 overall and finished 12-12 in the Pac-10, arguably the toughest conference in the nation. The Golden Bears are ranked No. 17 in *Collegiate Baseball* and No. 20 in *Baseball America* and won Pac-10 series at Washington State, versus two-time defending national champions Oregon State, versus Washington, versus preseason No. 1-ranked Arizona and at No. 16-ranked Stanford. Cal is 13-7-1 versus ranked teams this season, including sweeping then-No. 5-ranked Long Beach State, Mar. 28-30, in Berkeley. Another highlight for the Bears is winning three of four games against ranked teams Feb. 28-Mar. 2 at the University of San Diego Tournament, including shutting out the host Toreros, 5-0, and winning nine-straight games from Mar. 1-15.

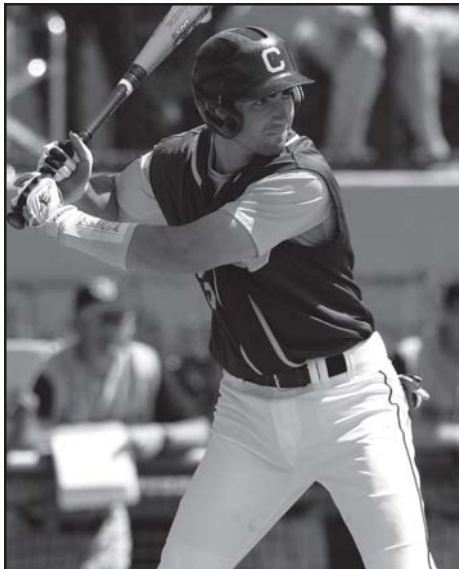
"We are extremely happy to be in the NCAA tournament," said Esquer, whose Bears had a thrilling 7-6 10-inning victory over UCLA Sunday on Satin's game-winning home run. "Our kids have worked hard all season and deserve to be in a regional. We are in as tough of a bracket as any in the tournament, but you are always going to have to defeat good teams to advance."

In all, Cal captured seven series this season, as well as winning three of four games at the University of San Diego Tournament and sweeping all three games at the University of Minnesota Tournament in the Metrodome. The Bears are second in the Pac-10 with a .308 team batting average and are second in the league with 71 home runs. Cal also has several players ranked in the top 10 in the conference's statistical categories.



Junior left-hander Craig Bennigson





Senior second baseman Josh Satin

**A QUICK THUMBNAIL OF THE BEARS' TOP PLAYERS INCLUDE:**

Junior first baseman **David Cooper** is a semifinalist for the Dick Howser Trophy, USA Baseball's Golden Spikes Award and the Wallace Award as the national player of the year. Cooper is batting .363 with 14 doubles, 19 home runs (2nd in the Pac-10, 4th on Cal's single-season HR list) and 55 RBI (8th in Pac-10). He also has 55 runs (6th in Pac-10), a .698 slugging percentage (5th in Pac-10), a .455 on-base percentage (7th in Pac-10), 148 total bases (2nd in Pac-10), 37 walks (8th in Pac-10) and is fifth in the Pac-10 with 77 hits. Cooper was the Apr. 1 Pac-10 Player of the Week.

Cooper is a transfer from Cal State Fullerton, where as a freshman he was a member of the 2006 College World Series All-Tournament team. He flirted with a College World Series record with seven consecutive hits, tying Terry Francona (1980) and one short of Dave Magadan (1983) and Barry Bonds (1984). Cooper led all players at the 2006 World Series with a .533 average (8-for-15) with five RBI.

Senior second baseman **Josh Satin** is a semifinalist for USA Baseball's Golden Spikes Award and the Wallace Award as the national player of the year. Satin is batting .388 with 11 doubles, 18 home runs (5th in Pac-10) and 52 RBI. He is also sixth in the Pac-10 in total bases (140), 10th in hits (73), sixth in runs scored (55), fourth in slugging percentage (.745), third in walks (46) and second in on-base percentage (.508). Satin hit safely in the first 22 games this season and had a school-record a 27-game hitting streak from May 20, 2007-Mar. 29, 2008. He was the Mar. 4 Pac-10 Player of the Week.

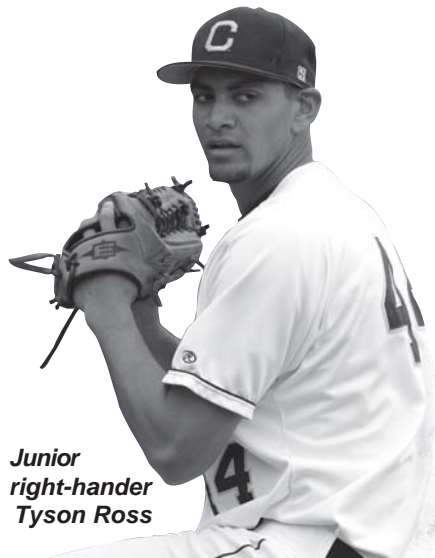
Junior right-hander **Tyson Ross** is 7-3 with 4.40 ERA in 11 starts, and has 62

strikeouts in 71.2 innings. Ross has twice been selected as the Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week – Feb. 26 when he one-hit Kansas State, and Apr. 1 after defeating then-No. 5-ranked Long Beach State. He is projected to be a first-round draft pick in the June Major League Amateur Draft. Ross has 267 career strikeouts, third on the Cal all-time list. His match-up against San Diego's junior left-hander Brian Matusz (11-2, 1.88 ERA) is considered one of the nation's best match-up in regional competition.

Freshman right-hander **Kevin Miller** is 6-1 with a 2.56 ERA (1st in Pac-10) in 20 appearances (five starts) and has 67 strikeouts in 70.1 innings. Miller also leads the conference with an opponent batting average of .186. He started his college career not allowing an earned run in his first 44.0 innings and is on the Wallace Award Watch list.

Junior right-hander **Matt Gorgen** is 2-2 with a 3.20 ERA and nine saves (3rd in Pac-10, second on the Cal single-season save list) in 27 appearances (5th in Pac-10). Gorgen also has 42 strikeouts in 39.1 innings and opponents are batting .257. He was May 13 Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week and is on the watch list for the NCBWA Stopper of the Year Award. In 87 career appearances, Gorgen now has 151 strikeouts in 140.0 innings, and is second on Cal's career save list (20 saves, one behind Mitch Hawley, 21, 1978-81). His twin brother, Scott, is a standout starting pitcher for UC Irvine.

The Bears have several other compelling stories that have led to their successful 2008 season. Junior left fielder and team captain **Charlie Cutler** is batting .333 and had a game-winning RBI May 9 at Stanford. Cutler had started the season as Cal's catcher, but was out Feb. 23-Mar. 18 after breaking his little finger, and has come back to secure the left field position and the No. 2 spot in the batting order.



Junior right-hander Tyson Ross



Senior right-hander Alex Rollin

Sophomore center fielder **Brett Jackson** is batting .320 with seven doubles, four triples, four home runs and 40 RBI and also leads the Bears with 12 stolen bases. Jackson had a grand slam against Arizona this season. Sophomore right fielder/right handed reliever **Blake Smith** is another standout sophomore for Cal. Smith, who is batting .295 with 10 doubles, two triples, 11 home runs and 41 RBI, is also one of the Bears' top relievers. He is 3-0 with a 3.26 ERA on the mound, with 32 strikeouts in 19.1 innings. Smith hit a grand slam against Fresno State on Apr. 2. And, on May 25 against UCLA, hit two home runs and picked up the win in relief.

Yet another top sophomore for Cal is third baseman **Jeff Kobernus**, who was a Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American last year, and this season is batting .308 with 13 doubles, two triples, three home runs and 27 RBI. Kobernus hit a grand slam against Loyola Marymount on Mar. 14.

Rounding out the Bears' regular starting line-up is sophomore catcher **Dylan Tonneson** and junior shortstop **Michael Brady**. Tonneson replaced the injured Cutler behind the plate early in the season and never left. He has been one of the team's most consistent hitters, batting .315 with 12 doubles, six home runs and 33 RBI. Brady has anchored the shortstop position with a strong arm, while batting .247 with two doubles, three triples, five home runs and 29 RBI.

Sophomore **Rich Gorman** has seen the majority of the team's duties as designated hitter, where he is batting .263 with eight doubles, four home runs and 20 RBI. Gorman twice led-off games with home runs against Loyola Marymount on Mar. 15-16.



# 2008 GOLDEN BEAR PROFILES



**CRAIG BENNIGSON** 27  
*Pitcher Junior*  
*Bats: Right Throws: Left*  
*Height: 6-2 Weight: 215*  
*Experience: 2V*  
*Hometown: Benicia, Calif.*  
*High School: Benicia*

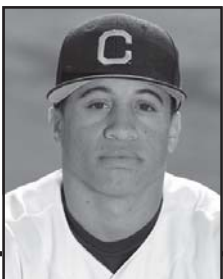
Is 4-4 with a 6.79 ERA in 19 appearances...has 58 strikeouts in 62.1 innings...lost in May 24 start vs. UCLA (0.2 inning, three hits, four runs, two walks, one strikeout)...won in start May 10 at Stanford (6.0 innings, seven hits, two runs, two walks, four strikeouts)...no decision in start vs. Arizona May (4.0 innings, three hits, three walks, three strikeouts)...lost in relief Apr. 26 at Arizona State (1.1 innings, two runs, one walk, two strikeouts)...lost in relief Apr. 19 vs. Washington (2.1 innings, five hits, one earned run, three walks, two strikeouts)...lost Apr. 12 start at USC (3.0 innings, seven hits, six runs, three walks, two strikeouts)...had three strikeouts in 1.1 innings of relief vs. Stanford Apr. 7...no decision vs. Oregon State Apr. 5 (2.1 innings, four hits, three runs, three walks, one strikeout)...**no decision vs. Long Beach State Mar. 29 (4.1 innings, four hits, six runs, three walks, six strikeouts)**...no decision at Washington State Mar. 21 (5.1 innings, nine hits, four runs, two walks, three strikeouts)...no decision vs. Loyola Marymount Mar. 15 (4.2 innings, 13 hits, eight earned runs, five strikeouts)...won at Minnesota Mar. 8 (6.1 innings, five hits, one run, four walks, career-high 10 strikeouts)...won at San Diego State Mar. 1 (career-high 8.0 innings, four hits, three runs, four walks, seven strikeouts)...won Feb. 23 vs. Utah Valley (7.0 innings, four hits, one run, one walk, six strikeouts)...2007 HM All-Pac-10...majoring in American studies...parents are Harry and Gail Bennigson...born March 21, 1987 in San Rafael, Calif.

**BENNIGSON'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	ERA	G	GS	CG	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2006	5.70	24	2	0	0	2	0	36.1	42	24	23	14	24
2007	3.34	26	7	0	5	3	0	70.0	75	38	26	30	50
2008	6.79	19	11	0	4	4	0	62.1	75	55	47	40	58
Total	5.12	69	20	0	9	9	0	168.2	192	117	96	84	132

**CAREER BESTS**

Most Strikeouts: 10, Mar. 8, 2008 at Minnesota  
 Most Innings Pitched: 8.0, twice, last time Mar. 1, 2008 at San Diego State  
 Longest Winning Streak: Six games, Mar. 28, 2007 – Mar. 8, 2008  
 Longest Losing Streak: 3, twice, last time Apr. 12-26, 2008



**AUSTIN BOOKER** 1  
*Infield Freshman*  
*Bats: Left Throws: Right*  
*Height: 5-10 Weight: 165*  
*Experience: RS*  
*Hometown: Fairfax, Va.*  
*High School: Robinson*

Is batting .364 (4-for-11, .500 vs. Pac-10) with three RBI in 15 games...**knocked in RBI vs. Fresno State Feb. 28**, vs. New Mexico Mar. 9 and vs. Arizona May 4...batting .667

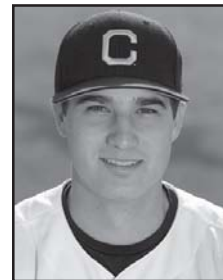
(2-for-3) with runners in scoring position...undeclared major...father, Rod, went on to play five years in the major leagues for the Philadelphia Phillies and the St. Louis Cardinals...is also a distant relative of Jackie Robinson...parents are Rod and Kathryn Booker... born April 11, 1988 in Pasadena, Calif.

**BOOKER'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2008	.300	14	10	1	3	3	0	0	0	4	3	0

**CAREER BESTS**

Most Hits: 1, four times, last time May 23, 2008 vs. UCLA (1-for-1)  
 Most Runs: 1, Apr. 12, 2008 at USC  
 Most RBI: 1, three times, last time May 4, 2008 vs. Arizona (1-for-1)  
 Career Grand Slams: None  
 Longest Hitting Streak: None



**MICHAEL BRADY** 26  
*Infield Junior*  
*Bats: Right Throws: Right*  
*Height: 6-1 Weight: 205*  
*Experience: 1V*  
*Hometown: Laguna Beach, Calif.*  
*High School: Santa Margarita*

Is batting .247 (42-for-170, .205 vs. Pac-10) with two doubles, three triples, five home runs and 29 RBI...had a career-high 11-game hitting streak from Mar. 8-28 (14-for-40, .350, 3B, 2-HR, seven RBI)...went 1-for-2 with a triple and RBI vs. Arizona May 4...was a career-high 3-for-5 with a home run and two RBI at USC Apr. 13 and hit a two-run homer Apr. 15 at Pacific...went 2-for-4 with a triple and four RBI vs. Oregon State Apr. 5, and 2-for-4 with four RBI vs. Santa Clara Apr. 9...was 5-for-11 (.455) with two home runs and three RBI vs. Loyola Marymount Mar. 14-16...hit first career triple Mar. 9 vs. New Mexico...has had eight two-hit games this season...majoring in American studies...parents are Tim and Ellen Brady...born March 21, 1987 in Laguna Beach, Calif.

**BRADY'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2006	.167	12	12	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
2007	.271	47	144	27	39	26	6	0	4	5	35	2
2008	.247	53	170	27	42	29	2	3	5	19	43	6
Total	.255	112	326	57	83	55	8	3	9	25	81	8

**CAREER BESTS**

Most Hits: 3, three times, last time Apr. 13, 2008 at USC (3-for-5, HR, two RBI)  
 Most Runs: 3, twice, last time May 9, 2008 at Stanford  
 Most RBI: 5, Apr. 29, 2007 vs. Arizona State (3-for-4, 2-HR)  
 Career Grand Slams: None  
 Longest Hitting Streak: 11, Mar. 8-28, 2008 (14-for-40, .350, 3B, 2-HR, 7 RBI)





**MARK CANHA** 5  
*Outfield Freshman*  
*Bats: Right Throws: Right*  
*Height: 6-2 Weight: 195*  
*Experience: HS*  
*Hometown: San Jose, Calif.*  
*High School: Bellarmine College Prep*

Is batting .283 (17-for-60, .143 vs. Pac-10) with two doubles and six RBI in 34 games...has 12 starts in left field and two as a designated hitter as a true freshman...had a clutch RBI double in the ninth inning May 25 vs. UCLA...was 6-for-14 (.455) with a double and four RBI vs. Loyola Marymount Mar. 14-16...went a career-high 4-for-4 with three RBI against the Lions in game one Mar. 15...was 2-for-3 vs. Stanford Mar. 4, and 2-for-4 at San Diego State Mar. 1...undeclared major with an interest in business administration...parents are David and Elaine Canha...born February 15, 1989 in San Jose, Calif.

**CANHA'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2008	.283	34	60	10	17	6	2	0	0	12	21	2

**CAREER BESTS**

Most Hits: 4, Mar. 15, 2008 vs. Loyola Marymount (4-for-4, three RBI)  
 Most Runs: 3, Mar. 4, 2008 vs. Stanford  
 Most RBI: 3, Mar. 15, 2008 vs. Loyola Marymount (4-for-4)  
 Career Grand Slams: None  
 Longest Hitting Streak: 3, twice, last time Mar. 11-15, 2008 (6-for-9, .667, 2B, 4 RBI)



**MICHAEL CAPBARAT** 24  
*Outfield Junior*  
*Bats: Right Throws: Right*  
*Height: 6-3 Weight: 225*  
*Experience: SQ*  
*Hometown: Walnut Creek, Calif.*  
*High School: De La Salle*

Is batting .191 (9-for-47, .174 vs. Pac-10) with two home runs and 10 RBI...started three games in left field and two games in center field...was 2-for-5 with a double and two spectacular catches Apr. 22 vs. Cal Poly, and 2-for-3 with a two-run homer Apr. 20 vs. Washington...hit a home run Mar. 18 vs. Sacramento State...is one of the team's captains...on Apr. 21 was named the recipient of the 2008 Pac-10 Sportsmanship Award...is the winner of the Golden Bear award with a team-high GPA of 3.78, majoring in English...parents are Jim and Patsy Capbarat...born March 13, 1986 in Phoenix, Ariz.

**CAPBARAT'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2006	.400	3	5	1	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
2007	.218	30	55	7	12	14	0	1	2	6	14	2
2008	.191	25	47	5	9	10	0	0	2	2	18	3
Total	.215	58	107	13	23	26	1	1	4	9	32	5

**CAREER BESTS**

Most Hits: 2, twice, last time Apr. 22, 2008 vs. Cal Poly (2-for-5, RBI)  
 Most Runs: 2, twice, last time Apr. 22, 2008 vs. Cal Poly  
 Most RBI: 3, Mar. 10, 2007 at Louisville (1-for-4, HR)  
 Career Grand Slams: None  
 Longest Hitting Streak: 3 games, Apr. 13-15, 2007 (3-for-10, .300, HR)



**DAVID COOPER** 18  
*First Base Junior*  
*Bats: Left Throws: Left*  
*Height: 6-1 Weight: 210*  
*Experience: 1V*  
*Hometown: Stockton, Calif.*  
*High School: Tokay*  
*Last School: Cal State Fullerton*

Is a *Baseball America* Preseason All-American, a Golden Spikes and Wallace Award candidate, and a Dick Howser Trophy semifinalist...is batting .363 (77-for-212, 10th in Pac-10, .312 vs. Pac-10) with a team-leading 14 doubles, 19 home runs (2nd in Pac-10, 4th on Cal's single-season HR list) and 55 RBI (8th in Pac-10)...has 55 runs (6th in Pac-10), a .698 slugging percentage (5th in Pac-10), a .455 on-base percentage (7th in Pac-10), 148 total bases (2nd in Pac-10), 37 walks (8th in Pac-10) and is fifth in the Pac-10 with 77 hits...leads team with 24 multiple hit games and 17 multiple RBI games...went 4-for-9 with a double, home run and four RBI vs. Arizona May 2-4 and 3-for-4 with a home run and three RBI May 6 vs. UC Davis...was 2-for-5 with a home run Apr. 30 at Cal Poly...had game-winning hit Apr. 20 vs. Washington and was 3-for-5 with a double, home run and two RBI vs. Washington Apr. 18...was 3-for-5 with three-run homer at Pacific Apr. 15...went 4-for-6 with game-winning two-run single at USC Apr. 13...was 3-for-5 with a double, home run and three RBI vs. Santa Clara Apr. 9...was **Apr. 1 Pac-10 Player of the Week (6-for-12 with two doubles, two home runs and three RBI vs. Long Beach State)**...was 4-for-13 with two doubles, a home run and two RBI at Washington State Mar. 20-22...went 5-for-15 (.333) with a home run and two RBI vs. Loyola Marymount Mar. 14-16...was 3-for-5 with a three-run homer Mar. 18 vs. Sacramento State...went 3-for-5 with a double, home run and three RBI vs. New Mexico Mar. 9...in a doubleheader vs. Utah Valley Feb. 23, was 2-for-4 with two home runs and a career-high five RBI in game one, and had a grand slam in game two...batting .350 (21-for-60) with runners in scoring position...**2007 first-team All-Pac-10**...majoring in American studies...parents are Dean and Vicki Cooper...born February 12, 1987 in Stockton, Calif.

**COOPER'S CAREER STATISTICS (CALIFORNIA)**

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2007	.382	55	204	39	78	55	14	0	12	30	21	2
2008	.363	54	212	55	77	55	14	0	19	37	31	0
Total	.373	109	416	94	155	110	28	0	31	67	52	2

**CAREER BESTS**

Most Hits: 4, four times, last time Apr. 13, 2008 at USC (4-for-6, 2 RBI)  
 Most Runs: 4, twice, last time Mar. 15, 2008 vs. Loyola Marymount  
 Most RBI: 5, Feb. 23, 2008 vs. Utah Valley (2-for-4, 2-HR)  
 Career Grand Slams: 1, Feb. 23 vs. Utah Valley  
 Longest Hitting Streak: 8, Apr. 13-26, 2008 (18-for-40, .450, 2-2B, 2-HR, 10 RBI)





**CHARLIE CUTLER 16**

**Outfield/Catcher Junior**  
**Bats: Left Throws: Right**  
**Height: 6-1 Weight: 205**  
**Experience: 1V**  
**Hometown: San Francisco, Calif.**  
**High School: Lowell**

Is batting .333 (52-for-156, .326 vs. Pac-10) with six doubles, two home runs and 17 RBI...out Feb. 23-Mar. 18 with broken little finger of right hand...started last 38 games in the outfield after starting year at catcher...went 2-for-4 with the game-winning RBI in the 10th inning May 9 at Stanford...was 5-for-11 (.455) with a double and home run vs. Arizona May 2-4 and a career-high 5-for-5 with two doubles and RBI May 6 vs. UC Davis...went 3-for-4 with an RBI at Arizona State Apr. 25...was 3-for-5 with a double and RBI vs. Cal Poly Apr. 22...went 2-for-5 with a home run at USC Apr. 13...**was 5-for-13 (.385) with RBI vs. Long Beach State Mar. 28-30**...went 5-for-13 (.385) with two RBI at Washington State Mar. 20-22...batting .326 (14-for-43) with runners in scoring position...one of the team's captains...majoring in political science...parents are Jay and Nancy Cutler...born July 29, 1986 in San Francisco, Calif.

**CUTLER'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2006	.246	27	69	13	17	6	1	1	0	4	5	3
2007	.310	50	155	24	48	27	6	0	2	18	13	9
2008	.333	40	156	38	52	17	6	0	2	17	15	4
Total	.308	117	380	75	117	50	13	1	4	39	33	16

**CAREER BESTS**

Most Hits: 5, May 6, 2008 vs. UC Davis (5-for-5, 2-2B, RBI)  
 Most Runs: 4, May 6, 2008 vs. UC Davis  
 Most RBI: 3, Mar. 30, 2007 vs. Washington State (2-for-4)  
 Career Grand Slams: None  
 Longest Hitting Streak: 10, May 4-27, 2007 (17-for-39, .436, 2B, 6 RBI)



**TODD FITZGERALD 38**

**Pitcher Sophomore**  
**Bats: Left Throws: Left**  
**Height: 5-10 Weight: 190**  
**Experience: JC**  
**Hometown: Cupertino, Calif.**  
**High School: Cupertino**  
**Last School: San Jose City College**

Is 1-1 with 6.14 ERA in 14 appearances (three starts)...has 18 strikeouts in 29.1 innings...had three strikeouts in 2.2 innings (two hits, one run, four walks) vs. UCLA May 24...won in relief vs. Santa Clara Apr. 9 (3.1 innings, six hits, three runs, one walk, two strikeouts)...**started Apr. 2 vs. Fresno State (4.0 innings, one hit, no runs, four walks, three strikeouts)**...threw a career-high 4.2 innings Feb. 23 vs. Utah Valley (four hits, one run, two walks, career-high four strikeouts)...majoring in interdisciplinary studies...parents are Tom and Terry Fitzgerald...born February 8, 1987 in Redwood City, Calif.

**FITZGERALD'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	ERA	G	GS	CG	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2008	6.14	14	3	0	1	1	0	29.1	30	20	20	23	18

**CAREER BESTS**

Most Strikeouts: 4, Feb. 23, 2008 vs. Utah Valley  
 Most Innings Pitched: 4.2, Feb. 23, 2008 vs. Utah Valley  
 Longest Winning Streak: Has won one game  
 Longest Losing Streak: Has lost one game



**MATT GORGEN 11**

**Pitcher Junior**  
**Bats: Right Throws: Right**  
**Height: 6-0 Weight: 205**  
**Experience: 2V**  
**Hometown: Clayton, Calif.**  
**High School: Clayton Valley**

**Is on the watch list for NCBWA Stopper of the Year, and is a preseason All-American in Collegiate Baseball and Rivals.com**...is 2-2 with 3.20 ERA and nine saves (3rd in Pac-10) in 27 appearances (5th in Pac-10)...has 42 strikeouts in 39.1 innings...opponents are batting .257...was May 13 Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week after picking up a win May 9 (three strikeouts in 1.1 innings) and a save May 10 (one strikeout in 1.0 inning) at Stanford...won vs. Arizona May 3 (1.2 innings, one hit, one walk)...earned saves vs. Cal Poly Apr. 22 (1.0 inning, one strikeout) and Apr. 18 vs. Washington (1.2 innings, two strikeouts)...threw 3.2 innings (three hits, one walk) with a season-high four strikeouts at USC Apr. 13...earned save vs. Oregon State Apr. 4 (1.0 inning, one strikeout)...**earned save vs. Fresno State Apr. 2 (3.0 innings, one hit, one walk, four strikeouts)**...**earned save Mar. 30 vs. Long Beach State (1.1 innings, one hit, one walk, two strikeouts)**...earned save at Washington State Mar. 21 (1.0 inning, one strikeout)...earned save at Minnesota Mar. 8 (1.0 inning, one strikeout)...earned save at San Diego State Mar. 1 (1.0 inning)...2007 HM All-Pac-10...majoring in sociology...twin brother, Scott, is a standout junior right-hander at UC Irvine...parents are Chris and Sue Gorgen...born January 1, 1987 in Stanford, Calif.

**GORGEN'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	ERA	G	GS	CG	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2006	2.50	29	1	0	3	5	2	39.2	39	15	11	18	34
2007	2.51	31	0	0	3	5	9	61.0	54	20	17	22	75
2008	3.20	27	0	0	2	2	9	39.1	38	17	14	17	42
Total	2.70	87	1	0	8	12	20	140.0	131	52	42	57	151

**CAREER BESTS**

Most Strikeouts: 8, Mar. 24, 2007 vs. Oral Roberts  
 Most Innings Pitched: 4.0, Mar. 24, 2007 vs. Oral Roberts  
 Longest Winning Streak: 2, twice, last time May 3, 2008 -  
 Longest Losing Streak: 3, twice, last time Apr. 5-21, 2007



**RICH GORMAN 31**

**Designated Hitter/Infield Sophomore**  
**Bats: Switch Throws: Right**  
**Height: 5-10 Weight: 180**  
**Experience: SQ**  
**Hometown: Los Altos, Calif.**  
**High School: Bellermine College Prep**

Is batting .263 (41-for-156, .273 vs. Pac-10) with eight doubles, four home runs and 20 RBI...had a career-high seven-game hitting streak Mar. 16-28 (9-for-28, .321, 3-2B, 3-HR, eight RBI)...was 4-for-11 (.364) with two RBI at Arizona State Apr. 25-27



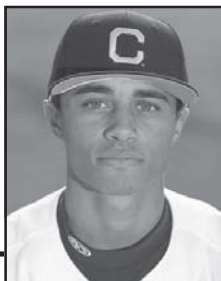
and 2-for-3 with an RBI vs. Washington Apr. 19...went 4-for-13 (364) with a double, home run and three RBI at Washington State Mar. 20-22...hit two-run homer at Santa Clara Mar. 25...was 5-for-15 (.333) with a double, two home runs and five RBI vs. Loyola Marymount Mar. 14-16...led-off the first inning with home runs twice against the Lions...was 5-for-9 with three RBI at Minnesota Tournament...batting a team-best .383 (18-for-47) with runners in scoring position.....majoring in American studies...parents are Richard and Andrea Gorman...born December 31, 1986 in Mountain View, Calif.

### GORMAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2007	.302	30	43	13	13	2	4	0	0	11	6	3
2008	.263	48	156	33	41	20	8	0	4	18	39	5
Total	.271	78	199	46	54	22	12	0	4	29	45	8

### CAREER BESTS

Most Hits: 2, 14 times, last time Apr. 26, 2008 at Arizona State (2-for-5, RBI)  
 Most Runs: 3, five times, last time Apr. 15, 2008 at Pacific  
 Most RBI: 2, three times, last time Mar. 25, 2008 at Santa Clara (1-for-4, HR)  
 Career Grand Slams: None  
 Longest Hitting Streak: 7, twice, last time Mar. 16-28, 2008 (9-for-27, .333, 3-2B, 3-HR, 8-RBI)



## BRIAN GUINN 2

**Infield** **Freshman**  
**Bats: Switch** **Throws: Right**  
**Height: 6-1** **Weight: 165**  
**Experience: HS**  
**Hometown: El Sobrante, Calif.**  
**High School: Berkeley**

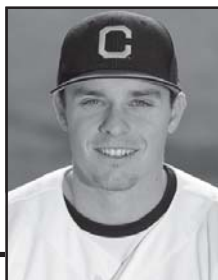
Is batting .324 (12-for-37, .200 vs. Pac-10) with a double, triple and four RBI as a true freshman...has two starts at shortstop (Mar. 30 vs. Long Beach State, Mar. 15 in game two vs. Loyola Marymount) and three starts as designated hitter...went 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI at Stanford May 11...was 3-for-3 with a triple against Loyola Marymount Mar. 15...went 2-for-2 with an RBI Mar. 9 vs. New Mexico at the Metrodome...is the son of former Cal standout and professional player Brian Guinn (1981-83)...was drafted in the 10th round by the Chicago White Sox in the June 2007 Major League Amateur Draft...majoring in landscape architecture...father, Brian, Sr., was in the Oakland A's, Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox organizations...mother, Wendy, also attended Cal...born April 4, 1989 in Berkeley, Calif.

### GUINN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2008	.324	23	37	4	12	4	1	1	0	2	12	1

### CAREER BESTS

Most Hits: 3, Mar. 15, 2008 vs. Loyola Marymount (3-for-3, 3B)  
 Most Runs: 1, four times, last time May 13, 2008 at UC Davis  
 Most RBI: 2, May 11, 2008 at Stanford (2-for-4, 2B)  
 Career Grand Slams: None  
 Longest Hitting Streak: 2, twice, last time May 11-12, 2008 (3-for-8, .375, 2B, 2-RBI)



## RYAN HANLON 29

**Outfield** **Junior**  
**Bats: Right** **Throws: Right**  
**Height: 6-1** **Weight: 190**  
**Experience: 1V**  
**Hometown: Elk Grove, Calif.**  
**High School: Laguna Creek**

Is batting .148 (4-for-27, .000 vs. Pac-10) with a double and two RBI in 17 games...started first two games of the season, getting hits vs. Kansas State and Utah Valley...also started and got hits vs. Missouri (double) and San Diego State during the University of San Diego Tournament...majoring in mass communications...parents are Scott and Muffy Hanlon...born February 27, 1987 in Sacramento, Calif.

### HANLON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2006	.245	24	53	3	13	5	4	0	0	7	11	0
2007	.265	53	151	22	40	19	8	0	3	14	30	1
2008	.148	17	27	1	4	2	1	0	0	3	4	0
Total	.247	94	231	26	57	26	13	0	3	24	45	1

### CAREER BESTS

Most Hits: 3, three times, last time Mar. 31, 2007 vs. Washington State (3-for-4, RBI)  
 Most Runs: 3, Feb. 18, 2007 vs. UNLV  
 Most RBI: 4, Feb. 3, 2007 vs. UC Irvine (3-for-5, 2B, HR)  
 Career Grand Slams: None  
 Longest Hitting Streak: 7, Feb. 2-16, 2007 (9-for-26, .346, 2-2B, HR, 4 RBI)



## BRETT JACKSON 4

**Outfield** **Sophomore**  
**Bats: Left** **Throws: Right**  
**Height: 6-2** **Weight: 210**  
**Experience: 1V**  
**Hometown: Orinda, Calif.**  
**High School: Miramonte**

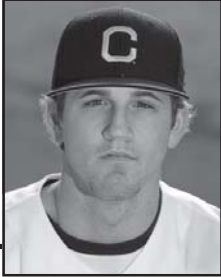
Is batting .320 (62-for-194, .302 vs. Pac-10) with seven doubles, four triples (3rd in Pac-10), four home runs and 40 RBI...leads team with 12 stolen bases (7th in Pac-10)...went 2-for-4 with a double and two-run homer May 13 at UC Davis...hit a grand slam vs. Arizona May 2 and went 2-for-4 with a two-run homer and three RBI May 6 vs. UC Davis...was 4-for-10 with two RBI at Arizona State Apr. 25-27...had a triple and two RBI at Pacific Apr. 15...went 6-for-12 with two doubles and two RBI at USC Apr. 11-13...was 2-for-5 with a triple vs. Stanford Apr. 7 and 3-for-4 with two RBI vs. Santa Clara Apr. 9...went 4-for-9 with three RBI vs. Oregon State Apr. 4-5...was 3-for-4 with two triples, two RBI and first collegiate HR Feb. 23 vs. Utah Valley...batting .338 (23-for-68) with runners in scoring position...undeclared major...several relatives attended Cal, including father, Peter, who competed for the men's soccer team...parents are Peter and Katie Jackson...born August 2, 1988 in Berkeley, Calif.

### JACKSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2007	.230	43	61	13	14	4	1	1	0	12	20	4
2008	.320	54	194	36	62	40	7	4	4	24	35	12
Total	.298	97	255	49	76	44	8	5	4	36	55	16

**CAREER BESTS**

Most Hits: 3, twice, last time Apr. 9, 2008 vs. Santa Clara (3-for-4, 2 RBI)  
 Most Runs: 3, Feb. 23, 2008 vs. Utah Valley  
 Most RBI: 4, May 2, 2008 vs. Arizona (1-for-4, HR)  
 Career Grand Slams: 1, May 2, 2008 vs. Arizona  
 Longest Hitting Streak: 8, twice, last time Apr. 20-May 3, 2008 (10-for-29, .345, 2B, HR, 11 RBI)



**JEFF KOBERNUS 23**

*Infield/Outfield Sophomore*  
*Bats: Right Throws: Right*  
*Height: 6-2 Weight: 195*  
*Experience: 1V*  
*Hometown: San Leandro, Calif.*  
*High School: Bishop O'Dowd*

Is batting .308 (68-for-221, team-best .367 vs. Pac-10) with 13 doubles, two triples, three home runs and 27 RBI...is second on the team with 11 stolen bases (9th in Pac-10)...went 5-for-12 (.417) with a double and three RBI at Stanford May 9-11...was 6-for-12 with a double and RBI vs. Washington Apr. 18-20...had a two-run triple at USC Apr. 12...went 6-for-13 with a triple vs. Oregon State Apr. 4-6, 2-for-6 with a double and two RBI vs. Stanford Apr. 7 and 3-for-6 with a home run Apr. 9 vs. Santa Clara...**was 5-for-13 (.385) with a double and three RBI vs. Long Beach State Mar. 28-30**...went 6-for-12 with two doubles at Washington State Mar. 20-22...was 3-for-6 with a grand slam Mar. 15 (game one) vs. Loyola Marymount...went 9-for-20 (.450) with three doubles and an RBI at the San Diego Tournament, including 3-for-5 vs. Missouri and **3-for-6 with a double vs. Fresno State**...was 2-for-4 with a double and home run Feb. 22 vs. Kansas State...2007 *Collegiate Baseball* Freshman All-American and HM All-Pac-10...undeclared major...father, Jeff, played minor league baseball for the Seattle Mariners...parents are Jeff and Margie Kobernus...born June 30, 1988 in San Leandro, Calif.

**KOBERNUS' CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2007	.331	52	181	31	60	22	5	1	1	12	27	13
2008	.308	54	221	34	68	27	13	2	3	14	35	11
Total	.318	106	402	65	128	49	18	3	4	26	62	24

**CAREER BESTS**

Most Hits: 4, Feb. 18, 2007 vs. UNLV (4-for-6, 2 RBI)  
 Most Runs: 3, Apr. 9, 2008 vs. Santa Clara  
 Most RBI: 4, Mar. 14, 2008 vs. Loyola Marymount (3-for-6, HR)  
 Career Grand Slams: 1, Mar. 14, 2008 vs. Loyola Marymount  
 Longest Hitting Streak: 9, Feb. 16-Mar. 2, 2007 (19-for-39, .487, 2-2B, 3 RBI)



**KEVIN MILLER 41**

*Pitcher Freshman*  
*Bats: Right Throws: Right*  
*Height: 5-10 Weight: 185*  
*Experience: HS*  
*Hometown: San Jose, Calif.*  
*High School: Valley Christian*

Is on the Wallace Award Watch list as a true freshman, starting his college career not giving up an earned run in his first 44.0 innings...is 6-1 with a 2.56 ERA (1st in Pac-10) in 20 appearances (five starts)...has 67 strikeouts in

70.1 innings...opponents are batting .186 (1st in Pac-10)...got no decision in start May 25 vs. UCLA (4.0 innings, four hits, no runs, three walks, two strikeouts)...lost in relief at Stanford May 11 (4.2 innings, seven hits, four earned runs, one walk, two strikeouts)...win in relief May 6 vs. UC Davis (5.0 innings, three hits, two runs, one walk, two strikeouts)...had five strikeouts in 3.1 innings May 3 vs. Arizona (three hits, two runs, three walks)...no decision at Arizona State Apr. 26 (5.0 innings, seven hits, seven runs, six walks, five strikeouts)...no decision vs. Washington Apr. 19 (6.2 innings, four hits, one earned run, five walks, career-high eight strikeouts)...won Apr. 5 vs. Oregon State in relief (6.2 innings, one hit, three walks, seven strikeouts)...**won vs. Fresno State in relief Apr. 2 (2.0 innings, no hits, no runs, one walk, two strikeouts), and Mar. 29 vs. Long Beach State (2.2 innings, no hits, two walks, four strikeouts)**...had seven strikeouts in 4.2 innings Mar. 25 at Santa Clara (two hits, no earned runs, one walk)...earned wins vs. San Francisco (Mar. 11 start, 6.0 innings, three hits, no earned runs, two strikeouts) and Loyola Marymount (Mar. 15 in relief, 3.1 innings, one hit, one walk, one strikeout)...no decision in Mar. 4 start vs. Stanford (5.0 innings, five hits, one walk, four strikeouts)...undeclared major...parents are Steven and Kathy Miller...born August 25, 1989 in San Jose, Calif.

**MILLER'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	ERA	G	GS	CG	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2008	2.56	20	5	0	6	1	0	70.1	48	25	20	37	67

**CAREER BESTS**

Most Strikeouts: 8, Apr. 19, 2008 vs. Washington  
 Most Innings Pitched: 6.2, twice, last time Apr. 19, 2008 vs. Washington  
 Longest Winning Streak: 6, Mar. 11-May 11, 2008  
 Longest Losing Streak: Has lost one game



**NICK NUNEZ 30**

*Pitcher Senior*  
*Bats: Right Throws: Right*  
*Height: 5-11 Weight: 185*  
*Experience: 1V*  
*Hometown: Sacramento, Calif.*  
*High School: Christian Brothers*  
*Last School: Cosumnes River College*

Is 0-0 with a 2.79 ERA in six appearances...has eight strikeouts in 9.2 innings...threw 2.1 innings (four hits, one run, three walks) May 23 vs. UCLA...threw a season-high 3.0 innings vs. Oregon State Apr. 6 (two hits, one earned run, four walks, three strikeouts)...majoring in American studies with an interest in architecture...parents are Manuel and Keri Nunez...born February 22, 1986 in Roseville, Calif.

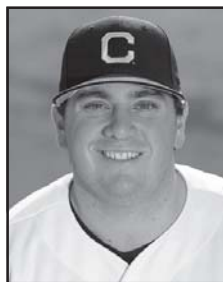
**NUNEZ'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	ERA	G	GS	CG	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2007	7.75	22	6	0	3	3	0	40.2	52	40	35	16	21
2008	2.79	6	0	0	0	0	0	9.2	10	5	3	10	8
Total	6.80	28	6	0	3	3	0	50.1	62	45	38	26	29

**CAREER BESTS**

Most Strikeouts: 4, Mar. 17, 2007 vs. Rhode Island  
 Most Innings Pitched: 6.0, Mar. 23, 2007 vs. Oral Roberts  
 Longest Winning Streak: 2, Feb. 26-Mar. 23, 2007  
 Longest Losing Streak: 2, Apr. 1-15, 2007





**CHRIS PETRINI 36**

*Pitcher* **Sophomore**  
*Bats: Left* **Throws: Left**  
*Height: 6-0* **Weight: 225**  
**Experience: 1V**  
**Hometown: San Bruno, Calif.**  
**High School: Sacred Heart Cathedral**

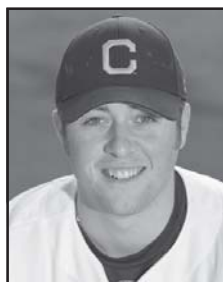
Is 3-3 with a 7.05 ERA in 11 appearances (eight starts)...has 29 strikeouts in 37.0 innings...opponents are batting .237...got no decision in May 11 start at Stanford (3.1 innings, two walks, three runs, three walks, three strikeouts)...won in relief vs. Cal Poly Apr. 22 (3.1 innings, no hits, no runs, one walk, three strikeouts)...pitched well in relief Apr. 7 vs. Stanford (5.0 innings, three hits, one run, no walks, four strikeouts)...lost Apr. 1 vs. San Francisco at AT&T Park (0.1 inning, four hits, four earned runs, one walk)...got no decision Mar. 25 at Santa Clara (1.0 inning, no hits, two runs, four walks)...suffered loss Mar. 15, despite career-high nine strikeouts in 6.2 innings (seven hits, four earned runs, no walks) vs. Loyola Marymount (game two)...won Mar. 7 vs. Northern Iowa during the University of Minnesota Tournament in the Metrodome, throwing a career-high 7.0 innings (three hits, three runs, four walks, six strikeouts)...**won Feb. 28 vs. Fresno State (5.2 innings, four hits, four runs, five walks, three strikeouts) at the San Diego Tournament**...sat out the 2007 season after having Tommy John surgery...majoring in American studies...parents are Robert and Marie Petrini...born February 11, 1987 in San Francisco, Calif.

PETRINI'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	ERA	G	GS	CG	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2006	4.54	16	2	0	3	2	1	39.2	36	23	20	15	27
2007	8.31	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.1	6	4	4	0	1
2008	7.05	11	8	0	3	3	0	37.0	32	36	29	24	29
Total	5.89	28	11	0	6	5	1	81.0	74	63	53	39	57

CAREER BESTS

Most Strikeouts: 9, Mar. 15, 2008 vs. Loyola Marymount  
 Most Innings Pitched: 7.0, Mar. 7, 2008 vs. Northern Iowa  
 Longest Winning Streak: 3, Mar. 14-May 10, 2006  
 Longest Losing Streak: 2, Mar. 15-Apr. 1, 2008



**STEPHEN PISTORESI 21**

*Pitcher* **Freshman**  
*Bats: Right* **Throws: Right**  
*Height: 6-1* **Weight: 200**  
**Experience: HS**  
**Hometown: Fresno, Calif.**  
**High School: San Joaquin Memorial**

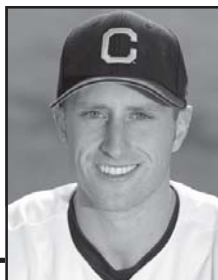
Is 0-0 with a 3.86 ERA and a save...has 13 strikeouts in 25.2 innings...threw a career-high 5.0 innings in relief vs. San Francisco at AT&T Park (four hits, no runs, no walks, career-high four strikeouts)...earned save Mar. 9 vs. New Mexico at the Metrodome (3.0 innings, four hits, no runs, two walks, three strikeouts)...undeclared major with an interest in political science...parents are Mike and Celeste Pistorresi...born November 1, 1988 in Fresno, Calif.

PISTORESI'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	ERA	G	GS	CG	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2008	3.86	11	1	0	0	0	1	25.2	43	19	11	5	13

CAREER BESTS

Most Strikeouts: 4, Apr. 1, 2008 at San Francisco\*  
 Most Innings Pitched: 5.0, Apr. 1, 2008 at San Francisco\*  
 Longest Winning Streak: Has not won a game  
 Longest Losing Streak: Has not lost a game  
 \*played at AT&T Park



**ALEX ROLLIN 46**

*Pitcher* **Senior**  
*Bats: Right* **Throws: Right**  
*Height: 6-2* **Weight: 210**  
**Experience: 1V**  
**Hometown: Los Gatos, Calif.**  
**High School: Los Gatos**

Is 4-2 with a 5.40 ERA in 14 appearances (11 starts)...pitched 5.2 innings in relief May 24 vs. UCLA (six hits, two runs, four walks, one strikeout)...lost May 4 vs. Arizona (4.1 innings, eight hits, five runs, two walks, four strikeouts)...no decision Apr. 20 vs. Washington (4.0 innings, five hits, one run, one walk, two strikeouts)...won Apr. 15 at Pacific (career-high 7.0 innings, six hits, one run, three walks, five strikeouts)...lost Apr. 6 vs. Oregon State (2.1 innings, nine hits, four runs, one walk, two strikeouts)...**won Mar. 30 vs. Long Beach State (5.0 innings, six hits, one run, two walks, two strikeouts)**...no decision Mar. 22 at Washington State (3.1 innings, eight hits, four runs, one walk)...won vs. Loyola Marymount Mar. 16 (5.2 innings, six hits, one run, two walks, five strikeouts)...won vs. New Mexico Mar. 9 (5.2 innings, four hits, one earned run, one walk, four strikeouts)...**no decisions Mar. 2 at San Diego (3.2 innings, two hits, no runs, four walks, four strikeouts)** and Feb. 23 vs. Utah Valley (3.0 innings, five hits, five earned runs, one walk, four strikeouts)...majoring in mass communications...parents are Grant and Suzanne Rollin...born May 22, 1985 in Castro Valley, Calif.

ROLLIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	ERA	G	GS	CG	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2006	7.84	13	2	0	0	1	0	20.2	27	20	18	8	9
2007	4.91	17	17	0	8	5	0	77.0	92	47	42	25	40
2008	5.40	14	11	0	4	2	0	58.1	78	39	35	27	34
Total	5.48	44	30	0	12	8	0	156.0	197	106	95	60	83

CAREER BESTS

Most Strikeouts: 5, three times, last time Apr. 15, 2008 at Pacific  
 Most Innings Pitched: 7.0, Apr. 15, 2008 at Pacific  
 Longest Winning Streak: 3, three times, last time Mar. 9-30, 2008  
 Longest Losing Streak: 2, Apr. 28-May 5, 2007



**TYSON ROSS 44**

*Pitcher* **Junior**  
*Bats: Right* **Throws: Right**  
*Height: 6-6* **Weight: 225**  
**Experience: 2V**  
**Hometown: Oakland, Calif.**  
**High School: Bishop O'Dowd**

A preseason All-American in *Baseball America, Collegiate Baseball and Rivals.com*...has 267 career strikeouts, third on the Cal all-time strikeout list...is 7-3 with a 4.40



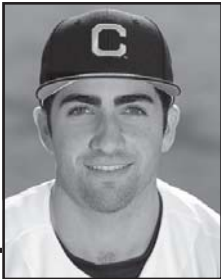
ERA in 11 starts, and has 62 strikeouts in 71.2 innings...lost May 23 vs. UCLA (6.2 innings, six hits, four runs, four walks, six strikeouts)...no decision May 9 at Stanford (career-high 8.2 innings, five hits, three runs, two walks, five strikeouts)...won vs. Arizona May 2 (8.0 innings, 11 hits, three runs, three walks, five strikeouts)...lost at Arizona State Apr. 25 (5.1 innings, eight hits, eight earned runs, five walks, five strikeouts)...won vs. Washington Apr. 18 (7.0 innings, nine hits, four runs, three walks, five strikeouts)...lost at USC Apr. 11 (4.0 innings, 10 hits, six runs, three walks, six strikeouts)...won vs. Oregon State Apr. 4 (7.0 innings, seven hits, two runs, three walks, nine strikeouts)...**won vs. Long Beach State Mar. 28 and was Pac-10 POW (8.0 innings, five hits, no runs, two walks, six strikeouts)**...won at Washington State Mar. 20 (7.0 innings, two hits, one run, three walks, five strikeouts)...won vs. Loyola Marymount Mar. 14 (5.0 innings, three hits, three runs, one walk, three strikeouts)...named Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week Feb. 26, throwing 5.0 innings with one hit, one run, one walk and seven strikeouts vs. Kansas State Feb. 22...2007 first-team All-Pac-10...majoring in American studies...parents are Willie and Jean Ross...born April 22, 1987 in Berkeley, Calif.

ROSS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	ERA	G	GS	CG	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2006	3.19	15	15	1	6	4	0	84.2	74	35	30	41	85
2007	2.49	17	17	1	6	6	0	115.2	103	37	32	39	120
2008	4.40	11	11	0	7	3	0	71.2	67	36	35	30	62
Total	3.21	43	43	2	19	13	0	272.0	244	108	97	110	267

CAREER BESTS

Most Strikeouts: 16, Mar. 22, 2007 vs. Oral Roberts  
 Most Innings Pitched: 8.2, May 9, 2008 at Stanford  
 Longest Winning Streak: 6, May 25, 2007-Apr. 4, 2008  
 Longest Losing Streak: 3, Feb. 17-Mar. 2, 2007



**JOSH SATIN** 3

**Infield** Senior  
**Bats: Right** **Throws: Right**  
**Height: 6-2** **Weight: 200**  
**Experience: 3V**  
**Hometown: Calabasas, Calif.**  
**High School: Harvard-Westlake**

**A candidate for the Golden Spikes and the Wallace awards as a national player of the year...hit safely in first 22 games this season and had a school-record a 27-game hitting streak (May 20, 2007-Mar. 29, 2008)**...is batting a team-best .388 (73-for-188, 3rd in Pac-10, .289 vs. Pac-10) with 11 doubles, a triple, 18 home runs (5th in Pac-10) and 52 RBI...sixth in the Pac-10 in total bases (140), 10th in hits (73), sixth in runs scored (55), fourth in slugging percentage (.745), third in walks (46) and second in on-base percentage (.508)...went 3-for-4 with a double, triple and the game-winning home run in the 10th inning May 25 vs. UCLA...hit a home run at UC Davis May 13...hit a three-run homer and had four RBI May 6 vs. UC Davis...went 4-for-11 with two home runs and four RBI vs. Cal Poly and Arizona Apr. 30-May 4...was 2-for-3 with a home run Apr. 30 at Cal Poly...went 2-for-2 with a home run vs. Cal Poly Apr. 22...was 3-for-4 with a double, home run and two RBI at USC Apr. 13, and 2-for-4 with a home run at Pacific Apr. 15...went 2-for-4 with a home run Apr. 7 vs. Stanford and 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBI vs. Santa Clara Apr. 9...**was 5-for-10 with two doubles and three RBI vs. Long Beach State Mar. 28-30**...went 5-for-11 (.455) with a home run and four RBI Mar. 20-22 at Washington State and had a two-run homer at Santa Clara Mar. 25...was 8-for-16 (.500) with two doubles, a

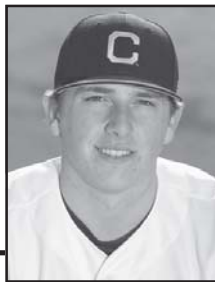
home run and two RBI vs. Loyola Marymount Mar. 14-16...was Mar. 4 Pac-10 Player of the Week when Cal defeated three ranked teams at the San Diego Tournament (10-for-19, .526, 2B, 2-HR, eight RBI)...vs. San Diego State Mar. 1 had a three-run homer, and **vs. San Diego Mar. 2 went 4-for-5 with two-run homer**...vs. Utah Valley Feb. 23 (DH) was 3-for-9 with two home runs and four RBI...batting .371 (23-for-62) with runners in scoring position...majoring in political science...parents are David and Gail Satin...born December 23, 1984 in Los Angeles, Calif.

SATIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2004	.000	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
2005	.348	57	221	39	77	40	15	1	5	27	29	7
2006	.222	47	167	18	37	20	5	1	2	18	24	6
2007	.287	53	202	33	58	41	11	0	4	27	38	3
2008	.388	53	188	55	73	52	11	1	18	46	42	6
Total	.313	212	782	146	245	153	42	3	29	118	136	22

CAREER BESTS

Most Hits: 4, three times, last time Mar. 2, 2008 at San Diego (4-for-5, HR, 2 RBI)  
 Most Runs: 4, Mar. 15, 2008 vs. Loyola Marymount  
 Most RBI: 7, Feb. 14, 2006 at UC Davis (3-for-5, 2-2B, HR)  
 Career Grand Slams: None  
 Longest Hitting Streak: 27, May 20, 2007-Mar. 28, 2008 (54-for-123, .439, 8-2B, 9-HR, 38 RBI)



**BLAKE SMITH** 37

**Outfield/Pitcher** Sophomore  
**Bats: Left** **Throws: Right**  
**Height: 6-2** **Weight: 220**  
**Experience: 1V**  
**Hometown: Modesto, Calif.**  
**High School: Thomas Downey**

Is batting .295 (57-for-193, .270 vs. Pac-10) with 10 doubles, two triples, 11 home runs and 41 RBI...has thrown two runners out at the plate from right field...is 3-0 with 3.26 ERA and 32 strikeouts in 19.1 innings...had a career-high nine-game hitting streak from Apr. 13-27 (12-for-36, .333, 4-2B, 2-HR, eight RBI)...went 3-for-4 with two home runs, and also picked up the win in relief (2.2 innings, three hits, two runs, two walks, three strikeouts), May 25 vs. UCLA...was 2-for-4 with a double and two RBI May 6 vs. UC Davis and 4-for-11 with a triple, two home runs and four RBI vs. Arizona May 2-4...went 4-for-11 (.364) with two doubles and an RBI at Arizona State Apr. 25-27...was 2-for-2 with a home run and four RBI vs. Washington Apr. 18, and won vs. Huskies Apr. 20 (2.0 innings, one hit, one walk, three strikeouts)...had two-run homer and won (2.0 innings, one hit, one walk, two strikeouts) at USC Apr. 13...had six strikeouts in 3.0 innings Apr. 7 vs. Stanford...**was 6-for-16 (.375) with a home run and five RBI vs. Fresno State** and Oregon State Apr. 2-6...**hit grand slam Apr. 2 vs. Fresno State**...hit two-run homer at Washington State Mar. 21...doubled in four-straight games Mar. 9-15...was 6-for-16 (.375) with two doubles, a home run and five RBI vs. Loyola Marymount Mar. 14-16...had a three-run homer vs. New Mexico Mar. 7...went 3-for-3 with two strikeouts in 1.0 inning vs. Stanford Mar. 4...batting .319 (22-for-69) with runners in scoring position...2007 HM All-Pac-10...undeclared major with an interest in mass communications...parents are Rob and Gail Smith...born December 9, 1987 in Modesto, Calif.



## SMITH'S CAREER STATISTICS

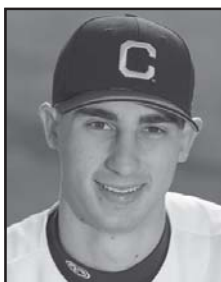
YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2007	.320	51	178	31	57	30	12	1	6	13	50	3
2008	.295	52	193	35	57	41	10	2	11	15	51	6
Total	.307	103	371	66	114	71	22	3	17	28	101	9

YEAR	ERA	G	GS	CG	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2007	4.22	16	0	0	1	0	1	21.1	15	10	10	9	23
2008	3.26	15	0	0	3	0	0	19.1	18	12	7	9	32
Total	3.76	31	0	0	4	0	1	40.2	33	22	17	18	55

### CAREER BESTS

Most Hits: 4, Mar. 9, 2008 vs. New Mexico (4-for-5, 2B)  
 Most Runs: 3, three times, last time Mar. 15, 2008 vs. Loyola Marymount  
 Most RBI: 4, three times, last time Apr. 18, 2008 vs. Washington (2-for-2, HR)  
 Career Grand Slams: 1, Apr. 2, 2008 vs. Fresno State  
 Longest Hitting Streak: 9, Apr. 13-27, 2008 (12-for-36, .333, 4-2B, 2-HR, 8 RBI)

Most Strikeouts: 6, Apr. 7, 2008 vs. Stanford  
 Most Innings Pitched: 3.0, twice, last time Apr. 7, 2008 vs. Stanford  
 Longest Winning Streak: Four games, May 8, 2007 -  
 Longest Losing Streak: Has not lost a game



## BRETT THOMAS 22

**Catcher Senior**  
**Bats: Right Throws: Right**  
**Height: 5-11 Weight: 190**  
**Experience: SQ**  
**Hometown: Danville, Calif.**  
**High School: Monte Vista**  
**Last School: Diablo Valley College**

Is batting .250 (2-for-8, .000 vs. Pac-10) in 11 games as either a pinch hitter or back up catcher...got a hit vs. Fresno State Feb. 28 at the University of San Diego Tournament, and a hit against New Mexico Mar. 9 in the Metrodome...majoring in American studies...parents are Robert and Peggy Thomas...born March 4, 1986 in Walnut Creek, Calif.

## THOMAS' CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2007	.000	9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0
2008	.250	11	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	.167	20	12	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	0



## DYLAN TONNESON 33

**Catcher Sophomore**  
**Bats: Right Throws: Right**  
**Height: 6-3 Weight: 220**  
**Experience: SQ**  
**Hometown: San Ramon, Calif.**  
**High School: California**

Is batting .315 (57-for-181, .207 vs. Pac-10) with 12 doubles, six home runs and 33 RBI...went 2-for-4 with a three-run homer and career-high four RBI at Arizona State Apr. 26... was 5-for-10 with a home run and two RBI vs. Washington Apr. 18-20...went 4-for-9 with two doubles and RBI at USC Apr. 11-13... was 4-for-4 with a double, home run and two RBI at Pacific Apr. 15... **had two home runs and four RBI vs. Long Beach State Mar. 28-30**...went 6-for-12 (.500) with three RBI vs. Loyola Marymount Mar. 14-16... **was 2-for-3 with a double and four RBI Mar. 7 vs.**

**Northern Iowa...went 3-for-5 Mar. 1 vs. San Diego State, and 3-for-3 with two RBI Feb. 28 vs. Fresno State at San Diego Tournament...**undeclared major...parents are Bruce and Sue Tonneson...born September 5, 1987 in Castro Valley, Calif.

## TONNESON'S CAREER STATISTICS

YEAR	AVG	G	AB	R	H	RBI	2B	3B	HR	BB	SO	SB
2007	.290	18	31	5	9	5	1	0	0	1	2	1
2008	.315	53	181	34	57	33	12	0	6	17	23	5
Total	.311	71	212	39	66	38	13	0	6	18	25	6

### CAREER BESTS

Most Hits: 4, Apr. 15, 2008 at Pacific (4-for-4, 2B, HR, 2 RBI)  
 Most Runs: 2, six times, last time Apr. 18, 2008 vs. Washington  
 Most RBI: 4, twice, last time Apr. 26, 2008 at Arizona State (2-for-4, HR)  
 Career Grand Slams: None  
 Longest Hitting Streak: 7, Apr. 12-22, 2008 (14-for-24, .583, 3-2B, 2-HR, 7 RBI)



## DANIEL WOLFORD 14

**Pitcher Sophomore**  
**Bats: Right Throws: Right**  
**Height: 6-2 Weight: 210**  
**Experience: TR**  
**Hometown: Roseville, Calif.**  
**High School: Woodcreek**  
**Last School: Long Beach State**

Is 2-1 with a 6.63 ERA in 21 appearances...has 43 strikeouts in 38.0 innings...**had four strikeouts in 1.2 innings vs. Long Beach State (two appearances) Mar. 29-30**...had four strikeouts in 2.0 innings at Santa Clara Mar. 25...made two appearances at Washington State Mar. 21-22, (nine strikeouts in 4.2 innings)...picked up the win Mar. 21 vs. the Cougars in relief (2.2 innings, three hits, no runs, one walk, career-high five strikeouts)...made two appearances against Loyola Marymount Mar. 14-16 (4.1 innings, four hits, no runs, one walk, three strikeouts)...had four strikeouts in 1.2 innings at Minnesota Mar. 8...**won Mar. 2 in relief at San Diego (4.1 innings, two hits, no runs, one walk, two strikeouts)**...earned save Feb. 22 vs. Kansas State (4.0 innings, no hits, three walks, five strikeouts)...sophomore transfer from Long Beach State...undeclared major...parents are Jim and Debra Wolford...born August 19, 1988 in Sacramento, Calif.

## WOLFORD'S CAREER STATISTICS (CALIFORNIA)

YEAR	ERA	G	GS	CG	W	L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2008	6.63	21	2	0	2	1	1	38.0	42	30	28	29	43

### CAREER BESTS

Most Strikeouts: 5, twice, last time Mar. 21, 2008 at Washington State  
 Most Innings Pitched: 4.1, Mar. 2, 2008 at San Diego  
 Longest Winning Streak: Two games, Mar. 2-May 4, 2008  
 Longest Losing Streak: Has lost one game



# 2008 GOLDEN BEAR ROSTER

## PITCHERS

NO.	NAME	B-T	HT	WT	YR	BORN	EXP	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
48	Dixon Anderson	R-R	6-5	215	Fr.	7-2-89	HS	Piedmont, Calif. (Piedmont HS)
42	Sean Barber	R-R	6-3	205	Fr.	5-23-89	HS	Alamo, Calif. (San Ramon Valley HS)
27	Craig Bennigson	R-L	6-2	215	Jr.	3-21-87	2V	Benicia, Calif. (Benicia HS)
6	Michael Bugary (BO-gary)	L-L	6-4	215	So.	10-11-87	SQ	Salinas, Calif. (Monterey HS)
47	Mike Cassidy	L-L	6-1	200	So.	5-17-88	SQ	Danville, Calif. (Monte Vista HS)
28	Yasser Clor	R-R	6-4	225	Fr.	1-16-88	RS	Cupertino, Calif. (Wilcox HS)
50	Kurt De La Rosa	L-R	5-10	175	Jr.	9-18-86	SQ	Redwood City, Calif. (Woodside HS)
51	Brian Diemer (DEE-mer)	R-R	6-5	240	Fr.	3-25-88	RS	Lafayette, Calif. (Acalanes HS)
43	Joey Donofrio (Dawn-o-frio)	R-R	6-3	180	Fr.	5-10-89	HS	Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos HS)
17	Travis Erickson	R-R	6-4	195	Jr.	12-31-85	SQ	Thousand Oaks, Calif. (Thousand Oaks HS)
19	Dane Ferguson	R-R	6-4	205	Jr.	2-14-86	1V	Orange, Calif. (Villa Park HS)
38	Todd Fitzgerald	L-L	5-10	190	So.	2-8-87	JC	Cupertino, Calif. (San Jose City College)
11	Matt Gorgen	R-R	6-0	205	Jr.	1-27-87	2V	Clayton, Calif. (Clayton Valley HS)
41	Kevin Miller	R-R	5-10	185	Fr.	8-25-89	HS	San Jose, Calif. (Valley Christian HS)
30	Nick Nunez	R-R	5-11	185	Sr.	2-22-86	1V	Sacramento, Calif. (Cosumnes River College)
32	Andy Oros	L-L	6-4	230	Fr.	10-13-87	RS	Roseville, Calif. (Jesuit HS)
36	Chris Petrini	L-L	6-0	225	So.	2-11-87	1V	San Bruno, Calif. (Sacred Heart Cathedral HS)
21	Stephen Pistoressi (Pis-tor-S-ee)	R-R	6-1	200	Fr.	11-1-88	HS	Fresno, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial HS)
46	Alex Rollin (RAW-Lin)	R-R	6-2	210	Sr.	5-22-85	1V	Los Gatos, Calif. (Los Gatos HS)
44	Tyson Ross	R-R	6-6	225	Jr.	4-22-87	2V	Oakland, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd HS)
15	Nick Tess	R-R	6-1	180	Sr.	2-12-86	SQ	Alamo, Calif. (Monte Vista HS)
14	Daniel Wolford	R-R	6-2	210	So.	8-19-88	TR	Roseville, Calif. (Long Beach State)

## CATCHERS

NO.	NAME	B-T	HT	WT	YR	BORN	EXP	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
45	Chad Bunting	R-R	6-0	175	Fr.	10-23-89	HS	Ukiah, Calif. (Ukiah HS)
16	Charlie Cutler	L-R	6-1	205	Jr.	7-29-86	1V	San Francisco, Calif. (Lowell HS)
22	Brett Thomas	R-R	5-11	190	Sr.	3-4-86	SQ	Danville, Calif. (Diablo Valley College)
33	Dylan Tonneson (Tawn-es-son)	R-R	6-3	220	So.	9-5-87	SQ	San Ramon, Calif. (California HS)

## INFIELDERS

NO.	NAME	B-T	HT	WT	YR	BORN	EXP	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
1	Austin Booker	L-R	5-10	165	Fr.	4-11-87	RS	Fairfax, Va. (Robinson HS)
26	Michael Brady	R-R	6-1	205	Jr.	3-21-87	1V	Laguna Beach, Calif. (Santa Margarita HS)
18	David Cooper	L-L	6-1	210	Jr.	2-12-87	1V	Stockton, Calif. (Cal State Fullerton)
31	Rich Gorman	S-R	5-10	180	So.	12-31-86	SQ	Los Altos, Calif. (Bellarmine College Prep)
2	Brian Guinn	S-R	6-1	165	Fr.	4-4-89	HS	El Sobrante, Calif. (Berkeley HS)
23	Jeff Kobernus (OF) (CO-burr-ness)	R-R	6-2	195	So.	6-30-88	1V	San Leandro, Calif. (Bishop O'Dowd)
34	Maris Moore	R-R	6-3	200	Fr.	1-30-89	HS	San Ramon, Calif. (California HS)
3	Josh Satin (SAT-in)	R-R	6-2	200	Sr.	12-23-84	3V	Calabasas, Calif. (Harvard-Westlake HS)
10	Dwight Tanaka (OF)	R-R	5-8	170	Fr.	11-15-88	HS	El Sobrante, Calif. (Campolindo HS)

## OUTFIELDERS

NO.	NAME	B-T	HT	WT	YR	BORN	EXP	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
5	Mark Canha (CAN-Ah)	R-R	6-2	195	Fr.	2-15-89	HS	San Jose, Calif. (Bellarmine College Prep)
24	Michael Capbarat (cab-ba-Ray)	R-R	6-3	225	Jr.	3-13-86	SQ	Walnut Creek, Calif. (De La Salle HS)
29	Ryan Hanlon	R-R	6-1	190	Jr.	2-27-87	1V	Elk Grove, Calif. (Laguna Creek HS)
4	Brett Jackson	L-R	6-2	210	So.	8-2-88	1V	Orinda, Calif. (Miramonte HS)
20	Jordan Karnofsky	L-R	6-3	230	Sr.	10-16-85	1V	Sacramento, Calif. (Christian Brothers HS)
25	Scott Schauer (Shower)	R-R	6-0	185	Fr.	4-11-88	RS	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Servite HS)
37	Blake Smith (RHP)	L-R	6-2	220	So.	12-9-87	1V	Modesto, Calif. (Thomas Downey HS)
35	Tyler Waddell	R-R	6-2	215	Jr.	12-23-85	SQ	Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. (Peninsula HS)

**Head Coach:** David Esquer (S-Kerr) (8); **Assistant Coaches:** Dan Hubbs (40), Jon Zuber (9);

**Volunteer Assistant:** Tony Arnerich (Arn-er-rich) (39); **Director of Baseball Operations:** Stefan Shakiba (Sha-Key-Baa)

		NUMERICAL ROSTER			
1	Austin Booker	24	Michael Capbarat	31	Rich Gorman
2	Brian Guinn	25	Scott Schauer	32	Andy Oros
3	Josh Satin	26	Michael Brady	33	Dylan Tonneson
4	Brett Jackson	27	Craig Bennigson	34	Maris Moore
5	Mark Canha	28	Yasser Clor	35	Tyler Waddell
6	Michael Bugary	29	Ryan Hanlon	36	Chris Petrini
8	David Esquer	30	Nick Nunez	37	Blake Smith
9	Jon Zuber			38	Todd Fitzgerald
10	Dwight Tanaka			39	Tony Arnerich
11	Matt Gorgen			40	Dan Hubbs
14	Daniel Wolford			41	Kevin Miller
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18	David Cooper			45	Chad Bunting
19	Dane Ferguson			46	Alex Rollin
20	Jordan Karnofsky			47	Mike Cassidy
21	Stephen Pistoressi			48	Dixon Anderson
22	Brett Thomas			50	Kurt De La Rosa
23	Jeff Kobernus			51	Brian Diemer



# 2008 OVERALL STATS AND RESULTS

RECORD: 33-19-2

HOME: 21-7-2

AWAY: 9-10

NEUTRAL: 3-2

CONFERENCE: 12-12

## BATTING

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SHSB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%	
Satin, Josh	.388	53-53	188	55	73	11	1	18	52	140	.745	46	4	42	4	.508	4	1	6-9	85	178	10	.963
Booker, Austin	.364	15-0	11	1	4	0	0	0	3	4	.364	4	0	3	0	.533	0	0	0-0	3	4	0	1.000
Cooper, David	.363	54-54	212	55	77	14	0	19	55	148	.698	37	2	31	4	.455	4	0	0-1	467	39	2	.996
Cutler, Charlie	.333	40-40	156	38	52	6	0	2	17	64	.410	17	9	15	4	.424	2	1	4-5	75	3	3	.963
Guinn, Brian	.324	23-5	37	4	12	1	1	0	4	15	.405	2	1	12	0	.366	1	2	1-1	9	17	7	.788
Jackson, Brett	.320	54-54	194	36	62	7	4	4	40	89	.459	24	11	35	3	.418	3	4	12-15	110	2	1	.991
Tonneson, Dylan	.315	53-52	181	34	57	12	0	6	33	87	.481	17	17	23	3	.414	5	4	5-9	383	40	6	.986
Kobernus, Jeff	.308	54-54	221	34	68	13	2	3	27	94	.425	14	3	35	1	.353	3	3	11-16	34	84	17	.874
Smith, Blake	.295	52-52	193	35	57	10	2	11	41	104	.539	15	7	51	1	.361	4	2	6-9	93	16	2	.982
Canha, Mark	.283	34-14	60	10	17	2	0	0	6	19	.317	12	0	21	0	.403	0	1	2-2	26	0	1	.963
Gorman, Rich	.263	48-42	156	33	41	8	0	4	20	61	.391	18	12	39	1	.378	2	5	5-9	3	3	1	.857
Thomas, Brett	.250	11-0	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	.250	0	0	1	0	.250	0	0	0-0	12	1	0	1.000
Brady, Michael	.247	53-52	170	27	42	2	3	5	29	65	.382	19	3	43	3	.330	2	9	6-8	82	151	16	.936
Tanaka, Dwight	.200	8-0	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200	2	1	2	0	.500	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
Capbarat, Michael	.191	25-7	47	5	9	0	0	2	10	15	.319	2	2	18	0	.241	3	0	3-3	10	1	1	.917
Hanlon, Ryan	.148	17-5	27	1	4	1	0	0	2	5	.185	3	0	4	0	.226	1	1	0-0	11	0	0	1.000
Schauer, Scott	.000	5-2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	0	5	0	.273	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Waddell, Tyler	.000	3-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Karnofsky, Jordan	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Fitzgerald, Todd	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	3	0	1.000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.308</b>	<b>54-54</b>	<b>1877</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>.486</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>.399</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>61-87</b>	<b>1443</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>.964</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>.272</b>	<b>54-54</b>	<b>1865</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>.378</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>.373</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>51-69</b>	<b>1408</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>.967</b>

LOB - Team (474), Opp (468). DPs turned - Team (53), Opp (34). IBB - Team (14), Satin 5, Cooper 3, Smith 3, Canha 1, Tonneson 1, Jackson 1, Opp (8). Picked off - Tonneson 2, Cutler 2, Capbarat 1, Smith 1, Satin 1, Jackson 1.

## PITCHING

(ALL GAMES SORTED BY EARNED RUN AVG)

Player	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Bugary, Michael	1.59	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	5.2	8	6	1	5	7	1	0	0	26	.308	3	1	0	0	1
Miller, Kevin	2.56	6	1	20	5	0	0	0	0	70.1	48	25	20	37	67	10	2	3	258	.186	8	1	1	1	6
Nunez, Nick	2.79	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	9.2	10	5	3	10	8	3	0	0	38	.263	1	0	0	0	0
Gorgen, Matt	3.20	2	2	27	0	0	0	1	9	39.1	38	17	14	17	42	3	0	3	148	.257	0	0	1	1	2
Smith, Blake	3.26	3	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	19.1	18	12	7	9	32	4	1	0	77	.234	3	0	0	0	2
Pistorosi, Stephen	3.86	0	0	11	1	0	0	0	1	25.2	43	19	11	5	13	4	1	0	118	.364	4	2	0	2	2
Ross, Tyson	4.40	7	3	11	11	0	0	0	0	71.2	67	36	35	30	62	7	2	7	267	.251	10	4	1	2	7
Rollin, Alex	5.40	4	2	14	11	0	0	1	0	58.1	78	39	35	27	34	16	3	2	243	.321	5	4	1	2	4
Fitzgerald, Todd	6.14	1	1	14	3	0	0	0	0	29.1	30	20	20	23	18	5	0	2	106	.283	2	5	0	0	3
Wolford, Daniel	6.63	2	1	21	2	0	0	1	1	38.0	42	30	28	29	43	11	0	2	147	.286	5	3	0	0	3
Diemer, Brian	6.75	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	5.1	9	7	4	7	4	1	1	0	25	.360	0	0	0	1	0
Bennigson, Craig	6.79	4	4	19	11	0	0	0	0	62.1	75	55	47	40	58	18	0	5	243	.309	2	9	0	1	7
Petrini, Chris	7.05	3	3	11	8	0	0	0	0	37.0	32	36	29	24	29	3	1	3	135	.237	2	7	0	1	3
Ferguson, Dane	7.20	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	6	4	4	7	2	1	1	1	21	.286	1	0	0	0	0
Cassady, Mike	9.00	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	4.0	3	4	4	3	3	0	0	1	13	.231	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4.85</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>481.0</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1865</b>	<b>.272</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>6.21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>469.1</b>	<b>578</b>	<b>369</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1877</b>	<b>.308</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>33</b>

PB - Team (11), Tonneson 10, Thomas 1, Opp (12). Pickoffs - Team (2), Bennigson 1, Gorgen 1, Opp (8). SBA/ATT - Tonneson (47-60), Gorgen (9-11), Ross (8-10), Fitzgerald (5-9), Bennigson (6-9), Rollin (5-8), Petrini (6-7), Cutler (4-4), Smith (3-3), Pistorosi (2-3), Miller (2-3), Wolford (3-3), Diemer (2-2), Nunez (0-1).



# 2008 PAC-10 STATS AND RESULTS

RECORD: 12-12

HOME: 7-5

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CONFERENCE: 12-12

## BATTING

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SHSB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%	
Booker, Austin	.500	6-0	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	.500	2	0	0	0	.667	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
Kobernus, Jeff	.367	24-24	90	13	33	5	2	0	8	42	.467	6	2	11	1	.418	0	1	8-11	17	46	4	.940
Cutler, Charlie	.326	24-24	95	20	31	3	0	2	11	40	.421	9	8	7	4	.429	0	1	2-3	43	0	2	.956
Cooper, David	.312	24-24	93	16	29	7	0	5	17	51	.548	17	0	11	2	.411	2	0	0-0	201	17	0	1.000
Jackson, Brett	.302	24-24	86	13	26	3	0	1	15	32	.372	11	2	15	2	.394	0	1	3-3	49	2	0	1.000
Satin, Josh	.289	24-24	76	17	22	4	1	4	15	40	.526	26	2	21	4	.476	1	0	2-3	45	75	5	.960
Gorman, Rich	.273	20-17	66	10	18	3	0	1	7	24	.364	3	4	16	0	.338	1	4	1-1	1	0	0	1.000
Smith, Blake	.270	24-24	89	16	24	2	1	7	17	49	.551	5	2	23	1	.316	2	1	0-1	36	12	2	.960
Tonneson, Dylan	.207	24-24	82	12	17	5	0	2	13	28	.341	6	8	14	2	.320	1	1	2-5	185	12	1	.995
Brady, Michael	.205	24-24	73	11	15	1	2	2	11	26	.356	7	1	17	2	.280	1	3	2-2	29	59	4	.957
Guinn, Brian	.200	7-1	15	1	3	1	0	0	2	4	.267	1	0	7	0	.250	0	1	0-0	0	8	2	.800
Capbarat, Michael	.174	13-4	23	1	4	0	0	1	2	7	.304	2	1	9	0	.269	0	0	1-1	4	0	1	.800
Canha, Mark	.143	12-1	14	2	2	1	0	0	1	3	.214	1	0	5	0	.200	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
Schauer, Scott	.000	1-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Thomas, Brett	.000	3-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Hanlon, Ryan	.000	1-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Tanaka, Dwight	.000	2-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Fitzgerald, Todd	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.278</b>	<b>24-24</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>.428</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>.373</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21-30</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>.972</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>.309</b>	<b>24-24</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>.422</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>.424</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28-36</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>.978</b>

LOB - Team (197), Opp (228). DPs turned - Team (23), Opp (23). IBB - Team (3), Satin 2, Cooper 1, Opp (4). Picked off - Cutler 2, Capbarat 1.

## PITCHING

(ALL GAMES SORTED BY EARNED RUN AVG)

Player	ERA	W	L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
Nunez, Nick	3.38	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5.1	6	4	2	7	3	2	0	0	21	.286	1	0	0	0	0
Gorgen, Matt	3.60	2	1	12	0	0	0	0	4	20.0	21	10	8	8	20	1	0	1	77	.273	0	0	1	0	1
Smith, Blake	3.72	3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	9.2	6	4	4	5	13	1	1	0	34	.176	1	0	0	0	1
Miller, Kevin	4.38	1	1	9	3	0	0	0	0	37.0	32	20	18	29	38	6	2	3	138	.232	4	1	1	1	4
Ross, Tyson	5.20	4	3	8	8	0	0	0	0	53.2	58	32	31	26	46	6	2	4	206	.282	8	4	1	2	6
Pistoresi, Stephen	6.75	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	9.1	18	11	7	2	4	3	0	0	46	.391	1	2	0	1	0
Fitzgerald, Todd	7.27	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	8.2	8	7	7	11	6	1	0	0	32	.250	1	1	0	0	0
Bennigson, Craig	8.88	1	4	9	6	0	0	0	0	25.1	39	29	25	20	19	9	0	3	105	.371	1	6	0	0	3
Rollin, Alex	9.00	0	2	6	4	0	0	0	0	22.0	41	24	22	14	10	6	2	1	97	.423	2	3	0	1	3
Diemer, Brian	9.00	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	2	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	4	.500	0	0	0	1	0
Wolford, Daniel	13.09	1	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	11.0	19	18	16	16	15	4	0	1	50	.380	3	1	0	0	0
Petrini, Chris	13.50	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	6.0	7	14	9	9	4	0	0	0	22	.318	1	1	0	1	2
Cassady, Mike	21.60	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1.2	2	4	4	3	1	0	0	1	6	.333	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6.58</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>210.2</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>.309</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>5.08</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>210.2</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>.278</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>

PB - Team (5), Tonneson 5, Opp (6). Pickoffs - Team (1), Bennigson 1, Opp (3). SBA/ATT - Tonneson (25-30), Ross (7-9), Rollin (3-5), Gorgen (4-5), Petrini (4-4), Bennigson (2-4), Fitzgerald (2-3), Cutler (3-3), Wolford (2-2), Smith (2-2), Miller (1-1), Diemer (1-1).



# 2008 FIELDING STATS

(ALL GAMES SORTED BY FIELDING PCT)

<i>Player</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>PO</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>FLD%</i>	<i>DPs</i>	<i>SBA</i>	<i>CSB</i>	<i>SBA%</i>	<i>PB</i>	<i>CI</i>
Ross, Tyson	25	14	11	0	1.000	1	8	2	.800	0	0
Thomas, Brett	13	12	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	1	0
Hanlon, Ryan	11	11	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
Petrini, Chris	9	4	5	0	1.000	0	6	1	.857	0	0
Booker, Austin	7	3	4	0	1.000	2	0	0	—	0	0
Fitzgerald, Todd	4	1	3	0	1.000	0	5	4	.556	0	0
Tanaka, Dwight	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
Cassady, Mike	1	0	1	0	1.000	1	0	0	—	0	0
Bugary, Michael	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
Cooper, David	508	467	39	2	.996	48	0	0	—	0	0
Jackson, Brett	113	110	2	1	.991	0	0	0	—	0	0
Tonneson, Dylan	429	383	40	6	.986	4	47	13	.783	10	0
Smith, Blake	111	93	16	2	.982	2	3	0	1.000	0	0
Satin, Josh	273	85	178	10	.963	36	0	0	—	0	0
Cutler, Charlie	81	75	3	3	.963	0	4	0	1.000	0	0
Canha, Mark	27	26	0	1	.963	0	0	0	—	0	0
Bennigson, Craig	21	6	14	1	.952	0	6	3	.667	0	0
Rollin, Alex	19	5	13	1	.947	1	5	3	.625	0	0
Brady, Michael	249	82	151	16	.936	33	0	0	—	0	0
Capbarat, Michael	12	10	1	1	.917	1	0	0	—	0	0
Miller, Kevin	11	3	7	1	.909	0	2	1	.667	0	0
Kobernus, Jeff	135	34	84	17	.874	8	0	0	—	0	0
Gorman, Rich	7	3	3	1	.857	1	0	0	—	0	0
Gorgen, Matt	12	2	8	2	.833	0	9	2	.818	0	0
Wolford, Daniel	5	1	3	1	.800	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
Guinn, Brian	33	9	17	7	.788	5	0	0	—	0	0
Pistoresi, Stephen	14	3	8	3	.786	1	2	1	.667	0	0
Karnofsky, Jordan	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
Schauer, Scott	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
Ferguson, Dane	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
Diemer, Brian	0	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
Waddell, Tyler	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	—	0	0
Nunez, Nick	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	.000	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2132</b>	<b>1443</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>.964</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>.739</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>1956</b>	<b>1408</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>.967</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>.701</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>



## 2008 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score		Cal		Opp		Inns	Overall	Pac-10	Pitcher of Record
				R-H-E	R-H-E	R-H-E	R-H-E				
Feb 22	KANSAS STATE	W 5-1		5-9-0	1-1-2	9	1-0-0	0-0-0	Ross (W 1-0)		
Feb 23	UTAH VALLEY	W 12-1		12-8-1	1-4-3	9	2-0-0	0-0-0	Bennigson (W 1-0)		
Feb 23	UTAH VALLEY	W 8-8	T	8-10-3	8-10-2	9	2-0-1	0-0-0	None		
Feb 28	vs #24 Fresno State	W 14-4		14-16-1	4-7-0	9	3-0-1	0-0-0	Petrini (W 1-0)		
Feb 29	vs #5 Missouri	W 5-7	L	5-14-1	7-14-0	9	3-1-1	0-0-0	Fitzgerald (L 0-1)		
Mar 1	at #22 San Diego State	W 5-3		5-10-0	3-5-0	9	4-1-1	0-0-0	Bennigson (W 2-0)		
Mar 2	at #12 SAN DIEGO	W 5-0		5-8-1	0-5-3	9	5-1-1	0-0-0	Wolford (W 1-0)		
Mar 4	STANFORD	W 8-3		8-13-0	3-8-2	9	6-1-1	0-0-0	Ferguson (W 1-0)		
Mar 7	vs Northern Iowa	W 11-3		11-7-0	3-4-1	9	7-1-1	0-0-0	Petrini (W 2-0)		
Mar 8	at Minnesota	W 4-1		4-7-1	1-5-5	9	8-1-1	0-0-0	Bennigson (W 3-0)		
Mar 9	vs New Mexico	W 12-2		12-20-3	2-9-1	9	9-1-1	0-0-0	Rollin (W 1-0)		
Mar 11	SAN FRANCISCO	W 6-2		6-8-3	2-3-3	9	10-1-1	0-0-0	Miller (W 1-0)		
Mar 14	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	W 10-4		10-12-1	4-10-3	9	11-1-1	0-0-0	Ross (W 2-0)		
Mar 15	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	W 21-9		21-19-1	9-15-4	9	12-1-1	0-0-0	Miller (W 2-0)		
Mar 15	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	W 2-6	L	2-8-2	6-13-1	9	12-2-1	0-0-0	Petrini (L 2-1)		
Mar 16	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	W 6-1		6-14-2	1-8-1	9	13-2-1	0-0-0	Rollin (W 2-0)		
Mar 18	SACRAMENTOSTATE	W 6-12	L	6-10-5	12-11-0	9	13-3-1	0-0-0	Bugary (L 0-1)		
*Mar 20	at #25 Washington State	W 9-1		9-10-2	1-2-2	9	14-3-1	1-0-0	Ross (W 3-0)		
*Mar 21	at #25 Washington State	W 7-4		7-10-0	4-12-0	9	15-3-1	2-0-0	Wolford (W 2-0)		
*Mar 22	at #25 Washington State	W 4-5	L	4-11-0	5-11-0	(10)	15-4-1	2-1-0	Gorgen (L 0-1)		
Mar 25	at Santa Clara	W 5-7	L	5-11-0	7-9-0	(10)	15-5-1	2-1-0	Gorgen (L 0-2)		
Mar 28	#5 LONG BEACH STATE	W 6-1		6-12-0	1-6-2	9	16-5-1	2-1-0	Ross (W 4-0)		
Mar 29	#5 LONG BEACH STATE	W 10-6		10-14-1	6-5-1	9	17-5-1	2-1-0	Miller (W 3-0)		
Mar 30	#5 LONG BEACH STATE	W 4-3		4-9-0	3-10-1	9	18-5-1	2-1-0	Rollin (W 3-0)		
Apr 1	vs San Francisco	W 1-5	L	1-6-5	5-8-0	9	18-6-1	2-1-0	Petrini (L 2-2)		
Apr 2	FRESNO STATE	W 5-4		5-6-4	4-5-2	9	19-6-1	2-1-0	Miller (W 4-0)		
*Apr 4	OREGON STATE	W 5-2		5-10-1	2-10-1	9	20-6-1	3-1-0	Ross (W 5-0)		
*Apr 5	OREGON STATE	W 9-3		9-13-0	3-5-0	9	21-6-1	4-1-0	Miller (W 5-0)		
*Apr 6	OREGON STATE	W 2-9	L	2-6-1	9-13-2	9	21-7-1	4-2-0	Rollin (L 3-1)		
Apr 7	#10 STANFORD	W 5-5	T	5-14-3	5-10-0	(13)	21-7-2	4-2-0	None		
Apr 9	SANTA CLARA	W 16-8		16-21-2	8-15-1	9	22-7-2	4-2-0	Fitzgerald (W 1-1)		
*Apr 11	at USC	W 1-17	L	1-5-1	17-22-1	9	22-8-2	4-3-0	Ross (L 5-1)		
*Apr 12	at USC	W 5-11	L	5-7-0	11-12-1	9	22-9-2	4-4-0	Bennigson (L 3-1)		
*Apr 13	at USC	W 13-11		13-19-2	11-14-1	9	23-9-2	5-4-0	Smith (W 1-0)		
Apr 15	at Pacific	W 14-1		14-18-3	1-8-4	9	24-9-2	5-4-0	Rollin (W 4-1)		
*Apr 18	WASHINGTON	W 10-5		10-9-2	5-10-2	9	25-9-2	6-4-0	Ross (W 6-1)		
*Apr 19	WASHINGTON	W 4-7	L	4-11-3	7-9-1	9	25-10-2	6-5-0	Bennigson (L 3-2)		
*Apr 20	WASHINGTON	W 5-4		5-10-1	4-11-1	9	26-10-2	7-5-0	Smith (W 2-0)		
Apr 22	CAL POLY	W 10-8		10-14-1	8-6-1	9	27-10-2	7-5-0	Petrini (W 3-2)		
*Apr 25	at #4 Arizona State	W 7-11	L	7-11-2	11-11-2	9	27-11-2	7-6-0	Ross (L 6-2)		
*Apr 26	at #4 Arizona State	W 7-11	L	7-14-0	11-9-1	9	27-12-2	7-7-0	Bennigson (L 3-3)		
*Apr 27	at #4 Arizona State	W 2-18	L	2-6-5	18-11-0	7	27-13-2	7-8-0	Petrini (L 3-3)		
Apr 30	at Cal Poly	W 2-8	L	2-6-4	8-9-0	9	27-14-2	7-8-0	Diemer (L 0-1)		
*May 2	#20 ARIZONA	W 11-5		11-11-1	5-11-0	9	28-14-2	8-8-0	Ross (W 7-2)		
*May 3	#20 ARIZONA	W 6-5		6-11-0	5-8-1	9	29-14-2	9-8-0	Gorgen (W 1-2)		
*May 4	#20 ARIZONA	W 5-16	L	5-7-1	16-18-0	9	29-15-2	9-9-0	Rollin (L 4-2)		
May 6	UC DAVIS	W 13-4		13-18-1	4-10-1	9	30-15-2	9-9-0	Miller (W 6-0)		
*May 9	at #6 Stanford	W 4-3		4-6-1	3-6-0	(10)	31-15-2	10-9-0	Gorgen (W 2-2)		
*May 10	at #6 Stanford	W 5-2		5-7-2	2-9-1	9	32-15-2	11-9-0	Bennigson (W 4-3)		
*May 11	at #6 Stanford	W 5-8	L	5-8-1	8-9-1	9	32-16-2	11-10-0	Miller (L 6-1)		
May 13	at UC Davis	W 5-9	L	5-10-1	9-15-1	9	32-17-2	11-10-0	Wolford (L 2-1)		
*May 23	UCLA	W 0-8	L	0-5-0	8-12-1	9	32-18-2	11-11-0	Ross (L 7-3)		
*May 24	UCLA	W 0-7	L	0-3-0	7-11-0	9	32-19-2	11-12-0	Bennigson (L 4-4)		
*May 25	UCLA	W 7-6		7-16-0	6-13-0	(10)	33-19-2	12-12-0	Smith (W 3-0)		

( ) extra inning game      \*Pacific-10 Conference game      Home games in CAPS



## MISCELLANEOUS STATS

### MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5+</b>	<b>Tot</b>
Cooper, David	13	10	1	-	24
Kobernus, Jeff	17	7	-	-	24
Satin, Josh	15	6	1	-	22
Jackson, Brett	16	2	-	-	18
Smith, Blake	13	2	1	-	16
Tonneson, Dylan	11	4	1	-	16
Cutler, Charlie	11	4	-	1	16
Gorman, Rich	12	-	-	-	12
Brady, Michael	8	1	-	-	9
Guinn, Brian	2	1	-	-	3
Canha, Mark	2	-	1	-	3
Capbarat, Michael	2	-	-	-	2
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>165</b>

### MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5+</b>	<b>Tot</b>
Cooper, David	10	5	1	1	17
Satin, Josh	8	5	1	-	14
Jackson, Brett	11	1	1	-	13
Smith, Blake	6	3	2	-	11
Kobernus, Jeff	7	-	1	-	8
Brady, Michael	5	-	2	-	7
Tonneson, Dylan	4	1	2	-	7
Gorman, Rich	3	-	-	-	3
Capbarat, Michael	3	-	-	-	3
Guinn, Brian	1	-	-	-	1
Cutler, Charlie	1	-	-	-	1
Canha, Mark	-	1	-	-	1
<b>TEAM</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>86</b>

### HITTING STREAKS

	<b>Longest</b>	<b>Current</b>
Satin, Josh	22	2
Brady, Michael	11	1
Smith, Blake	9	1
Kobernus, Jeff	8	1
Cutler, Charlie	8	4
Cooper, David	8	1
Jackson, Brett	8	1
Gorman, Rich	7	-
Tonneson, Dylan	7	1
Hanlon, Ryan	4	-
Canha, Mark	3	1
Capbarat, Michael	3	-
Thomas, Brett	2	-
Guinn, Brian	2	2
Booker, Austin	1	1
Tanaka, Dwight	1	-

# CAL IN POSTSEASON PLAY



California, coached by Clint Evans, won the first College World Series in 1947, defeating former President George Bush's Yale team, 8-7.

## POSTSEASON QUICK FACTS

**Appearances:** 9 (1947, '57, '80, '85, '88, '91, '92, '95, '01)  
**National Championships:** 2 (1947, '57)  
**Overall Regional Record:** 22-11 (Nine Appearances)  
**Overall CWS Record:** 10-6 (Five Appearances)  
**Last CWS Game:** May 31, 1992 (Florida State 5, Cal 4)  
**Last CWS Win:** June 4, 1980 (Cal 4, Miami (Fla.) 3)  
**Cal Postseason Coaching Records:** Clint Evans 4-0 (1947), George Wolfman 7-1 (1957), Bob Milano 20-14 (1980, '85, '88, '91, '92, '95), David Esquer 1-2 (2001)



California 3, Georgia Tech 2  
 California 11, Texas A&M 4  
**College World Series, Omaha, NE**  
 Miami (Fla.) 4, California 3 (13 inn.)  
 Florida State 5, California 4  
 (Cal finishes tied for seventh)

### 1995

**Midwest Regional, Knoxville, TN**  
 California 4, Georgia Tech 3  
 Oklahoma State 15, California 4  
 Pittsburgh 9, California 4

### 2001

**South Regional, Baton Rouge, LA**  
 Virginia Commonwealth 9, California 7  
 California 9, Minnesota 3  
 Virginia Commonwealth 11, California 2

## NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS BY SCHOOL

USC .....	12
Texas .....	6
Arizona State .....	5
Louisiana State .....	5
Cal State Fullerton .....	4
Miami (Fla.) .....	4
Arizona .....	3
Minnesota .....	3
California .....	2
Missouri .....	2
Oklahoma .....	2
Oregon State .....	2
Stanford .....	2
Georgia .....	1
Holy Cross .....	1
Michigan .....	1
Ohio State .....	1
Oklahoma State .....	1
Pepperdine .....	1
Rice .....	1
Wake Forest .....	1
Wichita State .....	1

### 1947

#### NCAA Western Playoffs, Denver, CO

California 3, Denver 1  
 California 8, Texas 7

#### NCAA Championship Series, Kalamazoo, MI

California 17, Yale 4  
**California 8, Yale 7 (CWS Championship)**

### 1957

#### NCAA District Playoffs, Berkeley, CA

California 4, Pepperdine 2  
 Pepperdine 10, California 6  
 California 10, Pepperdine 3

#### College World Series, Omaha, NE

California 4, Northern Colorado 0  
 California 8, Iowa State 2  
 California 8, Penn State 0  
 California 9, Iowa State 1

#### California 1, Penn State 0 (CWS Championship)

### 1980

#### Midwest Regional, Tulsa, OK

Nevada-Las Vegas 3, California 2  
 California 5, Wichita State 1  
 California 7, Arkansas 1  
 California 7, Missouri 1 (14 inn.)

California 6, Nevada-Las Vegas 2

California 12, Nevada-Las Vegas 0

#### College World Series, Omaha, NE

Michigan 9, California 8 (11 inn.)  
 California 6, Clemson 4

California 8, St. John's 5  
 California 4, Miami (Fla.) 3  
 Arizona 11, California 10 (Cal finishes third)

### 1985

#### West II Regional, Fresno, CA

Fresno State 7, California 6 (10 inn.)  
 Brigham Young 9, California 5

### 1988

#### Central Regional, Austin, TX

California 13, Pennsylvania 3  
 California 8, Michigan 7 (11 inn.)  
 California 8, Texas 7  
 California 6, Texas 5

#### College World Series, Omaha, NE

Arizona State 4, California 2  
 Florida 6, California 5  
 (Cal finishes tied for seventh)

### 1991

#### Midwest Regional, Wichita, KS

California 8, Baylor 5  
 California 10, Ohio State 8  
 Wichita State 8, California 1  
 California 6, Ohio State 5  
 Wichita State 11, California 5

### 1992

#### East Regional, Gainesville, FL

Texas A&M 15, California 6  
 California 4, Florida 3 (10 inn.)  
 California 16, George Mason 5



## 2008 NEWS CLIPPINGS

**Cal Bursts Onto Scene With Wins Over Three Ranked Foes***By Ryan Gorcey, Daily Californian, March 3, 2008*

Before the Cal baseball team traveled to San Diego to face some of the best teams in the country, senior second baseman Josh Satin made one of his patented predictions: the Bears would win every game at the San Diego Invitational.

Well, he was 75 percent right. Cal (5-1-1) shut out No. 17 San Diego 5-0 on Sunday to cap off a three-win weekend in which the Bears downed the Toreros, No. 24 Fresno State (3-5) and No. 22 San Diego State (5-4).

The only team Cal lost to was No. 5 Missouri (6-2), who knocked off the Bears on Friday by the score of 7-5.

"We came into the tournament and played four teams that are all ranked in the top 25 ... and we didn't even have our best player (junior ace Tyson Ross) here," Satin said. "I think we're all pretty encouraged and it just shows what we can do."

Ross—who was unable to pitch because of illness—was supposed to face off with the Tigers' preseason All-American Aaron Crow, but it was not to be. Going against Bears sophomore Todd Fitzgerald on Friday, Crow went five innings and gave up three runs to earn the win. Fitzgerald lasted two-thirds of an inning and gave up five earned runs.

"Obviously (with) Tyson, we feel like he could have given us the type of outing we could have won with," coach David Esquer said. "But still, we had our chances."

Satin filled the void made by Ross's absence with some hefty power numbers over the weekend, going 10-for-19 with eight RBI and two home runs. With his two-run ninth-inning blast to finish San Diego, Satin surpassed his 2007 home run total and now has five on the year.

But when talking about Cal power hitters, junior first baseman David Cooper cannot be left out of the conversation. Over the weekend, Cooper smacked his fourth and fifth homers of the year and went 5-for-14 with six walks.

"(Cooper) got stronger, so doubles are now homers, and some of his fly balls are homers now," Esquer said. "A lot of it has to do with his commitment to his fitness and I think it's the same with Josh Satin? They're just kind of reaping the benefits now."

Early-season tournaments are often the gauge by which many scouts and publications determine the rankings throughout the rest of the season, a fact not lost on the unranked Bears.

"I'd be surprised if we weren't (ranked next week), to be honest," Satin said. "We've been getting some good coverage and we beat a couple of quality teams pretty handily."

The only quality team that got close—other than Mizzou—was SDSU. But junior lefty Craig Bennigson stood in the Aztecs' way, tossing a career-high eight innings while striking out seven in Saturday's 5-3 win, elevating his record to 2-0.

"My slider was working really good and I was able to mix my changeup in a lot," Bennigson said. "I was able to vary my pitches and get the ground balls I needed."

**Jackson Leads Comeback in Thriller***By Ryan Gorcey, Daily Californian, March 5, 2008*

Brett Jackson fights off an inside pitch for what would end up being a game-changing two-run single in the bottom of the seventh.

With the score tied 3-3 in the bottom of the seventh after Stanford's Zach Jones popped a three-run home run, the No. 18 Cal baseball team looked like it had just lost all momentum in a close contest that had, to that point, been a pitching-dominated affair.

But slowly, the Bears (6-1-1) began chipping away. Sophomore Rich Gorman took a pitch off of his elbow. Sophomore third baseman Jeff Kobernus bunted Gorman over to second. Junior slugger David Cooper was given an intentional walk, and then senior Josh Satin singled through the left side to load the bases for sophomore center fielder Brett Jackson.

Swinging on the first pitch, Jackson fisted a single through the right side, about two fingernails above the leaping first baseman, to knock in two runs and give Cal the lead for good. The Bears

kept piling it on to defeat the Cardinal, 8-3, scoring three runs in the seventh and two in the eighth to put Stanford away.

"I was just looking for a ball out over the plate and got one inside," Jackson said. "It was in on my hands a little bit, but I forced it out there and got a couple runs in."

Freshman Kevin Miller started for Cal, and in his first start of the young season, went five innings, giving up five hits and no runs while striking out four.

But it wasn't only the Cardinal (6-3) that had trouble scoring early. Through four innings, the Bears held on to a slim 2-0 lead before scoring a third run off of Stanford starter Max Fearnow in the bottom of the fifth. Fearnow was pulled in the sixth and was replaced by Michael Marshall, who got out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam by striking out left fielder Mark Canha and inducing a pop-up from shortstop Michael Brady.

But Marshall wasn't effective for long, as the Bears' small ball in the seventh proved too much for the Cardinal defense to handle.

"They're playing with much more poise," Cal coach David Esquer said of his team. "I think they feel well prepared and I think that helps their confidence so they don't feel like they're trying to do something they're not capable of."

Without the usual offensive fireworks from Cooper and Satin, the Bears had to rely on bunts, stolen bases and hit-and-runs to open up opportunities against Stanford. The Bears' relentless attack kept the Cardinal defense on its heels and forced two Stanford errors.

"We tried to put pressure on them," Esquer said. "They had to make two big plays early on to keep us down ... We just want

people to have to make plays against us and not put the pressure on us to kind of come up with great plays.”

Cal pounded out 12 hits against three Cardinal pitchers and benefited from five walks and two hit batsmen. One of those walks was to sophomore right fielder Blake Smith, who offered his services at the plate and on the mound, tossing a scoreless eighth inning and leading the team with three base hits.

“It makes it a lot easier when everyone’s hitting the ball,” Smith said. “We kept hitting, and they kept getting caught and we were getting outs, but they were going to fall eventually. You put up 12, you’re going to score.”

**Bears Bring Best Start in Esquer’s Tenure to Metrodome**

By Matt Kawahara, Daily Californian, March 7, 2008

Before the season started, before the No. 18 Cal baseball team had played an inning or scored a run, there was nothing to base it on but the way they looked on paper.

After opening weekend, there was no evidence for it except an explosive performance against mediocre opponents.

But now, the Bears (6-1-1) are off to their best start through eight games since David Esquer took over the program nine years ago, with three wins over top-25 teams and gritty defeat over Stanford already included.

And though there is plenty of season left to be played, starting with today’s 1 p.m. game against Northern Iowa at the Metrodome Tournament in Minneapolis, Minn., it really is a tantalizing thought—the possibility that this is the best team to call Evans Diamond home in recent memory.

“I think they feel, physically and baseball-wise at least, as prepared as any team that I’ve had,” Esquer said.

That includes the loaded squad from two years ago that had eight players taken in the MLB Draft, but started out just 4-4 through its first eight games and finished the year two games under .500.

The team had talent, but it was lacking in one major area that then-sophomore and now-team captain Michael Capbarat sees far more prominently in 2008.

“I think this is probably the most chemistry that we’ve had in my experience,” he said. “I feel like guys out here are playing for each other, as opposed to playing for themselves. And I think with that mindset, that’s a big part of why we’ve been successful.”

Of course, nothing can really be answered until the Bears have gone through the minefield that is their Pac-10 schedule.

“We can do things better,” Esquer said. “We’ll take how we’ve done so far, but I think the knowledge among our guys is that we’re going to be even better when it’s all said and done. But we’re not there yet, where we’re going to have to be to win those games against those quality league opponents. We’re still working toward that.”

This weekend will be Cal’s first chance to do so, though the Metrodome Tournament does not feature the kind of top-25 competition that the Bears saw last weekend in San Diego.

“During the game, you try and focus on bringing five guys to the plate as opposed to looking ahead,” Capbarat said. “We try to keep our heads on the task at hand ... Every at-bat, every day, it’s all the same. Just taking it one task at a time.”

Following today’s game against the Panthers (4-4), Cal is slated to face host Minnesota (2-4) in the marquee matchup Saturday night at 6 p.m., and then New Mexico (7-3) at 11 a.m. on Sunday.

This will be the second tournament in a row that the Golden Gophers have hosted at the Metrodome, as they defeated Tulane and Pepperdine en route to winning the Dairy Queen Classic last weekend. The Lobos are coming off of a two-game series against Arizona State, by whom they were outscored 28-2. They lost both games.

Esquer said that he will most likely keep the same rotation that Cal featured last weekend, starting lefty Chris Petrini today, Craig Bennigson on Saturday and righty Alex Rollin against the Lobos.

“Going into a tournament setting against any opponent, you’ve got to be prepared,” Esquer said. “It’s going to be a real test of mentally who we are, that we can look past reputation and records and who they’re supposed to be in conference.”

## Cooper, Satin Play Long Ball as Bears Get Weekend Sweep

By Ryan Gorcey, Daily Californian, March 10, 2008

The clocks leaped ahead early Sunday morning, but while the Cal baseball team may have lost an hour of sleep before its morning tilt against New Mexico, the No. 18 Bears (9-1-1) certainly didn’t miss a beat.

Cal completed a three-game sweep in Minneapolis, Minn., in the University of Minnesota Tournament, defeating the Lobos 12-2 to win its sixth straight game.

“It was a tough turnaround,” head coach David Esquer said. “We had a night game (Saturday) night that went fairly late, the time changed by an hour, we had to be up early and play at 11, and we didn’t complain at all about it, didn’t use it as a crutch.”

The Dynamic Duo of senior Josh Satin and junior David Cooper went batty again on Sunday, going a combined 5-for-10 on the day with one home run and three RBI apiece in the Metrodome, home of the MLB’s Minnesota Twins. The four-baggers were the sixth of the year for Cooper and the fifth for Satin.

“To do anything that (Cooper) does, you’re going to be successful,” Satin said. “I’m not really trying to keep up with him, I’m just trying to do whatever I can to help us, and if that means hitting as many home runs as him, then we’ll be helping out.”

Trying to clear the Metrodome fences during batting practice the first two days, Satin said, caused the Bears’ bats to go quiet for the first two games because players were trying to see what they could do on a big league field. An 11-3 Friday win over Northern Iowa was deceptive, as it featured as many walks (seven) to Cal hitters as they had hits, and five Bears reached base the hard way—being hit by a pitch.

But by the third game of the weekend against New Mexico, Cal settled back into its offensive routine.

“(Sunday) we tried to revamp our approach and try to get hits and find a really good offensive approach, and that led to a few bombs,” Satin said.

Starting pitcher Alex Rollin had his first solid outing of the season, after getting shelled in his first start of the year against Utah Valley State (three innings, six runs on five hits.) The senior right-hander tossed 5 2/3 solid innings against New Mexico, allowing



two runs on four hits with four strikeouts and just one walk.

"He hadn't quite started as well as he would have liked, but today was big," Esquer said. "He really had his secondary pitches going really well? You can't live on your fastball and you have to be able to create outs with your secondary pitches, and he did that today."

Rollin wasn't the only hurler who strutted his stuff this weekend for the Bears. Junior Craig Bennigson was shouldered with a lackluster offensive performance by the Cal hitters on Saturday (seven hits and five runners left on base), but that only helped the lefty to toss his second gem in as many starts.

Working close throughout the game, Bennigson stepped up and went 6 1/3 innings, allowing one run on five hits and striking out a career-high 10 batters in a 4-1 win over host Minnesota.

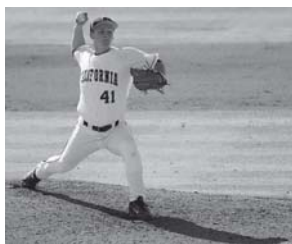
"He's kind of picked up where he left off last year for us, which is just exciting to see because he hasn't missed a beat," Esquer said. "He's finished strong and he's started strong. He's been big for us in Tyson Ross's absence."

Bears pitchers have all had to step up in the absence of junior ace Ross, who spent his second weekend off of the mound. However, Esquer expects the 6-foot-5 righty to be back on the hill this weekend for the four-game home series against Loyola Marymount.

"He'll pitch for us next weekend," Esquer said. "It's not a shoulder (injury), it's not an elbow (injury), just a little muscle strain, a little tightness. He'll do fine and we expect him to take his turn next Friday."

## Offense Continues to Shine as Cal Welcomes Diamond Dons

By Ryan Gorcey, *Daily Californian*, March 11, 2008



The metallic ringing of aluminum on baseball echoing from the batting cages of Evans Diamond on Monday afternoon said something about the No. 12 Cal baseball team, maybe more than its ranking or record ever could.

After all, the Bears had been on a plane home from Minnesota just 24 hours earlier, returning from a three-day run-scoring spree in the University of Minnesota Tournament.

Officially, Monday was an off day. It was designated for rest and recuperation, a day away from the diamond to deal with the quick turnaround into today's 2 p.m. home game against San Francisco.

But the sweet rhythm from the cages said otherwise.

"I've got a bunch of guys, it's an off day today, and there's a bunch of guys working on their own so I feel good about that," coach David Esquer said. "I feel good that they're staying with it."

Shortstop Michael Brady—who went 3-for-7 with a two-run triple and two runs scored in the last two games of the Minnesota Tournament—was one of those guys.

"I think everyone has something they need to work on," Brady said. "I came out here to work on right-handed sliders. Just working on my swing all day.

"If we're going to keep winning like this, we're going to have to keep making improvements."

As Brady implied, Cal (9-1-1) hasn't just been winning. The Bears have dominated their opponents as of late, scoring over eight runs per game and limiting opposing offenses with a young pitching staff that has stepped up in the absence of junior ace Tyson Ross.

In Minnesota, they stormed through three wins by a combined score of 27-6, exploding for 12 runs Sunday morning against New Mexico.

And the next day, they went right back to work.

"In years past, guys have sort of taken a day off to relax and heal after a rough weekend," senior co-captain Michael Capbarat said. "Now I think we're kind of in the mindset where—I mean, we've always been the underdogs, but we're embracing it now. Every weekend's a battle and you've got to be prepared, and guys are buying into that now."

Still, it's getting harder to look at the Bears as underdogs with every passing release of Baseball America's NCAA rankings. Cal jumped six spots in this week's top 25 and, although the Diamond Dons (6-7) swept the season series with authority in 2007, the Bears should be favored to extend their current six-game winning streak this afternoon.

Esquer said that he will probably start freshman right-hander Kevin Miller, who shined in his first collegiate start last Tuesday, holding Stanford scoreless through five innings.

"I come into games thinking that we should beat every team that steps on the field, that we're better than them," Brady said. "I think that's helped us so far. It's given us something to play up to. Can't take a day off."

## Satin Smashes Sixth, Bears Win Seventh Straight

By Ryan Gorcey, *Daily Californian*, March 12, 2008

Some lucky child in east Oakland will find a very special Easter egg in the backyard this spring: one with red stitching whose oblong lopsidedness makes a regular egg look perfectly round, courtesy of Josh Satin, who apparently ate his Wheaties on Tuesday morning.

The senior second baseman launched his career-high sixth home run of the season onto the roof of the RSF fieldhouse yesterday—a two-run shot to break a 2-2 tie with San Francisco—to send the No. 12 Cal baseball team to its seventh straight win, 6-2.

"That guy was pretty tough to hit," Satin said of Dons starter Evan Fredrickson. "He was throwing hard and he was kind of wild and I was just trying to get that run in, and I guess I hit it pretty well."

Satin's blast came after San Francisco (6-8) erased the Bears' two-run lead in the top of the third inning. Dons third baseman Zack Kim led off the inning by lofting a fly ball to left center field, which freshman Mark Canha promptly dropped at the warning



track, allowing Kim to scamper to second.

"He got there, and he was there to catch it," coach David Esquer said. "I just think he got there and got rushed. Once he was there, it was a pretty simple catch, and he kind of got rushed and got his glove up later than he should have."

Canha's misplay was not the end of Cal's defensive shortcomings. Shortstop Tavo Hall singled Kim home two batters later, and then came home himself on the first of two errors by Bears shortstop Michael Brady to knot the game at 2-2.

"We just played three games on that turf in Minnesota, which is a lot different to play on," Satin said. "I just think some guys weren't really adjusted to it. It's bouncy-very true-but bouncy. It's a different field. We haven't taken a groundball out here (for a week), so I think some guys are just a little rusty on the natural turf."

In the bottom of the third, Cal's junior first baseman David Cooper took a one-out walk and then advanced to second on a wild pitch, setting the stage for Satin's heroics. On a 2-1 pitch from Fredrickson, Satin sent a high, arching shot into the cloudy sky for the go-ahead run.

Still, Fredrickson's day was not all bad, as only three of the four runs he surrendered were earned and he managed to strike out seven Cal hitters.

Cooper didn't see much to hit from Fredrickson or reliever Sean Burns, drawing two walks and struggling with pitch selection-he flew out harmlessly to center field and struck out looking before bearing down and singling up the middle in the bottom of the eighth.

"He has that ability, he won't lose it," Esquer said. "Some guys will have a couple bad at-bats and then they can't find it again. He just dials it back down and then line-drives it up the middle."

Before Cooper even came to the plate in the eighth, however, the Bears (10-1-1) had already tacked on two insurance runs thanks in part to a picture-perfect Brady bunt and a wild pitch from Burns that later allowed Brady to score. Not that Cal needed the extra runs.

The Bears pitching staff again turned in some solid outings, particularly freshman starter Kevin Miller. Miller went six strong innings, allowing only four hits and two runs-one of them earned-while striking out two and walking none. It was Miller's second strong midweek outing in a row, as last week he tossed five scoreless innings against Stanford.

"He gives us a really good option," Esquer said. "That's two Tuesdays in a row he's given us good efforts ... Giving those types of efforts midweek is big for us."

Sophomore transfer Daniel Wolford showed off a strong curve and a plus fastball over his two innings of relief, striking out two before the Evans Diamond speakers began blaring junior closer Matt Gorgen's entrance music-the Dropkick Murphys' "I'm Shipping Up To Boston"-at the start of the ninth inning. Gorgen tossed a perfect final frame in the non-save situation and struck out designated hitter Derek Poppert looking.

"We just need to get (Gorgen) out there a little more because we haven't been in many save situations yet, and that's fine." Esquer said. "But the more comfortable he is out there, that's big for us."

## Ross Back on the Rubber as Bears Greet Lions

By Ryan Gorcey, *Daily Californian*, March 14, 2008



Tyson Ross allowed just a hit and a walk in his only start this season, claiming an Opening Day win for Cal. The righty sports a 1.80 ERA and a .063 batting average against.

You better not swing, you'd best sit down because Tyson Ross is coming back to town.

The No. 12 Cal baseball team's No. 1 starter makes his return to the mound today at 2 p.m. in the first of four weekend games against Loyola Marymount at Evans Diamond. Ross had been on the shelf for two weeks due to a pulled lat muscle, but he appears more than ready to start dealing again.

"I can't wait to get back out there," Ross said. "I've been sitting back and watching the team do their thing and roll through the last couple weeks, and I just want to get out there and contribute."

A lot has changed since Ross struck out seven in five innings of an Opening Day win over Kansas State. Since then, the Bears (10-1-1) beat three ranked teams, put No. 4 Missouri to the test, ran off seven straight wins and jumped from being an unranked afterthought to lighting up college baseball message boards.

"It's a little different from the first game that I was out there," Ross chuckled. "We were nobody, and now we've got national recognition."

Ross will face a Lions squad that has won four of its last five, a stretch that includes a win over two-time defending national champion No. 22 Oregon State.

"We can't take them lightly," coach David Esquer said. "They're pretty physical, and they play good defense. They've got a couple pitchers who have been pitching well, and you can see who they've matched up with and beat."

The Lions boast a .285 average, led by a face very familiar to Bears players-former Cal shortstop Kyle Spraker.

"It's always funny when you see a familiar face in the box," Ross said. "Especially a guy I grew up with and played against. It'll be a little strange, but it should be fun seeing him again."

Spraker also expressed excitement at facing Ross, who he believes is one of, if not the best hurler in the country.

"I couldn't be more excited to play Cal," Spraker said. "But to get the opportunity to finally face a guy like Tyson is what everyone wants to do, and to have that opportunity is almost a blessing."

Spraker-who appeared in only three games last year for the Bears-left Cal after last season and transferred to a Loyola Marymount program where he is an everyday starter today.

"I felt like I needed a new place to go and a new environment," Spraker said. "It's kind of the best fit for me, and I couldn't be

happier right now.”

Meanwhile, Spraker's former roommate Josh Satin has also been making his mark at the plate. The second baseman has hit safely in each of Cal's 12 games this season and has already surpassed his career high for home runs with six.

“That's another cool part about this whole thing, getting to see everybody that I used to play with,” Spraker said. “They're doing so well right now, and I couldn't be happier for them, especially Josh.”

Spraker will have plenty of chances to watch, as the two sides also play a doubleheader starting at 11 a.m. on Saturday and conclude the series with a 1 p.m. tilt on Sunday.

## Gorman's Dinger Earns Series Victory for Bears

By Matt Kawahara, Daily Californian, March 17, 2008



Designated hitter Rich Gorman swings at a pitch. Gorman drove in two in a 2-for-5 effort during the Bears' 6-1 win on Sunday. The sophomore has 10 RBI for the season.

The No. 12 Cal baseball team punished Loyola Marymount pitching for 31 runs in its first two games this weekend, then turned around Saturday afternoon and pushed across-two.

But accidents happen. And although the Bears had their nine-game winning streak snapped thanks to their lowest scoring output of the season, Rich Gorman and Alex Rollin combined Sunday to make sure that it didn't happen again.

Gorman snapped Cal's brief offensive slump with one swing Sunday afternoon, leading off the game with an opposite-field home run off of Lions starter Nate Keadle.

“It was big,” coach David Esquer said of Gorman's leadoff shot. “We kind of stumbled, and we kind of sputtered offensively in that second game (Saturday). Rich, to get us off to a quick start, that was big.”

The Bears designated hitter added an RBI double to key a three-run second inning that propelled Cal to a 6-1 victory in the final contest of a four-game series against LMU (8-10).

“I'm looking to be a little more aggressive and get my pitch,” Gorman said. “Fortunately, I was able to square up a couple balls and pop a couple out.”

Second baseman Josh Satin also drove in a run in the second with a double that ricocheted off the wall in left field, stretching his hitting streak to 16 games and snapping his previous career high by one. Satin ended the game 2-for-4 to raise his gaudy batting average to .441.

But Rollin made sure that Gorman's production was all he needed to earn his second win of the year, limiting the Lions to just one run on six hits in 5 2/3 innings. Daniel Wolford pitched 2 1/3 innings of scoreless relief, and junior Matt Gorgen set LMU down in the ninth, securing the 3-1 series victory for the Bears (13-2-1).

“We gave them one, but this game was really big to take the series,” Gorman said. “That's what we were really emphasizing.

“They got what they came for this weekend, but we really needed to get this series. We did not want to split this series.”

Cal's pitching didn't need to be lights-out in the first two games, as the Bears offense put up 10 runs on Friday and 21 in the first half of Saturday's doubleheader.

Gorman, Brett Jackson and Blake Smith drove in two runs each in game one to help Cal ace Tyson Ross win his first start back from a two-week hiatus due to tightness in his lat muscle. Ross allowed three runs, all as a result of home runs, and struck out three in five innings.

“(I felt) pretty good,” Ross said. “First time out in a while, so I just tried to throw some strikes.”

The offensive fireworks continued into game two, as Jeff Kobernus, David Cooper and Satin hit back-to-back-to-back home runs in the bottom of the fourth to put the Bears up 12-6. Cal never looked back from there, racking up 19 hits to run its winning streak to nine games.

But clouds rolled in between the two halves of the doubleheader and the Bears' bats went into hibernation for game two. LMU starter Martin Viramontes kept Cal in check with a low-90's fastball and a sharp slider, allowing just two runs on four hits in six innings.

“He was young, but he had their best stuff, and I guess those kind of guys can be either on or off,” Satin said. “That's why they don't throw them on Friday. But he was on. He was good. He shut us down.”

Bears starter Chris Petrini struck out a career-high nine batters, but allowed five runs and seven hits, one of which—a three-run home run to left-center by designated hitter Andy Preston—was all Viramontes needed to secure his second win of the season.

## Ross Rocks WSU to Sleep In Pullman

By Matt Kawahara, Daily Californian, March 20, 2008

Two weeks without Tyson Ross didn't hurt the No. 12 Cal baseball team too badly. They rolled off eight wins in the nine games that he missed with tightness in his lat muscle, and went from being an unranked team to one standing on the brink of the national top 10.

But it still sure is nice to have him back.

In the biting cold of Pullman, Wash., Ross froze the lineup of No. 25 Washington State for seven innings last night, allowing just one run on two hits and helping the Bears rebound from their worst loss of the season with a 9-1 victory over the Cougars.

“It's huge,” second baseman Josh Satin said about the effect of having Ross anchoring the rotation. “Huge. Our staff goes from a decent staff, a pretty good staff, and then with him it goes to a great staff. It's as easy as that.”

The two hits allowed by Ross both came off the bat of WSU second baseman Travis Coulter, and Coulter's RBI triple in the home half of the fifth inning accounted for the lone Cougars run on the night.

"It was big tonight for us," coach David Esquer said of Ross' outing. "He got himself in his best rhythm of the year, so it was good to come back after Tuesday, a disappointing game, and have some shutdown pitching."

Cal (14-3-1, 1-0 in the Pac-10) allowed eight runs in the first two innings against Sacramento State on Tuesday. But Ross was able to right the ship with a commanding performance against WSU, striking out five and facing just six batters over the minimum.

"I just tried to use the movement I had on my different pitches to create some bad contact and get a bunch of quick outs that way," Ross said.

"It's the first time in a few weeks that (the Bears have) seen me back at full strength. I was happy to pitch, and they were happy to play defense behind me."

The Bears were only too happy to hit for their ace, as well.

Cal's offense continued to produce at a torrid pace, again eclipsing its season average of just over eight runs per game.

"We expect that," Satin said. "We feel that no matter who's throwing-Friday, Saturday, Sunday, best guy, whatever-we should throw up six to 10 runs every game."

Right fielder Blake Smith got the scoring started in the top half of the second with an RBI single that scored catcher Dylan Tonnerson. The Bears then pushed across two more runs in the third on a throwing error by Cougars first baseman Jim Murphy.

Washington State (13-6, 0-1) lifted starter Jared Prince in the fifth after he had allowed a leadoff home run to Cal designated hitter Rich Gorman, but the Cougars' relievers were unable to stop the bleeding.

The Bears tacked on three more in the sixth on a two-run single from Satin and an RBI single by left fielder Charlie Cutler. In the top of the eighth, Cutler scored on a passed ball and center fielder Brett Jackson singled in a run to round out the scoring.

## Cal seeks respect in weekend series

*By Jonathan Okanes, Oakland Tribune, March 28, 2008*

Cal's baseball program has been making history in recent years, and quite frankly the Bears are getting rather tired of it.

In 2005, Cal became the first team in 22 years to fail to make the NCAA Tournament despite a winning record in Pac-10 play. The Bears also became the first Pac-10 team ever to have a team lower in the conference standings received a postseason berth over them.

Then last year, Cal became the first team to finish in the top four in the Pac-10 standings with a winning record and not get an NCAA bid. And, once again, they were leapfrogged by a team lower in the standings.

The Bears apparently are leaving nothing to chance this season. Cal enters this weekend's showdown against Long Beach State ranked 11th in the country in both major national polls and so far appears to be one of the elite teams in the rugged Pac-10. The Bears (15-5-1), who already have five wins against ranked teams, will get a better gauge of where they stand this weekend against the Dirtbags (17-4), who are ranked No. 4 by Collegiate Baseball and No. 5 by Baseball America.

"We need to do everything we can so it's not even a question we're a regional team," Cal second baseman Josh Satin said. "That was our motivation this year. We set out to prove that we're not just a regional team, but we're an elite team. I think we've done that."

The Bears are just getting to the meat of their schedule, and the season isn't even halfway over, but it looks as though they'd really have to suffer a big collapse to miss the postseason again. Cal commenced the Pac-10 schedule last weekend and took two of three at then-No. 25 Washington State. There are five Pac-10 teams currently ranked in the national polls.

"We had no reasons not to have high expectations this season," Cal coach David Esquer said. "The x-factor is that our league is so good. So you have to do your thing in the preseason."

The Bears have been doing their thing largely without All-America pitcher Tyson Ross, who has made just three starts because of a strained lat muscle. Ross is ranked as the 20th-best junior prospect in the country by Baseball America. Ross injured himself before the season and went five innings in the season opener but then shut it down for three weeks. He's won both his starts since coming back and will be on the mound today against the Dirtbags.

Cal has been buoyed by a pair of newcomers out of the bullpen, freshman Kevin Miller and sophomore Daniel Wolford, a transfer from Long Beach. Before Tuesday's loss at Santa Clara, they'd combined to start the season with 49 innings without allowing an earned run.

Satin, meanwhile, has emerged as the Bears' leading hitter, batting .439 with nine home runs and 27 RBI and providing protection for slugger David Cooper in the lineup.

"That's been huge for us, having guys step up when we need them without missing a step," Ross said. "It was great to see everyone step up and just kind of roll with things."

Cal's players believe they've been shortchanged by the NCAA selection committee in recent years, and they used that as motivation entering this year. But as the wins keep piling up and their ranking continues to rise, it's becoming harder and harder to feel disrespected.

"We definitely need to get back to that," Satin said. "I think some guys have become a little content. We definitely want to maintain where we're at, but the most important thing is where we are at the end of the season."

## Streaking Bears Make Clean Sweep of Dirtbags

*By Matt Kawahara, Daily Californian, March 31, 2008*

In a season already full of statements from the No. 11 Cal baseball team, this one may have been the biggest.

The Bears defeated Long Beach State 4-3 on Sunday, completing a weekend sweep in which they simply outplayed the No. 5 team in the country for three straight days.

"It's huge," sophomore center fielder Brett Jackson said. "Huge. We're pumped. We've been coming out and putting in hard





work and it's paying off."

Jackson came up with the main offensive blow for Cal on Sunday at Evans Diamond with one out and the bases loaded in the bottom of the seventh inning. With the Bears (18-5-1) clinging to a 2-1 lead, Jackson laced a fastball from Dirtbags reliever Nick Vincent off the glove of left fielder T.J. Mittelstaedt, scoring Charlie Cutler from third base and David Cooper from second.

"(I was) just looking for a ball that I could put some solid contact on," Jackson said. "He left it out over the plate, I put my best swing on it, and I've been struggling at the dish a little bit so it felt good to put some good metal on it and get some runs for the team."

It proved to be huge as LBSU (17-7) pushed across two runs in the top of the eighth on a bases-loaded single by Brandon Godfrey, who speared an outside fastball from Cal closer

Matt Gorgen into left to bring the Dirtbags to within one.

But after re-loading the bases with a walk to Devin Lohman, Gorgen got pinch hitter Ted Lemasters to fly out to Jackson, ending the inning and the threat. Gorgen then retired the top of the LBSU lineup in order in the ninth, earning his fourth save of the year.

"Our strength is Matt Gorgen and Matt Gorgen's strength is to be aggressive and throw his pitches," coach David Esquer said. "With Matt Gorgen, if it's on the line, he's the guy we want."

Gorgen set Dirtbags right fielder and Bears transfer Jason Corder down on three straight fastballs to end the ninth.

"It was kind of bittersweet," Gorgen said. "You don't want to see a friend do bad, but at the same time for us to sweep the series ... It was pretty sweet."

Cal's grind-it-out win on Sunday was in stark contrast to its 10-6 slugfest victory the day before, and the 6-1 win engineered by Tyson Ross on Friday.

"We beat them in all different kinds of ways," senior Josh Satin said. "We outslugged them one game. The first day we outpitched them ... It just shows how many different ways we can play."

Ross didn't allow a run in eight strong innings Friday, dominating LBSU with a fastball clocked between 90-94 miles per hour and a biting slider. The Bears' ace struck out six and allowed just five hits, improving his record to 4-0 and lowering his ERA to a stingy 1.80.

"As long as I can get out there and pitch my game, I don't think it really matters who we're playing," Ross said.

Cal got another stellar pitching performance in relief Saturday, as Kevin Miller threw 2 2/3 hitless innings to stop the bleeding after starter Craig Bennigson allowed six runs through 4 1/3. Hard-throwing Dirtbags starter Vance Worley gave up 12 hits and nine runs-four of them unearned-in six innings as six Bears hitters had at least two hits.

Cooper led the offensive charge with two solo home runs, increasing his team-high total to 11.

## Mr. Smith Goes Downtown on Fresno State

By Matt Kawahara, *Daily Californian*, April 3, 2008



Fortunately for the No. 7 Bears baseball team, he had already won the game with his bat.

Smith blew the game open with a grand slam in the sixth inning, closer Matt Gorgen shut the door on Fresno State's late rally with three innings of scoreless relief and Cal held on for a 5-4 win over the Bulldogs at Evans Diamond.

The grand slam was the result of a scrappy at-bat from the Bears' rightfielder, in which he fouled off four straight fastballs in an 0-2 count before driving the ninth pitch from Fresno State starter Justin Wilson onto the roof of the RSF in left field.

"He was throwing a lot of fastballs, so I was just looking to hit a fastball the other way, trying to get a run in, and I just happened to run into it pretty well," Smith said. "And it ended up going over the fence, which was a plus."

Cal's five-run sixth disrupted what had been a scoreless game through five and a half innings. With runners on second and third, centerfielder Brett Jackson looped a single over the shortstop to score

rightfielder Charlie Cutler and put the Bears (19-6-1) on the board. Catcher Dylan Tonneson then walked to load the bases and set the table for Smith.

But the Bulldogs (16-14) came charging back in the top of the seventh with Smith on the mound, tagging the hard-throwing righty for three straight hits and four runs to cut Cal's lead to one. Only one of those runs was earned, though, as Fresno State benefited from a bizarre play that featured two errors by the Bears' defense.

With two on and a run already in, Bulldogs catcher Danny Grubb pulled a sharp grounder to third baseman Jeff Kobernus. Kobernus' throw skipped past first baseman David Cooper and into right field, allowing Tommy Mendonca to score from second base. Cutler then picked the ball up in foul territory, couldn't find a grip and threw it into the ground to bring Steve Detwiler home as well.

"It's just one of those days," Smith said "I was throwing strikes and they were hitting them. Luckily Gorgen came in and he was able to close it out, which is great-to have a guy come in and you're pretty confident that he'll close it out as long as we've got a lead."

Gorgen gave up just one hit and struck out four, earning his fifth save in what was his longest outing of the season. Still, head coach David Esquer had no intent of taking Gorgen out before the ninth, as the closer-who was in the ninth slot of the lineup-would have hit in the bottom of the eighth had his spot come up.

"I'm kind of used to it," Gorgen said of his long outing. "I did it a lot last year. It wasn't a huge change, and it was kind of fun to go out there and throw more than one inning."

Todd Fitzgerald made an effective spot-start for Cal, allowing one hit in four shutout innings, and freshman Kevin Miller contributed two scoreless frames, continuing his year-long dominance of opposing lineups. Miller has yet to allow an earned run in 32 innings this season, and he picked up the win to improve his record to 4-0, tying him with Tyson Ross for the team lead.

"Outside of one inning yesterday (against San Francisco) and one inning today, 16 of the last 18 innings we've pitched excellent," Esquer said. "Fitzgerald did a good job today, Miller continued to do what he does and Gorgen was great. That's the key, that's why we had a chance."

## Bears Take Two of Three Against OSU

By Matt Kawahara, *Daily Californian*, April 7, 2008



Alex Rollin pitched the game of his career against Oregon State in 2007, shutting down the then-No. 8 Beavers in a 4-0 upset win for the Cal baseball team.

Yesterday, with the No. 7 Bears going for a sweep of the two-time defending national champions at Evans Diamond, OSU turned the tables in a big way.

Rollin couldn't get out of the third inning after the Beavers tagged him for four runs, Jorge Reyes stymied Cal's hitters for 6 2/3 innings and OSU salvaged its series with a 9-2 victory on Sunday.

"You get a little greedy," coach David Esquer said. "You'll take two out of three any weekend, but after you've won the first two, it doesn't always feel as good to win two out of three."

Tyson Ross had a solid start on Friday and Kevin Miller was brilliant in relief Saturday to help the Bears (21-7-1, 4-2 in the Pac-10) take an early 2-0 series lead.

But Rollin was unable to match Ross' effectiveness and the bullpen wasn't nearly as stingy in game three, as the Beavers (15-10, 3-3) put up two or more runs in four different innings on Sunday.

"Give them credit," Esquer said. "No one likes to get swept. Your back's up against the wall and you come out fighting, and that's what they did.

"We could've helped ourselves out with a little execution and some production."

Reyes entered the game with an 8.88 ERA, but several Cal hitters stressed before the series began that OSU's pitching numbers were not an accurate reflection of the staff's ability. The sophomore righty backed that up with a commanding performance, allowing just five hits and two runs, both driven in by Bears first baseman David Cooper.

Cooper hit his conference-leading 13th home run of the season to left field in the bottom of the sixth inning off of a Reyes changeup. He also had a sacrifice fly when Cal threatened with the bases loaded and one out in the bottom of the third, but second baseman Josh Satin struck out swinging to end the inning without further damage.

"(Reyes) had pretty good stuff," Cooper said. "He had a lot of run on his ball, wasn't afraid to attack his fastball.

"It's disappointing because we didn't play our best (Sunday), but we still won the series."

Ross struggled with his control in the middle innings on Friday, but still allowed just two runs on seven hits and settled down enough to record four of his last six outs on strikeouts in a 5-2 win. The Bears' ace fanned a season-high nine batters and improved his record to 5-0.

On Saturday, the Beavers jumped on Cal starter Craig Bennigson for three runs in 2 1/3, and had the bases loaded with one out in the third when Bennigson was lifted in favor of Miller. But the freshman struck out rightfielder Daniel Robertson on a fastball and pinch hitter John Wallace on a sharp curve to escape the jam and preserve the 3-3 tie.

"A little bit," Miller said when asked if he felt any pressure entering in that situation. "But I feel like pressure is what makes baseball what's baseball. It's fun. With the pressure, I feel like I thrive."

Miller gave his longest outing of the season, giving up only one hit—a harmless single by OSU designated hitter Jason Ogata in the fifth—and striking out seven in 6 2/3 scoreless innings to earn his fifth win in the 9-3 victory.

Michael Brady got the Bears on the board in the bottom of the second with a three-run triple to right-center, and Cooper hit a monster two-run shot into Edwards Stadium to spark a four-run third inning that put Cal up for good.

The Bears will have a chance to rebound this afternoon with a 2:30 p.m. game against Stanford (15-9, 4-2), which may move up from its No. 13 ranking today after taking two of three from top-ranked Arizona State over the weekend.

## Spot starter has been spotless for Cal so far

By Steve Kroner, *San Francisco Chronicle*, April 11, 2008



Two months ago, before Cal's Kevin Miller had begun his college career, if someone told him he would not allow an earned run in his first 382/3 innings with the Bears, Miller would have responded:

"No way. There'd be no way. It's not something that really happens."

For Miller, this really has happened: 13 appearances, 5-0 record, 38 strikeouts, 14 walks, opponents' batting average of .125 and, believe it or not, 0.00 ERA in 382/3 innings.

Miller said his teammates give him good-natured grief about his preposterously good start.

"A lot of guys joke about it," Miller said. One line Miller heard was, "I only like you because you don't give up runs."

Actually, Miller has allowed three runs - all unearned.

Head coach David Esquer has used the 5-foot-10 right-hander from Valley Christian High as a starter in two midweek games and in various relief roles in his other 11 outings.

"The first thing that comes to mind when you watch him pitch is (he's) just extremely poised," Esquer said.

"... He can throw any pitch in any count."

"I'm just executing all the pitches," Miller said. "It just seems every time a pitch is called, I feel like I'm just going to hit that spot, no matter what."

Miller doesn't throw especially hard, but because he has such command of his offspeed pitches, his fastball can appear overpowering.



"It's not a 93 mph fastball - but it looks like 93," Esquer said. "The hitter tells you that it looks like 93."

As a head coach, Esquer can't do much to protect Miller's streak of not allowing an earned run.

"We've put him in some spots, like against Oregon State, where there's a lot of game left against a really good team," Esquer said. "Chances are they're going to score."

Miller didn't give the two-time defending national champion Beavers many chances to score in his most recent outing: He shut down OSU on one hit over the final 6<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings of Cal's 9-3 victory Saturday.

As a sophomore, Miller probably will join Cal's weekend rotation and he might get a Sunday start or two this season. Esquer said if he doesn't have to use Miller as a reliever in the first two games of a series, the coach would consider starting him in the finale.

You have to assume Miller's streak will have a finale, but don't assume Miller will feel somehow unburdened when his ERA rises above 0.00.

"When you have something going well, you're that much more competitive to keep it going," Miller said. "Giving up a run is not going to bother me - as long as it's (only) a run, as long as I'm not giving up a five-spot."

And years from now, when Miller gets a chance to tell his kids that his college career began with at least 382<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings without an earned run, how does he expects them to respond?

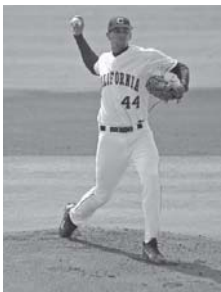
"They'll probably just laugh," Miller said. "(They'll say,) 'No, it doesn't happen that way. Everyone gives up runs.' I'm sure it's going to be, 'Ha, ha, Dad. Stop playing.'"

Pac-10 update: Senior second baseman Josh Satin (.444, 10 HRs, 34 RBIs) and junior first baseman David Cooper (.376, 14, 36) anchor Cal's offense. The fifth-ranked Bears (22-7-2, 4-2) open a three-game series at USC (16-15, 4-5) tonight. ... No. 10 Stanford (15-10-1, 4-2) begins a three-game series at Oregon State (15-10, 3-3) today. Stanford has won nine consecutive series, dating to last year. This season has been odd for Stanford in this way: The Cardinal's record against ranked teams is 8-3-1; against unranked teams, 7-7.

WCC update: Conference-leading USF (21-11, 5-1) has won six straight games and 13 of its last 14. The Dons play three this weekend at Pepperdine (20-11, 3-2). Junior left-hander Evan Fredrickson probably won't pitch against the Waves, but the 6-6 transfer from Virginia Tech has had rather impressive performances in his last two outings: He struck out 13 in seven shutout innings in a 5-1 win over Cal at AT&T Park on April 1 and then held San Jose State to two hits in eight innings of a 4-2 victory Tuesday. ... The conference's top five hitters play for Bay Area schools: St. Mary's Kyle Jensen leads at .412 (and he's tied for the WCC lead in homers with nine), then it's USF's Ryan Lipkin (.393) and Connor Bernatz (.383), followed by Santa Clara's Ryan Conan (.378) and Evan LeBlanc (.377).

## Veteran Cast Leads Cal Renaissance

By Ryan Gorcey, *Daily Californian*, April 11, 2008



Junior ace Tyson Ross has been one of the reasons for Cal's turnaround in 2008. The Bears righty is 5-0 with a 1.97 ERA and has struck out 30 batters in 32 innings of work.

In 2005, the Cal baseball team was the first Pac-10 team to finish over .500 in conference play, and yet not get an invitation to the NCAA tournament. In 2007, the Bears were the first fourth-place team in the Pac-10 to not get a bid.

This season, things are different.

Cal started the year young, unproven and unranked. But they had a few trump cards.

On the mound, third-year starter Tyson Ross brings first-round draft talent to Evans Diamond.

At first base, one of the best hitters in the country: David Cooper.

And at second, fifth-year senior Josh Satin, who has struggled after an All-American season his freshman year, but found his stroke in an unexpected final season after going undrafted in 2007. To go along with a school-record 27-game hit streak, Satin has posted a team-high .444 team average, best in the uber-

competitive Pac-10.

Together with their supporting cast of other draft-eligible juniors and some fresh faces, the Bears have put together a season unlike any in recent memory, compiling a 22-7-2 record that has them slotted as the No. 5 team in the country.

"We're in a pretty unbelievable season right now. It could be one of those that you remember the rest of your life," Satin said. "It's funny how we haven't gotten more than seven student fans in the past three years, and now we get some people to come watch the games ... It's just one of those times when everything's going well, it's just something that you'll remember forever."

It's been more than six years since Cal was last in the tournament, and 50 since the Bears last won the national title. But this year is special.

Satin and Cooper lead the Pac-10 with 14 and 10 home runs, respectively. Ross is 5-0 with a 1.97 ERA and 30 strikeouts in 32 innings. Closer Matt Gorgen has six saves to go along with a 2.14 ERA.

The offense has scored 228 runs in 31 games. This is a team that, as some players have said, can really do some damage in the tournament.

"There are just games that we know, even if we're playing good teams, it's like a consensus knowledge that we're going to win the game," Satin said.

While other Cal sports teams have witnessed a renaissance or have a history of dominance, the Bears have traditionally struggled on the diamond despite a healthy pedigree of major league talent: American League MVP Jackie Jensen, National League MVP Jeff Kent, Arizona Diamondbacks first baseman Connor Jackson and fifth-overall pick in 2006, Brandon Morrow of the Seattle Mariners.

This season, other than Satin, Cooper, Ross and Gorgen, Cal has three other potential pro prospects, including catcher Charlie Cutler, powerful designated hitter Jordan Karnofsky and senior righty Alex Rollin.

"We have such a good blend of the kind of hitters that you need. Cooper is the guy that, he can do anything. He's the best all-around hitter in college baseball," Satin said. "Then we have Charlie, who's one of the best, he's a perfect two-hitter. He's exactly what you want in that guy. He walks a lot, takes a lot of pitches, can move guys over, can get hits with guys on ? he's just the perfect guy."

With top-25 wins over San Diego, San Diego State, Long Beach State, Stanford and Fresno State, this team is going places, with Omaha, Neb., as its final destination.

"This team is not set on making a regional," Satin said. "We want to make the World Series, and win it."

When Satin came in as a freshman, his goal, along with high school teammate Brennan Boesch, was to take the Bears to a regional in their first year, to Omaha their second and to a College World Series victory their third. Their timetable might have been off, but it looks as if Cal may accomplish all three, or at least has a chance to, in 2008. And with a stout sophomore class, the future looks bright indeed for the resurgent Bears Nine.

"The team that we used to have, the one with Brennan and those guys, we had about five middle-of-the-order type guys," Satin said. "This year we have two middle-of-the-order type guys and a lot of guys who can hit anywhere and get on base. We have so many guys that can create stuff in different ways. Yeah, we hit home runs, but that's not all that we are.

"Right now, I'm excited to see where this season goes. I'm nervous, because I don't want it to just end."

## Coming Into Focus: After a Tumultuous Four Years, Josh Satin Has Emerged From Set-backs Stronger Than Ever in His Last Season With the Bears

By Ryan Gorcey, *Daily Californian*, April 17, 2008



Look into Josh Satin's eyes as he squints into the afternoon sun at Evans Diamond. Beneath those dark, bushy brows there's a silent intensity, a gaze that has seen everything under the sun, it seems, but a Major League contract.

It's a weary gaze sometimes. He's had to endure a lot over the past several years. As a freshman, he had a season for the record books, then fell off the face of the planet in his sophomore and junior seasons, going undrafted in 2007.

He's seen his high school classmate and best friend, Brennan Boesch, get drafted in the third round in 2006 by the Detroit Tigers, as he sat by and watched. A few weeks ago, he and

the rest of the Bears baseball team saw the Cal flag atop Edwards Stadium flying at half-staff, in memory of close friend, fellow Dodgers fan and former infielder Cyrus Allizadeh, a loss that Satin and the rest of the team took particularly hard.

Yet in his fifth season—one that Satin never planned to play—the senior second baseman is finally seeing clearly, and what he sees is the best year of his baseball life.

"I feel really rewarded right now, when all the hard work is paying off," says Satin. "It's hard to explain how much I had to do to get back to where I wanted to be for this season. The work I had to put in was so much. All I did was eat, work out, hit and think about the season coming up. After the struggles that I've been through, it's really rewarding right now, and we're only halfway done. It's not even close to complete."

It's been a rough road for the second baseman from Harvard-Westlake High, who came to Cal as part of a highly-touted recruiting class centered around him and Boesch. The long-hitting outfielder and the four-year varsity shortstop were supposed to bring glory and postseason baseball back to Berkeley.

Just two years removed from a South Regional appearance in Baton Rouge, La., the plan that Satin and Boesch set out for the Bears baseball program was to get to a Regional in their sophomore year, the College World Series the next and then both ride into the sunset to star in the professional ranks.

Things didn't quite work out they way they had planned. They never made the postseason in the three years that they played together, along with future Seattle Mariners pitcher Brandon Morrow, St. Louis Cardinals farmhand Allen Craig and Milwaukee Brewers prospect Chris Erreca.

"It's sad that that group of guys wasn't able to do as much for the Cal program as we should have," says Satin.

Satin himself had a rocky start, redshirting the 2004 season due to a shoulder injury. He came into his own in 2005, earning All-American and first-team All-Pac-10 honors with a .348 average, 40 RBI and five home runs as the Bears finished a hair's breadth away from making that coveted Regional, becoming the first Pac-10 team to have a conference record over .500 and not get the call.

Things seemed on track, and Satin decided to have surgery on his shoulder in the offseason to repair lingering discomfort for the playoff run that was supposed to lay ahead.

"I remember thinking, 'God, I hope I'm not different when I get back,' and people kept telling me, 'You've always hit, it's not a big deal,'" says Satin. "I just wanted to make sure I could throw, make sure to get my shoulder in shape. In fall ball, I hit a little, I didn't do great. I got some hits, but I wasn't driving the ball. And I was like, 'When the season starts, I'll hit.' It just never came."

Satin hit an anemic .222, with 20 RBI and two home runs in 2006. Midway through the season, he began to feel a pain in his right wrist. He kept pushing through it.

"I realized it (hurt) about halfway through the season," says Satin. "I was doing so poorly, and I really wanted to do better. I didn't want to just end the season like that. We had such good talent that year that I didn't want to give up on the season."

It was not until very late in the season that the stress fracture he had played with became unbearable, and Satin decided to finish out the last week of the year on the bench. The team finished 26-29, well out of the contention for a NCAA Tournament berth.

"I didn't know what to do and it just got worse and worse and I was stressing even more and more and it kept getting worse," says Satin. "I'd never struggled before in my entire life, and I was miserable."

After an All-Star MVP summer in the Cape Cod League, a healthy Satin started 2007 on a hot streak. Against UC Irvine in the

opening series, Satin went 5-for-13 (.384) with six RBI, two doubles and a home run.

But sometime during that first homestand, Satin lost his swing. He struggled and pressed harder and harder as the season wore on, hitting a middling .287 with only four home runs.

"It was partly because I didn't know why I was hitting well that first weekend," says Satin. "I just knew I was hitting well. And then, when something changed, I didn't know how to fix it."

Satin got a hit in each of the last five games of the season as the Bears made one final-yet futile-push for the tournament. Figuring that he had played his last game ever at Evans Diamond, Satin waited for the Major League Draft, and for a call that never came.

More than 1,500 players saw their names scroll across computer screens, but none of them read Josh Satin. He told his parents he was going for a drive. He had to clear his head.

"I didn't want to really be around my parents and everyone saying, 'Aw, it's OK, you deserve better, they screwed you,' when in reality, they didn't," says Satin. "I understand the fact that I'm a middle infielder who's not all that fast, I don't know if I'm going to be a middle infielder at the next level, and I have to hit a ton and I really didn't hit a ton ? I just thought that I built up some sort of a track record that would have helped me as far as my first year. It was hard for me. There were weeks where I didn't know what I wanted to do."

A career so meticulously planned was now falling apart. Satin was already done with school-he graduated that spring-and he didn't think the Bears would even want him back.

"Ever since my first year, I never felt that I had to prove myself to the team. Everyone on the team knew what I had done and what I could do," says Satin. "Nobody on this (2008) team had ever seen me play well. Ever. As far as everyone was concerned, I was terrible. Why would they want me back? Why would they be happy that I came back? I wanted to prove to them, more than anything, that they should be happy that I'm coming back and I'm going to be a huge contributor to this team."

With his back against a wall and the game he loved slipping away, Satin held on fiercely, more desperately than he had before, fighting for that last teaspoon of hope, spring sunshine, clay, grass and leather. He rededicated himself to his craft, spending the fall working out, hitting and researching, stealing bits and pieces of other swings that he could cobble into his own and becoming a fanatic student of the game.

"I revamped my swing-I had never really worked on my swing before. My entire life, never worked on my swing," says Satin. "I just decided that I was going to find out about my swing, what I do well and what I need to go back to when I'm struggling, and I did that."

Cleansed, in a sense, by the disappointment and struggle, the baseball gods finally allowed Satin to see through the haze, and find his true swing. Think Bagger Vance with an aluminum bat. After the hardships and the let-downs, Satin finally was able to have a full season of fall practice, something that hadn't happened in his previous four years because of various ailments.

With only one class three days a week, Satin had time to study the game. With the help of a nutritionist, he put on 25 pounds of muscle. He had his health, buttressed by a strict diet and workout regimen that saw him preparing food for himself for really the first time in his life.

"It was honestly worse than a job," says Satin. "I ate six times a day, had to prepare my own day with meals, and do everything around meals. I didn't go out very much because I would have to miss a meal to go out."

Satin worked every day for a week over winter break in Los Angeles batting cages with teammate David Cooper. He spent his days looking at video of himself and other players, picking out what he liked and what worked. He fashioned a swing that had a chance to be his swing-the swing.

In the first three games of 2008, Satin went 5-for-13 with three runs, four RBI and two home runs, eerily similar to his numbers against UC Irvine. But the difference was that this time, Satin kept going.

Satin is now hitting a team-leading .435, has set the school record for longest hitting streak at 27 games, is second on the team with 12 home runs (his career total through 2007 was 11), second in RBI (37) and second in slugging percentage (.779). He is among the conference leaders in nearly all major offensive categories.

Projecting Satin's present numbers through a full season, he is on pace to hit 20 home runs and tally 62 RBI, which would both be career highs-by a lot. Satin's previous season-high in home runs was five, in RBI, 41. Talk about a career year.

"Not getting drafted last year was the biggest blessing that anyone has given to me," says Satin. "I don't know where I'll get drafted this year, but I'll definitely get drafted somewhere. I don't know if whoever drafts me sees me as a major leaguer, but I'll bet they see me as a better prospect than I was last year ? I'm more prepared, more confident, not to mention the fact that we're in a pretty unbelievable season right now."

For the first time since Satin was a raw recruit, the Cal baseball team finally has a realistic chance to reach the postseason. At 24-9-2, the No. 8 Bears are even in the conversation to take the conference title, a feat not seen since 1980-before Satin was even born, and when coach David Esquer was still in high school.

"This could be one of those things you remember for the rest of your life," says Satin. "It's definitely rewarding to see team recognition. To me, that's more satisfying than individual recognition. It's kind of crazy to think about that, but when people write and talk about our team being elite, it's so rewarding."

## Cooper Swings Cal to Victory Against Huskies

*By Matt Kawahara, Daily Californian, April 21, 2008*

All weekend long, the wind had been after David Cooper like the plague, turning several potential home runs from the No. 8 Cal baseball team's first baseman into routine fly balls to right field.

Sunday, it paid him back in full.

With two outs in the bottom of the ninth and runners on first and second in a 4-4 tie, Cooper hit a lazy fly ball to left field that got caught up in the swirling winds above Evans Diamond and drifted foul, falling just out of the reach of Washington's Aaron Russell



to extend the at-bat.

After working the count full, Cooper lined a fastball into shallow center field, scoring Mark Canha from second base and touching off a celebration as the Bears (26-10-2, 7-5 in the Pac-10) came all the way back from a 4-0 deficit to win 5-4 and salvage the series win over the Huskies (24-14, 4-5).

"David Cooper's been our guy," coach David Esquer said. "He did it last week on Sunday against USC ... He's as good as there is in the clutch and we're fortunate to have him."

Cooper, whose team mobbed him at first base after Canha crossed the plate, was soft-spoken about his heroics.

"I was just thinking fastball and reacting to whatever, and I got a fastball," he said. "It was nice to get that series win. That was very much in doubt for most of the game."

Cal was held scoreless through the first six innings, as Washington starter Nick Haughian—who had struck out 29 hitters in his previous two starts—allowed just one hit while striking out six.

But the Bears finally broke through in the bottom of the seventh, when catcher Dylan Tonneson crushed a first-pitch fastball over the wall in left-center to break the shutout.

"(Haughian) started me off in at least one other (at-bat) with a fastball, and I was thinking maybe he'd do it again," Tonneson said. "He just left it over the plate and I put a good swing on it."

"Hitting's contagious. One guy hits the ball and it just kind of keeps steamrolling. I think everybody just kind of built off each other and it started going our way."

Blake Smith followed with an infield single, and senior Michael Capbarat brought Cal within one with his second home run of the year—a shot nearly identical to Tonneson's. Brett Jackson—the Bears' designated hitter on Sunday after aggravating a hamstring strain chasing down a ball on Saturday—then tied the game at 4-4 with an RBI single.

"After that first at-bat when I whiffed on the changeup, I started seeing it a little better and got a fastball," Capbarat said. "His stuff wasn't anything we hadn't seen before. I think we just kind of wore him down after a while."

Smith pitched two scoreless innings for Cal and improved his record to 2-0.

Cooper's game-winner saved the Bears from a damaging series loss at home after a split in the first two games.

Cal scored in double digits for the 11th time in a 10-5 win on Friday, touching up Huskies starter Cam Nobles for eight runs in 5 2/3 innings. Cooper and Smith both hit two-run home runs, and Tyson Ross improved his record to 6-1 after allowing four runs in seven innings.

But the offense, which has been streaky as of late, went cold for most of the Bears' 7-4 loss on Saturday. Craig Bennigson gave up a grand slam to Washington's Jake Rife in the ninth, making the score 7-2, and Cal's comeback effort in the bottom of the inning stalled when Josh Satin—the potential tying run—saw his drive into the gap in right-center tracked down by the Huskies' Sean Meehan.

## The Brothers Gorgen Dominate West Coast

By Aaron Fitt, *Baseball America*, March 24-April 6, 2008

Matt Gorgen lounged in a red seat 15 or so rows behind the plate at Tony Gwynn Stadium, talking baseball with a California teammate and coach, and scouting the Bears' next opponent in the University of San Diego Tournament. A coach from another team, sitting in the row in front of Gorgen, pulled out a BlackBerry and started reading off scores from around the nation on that Friday night. Gorgen perked up.

"Hey, did you see what my brother did tonight?" he asked, beaming. "Complete game, one hit, 12 strikeouts."

His identical twin brother, UC Irvine junior righthander Scott Gorgen, had driven down to San Diego the previous day to watch Cal take on Fresno State, but the Golden Bears had won 14-4 and Matt, a junior righthanded closer, had not gotten into the game. After Scott shut down San Francisco on Friday to improve to 2-0, 0.00 in 2008, Matt called for a postmortem. The call was nothing unusual, of course—the brothers talk on the phone about five times per week, according to Matt.

"So I call him up and he says, 'Hey, my changeup was on tonight. It was on,'" Matt recalled later in the weekend. "I watched him pitch in regionals, super-regionals, and the College World Series, and he was dominant with his changeup. That's what he establishes."

Matt had to jump through some hoops to watch Scott pitch for the Anteaters in Omaha last year, and he was told by his original Cape Cod League team that he would be dropped from the roster if he remained in Omaha. The decision was easy, and it worked out fine in the end, as Gorgen latched on with the

Bourne Braves after Irvine was eliminated.

"Switching Cape teams was well worth watching him pitch in Omaha," Matt said. "Watching my brother pitch in Omaha was one of the best things I've ever done. This year, I'm hoping either we're both there or he gets to come watch us in Omaha."

That sums up the Gorgens pretty well: They're as close as two brothers can be, and incredibly supportive of one another, but the spirit of fraternal competition will never be entirely suppressed. Matt is two minutes older, an inch taller, and a few pounds heavier, and he doesn't let Scott forget it.

"He's smaller than me, and I hold it over him a lot," Matt said. "Growing up, he kind of pushed me around until we got to high school, and then as soon as we hit high school his days of pushing me around were over. We had a great rivalry and we always competed with each other, and we're each other's biggest supporters."

Matt was the star quarterback at Clayton Valley (Calif.) High, while Scott was a wide receiver and punter. Matt was the ace pitcher on the baseball team, while Scott was a catcher who was never a standout until his senior year, when an arm injury limited Matt to second base and relief duties and pressed Scott into a starting—and starring—role. Still, Scott wasn't recruited to play baseball by any Division I teams until late in his senior season. He had offers to punt for several D-I football teams, including Boston College



and Virginia, but was leaning toward playing baseball at a junior college until the father of high school teammate Randy Wells, who was being recruited by Irvine, suggested the Anteaters give Scott a look. Wells ended up at St. Mary's, but Scott went on an official visit to UCI a week before graduation, and he finally signed with the 'Eaters in July or August.

"First of all, (Matt) was the head honcho in high school. I was just the kid in the background," Scott said. "Matt and I are obviously competitive, we like to get after it, and we fought with each other a lot in high school. When I was catching and he was pitching, they called us the dynamic duo, because it was very rare for a team to do well against us. I knew my brother well enough from all those years catching him, I knew what he could throw in what count. It was fun to think in your mind, 'You're not going to touch this pitch, and if you do you're going to foul it straight back, then we're going to come back with a curveball and you're going to strike out.' I was so confident (in) what he was able to do as a pitcher.

"Comparing me and him, we're both competitors, there's no doubt about it. We both like to get after it, we're not the biggest guys in the world. We're two different types of pitchers. You can look at our fastballs, our mechanics, all that, you can see the comparison. But I'm a starter and he's a closer. This is where we get into a lot of our fights: he loves to talk about velocity. I say, 'You throw 93 for one inning, I throw 91 for nine innings.' That generally gets him to be quiet. We just have that competitive edge since we were little, playing basketball, baseball, football, and I think that's kind of helped us. Competing against each other for so long, that kind of gives us that edge."

That signature refusal to back down helped Scott become a third-team All-American as a sophomore despite his small stature—he's listed at 5-foot-10, 190 pounds. He went 13-3, 2.83 with 117 strikeouts and 41 walks in 137 innings in 2007, throwing four straight complete games, including three shutouts, to help carry UCI to Omaha. After his final regular-season start, a shutout against Big West champion UC Riverside and All-American James Simmons, Scott felt very weak and wound up in the emergency room the next day. That night he was back in the dugout cheering on his teammates—though he had to do it from the dugout bench instead of his customary spot on the top step. The next week he was back on the mound, beating his boyhood favorite Texas in the Austin regional, and he followed with a shutout against Wichita State in super-regionals.

"Texas was always my No. 1 school growing up, so to get to play against them was almost living my dream," Scott said. "I didn't get to play for Augie Garrido, but I got to beat them to go on to the College World Series. That run, after I pitched against Riverside against James Simmons, everything seemed to click at the right time. Those three games—Texas, Wichita, even the Arizona State game (in Omaha), there were a lot of people saying, 'He's thrown two complete games, it's a fluke,' or, 'He's just clicking, but how is he going to work to these power lefty lineups?'"

The answer to that question is that Scott would rely upon his tumbling changeup, the best of its kind in the nation. When he arrived at Irvine, he was strictly a fastball-curveball pitcher, but then-coach Dave Serrano taught him a change, which Serrano believes is the best pitch in baseball, and the easiest to teach. The problem was, Scott's hands were too small for a classic circle change grip, so he modified it by putting his middle finger and ring finger in between the seams instead of on them and resting his pinkie underneath the ball, creating a three-pronged grip reminiscent of a baseball display trophy. The result is a weapon that more than compensates for his lack of size and fastball velocity.

"He doesn't look like they look—if we lie he's 5-11," said UC Irvine coach Mike Gillespie, who took over after Serrano left for Cal State Fullerton last fall. "But he's a bulldog. He likes the challenges, he's a throwback. He's not a pretty boy—he's the antithesis of that. A real competitive guy, doesn't crack when it gets tough. He throws pretty firm, he can get to 90. It's not 95, but he can get to 90. But he has this Bugs Bunny changeup, and it's very, very hard to deal with.

"I think if I'm the coach on the other team, I say his best pitch is the changeup; that's all well and good, but this doesn't look like a changeup coming out of his hand. It gets up there in the 80s, but it has this tumble to it. If you didn't know what it was you might call it a split. It's hard to recognize. I think if you're a hitter, it comes out of his hand and you're seeing and swinging at a fastball, but it's not. It's hard to hit and hard to put in play."

While Scott pitches off his exceptional change, Matt's bread and butter is his fastball command. He throws the pitch in the 92-93 mph range and complements it with a good low-to-mid-80s cutter, which looks like his fastball but drops off the outer half against righties and runs in on lefties. He also has a curveball and developing changeup that he occasionally employs as setup pitches, although relying mostly on the fastball and cutter helped him rack up nine saves in 31 appearances a year ago. He carried a 2.50 career ERA into this season, and he struck out 109 batters in 101 innings over his first two seasons. Matt had one save and had allowed one run through his first three appearances of 2008, including scoreless innings of work in each of the next two days after Scott's shutout of San Francisco.

"He's our guy," Cal coach Dave Esquer said. "He's our guy that at the end of the game, we hope that it's game over when he's in the ballgame. He does better the more work he gets so it's important to get him out there and on a rhythm.

"Matt and Scott both have that bulldog mentality. Obviously one being a closer and one being a starter, they're different, but they're both cut from the same cloth. They're both quality people and quality pitchers."

With a slightly bigger frame and a few extra ticks on his fastball (albeit in shorter spurts), Matt might seem like the better professional prospect. But underestimating Scott Gorgen has proven to be a mistake plenty of times before.

"It's very hard to think of myself as an elite pitcher in the country—I think of myself as a competitor, and I'll do everything to give my team a good shot to win," Scott said. "But I've also got to prove everybody wrong. I see the 5-foot-10 frame, I see what I have, I know it's not the typical projectable 6-3, 6-5 pitcher that's going to come out and throw 97. I have to be a little better; I can't miss the spots like those guys can. That does give me a little competitive edge. I'll find out where I stand in June. I think I have a shot at being one of the top pitchers in the draft, but I have to prove myself every year, and that's probably what pushes me harder, to know I'm 5-foot-10 and have to prove people wrong."

Wherever the Gorgens end up in pro ball, you can be sure they'll find ways to see each other pitch whenever possible. And maybe someday they'll get to boast about each other's accomplishments in the big leagues.

## Rising Heat: Three-Year Starting Pitcher Tyson Ross is Projected to be A Top-Flight Prospect

By Matt Kawahara, Daily Californian, May 7, 2008



It's a sunny Friday afternoon at Evans Diamond, Tyson Ross is weaving another gem against Arizona, and a funny thing is happening in the stands behind the backstop.

Ross sets and 25 men lift their right arms in unison. He delivers, and all 25 drop their arms to their sides. The guns go up, the guns come down.

These are the prospectors of baseball. It's their job to judge, uncover talent and expose weakness, find reasons not to expend a draft pick on a player as much as reasons why they should.

The reports of these major league scouts will largely determine who gets a shot at the next level and who hangs it up after college, and today they're here for Ross.

"With him, you want to focus on three things," says one scout. "His physical size, the stuff that comes out of his hand and the fact that he's been doing it consistently for two years."

Ross' physical size is, in a word, intimidating. He's listed at 6-foot-6, 225 pounds and he says that he might still be growing, citing the fact that his "knees have been hurting" and his "clothes have been feeling a little tight."

The stuff that comes out of his hand is straight filth—a six-pitch repertoire headed up by a 91-95 mph fastball and a devastating slider. And what he has done over the past two years is anchor the starting rotation of the rising Cal baseball team. What he's done is come out almost every Friday and give the Bears a chance to win, compiling a 13-8 record with a 3.14 ERA and 171 strikeouts in his sophomore and junior seasons.

What he's done is mold himself into one of the top college baseball talents in the nation, and set himself up for a future in which Cal pitching coach Dan Hubbs says:

"The sky's the limit."

The question isn't if Ross will go in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft in June, but how high. That's what the scouts are here to determine.

But Ross doesn't notice the action behind the backstop.

"I used to when I was in high school, see scouts and say, 'Oh yeah, there's people here,'" says Ross. "But I've just got to forget about them because no matter where you are, you can't be thinking about who's out there in the crowd.

"You can't live life worrying about what other people think. You've just got to go out there and do your thing. Same with pitching."

To a quiet kid with a live arm from Oakland, whose dream has always been to pitch in the big leagues, the scouts—and all the pressure that comes with them—aren't really there.

Tyson Ross is just playing a game.

To be fair, Hubbs doesn't lend much credibility to the scouts either.

"Scouting's an inexact science," he says. "If it was easy, then every first-rounder would be in the big leagues and be a superstar. You just never know how guys react to pressure, and that's what I'm saying about Tyson. I don't think there's any situation you can put him in that'll faze him."

Ross was named first-team All Pac-10 and a semifinalist for the Golden Spike Award—given to the nation's top player—after his sophomore season, when he was second in the conference with a 2.49 ERA and third with 120 strikeouts.

Then, during the summer, he went international with Team USA to face the likes of the Dutch and Japanese National Teams. Ross turned in a 4-1 record for the summer with a cool 0.82 ERA and 39 strikeouts in 43 2/3 innings.

And this was all before Ross had even hit his 21st birthday—something that Hubbs again attributes to his poise.

"Because nothing fazes him, he's able to deal with little struggles within the game," says Hubbs. "It's not a big deal when he walks a guy. It's not a big deal when a guy boots a ball behind him or hits a homer, because he's been in those situations against great teams and realizes that his stuff is good enough that he can come back and get them out anyway."

That's why Ross is still on the mound in the top of the eighth against the Wildcats. He has no outs in the inning and he's just hit a batter to load the bases, but nobody comes out to talk to him and the bullpen is quiet.

Instead, Ross takes a quick walk off the mound, looks over at first baseman David Cooper—and cracks a joke at him.

"I got kind of a strange look from the umpire like 'What's this kid doing? He's got the bases loaded and no outs and he jokes around with the first baseman,'" says Ross. "Your time's limited so you've just got to enjoy it while you can. I just try to have fun while I'm out there."

It shows in the way that he carries himself on the mound.

Ross moves around the hill in a loose stroll. He fidgets, but to a kind of rhythm. He flips the ball into his throwing hand instead of reaching into his glove for it and throws his warmup tosses like he's playing catch in the backyard.

Even with a hitter in the box, nothing changes. Ross' motion is easy and fluid, bordering on effortless. It looks like he isn't even throwing hard, but somehow that swing of his right arm generates speeds in the low to mid-90s.

"It may look easy," says the scout. "But there's actually a lot going on."

Think along the lines of a peaceful-looking river with a wicked undercurrent. The drawback is that Ross' delivery relies mainly on his arm—some say too much—and at least one scout points this out as a source of concern.

Ross doesn't hesitate to say that there's a lot more to his mechanics than can be seen with the naked eye.

"I've seen video and stuff where my hips are firing and I'm leaving my top side back a little bit," he says. "There's some mechanical changes I can make to make it even easier on my arm."

"I'd only change it to improve," he adds. "I've always thrown like this and it's been working."

Hubbs is quick to defend his ace.

"I think the scouts make a bigger deal of it than it is; part of that is what makes him good," Hubbs says. "He's unorthodox. But

the arm works. And because the arm works, he has a chance to be successful (at the next level)."

The delivery is unique, but it allows Ross to be effective with three variations on the fastball—a four-seamer, two-seamer and the cutter that he added over the offseason—and his three offspeed pitches. And aside from a two-week hiatus early this season—due to tightness in his lat muscle—Ross has stayed healthy since arriving in Berkeley three years ago with the same delivery.

"That was the knock on (Tim) Lincecum: 'He's unorthodox, he'll never hold up,'" says Hubbs. "But he's pretty good. And I think Tyson is another one of those guys.

"Who does he look like in the big leagues? Well, I can't tell you who he looks like in the big leagues. All I can tell you is that I think he's going to pitch in the big leagues."

From online mock drafts and prospect rankings, common consensus seems to be that Ross will be a first-round pick on June 5. Even the scout at the Arizona game reluctantly agrees that projecting Ross to go somewhere in the 20s is "probably in the ballpark."

Ross, unassuming as always, takes the hype in stride.

"It's pretty neat to think about," he says. "But you can't really think about the draft too much. It's just one day, it's just your name being called and that's it. First round or 40th round, you're still going to be a professional ballplayer out there with the same chances as everyone else."

After that, how quickly he rises will depend largely on whether he takes on the role of starter or reliever.

"If I'm going to move up faster in a reliever role, I'd do that," says Ross. "If they need me starting, either way. I just want to pitch."

Ross could progress a little faster out of the bullpen, in the way that former Cal starter Brandon Morrow ascended to the major leagues with the Seattle Mariners as a short reliever.

But Ross was outstanding as a starter for Team USA—an experience that gave him an early glimpse at the professional life. The national team played a lot of games in a short period of time, which made for a harsh travel schedule, and his laid-back approach was well suited to the daily grind of a pro schedule.

"The guys that were stressing out about their performances, what scouts were thinking and whatnot were all in their own domes and they weren't having as much fun as the guys like myself who just went out there to play," he says. "I can't imagine over the long haul of a 162-game season, stressing out every day about playing time and how you're doing."

"That wouldn't be any fun," he laughs. "Then it's just another job, you know?"

It's funny because, for Ross, baseball is the furthest thing from a job.

"I go out and have fun, just kind of enjoy myself, and that's how I get the positive results and keep that level head," he says.

"Can't get too rattled or anything like that. I'm out there just playing a game."

And with this mentality, Ross approaches the jump to professional baseball.

He doesn't worry about the differences between college and the pros because baseball itself doesn't change. He sees the same rules and the same dimensions of the same game that he's been playing all his life.

"Same thing no matter where you're playing or what level," he says with a shrug. "I think I'm just going to go up there and do what I've always done and I'll be just fine."

It's vintage Tyson Ross. In his future, the sky's the limit. And still his spikes are planted firmly in the ground.

### 3-Minute Interview: Charlie Cutler

By Matt Elliser, San Francisco Examiner, May 8, 2008



The left fielder for the Cal baseball team, a Lowell High School alum, has come into his own this season, batting .336 while occupying the No. 2 slot in the lineup. This weekend, Cal — which is 30-15-2 and ranked No. 16 by Baseball America — plays a three-game series at its rival, sixth-ranked Stanford (28-16-2).

**You went 5-for-5 in your last game, a 13-4 win against UC Davis. How comfortable are you feeling at the plate?** I haven't had a game like that since high school. It was definitely a good game for me and the team, and I feel pretty locked in right now.

**Speaking of high school, how closely do you keep track of what's going on at Lowell?** I follow what's up with them for sure. We were always really lucky to have guys that took pride in the game and truly cared about representing The City and the AAA. That's still how I try to approach things.

**You've shifted from catcher to left field this year. How has that change been?** It doesn't take long to adjust to just relaxing out there and taking it easy [laughs]. No, it's definitely different, but I'm just so happy they're finding a spot in the lineup for me and we're winning.

**You guys have gone 29-26 and 26-28 in the past two years. What's changed this season?** It's hard to put a finger on it. A lot of guys have improved and stepped up at the same time, and I feel really blessed to be a part of it.

**What are your thoughts on playing Stanford this weekend?** It's definitely a rivalry. We have one of the best teams we've had in a while and they're good again. It should be a lot of fun.

### Bears Win in the 10th on Cutler's Clutch Single

By Matt Kawahara, Daily Californian, May 10, 2008

For eight innings on Friday night, Tyson Ross was virtually unhittable.

And when the No. 6 Stanford baseball team finally did get to him in the bottom of the ninth, Charlie Cutler and No. 16 Cal hit right back.

The Cardinal scored two runs off of Ross in the ninth—the second on a two-out single by designated hitter Randy Molina—to tie the game at 3-3 and set it to extra innings. But after Bears shortstop Michael Brady walked and stole second in the top of the 10th, Cutler came through with a clutch two-out hit of his own to drive in Brady and put Cal up 4-3.

Bears closer Matt Gorgen then pitched around a leadoff single in the bottom of the 10th and struck pinch hitter Toby Gerhart out swinging for the final out to earn the win.

"It's an amazing feeling," Cutler said. "I'm just glad that he didn't make the play. That was my initial reaction was, 'I hit it right at him.' And then I saw it get by him and I was thrilled."

Brady came around to score his third run of the game. The shortstop also hit a solo home run in the fifth that put Cal up 2-1 at the time. The Bears made it 3-1 in the eighth on an RBI single by-who else-Cutler.

"That was awesome," Ross said. "Cut's a leader on this team and he did what he's supposed to do in that situation, just got the game-winning hit for us. No matter what I did out there today, I just wanted the team to win."

It was a tough no-decision for Ross, who was on cruise control for most of the game. After allowing a solo home run to first baseman Brent Milleville in the fourth, Ross retired 14 straight Stanford hitters before allowing a leadoff double to Colin Walsh in the ninth.

The Cardinal then scored on a sacrifice fly by Milleville and Castro's single to send the game to extra innings and set up Cutler's heroics. Tempers ran high for Cal during a bizarre sequence of events in the late innings.

Bears first baseman David Cooper was ejected in the top of the eighth after dropping his bat in disgust at a called third strike. Third base coach Jon Zuber was then tossed arguing a baserunner's interference call on center fielder Brett Jackson that took the Bears out of a potential rally in the top of the ninth.

As a result, the crowd of over 3,700 was at its loudest from the ninth inning on, adding to an electric atmosphere that culminated in Gorgen being mobbed by his teammates on the mound after recording the game-ending strikeout.

## Cal Takes Second Game of Series With Stanford, 5-2

By Matt Kawahara, Daily Californian, May 9, 2008

All that the offense of the Cal baseball team needed to wake up was a fastball to the head.

Literally.

With the No. 16 Bears trailing No. 6 Stanford 2-1, second baseman Josh Satin led off the top of the seventh inning by wearing a pitch from Cardinal starter Erik Davis off the side of his helmet.

Satin looked like he was shaken up momentarily but stayed in the game and eventually came around to score on a two-run single by third baseman Jeff Kobernus that put Cal up 3-2.

The Bears then tacked on another run in the seventh and one more in the eighth, and Blake Smith and Matt Gorgen combined for 2 2/3 innings in relief of Craig Bennisson as Cal upended Stanford 5-2 at Klein Field for the second straight day.

This game didn't require the late heroics of the Bears' 4-3 win on Friday night, although the pitching was no less stingy.

Bennisson had probably his best start of the season after a string of rough outings that had ballooned his ERA to 6.71. Back in the Saturday starting role-where he began the year-the left-hander pitched 6 1/3 strong innings, giving up two runs on seven hits.

"He was good," Bears coach David Esquer said. "He matched up well with their lineup, their strength is their left-handed hitters, so that was obviously big for us."

The quality outing from Bennisson was critical in keeping Cal (32-15-2, 11-9 in the Pac-10) within striking distance, as the Cardinal's Davis-who took just his second loss of the year-kept the Bears off-balance at the plate until he started to struggle with his control in the seventh.

After hitting Satin, Davis walked center fielder Brett Jackson and Smith to load the bases for Kobernus, who drove in his 25th and 26th runs of the year on the single.

In the top of the eighth, a wild pitch by Davis and a passed ball moved Cal first baseman David Cooper all the way from first to third before he scored on a two-out single by catcher Dylan Tonneson.

"He didn't give us anything," Esquer said. "And whatever we got, we earned. Charlie came up with the big hit to score a run early and then the three-run inning was obviously big for us. He didn't give us a whole lot, but when he gave us a small crack our guys did a good job of taking advantage of it."

Tonneson's single capped the scoring at 5-2, as Gorgen retired Austin Yount-the potential tying run-on a fly ball to the warning track with two outs in the ninth.

With the win, the Bears secured at least a series win over Stanford (28-18-2, 10-7), after being swept at Sunken Diamond in 2007. The final game of the three-game series is tomorrow at 1 p.m., with Cal freshman Kevin Miller squaring off against the Cardinal's Jeffery Inman in a game that will be televised on CBS College Sports.

"It's going to be tough," Esquer said of the possibility of a sweep. "They have to win. I don't expect them to lie down and give us one."

## Cal likes the Spirit of '78; Bears take season series from Stanford

By Jake Curtis, San Francisco Chronicle, May 11, 2008

When Cal left fielder Charlie Cutler caught Austin Yount's deep flyball for the final out of the Bears' 5-2 victory over Stanford on Saturday, it not only relieved the sudden panic that had invaded the Cal dugout when the ball left Yount's bat, but it accomplished something Cal had not done in 30 years - win the season series from the Cardinal.

With today's matchup at Stanford's Sunken Diamond being Cal's fifth and final game of the season against No. 6 Stanford, the 16th-ranked Bears (32-15-2, 11-9 Pac-10) have won three games against the Cardinal, with the fourth a 5-5 tie that ended after 13 innings.

Not since 1978 have the Bears won more games than Stanford in their head-to-head matchups during a season.

"I didn't know that," winning pitcher Craig Bennisson said. "It's just awesome to beat these guys. I don't want to say we hate them, but I guess we do."



Not many were aware of the 30-year breakthrough, because it is somewhat of a technicality. Since 1999, the Bears and Cardinal have played two or three nonconference games early in the season. The teams don't place as much importance on those games as they do on the late-season three-game series that counts in the Pac-10 standings.

But now, having won the first two games of this year's "significant" three-game series, the Bears can claim to have won the conference series from Stanford three of the past four years.

That says something, because Stanford had not lost a three-game series all season. In fact, Stanford had won 12 consecutive series, including the final three last season, before having the streak stopped by the Bears.

Cal did it against Stanford's top pitcher, Erik Davis.

"Erik always gives us a chance to win, and he gave us a chance to win today," Stanford coach Mark Marquess said.

Davis came into the game with a 7-1 record, and was in complete command heading into the seventh inning, with the Cardinal (28-18-2, 10-7) holding a 2-1 lead.

Davis opened the seventh by getting ahead of Cal cleanup hitter Josh Satin 1-2, then let a fastball get away, smacking Satin on the helmet.

Marquess did not think that pitch shook up Davis, but he proceeded to walk the bases loaded. Jeff Kobernus, the Bears' No. 8 hitter who went 3-for-4, then delivered a single that drove in the tying and go-ahead runs. When Davis committed a throwing error on a Michael Brady bunt, another Cal run crossed the plate.

"Erik doesn't give you many opportunities, but we were able to take advantage," Cal coach David Esquer said. "Our team is different this year. We're really relaxing, letting ourselves do things in the big situations."

That brief rally was enough because of the work of Bennigson and two relievers. Bennigson got his first win since March 8, allowing two runs in six innings.

The Bears had one final scare in the ninth, when, after two were out, the Cardinal got consecutive singles to bring Yount to the plate as the possible tying run. He belted Matt Gorgen's pitch deep to left field, but Cutler caught it at the base of the wall.

"Some people in our dugout were scared," Bennigson said, "but I wasn't worried."

### Playoff Berth Imminent as Bears Roll

*By Matt Kawahara, San Francisco Chronicle, May 12, 2008*

Officially, this weekend's series between the No. 16 Cal and No. 6 Stanford baseball teams ended Sunday afternoon when Charlie Cutler flied out to left field for the final out in an 8-5 loss.

But as far as the Bears were concerned, if the series had ended after game two it would've been just fine.

"(Saturday) night was the best we've felt all season," center fielder Brett Jackson said.

That's because earlier that day, when Cutler found himself on the defensive end of a game-ending flyout to left field, the Bears did something that the program hasn't done since 2001 and that this group of guys has never done—secured their invitation to the NCAA tournament.

"Getting that second game, it felt like a clinch," Jackson said. "We're still not sure, but it's definitely taking some pressure off of (the upcoming series against) UCLA."

"But we still want to close."

Apparently, Cal isn't hedging its bets after being left out of the tournament last year. But it was a different story towards the end of 2007, when the team found itself scrambling for a late way into the postseason and fell just short after losing its final series to Washington.

This year, the Bears are leaving no doubt. This time, the playoff berth is theirs to lose.

That is, it was Cal's to lose until Saturday afternoon, when they locked it up for good behind a strong outing from the mercurial Craig Bennigson.

"We'd like to get two more just to put the nail in the coffin," coach David Esquer said. "But I think we proved that we're that type of quality team."

At this point, there is no valid argument for keeping the Bears from the tournament appearance that has eluded them for the last six years.

Not with a 21-6-2 record in non-conference games, which includes a 10-game winning streak early in the year and a three-game sweep of then-No. 5 Long Beach State.

Not with a winning record in the dog-eat-dog Pac-10, which had three preseason No. 1 teams and has proceeded to beat up on itself during the conference schedule.

And definitely not now, after Cal went into Sunken Diamond—where it was swept in convincing fashion in 2007—and took two out of three from the No. 6 team in the country.

The series win at the home of the Cardinal was the Bears' first since 1995, and it was the first series loss that Stanford has suffered in its last 13 three-game series.

For the first time all season, Cal found a way to win consistently without big contributions from David Cooper and Josh Satin, who went a combined 3-for-22.

For the first time, the Bears really proved that they can win on the road after compiling a 7-8 away record going into the series and losing in embarrassing fashion at Arizona State and USC.

"We're going to be able to go on the road," Esquer said. "That's what we're going to have to do against quality teams (in the postseason), and we got a taste of doing that."

And when Cutler made the final out in the top of the ninth with two outs, a runner on and the chance to bring Cooper up as the potential tying run, this young Bears team played it cool.

They turned their rally caps back around, lined up to shake hands with the Cardinal and walked out of Sunken Diamond a little satisfied, a little disappointed, and not at all giddy with everything that they had just accomplished.