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# BASEBALL

## CAL (22-16, 5-4) HOSTS ARIZONA (22-14, 3-6) IN PAC-10 SERIES

### THIS WEEK

Fri. Apr. 12 vs. Arizona  
Sat. Apr. 13 vs. Arizona  
Sun. Apr. 14 vs. Arizona

Evans Diamond, Berkeley, CA 2:30 p.m.  
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### 2002 Cal Scoreboard 22-16 overall, 5-4 Pac-10

Date	Opp	Result/Time
2/1	at UNLV	W 2-0
2/2	at UNLV	L 4-2
2/3	at UNLV	L 10-5
2/6	vs. San Jose State	L 10-6
2/8	vs. Gonzaga	W 10-2
2/9	vs. Gonzaga	L 7-0
2/10	vs. Gonzaga	W 5-4
2/12	at Santa Clara	W 10-7
2/15	vs. Long Beach State	L 8-1
2/16	vs. Long Beach State	L 9-0
2/17	vs. Long Beach State	W 4-3
2/22	vs. Boston College	W 10-4
2/23	vs. Boston College	W 7-4
2/24	vs. Boston College	W 16-0
2/26	vs. Centenary	W 9-8 10 inn
3/1	at North Carolina	W 4-2
3/1	at North Carolina	L 7-5
3/3	at North Carolina	W 7-4
3/5	vs. Georgetown	W 6-5 10 inn
3/8	vs. Stanford	L 15-4
3/9	vs. Stanford	W 2-1
3/10	vs. Stanford	L 4-2
3/12	vs. San Francisco	W 12-4
3/15	at UC Irvine	W 3-1
3/16	at UC Irvine	L 5-4 10 inn
3/17	at UC Irvine	L 7-3
3/20	vs. Saint Mary's	W 5-3
3/22	at Washington State*	W 5-1
3/23	at Washington State*	W 5-4
3/25	at Washington State*	W 6-5 10 inn
3/28	at USC*	L 11-3
3/29	at USC*	L 9-1
3/30	at USC*	L 13-9
4/2	vs. Santa Clara	W 7-6
4/5	vs. UCLA*	W 5-3
4/6	vs. UCLA*	L 19-2
4/7	vs. UCLA*	W 10-6 15 inn
4/9	at Saint Mary's	L 6-5
4/12	vs. Arizona*	2:30 p.m.
4/13	vs. Arizona*	1:00 p.m.
4/14	vs. Arizona*	1:00 p.m.
4/16	vs. Fresno State	2:30 p.m.
4/19	at Arizona State*	6:00 p.m.
4/20	at Arizona State*	6:00 p.m.
4/21	at Arizona State*	1:00 p.m.
4/26	vs. Washington*	2:30 p.m.
4/27	vs. Washington*	1:00 p.m.
4/28	vs. Washington*	1:00 p.m.
4/30	at San Francisco	2:00 p.m.
5/3	at Stanford*	6:00 p.m.
5/4	at Stanford*	1:00 p.m.
5/5	at Stanford*	1:00 p.m.
5/10	vs. Oregon State*	2:30 p.m.
5/11	vs. Oregon State*	1:00 p.m.
5/12	vs. Oregon State*	1:00 p.m.
5/14	at San Jose State	7:00 p.m.

\* Denotes Pac-10 Contest

**RADIO:**KALX Radio (90.7 FM) will broadcast the Apr. 12-14 Arizona-Cal series...**SERIES RECORD:** Cal has a 56-79 overall series record against the Arizona Wildcats...last season the Bears won two-of-three games Apr. 20-22 at Frank Sancet Field (W 11-9, W 19-13, L 12-11 in 10 innings)...

**HEAD COACH DAVID ESQUER:** The 2001 Pac-10 Coach of the Year, Esquer, 36, is in his third season at Cal and has a career record of 81-69 (.540)...he became only the 10th coach in the history of Cal baseball, which began in 1892, when he was hired June 10, 1999...Esquer replaced longtime Bear mentor Bob Milano, who retired May 17, 1999 after 22 years as the Bears head coach and 29 years involved in the Cal baseball program...Esquer came to Berkeley after serving as the top assistant at Pepperdine from 1996-99...prior to working at Pepperdine, he was the No. 2 assistant coach at Stanford under Mark Marquess from 1991-96...a shortstop at Stanford from 1984-87, Esquer was a starter on Stanford's 1987 College World Series championship team, earning All-Tournament honors after hitting .350 with six RBI in Omaha...he also earned All-Pac-10 Southern Division honors as a senior and went on to play professional baseball for four seasons with the Baltimore Orioles, California Angels and Milwaukee Brewers organizations...

**BEAR NOTES:** The California baseball team (22-16, 5-4 Pac-10) won two-of-three Apr. 5-7 versus UCLA (W 5-3, L 19-2, W 10-6 in 15 innings) at Evans Diamond and lost 6-5 Tuesday at Saint Mary's...in Cal's 15-inning win Apr. 7 over UCLA, sophomore designated hitter **David Weiner** hit a grand slam with one out in the 15th to lead the Bears to their fifth dramatic late-inning victory this season at Evans Diamond...senior right-hander **Trevor Hutchinson** was named Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week after Cal's 5-3 win over the Bruins...in 10 starts, Hutchinson has not thrown less than 6.3 innings, has two complete games, is 7-3 with a 3.03 ERA and has 72 strikeouts in 77.3 innings pitched...he has 262 career strikeouts, third on Cal's all-time career list and is 14 strikeouts away from being the school's all-time strikeout leader...Hutchinson leads the Pac-10 in both strikeouts and innings pitched...sophomore right-hander **Matt Brown** is already tied for fourth on the Cal all-time saves list with 14 saves in less than two seasons...sophomore first baseman **Conor Jackson** is continuing his remarkable 2002 campaign, batting .404 with 10 doubles, two triples, 11 home runs, two grand slams and 45 RBI...this season Jackson has hit home runs in four consecutive games and in three consecutive games...in the current Pac-10 hitting statistics, he leads the league in batting average, total bases (106), hits (59) and on base percentage (.485)...Hutchinson, Jackson and freshman third baseman **David Nicholson** (.313, 4-HR, 11 RBI) were all recently mentioned in *Baseball America's* Midseason All-America Teams By Class...

### TENTATIVE CALIFORNIA LINE-UP

No.	Pos.	Player	2002 Cal stats
2	CF	Ben Conley, Jr.	.243, 17 RBI, 2 HR
15	DH	David Weiner, So.	.279, 12 RBI, 1 HR
34	1B	Conor Jackson, So.	.404, 45 RBI, 11 HR
1	2B	Carson White, Sr.	.338, 28 RBI, 5 HR
33	C	John Baker, Jr.	.326, 14 RBI, 3 HR
5	3B	David Nicholson, Fr.	.313, 11 RBI, 4 HR
24	RF	Brian Horwitz, So.	.270, 17 RBI, 0 HR
6	LF	Justin Nelson, Fr.	.185, 11 RBI, 5 HR
9	SS	Jeff Dragicevich, So.	.287, 16 RBI, 2 HR
32	RHP	Trevor Hutchinson, Sr. (Fri.)	7-3, 3.03 ERA
		TBA (Sat.)	
20	RHP	Brian Montalbo, So. (Sun.)	3-5, 4.91 ERA

**ARIZONA:** The Arizona Wildcats, coached by Andy Lopez (First year at Arizona, 22-14, .611), are 22-14 (3-6) on the year, last winning one-of-three Apr. 5-7 versus Stanford (L 5-4 in 18 innings, L 19-1, W 15-13)...top hitters for the Wildcats are senior infielder Brad Hassey (.329, 4 HR, 27 RBI), freshman catcher Richard Mercado (.310, 1 HR, 19 RBI) and senior infielder Justyn St. Clair (.309, 1 HR, 22 RBI)...Arizona's tentative pitching rotation is sophomore right-hander Sean Rierson (5-2, 3.93 ERA), sophomore right-hander Marc Kaiser (5-2, 3.95 ERA) and sophomore left-hander Joe Little (5-3, 5.43 ERA)...last season the Bruins were 33-23, 12-12 (fifth) in the Pac-10...

#### **PAC-10 RACE (as of Apr. 11)**

	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	T	.PCT
USC	5	1	.833	---	19	14		.576
Stanford	2	1	.667	1.5	23	7		.767
Arizona State	6	3	.667	1.5	22	12		.647
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.556</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>.579</b>
Oregon State	3	3	.500	2.0	19	12		.613
Washington	1	2	.333	2.5	13	16	1	.450
UCLA	1	2	.333	2.5	14	20		.412
Arizona	3	6	.333	3.5	22	14		.611
Washington State	1	5	.167	4.0	13	18		.419

#### **CAL PLAYER NOTES**

**JOHN BAKER:** Is batting .326 (28-for-86, 5-2B, 3B, 3-HR, 14 RBI)...went 4-for-12 with a home run and three RBI last week vs. UCLA and was 2-for-3 Tuesday at Saint Mary's...is currently on a seven-game hitting streak...had a clutch pinch-hit two-run double and scored winning run Apr. 2 vs. Santa Clara...was 2-for-2 with an RBI Mar. 12 vs. USF, but was hit by a pitch, breaking a bone in his right hand and was out Mar. 13-Apr. 1...was 3-for-10 with an RBI Mar. 1-3 at North Carolina and 2-for-4 with an RBI double Mar. 5 vs. Georgetown...went 3-for-8 with a double, home run and three RBI Feb. 22-24 vs. Boston College and 2-for-4 with a double Feb. 26 vs. Centenary...was 3-for-10 with a double Feb. 15-17 vs. Long Beach State...hit his first collegiate triple Feb. 12 at Santa Clara...was 2-for-9 with a home run and three RBI Feb. 8-10 vs. Gonzaga, including hitting a three-run homer Feb. 8 against the Bulldogs...is batting .400 (10-for-25) with runners in scoring position...is 7-for-16 (.438) with a double and five RBI career vs. Arizona...was Pac-10 Honorable Mention last season and was a Cape Cod League All-Star this past summer...is on the Johnny Bench Award watch list...

**MATT BROWN:** Is 3-1 with a 3.56 ERA, six saves (1st in Pac-10) in 16 appearances (3rd in Pac-10)...earned a save Apr. 5 vs. UCLA (0.3 inning)...earned a save and a win Mar. 23-25 at WSU...earned save Mar. 23 (2.0 innings, three hits, one run, one strikeout) and win Mar. 25 (3.0 innings, one hit, one walk, one strikeout) against the Cougars...earned save Mar. 15 at UC Irvine (2.0 innings, no hits, no runs, no walks, career-high five strikeouts)...picked up save Mar. 9 vs. Stanford (1.7 innings, one hit, one strikeout)...earned win in relief Feb. 26 vs. Centenary (3.0 innings, two hits, no runs, one walk, three strikeouts)...picked up save Feb. 23 vs. Boston College (0.3 innings, one hit, one strikeout)...had first collegiate start Feb. 17 vs. Long Beach State (no decision, career-high 7.0 innings, eight hits, three runs, two walks, one strikeout)...picked up win in relief Feb. 10 vs. Gonzaga, (6.0 innings, eight hits, two runs, one walk, one strikeout)...earned save Feb. 1 at UNLV (2.0 innings, no hits, no runs, no walks, four strikeouts)...is already tied for fourth (Joe Buckley, 1986-89) on the Cal all-time saves list with 14...was the Pac-10 leader in saves (eight) as a true freshman and was Pac-10 Honorable Mention...is 0-0 with one save and 10.00 ERA (four strikeouts in 2.7 innings) career vs. Arizona...possible starter Saturday or Sunday...

**BEN CONLEY:** Is batting .243 (26-for-107) with four doubles, two home runs and 17 RBI...was 3-for-4 with a double Tuesday at Saint Mary's...went 2-for-4 with a home run and the game-winning RBI single Apr. 2 vs. Santa Clara...was 3-for-5 with three RBI Mar. 28-30 at USC...went 4-for-10 with a double, home run and three RBI Mar. 8-10 vs. Stanford...had a three-run homer vs. the Cardinal Mar. 8...was 7-for-12 with a double and four RBI Feb. 22-24 vs. Boston College, including going a career-high 4-for-5 with a double and an RBI Feb. 22 vs. the Eagles...is batting .378 (14-for-37) with runners in scoring position...is 8-for-17 (.471) with a double and seven RBI career vs. Arizona...was Pac-10 Honorable Mention last season...

**JEFF DRAGICEVICH:** Is batting .287 (37-for-129) with a team-high 10 doubles, one triple, two home runs and 16 RBI...went 4-for-11 last week vs. UCLA...was 4-for-11 Mar. 22-25 at WSU, including going 2-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI Mar. 25 vs. the Cougars...was 3-for-11 with a double and three RBI Mar. 1-3 at North Carolina...went 5-for-11 with two doubles and five RBI Feb. 22-24 vs. Boston College, including going a career-high 4-for-5 with a double and three RBI Feb. 24 vs. the Eagles...was 3-for-4 with two RBI Feb. 26 vs. Centenary...went 3-for-8 with a home run and two RBI Feb. 15-17 vs. Long Beach State...had a key two-run homer Feb. 17 vs. the 49ers...was 5-for-10 with a double and an RBI Feb. 8-10 vs. Gonzaga...went 3-for-4 with a double and a triple Feb. 2 at UNLV...is 4-for-12 (.333) with two RBI career vs. Arizona...brother, Scott, is the starting shortstop for Stanford...

**BRENT HALE:** Is 2-1 with a 5.23 ERA and 16 appearances (3rd in Pac-10)...earned win in relief Apr. 7 vs. UCLA (3.0 innings, three hits, no runs, one walk, two strikeouts)...won in Feb. 24 start vs. Boston College (shutout in a career-high 6.0 innings, one hit, no runs, three walks, three strikeouts)...pitched well in relief Mar. 12 vs. USF (4.0 innings, four hits, no earned runs, one walk, career-high five strikeouts)...

**BRIAN HORWITZ:** Is batting .270 (38-for-141) with four doubles and 17 RBI...went 2-for-3 with a double Mar. 30 at USC...was 3-for-10 with a double and RBI Mar. 8-10 vs. Stanford...was 4-for-13 with three RBI Mar. 1-3 at North Carolina...went 2-for-5 with a career-high three RBI, including the game-winning RBI in the 10th inning Feb. 26 vs. Centenary...was 8-for-10 with five RBI Feb. 22-24 vs. Boston College...is 5-for-16 (.313) career vs. Arizona...last season had a school record 23-game hitting streak from Feb. 9-Mar. 25 (37-for-96, .385, 12-2B, 3B, HR, 12 RBI)...

**TREVOR HUTCHINSON:** Is 7-3 with a 3.03 ERA (8th in Pac-10) and has team-high 72 strikeouts (1st in Pac-10) and 16 walks in 77.3 innings (1st in Pac-10)...opponents are batting .220 against him (2nd in Pac-10)...was named Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week (Apr. 8) after winning Apr. 5 vs. UCLA (8.7 innings, six hits, three runs, three walks, six strikeouts)...lost Mar. 28 at USC (6.3 innings, eight hits, five runs, one walk, five strikeouts)...won Mar. 22 at WSU (8.0 innings, seven hits, one run, one walk, nine strikeouts)...won Mar. 15 at UC Irvine (7.0 innings, five hits, one run, four walks, six strikeouts)...lost Mar. 8 vs. Stanford (6.3 innings, seven hits, five earned runs, one walk, six strikeouts)...has thrown two complete games, Mar. 1 at North Carolina (five hits, one earned run, no walks, eight strikeouts) and Feb. 22 vs. Boston College (10 hits, four runs, two walks, five strikeouts)...suffered loss Feb. 15 vs. Long Beach State (8.0 innings, six hits, five runs, four walks, nine strikeouts)...had a no-hitter through five innings against the 49ers...earned win Feb. 8 vs. Gonzaga (8.0 innings, six hits, one earned run, no walks, seven strikeouts) ...earned win Feb. 1 at UNLV (7.0 innings, three hits, no runs, no walks, 11 strikeouts)...is currently third on the Cal all-time career strikeout list with 262 strikeouts (14 strikeouts away from surpassing Doug Weiss, 275 from 1955-57) and third on the all-time innings pitched list (331.0)...was Pac-10 Honorable Mention last season and is a third team Preseason All-American in *Baseball America*...is 1-1 with a 6.75 ERA (eight strikeouts in 12.0 innings) career vs. Arizona...**is slated to start Friday**...

**JESSE INGRAM:** Is 3-2 with a 6.69 ERA, leads the team with 19 appearances (1st in Pac-10) and has 33 strikeouts in 35.0 innings...pitched well Apr. 7 vs. UCLA (career-high 5.0 innings, one hit, one run, three walks, one strikeout)...earned first collegiate save Mar. 20 vs. Saint Mary's (2.0 innings, one hit, one run, one walk, one strikeout)...picked up wins in relief Mar. 3 at North Carolina (4.3 innings, two hits, no runs, two walks, five strikeouts), Feb. 17 vs. Long Beach State (2.0 innings, no hits, no runs, no walks, one strikeout) and Feb. 12 at Santa Clara (3.7 innings, three hits, two runs, three walks, career-high six strikeouts)...

**CONOR JACKSON:** Is batting a team-leading .404 (59-for-146, 1st in Pac-10) with 10 doubles, two triples, 11 home runs (2nd in Pac-10) and 45 RBI (2nd in Pac-10)...also leads the Pac-10 in total bases (106), on-base percentage (.485) and hits (59), and is fourth in slugging percentage (.726)...was 4-for-4 with three RBI Tuesday at Saint Mary's...had a 13-game hitting streak from Mar. 10-Apr. 2 (21-for-46, .457, 6-2B, 4-HR, 16 RBI)...hit home runs in four consecutive games Mar. 23-29...was 6-for-8 with two doubles, two home runs and five RBI Mar. 28-30 at USC...went 4-for-12 with a double, two home runs and three RBI Mar. 22-25 at WSU...was 6-for-11 with a double and six RBI Mar. 15-17 at UC Irvine...hit a game-winning grand slam in the 10th inning Mar. 5 vs. Georgetown...had career-high 15-game hitting streak (30-for-63, 4-2B, 2-3B, 6-HR, 20 RBI) to begin the season...was 3-for-4 with two home runs and three RBI Feb. 26 vs. Centenary...went 8-for-14 with a double, home run and four RBI Feb. 22-24 vs. Boston College, including going a career-high 4-for-5 with an RBI Feb. 22 against the Eagles...was 5-for-11 with a home run and five RBI Feb. 8-10 vs. Gonzaga...went 3-for-5 with a triple, home run and three RBI Feb. 6 vs. San Jose State...was 6-for-12 with two doubles, a home run and three RBI Feb. 1-3 at UNLV...hit home runs in three consecutive games Feb. 3-8, including hitting his first collegiate grand slam Feb. 8 vs. Gonzaga...is batting .500 (27-for-54) with runners in scoring position...is 6-for-15 (.400) with two RBI career vs. Arizona...

**BRIAN MONTALBO:** Is 3-5 with a 4.91 ERA...lost Apr. 6 vs. UCLA (2.0 innings, five hits, four earned runs, two walks, two strikeouts)...lost Mar. 29 at USC (6.0 innings, eight hits, six earned runs, one walk, career-high seven strikeouts)...won Mar. 23 at WSU (7.0 innings, seven hits, three runs, one walk, four strikeouts)...got no decision Mar. 16 at UC Irvine (5.7 innings, seven hits, two runs, five walks, four strikeouts)...defeated No. 1 ranked Stanford Mar. 9 (career-high 7.3 innings, five hits, one run, one walk, three strikeouts)...lost Mar. 1 at North Carolina (4.0 innings, nine hits, seven runs, two walks, four strikeouts)...won Feb. 23 vs. Boston College (6.0 innings, five hits, no runs, three walks, five strikeouts)...lost Feb. 16 vs. Long Beach State (5.0 innings, seven hits, five earned runs, three walks, three strikeouts)...lost Feb. 9 vs. Gonzaga (7.0 innings, five hits, one earned run, no walks, six strikeouts)...got no decision Feb. 2 at UNLV (5.0 innings, five hits, one run, two walks, three strikeouts)...is 1-0 with a 7.30 ERA (one strikeout in 3.7 innings) career vs. Arizona...**is slated to start Saturday or Sunday**...

**DAVID NICHOLSON:** Is batting .313 (47-for-150) with 36 runs scored (2nd in Pac-10), 47 hits (6th in Pac-10), four doubles, a triple, four home runs and 11 RBI...went 3-for-13 with two home runs and five RBI last week vs. UCLA...was 4-for-11 with a double Mar. 28-30 at USC...went 6-for-14 with a double and a triple Mar. 15-17 at UC Irvine and was 3-for-4 with a double and a home run Mar. 20 vs. Saint Mary's...was 5-for-14 Mar. 1-3 at North Carolina...scored the winning run Feb. 17 vs. Long Beach State...went 3-for-5 with two RBI Feb. 12 at Santa Clara...was 6-for-13 with an RBI Feb. 8-10 vs. Gonzaga, including going 3-for-4 Feb. 8 against the Bulldogs...had the game-winning RBI in the Bears 5-4 victory over the Gonzaga Feb. 10...

**DAVID WEINER:** Is batting .279 (29-for-104) with seven doubles, two triples, a home run and 12 RBI...went 7-for-15 and had the game-winning grand slam in the 15th inning (Apr. 7) last week vs. UCLA...was 3-for-12 with two doubles and three RBI Mar. 22-25 at WSU...went 4-for-12 with a double and an RBI Mar. 8-10 vs. Stanford...went 4-for-11 with two triples and an RBI Feb. 22-24 vs. Boston College...was 4-for-9 Feb. 15-17 vs. Long Beach State...sat out the 2001 season with an injured left shoulder...is 6-for-7 in stolen bases...is 7-for-16 (.438) with a double, triple, home run and five RBI career vs. Arizona...

**CARSON WHITE:** Is batting .338 (51-for-151) with 51 hits (2nd in Pac-10), 10 doubles, five home runs and 28 RBI...went 3-for-12 with a double and an RBI last week vs. UCLA...had a 14-game hitting streak from Mar. 1-25 (26-for-60, .433, 6-2B, 2-HR, 13 RBI)...was 7-for-14 with a double, a game-winning homer and three RBI Mar. 22-25 at WSU...also threw a runner out at the plate in the 10th inning Mar. 25 vs. the Cougars...went 4-for-11 with two doubles and two RBI Mar. 15-17 at UC Irvine ...went 3-for-4 with two doubles and four RBI Mar. 12 vs. USF...was 3-for-12 with a home run and four RBI Mar. 1-3 at North Carolina...went 2-for-4 with a home run and four RBI Mar. 1 (game two) against the Tar Heels...had a 13-game hitting streak from Feb. 3-26 (22-for-52, .423, 2-2B, 2-HR, 11 RBI)...went 7-for-13 with a home run and five RBI Feb. 22-24 vs. Boston College...was 4-for-10 Feb. 15-17 vs. Long Beach State and knocked in the game-winning RBI in the bottom of the ninth Feb. 17 against the 49ers...went 6-for-11 with a double and a home run Feb. 8-10 vs. Gonzaga...was a first team All-Pac-10 selection last season...is batting .283 (15-for-53) with runners in scoring position...is 6-for-14 (.429) with two doubles, a triple and six RBI career vs. Arizona...