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BASEBALL

CAL (24-18, 6-6) VISITS ASU (24-13, 8-4) FOR PAC-10 SERIES

THIS WEEK

Fri. Apr. 19	at Arizona State	Hohokam Park, Mesa, AZ	6:00 p.m.
Sat. Apr. 20	at Arizona State	Hohokam Park, Mesa, AZ	6:00 p.m.
Sun. Apr. 21	at Arizona State	Hohokam Park, Mesa, AZ	1:00 p.m.

2002 Cal Scoreboard 24-18 overall, 6-6 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*	L 8-4
4/13	vs. Arizona*	L 18-9
4/14	vs. Arizona*	W 2-1
4/16	vs. Fresno State	W 9-2
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. 19-21 Cal-Arizona State series...**SERIES RECORD:** Cal has a 45-82 overall series record against the Arizona State Sun Devils...last season the Bears won one-of-three games Mar. 16-18 at Evans Diamond (L 7-4, L 4-2, W 17-5)...

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 83-71 (.539)...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 (24-18, 6-6 Pac-10) won one-of-three Apr. 12-14 versus Arizona (L 8-4, L 18-9, W 2-1) at Evans Diamond and defeated Fresno State, 9-2, Tuesday at Evans Diamond...sophomore right-hander **Matt Brown** was named Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week after throwing a complete game Apr. 14 versus the Wildcats with four hits, one run, one walk and a career-high 10 strikeouts...usually the Bears closer, Brown is currently 4-1 with a 3.16 ERA and six saves...he is already tied for fourth on the Cal all-time saves list with 14 saves in less than two seasons...senior right-hander **Trevor Hutchinson** was the Apr. 8 Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week, giving Cal back-to-back conference Pitcher of the Week honors...in 11 starts this season, Hutchinson has not thrown less than 6.3 innings, has two complete games, is 7-4 with a 3.09 ERA and has 76 strikeouts in 84.3 innings pitched...he has 266 career strikeouts, tied for second on Cal's all-time career list and is 10 strikeouts away from being the school's all-time strikeout leader...Hutchinson leads the Pac-10 in both strikeouts and innings pitched...sophomore first baseman **Conor Jackson** is continuing his remarkable 2002 campaign, batting .396 with 12 doubles, two triples, 12 home runs, two grand slams and 47 RBI...this season Jackson has had streaks in which he 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 (115) and hits (63)...Hutchinson, Jackson and freshman third baseman **David Nicholson** (.319, 4-HR, 13 RBI) were all 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.	.240, 18 RBI, 3 HR
15	DH	David Weiner, So.	.292, 12 RBI, 1 HR
1	2B	Carson White, Sr.	.349, 29 RBI, 5 HR
34	1B	Conor Jackson, So.	.396, 47 RBI, 12 HR
33	C	John Baker, Jr.	.351, 19 RBI, 4 HR
5	3B	David Nicholson, Fr.	.319, 13 RBI, 4 HR
24	RF	Brian Horwitz, So.	.256, 20 RBI, 0 HR
6	LF	Justin Nelson, Fr.	.203, 14 RBI, 7 HR
9	SS	Jeff Dragicevich, So.	.293, 16 RBI, 2 HR
31	RHP	Brent Hale, Fr. (Fri.)	2-2, 6.55 ERA
32	RHP	Trevor Hutchinson, Sr. (Sat.)	7-4, 3.09 ERA
30	RHP	Matt Brown, So. (Sun.)	4-1, 3.16 ERA

ARIZONA STATE: The No. 23 ranked (*Baseball America*) Arizona State Sun Devils, coached by Pat Murphy (8th year at Arizona State, 293-156-1, .652), are 24-13 (8-4) on the year, last winning two-of-three Apr. 12-14 at UCLA (W 4-3 in 11 innings, L 10-2, W 15-2)...top hitters for the Sun Devils are senior center fielder Jon Sheaffer (.377, 0 HR, 19 RBI), sophomore right fielder Andre Ethier (.376, 4 HR, 39 RBI) and sophomore second baseman Steve Garrabrants (.356, 2 HR, 23 RBI)...Arizona State's tentative pitching rotation is sophomore right-hander Mike Esposito (6-4, 2.96 ERA), junior left-hander Bryce Kartler (2-4, 5.71 ERA) and junior right-hander Robbie McClellan (7-2, 4.10 ERA)...last season the Sun Devils were 37-20-1, 14-10 (third tie) in the Pac-10...

PAC-10 RACE (as of Apr. 17)

	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	T	.PCT
Arizona State	8	4	.667	---	24	13		.647
USC	6	3	.667	0.5	21	16		.568
Stanford	4	2	.667	1.0	26	8		.765
CALIFORNIA	6	6	.500	2.0	24	18		.571
Oregon State	3	3	.500	2.0	23	12		.657
Washington	3	3	.500	2.0	15	18	1	.456
Arizona	5	7	.417	3.0	25	15		.625
UCLA	2	4	.333	3.0	16	22		.421
Washington State	2	7	.222	4.5	14	20		.412

CAL PLAYER NOTES

JOHN BAKER: Is batting .351 (34-for-97, 6-2B, 3B, 4-HR, 19 RBI) with a Pac-10 leading .496 on-base percentage...was 6-for-11 with a double, home run and five RBI last week vs. Arizona, including going 3-for-4 with four RBI and a three-run homer Apr. 13...went 4-for-12 with a home run and three RBI Apr. 5-7 vs. UCLA...is currently on a 10-game hitting streak from Mar. 10 (16-for-31, .516, 2-2B, 2-HR, 11 RBI)...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...went 3-for-8 with a double, home run and three RBI Feb. 22-24 vs. Boston College...hit his first collegiate triple Feb. 12 at Santa Clara...is batting .433 (13-for-30) with runners in scoring position...is 4-for-8 (.500) with a double, a home run and six RBI career vs. Arizona State...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 4-1 with a 3.16 ERA (8th in Pac-10), six saves (2nd in Pac-10) in 17 appearances (3rd in Pac-10)...was last week's Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week, throwing his first career complete game with four hits, one run, one walk and a career-high 10 strikeouts Apr. 14 vs. Arizona...earned save Apr. 5 vs. UCLA (0.3 inning)...earned 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, five strikeouts)...earned 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)...earned 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, 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) and Pac-10 Honorable Mention as a freshman...is 0-1 with a 6.00 ERA (three strikeouts in 3.0 innings) career vs. Arizona State...**possible starter Sunday...**

BEN CONLEY: Is batting .240 (30-for-125) with four doubles, three home runs and 18 RBI...went 4-for-14 with a home run last week vs. Arizona...was 3-for-4 with a double Apr. 9 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 a career-high 4-for-5 with a double and RBI Feb. 22 vs. the Eagles...is batting .357 (15-for-42) with runners in scoring position...is 3-for-10 (.300) with a double and RBI career vs. Arizona State...was Pac-10 Honorable Mention last season...

JEFF DRAGICEVICH: Is batting .293 (41-for-140) with 11 doubles, two triples, two home runs and 16 RBI...was 4-for-9 with a double and triple last week vs. Arizona...went 4-for-11 Apr. 5-7 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 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...went 3-for-4 with two RBI Feb. 26 vs. Centenary...was 3-for-8 with a home run and two RBI Feb. 15-17 vs. Long Beach State...went 5-for-10 with a double and an RBI Feb. 8-10 vs. Gonzaga...was 3-for-4 with a double and a triple Feb. 2 at UNLV...is 4-for-11 (.364) with a home run and four RBI career vs. Arizona State...brother, Scott, is the starting shortstop for Stanford...

BRENT HALE: Is 2-2 with a 6.55 ERA in 17 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)...**possible starter Friday...**

BRIAN HORWITZ: Is batting .256 (40-for-156) with five doubles and 20 RBI...was 2-for-11 with a double and three RBI last week vs. Arizona...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-12 (.417) with two doubles and an RBI career vs. Arizona State...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 7-4 with a 3.09 ERA (6th in Pac-10) and has team-high 76 strikeouts (1st in Pac-10) and 18 walks in 84.3 innings (1st in Pac-10)...opponents are batting .225 against him (2nd in Pac-10)...lost Apr. 12 vs. Arizona (7.0 innings, eight hits, three runs, two walks, four strikeouts)...was named Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week (Apr. 8) after win 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)...lost 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) ...won Feb. 1 at UNLV (7.0 innings, three hits, no runs, no walks, 11 strikeouts)...is currently tied for second (with Jon Shirley, 1997-00) on the Cal all-time career strikeout list with 266 strikeouts (10 strikeouts away from surpassing Doug Weiss, 275 from 1955-57) and third on the all-time innings pitched list (338.0)...was Pac-10 Honorable Mention last season and is a third team Preseason All-American in *Baseball America*...is 0-1 with a 7.35 ERA (seven strikeouts in 14.7 innings) career vs. Arizona State...**is slated to start Saturday...**

JESSE INGRAM: Is 3-2 with a 6.27 ERA, leads the team with 21 appearances (1st in Pac-10) and has 35 strikeouts in 37.3 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 .396 (63-for-159, 1st in Pac-10) with 12 doubles (4th in Pac-10), two triples, 12 home runs (2nd in Pac-10) and 47 RBI (1st in Pac-10)...also leads the Pac-10 in total bases (115) and hits (63), is second in walks (24) and is third in on-base percentage (.484) and slugging percentage (.723)...went 3-for-10 with two RBI last week vs. Arizona and hit a two-run homer Tuesday vs. Fresno State...was 4-for-4 with three RBI Apr. 9 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 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 start 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 4-for-5 with an RBI Feb. 22...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 .475 (28-for-59) with runners in scoring position...is 3-for-11 (.273) with an RBI career vs. Arizona State...

JUSTIN NELSON: Is batting .203 (16-for-79) with a double, seven home runs and 14 RBI...seven of his 16 hits this season have been home runs...went 3-for-11 with two home runs last week vs. Arizona...went 2-for-3 and hit the game-winning home run in the seventh inning Apr. 14 vs. the Wildcats...hit a solo home runs Mar. 25 at Washington State and Mar. 12 vs. USF...went 2-for-2 with a solo home run Mar. 1 at North Carolina...was 1-for-2 with a three-run homer and a sacrifice fly Feb. 24 vs. Boston College...hit his first collegiate homer Feb. 3 at UNLV...

DAVID NICHOLSON: Is batting .319 (53-for-166) with 37 runs scored (6th in Pac-10), 53 hits (6th in Pac-10), five doubles, a triple, four home runs and 13 RBI...was 4-for-13 with a double and two RBI last week vs. Arizona and 2-for-3 Tuesday vs. Fresno State...went 3-for-13 with two home runs and five RBI Apr. 5-7 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 .292 (35-for-120) with eight doubles, two triples, a home run and 12 RBI...was 4-for-13 last week vs. Arizona and 2-for-3 with a double Tuesday vs. Fresno State...went 7-for-15 and had the game-winning grand slam in the 15th inning (Apr. 7) Apr. 5-7 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 4-for-12 (.333) with a double and RBI career vs. Arizona State...

CARSON WHITE: Is batting .349 (59-for-169) with 59 hits (2nd in Pac-10), 10 doubles, five home runs and 29 RBI...went 5-for-13 with an RBI last week vs. Arizona and was 3-for-5 Tuesday vs. Fresno State...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 .304 (17-for-56) with runners in scoring position...is 4-for-11 (.364) with a double, two home runs and three RBI career vs. Arizona State...