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BASEBALL

CAL (26-19, 8-7) HOSTS WASHINGTON (17-19-1, 5-4) AT EVANS

THIS WEEK

Fri. Apr. 26	vs. Washington	Evans Diamond, Berkeley, CA	2:30 p.m.
Sat. Apr. 27	vs. Washington	Evans Diamond, Berkeley, CA	1:00 p.m.
Sun. Apr. 28	vs. Washington	Evans Diamond, Berkeley, CA	1:00 p.m.

2002 Cal Scoreboard 26-19 overall, 8-7 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*	W 9-5
4/20	at Arizona State*	L 4-3 10 inn
4/21	at Arizona State*	W 9-3
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. 26-28 Washington-Cal series...**SERIES RECORD:** Cal has a 19-11 overall series record against the Washington Huskies...last season the Bears swept Washington Mar. 30-Apr. 1 at Husky Ballpark (8-6, 5-2, 16-7)...

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 85-72 (.541)...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 (26-19, 8-7 Pac-10) won two-of-three Apr. 19-21 at Arizona State (W 9-5, L 4-3 in 10 innings, W 9-3, first series win at ASU since 1995)...sophomore first baseman **Conor Jackson** was named Pac-10 Player of the Week (third week in a row a Cal player has been either a pitcher or player of the week) after going 7-for-16 with a double, four home runs and 10 RBI against Fresno State Apr. 16 and at ASU...Jackson has hit home runs in each of his last four games, the second time this season he has hit home runs in four consecutive games (Mar. 23-29), and hit home runs in three consecutive games Feb. 3-8...he is batting .401 with 13 doubles, two triples, 15 home runs, two grand slams and 55 RBI...Jackson also has a .762 slugging percentage and a .488 on-base percentage...sophomore **Matt Brown** was named Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week Apr. 15 after throwing a complete game Apr. 14 versus Arizona (four hits, one run, one walk, career-high 10 strikeouts)...Brown is 5-1 with a 3.20 ERA and six saves...he is already tied for fourth on the Cal all-time saves list with 14 saves...senior right-hander **Trevor Hutchinson** was the Apr. 8 Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week...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 82 strikeouts in 93.3 innings pitched...he has 272 career strikeouts, second on Cal's all-time career list and four strikeouts away from being the school's all-time strikeout leader...Hutchinson leads the Pac-10 in both strikeouts and innings pitched...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.	.221, 18 RBI, 3 HR
15	DH	David Weiner, So.	.293, 14 RBI, 1 HR
1	2B	Carson White, Sr.	.348, 29 RBI, 5 HR
34	1B	Conor Jackson, So.	.401, 55 RBI, 15 HR
33	C	John Baker, Jr.	.373, 20 RBI, 4 HR
5	3B	David Nicholson, Fr.	.328, 18 RBI, 6 HR
24	RF	Brian Horwitz, So.	.254, 20 RBI, 0 HR
6	LF	Justin Nelson, Fr.	.216, 14 RBI, 7 HR
9	SS	Jeff Dragicevich, So.	.283, 17 RBI, 2 HR
31	RHP	Brent Hale, Fr. (Fri.)	2-2, 6.05 ERA
32	RHP	Trevor Hutchinson, Sr. (Sat.)	7-4, 3.09 ERA
30	RHP	Matt Brown, So. (Sun.)	5-1, 3.20 ERA

WASHINGTON: The Washington Huskies, coached by Ken Knutson (10th year at Washington, 331-227-1, .593), are 17-19-1 (5-4) on the year, last winning two-of-three Apr. 19-21 versus Stanford (W 3-1, L 9-4, W 4-3 in 10 innings)...top hitters for the Huskies are junior shortstop Tila Reynolds (.371, 1 HR, 20 RBI), freshman catcher Aaron Hathaway (.360, 2 HR, 22 RBI) and sophomore second baseman Greg Isaacson (.338, 0 HR, 11 RBI)...Washington's tentative pitching rotation is senior right-hander Shawn Kohn (8-2, 2.81 ERA), junior right-hander Sean White (3-2, 5.69 ERA) and sophomore right-hander Clay Johnson (1-1, 7.65 ERA)...last season the Huskies were 29-23, 7-17 (eighth) in the Pac-10...

PAC-10 RACE (as of Apr. 22)

	Conference				Overall			
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	T	.PCT
USC	9	3	.750	---	24	16		.600
Arizona State	9	6	.600	1.5	25	15		.625
Stanford	5	4	.556	2.5	27	10		.730
Washington	5	4	.556	2.5	17	19	1	.473
CALIFORNIA	8	7	.533	2.5	26	19		.578
Oregon State	4	5	.444	3.5	24	14		.632
UCLA	4	5	.444	3.5	18	23		.439
Arizona	5	7	.417	4.0	27	16		.628
Washington State	2	10	.167	7.0	14	23		.378

CAL PLAYER NOTES

JOHN BAKER: Is batting .373 (41-for-110, 6-2B, 3B, 4-HR, 20 RBI) with a Pac-10 leading .504 on-base percentage...is currently on a career-high 13-game hitting streak from Mar. 10 (23-for-44, .523, 2-2B, 2-HR, 12 RBI)...went 7-for-13 with an RBI last week at ASU...was 6-for-11 with a double, home run and five RBI Apr. 12-14 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... 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 .438 (14-for-32) with runners in scoring position...is 4-for-11 (.364) with two doubles and three RBI career vs. Washington...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 5-1 with a 3.20 ERA (5th in Pac-10), six saves (2nd in Pac-10) in 18 appearances (9th in Pac-10)...won in Apr. 21 start at ASU (7.7 innings, seven hits, three runs, no walks, eight strikeouts)...was the Pac-10 Pitcher of the Week Apr. 15, throwing his first career complete game (four hits, one run, one walk 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 0-0 with two saves and a 0.00 ERA (five strikeouts in 1.7 innings) career vs. Washington...**possible starter Sunday**...

BEN CONLEY: Is batting .221 (30-for-136) with four doubles, three home runs and 18 RBI...went 4-for-14 with a home run Apr. 12-14 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 .341 (15-for-44) with runners in scoring position...is 3-for-9 (.333) with three RBI career vs. Washington...was Pac-10 Honorable Mention last season...

JEFF DRAGICEVICH: Is batting .283 (43-for-152) with 11 doubles, two triples, two home runs and 17 RBI...was 4-for-9 with a double and triple Apr. 12-14 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 5-for-12 (.417) with an RBI career vs. Washington...brother, Scott, is the starting shortstop for Stanford...

BRENT HALE: Is 2-2 with a 6.05 ERA in 19 appearances (~3rd in Pac-10)...got no decision in Apr. 19 start at ASU (4.3 innings, four hits, one earned run, six walks, two strikeouts)...won in relief Apr. 7 vs. UCLA (3.0 innings, three hits, no runs, one walk, two strikeouts)...won Feb. 24 start vs. Boston College (career-high 6.0 innings, one hit, no runs, three walks, three strikeouts)...threw well 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 .254 (43-for-169) with five doubles and 20 RBI...was 2-for-11 with a double and three RBI Apr. 12-14 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 3-for-13 (.231) with two RBI career vs. Washington...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 (4th in Pac-10) and has team-high 82 strikeouts (1st in Pac-10) and 22 walks in 93.3 innings (1st in Pac-10)...opponents are batting .229 against him (2nd in Pac-10)...got no decision Apr. 20 at ASU (9.0 innings, nine hits, three runs, four walks, six strikeouts)...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 second on the Cal all-time career strikeout list with 272 strikeouts (four strikeouts away from surpassing Doug Weiss, 275 from 1955-57) and all-time innings pitched list (347.0)...was Pac-10 Honorable Mention last season and is a third team Preseason All-American in *Baseball America*...is 1-0 with a 4.68 ERA (13 strikeouts in 17.3 innings) career vs. Washington...**is slated to start Saturday...**

JESSE INGRAM: Is 4-2 with a 5.66 ERA, leads the team with 23 appearances (1st in Pac-10) and has 38 strikeouts in 41.3 innings...won in relief Apr. 19 at ASU (2.7 innings, two hits, no earned runs, one walk, one strikeout)...threw 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)...also 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 .401 (69-for-172, 1st in Pac-10) with 13 doubles (5th in Pac-10), two triples, 15 home runs (1st in Pac-10) and 55 RBI (1st in Pac-10)...also leads the Pac-10 in total bases (131), hits (69) and slugging percentage (.762), and is third in walks (26) and on-base percentage (.488)...was Pac-10 Player of the Week after going 7-for-16 with a double, four home runs and 10 RBI versus Fresno State Apr. 16 and at ASU Apr. 19-21...has hit home runs in the last four games...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 2002 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 .477 (31-for-65) with runners in scoring position...is 7-for-12 (.583) with two RBI career vs. Washington...

JUSTIN NELSON: Is batting .216 (19-for-88) with a double, seven home runs and 14 RBI...seven of his 19 hits this season have been home runs...was 3-for-9 last week at ASU...went 3-for-11 with two home runs Apr. 12-14 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 .328 (58-for-177) with 40 runs (---6th in Pac-10), 58 hits (--6th in Pac-10), six doubles, a triple, six home runs and 18 RBI...went 5-for-11 with a double, two home runs and five RBI last week at ASU...was 4-for-13 with a double and two RBI Apr. 12-14 vs. Arizona...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 .293 (39-for-133) with nine doubles, two triples, a home run and 14 RBI...went 4-for-13 with a double and two RBI last week at ASU...was 4-for-13 Apr. 12-14 vs. Arizona and 2-for-3 with a double Apr. 16 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-13 (.308) with a double and RBI career vs. Washington...

CARSON WHITE: Is batting .348 (64-for-184) with 64 hits (2nd in Pac-10), 11 doubles, five home runs and 29 RBI...was 5-for-15 with a double last week at ASU...went 5-for-13 with an RBI Apr. 12-14 vs. Arizona and was 3-for-5 Apr. 16 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 3-for-11 (.273) with two home runs and eight RBI career vs. Washington...