

2007 CALIFORNIA BASEBALL

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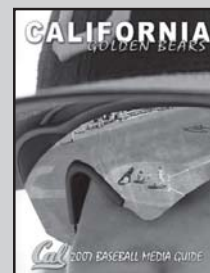
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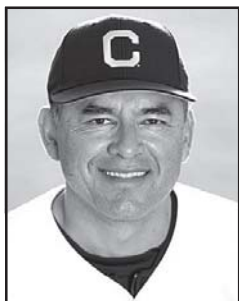


HEAD COACH DAVID ESQUER

**David
ESQUER**

**Head Coach
Eighth Season**

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California head baseball coach David Esquer represents the best in college baseball – first as a player, then as an assistant coach, and finally as the leader of the Golden Bears. As a player,

Esquer was the starting shortstop on Stanford's 1987 national championship squad. As an assistant coach, he helped produce six NCAA postseason teams and one World Series participant with Stanford and Pepperdine. As Cal's head coach, Esquer led the Bears to the program's ninth NCAA Regional in 2001 while being named Pac-10 Coach of the Year in only his second season.

Entering his eighth year, Esquer's young 2007 Bears are looking to join their coaches' winning legacy. In the last four

years, Esquer's recruiting classes

have been among the nation's best, which is the key to developing a successful program. Beyond these recruiting accomplishments, the Cal mentor has also been instrumental in securing several improvements at Evans Diamond, including the Carl Van Heuit Training Center that provides the Bears with new indoor batting cages, bullpens and work-out facilities.

At age 41, Esquer has amassed a career record of 201-189 (.515), including leading the Bears to the above mentioned 2001 NCAA Regional and 2001 Pac-10 Coach of the Year honor. During the 2001 season, Cal finished 34-25 overall, but more importantly the Bears advanced to a NCAA Regional for the first time since 1995. Cal's 34 wins in 2001 and 2005 (when the Bears arguably deserved to make an NCAA Regional as well) were the most single season victories since 1992 when the Bears placed seventh at the College World Series.

In Esquer's tenure, Cal has had 39 players sign professional contracts, including right-hander Brandon Morrow, who last season became the highest draft pick in Bear history when he was the fifth pick overall by the Seattle Mariners. Esquer also helped develop Conor Jackson, who in 2003 was drafted in the first round by the Arizona Diamondbacks – the Bears' third, first round pick in school history. In Esquer's tenure, Cal has had three players earn All-America honors (junior second baseman Josh Satin in 2005, Jackson in 2003, Xavier Nady in 2000), nine players named All-Pac-10 and numerous others listed as Pac-10 honorable mention, including sophomore right-hander Tyson Ross. Academically, the Bears had an impressive 12 players selected to the 2004 Pac-10 All-Academic Team, and last season seven Bears were Pac-10 All-Academic.

Esquer has an outstanding coaching staff, which also boasts an impressive resume of baseball accomplishments. Combined with pitching coach Dan Hubbs, a standout pitcher at USC, and hitting coach Jon Zuber, a Cal baseball Hall of Famer, the threesome have been involved in a total of 17 NCAA Regionals, four College World Series and a National Championship as either players or coaches.

Esquer became only the 10th coach in Cal baseball history when he was named head coach of the Bears on June 10, 1999, replacing longtime Cal mentor Bob Milano. Esquer came to

ESQUER'S CAREER RECORD AT CAL

2000	25-28
2001	34-25
2002	29-27
2003	28-27
2004	25-31
2005	34-23
2006	26-28
Total	201-189 (.515)

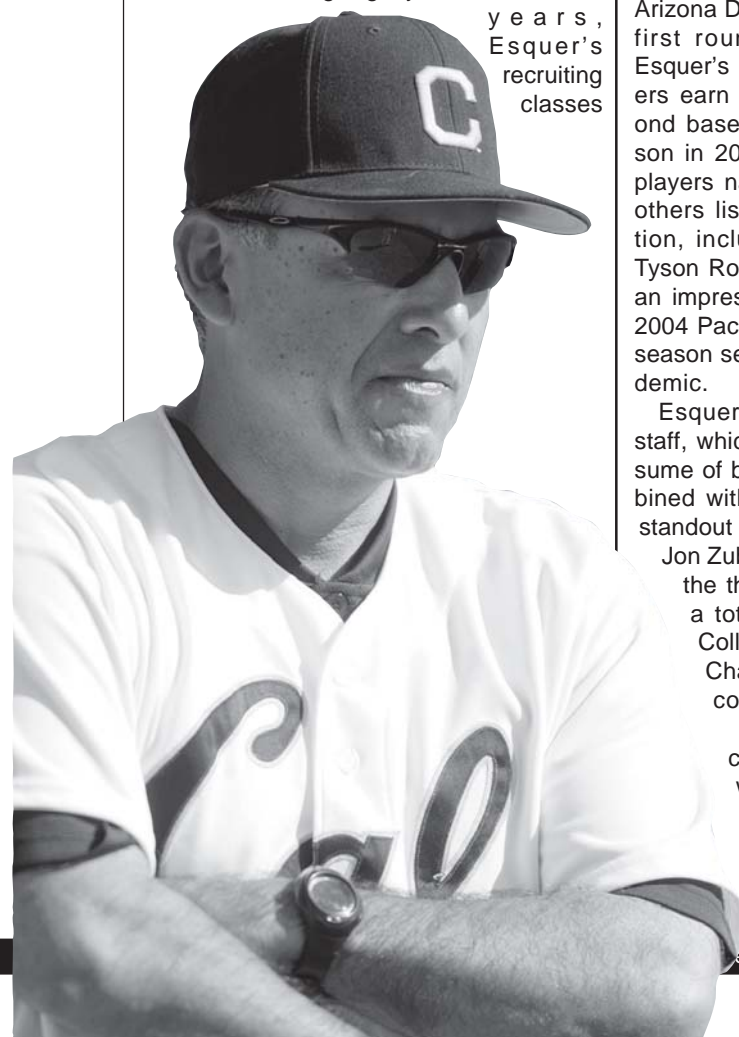
Berkeley after serving as the top assistant at Pepperdine from 1996-99. Prior to working at Pepperdine, he was the No. 2 assistant coach at Stanford from 1991-96.

At Pepperdine Esquer was the program's chief recruiting coordinator as well as the team's hitting instructor, infield coach and handler of the third base coaching duties. During his three seasons with the Waves, Pepperdine compiled a cumulative record of 112-63 (.640). Esquer has also tutored some of the nation's top fielding teams. Cal's 2000 squad was one of the nation's best with a .974 team fielding percentage and Pepperdine was ranked in the Top 10 in fielding percentage his three seasons there. During Esquer's six-year coaching stint at Stanford the Cardinal compiled a 222-142 (.610) record and advanced to the NCAA Tournament five times, including a trip to the College World Series in 1995.

A shortstop at Stanford from 1984-87, Esquer was a starter on the Cardinal's 1987 College World Series championship team. He earned all-tournament honors after hitting .350 with six RBI in Omaha. He also earned All-Pac-10 Southern Division honors as a senior, batting .318 with 41 RBI and 16 stolen bases. Esquer went on to play professional baseball for four seasons with the Baltimore Orioles, California Angels and Milwaukee Brewers organizations.

Esquer was a three-sport star and class valedictorian at Palma High School in Salinas, Calif. He was tabbed the "Athlete of the Year" at Palma High School after being named team captain and MVP in baseball, football and basketball.

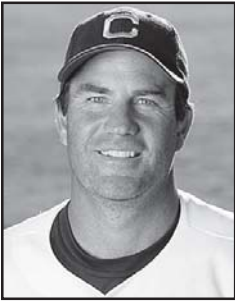
Esquer earned a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in sociology from Stanford in 1987. His wife, Lynn, is a former professor at Pepperdine in the graduate school of education and psychology, and is currently an assistant clinical professor in psychology at Cal. The Esquers reside in Moraga with their daughter, Gabrielle, born July 3, 2002, and son, Xavier, born December 22, 2003.



ASSISTANT COACHES

**Dan
HUBBS**

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**Assistant Coach
USC, 1993
Eighth Season**

California pitching coach Dan Hubbs has been an integral part of the Golden Bears' baseball program since arriving with head coach David Esquer in 2000. Besides being a top recruiter,

Hubbs' pitchers have regularly produced team ERAs among the lowest in the Pac-10, including last year's mark of 3.92, the Bears' best team ERA since 1989 and the lowest in his seven-year tenure. The young 2006 pitching staff's 3.65 team ERA against Pac-10 competition was the second-best team ERA in the conference for the second year in a row, trailing only national champion Oregon State. 2006 also saw Hubbs cultivate the talent of right-hander Brandon Morrow, who became the school's highest draft pick ever when he was the fifth pick overall by the Seattle Mariners.

In 2005, Hubbs' pitching staff helped the Bears win 34 games, matching the same number of wins as the 2001 squad that advanced to an NCAA Regional and established a school record with 422 team strikeouts. Hubbs has produced Pac-10 save leaders in 2001 (Matt Brown, eight)



and 2004 (Jesse Ingram, 10), the school's career strikeout leader in 2002 (Trevor Hutchinson, 284), and has seen 20 of his pitchers sign professional baseball contracts.

A former standout pitcher at USC, Hubbs, 36, joined Cal after playing for the Trojans from 1990-93, followed by seven-year minor league career with the Los Angeles Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies. In 1999 he officially retired as a player to join the Bears' coaching staff. Hubbs had previously been the pitching coach of the Yakima Bears (a short-season single A minor league Dodger affiliate in Yakima, Wash.) and assisted Pepperdine during the 1999 season.

Hubbs' professional career highlights include finishing second in the Dodgers' organization with 126 strikeouts in 1994. In 1996, he went a combined 16-1 between AAA Albuquerque (7-1) and La Romana (9-0) of the Dominican winter league, and was named to *Baseball America's* Winter League All-Star Team. Hubbs led the Pacific Coast League in appearances in 1997, taking the mound 62 times in a 144 game season. He finished his career with a 27-16 record with nine saves and a 3.75 ERA. In 427 innings, Hubbs struck out 436 while walking only 172.

At USC, Hubbs helped lead the Trojans to the Pac-10 title in 1991 and NCAA Regional appearances in three of his four years (1990, '91, '93). He finished his career at USC with a 19-13 record and a 3.58 ERA. As a senior, Hubbs led the nation in saves with 18 and was tops on the Trojans' squad with 90 strikeouts and a 2.96 ERA in 76.0 innings.

After the '93 season, Hubbs was named first-team All-American by *The Sporting News*, second-team All-American by *Collegiate Baseball* and the College Baseball Writers and third-team All-American by *Baseball America*. He was also a first-team All-Pac-10 pick and an All-District 8 second team selection. During the 1993 NCAA Central II Regional in Austin, Texas, Hubbs was selected to the all-tournament team. Against Cal State Fullerton, he earned a save in the first game, striking out five batters in two innings, and pitched 8.0 relief innings in the second game to pick up the win (allowing just one run on four hits and a walk while striking out seven).

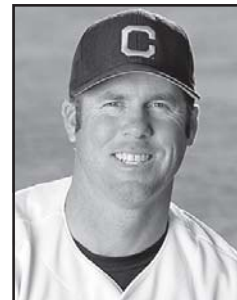
On the USC career list Hubbs is third in career saves (22), sixth in career strikeouts per nine innings (9.19), ninth in career appearances (81) and 11th in career strikeouts (254).

Hubbs earned a bachelor's degree in

finance from USC in 1993. He and his wife, Alison, reside in Richmond and have two sons, Patrick (six) and Charlie (four).

**Jon
ZUBER**

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**Assistant Coach
California, 1993
Third Season**

One of the greatest players in California baseball history, Jon Zuber was hired as the Golden Bears' assistant baseball coach on July 12, 2004. In his first year with the program, Zuber im-

mediately helped Cal vie for a postseason berth and produce two All-Pac-10 hitters and a freshman All-American (Brennan Boesch and Josh Satin). Last season, he saw four of his hitters sign pro contracts.

A former major leaguer and a 2003 California Hall of Fame inductee, Zuber was named Co-Pac-10 Player of the Year and NCAA East Regional MVP in 1992. He remains Cal's career leader in hits (291), doubles (61) and putouts (1,299), and ranks among all-time school leaders in runs scored (third, 187), walks (fourth, 137), batting average (sixth, .364) and RBI (sixth, 148). Zuber, who led the Bears to the 1991 NCAA Midwest Regional finals and the



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1992 College World Series, was also an outstanding pitcher who still ranks seventh in career saves (13) in school history.

A three-time first-team All-Pac-10 selection, Zuber was Cal's batting leader with a .386 average in 1990. He was drafted in the 12th round by the Philadelphia Phillies in 1992 and went on to play first base and outfield in the major leagues for the Phillies from 1996-99. Zuber also played for the New York Yankees, the Yokohama Baystars in Japan, and the Milwaukee Brewers, before retiring from professional baseball in 2002. In 1999, he helped the USA National Team to a silver medal at the PanAm Games, and helped Team USA qualify for the 2000 Olympic Games.

Most recently, Zuber was the head coach of the Acalanes High School baseball team in Lafayette. In his first season at Acalanes, Zuber turned around a program that had gone 11-12-1 in 2003 to a 21-7 record, the school's first Diablo Foothill Athletic League title, and a berth in the North Coast Section 2A East Bay championship game. He was named the 2004 *Contra Costa Times* high school Coach of the Year.

Zuber, 37, earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Cal in 1993. He and his wife, Shannon, live in Danville with their daughters, Madison (5) and Tatum (2). His father, Ed, is the announcer for Cal baseball's home games.

Brian SCHULMAN

Trainer
UC Santa Barbara, 2001
Third Season



Brian Schulman is his third season as the head athletic trainer for the California baseball program. Schulman, 27, already has several years of experience in the athletic training profession, having worked for the San Francisco 49ers, at Fresno State and UC Santa Barbara, and for the Los Angeles Dodgers. He is also the athletic trainer for the Golden Bears' 2006 national champion men's water polo program.

Prior to joining the Bears in March of 2004, Schulman was an intern assistant athletic trainer for the San Francisco 49ers from June 2003 through February 2004. He came to the 49ers from Fresno State, where he worked with the football and baseball programs while earning his masters'

degree in exercise physiology in 2003. As an undergraduate at UC Santa Barbara, Schulman was a student athletic trainer, working with the baseball, men's basketball and men's soccer programs. He graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 2001 with degrees in political science, and health and exercise science. Schulman had an internship with the Los Angeles Dodgers in the summer of 2000 and is also a certified strength and conditioning specialist.

A native of Encino, Calif., Schulman and his wife, Megan, reside in Dublin.



CAL TURF CREW



BACK ROW (from left): Dan Alvarado, Nick Cole, Tim Vigil. FRONT ROW: Tory Merritt, Jason Craft, Miguel Vasquez. Not pictured: Tavi Rodriguez.

