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Men's Crew

Cal Hosts Stanford In Annual Big Row

**THIS WEEK:** Sat., May 1                      Stanford Dual                      Redwood Shores                      10:20 a.m.

2004 Schedule/Results

Date	Opponent	Varsity Result
3/27-28	Windermere Crew Classic	W
4/3-4	San Diego Crew Classic	W
4/17	Oregon State Dual	W
4/24	Washington Dual	L
5/1	Stanford Dual	10 a.m.
5/16	Pac-10 Championships	All Day
6/3-5	IRA Championships	All Day

**Coach Steve Gladstone**

Regarded as one of the premier rowing coaches in the United States, **Steve Gladstone** enters his eighth year in his second stint as head coach of the men's crew. In 2003, his Varsity Eight placed second at the Pac-10 championships, and third at IRA's, while his JV Eight won both the Pac-10 and IRA titles.

Gladstone also serves as Cal's Athletic Director, a position he has held since June 2001.

During his previous tenure at Cal from 1973-80, Gladstone guided the Bears to three undefeated dual-race seasons, an IRA title, and a Pac-10 championship. With a total of 10 IRA Varsity Challenge Cup titles to his credit, Gladstone currently ranks second in all-time varsity championships behind only Charles "Pop" Courtney, who won 11 titles at Cornell between 1901 and 1915.

Gladstone's name has been synonymous with success ever since he began coaching in 1966. After directing the Princeton freshmen to a pair of IRA silver medals, Gladstone took over as varsity lightweight coach at Harvard. He led the Crimson to four straight undefeated seasons, four Eastern Sprints championships and, in 1972, the Thames Challenge Cup and Wyfold Challenge Cup victories at Henley. During his tenure at Harvard, he was coach of the U.S. National team (1969) and was a selector for the U.S. Olympic team (1972).

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**This Week:** The Bears will host Stanford in the annual Big Row at Redwood Shores. Racing is set to begin at 10 a.m. with the women's varsity four. In last year's Big Row, Cal swept all races against their cross-town rival. Cal leads the all-time series 53-18.

**History of The Big Row:** The Big Row dates back to 1902, and since that first race, the Bears have won 53 of the 71 races, including the last 13. Each year the two teams take to the water to bring home the Schwabacher Cup, crew's version of the Axe. The Cup has not made its way to Stanford since the Big Row of 1990.

**Washington Dual Recap:** In the highly anticipated race between the two powerhouses, Washington got the best of Cal, winning two out of three races last weekend at Redwood Shores. The Bears' varsity eight and second varsity eight both finished second to the Huskies, while the freshman eight were able to avoid the sweep by beating Washington by six seconds.

"We simply need to be more aggressive," said men's head coach Steve Gladstone. "The guys rowed a good strong piece, but not with the same passion and abandon as earlier races this season. We will re-group on Monday, and come back after it."

**Big Row Schedule:**

10:00 a.m.	WV4
10:10 a.m.	WV8
10:20 a.m.	MV8
10:30 a.m.	W2V8
10:40 a.m.	M2V8
10:50 a.m.	WN8/WLV8*
11:00 a.m.	MF8
11:10 a.m.	WN4

\*Cal novice eight versus Stanford varsity light eight

**Next Up For The Bears:** After the Big Row, the Bears will head back to practice to prepare for the Pac-10 championships held in Rancho Cordova on May 16th. Last year the Bears' varsity eight was not able to win its sixth straight Pac-10 title, finishing second behind Washington. However, the second varsity eight and freshman eight were both crowned Pac-10 champions. The win was the sixth in a row for the second varsity eight.