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### MEN'S CREW

## Cal Seeks National Title at IRA Regatta

106th annual event runs Thursday through Saturday on New Jersey's Cooper River

**THIS WEEK:** Thursday-Saturday, June 5-7 at IRA Regatta Camden County, N.J. All Day

### 2008 California Schedule/Results

| Date | Cal Rank/Event                | Time/Result     |
|------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 3/29 | -- Pac-10 Challenge#          | V8 wins 2       |
| 3/30 | -- Pac-10 Challenge#          | V8 wins 1       |
| 4/5  | -- at San Diego Crew Classic@ | --              |
| 4/6  | -- at San Diego Crew Classic@ | V8 4th          |
| 4/19 | #4 at Stanford Invitational#  | V8 loses 1      |
| 4/26 | <b>#6 vs. #1 Washington#*</b> | <b>V8 loses</b> |
| 5/3  | #6 at #9 Stanford#*           | V8 loses        |
| 5/18 | #8 at Pac-10 Championships^   | 2nd, 63 points  |
| 6/5  | #5 at IRA Regatta+            | All Day         |
| 6/6  | #5 at IRA Regatta+            | All Day         |
| 6/7  | #5 at IRA Regatta+            | All Day         |

All times PT. Home regattas in **bold**.

# In Redwood Shores, Calif.

\* Pac-10 dual

@ In San Diego, Calif.

^ In Lake Natoma, Gold River, Calif.

+ In Cherry Hill, N.J.

V8 rankings from coaches' poll at time of event.

### Golden Bear Quick Facts

|  |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Location.....                                | Berkeley, Calif.            |
| Enrollment.....                              | 34,953                      |
| Founded.....                                 | 1868                        |
| Nickname.....                                | Golden Bears                |
| Colors.....                                  | Blue and Gold               |
| Conference.....                              | Pacific-10                  |
| Chancellor.....                              | Dr. Robert Birgeneau        |
| Athletic Director.....                       | Sandy Barbour               |
| Dep. Dir. of Athletics/Sport Supervisor..... | Steve Holton                |
| Head Coach.....                              | Steve Gladstone (20th year) |
| IRA Varsity 8 Titles at Cal/Brown.....       | 6/5                         |
| Frosh Coach.....                             | Geoff Gond (8th year)       |
| Assistant Varsity Coach.....                 | Luke Agnini (1st year)      |
| Vol. Asst. Coach.....                        | Steven Ostrow (1st year)    |
| Rigger/Boatman.....                          | Mike Fennelly (27th year)   |
| 2007 IRA Varsity 8 Finish.....               | 5th                         |
| 2007 Pac-10 Finish.....                      | 2nd                         |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....            | 15/13                       |
| Newcomers.....                               | 26                          |



### This Week in Cal Men's Crew

California and its fifth-ranked varsity eight will compete for the national championship in the 106th annual Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Regatta this Thursday through Saturday, June 5-7, on the Cooper River in Camden County, N.J. The Golden Bears have won 15 Varsity Challenge Cups, the trophy awarded to the varsity eight champion, winning their first in 1928 and their last in 2006.

Cal will face a strong field of 24 varsity eight contenders including the rest of the top 10-ranked boats: No. 1 and defending champion Washington, No. 2 Wisconsin, No. 3 Brown, No. 4 Princeton, No. 6 Yale, No. 7 Northeastern, No. 8 Stanford, No. 9 Columbia and No. 10 Navy. The Bears, seeded No. 4 in the varsity eight race, joins No. 5-seeded Princeton and No. 12-seeded Cornell in Heat D. The heats for the varsity eight are scheduled to start at 7:36 a.m. ET on Thursday.

The Bears will also compete in the second varsity eight, freshman/novice eight, varsity four, freshman four and open four races, though the winner of the varsity eight's Varsity Challenge Cup is considered the collegiate national champion. The Bears are also seeded No. 4 in the second varsity eight and freshman eight.

Last year, Cal's varsity eight took fifth, while the Bears finished third in the team standings. Washington won the 2007 varsity eight crown and placed first in the team standings.

### 2008 IRA Regatta Schedule

#### Thursday, June 5 - Heats and Time Trials (no. of heats/ reps. in parentheses)

7:00-7:24 a.m. - Men's Varsity Pair-oared w/o coxswain (3)  
7:36-8:12 a.m. - Men's Varsity Eights (4)  
8:24-9:00 a.m. - Men's Second Varsity Eights (4)  
9:24-10:00 a.m. - Men's Freshman Eights (4)  
10:24-10:48 a.m. - Men's Open 4-oared with coxswain (3)  
11:00-11:24 a.m. - Men's Varsity Four-oared w/o coxswain (3)  
12:00 - 12:20 p.m. - Men's Varsity 4-oared with coxswain time trial  
12:30-12:50 p.m. - Men's Freshman 4-oared with coxswain time trial

#### Repechage Heats

3:00-3:36 p.m. - Men's Freshman Eights (4)  
4:00-4:36 p.m. - Men's Second Varsity Eights (4)  
4:48-5:24 p.m. - Men's Varsity Eights (4)

#### Friday, June 6, 2008 - Trial, Repechage and Semifinal Heats

7:00-7:12 a.m. - Women's Lightweight Varsity Eights (Heats) (2)  
7:24-7:48 a.m. - Men's Varsity Pair-oared w/o coxswain (3)  
8:00-8:24 a.m. Men's Open 4-oared with coxswain (3)  
8:48-9:24 a.m. Men's Freshman 4-oared with coxswain (4 Semifinal Heats)  
9:36-10:00 a.m. - Men's Varsity 4-oared w/o coxswain (3)  
11:12-11:48 a.m. - Men's Second Varsity Eights (4 Semifinal heats)  
12:00-12:36 p.m. - Men's Varsity Eights (4 Semifinal heats)  
1:00-1:36 p.m. - Men's Freshman Eights (4 Semifinal Heats)  
1:48-2:24 p.m. - Men's Varsity 4-oared with coxswain (4 Semifinal heats)  
2:36-2:48 p.m. - Women's Lightweight Varsity Eights (2 Repechages)

**Cal at the IRA Championships**  
(Top 3 Finishes)

**Varsity Challenge Cups (Varsity Eight)**  
**15 Gold, 6 Silver, 9 Bronze**

|      |        |
|------|--------|
| 1921 | Second |
| 1927 | Third  |
| 1928 | First  |
| 1932 | First  |
| 1934 | First  |
| 1935 | First  |
| 1936 | Second |
| 1938 | Second |
| 1939 | First  |
| 1941 | Second |
| 1948 | Second |
| 1949 | First  |
| 1950 | Second |
| 1960 | First  |
| 1961 | First  |
| 1962 | Third  |
| 1964 | First  |
| 1976 | First  |
| 1977 | Third  |
| 1984 | Third  |
| 1997 | Third  |
| 1998 | Third  |
| 1999 | First  |
| 2000 | First  |
| 2001 | First  |
| 2002 | First  |
| 2003 | Third  |
| 2004 | Third  |
| 2005 | Third  |
| 2006 | First  |

**Second Varsity Eight**  
**8 Gold, 12 Silver, 9 Bronze**

|      |        |
|------|--------|
| 1926 | Third  |
| 1927 | Third  |
| 1931 | Second |
| 1932 | Second |
| 1938 | Second |
| 1939 | Third  |
| 1940 | Third  |
| 1941 | First  |
| 1947 | First  |
| 1948 | Second |
| 1949 | Third  |
| 1950 | Second |
| 1951 | First  |
| 1952 | Third  |
| 1954 | Third  |
| 1958 | Third  |
| 1959 | First  |
| 1960 | Second |
| 1961 | Second |
| 1963 | Third  |
| 1964 | Second |
| 1977 | Second |
| 1980 | Second |
| 1990 | Second |
| 1999 | First  |
| 2001 | First  |
| 2002 | First  |
| 2003 | First  |
| 2006 | Second |

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3:00 p.m. - Women's Lightweight Four with Coxswain Championship  
3:12-3:36 p.m. - Men's Varsity 4-oared with coxswain (E, F and G Finals)  
3:48-4:12 p.m. - Men's Freshman 4-oared with coxswain (E, F and G Finals)

**Saturday, June 7, 2008 - 3rd and 4th Level, Petite and Championship Finals**

7:22-7:34 a.m. - Men's Lightweight Varsity Eights (2 Trial Heats)  
7:46 - 9:10 a.m. - 3rd Level Finals (except Men's Varsity Eights)  
9:26-9:38 a.m. - Men's Freshman 4-oared with coxswain Petite and Championship  
9:50-10:02 a.m. - Men's Varsity Pair-oared w/o coxswain Petite and Championship  
10:14-10:26 a.m. - Men's Open 4-oared with coxswain Petite and Championship  
10:38-10:50 a.m. - Men's Varsity 4-oared with coxswain Petite and Championship  
11:02-11:14 a.m. - Men's Varsity 4-oared w/o coxswain Petite and Championship  
11:26 a.m. - Master's Eights Championship

12:27-12:42 p.m. - Men's Freshman Eights Petite and Championship  
12:54-1:09 p.m. - Men's Second Varsity Eights Petite and Championship  
1:21-2:00 p.m. - Men's Varsity Eights 4th Level, 3rd Level, Petite and Championship  
2:12-2:27 p.m. - Women's Lightweight Varsity Eights Petite and Championship  
2:39-2:54 p.m. - Men's Lightweight Varsity Eights Petite and Championship

**Scouting the Golden Bears**

Here are the projected lineups for Cal's boats at the IRA Regatta:

**Varsity Eight** – Coxswain Michael Porter, Charlie Smith, Nareg Guregian, Marko Knezevic, Will Dean, Brandon Shald, Marko Marjanovic, Janis Fontein, Justin Hills.

**Second Varsity Eight** – Coxswain Zachary Vlahos, Sean Engel, Rhett Summers, Nikola Zunic, Benedict Tufnell, David Naughton, Gordon Getsinger, Warwick Potter, Axel Stelter.

**Freshman Eight** – Coxswain Daniel Freisinger, Nick Lucey, Goran Todorovic, Jovan Popovic, Calum Wright, Jordan Sartor, Samuel Walker, Spencer Crowley, Rush Martin.

**Varsity Four** – Coxswain Mihir Kshirsagar, Spencer Moscati, Preston Lee, Mitchell Haines, Jarrod McClendon.

**Freshman Four** – Coxswain Rigel Bricken, Matthew Filla, Will Kolbe, T.J. Laher, Daniel Faught.

**Open Four** – Coxswain Courtney Wilkinson, Matt McLaren, Zachary Laher, Bryce Atkinson, Robert Gilson.

The following is a look at how has Cal fared so far this season:

**Pac-10 Challenge - March 29-30 in Redwood Shores, Calif.**

Cal opened the 2008 season with successful performances at the Pac-10 Challenge March 29-30 in Redwood Shores, Calif. The Cal varsity eight won all three of its races, including victories over Cornell, UC San Diego and Trinity College. Overall, the Bears won all eight of their races, including second varsity eight triumphs over Cornell and Trinity.

**San Diego Crew Classic - April 5-6 in San Diego, Calif.**

The Bears last competed in the San Diego Crew Classic, with the varsity eight taking fourth place (5:44.15) in the Copley Cup grand final. Cal placed second (6:05.33) in the novice eight (Derek Guelker Memorial Cup) and third (5:56.58) in the junior varsity eight (Sharp Cabrillo Cup). In the open eight (Joan Ward Memorial Trophy), the Cal B boat was second (6:11.53) and Cal A was third (6:12.53).

**Stanford Invitational - April 19 in Redwood Shores, Calif.**

Cal lost its varsity eight (6:06.21-6:10.06) and second varsity eight (6:16.13-6:19.73) races to Wisconsin, which is ranked No. 6 in the varsity eight. The Bears' third varsity eight also defeated the Santa Clara varsity eight (6:58.37-7:06.95.).

**Washington Dual – April 26 in Redwood Shores, Calif.**

Cal's sixth-ranked varsity eight lost to top-ranked Washington, 5:42.11-5:48.71, to give the Huskies the Schoch Cup. Washington has won the last two Schoch Cups against Cal.

## Cal at the IRA Championships (continued from previous page)

### Freshmen 8

#### 7 Gold, 10 Silver, 2 Bronze

|      |        |
|------|--------|
| 1926 | Second |
| 1929 | Second |
| 1935 | Second |
| 1936 | Second |
| 1937 | Second |
| 1938 | First  |
| 1981 | Third  |
| 1982 | First  |
| 1991 | Second |
| 1996 | Second |
| 1998 | First  |
| 1999 | Second |
| 2000 | First  |
| 2001 | Third  |
| 2003 | Second |
| 2004 | First  |
| 2005 | First  |
| 2006 | Second |
| 2007 | First  |

### USRowing Varsity Eight Coaches' Final Poll (May 28, 2008)

Team (1st-Place Votes) Points Previous Week

1. University of Washington (8) 274 1
2. University of Wisconsin (6) 271 2
3. Brown University 247 3
4. Princeton University 232 4
5. University of California 230 5
6. Yale University 203 6
7. Northeastern University 190 7
8. Stanford University 188 8
9. Columbia University 166 9
10. United States Naval Academy 160 10
11. Harvard University 146 11
12. Cornell University 127 12
13. Syracuse University 109 13
14. Oregon State University 90 14
15. Trinity College 73 16
16. Boston University 57 17
17. Georgetown University 54 18
18. University of Michigan 46 18
19. Purdue University 24 19
20. Dartmouth College 21 20

Not Ranked But Receiving Votes: Gonzaga University 14, George Washington University 9, Orange Coast College 5, Massachusetts Institute of Technology 3 and Temple University 1.

The Bears won the second varsity eight race with Washington, which won the freshman eight against Cal. The Bears rowed a time of 5:49.31 to the Huskies' 5:52.53 in the second varsity eight, while Washington won the freshman eight, 5:51.22-5:53.27.

Cal also competed against UC Davis on April 26 in Redwood Shores, with the Bears' third varsity eight beating the Aggies' varsity eight, 6:00.34-6:03.78, and the Cal second freshman eight beating Davis, 6:11.86-6:29.64.

### Stanford Dual – May 3 in Redwood Shores, Calif.

Cal's sixth-ranked varsity eight lost by less than one second to ninth-ranked Stanford at the Big Row. The Bears' top boat lost, 5:42.52-5:43.39, as Stanford won the Schwabacher Cup for the first time since 1990. Cal had won the annual varsity eight race between the rivals 17 straight times before today. In the other May 3 races, Cal won the freshman eight and second varsity four against the Cardinal.

The Cal freshman eight prevailed, 5:51.91-5:26.21. The second varsity four race included three entrants, with the California 2 boat winning in 6:27.62. Next was the second-place California 1 boat (6:30.90) and third-place Stanford (7:56.78).

### Pac-10 Rowing Championships – May 18 in Gold River, Calif.

Cal's No. 8-ranked varsity eight was edged by Washington in the men's final race of the day, and the Bears finished in second place overall to the Huskies at the Pac-10 Rowing Championships on a hot May 18 afternoon on Lake Natoma. Cal took second to Washington in all four races to compile 63 points to Washington's 72. Stanford was third (42). Washington, Cal and Stanford also placed 1-2-3 at Pac-10s in 2007.

In this year's regatta, the Bears also placed second to Washington in the second varsity eight, 6:00.9-6:03.7, freshman eight, 5:58.6-6:04.8, and varsity four, 6:47.3-6:52.6.

### Gladstone in Second Decade as Cal Leader

Cal is coached by **Steve Gladstone** (Syracuse '64), who is in his 20th year overall at the helm of the Golden Bears' men's program. During the 2006 campaign Gladstone led his team to a national championship in the IRA Regatta and a Pac-10 team championship sparked by victories in the varsity eight. In 2006 the Cal varsity eight came out on top, defeating Princeton by two seconds. With this win, Gladstone is tied with Charles "Pop" Courtney for the most Varsity Challenge Cup Titles; Courtney won 11 titles while at Cornell between 1901 and 1915.

### A Look at Cal in the 2007 IRA Regatta

Third-ranked California's varsity eight placed fifth on June 2, 2007, in the grand final of the IRA Regatta on the Cooper River. Cal, the 2006 IRA national champion varsity eight, fell short of repeating as national champion. Top-ranked Washington won its 14th Varsity Challenge Cup, finishing in 5:33.165. The Bears' freshman four, varsity four and freshman eight won their respective national titles. The Cal freshman eight's gold-medal finish marked the ninth consecutive year the Bears have finished amongst the top three crews at the IRA Regatta.

The Cal varsity pair finished fifth in its grand final behind Temple, Wisconsin, Columbia and Yale. The Bears' open four lost to Washington, Princeton and Northeastern

on its way to a fourth-place finish. In the second varsity eight race, Washington, Wisconsin and Cornell finished first, second and third respectively; Harvard, Cal and Brown rounded out the field.

After Washington in the varsity eight race, second-ranked Harvard and No. 8 Stanford tied for second place, posting times of 5:34.125 each. Brown fell less than a second behind Harvard and Stanford, finishing in fourth place with a time of 5:34.981. Cal and Princeton rounded out the field finishing with times of 5:40.126 and 5:43.419, respectively.

The Cal freshman four dominated its race, finishing six seconds ahead of Yale to claim the title. Boston University, Princeton, Oregon State and Harvard rounded out the field.

The Bears' varsity four won the grand final, finishing with an open-water lead over Temple. Trailing the Bears (6:20.622) were Temple (6:24.370), Brown (6:24.742) and Gonzaga (6:25.059). Hobart and UCLA finished in fifth and sixth places, respectively.

Cal's freshman eight regained control of the national title and posted an undefeated season for the third time in school history, including in 2004 and 2005 when the Bears won consecutive IRA championships. The Cal freshman eight was unbeaten domestically in 2005, having lost only in the Temple Challenge Cup at the Henley Royal Regatta in England.

The 2007 Cal freshman eight finished with a 3.5-second lead over Brown (5:44.736) and Washington (5:44.392) to reclaim the IRA crown. Harvard, Princeton and Yale rounded out the field.

#### **12 Bears Earn 2008 Pac-10 All-Academic Honors**

Cal placed 12 Bears, including four members of the varsity eight, on the 2008 Pac-10 Men's Rowing All-Academic team, as announced on May 29 by Pac-10 Commissioner Tom Hansen. Cal placed five Bears on the conference's academic first team and seven on the Pac-10's second team. To be eligible for selection to the Pac-10 academic team, a student-athlete must have a minimum 3.0 overall grade-point average, be either a starter or substitute of significant contribution, and be in his second academic year.

Sophomore **Justin Hills** (first team), senior **Marko Knezevic** (first team), junior **Janis Fontein** (second team) and senior **Marko Marjanovic** (second team) are the Cal varsity eight members who were honored by the conference. The following Bears also garnered conference academic accolades: First Team – Senior coxswain **Courtney Wilkinson** and juniors **Geoff Roth** and **Axel Stelter**. Second Team – Senior **David Naughton** and sophomores **Sean Engel**, **Spencer Moscati**, **Jordan Sartor** and **Nikola Zunic**.