



Men's Crew  
**No. 2 California Looks to Win Pac-10 Title**

**THIS WEEK:** Sunday, May 14 Pac-10 Championships Rancho Cordova, Calif. All Day

**2006 Schedule/Results**

Date	Opponent	Varsity Result
3/25-26	Windermere Crew Classic	W
4/1-2	at San Diego Crew Classic	2nd
4/15	vs. Wisconsin*	W
4/22	Washington	W
4/29	Stanford	W
5/14	at Pac-10 Championships	All Day
6/1-3	at IRA National Championships	All Day

\* Stanford Invitational at Redwood Shores

**Coach Steve Gladstone**

Stephen Gladstone's 10th season in his second stint of his 18 years as the head coach of Cal men's crew. During the 2005 campaign Gladstone led his team to its 10th consecutive top three finish at the IRA (Intercollegiate Rowing Association) National Championships and a Pac-10 Team Championship led by a gold medal Varsity Eight, and was named Pac-10 Coach of the Year. As head coach for men's crew, Gladstone is one national title away from tying Charles "Pop" Courtney, who won 11 titles while at Cornell between 1901 and 1915, for the most Varsity Challenge Cup Titles (IRA Varsity Eight National Championships). In 2005 The Golden Bears just missed giving Gladstone his 11th title, finishing third at the IRA National Championships.

Gladstone is assisted by Frosh Coach **Geoff Bond**, Frosh Assistant Coach **Ivan Smiljanic**, Varsity Assistant Coach, **Patrick McGrath**, and Varsity Assistant/Operations Manager **Kris Muhl**.

**This Week:** The No. 2 Golden Bears head to Rancho Cordova for the Pac-10 Championships held on Lake Natoma. The second varsity eight and freshman eight went undefeated during the regular season and look to continue their dominance against a field of Pac-10 foes.

**The Competition:** In the first round, the Bears' varsity eight will face one team ranked in the Top 20 by USRowing Collegiate Poll, No. 18 Oregon State. Other ranked teams in the field include No. 3 Stanford and No. 7 Washington.

**Last Year at the Pac-10 Championships:** The Bears finished first in the team competition at the 2005 Pac-10 Championships. In the varsity eight race, Cal held a lead throughout the 2000 meters continually increasing their lead on trailing Washington. The Bears finished ahead of Washington, Stanford, Oregon State, UC Davis and UCLA. Cal's junior varsity eight trailed the Huskies throughout the race. In the last 500 meters the Bears made a push, but it was not enough to take the lead from Washington. Cal's freshman eight won its third straight title with a nine second win over Washington. In the varsity four race the Huskies and Bears traded the lead throughout the race, but Washington came out with a one second advantage over Cal.

**Racing Schedule:**

**Men's Varsity Eight**

Heat 1 (9:00 a.m.): California, Oregon State, USC, Sacramento State  
Heat 2 (9:10 a.m.): Stanford, Washington, Washington State, Loyola Marymount

**Men's Varsity Four**

Grand Final (2:20 p.m.): California, Oregon State, UCLA, Stanford, Oregon, Washington, Loyola Marymount

**Men's Freshman Eight**

Grand Final (2:30 p.m.): California, Washington, Oregon State, Sonoma State, UCLA, USC, Washington State

**Men's Second Varsity Eight**

Grand Final (3:20 p.m.): California, Washington, Stanford, Oregon State

**Big Row Recap (April 29, 2006):** The Golden Bears won the Schwabacher Cup, winning all three of the races against Stanford. Facing a strong headwind the Cal men's varsity eight jumped out to an early lead of .55 seconds after 500 meters, and the Bears never let up. The Bears took advantage of poor steering by Stanford, winning the race by a full three seconds. The second varsity eight dominated their race throughout, finishing 14 seconds ahead of Stanford. The Bear's varsity four held a multi-length lead by the 500 meter mark and a 47 second lead at the finish.