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# 2007 GOLDEN BEAR FOOTBALL

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# Golden Bear Football 2007 Schedule/Results

# Date Opponent (TV).....Time (15/15) TENNESSEE (ABC) ..... W, 45-31 S8 at Colorado State (CSTV)...... W, 34-28 LA.TECH (CSN) ...... W, 42-12 S15 **S22** ARIZONA (Versus) ...... W, 45-27 at (11/12) Oregon (ABC) ...... W, 31-24 **S29** O13 OREGON STATE (Versus) ....... L, 28-31 at UCLA (ABC).....L, 21-30 at (7/7) Arizona State (FSN)...... L, 20-3 I WASHINGTON ST. (FSN) ...... W, 20-17 N3 N10 (12/15) USC (ABC)......L, 17-24 N17 at Washington (ABC) ...... L, 23-37 at Stanford (Versus).....L, 13-20 DΙ D31 vs. Air Force (ESPN) ...... W, 42-36

(x/x) indicates ranking at time of game - AP/USA Today

# Cal Concludes 2007 with a 42-36 Victory over Air Force in the Armed Forces Bowl

California: 7-6 (3-6 Pac-10)
Home: 4-2 • Away: 2-4 • Neutral: 1-0

# cal dispatches air force in the armed forces bowl

California rallied from a 21-0 deficit behind redshirt freshaman quarterback Kevin Riley's 269 yards and three touchdowns to defeat Air Force, 42-36 in the 2007 Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl on Dec. 31 in Fort Worth, Texas. The Golden Bears got on the scoreboard in the second quarter when DeSean Jackson made an acrobatic 40-yard grab for Cal's first touchdown. He finished with five catches for 81 yards. Robert Jordan had an 18-yard touchdown in the third quarter, then a 52-yard catch to set up the go-ahead I-yard TD run by Justin Forsett with 1:33 left in the third quarter. That made it 28-27 and the Bears put the game away on a 21-yard TD run by Forsett on their next drive. Forsett, playing his final collegiate game a half-hour from his home with over 300 family and friends watching, ran for 140 yards and two TDs on 23 carries. Riley was named the Offensive MVP of the game.

# other bowl notes...

Cal improved to 9-8-1 all-time in bowl games and 4-1 in bowl games under Jeff Tedford ... the victory also gave Tedford his 50th career win ... Cal has scored 35 or more points in every bowl game since 1992 ... the Bears also equaled their record of passing touchdowns in a bowl game with three ... the Armed Forces Bowl attendance of 40,905 was the largest in its five-year history ... redshirt freshman quarterback Kevin Riley entered the game in the second quarter and completed his first three passes, all to DeSean Jackson, which included a 40-yard touchdown pass ... Riley also threw a five-yard touchdown pass to Lavelle Hawkins (Hawkins' sixth of the season) in the second quarter and an 18-yard touchdown pass to Robert Jordan in the third quarter ... it was the first time that Jackson, Hawkins and Jordan each caught touchdown passes in the same game (all three scored against Tennessee in Berkeley, but Jackson's touchdown came on a punt return) ... Riley completed Cal's second-longest pass play of the season (52 yards) to Jordan in the third quarter ... Jackson's 40-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter was his longest TD reception of the season and sixth overall of 2007 ... Robert Jordan tied Dameane Douglas for ninth all-time in career receiving touchdowns (13) in the third quarter ... Jordan also registered his 42nd straight game with at least one reception ... it was Jordan's first 100-yard receiving game since the Washington contest in 2005 ... he nearly set a Cal bowl record with his 148 yards receiving (Chase Lyman posted 149 yards against Virginia Tech in the 2003 Insight Bowl) ... Jordan went over 2,000 yards receiving for his career as well vs. the Falcons ... Justin Forsett recorded his 15th rushing touchdown of the season (tied for most in a single-season) ... he also passed Chuck Muncie for second place on the single-season rushing chart ... Craig Stevens played in his 50th career game - second-most in Cal history ... junior LaReylle Cunningham hauled in his third reception of the year in the first quarter ... redshirt freshman James Montgomery tied his season-long rushing attempt (16 yards) in the first quarter ... senior wide receiver Sam DeSa made his second career start against the Falcons ... sophomore Brett Johnson made his first career start at free safety, while junior Chet Teofilo made his first career start on the offensive line (left tackle).

# true warrior

**Justin Forsett** was undoubtedly the heart and soul of the Golden Bear offense in 2007. He finished the season with 1,546 yards on the ground (second-most for a season in school history), to go along with a record-tying 15 touchdowns (for a single season). For his career, he racked up 3,220 yards - third-most in program history. His 26 career rushing scores are fourth-most in school history as well - a pretty remarkable feat considering the fact that 2007 was his first year in the starting tailback role (he served as the back

# 2007 california depth chart

# December 3, 2007

# offense

- WR 2 Robert Jordan (5-11, 171, Sr.) 7 Lavelle Hawkins (5-11, 185, Sr.)
- LT 53 Mike Gibson (6-5, 302, Sr.)
  - 58 Chet Teofilo (6-4, 305, RJr.)
- LG 63 Brian De La Puente (6-4, 302, RSr.)77 Mark Gray (6-0, 275, Sr.)
- C 51 Alex Mack (6-5, 300, RJr.)
  - 54 Chris Guarnero (6-3, 275, RFr.)
- RG 55 Noris Malele (6-3, 303, RJr.)
  - 70 Mark Boskovich (6-4, 296, So.)
- RT 79 Mike Tepper (6-7, 308, RJr.)
  - 76 Matt Laird (6-7, 295, RSo.)
- TE 19 Craig Stevens (6-5, 258, RSr.)
  - 45 Julain Arthur (6-5, 276, RSr.)
  - 5 Cameron Morrah (6-4, 243, RSo.)
- WR I DeSean Jackson (6-0, 172, Jr.)
  - 86 Sam DeSa (5-10, 195, RSr.)
- QB 9 Nate Longshore (6-5, 233, RJr.)
  - 13 Kevin Riley (6-3, 215, RFr.)
- FB 23 Will Ta'ufo'ou (6-0, 253, RJr.)
  - 33 Brian Holley (5-10, 221, RSo.)
  - 27 Zack Smith (5-11, 215, RJr.)
- TB 20 Justin Forsett (5-8, 196, Sr.)
  - 21 James Montgomery (5-10, 205, RFr.)

# specialists

- P II Andrew Larson (6-2, 197, Sr.)
  - 19 Bryan Anger (6-4, 190, Fr.)
- PK 34 Jordan Kay (5-10, 197, RJr.)
  - 11 Andrew Larson (6-2, 197, Sr.)
- HO 16 Bryan Van Meter (6-1, 192, RJr.)
  - 13 Kevin Riley (6-3, 215, RFr.)
- SN 68 Nick Sundberg (6-1, 248, Jr.)
  - 63 Brian De La Puente (6-4, 302, RSr.)
- PR | DeSean Jackson (6-0, 172, Jr.)
  - 3 Brandon Hampton (5-10, 193, RSr.)
- KOR 7 Lavelle Hawkins (5-11, 185, Sr.)
  - 21 James Montgomery (5-10, 205, RFr.)

# defense

- DE 93 John Allen (6-1, 250, RSr.) 94 Rulon Davis (6-5, 275, RJr.)
  - 92 Tad Smith (6-6, 250, RSo.)
- DT 69 Matt Malele (6-1, 312, RSr.)
  - 91 Cody Jones (6-5, 270, RSo.)
- DT 98 Mika Kane (6-3, 305, Jr.)
- 76 Derrick Hill (6-3, 289, RFr.)
- DE 44 Tyson Alualu (6-4, 288, So.)
  - 97 Cameron Jordan (6-4, 260, Fr.)
- SLB 56 Zack Follett (6-2, 232, Jr.)
  - 18 Mike Mohamed (6-4, 220, RFr.)
  - 9 Eddie Young (6-1, 228, So.)
- MLB 55 Greg Van Hoesen (6-4, 227, RSr.)
  - I Worrell Williams (6-2, 243, RJr.)
- WLB 16 Justin Moye (6-1, 228, RSr.)
  - 15 Anthony Felder (6-4, 231, Jr.)
- CB 5 Syd'Quan Thompson (5-11, 181, RSo.)
  - 26 Darian Hagan (6-1, 180, RFr.)
  - 27 Charles Amadi (5-11, 182, RFr.)
- FS 4 Thomas DeCoud (6-3, 204, RSr.)
  - 25 Brett Johnson (6-2, 190, So.)
- ROV 2 Bernard Hicks (6-1, 202, RJr.)
  - 29 Marcus Ezeff (6-0, 194, RSo.)
- CB 3 Brandon Hampton (5-10, 193, RSr.) 17 Chris Conte (6-3, 190, Fr.)



# pronunciation quide

NO	NAME	POS
96	AIGAMAUA, Solomona	DE
	eye-ING-ah-MOE-ah,	
	SAUL-ih-mona	
44	ALUALU, Tyson	DT
27	AH-loo-AH-loo AMADI, Charles	DB
21	ah-MAH-dee	DB
4	BEST, Jahvid	RB
•	JAH-vid	ND
11	CATTOUSE, Sean	СВ
	cah-TOOS	
17	CONTE, Chris	СВ
	CON-tee	
85	CUNNINGHAM, LaReyll	e WR
	lah-RELL	
4	DeCOUD, Thomas	DB
٠.	DAY-coo	0.1
71	DeMARTINIS, Sam	OL
86	DEE-mar-TEEN-is	WR
00	DeSA, Sam duh-SAH	VVK
99	ESELU, Savai'i	TE
•	ih-SELL-ew, sah-VAH-ee	
29	EZEFF, Marcus	DB
	EE-zeff	
56	FOLLETT, Zack	LB
	FALL-ett	
20	FORSETT, Justin	ТВ
	for-SETT	5.7
98	KANE, Mika	DT
82	KAHN-ay, MEE-kah LAGEMANN, Alex	WR
02	LAH-gah-min	VVIX
69	MALELE, Matt	DT
	muh-LAY-lay	
55	MALELE, Noris	OL
	muh-LAY-lay	
99	MBAKOGU, Phillip	DE
	em-BOCK-oo	
16	MOYE, Justin	LB
0.5	Moy ("e" is silent)	D.F.
95	OWUSU, Ernest OH-woo-sue	DE
33	RUSSI, Matt	LB
33	RUSS-ee	LD
23	TA'UFO'OU,Will	FB
	tau-FOE-oh	
58	TEOFILO, Chet	OL
	TAY-oh-fee-low	
5	THOMPSON, Syd'Quan	DB
	SID-quan	
55	VAN HOESEN, Greg	LB
1	van HOO-zen WILLIAMS,Worrell	LB
'	wor-ELL	LD
Wide I	Receiver Coach –	Dan Ferrigno
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(Fah-REEN-yo)

OC/Offensive Line Coach – Jim Michalczik (MAH-hall-check)

up to Marshawn Lynch for two seasons). The 140-yard performance against Air Force in the Armed Forces Bowl was his ninth 100-yard rushing game of year and the 15th of his career. Forsett finished second in the Pac-10 in rushing and led the conference with 15 rushing touchdowns this season. Forsett also set a program record for single season rushing attempts in 2007 with 305.

#### forsett's march to 1,000

**Justin Forsett's** 1,546 yards rushing this season is even more impressive considering the fact that the Pac-10 boasted four teams (Oregon State, USC, Arizona State and UCLA) ranked in the top 20 in the nation in rush defense. Forsett piled up 150 yards (one of four 150-yard efforts) against Oregon State, which finished 2007 ranked No. I in the nation in rushing defense. He generated 209 all-purpose yards, including 164 yards on the ground against USC, which ranked seventh in the nation in rush defense and No. 3 in total defense at the start of the game.

## the hawk soars for success

It was certainly difficult for **Lavelle "Hawk" Hawkins** to stay out of the national spotlight this season. In fact, Hawkins caught the attention of ESPN draft expert Mel Kiper who had the wideout rated highly throughout much of the season in his "top five seniors by position" rankings. Hawkins, who paced the Golden Bears in receiving in eight of 13 games in 2007, posted personal and team bests with 72 catches for 872 yards to go with six touchdowns. He had a career game against Oregon State, snaring nine catches for a career-best 192 yards (sixth-most in school history) and two touchdowns, including a career-long 64-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter. Hawkins scored a touchdown (reception or kickoff) in eight of his last 14 games, including a touchdown on the opening kickoff of the Louisiana Tech game. He led the team with 1,854 all-purpose yards.

## big play rj

A veteran of 43 career games at Cal, **Robert Jordan** finished the 2007 season with 47 receptions for 689 yards and three touchdowns. He completed his career with 2,047 yards (tenth all-time), while becoming Cal's all-time leader with at least one catch in 42 straight games. In his final game, the Oakland product tallied six catches for 148 yards and a score in the Armed Forces Bowl win over Air Force. In his final two games, Jordan recorded 247 receiving yards and a pair of touchdowns. He also climbed the charts this season and passed both Steve Rivera and Mike Caldwell for seventh on Cal's all-time receptions chart (156).

## tommy d

Just like Justin Forsett was for the offense, safety **Thomas DeCoud** developed into the heart and soul of the Cal defense in 2007. As a team captain, he led the team with 116 tackles, including 10 in the Armed Forces Bowl and a career-best 16 tackles at Washington. He enjoyed a career day against Arizona when he recorded his first career forced fumble, sack and interception in the first half. He posted double digits in tackles four times this season, and registered six or more tackles 11 times.

# life of riley

Already assured of receiving some playing time in the Armed Forces Bowl prior the game, redshirt freshman quarterback Kevin Riley made the most of his opportunity, helping Cal rally from a 21-0 deficit by completing 16-of-19 passes for 269 yards and three touchdowns (as well as a rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter). He earned Offensive MVP honors for his performance in the 42-36 win over Air Force. Riley also saw action in the regular season when he filled in for an injured Nate Longshore in week seven against Oregon State, throwing for 294 yards and two scores. The Oregon product completed 64 percent of his passes for 563 yards and five touchdowns in 2007.

# golden guys

Senior running back Justin Forsett and junior center Alex Mack headlined 12 individuals from Cal on the annual Pac-10 all-conference football teams. Both Forsett and Mack collected first-team honors, while wide receivers DeSean Jackson and Lavelle Hawkins garnered second-team honors. Freshman running back Jahvid Best earned first-team honors as a special teams player, while Jackson was a second-teamer as a punt returner. Zack Follett was also a second-team defensive choice at linebacker. Six Golden Bears were honorable mentions as well:Thomas DeCoud, Brian De La Puente, Anthony Felder, Mike Gibson, Robert Jordan, Craig Stevens.

## the 1 to watch

Despite battling a pair of injuries, **DeSean Jackson** continued to be a threat on offense in 2007 for the Golden Bears. Jackson corralled a career-high 65 catches for 762 yards and six touchdowns, while compiling 132 yards on the ground with one score. He finished his career third all-time in

career receiving yards at Cal with 2,423, third in career touchdown receptions (22) and sixth in career receptions (162). Jackson hauled in five catches for 81 yards and a touchdown against Air Force in the Armed Forces Bowl, and had a stout performance at UCLA when he posted nine catches for 136 yards and two touchdowns vs. the Bruins. In Cal's 31-24 win at Oregon, Jackson snared a career-high 11 catches for a career-high 161 yards and two touchdowns in Autzen Stadium. In his opening-day performance against Tennessee, Jackson took his first punt return 77 yards for a touchdown to give Cal a 21-14 lead in the second quarter. It was his sixth career punt return for a touchdown, both school and conference records.

#### the DeSean effect

DeSean Jackson has returned six punts for touchdowns in his California football career. Understandably, teams have opted to avoid the dangerous return man by punting away (pitching away?) from Jackson. In 2007, Cal benefited from the "intentional walks" as short and misdirected punts (0 yards, 13 yards, 25 yards, 18 yards, 28 yards, 23 yards, 31 yards) have led directly to Golden Bear scores.

# 41 and climbing

With over 5,000 career yards passing to his credit, Nate Longshore reached another milestone when he tossed his 41st career touchdown pass against Stanford. That mark places him in sole possession of sixth all-time at Cal. Longshore finished the 2007 season completing nearly 60 percent of his passes for 2,580 yards and 16 touchdowns. After missing the Oregon State game entirely, he returned to the starting lineup against UCLA and completed 22-of-34 passes for 232 yards and a season-best three touchdowns. The best day of the year for the junior came in Cal's 31-24 win at Oregon, when he set career-highs in completions (28) and attempts (43) for a season-high 285 yards and two touchdowns. Longshore has thrown for over 200 yards in 14 of his last 18 contests. As a sophomore, he directed the California offense to a Pac-10 best 32.8 points per game and became just the second Golden Bear to pass for over 3,000 yards in a single season (3,021).

# LB force

The Cal linebacking corps certainly made an impact in 2007. In 13 games, the LBs combined for 403 tackles (28.5 for losses), 10.5 sacks, seven forced fumbles and two interceptions. Worrell Williams paced the corps and ranked eighth in the Pac-10 with 105 tackles, to go along with three forced fumbles and a fumble recovery for a touchdown. Williams wasn't the only backer putting up impressive numbers. Juniors Zack Follett (see next notes), Anthony Felder (101 tackles, two sacks, interception), seniors Justin Moye (48 tackles, one INT) and Greg Van Hoesen (19 tackles), and redshirt freshman Mike Mohamed (46 tackles, three pass break ups) have all been impact players.

# cal OUICK FACTS

2007 Record	7-6
Final '07 Rank	RV USA Today/NR in AP
Head Coach	Jeff Tedford
Alma Mater/Year	Fresno State/1983
Record at Cal/Year	50-26/6
Career Record/Yea	<b>rs</b> Same
Location	Berkeley, Calif.
Enrollment	34,953
Conference	Pac-10
Stadium	California Memorial
Capacity	72,516
Surface	Sportexe
Chancellor	Dr. Robert J. Birgeneau
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## eye of the ziger

Linebacker Zack Follett spent much of 2007 with a hair dye job featuring tiger/lion stripes (artwork courtesy of Greg Van Hoesen), earning himself the nickname "Ziger" for the "Z" dyed into the back of his head amongst the stripes. Even though the hair went back to normal for the final five games, the "ziger" mentality remained after he recorded seven tackles (two for losses) and a forced fumble at Stanford, seven tackles and two sacks at Washington, six tackles and a pass break up vs. USC and six tackles, a sack and three pass break ups vs. Washington State. Follett finished the season with 64 tackles, 5.5 sacks (team-best), 12.5 tackles for losses (team-best), six pass break ups, two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery in II games played (he missed nearly three games due to injury).

# injury timeouts

Cal suffered some key injuries in 2007 with probable starters missing a total of 36 games this year. While Nate Longshore's injured ankle drew the most attention, an often-forgotten key injury was that to senior placekicker Tom Schneider. A top candidate for the Lou Groza Award entering the year, Schneider, who missed just two field goals inside 50 yards in 2006, was also slated to be Cal's kickoff man. Another critical injury-loss was junior defensive end Rulon Davis. After winning the starting job in fall camp, Davis played in just six games. He hurt his foot in the third game of the year and came back for limited action against Arizona State, tallying 1.5 sacks, before injuring his knee. Safety Marcus Ezeff missed five games due to a quad injury; linebacker Zack Follett missed nearly three games with a neck injury; starting tackle Matt Malele missed four full games due to an injured knee; fullback Will Ta'ufo'ou missed two full games and parts of others due to knee injuries; receiver Robert Jordan missed one game with an injured shoulder; tackle Mika Kane was out one game after a concussion; tailback/return specialist Jahvid Best did not play after the USC game due a hip injury; and receiver DeSean Jackson missed the second half of the Washington game and the entire Stanford contest, while also being hampered by a thumb injury in the first half of the season.

## triple-digit tacklers

The Golden Bears finished 2007 with three different players recording more than 100 tackles. **Thomas DeCoud** was the first to cross the century mark after he recorded 11 tackles at Stanford. He finished with 116 on the season. linebacker **Worrell Williams** had 105 stops, while fellow linebacker

Anthony Felder posted 101 takedowns. The only other time in Cal history that the Bears had three players with 100 or more tackles was 1983 when Ron Rivera paced the squad with 138 tackles and Eddie Walsh (109) and John Haina (100) also reached the milestone. The only other years that Cal has had as many as two triple-digit tacklers were in 1987 (David Ortega, 143; and Ken Harvey, 103) and 1988 (Steve Hendrickson, 134; and Ortega, 132).

# field-goal defense

Cal was victimized by deadly accuracy by opponents on field goals as the Golden Bears saw their foes drill 23-of-25 (92%) of their three-point attempts in 2007. The last time Cal's opponents buried field goals at this rate was in 1985 when they connected on 18-of-19. Only one time in school history have opponents knocked home more than 18 field goals – in 1983, Cal foes scored 21 field goals (on 30 attempts). Cal ranked eighth in the nation in field goals allowed in 2007 (North Carolina State led the nation as its opposition nailed 26 field goals). Two schools saw their opponents miss just one field goal this year: Georgia (21-of-22), and Wake Forest (14-of-15).

## big mack on campus

Junior center Alex Mack racked up several honors based on his performance in 2007, including the Morris Trophy -- a unique award given to the outstanding offensive and defensive linemen in the Pac-10 Conference. What makes the award unique is the selection procedure, which has the starting offensive linemen in the Conference voting for the defensive winner and vice versa. A 6-5, 300-pound product of Santa Barbara, Mack was also a finalist for the Rimington Trophy for the nation's top center. Mack anchored the Golden Bear offensive line which opened holes for nine 100-yard rushing games by Justin Forsett while allowing just 11 sacks this season (best in the Pac-10 and third in the nation). ESPN's Mel Kiper, Jr., ranked Mack as the top junior center in the country.

## tip drills

Sophomore **Syd'Quan Thompson** led Cal with 10 pass break ups in 2007 ... he also added his first interception of the season against Washington State off a deflection by **Bernard Hicks** ... senior **Brandon Hampton** had two interceptions (Louisiana Tech and Arizona) and recorded his first forced fumble against Oregon State ... Hampton also added a fumble recovery at UCLA ... true freshman **Chris Conte** earned three starts in 2007, and had

# 2007 pac-10 leaderboard (final)

Justin Forsett ranked second in the league in rushing (118.9/gm) and led the Pac-10 in rushing touchdowns (15) ... Lavelle Hawkins ranked fourth in receiving yards per game (67.1) and fourth in all-purpose yards (1,854) ... Jahvid Best ranked second in kickoff return average (27.0/gm) ... Andrew Larson ranked fifth in punting (41.1/gm) ... Thomas DeCoud ranked fourth in the league in tackles with 116 ... Cal ranked first in the league in sacks against (11), first in third down conversions (44.9%) and rank second in pass defense (214.4/g) .

# cal head coach jeff tedford



# THE TEDFORD FILE

Birthdate	Nov. 2, 1961
Hometown	Downey, Calif.
High School	Warren
College	Fresno State 1983
	Cerritos College
Family	wife, Donna
***************************************	sons, Taylor and Quinn
Career Record	50-26/6 years

leff Tedford has not only built the California football program into one of the top programs in the Pacific-10 Conference, but he has also lifted the Golden Bears into the national picture and he has remained true to his ideals of playing with class and excelling in the classroom and in the community. Under Tedford's leadership, the Golden Bears have climbed into the AP National Top 10 in each of the last four seasons, including a No. 2 ranking in 2007. Cal won its fourth bowl game in five years, making Tedford the only coach in school history to win four bowl games. Cal's 50 wins in the past six seasons are the most in a six-year stretch by the program in over 50 years - in the six years before Tedford's arrival, the Bears had 12 victories total. In addition, Tedford has also had 61 players recognized as Academic All-Conference. Of the 18 players signed in 2002 in Coach Tedford's first class, 15 (83%) graduated within five years. All of this from a team which won just one game in 2001, the year prior to his arrival. The California football renaissance rates as one of the most impressive turnarounds in college football history. In his six seasons, he has twice been honored as the Pacific-10 coach of the year, becoming the first Cal coach to win the award twice.

tedford trends								
	'07	<b>'</b> 06	'05	<b>'04</b>	'03	'02	Career	Streak
Overall	7-6	10-3	8-4	10-2	8-6	7-5	50-26	WI
Pac-10	3-6	7-2	4-4	7- I	5-3	4-4	30-20	L3
Home	4-2	7-0	4-2	5-0	4-2	4-3	28-9	LI
Away	2-4	2-3	3-2	5-I	3-4	3-2	18-16	L4
Neutral	1-0	1-0	1-0	0- I	1-0	0-0	4-I	W3
Aug.	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-0	2-1	WI
Sept.	5-0	4-I	4-0	2-0	2-2	2-2	19-5	W9
Oct.	0-3	3-0	2-2	4-I	1-2	2-2	12-10	L3
Nov.	1-2	1-2	1-2	3-0	3-I	2-I	11-8	L2
Dec.	1-1	2-0	I-0	1-1	1-0	0-0	6-2	WI
When The Bears				Offense				
Score Firs	Score First34-11			500+ yards offense14-1				
Lead after IQ30-8			200+ yards rushing28-4					
Tied after IQ10-7				300-yard passer 6-2				
Trail after IQ 10-11			100-yard rusher 40-10					
Lead at Half43-11			No turnovers10-3					
Tied at Half0-1								
Trail at Half7-14			Defense					
Lead after 3Q42-7			No 100-yard rusher 38-15					
Tied after 3Q4-3								

Trail after 3Q ......4-16

Overtime......2-2

32 tackles and a fumble recovery ... sophomore **Marcus Ezeff** racked up 47 tackles, including a career-high 14 vs. Arizona - the biggest play of his career was his hit on Oregon wide receiver Cameron Colvin in the final seconds at the one-yard line, jarring the ball loose into the end zone and out of bounds, resulting in a touchback, allowing the Bears to preserve their 31-24 lead ... Unfortunately, Ezeff missed five games in 2007 due to injury.

# other defensive notes ...

>> Cal's defense forced a fumble in 11 of its 13 games in 2007 and recovered a fumble in 10 of those contests (14 for the season) ... the defense led the nation with three fumble recovery touchdowns in 2007.

#### fresh debut

>> Jahvid Best recorded 21 plays of 10 yards or more in 2007 (57 touches total) Despite missing the last three games of the year due to injury, **Jahvid Best** stepped into the Golden Bear lineup as a true freshman and become a key part of the team. His biggest contributions came on special teams, including a career-long 54-yard kickoff return at UCLA and 12 coverage tackles. A first-team All-Pac-10 special teams player, he led the team and ranked second in the Pac-10 with 27.0 yards per kick return. In addition, the rookie had 29 carries for 243 yards (7.6 ypc), including a 64-yard run to paydirt against Colorado State for his first career touchdown. He caught 13 balls for 74 yards - one of those a 16-yard TD reception against Louisiana Tech.

# Larson named a finalist for ray guy award

Senior **Andrew Larson** was selected as a finalist for the Ray Guy Award for the top punter in the nation. Larson averaged 41 yards per punt with a net punting mark of 37.6 (third-best in the Pac-10 and 18th in the nation). He had 61 punts in 2007 with 21 returned for just 113 yards (5.4 ypr - 11th in the nation). Twenty-one of his boots were downed inside the 20 and just five went for touchbacks. Against USC, four of his seven punts were downed inside the 20. Against Arizona State, he averaged 44.8 yards on five punts with three downed inside the 20, but his best day came against Oregon State, when he set a school record with an average of 55.8 yards on four punts, including a career-long 73-yarder and a 64-yarder. in 2006, Larson also keyed the Bears punt team which paced the Pac-10 with a net punting average of 38.3 yards per punt.

# Joe Roth honored

The California football team donned special "throwback" uniforms in its game vs. USC to pay honor to one if its all-time greats. The uniforms and helmets, which reflect the gear worn by All-American quarterback Joe Roth in 1975, were designed specially by Nike. Roth came to Cal as a junior-college transfer in 1975 and after winning the starting quarterback job for the third game, he led the Golden Bears to eight wins in their final nine games and a share of the Pac-8 Championship. Entering the 1976 season, Roth was considered a favorite for the Heisman Trophy. Described by some as the "best quarterback prospect since Joe Namath," Roth discovered he had cancer during that 1976 season and passed away in February 1977. Roth's No. 12 is the only retired jersey in the history of Cal football and he is remembered with a special display in the Cal locker room. Cal has designated each year's home game against its Southern California foe (USC or UCLA) as the Joe Roth Memorial Game.

# more uniform musings

Looking to put an end to its three-game losing streak, Cal decided to go with its lucky gold alternate uniforms against Washington State. The result? a 20-17 win over the Cougars. The Golden Bears are a perfect 5-0 in games when they wear the alternate jersey (Oregon, UCLA, Texas A&M in 2006, and Tennessee and Washington State this season).

# seniors say goodbye to memorial stadium

California honored its senior class vs. USC as 18 players saw their final action at Memorial Stadium. This Golden Bear class featured 12 players who spent

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SCORING 381
Points Per Game29.3
FIRST DOWNS271
Rushing
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Penalty14
RUSHING YARDAGE2154
Yards gained rushing2377
Yards lost rushing223
Rushing Attempts441
Average Per Rush4.9
Average Per Game165.7
TDs Rushing23
PASSING YARDAGE3143
Att-Comp-Int443-266-14
Average Per Pass7.1
Average Per Catch
Average Per Game241.8
TDs Passing21
TOTAL OFFENSE 5297
Total Plays
Average Per Play6.0
Average Per Game
Opponents Statistics (final)
SCORING 348
Points Per Game26.8
FIRST DOWNS 273

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Average Per Rush4.0
Average Per Game
TDs Rushing22
PASSING YARDAGE2787
Att-Comp-Int444-269-10
Average Per Pass6.3
Average Per Catch10.4
Average Per Game214.4
TDs Passing17
TOTAL OFFENSE 4925
Total Plays976
Average Per Play5.0
Average Per Game378.8

five years with the Bears, four junior-college transfers and two players who completed their eligibility in the minimum of four years (**Justin Forsett** and **Robert Jordan**). In the five years that the bulk of this class has been part of the program, the Bears posted 43 victories, the fourth-best five-year stretch in school history – the best is 46 wins in the five years from 1947-1951.

## memorial ground

Despite a loss in its final home game of 2007 to USC, Cal has 22 victories in its last 26 home games. Overall, Cal has out-scored opponents 1024-500 over the last 26 home games. In the fourth quarter of the last 26 games, Cal has topped foes, 244-128. The only four losses suffered in Memorial Stadium were to Oregon State (Oct. 15, 2005 and Oct. 13, 2007) and to USC (Nov. 12, 2005 and Nov. 10, 2007).

#### dvk

Did you know that Cal hasn't been shutout in a school-record 107 consecutive games since Sept. 11, 1999?

# turnover battle

"The turnover battle is huge, I think that definitely plays into it. It does in football, I don't it's just us, I think that's the way football is," said Cal head coach **JeffTedford**. In his six years at Cal, the Golden Bears are 27-2 (.931) when winning the turnover battle and II-18 (.379) when losing that statistical comparison (as well as I2-6 when tied). In Pac-10 games, the stats are even more decisive, as Cal is I7-1 (.944) when winning the turnover battle and 6-16 (.272) when losing it (7-3 when turnovers are tied). Cal lost the turnover battle in each of its six losses in 2007.

# cal posts sixth straight winning season

Cal's sixth straight winning season in 2007 marked the first time the Golden Bears have reached these levels of consistency since **Pappy Waldorf's** juggernaut teams reeled off six straight winning marks from 1947-52. Since posting the worst record at Cal in 104 years (1-10) in 2001, the Golden Bears hired head coach **Jeff Tedford** and have rolled to marks of 7-5 (2002),8-6 (2003), 10-3 (2004),8-4 (2005) and 10-3 (2006). In addition, Cal has been ranked in the top 10 in each of the last four years.

## 50,000 fans again

The USC attendance of 72,516 marked the 24th straight home game with over 50,000 fans - every home game over the last four years. The streak is even more impressive when compared to the days before the arrival of head coach **Jeff Tedford** - the USC game was also the 13th game of 60,000+ fans under Tedford; Cal had nine 60,000+ games in the 12 years prior to Tedford's arrival.

# selling out

The USC attendance of 72,516 on Nov. 10 was just the seventh non-Big Game sellout in the last 51 years. The Bears sold out three games in 2006 (Oregon, UCLA and Stanford) and two in 2007 (Tennessee and USC). Cal has now had two straight seasons of selling out multiple games in the same season. The Golden Bears have sold out the Big Game against Stanford 15 times in the last 50 years.

# the golden ticket

Cal established a new season ticket sales record for the 2007 football season -- 41,336, eclipsing last season's sales mark of 40,262. The 2007 home attendance average was 63,136 in six games played in Memorial Stadium. Since the arrival of head coach Jeff Tedford, California's season ticket count has been on a steady climb. The Bears sold 16,200 season passes in 2002 -- Tedford's first year. His second season resulted in sales of 22,500. In 2004, the number again jumped substantially, up to a then-school-record 34,100. In 2005, the Bears set another mark with 40,134 season tickets sold and again in 2006 (40,262). Last year, the Golden Bears established a new record for average attendance in 2006 with an average of 64,318 fans per game. Including three sellouts. California had a total of 450,223 fans at seven home games. The previous record for the Bears was in 2004 when they averaged 64,019.

# bear tube

In 2007, for the first time in program history, every Cal football game was televised. In Jeff Tedford's six years at the helm of the Bears, 60 Cal football games were televised; in the six years prior to his arrival, 35 Cal games were televised. National television broadcasts have more than doubled in that time.

## team honors

The University of California football program held its annual team banquet on Dec. 2 at the Oakland Marriott Civic Center, paying tribute to this year's seniors, as well as announcing a host of team awards to various individuals. Among the notable honorees, senior running back **Justin Forsett** was selected as the Offensive MVP, while senior safety **Thomas DeCoud** was honored as the Defensive MVP.