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MEDIA INFORMATION

The 2004 University of California Football Guide is designed to assist the media with their coverage of the Golden Bears this fall. Additional information, including media releases and photographs, may be obtained by contacting the Media Relations Office at (510) 642-5363. Please take a moment to review the following policies and services that are intended to assist you with your coverage of Cal football.

MEDIA CREDENTIALS

Please direct all requests/questions for media, photo and parking credentials to Cal home games to Bob Rose, Executive Associate Athletic Director/Communications or Herb Benenson, Assistant Athletic Director/Media Relations at 210 Memorial Stadium, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. Requests should be made in writing by sports editors/directors on appropriate letterhead at least one week prior to the game. Requests for media covering a visiting team should be made through the opposing school's Sports Information Director. Credentials will be held in the Media Will Call booth the day of the game unless other arrangements are made. Professional teams wanting to scout games in Memorial Stadium may purchase game tickets through the Media Relations Office.

MEDIA WILL CALL

The Media Will Call booth is located at Gate 9 on the south side of Memorial Stadium. It opens 2 1/2 hours before kickoff and remains open through the conclusion of the second quarter. Identification is required to pick up credentials or tickets.

MEDIA ACCESS

The easiest access for the media is through the South Gate (Gate 9) of Memorial Stadium. The press box elevator is located on the mezzanine level near Section G.

MEDIA PARKING

Parking at Memorial Stadium is always at a premium with a limited number of spaces allocated to the media. Press parking is located on Warring Street between Channing Way and Piedmont Avenue. Early arrivals are strongly suggested, and only those with parking permits will be admitted. Parking permits cannot be left at will call.

STADIUM DIRECTIONS

Take the University Avenue exit off Interstate 80 and proceed east for approximately two miles until University ends at Oxford Avenue. Turn right and follow Oxford approximately four blocks (it becomes Fulton Avenue) to Channing Way, then turn left. Follow Channing east to Warring Street. Turn left on Warring to enter press parking.

MEDIA RELATIONS OFFICE

The primary Cal Media Relations Office is located on the third floor of Haas Pavilion. The department also has a satellite office at 210 Memorial Stadium, with access on the mezzanine level near Section H.

TUESDAY MEDIA LUNCHEONS

Each Tuesday during the football season, Cal hosts a media luncheon in the Hall of Fame Room in Memorial Stadium. The luncheon, which begins at 11:45 a.m., features an appearance by head coach Jeff Tedford and several Cal players, in addition to a speakerphone interview with the head coach of the upcoming opponent.

BEST TIME TO REACH JEFF TEDFORD

The best time to reach head coach Jeff Tedford is between 11 a.m. and noon Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please give at least 24-hour notice on all interview requests. Contact the Media Relations Office at (510) 642-5363 to make arrangements. Tedford can usually be made available for interviews for a short period of time immediately prior to afternoon practice (usually about 2:30 p.m.) or after the conclusion of practice on the field. Prior arrangements are requested.

PLAYER/COACH INTERVIEWS

All player interviews, either in person or by telephone, must be coordinated through the Cal Media Relations Office with a minimum of at least one-day advance notice. Players may be interviewed prior to practice, usually between 12 noon and 2 p.m., while brief TV interviews can be conducted on the practice field immediately before practice begins at 4 p.m. Brief interviews can also be conducted immediately after practice on the field at approximately 6:30 p.m. Players are available for interviews Monday through Thursday each week, but not on Fridays. Coaches should also be contacted through the Media Relations Office at (510) 642-5363.

VIDEO FEEDS

Videotape highlights of Cal football are available each week throughout the season via the Pacific-10 Conference satellite feed. For more information, contact the Pac-10 office at (925) 932-4411.

TRAINING CAMP

This year's training camp will be held on campus, beginning Wednesday, Aug 10. Player interviews will be conducted during training table meals, with prior notice required through the Media Relations Office. TV interviews may also be done on the practice field immediately after morning and afternoon workouts, again requiring advance notice through Media Relations.

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TELEPHONES

Media outlets wanting to place a telephone in the Cal press box should contact the Cal Media Relations Office at 510-642-5363 at least three days in advance of the game. Several telephones will also be available for media use in the media work area of the Big Game Room.

VISITING RADIO PHONE LINES

One MB line and one ISDN line, along with two dry lines in the visitor's locker room, are available for use by visiting radio. The rental charge is \$150.00 (regardless of how many lines are used). Payment is accepted by check only and should be made payable to "UC Regents" and received by the Cal Media Relations Office prior to the day of the game.

PRESS BOX SERVICES

The Cal Media Relations Office will furnish game programs, pre-game notes, flip cards and press guides prior to the game. Play-by-play accounts, halftime and game statistics and post-game coaches' quotes will be distributed. A verbal play-by-play account of down and distance will be provided over the press box public address system. Fax sending services for statistical information will be available to the media following the game. Media requiring this service should contact a member of the Cal Media Relations staff by the end of the third quarter. A complimentary meal and soft drinks will be served prior to the game through halftime to all members of the media in the press box.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Field photographers must wear a photo armband in plain sight at all times, in addition to the photo credential. The armband can be picked up on the west side of the playing field near Section EE. A new armband is issued for each game. NCAA rules limit shooting to outside the restraining line enclosing the playing field and outside the 25-yard lines (the team area).

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Compadres Mexican Grill (4239 Park Blvd.)	(510) 482-3663
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POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Access to the postgame interview room for the Cal team is available on the concourse level next to stairway 2 (sections AA-B). Following a 10-minute cooling off period, members of the media will be admitted to the interview room directly adjacent to the Cal locker room. Jeff Tedford will be present to answer questions, and players requested by media members will also be brought into the room for interviews. The visiting team locker room is located at the south end of the stadium, next to stairway 18 (sections J-JJ). Formal visiting team head coach and player interviews will be conducted in the tunnel area below the locker room and will be coordinated through the visiting team SID staff.

POSTGAME MEDIA WORK AREA

Media may work in the press box following games, but are encouraged to use the Big Game Room (near Sections AA-B) for filing purposes. The Big Game Room is an enclosed area with desk space and telephones. Final statistics will be available there, as well.

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BROADCASTING THE BEARS

STARKEY BROADCASTS FOR 30TH SEASON

Cal and KGO Radio (810 AM) of San Francisco continue to enjoy the longest-standing sports relationship in the Bay Area. Entering its 31st consecutive season as the home for Cal football, KGO is a 50,000-watt ABC-owned and operated station that has been carrying Cal games since the 1974 season. All 11 games will be carried live, beginning with one-hour Tailgate Talk and 30-minute pregame show before kickoff.



At press time, Cal and KGO were near completion of new five-year contract extension, which would make KGO Radio the home of Golden Bear football through the 2009 season. It is the longest standing radio association in the Pacific-10 Conference and one of the longest in college athletics.

Sports Director Joe Starkey is returning for his 30th season as the "Voice of the Golden Bears." He is perhaps most famous for his emotional call of the dramatic five-lateral kickoff return for a Cal touchdown at the end of the 1982 Cal-Stanford game, which was acclaimed across the nation. He has had various NFL and NHL assignments in his career, including a stint with the Minnesota Vikings, and is currently the lead announcer on the San Francisco 49er radio broadcasting team.

Starkey is joined by former Cal quarterback Mike Pawlawski, who begins his first season as expert analyst this fall. Pawlawski, the Pac-10's Co-Offensive Player of the Year in 1991 after leading the Bears to a 10-2 record and a No. 7 national ranking, was a 2002 inductee into the Cal Athletics Hall of Fame. He serves as a development associate in the Athletic Development Office and hosts the weekly "Cal Football Report" TV program. In addition, he is a broadcaster for NBC during the Arena Football League season.

Roxy Bernstein also starts his first season as part of the KGO Radio team this season, providing reports and perspective from the sideline.

Dave Rosselli, former KNBR Radio broadcast reporter and current Cal assistant athletic director for major gifts, will host the newly created "Tailgate Talk" show, with long-time Cal favorite Lee Grosscup.

KGO Radio airs the Jeff Tedford Show each week on Tuesday evenings at approximately 6:20 p.m.

Other stations on the Cal football network are KLAC (570 AM) in Los Angeles, KESP (970 AM) in Modesto, KKXX (930 AM) in Chico and KTHO (590 AM) in South Lake Tahoe.

CAL-KRON TV PARTNERSHIP ENTERS YEAR FOUR FOR 2004 SEASON

Cal and KRON TV (Channel 4) in San Francisco are in the fourth year of their partnership to broadcast Golden Bear football games locally in the Bay Area.



CAL RADIO TEAM



Joe Starkey



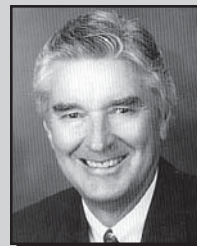
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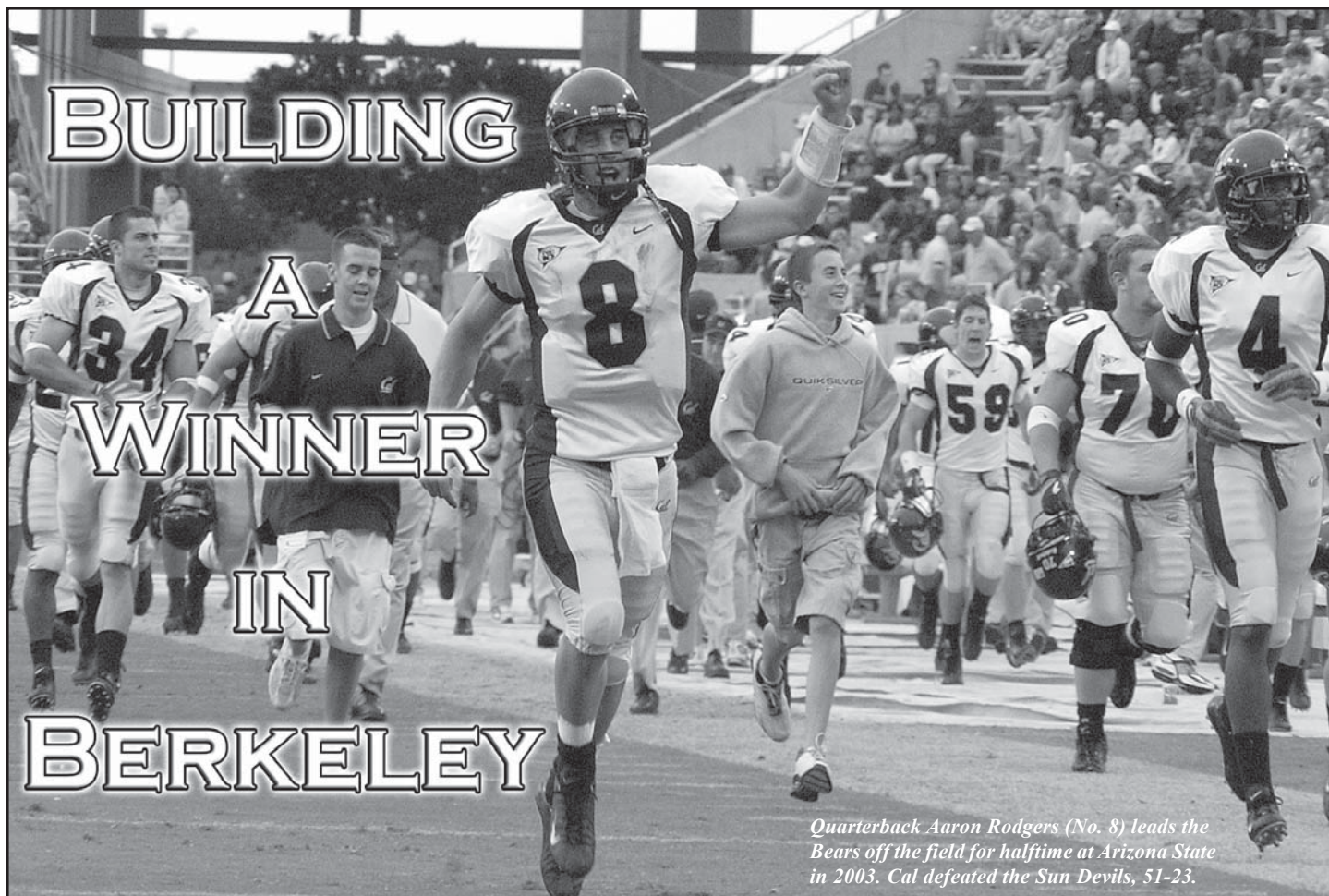
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DEFENSIVE TACKLE
LORENZO ALEXANDER

2004 OUTLOOK

2004 SEASON OUTLOOK



Days before the Feb. 4 national letter-of-intent signing date, a headline splashed across the top of ESPN.com's college football recruiting page. It read: "CALIFORNIA QUAKE!"

The headline was referring to the Golden Bears' banner recruiting haul, which for the second straight year, ranked among the nation's Top 20.

However, the two-word heading could just as well describe the current state of University of California football.

Rising from the ashes of a 1-10 record in 2001, head coach **Jeff Tedford** and his Golden Bears have sent shock waves throughout college football with a two-year transformation that would rival any program in the nation.

Everywhere you look, there is evidence of a full-fledged California revival.

Exhibit A: In early national pre-season 2004 predictions, the Bears have been picked as high as No. 10 by *Sports Illustrated.com* and No. 11 by *ESPN.com*, and should be projected in the Pac-10's upper echelon for the first time in more than a decade. Writes **Stewart Mandel** of *Sports Illustrated's SI.com* in his Top 10 ranking: "10. Cal: No, not a typo. QB **Aaron Rodgers** will be one of the nation's best next year."

Exhibit B: Since arriving in Berkeley, Tedford has become the first Cal coach to win 15 games in his first two seasons since the legendary **Pappy Waldorf** in 1947-48.

Exhibit C: The Tedford Bears have also posted back-to-back winning campaigns for the first time in 12 years.

Exhibit D: In finishing in a third-place tie in the Pac-10 standings with a 5-3 record (8-6 overall) last season, Cal earned its first postseason bowl game appearance in seven years and registered its first bowl victory (2003 Insight Bowl) in 10 years—particularly noteworthy achievements, considering the Bears tied for the fewest returning starters (nine) in NCAA Division I-A football and were tabbed to wallow in eighth place in the Pac-10, according to journalists who attended the conference's annual Media Day last August.

Exhibit E: In January, university Chancellor **Robert M. Berdahl** endorsed an ambitious plan to renovate 81-year-old Memorial Stadium, an estimated \$140 million project that will dramatically upgrade the venue.

Besides providing an upgrade within the seating bowl, the renovation will create state-of-the-art strength and conditioning facilities, more sports medicine services, and expand locker and meeting rooms areas, giving Tedford and the football program equal footing with other schools in the Pac-10.

Exhibit F: In February, the school further demonstrated its serious intent on building a big-time program by announcing future home-and-home series with such non-conference juggernauts as Tennessee, Maryland, Colorado and Minnesota in the coming years.

Exhibit G: On the very first day of public sale on Feb. 5, the school set a one-day season ticket sales record by selling more than 1,500 packages. The Bears return 16 starters from a 2003 team that hung the only loss on eventual national co-champion USC (34-31 in triple OT) and finished with a flourish, winning five of their last six games. During that six-game pe-

TEDFORD'S CAL BEARS POISED TO MOVE UP PAC-10 LADDER IN '04

riod—which included monster wins over such perennial powers as Washington (54-7), Virginia Tech (52-49) and Arizona State (51-23)—Tedford's offense proved virtually unstoppable, averaging 40.6 points and 511.5 yards per outing.

Although there were plenty of moments to fill a highlight video, Cal's players and coaches are painfully aware that their 8-6 final ledger last year was not truly indicative of how far the program has progressed. The Golden Bears came within an eyelash of going to their first Rose Bowl in 44 years, a sobering thought for Cal fans everywhere. If Tedford's club had not lost at UCLA in overtime (23-20) and had not relinquished a 17-7 lead at Oregon in the final five minutes of the game, Oski the Bear would have been the Pac-10 mascot of choice in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

Add the fact that four of California's six losses last year were decided in the last two minutes of regulation or in overtime, and it becomes even clearer that the veteran-laden 2004 Bears may be on the verge of something big.

"I was pleased about the way we improved at the end of last season and how our new players began to fit in," said Tedford. "It is our hope that we can continue to grow and improve this

year, and that leadership will continue to surface throughout the ranks. We experienced a lot together last season, playing the Kansas State game, the bowl game against Virginia Tech, and all the Pac-10 games. We also lost some close games that we could have won. These should all be valuable lessons for us to draw on this year. It's our hope that we can pick up where we left off."

On offense, Cal welcomes back seven 2003 starters from a lethal unit that set school single season records for total offense (6,061 yards), passing yards (3,705), first downs (327) and pass completions (278).

A beautifully balanced attack that also became Cal's first team to lead the conference in rushing (168.2 ypg) in 45 years, last year's Bears ranked third in the Pac-10 in both scoring (32.6 ppg) and total offense (432.9 ypg). Most of the key components remain intact in 2004, led by one of America's premier pass-catch tandems in quarterback **Aaron Rodgers**—who was named the Insight Bowl Offensive MVP—and second team All-America wide receiver **Geoff McArthur**.

Rodgers, who transferred to California after one season at Butte Community College in Oroville, staged one of the best passing seasons of any sophomore in Pac-10 history last fall. Despite not starting until Week 5 of the season, the 6-2, 195-pound field general riddled 2003 defenses for 2,903 yards and 19 touchdowns, completing 61.6 percent (215 of 349) of his passes and throwing a conference-low five interceptions. His 2,903 yards rank No. 2 on Cal's single season passing list, even eclipsing the heroics of his predecessor **Kyle Boller**, the Baltimore Ravens' No. 1 draft pick who passed for 2,815 yards for the Golden Bears in 2002.

Tedford, although keenly aware that his quarterback has only one season under his belt, does not mince words in assessing Rodgers' talents.

"If Aaron continues to improve like he did last year, he has the potential and ability to be one of the best I've ever coached. Given his poise, intelli-

gence, competitiveness and leadership qualities, he has all the attributes that go along with his physical skills to make him truly a great one," Tedford said.

This, coming from a coach who has already developed five college quarterbacks into NFL first-round picks.

McArthur was another revelation last season, corralling 85 passes for 1,504 yards and 10 touchdowns as Rodgers' favorite target. His 1,504 yards obliterated Cal's single-season record and fell only 16 yards shy of the all-time Pac-10 mark, while his 115.7 yards per game ranked second nationally behind Pitt's **Larry Fitzgerald**. In a conference bloated with superstar wide receivers, McArthur may have been the most productive of them all, reeling off five games of 150 yards or more and reaching the 100-yard plateau seven times last year.

"No Pac-10 receiver had a better year than Geoff did," flatly stated Tedford. "In fact, very few receivers have had a more productive year than Geoff did in the history of the Pac-10."

Besides McArthur, the Bears also return two other senior starters at wideout in underrated **Burl Toler**, who snared 48 receptions for 609 yards and three touchdowns last year, and **Jonathan Makonnen**, who led the 2002 club with 54 receptions for 682 yards and seven TDs. After starring in last season's upset win over USC (7 rec., 104 yds., 1 TD), Makonnen was forced to apply for a medical redshirt year due to a stress foot fracture that sidelined him for the remainder of the campaign.

While 1,000-yard rusher **Adimchinobe Echemandu** has departed, the club's ground game should continue to hum with the return of senior **J.J. Arrington**, who averaged a Pac-10 best 5.7 yards per carry as a versatile back who rang up 607 yards on 107 attempts, caught 21 passes for 178 yards and scored eight touchdowns in spot duty last year. Also looking for increased playing time in 2004 are sophomore

Marcus O'Keith (230 yards, 40 att. in

'03) and junior **Terrell Williams**, who red-shirted last year but rushed for 688 yards as a freshman in 2001. And it may be too early to count out ultra-talented freshman **Marshawn Lynch**, ranked as the No. 2 prep running back in the nation (*Rivals.com*) at nearby Oakland Tech last year.

Defensive coordinator **Bob Gregory** will enter this season on much more solid footing than 2003, when the Bears returned only two starters and were reliant on a slew of incoming JC players.

This fall, his unit will return nine starters and the seven leading tacklers from one of the Pac-10's most improved defenses in '03.

Enduring a myriad of growing pains that saw the Bears blow fourth-quarter leads in ulcerating losses to Oregon (21-17), Utah (31-24) and Colorado State (23-21) last year, Gregory's defense made an about-face during the second half of the season. In their last six regular-season games, the Bears allowed only 17.3 points and 312.7 yards per contest to rank among the conference leaders in both categories. In fact, while its seasonal yield of 24.4 points and 384.9 yards was respectable at best, Cal's defensive numbers were quite impressive in Pac-10 games only—where it ranked third in both scoring (21.2 ppg) and passing (227.2 ypg) defense among conference schools.

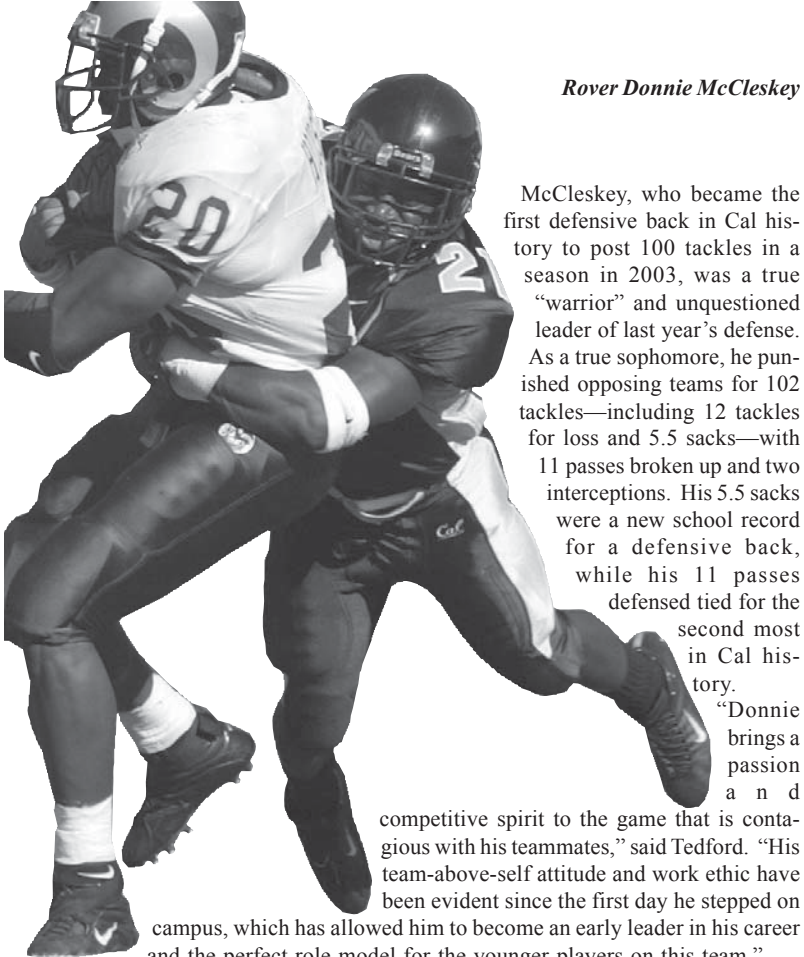
"Defense should be the most improved area of our team this year," Tedford said. "We will really benefit from experience, especially at the linebacker and safety positions."

Many premier players return for 2004, including first team All-Pac-10 rover **Donnie McCleskey**, defensive tackle **Lorenzo Alexander**, linebackers **Wendell Hunter** and **Joe Maningo**, and free safety **Ryan Gutierrez**.

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Wide Receiver Geoff McArthur



Rover Donnie McCleskey

McCleskey, who became the first defensive back in Cal history to post 100 tackles in a season in 2003, was a true "warrior" and unquestioned leader of last year's defense. As a true sophomore, he punished opposing teams for 102 tackles—including 12 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks—with 11 passes broken up and two interceptions. His 5.5 sacks were a new school record for a defensive back, while his 11 passes defended tied for the second most in Cal history.

"Donnie brings a passion and

competitive spirit to the game that is contagious with his teammates," said Tedford. "His team-above-self attitude and work ethic have been evident since the first day he stepped on

campus, which has allowed him to become an early leader in his career and the perfect role model for the younger players on this team."

While his position is not conducive for flashy statistics (33 tackles, 3.5 TFL, 1 sack in '03), double-teaming Pac-10 offensive linemen are well aware of Alexander's value to the Bears. The 6-3, 295-pound senior has been an inside force on Cal's D-line for the past three seasons.

The senior tandem of Hunter and Maningo also should enhance California's fortunes this fall. A vicious hitter at times, Hunter ranked second on the team in tackles (94) last year, tied with McCleskey for the club lead in tackles for loss (12 for 81 yards) and paced the Bears in sacks with seven. Maningo, who overcame a significant right knee injury to start Cal's final seven games at middle linebacker, can be a highly-animated, swarming presence for this year's defense. He managed 31 tackles, two interceptions and 2.5 tackles for loss last season.

Gutierrez, who emerged as the squad's third-leading tackler (93) in 2003, rattled off double-digit tackle games four times last year. Included in that outburst was a game-high 12 stops (11 unassisted) against Virginia Tech Dec. 26, which earned him Defensive MVP honors of the Insight Bowl.

One area of needed improvement for this year's defense is causing turnovers. Last season's club created only 23 turnovers in 14 games, a far cry from the previous year when the Bears stripped opponents 36 times in only 12 games.

"We will continue to emphasize, as we always do, the importance of creating turnovers," added the Cal head coach. "We will be competitive in practice in these areas, both offensively in protecting the ball and defensively in taking the ball away."

Special teams are another area where Tedford expects to see an upgrade from last year. With the addition of widely recruited Australian punter-placekicker **David Lonie**, a JC transfer from Ellsworth (Iowa) College, the Bears' kicking game figures to improve upon last year's Pac-10 rankings of seventh in punting (36.5 net) and ninth in field goal percentage

(.500, 15-of-30). The Bears also are optimistic about raising their kickoff and punt return figures with the return of sophomore **Tim Mixon**, who averaged 10.9 yards per punt return before missing the final 10 games last year due to a knee injury, and the addition of redshirt freshman **Sam DeSa**, a former football and track standout at nearby Monte Vista High. What's more, the influx of 22 redshirts from last year should have a positive impact on Cal's kickoff coverage unit, which ranked a lowly ninth (21.3) in the Pac-10 in 2003.

"Besides the addition of players, we will simply benefit by having our special teams coordinator (**Pete Alamar**) being more knowledgeable about his personnel," said Tedford. "He did not have that luxury by joining us so late in the summer last year, but now he is familiar with our players and is afforded the opportunity to utilize his personnel better."

While spring practice gave many young players an opportunity to grow, Tedford did not have the services of many veteran team leaders in April due to off-season surgeries and/or rehabilitation. They included such starters as Rodgers and McCleskey, as well as starting O-linemen **Ryan O'Callaghan**, **Jonathan Giesel**, **Marvin Philip** and **Aaron Merz**, tight end **Garrett Cross**, defensive backs **Mike McGrath** and **Brandon Sanders**, defensive end **Ray Tago** and linebacker **Brian Tremblay**. However, by keeping these and other mending players on the shelf this spring, the Golden Bears should be at full strength as August workouts begin.

For his third straight season, Tedford has been issued one of the most challenging schedules in NCAA Division I-A football. The Golden Bears open the 2004 campaign with four of their first five games on the road, capped by a much-awaited Oct. 16 rematch with national pre-season favorite USC at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

"I think our team understands that we face some quality opponents on both our non-conference and Pac-10 schedule," Tedford stressed. "We have grown accustomed to travelling to and competing in hostile environments. Hopefully, we have grown enough as a team that we'll find that winning edge when we need it this year."

With aspirations of their first Rose Bowl berth since 1959, Cal must travel through a gauntlet that includes such perennial bowl teams as Oregon, Oregon State, Washington, UCLA, Southern Mississippi and Air Force. One positive to the 2004 schedule is that Tedford's club plays four of its final six games in the friendly atmosphere of Memorial Stadium.

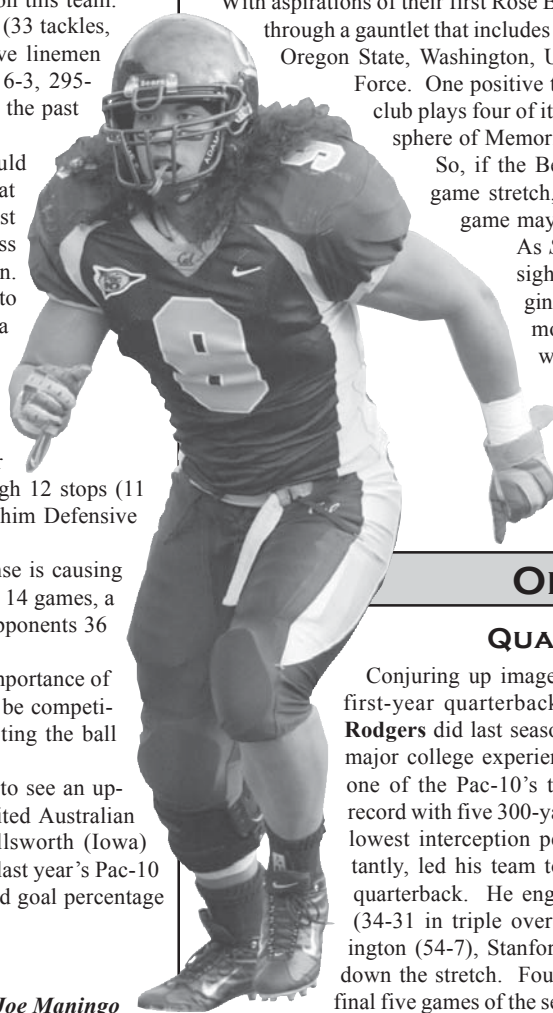
So, if the Bears can weather their opening five-game stretch, dreams of a New Year's Day bowl game may not be so far fetched.

As *SI.com*'s Mandel wrote after Cal's Insight Bowl win: "Between that game (Virginia Tech) and the USC win, I would hope most of the country is well aware of what's going on in Berkeley at this point. With Aaron Rodgers back at quarterback and with the defense a year older, I'd imagine the Bears will be picked fairly high in the Pac-10 next season and probably start out in the Top 25."

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACKS

Conjuring up images of the late **Joe Roth**, rarely has a first-year quarterback excelled in Berkeley like **Aaron Rodgers** did last season. Defying his age (19) and lack of major college experience, Rodgers was deadly efficient as one of the Pac-10's top signal-callers. He tied a school record with five 300-yard passing games, set a Cal record for lowest interception percentage (1.43%), and most importantly, led his team to a 7-3 record as the Bears' starting quarterback. He engineered colossal victories over USC (34-31 in triple overtime), Arizona State (51-23), Washington (54-7), Stanford (28-16) and Virginia Tech (52-49) down the stretch. Four of his 300-yard efforts came in the final five games of the season, capped by an unworldly perfor-



Linebacker Joe Maningo

Tailback J.J. Arrington

mance against Va Tech in the 2003 Insight Bowl on national television—a game he had to play without the services of his All-American wide receiver **Geoff McArthur** (injured).

In arguably the finest passing display in Cal bowl history, Rodgers set school bowl records for yardage and completion percentage in slicing up the Hokies' vaunted defense for 394 yards and two touchdowns on 27-of-35 passing with no interceptions, while also rushing for 30 yards and two more scores. The Bear sophomore was nothing short of brilliant in the second half, when he threaded 15 of 17 pass attempts for 245 yards in a pressure-packed game

that ended on a game-winning 35-yard field goal by **Tyler Frederickson**.

Afterwards, Richard Cirminiello of *FOX Sports' CollegeFootballNews.com*—who rated Rodgers' performance as the finest of any QB in the 28 bowl games—wrote: "The Insight Bowl marked the national coming-out party of Bears' quarterback Aaron Rodgers." Nationally-respected *Arizona Republic* columnist Andy Bagnato seconded the motion, declaring: "The Hokies...didn't know what hit them. What hit them is California quarterback Aaron Rodgers, who had passed for 300 yards by the end of the third quarter. Remember that name: it's going to be cropping up on Heisman Trophy watch lists someday soon."

While Rodgers will be the focal point this year, Tedford and offensive coordinator **George Cortez** have the luxury of another proven quarterback on the roster in senior **Reggie Robertson**. As Rodgers was getting acclimated to the Cal system, Robertson started the first four games last season. A cool customer under pressure, he completed 61.5 percent (48-of-78) of his passes for 647 yards, eight touchdowns and three interceptions in his first three contests, and went on to post the second-best passing efficiency rating (154.2) in the Pac-10. Playing in reserve in eight of the final 10 games, Robertson finished with 798 yards, nine TDs and only three interceptions on 62-of-99 (62.6%) passing as the Bears' gifted backup. Perhaps his finest hour came in relief of an injured Rodgers in the upset of USC, when he completed nine of 12 passes for 109 yards and one TD in the final 22 minutes of regulation and three overtime periods in sealing a 34-31 victory.

Third on the spring depth chart is freshman redshirt **Cary Dove**, whose rifle arm and superior mobility impressed Cal coaches last year. The 6-2, 175-pound Dove passed for 3,277 yards and 31 touchdowns for Taft High School in Southern California in 2002.

RUNNING BACKS

While the bruising inside running of 2003 first team All-Pac-10 tailback **Adimchinobe Echemandu** will be missed, the cupboard is far from bare at running back. **J.J. Arrington**, who arrived in Berkeley after two sterling seasons at College of the Canyons, emerged as one of the better second-string running backs in the nation last year. Averaging a Pac-10 best 5.7 yards-per-carry (tied with Arizona State's Loren Wade), Arrington rushed for 607 yards to rank 10th in the conference last autumn. Although he started only two games, the 5-11, 215-pound back left little doubt of his enormous potential in blowout victories over Washington, Arizona and Southern Mississippi. He ripped off an eye-bulging 13.2 yards per carry, torching the Huskies for 185 yards and one touchdown on only 14 attempts during a

memorable afternoon in which Cal set a school record for total offense (729 yards). Earlier in the season, he gouged Arizona for 92 yards on 8.4 yard-per-carry chunks, while he blazed a 114-yard trail against Southern Mississippi's stingy defense.

While Arrington appears to have the inside track as Echemandu's replacement at tailback this year, sophomore **Marcus O'Keith** and junior **Terrell Williams** will provide quality competition for the starting job. Although not among league leaders due to insufficient playing time, O'Keith actually eclipsed Arrington and Wade with a glistening 5.8 yards per carry in gaining 230 yards and one touchdown on 40 carries. His paramount effort came in the 54-7 win over Washington, when he sprung loose for a career-high 103 yards on 12 carries to provide a glimpse of his promising future. And Williams, seemingly the forgotten man after missing the Bears' last 17 games due to a knee injury, has returned to full health and is ready to reclaim the form that saw him gain 688 yards on 160 carries as the Pac-10's eighth-leading rusher during his 2001 freshman season.

A darkhorse candidate at tailback is true freshman **Marshawn Lynch**, the prep All-American who cranked out 1,722 rushing yards and caught 17 passes for Oakland Tech as senior. Rated as one of the best high school running backs in the nation last year, the 5-11, 200-pound dynamo rushed for 3,042 yards in his last two prep seasons. Some believe his skills are clearly ready for prime-time this year.

Meanwhile, two-year starter **Chris Manderino** (54 yards on 13 carries, 13 receptions for 103 yards in '03) returns at fullback, primarily a blocking position in the Cal offense. Manderino, a former walk-on, shined in the Insight Bowl last December, accounting for 44 yards and rushing for a three-yard touchdown that completed a 14-point Bear comeback to knot the score, 28-28, midway through the third quarter against Virginia Tech. Backing up Manderino is sophomore **Byron Storer**, who saw limited duty last year.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Led by All-American **Geoff McArthur**, this year's stable of wide receivers could be the most talented and deepest group at Cal in recent years. The Bears' wideout corps only loses 17 of 165 receptions (10%) from last year—that with the departure of **Vincent Strang**—and feature three bona fide starters in seniors **McArthur**, **Burl Toler** and **Jonathan Makonnen**.

Already ranking fourth in receiving yards (2,326) and fifth in receptions (145) on California's career lists, McArthur needs only 51 catches (**Dameane Douglas**, 195, 1995-98) and 406 yards (**Bobby Shaw**, 2,731, 1994-97) to become the school's all-time leader in both categories. He ended the 2003 regular season with a flourish, chalking up the second and eighth greatest receiving yardage days ever by a Cal player in his final two games, combining for 22 catches, 425 yards and three TDs vs. Washington (6 rec., 180 yds., 1 TD) and Stanford (school-record 16 rec., 245 yds., 2 TDs). A na-

Wide receiver
Burl Toler

tional TV audience was deprived of his special talent when he sustained a fractured arm in a fluke accident at practice, just five days before the Insight Bowl. The freak mishap also kept McArthur (1,504 yards) from becoming the Pac-10's single season receiving yardage king, as he was a shoo-in to surpass USC's **Johnnie Morton** (1,520).

Toler, a former walk-on who has persevered to become one of the Pac-10's most reliable receivers, will battle Makonnen for the other starting spot. Makonnen entered 2003 as the incumbent, having led the Bears in receptions (54) the previous season. However, the City College of San Francisco transfer was limited to 14 catches and 209 yards in three game appearances last year due to a painful stress fracture of his left foot. He missed the final 10 games, with Toler filling in admirably with 48 receptions, 609 yards and three touchdowns. Both silky smooth receivers known for their precise pass routes, Makonnen and Toler figure to give Rodgers' a solid option opposite McArthur.

But the Bears' veteran depth does not end there. Senior **Chase Lyman** (12 rec., 256 yds. 1 TD) and sophomore **David Gray** (6 rec., 46 yds.) combine excellent size and speed as key reserves. Battling through an assortment of injuries (shoulder, ankle, groin, hamstring, hip, appendicitis) during his career, Lyman seized a rare start-

ing opportunity in the Insight Bowl and delivered the goods. Filling in for the injured McArthur, the 6-4, 215-pound wide receiver corralled five passes for a career-high 149 yards and one touchdown against Virginia Tech in a mind-boggling performance. His 149 yards against the Hokies set a school bowl record and was the third highest total in the 15-year history of the

Insight Bowl. Gray, a former prep All-American at nearby McClymonds High School in Oakland, is another injury-hampered receiver (shoulder) with a tremendous upside.

Beyond the aforementioned five players, Cal welcomes four redshirt freshmen to the mix, none of which run the 40-yard dash above 4.5 seconds. They include ex-Berkeley High standout **Sean Young**—who may have been the most impressive true freshman in camp last year—prep All-Americans **Devin Stearns** and **Noah Smith**, and national Fred Biletnikoff Award winner **Sam DeSa**. Clocked at 4.29 in the 40 at Taft High School, *Rivals.com* last year wrote that Smith "could be the fastest player in the Golden State." While this mercurial quartet may have trouble finding

much playing time this year, their ability to stretch defenses may be an important new weapon for Cal's offense in 2004.

TIGHT ENDS

Odds-on favorite to claim the starting tight end job is senior **Garrett Cross**, who started five games last year before sustaining a fibular bone fracture of his left leg during a mid-November practice. Cross, a first team JC All-American and former teammate of Rodgers at Butte College, chased down 16 passes for 173 yards and three touchdowns in 10 games before his injury occurred. Exhibiting deep-threat potential on occasion, Cross particularly shined in games against USC (7 rec., 41 yards) and Oregon (3 rec., 59 yards, 18-yard TD). His seven grabs against the then No. 3 ranked Trojans equaled the most receptions by a Cal tight end in eight years. Other tight ends who could challenge for playing time are junior **John Rust** (4 rec., 52 yds. in '03), senior **Jordon Hunter** and redshirt freshman **Craig Stevens**. Due to injuries to Cross and Hunter (shoulder), Rust started the final three games of last season, with his greatest effort being two 20-yard receptions in the Big Game at Stanford. Stevens, who caught the coaching staff's eye during last year's camp, is a strong and physical youngster who could move up the depth chart rapidly. "Cross was starting to turn the corner when he got injured," said Tedford. "He was beginning to understand the speed and physical aspect of the game at this level. While it was an unfortunate situation, we feel he will become a very good tight end this season. And in his absence, Rust got a chance to play and improve, which will enable him to also be part of the tight end rotation this year."

OFFENSIVE LINE

Every year, offensive line coach **Jim Michalczyk** works wonders in creating a cohesive unit, and 2004 should be no exception. Despite losing two All-Pac-10 tackles in **Mark Wilson** (first team) and **Chris Murphy** (honorable mention) to graduation, this year's line remains stocked with prime talent and depth. Three starters return in junior tackle **Ryan O'Callaghan**, senior guard **Jonathan Giesel** and junior center **Marvin Philip**, a threesome that helped pave the way for the Pac-10's No. 1 rushing attack and No. 3 scoring offense. Last year's unit ranked third in the conference in sacks allowed (2.07 per game) and helped incorporate a 1,000-yard rusher, 1,500-yard receiver and 2,900-yard passer. O'Callaghan, who casts a large shadow at 6-7, 330 pounds, might well be moved from right guard—where he started the final 11 games last year—to right tackle in 2004. Giesel was the club's starting left guard in eight of the Bears' first 10 contests in '03 before knee and shoulder/neck injuries limited his playing time thereafter. A true soldier, he figures to return to the starting lineup after an off-season of recuperation. Philip, named the team's most improved lineman last season, returned from a two-year Mormon mission to reclaim

Tight End Garrett Cross

Wide Receiver Chase Lyman

Offensive Guard Jonathan Giesel

All three linebacker starters are back again in 2004, which should bode well for a fast-improving defense. Seniors **Wendell Hunter**, **Joe Maningo** and **Francis Blay-Miezah** will open spring camp as the reigning starters and their veteran leadership should contribute to a winning environment for Gregory's defense.

Hunter earned honorable mention All-Pac-10 notice as a junior, when he paced the Bears in sacks (seven) and ranked second on the team in tackles (94). Forty of his 94 stops came during a remarkable four-game stretch against Utah (10), Illinois (15), USC (7) and Oregon State (8), while his 15-tackle effort at Illinois also featured three sacks, which won him Pac-10 Defensive Player of the Week honors.

Maningo and Blay-Miezah immediately stepped in as JC transfers last year, starting seven and 13 games, respectively, in their first campaign of major college football. Maningo, unquestionably one of the team leaders, mustered only 31 tackles, two interceptions and 1.5 sacks in 11 games last year due to a serious knee injury—an injury he returned from in almost miraculous time. Blay-Miezah was one of the defense's most steady performers in 2003, racking up 46 tackles (fifth on the team) and five tackles for loss.

Other part-time starters who return include senior **Brian Tremblay** (five starts), who collected 31 tackles and one fumble recovery before a knee injury during the very first play of the Big Game ended his season, and senior **Sid Slater** (three starts), who posted 28 tackles and two interceptions.

Senior **Tag McCurdy**, sophomore **Andy Briner**, junior **Ryan Estes**, and redshirt freshmen **Chris Purtz**, **Greg Van Hoesen** and **Garrett Tremblay** (Brian's brother), provide needed depth.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Bears' defensive secondary may be the most improved of any 2004 unit. Four starters return in first team All-Pac-10 junior rover **Donnie McCleskey**, honorable mention All-Pac-10 senior free safety **Ryan Gutierrez**, junior cornerback **Harrison Smith** and sophomore cornerback **Daymeion Hughes**.

Even as a sophomore, McCleskey rated nationally as one of the finest defensive backs in college football last year. The 5-10, 180-pound team co-captain was voted his team's Defensive MVP after becoming the first Cal player to register a 100-tackle season in 10 years (**Jerrott Willard**, 133 in 1992). A playmaker extraordinaire, he broke a school record for defensive backs with 5.5 sacks last season.

Gutierrez may have been one of the Pac-10's most underrated players in 2003, as he rattled off 93 tackles and broke up five passes despite missing one game and four starts due to a pre-season knee injury. His crowning moment was a 12-tackle display against Virginia Tech which earned him Defensive MVP honors at the Insight Bowl.

The rangy Smith was one of Cal's most improved players last year, rebounding from a shaky start to notch 44 tackles and seven passes broken up (second on the team). He also blocked a team-high two punts on special teams last fall. Hughes was the Bears' most productive true freshman last year, starting five games and banking 30 tackles, two interceptions and one fumble recovery. He was one of a sophomore triumvirate that impressed in 2003, with the others being cornerbacks **Tim Mixon** and **Brandon**

his starting center position when regular **Nolan Blunzer** suffered an ankle injury Oct. 25. Philip never relinquished the job, starting the final five games of the season—a period in which Cal went 4-1 and averaged 205.6 rushing yards per game.

Junior **Aaron Merz**, who started six games last year at left guard while Giesel was sidelined, may have the inside track to claim the right guard position, which has opened with the transfer of O'Callaghan to tackle this year. He will be challenged, however, by incoming JC transfer **Bryan Deemer**, a third team JC All-American at San Joaquin Delta College last fall. Other returning linemen who may have breakthrough years in 2004 are junior **Derek**

Joyce (9 games played in '03) and sophomore **Andrew Cameron** (6 games), both legitimate contenders for the vacant starting left tackle role this season. Junior guard **Jonathan Murphy**, brother of the departed tackle Chris Murphy, could also see estimable time off the bench.

DEFENSIVE LINE

Defensive tackle **Lorenzo Alexander**, who has been All-Pac-10 honorable mention twice and Pac-10 All-Freshmen first team during his previous three years in Berkeley, could be primed and ready for a big senior season. Constantly drawing double-team attention from opposing teams, the 6-3, 295-pound linemen clogs up the middle like few of his peers in the conference. He bagged 32 tackles, one fumble recovery, 3.5 tackles for loss and one sack last year.

Alexander is one of two returning starters along the line, with the other holdover being senior end **Tosh Lupoi**, the club's seventh-leading tackler with 37 stops and fifth-leading sack man with three. Lupoi's 11 starts and 14 game appearances were noteworthy, considering he played the final four regular-season games wearing a cast for a broken right thumb.

Two seniors who are sure to challenge for starting jobs in 2004 are end **Ryan Riddle** and tackle **Tom Sverchek**, who were penciled into the opening lineup two and four times, respectively, last year. Riddle managed 29 tackles for the season, ranking second in sacks (6.5) and third in tackles for loss (7.5) on the team. Sverchek contributed 36 tackles and 6.5 tackles for loss.

Other possible candidates for starting jobs, or considerable reserve duty, include senior end **Ray Tago** (4 tackles, 1 sack), a highly-regarded JC transfer from Long Beach City College last year who missed seven games due mostly to a torn right triceps muscle; sophomore tackle **Brandon Mebane**, a former prep All-American at Los Angeles' Crenshaw High School who collected three tackles and a sack in four game appearances last year; redshirt freshman tackle **Matt Malele**, another prep All-American from Carson High; and incoming JC defensive end **Justin Johnson**, who cashed in 22 sacks for City College of San Francisco's national championship last season.

A wild card in the defensive line mix is highly-touted incoming freshman **Phillip Mbakogu**, a prep All-American at nearby Hayward High School who was rated the No. 4 strongside defensive end in the country last year by *Rivals.com*.

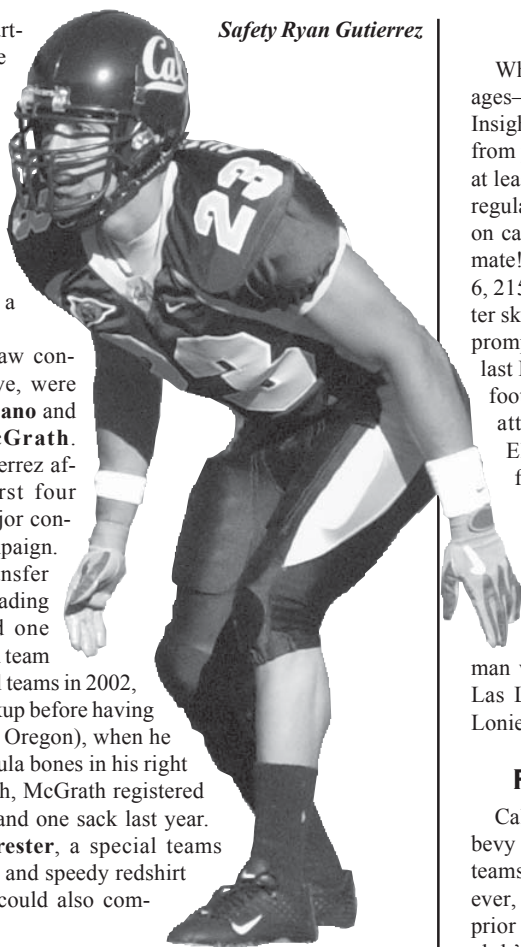
Linebacker Wendell Hunter

Sanders. Mixon seized a starting corner job right out of the gate last fall and gathered 17 tackles and six passes broken up in his first four games. But he tore the ACL tendon in his left knee in Week 4 at Utah and was lost for the remainder of the season. Sanders suffered a similar fate, appearing in only one game before a shoulder injury sidelined him.

Returning veterans, who saw considerable '03 action in reserve, were senior free safety **Matt Giordano** and senior rover **Mike McGrath**. Giordano, supplanted by Gutierrez after starting the season's first four games, continued to make major contributions throughout the campaign. The Fresno City College transfer finished as the club's fourth-leading tackler (50) and intercepted one pass. McGrath, voted a second team All-Pac-10 selection for special teams in 2002, was McCleskey's primary backup before having his season cut short Nov. 8 (at Oregon), when he fractured both his tibia and fibula bones in his right leg. In 11 games off the bench, McGrath registered 26 tackles, two interceptions and one sack last year.

Junior hopeful **Wale Forrester**, a special teams standout the past two seasons, and speedy redshirt freshman **Thomas DeCoud**, could also compete for playing time.

Safety Ryan Gutierrez



KICKING SPECIALISTS

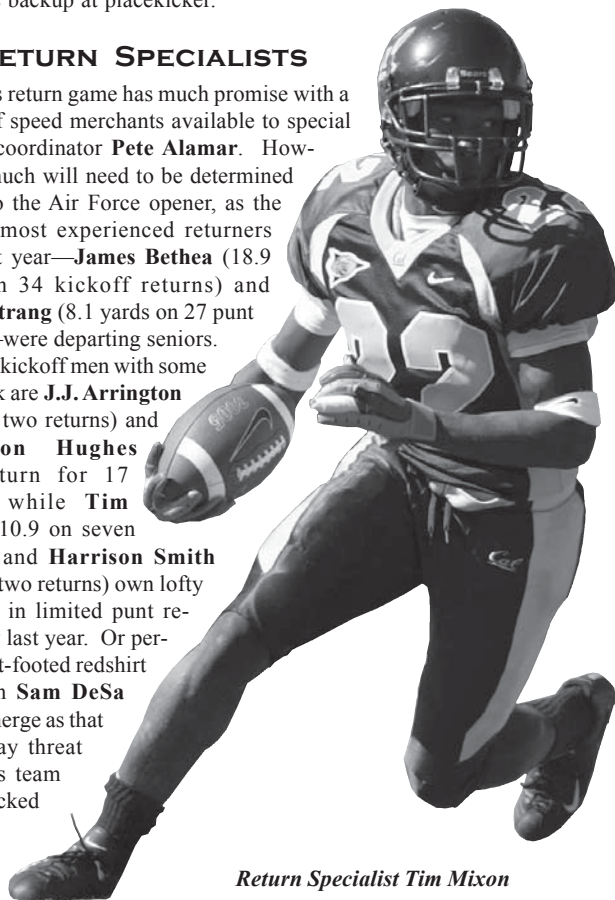
While graduated senior **Tyler Fredrickson** enjoyed two kicks for the ages—game-winning field goals against co-national champion USC and Insight Bowl opponent Virginia Tech—the Bears' kicking game was far from perfect last year. Fifteen missed field goals certainly played a role in at least four Cal losses that were not decided until the final two minutes of regulation or in overtime. That said, an intriguing new recruit has enrolled on campus and has quickly declared to all who will listen: "No worries, mate!" One of the most sought-after punter/kickers in the nation, the 6-6, 215-pound Australia-born **David Lonie** lists surfing, snowboarding, water skiing, horse riding and dirt biking among his varied hobbies. But what prompted Tedford to fly 35 hours round-trip to the Gold Coast of Australia last December to meet his parents was, clearly, based on his talented right foot. He averaged 41.8 yards on 55 punts, converted 11 of 19 field goal attempts and regularly boomed his kickoffs into the end zone for Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa last fall (note: his field goal misses were comprised of misfires from 57 yards twice, 54 yards, and five attempts that went awry because of bad or mishandled snaps).

While Lonie figures to land both the punting and kicking chores, he'll receive competition from the likes of senior **Lucas Everett**, who averaged 34.0 yards on six punts in limited early duty last year, and De La Salle High School's **Tony Binswanger**, a redshirt freshman walk-on with potential. **Tom Schneider**, a redshirt freshman from Las Lomas High in Walnut Creek, may have the early inside track as Lonie's backup at placekicker.

RETURN SPECIALISTS

Cal's return game has much promise with a bevy of speed merchants available to special teams coordinator **Pete Alamar**. However, much will need to be determined prior to the Air Force opener, as the club's most experienced returners from last year—**James Bethea** (18.9 yards on 34 kickoff returns) and **Vinnie Strang** (8.1 yards on 27 punt returns)—were departing seniors.

Those kickoff men with some past work are **J.J. Arrington** (19.5 on two returns) and **Daymeion Hughes** (one return for 17 yards), while **Tim Mixon** (10.9 on seven returns) and **Harrison Smith** (17.5 on two returns) own lofty averages in limited punt return duty last year. Or perhaps fleet-footed redshirt freshman **Sam DeSa** might emerge as that breakaway threat Tedford's team sorely lacked last year.



Return Specialist Tim Mixon

CAL IN 2004 PRE-SEASON RANKINGS

National Ranking

10th	Doug Steele's College Football Preview
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11th	ESPN.com
11th	Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook
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