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MEDIA INFORMATION

The 2005 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 Athletic 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 Athletic Media Relations at 349 Haas Pavilion, 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.

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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.

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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 11:30 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 1 p.m. Tuesdays. 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.

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This year's training camp will be held on campus, beginning Monday, Aug 8. 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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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.

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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).

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Cal postgame interviews are conducted in the Travers Club Room, with access on the mezzanine level of Memorial Stadium near Section AA. Following a 10-minute cooling off period, head coach Jeff Tedford will answer questions first, followed by requested players. The visiting team locker room

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BROADCASTING THE BEARS

Cal and KGO Radio (810 AM) of San Francisco continue to enjoy the longest-standing sports relationship in the Bay Area. Entering its 32nd consecutive season as the home for Cal football, KGO is a 50,000-watt ABC-owned and operated station that has been carrying Golden Bear games since the 1974 campaign.



During the summer, Cal and KGO agreed to a contract extension that will keep the Bears on the station through the 2009 season. It is the longest standing radio association in the Pac-10 Conference and one of the longest in college athletics.

Each broadcast begins with a 30-minute pregame show prior to kickoff, with the postgame report including player interviews from the locker room. In addition, a new feature this year is the Fifth Quarter, a 30-minute post-game program that follows the game.

Joe Starkey is returning for his 31st season as the "Voice of the Golden Bears." His 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 in the booth by former Cal quarterback Troy Taylor,

CAL RADIO TEAM



Joe Starkey



Troy Taylor

who begins his first season as an analyst this fall. A letterman for the Bears from 1986-89, Taylor still holds school records for career passing yards (8,126) and career total offense yards (8,236). He completed his tenure at Cal 683-for-1162 (58.8%) through the air with 51 touchdowns. In addition, Taylor served as an assistant coach for the Bears from 1996-99, working with quarterbacks, wide receivers and tight ends.

Joining KGO Radio on the Cal football network this season are: KKGO Radio (1260 AM, Los Angeles), KTKZ Radio (1380 AM, Sacramento), KESP Radio (970 AM, Modesto) and KNRO Radio (600 AM, Redding).

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**SENIOR FULLBACK
CHRIS MANDERINO**



2005 Outlook

2005 SEASON OUTLOOK

THE BEAT GOES ON IN BERKELEY

**GOLDEN BEARS AIM
FOR THIRD
STRAIGHT BOWL
APPEARANCE**

*Sophomore tailback
Marshawn Lynch, who
averaged a Pac-10 best
8.8 yards per carry as a
freshman, brings a
powerful running style
to the Golden Bear
backfield.*

It has been a dizzying ride for California football the past three years. From 1-10 in 2001 to 10-2 in 2004. From the worst record at the school in 104 years to the best record in 54 years. From off college football's radar screen to earning the school's highest national ranking (No. 4) in 52 years. From zero Pac-10 wins to seven conference victories, the most by a Bear team in 55 years. From one road win in an entire season to posting a school-record five in 2004. From being outscored by three touchdowns per game to outscoring their opponents by that same margin. From being the laughing stock of the Pac-10 to being the only school to defeat two-time national champion USC since 2002.

So, if you're one of those Golden Bear faithful, there are two burning questions that beg to be asked: "Can it get any better around here?"

And "How is Jeff Tedford going to pull it off this time?"

No question, the 2005 Bears will be challenged to keep this out-of-nowhere express train on a winning track that has seen Cal rattle off 15 victories in its last 18 games and come within an eyelash of a perfect regular season in 2004.

While Cal enjoyed the rarified air of a national Top 5 program much of last fall, Tedford, the 2004 Pac-10 Coach of the Year, is well aware of holes he must fill in this year's lineup.

After all, name another university that loses the country's only 2,000-yard rusher (J.J. Arrington), the school's career reception leader (Geoff McArthur) and single-season sack record holder (Ryan Riddle), as well as a quarterback picked in the first round of the NFL Draft (Aaron Rodgers)? And the Bears lose quantity as well as quality, as Tedford has had to say farewell to 13 starters from last year's Holiday Bowl team.

"Every year there seems to be a new challenge," said Tedford. "We are very young, but I can see maturity happen every day. During the spring, we were able to evaluate some of our younger talent, players who will have the opportunity to fill spots and make a strong contribution to this year's team and, really, the future of the program. They now understand the work it takes to reach our team goals."

When Tedford arrived on campus in January of 2002, he vowed to Old

Blues that his goal was to build Cal football into a Top 20 program. It didn't go unnoticed that the fresh-faced coach didn't say team, he said program.

After engineering three straight winning seasons at Cal for the first time in more than a half century, Tedford is well aware of the next task at hand if he wants the Golden Bears to emulate the other perennial Top 20 programs.

He knows it's not time to rebuild. Rather, it's time to reload.

If Cal can, indeed, maintain its recent success, the key will be an influx of new talent. And it would appear that Tedford and his coaching staff have replenished the 2005 roster with an extraordinary group of new players.

Rivals.com ranked the Bears' 2005 recruiting class No. 8 in the country with Scout.com placing Cal ninth nationally – the Bears' third consecutive Top 20 group under Tedford. Among the 12 All-Americans who signed are five who hail from the junior college level and offer the maturity, talent and experience to step right in and produce in areas where the Bears lost key personnel.

While Cal loses five starters from an offense that led the Pac-10 in total offense (492.4 ypg) and rushing (256.8 ypg), and ranked second to USC in scoring (36.8 ppg), the Bears should feature another talent-laden unit this fall.

Like any great offense, it will all start up front. Cal returns four starters from arguably the finest offensive line in the Pac-10 last season. Heading the group are senior center Marvin Philip, a first team All-Pac-10 choice and rated the No. 1 center in the country this fall by *The Sporting News*, and junior tackle Ryan O'Callaghan (6-7, 340), another first team All-Pac-10 selection in 2004. They are joined by senior guard Aaron Merz and junior tackle Andrew Cameron, both honorable mention all-conference picks a year ago.

But what has Cal fans worked up into a real frenzy is who this group will be blocking for. Despite losing Arrington to the NFL, the Bears feature a stable of talented runners, headlined by the mercurial Marshawn Lynch, who averaged nearly nine yards per carry as a true freshman last fall.

Unleashing four runs of over 40 yards and scoring 10 touchdowns as a backup during his rookie campaign, Lynch reeled off rushing efforts of 121

yards at Washington and 122 yards against Stanford in consecutive weeks. Overall, he led the Pac-10 with 8.8 yards per carry in gaining 628 yards on only 71 attempts last year.

In the spring, Lynch provided a glimpse of what fans might expect this fall, as his combined rushing total over Cal's three scrimmages was 241 yards on 17 carries, including a 95-yard burst in which he turned the corner and traveled untouched into the end zone.

Yet, Tedford is well aware that if his 2005 offense is going to match the production of previous units, the key will be striking a balance between the run and the pass. And a new cast of characters will be featured in this year's aerial arsenal.

At quarterback, Tedford has borrowed the same page that saw Rodgers blossom into one of college football's finest passers and field generals. He's dipped into the junior college ranks to pluck, perhaps, the premier JC quarterback in the United States in City College of San Francisco's 6-3, 220-pound Joe Ayooob.

Named California's 2004 Junior College Offensive Player of the Year and a first team JC All-American, Ayooob completed 61.3 percent of his passes for 3,679 yards and 35 touchdowns last autumn. A polished passer and rusher, Ayooob directed CCSF to a 23-1 record during his two-year tenure, and *SuperPrep* rated him the No. 2 junior college player in the nation.

Unlike Rodgers, who was forced to do a crash course in digesting Tedford's intricate offense during 2003 summer training camp, Ayooob had the luxury of beginning to master the Bears' playbook during spring drills after enrolling in January.

Redshirt-freshman QB Nate Longshore, last year's third-stringer and former *Parade* magazine All-American with big-league dimensions (6-5, 225), enters fall camp battling Ayooob for the No. 1 job after an impressive spring. Owner of a strong arm and a good understanding of the Cal system, Longshore also possesses one of the best work ethics on the squad.

"When we come into fall, there will be competition," Tedford said after the Spring Game.

With four senior receivers having graduated from the program – McArthur, Chase Lyman, Jonathan Makonnen and Burl Toler – wideout Robert Jordan, a true sophomore, is the most experienced pass-catcher returning. Showing flashes of promise, Jordan began the 2004 campaign with redshirt intentions but was pressed into starting duty due to a series of injuries that depleted the receiver ranks.

In six starts and eight games overall, Jordan snared 29 passes for 332 yards and two touchdowns to rank second on the club in receptions. While still somewhat green, Jordan clearly should develop into a top-flight Pac-10 receiver in the coming seasons, as his 2004 performances against Arizona State (seven catches for 116 yards and one TD) and Texas Tech (five receptions) in the Holiday Bowl suggest.

While junior David Gray (4 rec., 39 yds. in '04) and a speedy group of sophomore wide receivers that includes



MEMORIAL STADIUM RENOVATION PROCESS UNDERWAY

As the Golden Bears enter the season this fall, the process to renovate historic Memorial Stadium is well underway.

HNTB Architecture, a national leader in the planning and design of sports and entertainment facilities and the primary architectural firm that will oversee the retrofit and modernization of the 82-year-old venue, has been working with Athletic Department and University officials, as well as alumni and other interested parties, over the past few months to design an upgraded and modernized structure.

The plan is to preserve the character of the stadium while creating a first-rate facility that improves safety, enhances the game-day experience for fans, and provides football and 12 other men's and women's intercollegiate teams with space for a state-of-the-art training, development and coaching center.

Recognized for its design of new and renovated stadiums both on the professional and college levels, HTNB has helped upgrade such historic venues as the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum, Ohio State's Ohio Stadium, Purdue's Ross-Ade Stadium and Spartan Stadium at Michigan State in recent years. The firm has also secured contracts to renovate stadiums at Michigan and Illinois.

For the Cal project, HTNB is working in conjunction with Studios Architecture, an internationally recognized design firm in San Francisco. Working with a Memorial Stadium Advisory Committee last fall, Studios developed the integrated concept for the southeast campus improvements.

Noah Smith, Sam DeSa and Sean Young will have ample opportunities to earn playing time this fall, there are two incoming recruits that may determine whether the Golden Bears can repeat as an upper echelon team in the Pac-10.

Lavelle Hawkins, a teammate of Ayooob's at City College of San Francisco, averaged 22.8 yards per catch in flagging down 23 passes for 525 yards in seven games after enrolling late at CCSF in 2004. The 4.4 speedster ranked as the No. 4 athlete in the country by Rivals.com, earning JC All-America honors from *SuperPrep*.

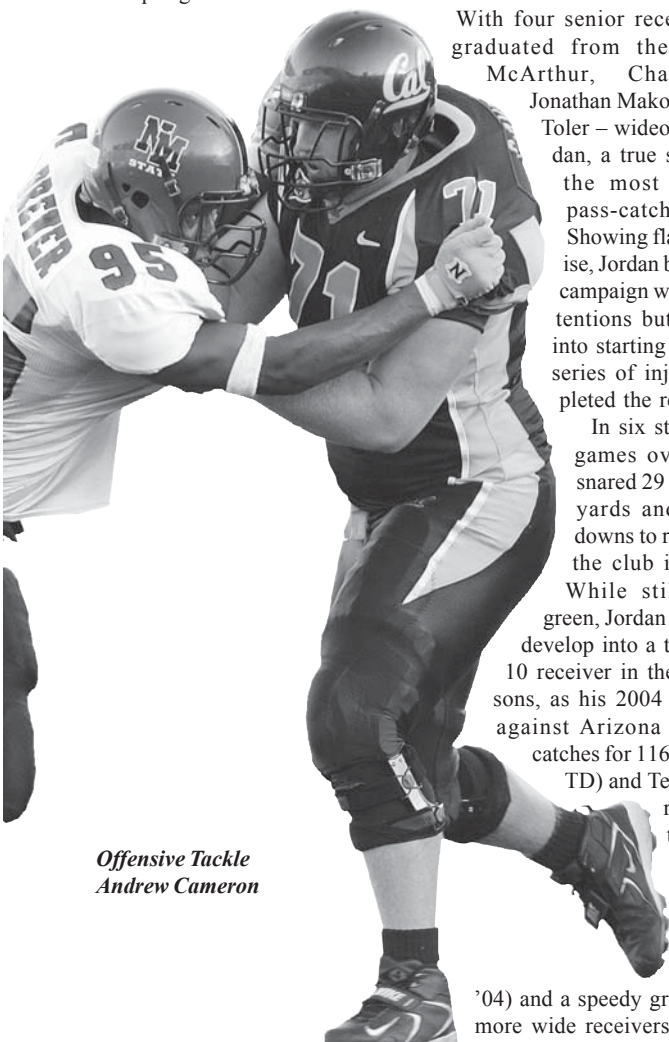
The most intriguing recruit among the receiving corps, however, is freshman DeSean Jackson. Named the *Los Angeles Times'* Southern California Player of the Year, the 6-0, 175-pound Jackson caught 60 passes for 1,075 yards for Long Beach Poly High School and scored 15 touchdowns – eight of which measured 60 yards or more. A *Parade* All-American, he was named MVP of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl after corraling seven passes for 141 yards and passing for a 45-yard touchdown. He later snagged five passes for 145 yards and one TD in the CaliFlorida Bowl.

"DeSean brings big-play potential to our program," said Tedford. "At this stage of his career, he's one of the most polished receivers I have ever seen."

While there will be personnel changes at the skilled positions on offense, coordinator Bob Gregory is facing the prospects of an extreme makeover for the Cal defense.

"We have so many new guys who must step in," Tedford said.

Only three starters return from a 2004 group that ranked No. 2 nationally against the rush (79.4 ypg), ranked among the NCAA leaders in scoring (8th) and total defense (24th), and allowed the fewest points per game (16.0) at the school since 1968.



**Offensive Tackle
Andrew Cameron**

Gregory, a finalist for the 2004 Broyles Award as one of college football's top assistant coaches, will have ample opportunity to prove his mettle this fall as he and his defensive staff try to mesh many new but talented players into their 4-3 scheme. Fortunately, there are capable returning or incoming players at every position.

Anchoring this year's defensive unit will be three returning starters in senior Harrison Smith and junior Daymeion Hughes at cornerback, and junior Brandon Mebane at tackle. Smith, who will become a three-year starter, set a school record by breaking up 18 passes last season, while Hughes added 26 tackles and six passes broken up as a sophomore in '04. Mebane, one

of the best young defensive tackles in the Pac-10, joined Smith as an honorable mention all-conference selection last year after garnering 25 tackles, including six for losses of 24 yards, in starting the Bears' final eight games of the season.

Also back for his senior campaign is rover Donnie McCleskey, a 2003 All-Pac-10 first team choice who battled through an injury-plagued 2004 season that would have sidelined most players. Unquestionably the leader on defense, he hopes to recapture his '03 form that saw him set a school record for tackles (102) and sacks (5.5) by a defensive back.

Some other pivotal players who return are senior end Tosh Lupoi, an 11-game starter in 2003 who has gained a medical hardship sixth season after missing last year with a foot fracture; junior end Steve Kelly, who started Cal's first three games last fall before suffering a season-ending knee injury in practice; junior reserve cornerback Tim Mixon, who collected 26 tackles and a team-best three interceptions as the club's nickel back after starting the first four games of 2003 at corner before a knee injury ended that season; and senior outside linebacker Ryan Foltz, who started five games last year and pocketed 25 tackles.

However, Gregory knows that many newcomers to the program must play well immediately if the Bear defense expects to growl again in '05.

Among the reinforcements who could seize starting roles from the get-go are a trio of JC All-Americans in linebackers Desmond Bishop (City College of San Francisco) and Mickey Pimentel (Pima Community College), and defensive end Nu'u Tafisi (Mt. San Antonio College). Two of the three – Bishop and Tafisi – participated in spring drills, which helped accelerate their adaptation to the Division I level.

Bishop, named California's State JC Defensive Player of the Year and rated the No. 4 JuCo player in the nation by *SuperPrep*, crushed opponents for 118 tackles in 10 regular-season games as Ayoob's and Hawkins' teammate at CCSF.

Pimentel offers similar credentials. As the National Junior College Athletic Association Region I Defensive Player of the Year, the 6-2, 220-pound outside linebacker utilized his 4.6 speed to cash in 10.5 sacks for a Pima club that finished fifth in the final NJCAA national poll.

Ranked the No. 3 JC defensive end in the nation last year by *SuperPrep*, Tafisi could apply plenty of heat on Pac-10 quarterbacks this fall. Despite being double- and triple-teamed last season, the 6-2, 265-pound end stockpiled 16 sacks and 23 tackles for loss.

Besides Bishop, Pimentel and Tafisi – all of whom were rated among the Top 30 junior college players in the United States – there are some incoming freshmen who may be asked to contribute immediately.

They include prep All-America linebacker Anthony Felder (O'Dea HS, Shoreline, Wash.), ranked the No. 3 player in the state of Washington and the No. 6 inside linebacker in the nation last year; Syd'Quan Thompson (Grant HS, Sacramento), rated the No. 11 cornerback and No. 13 overall athlete in the nation in '04; and DB Robert Peele (Edison HS, Fresno), Rivals.com's No. 18 cornerback on its national list.

The Bears' kicking game figures to improve in 2005 with the return of punter David Lonie (40.0 avg.) and place kicker Tom Schneider (9-16 FG, school-record 56-of-57 PATs).

For Tedford, the man who has resurrected a once-moribund program at Cal, the upcoming season represents just another hurdle in his long-term vision of establishing a new order of power in Pac-10 football.

The Golden Bears open their 2005 season by playing three of their first five games in the friendly confines of Memorial Stadium against Sacramento State, Illinois and Arizona, and the final home contest is a Nov. 12 rematch against two-time defending national champion USC. It promises to be good theater, considering the last three Cal-USC games have produced nail-biting finishes, and the most recent pairing in Berkeley resulted in a 34-31 triple-overtime Bear victory – the only blemish on USC's record in the last two years.

A position-by-position breakdown of the 2005 team, as it enters fall practice:

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

Seldom does a college program face the prospects of replacing a quarterback as talented as Aaron Rodgers. Obviously ready to play on a higher level, Rodgers opted to forgo his senior year at Cal to enter the 2005 NFL Draft, where he was selected by the Green Bay Packers in the first round.

While the team will need to find other ways to replace his big numbers – the first team All-Pac-10 pick passed for 5,469 yards and 43 touchdowns while setting a Pac-10 career mark for lowest interception percentage (1.95%) in two seasons in Berkeley – it may be Rodgers' leadership abilities that will be missed the most.

Neither of the two quarterbacks battling to fill Rodgers' shoes has taken a snap at the Division I-A level, but Tedford was pleased with the progress both candidates displayed in the spring. Regardless of their standing following the Spring Game, Tedford said the real competition to win the starting job will begin in earnest when the Bears return to campus for fall camp.

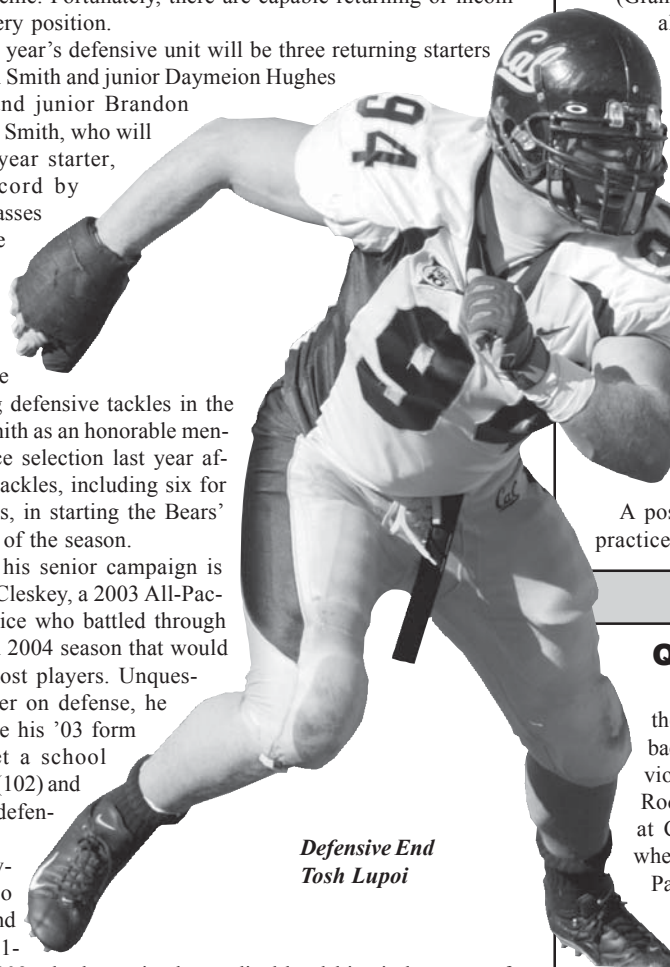
Joe Ayoob (pronounced A-yoob) enrolled at Cal for the spring semester after an All-American career at City College of San Francisco. The 6-3, 220-pounder, the No. 1-rated JC passer in California last year, used the opportunity to learn as much of the playbook as possible.

Ayoob's credentials suggest he could step in quickly, much like Rodgers did in 2003 after transferring from Butte College. He guided CCSF to a 23-1 combined mark in two seasons there and directed the state's most prolific JC offense in '04 (500.1 ypg).

Nate Longshore, who played on the Bears' scout team as a freshman last year, was an all-everything quarterback in high school. The 6-5, 225-pounder was a consensus All-American, passing for 3,449 yards and 34 touchdowns with only 12 interceptions as a senior at Canyon High School in Southern California.

Clearly benefiting under the tutelage of Tedford and offensive coordinator George Cortez, Longshore has made significant strides in his quest to become a future starting QB at Cal. In the Spring Game, he completed 5-of-6 passes for 106 yards and three scores.

Adding support behind center are **Steve Levy**, a junior who came to Cal as a quarterback, played fullback last fall and then returned to QB in the spring, and incoming freshman **Kyle Reed**, who was rated the No. 10 prep quarterback in the country by ESPN.com out of Oakland's McClymonds HS.



*Defensive End
Tosh Lupoi*



Nate Longshore

RUNNING BACK

Despite the loss of J. J. Arrington – the nation's leader in rushing yards (2,018) who averaged 7.0 yards per carry last fall – Cal's running back corps must be regarded as one of the deeper groups in the Pac-10.

Rated the country's No. 2 high school running back by one respected recruiting service coming out of Oakland Tech High, **Marshawn Lynch** (5-11, 215) didn't disappoint as Arrington's understudy last season. Although he did not start a game as a true freshman in 2004, Lynch rushed for 628 yards in his debut season. He put up even more gaudy statistics than that, however, in averaging 8.8 yards per carry (No. 1 in the Pac-10), scoring 10 touchdowns and averaging 24.8 yards per kickoff return (No. 3 in the conference).

With a great combination of speed, strength and balance, Lynch's best asset may be his ability to change direction seemingly at will. Now in 2005, he will get center stage and will be the primary target for opposing defenses.

Senior **Terrell Williams** (109 yds., 2 TDs) and junior **Marcus O'Keith** (96 yards), who averaged 8.4 and 5.3 yards per carry in 2004, respectively, give the Bears two players who would start on many Pac-10 teams. Williams, who did start as a true freshman and rushed for a team-best 688 yards in 2001, needs only 64 yards in 2005 to join Cal's 1,000-yard career rushing list. O'Keith, slowed by an ankle sprain last year, burst loose for 103 yards on only 12 carries against Washington as a redshirt freshman in 2003.

In addition, 5-8, 180-pound sophomore **Justin Forsett** gives the Bears a quick and elusive tailback who can also be called upon to bolster Cal's special teams as a return man. He showed glimpses of his unique talents in the Air Force opener, squirting free for 34 yards and a touchdown on seven carries.

What will make the work of all of the running backs a bit easier this fall is the blocking of three-year starter **Chris Manderino** at fullback. Manderino, one of the most fundamentally sound players on the team, continues to offer superior protection for both the running and passing game. While his touches of the football are limited in the Tedford offense, the 6-1, 230-pound fullback has averaged more than four yards per carry in his career (137 yards on 33 carries) and also gained more than 11 yards per reception (296 yards and three TDs on 30 catches).

The Bears also enjoy depth at fullback with junior **Byron Storer**, who connected on a 58-yard touchdown pass play at Oregon State last year, and redshirt freshman **Will Ta'ufu'ou**.

Even without the return of Arrington, Cal has a legitimate chance to repeat as the Pac-10's rushing champion for a third straight year in 2005.

WIDE RECEIVER

The Bears were hit hard by graduation at the wide receiver position, losing arguably their top four players from a year ago. When healthy, the starting tandem of Geoff McArthur and Chase Lyman gave Cal one of the best one-two punches in college football.

McArthur, an All-American and All-Pac-10 first team choice, is the only player in school history to reach the coveted 200-reception and 3,000-yard career plateaus, as he set Cal records in both categories (202 for 3,188 yards), as well as the single-season reception yardage mark of 1,504 in 2003.

Lyman, meanwhile, provided the Bears with size and speed when healthy, as the gifted pass-catcher was averaging a NCAA-leading 29.6 yards per grab when he suffered a season-ending knee injury at USC last year. Add the loss of part-time starters Jonathan Makonnen and Burl Toler, who combined for 152 career catches, 13 touchdowns and nearly 2,000 yards between them, and you can understand why the Bears will likely rely heavily on true sophomore **Robert Jordan**.

It was a whirlwind year for Jordan in 2004, as the promising freshman played exclusively on Cal's scout teams as an apparent redshirt the first four weeks of the season. But as an injury epidemic struck, Jordan was activated in



Chris Manderino



Robert Jordan

Game 5 against UCLA, and he played in the final eight games of the season, starting the final six, in place of previous starters Lyman, Toler and Makonnen.

Jordan responded remarkably well, considering the short transition. He finished the year with 29 receptions for 332 yards and two touchdowns, ranking second on the team to McArthur in catches.

Returning junior **David Gray** and sophomores **Noah Smith**, **Sam DeSa** and **Sean Young** will get an opportunity to showcase their substantial talent during the upcoming campaign. Gray, at 6-3, 220 pounds, provides a big target for Cal's quarterbacks and is looking for his first healthy season. Smith, DeSa and Young are all speedsters who have seen limited action so far, but are poised to move into the rotation this fall.

Former *Parade* magazine All-Americans **Lavelle Hawkins** and **DeSean Jackson** headline the newcomers and figure to make strong bids in their first seasons.

Hawkins, the state's No. 7 punt returner at City College of San Francisco with a 15.0 yard average last year, is a bona fide deep threat. Prior to his JC season, he strung together back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons at Edison High in Stockton.

Jackson is the first incoming Cal player to win the Glenn Davis Award as Southern California's top player since running back Russell White captured the award at Crespi High in 1987. Among wide receivers nationally, the Long Beach Poly grad was ranked No. 3 by *PrepStar* and No. 4 by ESPN.com.

TIGHT END

Tight end may be one of the thinner areas on the 2005 team, as far as depth is concerned, but sophomore **Craig Stevens** clearly is ready for the lead role. The 6-5, 255-pounder served as Garrett Cross' backup last year, and while his receiving numbers were minimal (4 rec., 61 yds., 1 TD), he seized attention for his fine play as both a blocker and pass-catcher.

While it would appear he has the inside track at the starting job in '05, seniors **John Rust** (6 rec., 54 yds. in his career) and **Eric Beegun** provide veteran help.

Prep All-American **Cameron Morrah** (Claremont HS), a 6-5, 240-pound converted defensive end with 4.6 speed, could also surprise in his freshman campaign.



Craig Stevens

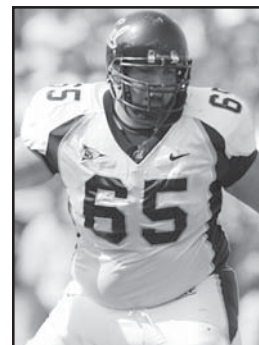
OFFENSIVE LINE

One of the more celebrated offensive lines in the nation returns virtually intact after paving the way for Cal to rank fifth in total offense (492.4 ypg), sixth in rushing (256.8 ypg) and seventh in scoring (36.8 ppg) among NCAA offenses in 2004. As a tribute to their exceptional work, all five starters from last year earned some form of All-Pac-10 honors. Only guard Jonathan Giesel will be missing this fall from that esteemed group.

Returning for another season are All-Pac-10 first team seniors **Marvin Philip** (center) and **Ryan O'Callaghan** (offensive tackle), both worthy All-America candidates this year, as well as senior **Aaron Merz** (guard) and junior **Andrew Cameron** (offensive tackle), a pair of All-Pac-10 honorable mention picks in 2004.

Philip, who lost his starting job after his freshman season of 2001 when he left school for a two-year Mormon mission, has seen the Bears zoom to a 14-3 record since he reclaimed the center spot midway through the 2003 season. His stellar play last year earned him first team All-America notice by Sports Illustrated.com, and he was named one of seven finalists for the Rimington Trophy as the nation's best center.

It would appear that sophomore **Erik Robertson**, Giesel's backup last fall, would have a step up at the open left guard spot. Other veterans who provide experienced backup support include senior tackle **Jonathan Murphy**; junior **Scott Smith**, who has moved from center to tackle; junior tackle **Bryan Deemer**; sophomore guard **Brian De La Puente**; and redshirt-freshmen **Alex Mack**, **Noris Malele**, **Mike Tepper** and **John Gibson**.



Aaron Merz

DEFENSE

DEFENSIVE LINE

The leadership and relentless play of Pac-10 sack champion Ryan Riddle and second team All-Pac-10 tackle Lorenzo Alexander will certainly be missed in the trenches this year.

Yet, there are still playmakers among the front line, headed by returning 2004 starting tackle **Brandon Mebane** and 2003 starting end **Tosh Lupoi**.

Mebane is a hyperactive run-stuffer with a constant motor. The 6-3, 290-pound junior and former Los Angeles Central City Player of the Year from Crenshaw High could blossom into one of the Pac-10's best in 2005. He earned conference honorable mention notice as a sophomore when he made 25 tackles, including six for loss and 2.5 sacks. Mebane's most notable effort came at USC last year when he cornered Trojan QB Matt Leinart for 1.5 sacks.

Lupoi started 11 games as a junior in 2003 as the Bears' seventh-leading tackler (37). But the 6-4, 260-pound end suffered a foot fracture during 2004 training camp and was sidelined all of last season. Fortunately, a medical hardship sixth year has been granted to the veteran lineman, and he could go a long way in replacing the leadership lost from last year's defense.

Other returnees who saw significant playing time in '04 include junior end **Steve Kelly** (6 tackles, 1 sack, 1 int.), who drew three starts to open the season in place of Lupoi before sustaining his own season-ending knee injury, sophomore tackle **Matthew Malele** (4 tackles) and sophomore end **Phillip Mbakogu** (3 tackles). In addition, junior **Abu Ma'afala**, a transfer from Hawaii, adds a veteran presence after playing in 19 games for the Warriors during his first two collegiate seasons.

But the real impact player of 2005 may very well be junior **Nu'u Tafisi**, one of the elite defensive ends in junior college football last year at Mt. San Antonio College. The first team JC All-American pummeled foes for 59 tackles, 16 sacks and 23 tackles for loss in earning his conference's Defensive Most Valuable Player award.

LINEBACKER

The linebacking unit may epitomize the current state of Cal football better than any other position on the team. Losses from last year were considerable, yet the incoming recruiting class might be one of the most talented in the country.

Regulars Wendell Hunter (first team All-Pac-10), Sid Slater, Joe Maningo and Francis Blay-Miezah have departed, as part-time starter **Ryan Foltz** and reserve **Greg Van Hoesen** are the only returnees who even appeared in game action last year.

Foltz, a five-game starter and vital contributor last season, posted 25 tackles and one sack in 11 games. Van Hoesen added three tackles and a blocked kick in eight game appearances.

Other returning linebackers who may be ready for playing time include sophomore **Andy Briner**, juniors **Jaylon DeBruin** and **Chris Purtz**, and redshirt-freshman **Worrell Williams**.

Yet with no game experience to back up their candidacy, incoming JC All-Americans **Desmond Bishop** and **Mickey Pimentel** could very well win starting jobs in their maiden Cal seasons.

Bishop, at 6-2, 245 pounds, was rated the No. 4 JC player in the United States by *SuperPrep*, as he averaged almost 12 tackles per game. Named the state's 2004 JC Defensive Player of the Year, he gained familiarity with Cal's system after enrolling for the spring semester.

Meanwhile, Pimentel appears to be another prime-time player. An explosive outside linebacker who blitzed quarterbacks for 10.5 sacks last year, the 6-2, 220-pound junior was named the Western States Football League's Defensive Player of the Year in 2004.



Steve Kelly



Ryan Foltz

DEFENSIVE BACK

While All-Pac-10 first team choice Matt Giordano and team captain Ryan Gutierrez leave voids at safety, two starters and three key reserves return from last year's unit.

Heading the list is senior rover **Donnie McCleskey**, who inspired his teammates last year by playing almost the entire season with a painful shoulder. A first team All-Pac-10 selection as a sophomore in 2003 and a pre-season All-American in some 2004 preview magazines, McCleskey was limited to only two starts last fall due to his injury.

Now healthy, McCleskey hopes to return to his 2003 form when he broke Cal's defensive back record for most tackles (102) and led all Pac-10 defensive backs in tackles, sacks (5.5) and tackles for loss (12 for 49). In fact, his 102 stops in '03 were the most tackles by any Cal player in 10 years (Jerrott Willard, 147 in 1993).

He is joined in the starting secondary by senior **Harrison Smith** and junior **Daymeion Hughes**, two of the more established cornerbacks in the conference. Smith, who notched 31 tackles and one interception last fall, set a Cal all-time season record by breaking up 18 passes in 2004. Hughes, meanwhile, registered 26 tackles, six passes broken up and one forced fumble last year.

Add to that group two other savvy vets in junior cornerback **Tim Mixon** and sophomore safety **Thomas DeCoud**, players who must be considered legitimate starting candidates in their own right.

Mixon, who won a starting job as a redshirt freshman in the 2003 fall training camp before a knee injury ended his season four games into the schedule, returned to 100 percent health last year after a rigorous rehab period. He started only one game but played in all 12 contests for the Bears, reeling off 28 tackles, six passes broken up and a team-leading three interceptions. DeCoud added nine tackles in a more limited secondary role, but his rare jumping ability resulted in three blocked kicks on special teams.

SPECIAL TEAMS

It was kicking by committee last year for special teams coach Pete Alamar's unit, with Australian David Lonie handling the punting chores, Tom Schneider kicking field goals and extra points, and Anthony Binswanger serving as kickoff specialist.

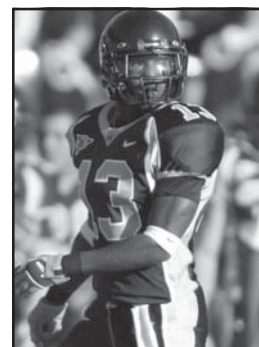
All experienced inconsistency in their first year, but all three should benefit this year from their 2004 work.

Lonie, a transfer from Ellsworth Community College (Iowa City, Iowa), boomed seven punts over 50 yards and averaged an even 40.0 yards per punt, with a season long of 61 yards against Arizona.

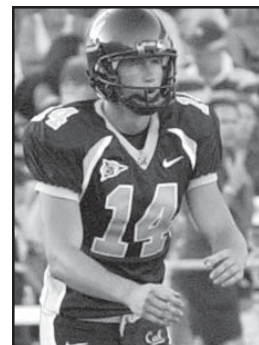
Schneider, a walk-on from nearby Las Lomas High in Walnut Creek who has since been rewarded with a scholarship, converted four of his final five field goal attempts in finishing with 9-of-16 on the season. He also set a school record for PATs (56) and PAT attempts (57).

Binswanger, another local walk-on from De La Salle High in Concord, should benefit from an offseason strength and conditioning regimen that should lengthen his kicks this fall, allowing him to reach the end zone more often.

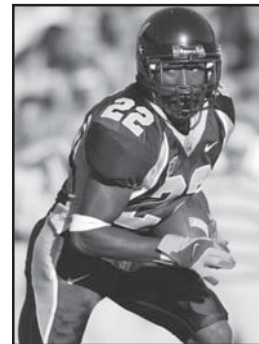
All of Cal's kick-return specialists are back, although Lynch, who averaged 24.8 ypr, may cede the position to a teammate due to his more extensive duties on offense. Tailbacks Terrell Williams and Justin Forsett ended the spring sessions as the leading candidates to return kickoffs, while Tim Mixon (11.1 ypr in 2004) and Brandon Hampton are the top contenders for punt returner.



Daymeion Hughes



David Lonie



Tim Mixon