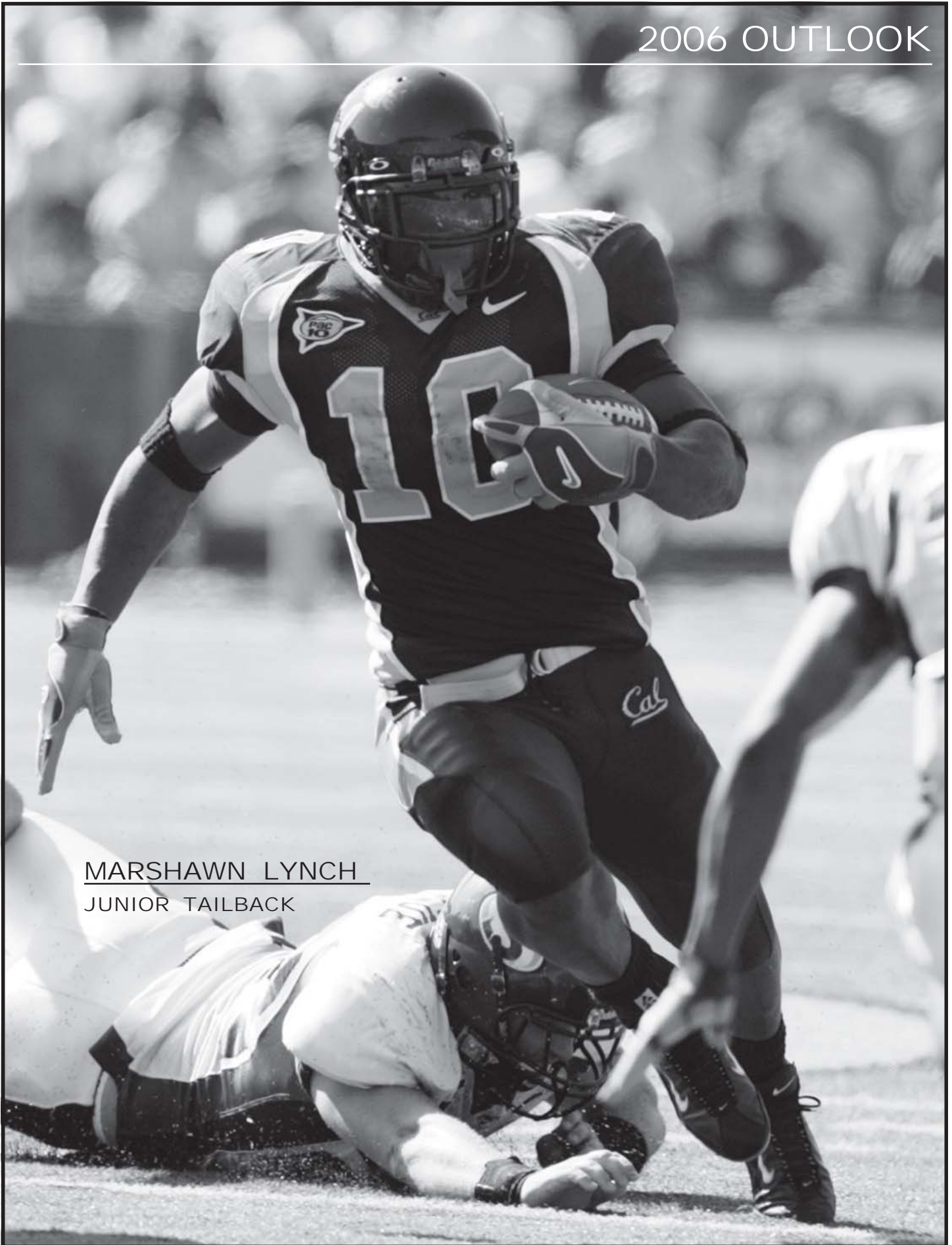




2006 OUTLOOK



MARSHAWN LYNCH
JUNIOR TAILBACK



2006 OUTLOOK



Head Coach Jeff Tedford enters his fifth season as the head coach at Cal.



Scott Smith started eight games at left tackle for the Bears.



Senior Erik Robertson returns at left guard for the Bears.

To the typical observer of college football, **Jeff Tedford** faced three different challenges when he inherited a struggling University of California football program in 2002.

Stage one was to flip the program and provide new life in Strawberry Canyon.

Re-directing the fortunes of California from the pitfalls of the 1-10 team Tedford inherited into a winning program looked to be a process that could would take lots and lots of energy, and possibly years and years to accomplish.

Mission accomplished in a matter of months. Tedford's first group of Golden Bears opened with three straight wins en route to a 7-5 record.

Stage two. Make an impact in the Pac-10 Conference and become a regular in the top 25.

Another mission accomplished.

Four games into the 2002 season, the Bears were in the polls for the first time under Tedford and they have climbed all the way into the top five during his tenure with numerous weeks in the top 10. Over the last two seasons, California has been a fixture in the polls, ending each of the last two seasons as a member of the top 25 for the first time in back-to-back seasons since the 1950s.

The final challenge is consistency, and under Tedford, California is becoming one of America's most consistent programs. The record shows four straight winning seasons, three straight bowl games, and at least eight wins in each of the last three campaigns.

The Jeff Tedford stamp has been firmly placed on the California football program.

Many of Tedford's accomplishments are taking place in Berkeley for the first time since the glory day of Lynn "Pappy" Waldorf in the 1940s and 1950s.

Those accomplishments would seem to satisfy the requests of a typical college football fan.

However, inside the historical walls of California Memorial Stadium, the mission continues. The non-stop drive to continue to improve, reach new heights, and grow into an even greater national presence are far from being fulfilled, despite the bucket-load of accomplishments already attained by the Golden Bears under Tedford.

And make no mistake, America is taking notice. In fact, it has noticed the California accomplishments so much that maybe a fourth stage of the rebuilding process should be added.

High Expectations

California enters the 2006 season amid top-10 summer prognostications, Heisman Trophy talk and with as many seven players gaining preseason All-America recognition or appearing on national watch lists.

Even for a program that climbed into the Associated Press top five just two seasons ago, the preseason buzz surrounding Cal football brings a different scent to the air of the Berkeley campus.

"It has always been our goal to compete at a national level on a consistent basis," Tedford said on the brink of his fifth season in Berkeley. "While the preseason rankings are flattering, our success is still contingent on our daily preparation – hard work and sacrifice. I do think our players look forward to the expectations."

California enters 2006 with a habit of winning, a consistent presence in the polls and soaring respect. Offering evidence of that is the 2005 season. Despite returning the fewest number of starters in the Pac-10 Conference, the Bears were picked second in the league and climbed as high as No. 9 in the Associated Press poll in what, on paper, was a rebuilding season. Injuries and a couple of nail-biting losses were a factor in an 8-4 season.

It was the kind of season that would have been wildly celebrated just a couple of years earlier. It was a season that provided numerous accomplishments considering the youth and injuries in 2005.

It was the kind of season that might have just set the table for bigger things in 2006.

Less than two years removed from a run at the national championship and a run at the Rose Bowl, Cal's 54 returning lettermen and 16 returning position starters have fans once again eagerly awaiting the opening kickoff with dreams of big things.

"We're a different team this season," Tedford said. "We are a year older after being very young last season. But we need to continue to

build team chemistry and gain knowledge and experience. There is a lot of potential in a lot of places."

OFFENSE

It was a year of transition for the Cal Bears in 2005. Gone was a 2,000-yard rusher. Gone was a first-round draft pick at quarterback, and gone was the school's all-time leading receiver.

How did the Golden Bears handle the losses? By ranking ninth nationally in rushing with 235 yards per game and 26th in America in total offense, despite starting three different quarterbacks, and rebuilding the receiving corps.

Things will be different this fall. For starters, Cal returns two of the top seven rushers in the Pac-10 in **Marshawn Lynch** and **Justin Forsett**, a handful of big-play receivers that are still very young, an accomplished two-deep at tight end and all three of the quarterbacks who got starting assignments a year ago.

Up front, the Bears must replace some of the foundation with the loss of All-Pac-10 players **Ryan O'Callaghan** (tackle) and **Marvin Philip** (center). But there is talent and still some experience up front for a Cal team that has fielded some of the nation's most exciting offenses since Tedford arrived.

If possible, the Bears will have even more firepower in the football staff room with the arrival of former Northwestern offensive coordinator **Mike Dunbar**.

"With the addition of Coach Dunbar, we will work to meld the two offenses together to see what components of the spread offense we will want to incorporate into our current offense," Tedford said.

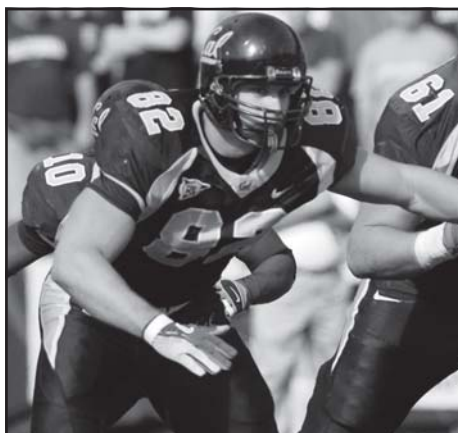
OFFENSIVE LINE

There is little doubt that the Bears coaching staff spent lots of time looking at scenarios in the offensive front, the only place on the offensive side of the field where the Bears suffered major losses from 2005.

"We will be looking for some of our young guys to gain some experience there and give them a chance to gel," the head coach said.



Alex Mack could start at center after gaining experience as a backup in 2005.



Tight end Craig Stevens was honorable mention All-Pac-10 last season.



Robert Jordan was second on the team last year with 34 catches for 455 yards.

OFFENSIVE LINE

GUARD

Kevin Bemoll	6-5	305	Fr	RS
Bryan Deemer	6-4	311	Sr	1V
Brian De La Puente	6-4	306	Jr	1V
Tyler Krieg	6-4	296	Sr	TR
Noris Malele	6-4	294	So	1V
Erik Robertson	6-2	315	Sr	2V

TACKLE

Andrew Cameron	6-5	305	Sr	3V
Matt Laird	6-7	295	Fr	RS
Scott Smith	6-4	286	Sr	2V
Chet Teofilo	6-3	305	So	1V
Mike Tepper	6-6	336	So	RS

CENTER

Mark Gray	6-2	277	Jr	TR
Alex Mack	6-5	300	So	1V

"We thought before **Mike Tepper's** injury that he could have been a factor for us and **Mark Gray** is a guy we brought in during the spring who is a smart and competitive player."

The Bears lost three solid starters up front, including the headliners in O'Callaghan and Philip. Also gone is the steady **Aaron Merz**, who started 10 games and super sub **Jonathan Murphy**, who had starts at both tackle spots last season. O'Callaghan, Philip and Merz all heard their names called on NFL Draft weekend.

During the summer, California added two big names up front. **Andrew Cameron** started up front on the 2004 squad that went 10-2 in 2004. He was a starter early in 2005 when his season was ended by injury. He did not participate in 2006 spring drills as he mulled leaving the game. However, he will return in 2006 for his senior season, and suddenly the holes up front are a little less forboding.

The summer also saw the arrival of offensive lineman **Tyler Krieg**. The former Duke starter transferred to Cal and is immediately eligible because he earned his degree in Durham with eligibility still left. He is also expected to have an early presence. He will immediately become one of Cal's most experienced offensive linemen.

"It's a pleasant surprise to have Andrew Cameron back," Tedford said. "He brings a lot of

experience and knowledge at this level and has played many games for us. To have him back creates some depth and experience for us.

"Tyler doesn't have the experience in our offense, but has competed at a high level and will also provide a lot of depth and experience.

TACKLE

Senior **Scott Smith** will hold down the fort at one tackle spot entering fall camp. The senior has spent part of his time in Berkeley as a center. As a tackle, he took over starting duties last season when Cameron was lost to injury. Smith is an intelligent player and helped Cal cure its injury woes by starting in eight games.

Also on the depth chart is redshirt freshman **Kevin Bemoll**. One of the most heavily recruited players out of California as a senior, the Mission Viejo product will get his first opportunity to compete for playing time this fall.

Across the way at the other tackle slot, there are a couple of early candidates to replace O'Callaghan, the winner of the 2005 Morris Trophy, which is presented annually to the Pac-10's best offensive lineman.

The early leader is Tepper. He likely would have been a contributor in 2005 had he not been sidelined by a non-football injury. He is an athletic player who spent much of his youth on the soccer field, which resulted in excellent footwork.

Tepper enters the fall as a starter with another young player, sophomore **Chet Teofilo**, second on the depth chart. Teofilo made the switch from defensive line in the spring.

GUARD

Like the tackle position, Cal returns a starter and must replace a starter at guard. The returning player is **Erik Robertson**. He held down the left guard slot all of last season and is a strong upperclassmen. If needed, he could also move inside and help out at center. Robertson will be one of Cal's most experienced offensive linemen entering the 2006 season.

His early backup is **Brian De La Puente**, who is entering his junior season. His experience and work ethic figure to make him a strong contributor.

"Brian is a former walkon who earned a scholarship last year," Tedford said. "He is a hard worker."

Noris Malele is listed as a starter at the other guard spot entering fall camp. He saw spot duty behind the 2005 veterans as a redshirt freshman and was the former offensive scout team player of the year for the Bears.

Senior **Bryan Deemer** is listed second on the depth chart entering fall camp.

CENTER

Cal must replace a two-time Rimington Award finalist at center where Marvin Philip has departed. Sophomore **Alex Mack** is a talented candidate to fill the void. He helped spell Philip in 2005 as the senior fought through a variety of injuries. In 2006, the sophomore will get his chance to take the job on a full-time basis.

Newcomer Gray arrived in Berkeley in time for the spring semester and the community college transfer will also get a long look during fall camp as Cal works to develop depth in the middle of the offensive front.

TIGHT END

Julian Arthur	6-4	276	Jr	1V
Eric Beegun	6-3	246	Sr	1V
Cameron Morrah	6-5	248	Fr	RS
Craig Stevens	6-5	254	Jr	2V

TIGHT END

The tight end plays an important part in the Bears' attack and that role could increase in 2006. Returning is Pac-10 honorable mention all-conference selection **Craig Stevens** and top reserve **Eric Beegun**. The duo combined for 19 receptions last season. They are capable blockers and athletic enough to cause problems.

A newcomer to keep an eye on in 2006 is Cameron Morrah. He is a fleet-footed big man who caught the eye of the coaching staff early and often while a member of the 2005 scout squad.

"Craig brings some strength and stability to the position," Tedford said. "There is some



2006 OUTLOOK (continued)



DeSean Jackson led the team in receptions, receiving yards and TDs in 2005.



In 2005, Marshawn Lynch rushed for 1,246 yards in fewer than 10 full games.



Sophomore Nate Longshore returns from injury in 2006.

WIDE RECEIVER

X

Sam DeSa	5-11	195	Jr	2V
David Gray	6-3	230	Sr	3V
DeSean Jackson	6-0	166	So	1V
Cameron Toler	6-0	174	So	SQ
Sean Young	5-10	178	Jr	2V

Z

Lavelle Hawkins	5-11	181	Jr	1V
Robert Jordan	5-11	165	Jr	2V
Noah Smith	5-11	188	Jr	2V
Alex Stroud	6-1	187	So	TR

R

LaReylle Cunningham	6-2	195	So	1V
Drew Glover	6-2	197	So	SQ

experience with Beegun and a talented underclassman in Cameron."

Stevens was an honorable mention all-league choice in 2005.

RECEIVER

One year after rebuilding the receiving corps, Cal's returning talent is sure to cause concern for defensive coordinators. There is a lot of speed that can stretch a defense, plenty of youth and now, thanks to a year in the trenches, some experience for the receiving corps to draw upon.

As a whole, Cal returns 154 of its 167 receptions from a year ago (92.2 percent) with the only losses coming from the graduation of fullback **Chris Manderino**. That also translates to more than 2,100 receiving yards returning in 2006, along with 20 of last season's 22 touchdown receptions.

"There is a lot of big-play ability in that group," according to the head coach, "that generally comes with speed."

Z RECEIVER

Junior **Robert Jordan** is the elder statesman of Cal's still young group of receivers and he is the returning starter at the Z spot. Jordan was second on the team last season with 34 catches covering 455 yards with four touchdowns. He

averaged 13.4 yards per reception a year ago and showed big-play and big-game capabilities.

LaVelle Hawkins is also listed at the Z position. He is coming off his first year at the Division I level and he had 18 receptions in 2005. He was sidelined for part of the year by injury, but his presence gives California two impressive options at the position.

X RECEIVER

True sophomore **DeSean Jackson** returns as the starter at this position. As a freshman, he led the Bears in receptions (38), receiving yards (601) and touchdown receptions (7). The exciting Long Beach Poly grad can also be a factor on special teams and returned a punt for a touchdown in the 2005 season opener.

Another fleet-footed wideout, **Sam DeSa**, is listed as Jackson's understudy. He saw action in 10 games last season. Also in the picture is David Gray, who has seen action as a tight end and receiver during his stay at Cal.

Cal also returns **LaReylle Cunningham** and a healthy **Noah Smith** to the wideout group. Smith was off to a strong start in the opener before going down to injury, and Cunningham was a key in the Bears' come-from-behind win over Washington State.

TAILBACK

Justin Forsett	5-8	186	Jr	2V
Marshawn Lynch	5-11	217	Jr	2V
Marcus O'Keith	6-1	190	Sr	3V
Bryan Schutte	6-1	195	Fr	RS

FULLBACK

Brian Holley	5-10	232	Fr	RS
Byron Storer	6-1	219	Sr	3V
Will Ta'ufo'ou	6-0	250	So	1V

RUNNING BACK

It would be hard to find anyone in the country with a better situation at running back than what California carries into the 2006 season.

Junior **Marshawn Lynch** is back and could be a contender for every national honor available. His 1,246 rushing yards last season came in

less than 10 full games. His total was the third best ever by a Bear and that was all accomplished in his first season as a starter.

Justin Forsett filled in so well for Lynch in 2005 that he ran for 999 yards and averaged 7.6 yards per rush.

Also returning is **Marcus O'Keith**, who has also flashed big-play capabilities. O'Keith, in limited backfield duties a year ago, averaged 11 yards on his 22 carries, including a team-best 71-yard run.

Cal will be looking to replace the invaluable Chris Manderino at fullback. He was a four-year starter who seemed to have a knack for the big play. A likely candidate for that spot is **Byron Storer**, a senior who is a heavily-decorated special teams player.

Sophomore **Will Ta'ufo'ou** had an impressive spring in the backfield and is listed second on the depth chart heading into August.

QUARTERBACK

Joe Ayoob	6-3	223	Sr	1V
Steve Levy	6-1	226	Sr	2V
Nate Longshore	6-5	233	So	1V
Kyle Reed	6-2	220	Fr	RS
Cory Smits	6-1	207	Fr	RS
Bryan Van Meter	6-2	193	So	1V

QUARTERBACK

In the first half of play in the first game of the 2005 season, redshirt freshman quarterback **Nate Longshore** was lost for the season due to an ankle injury. He has recovered and tops the early fall depth chart at quarterback. He is a big, accurate quarterback that never had the chance to fully display his talents.

Also back in the fold is **Steve Levy**. The quarterback-turned-fullback-turned-quarterback led the Bears to two straight wins to close 2005 with victories over Stanford and Brigham Young in efficient fashion.

Also returning is **Joe Ayoob**, who took the majority of the snaps for the Bears in 2005. He passed for 1,707 yards a year ago with a 49.2 percent completion ratio and may have had the best spring of the Golden Bears signal callers.

Also new to the fray this spring is former



Cal returns eight defensive starters this fall.



Brandon Mebane was a first-team All-Pac-10 honoree in 2005.



Desmond Bishop and Worrell Williams lead a hard-hitting linebacking corp.

Oakland prep standout **Kyle Reed**. He is a talented athlete who will get lots of reps in the spring in what was his first extended action in the Cal offense.

"The spring was really important for Nate and Kyle," Tedford said. "Joe and Steve really gained some experience last season, and Nate and Kyle didn't have that opportunity."

Longshore will begin August atop the depth chart, but Tedford has stated the evaluation process will continue.

DEFENSE

One year after the Bears saw lots of new faces in lots of new places, California's defenders should have a familiar look in 2006. The Bears have experience and talent up front, and a fleet-footed linebacker corps that is still very young, but experienced. In the secondary, the Bears have proven corners, but will break in new starters at safety.

Overall, a Bears defensive unit that is often overlooked because of Cal's marquee offensive numbers should field another strong unit in 2006.

"I think the general thought is that with so many people returning, you can do a lot more on defense," Tedford said. "But I'm not always sure that more is better. I do think that with our returning experience, we can do a good job of eliminating mistakes."

DEFENSIVE LINE

California virtually returns its two-deep in tact across the defensive front, including two all-league performers and some active role players who figure to be improved in the fall.

"We really have everyone back with **Tosh Lupoi** as the only loss," Tedford said of the defensive end who is now Cal's defensive graduate assistant.

END

Entering fall camp, **Abu Ma'afala** and second-team All-Pac-10 selection **Nu'u Tafisi** are listed as starters at defensive end. Also back is 2005 starter **Phillip Mbakogu**, who combined with Tafisi for 8.5 sacks last season after taking over

DEFENSIVE LINE

Fahim Abd Allah	6-3	247	Sr	1V
John Allen	6-2	248	Jr	1V
Tyson Alualu	6-2	288	Fr	HS
Cody Jones	6-5	255	Fr	RS
Mika Kane	6-3	297	So	1V
Steve Kelly	6-1	237	Sr	2V
Abu Ma'afala	6-4	270	Sr	1V
Matthew Malele	6-3	335	Jr	2V
Phillip Mbakogu	6-3	255	Jr	2V
Brandon Mebane	6-3	295	Sr	3V
Tad Smith	6-6	250	Fr	RS
Nu'u Tafisi	6-2	265	Sr	1V

the for the injured Lupoi. Tafisi is one of Cal's most active defenders and seems to cause constant disruption along opposing offensive fronts.

Fahim Abd Allah and **Steve Kelly**, an end returning from a 2005 that was lost to injury, are second on the depth chart behind Tafisi. Abd Allah can provide help at several positions and gives the Bears quality depth and another option as a potential starter. Kelly is also a dependable player who seems on track for a full recover.

TACKLE

Brandon Mebane returns as a first-team All-Pac-10 performer who is worthy of national consideration and has earned plenty of it during the summer months. He rarely has the luxury of competing against just one offensive player, and his disruption up front allows for big plays to be made by the California linebackers.

Mebane is clearly the defensive anchor as illustrated by his seven quarterback sacks and 9.5 tackles for loss last season.

The other starting tackle enter spring drills is **Mika Kane**, a young player who was highly recruited and flashes plenty of potential. Ma'afala is also experienced inside and could start there as well due to the wealth of Cal talent at defensive end.

Kane saw his role in the middle increase as the season progressed, and **Matt Malele** started half of Cal's games last season and ended the year with 13 tackles. He enters fall

camp listed second on the depth chart behind Mebane.

"Brandon is a force inside that you can't really address one-on-one," the head coach said. "He can be a dominating factor, no doubt about it. He really helps our linebackers because he draws so much attention."

LINEBACKERS OUTSIDE

Anthony Felder	6-3	231	So	1V
Zack Follett	6-2	237	So	1V
Eric Morrah	6-0	202	Jr	SQ
Justin Moye	6-1	228	Jr	1V
Mickey Pimentel	6-2	238	Sr	1V
Chris Purtz	6-2	213	Jr	1V
Worrell Williams	6-0	256	So	1V
Eddie Young	6-3	228	Fr	RS

LINEBACKERS MIDDLE

Desmond Bishop	6-2	243	Sr	1V
Shea McIntyre	6-1	226	Fr	RS
Matt Russi	5-11	246	Fr	RS
Greg Van Hoesen	6-3	227	Jr	2V

LINEBACKER

California's linebacking corps is just ...well fun to watch. The returning group includes an All-Pac-10 choice, two Freshman All-Americans and a couple of other returning players that made more than one jaw-dropping play during the course of the season.

As a whole, the group may rival any unit in the west with the ability to fly sideline-to-sideline as well as plug up the middle.

"The linebackers are still young and when you take **Desmond Bishop** out of the picture they're very young," Tedford said. "They are a very talented group with a lot of competitors. They can really create a mindset for your football team."

MIDDLE

Bishop, who led California with 89 tackles last season on his way to second-team All-Pac-10 honors, returns to the inside. He is an athletic backer who played well in his first year of Division I football and could be an "all" candidate



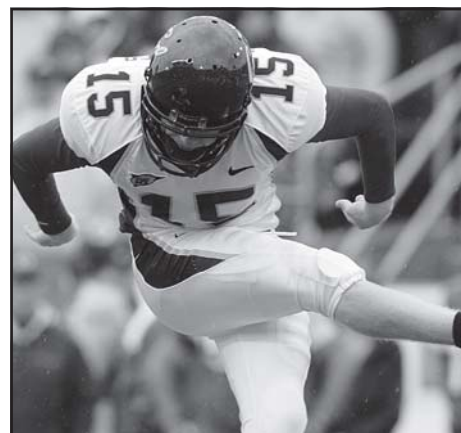
2006 OUTLOOK (continued)



Senior Mickey Pimentel had 34 tackles, including 3.5 sacks, in 2005.



Daymeion Hughes had 62 tackles and five interceptions last season.



Junior Tom Schneider led Cal in scoring with 77 points last year.

as a senior. He figures to be one of the defensive headliners in 2006.

Greg Van Hoesen, who started three games on the outside as a sophomore, is listed second on the depth chart inside entering fall camp. He can obviously give Cal help in several spots and has seen lots of playing time in his first two years on campus.

Like Bishop, Van Hoesen has shown big-play capabilities, including a defensive touchdown last season.

STRONG

Athletic **Mickey Pimentel**, a standout junior-college defensive lineman, didn't disappoint during his first year on campus. He became a bigger factor as the season progressed as evidenced by his preseason place atop the depth chart entering fall drills.

He has speed that resulted in 8.5 tackles for loss last season and his two interceptions resulted in 82 yards in returns.

Justin Moye, a standout special-teams player in the past, is also listed on the depth chart at the strong side linebacker spot.

WEAK

The two Freshman All-Americans, **Anthony Felder** and **Zack Follett**, comprise the two-deep on the weak side. However, both enter fall camp backing up another sophomore in Worrell Williams, whose athleticism and playmaking abilities became evident as 2005 progressed.

Williams became a starter late in the season, becoming the third freshman linebacker to open at least one 2005 contest in the starting lineup.

Felder and Follett were major contributors as true freshmen, combining for 71 tackles. Felder was a starter for eight games while both players saw action in all 12 games. They were two of the most heavily-decorated players in the recruiting class of 2005 and didn't disappoint.

SECONDARY

California returns two starters and several contributors in the secondary. It's an athletic group with playmaking abilities, especially at corner.

CORNERBACK

Randy Bundy	6-0	157	Sr	3V
Jesse Brooks	6-1	186	Fr	RS
Daymeion Hughes	6-2	188	Sr	3V
Brett Johnson	6-2	192	Fr	RS
Tim Mixon	5-10	184	Sr	3V
Syd'Quan Thompson	5-11	178	Fr	RS

ROVER

Kenny Frank	6-0	201	Jr	SQ
Brandon Hampton	5-10	188	Jr	2V
Robert Peele	5-11	187	Fr	RS

SAFETY

Thomas DeCoud	6-3	195	Jr	2V
Gary Doxy	6-2	189	Fr	RS
Marcus Ezeff	6-1	194	Fr	RS
Bernard Hicks	6-1	198	So	1V
Virdell Larkins	5-11	184	Fr	RS

ROVER

California lost a major contributor and leader on the defensive side with the graduation of **Donnie McCleskey**. His presence will be missed, but there is talent waiting for its chance.

Brandon Hampton, a former walkon running back, was a steady contributor last fall and his athletic ability and nose for the football figures to provide him a chance to nail down starting duties at rover.

The depth chart is completed by another athletic player, redshirt freshman **Robert Peele**, a former *SuperPrep* All-American who this fall will take the field as a redshirt freshman.

SAFETY

Along with McCleskey, Cal lost another force at safety with the graduation of **Harrison Smith**, who had 72 tackles, two interceptions and eight pass break-ups during 2005.

The heir apparent to the position is **Thomas DeCoud**. He has been on the field often his first two years on campus and has recorded six blocked kicks in his career. He is a big safety whose size brings a new dimension to the secondary.

Bernard Hicks, who figures to be fully recovered from injury, is also a candidate at safety. Hicks is capable of seeing action at rover as well.

CORNER

Cal has the luxury of a pair of returning starters at corner in **Daymeion Hughes** and **Tim Mixon**. Hughes was a first-team All-Pac-10 selection as a junior when his impressive numbers included 62 tackles, five interceptions and 12 break-ups. He is a candidate for national honors at corner and is a *Playboy Magazine* preseason All-American.

Across the field, reliable Tim Mixon returns. His numbers featured three interceptions and 10 pass break-ups during his junior season. He was also among America's leading punt returners in 2005.

Entering spring, **Randy Bundy**, a rising senior, and **Syd'Quan Thompson**, a redshirt freshman, complete the depth chart.

KICKER

Jordan Kay	6-0	197	So	SQ
Taylor Kunzi	5-11	231	Sr	SQ
Tom Schneider	6-0	191	Jr	2V

LONG SNAPPER

Christopher Janeway	6-1	224	So	SQ
Nick Sundberg	6-1	254	So	1V
Greg Yamamoto	6-0	215	Sr	1V

SPECIAL TEAMS

Cal returns placekicker **Tom Schneider**, holder **Joe Ayoob**, and long snapper **Nick Sundberg**. Their experience alone is invaluable after a year in which Cal's specialists were nearly error-free, despite their youth.

The Bears also return big-play capabilities in the return game with **Mixon** and **DeSean Jackson** both recording punt returns for scores a year ago.

The position of punter is open with the graduation of **David Lonie**. However, Cal did ink a solid prospect in community-college star **Andrew Larson**.