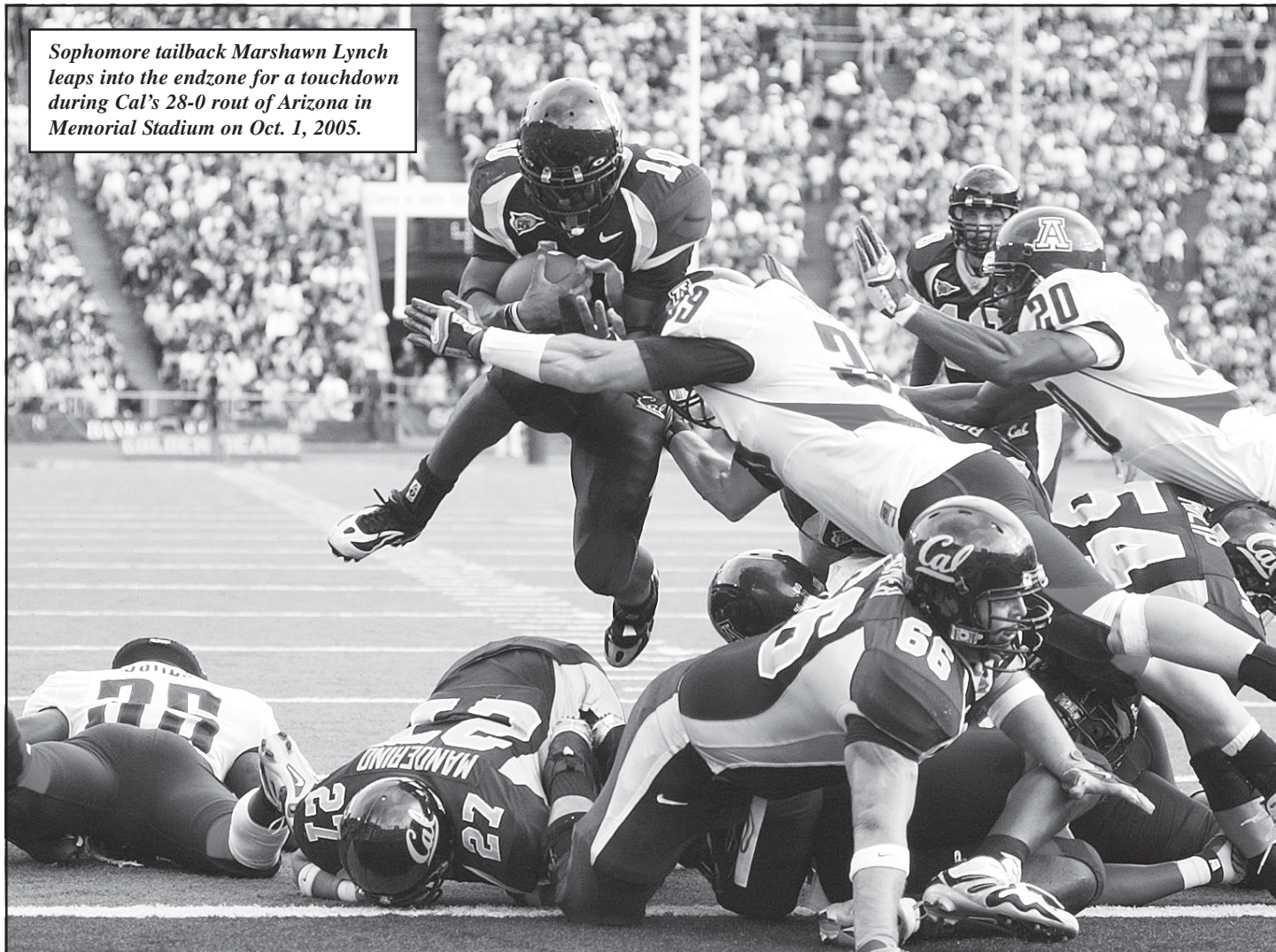


2005 SEASON IN REVIEW

Sophomore tailback Marshawn Lynch leaps into the endzone for a touchdown during Cal's 28-0 rout of Arizona in Memorial Stadium on Oct. 1, 2005.



What's the true definition of an up-and-coming college football program? Is it the momentum-building process that sees the win total jump every year, finally culminating in a glorious season that the alumni talk about forever?

Maybe.

But just maybe the real progress is determined the year after the stars of that glorious run have departed, and the rest of the world finds out what's been going on behind the scenes for the past few years.

It's a big maybe.

That program-defining season was what the California Golden Bears found waiting for them in 2005. One season removed from a host of superlatives. One season removed from a 10-1 regular season with record attendance and two players among the top-10 vote getters in the Heisman balloting. One season removed from having two of its greatest offensive weapons taken in the first round of the National Football League draft. One season removed from coming within a whisker of playing for the national championship.

One season removed from 2004.

It was a new-look Cal team that took the field in 2005. Many of the bright and shining stars from that 2004 squad had departed and fourth-year head coach Jeff Tedford was faced with a new challenge.

Football mattered again in Berkeley. The head coach had changed expectations of his program, and despite returning the fewest number of

starters in the Pacific-10 Conference, the Golden Bears were now expected to shine, regardless of the circumstances.

Cal fans can relax.

The year after "The Year" turned out just fine. And even more important for the Bear Backers, the year after the year after The Year looks even better.

The California Golden Bears got a little taste of everything in 2005 — a five-game winning streak, a steady climb into the top 10, record-shattering performances and high-profile showdown games. On the flip side, the Bears experienced a seemingly endless run of injuries, started three different quarterbacks, and felt the pain of what-might-have-been losses.

The season ended with a 7-4 Cal record and a fourth straight upper-division finish in the Pac-10. It also ended with some clearly defined future stars.

The Bears opened the season with a workmanlike whipping of Sacramento State. The 41-3 victory, however, was very bittersweet. Redshirt freshman quarterback Nate Longshore suffered a season-ending ankle injury less than two quarters into his career, and Cal's leading receiver in the game, Noah Smith, also suffered an injury that effectively ended his 2005 season.

The wounded Bears, however, would bounce back with four more victories to open the season. Included in that total was a 56-17 win at Seattle as quarterback Joe Ayoob made his starting debut and sophomore receiver Robert Jordan established himself as a primary offensive weapon

with 192 receiving yards and three touchdowns.

The hits kept coming, however, when sophomore running back Marshawn Lynch suffered a hand injury that limited him to five carries against the Huskies and no game action the next two weeks. Suddenly, Cal was without two very young and important players.

The Bears didn't seem to mind. Without their starting quarterback and ranking running back, Cal continued to win. A 35-20 victory over Illinois was followed by a 41-13 rout of New Mexico State with the stand-ins performing well. Justin Forsett, the backup to Marshawn Lynch, was suddenly on his own run to 1,000 yards, the young receivers were becoming playmakers and the offensive line was clearly among America's best.

Not only were the Bears looking unstoppable on offense and nestled snugly once again among the nation's top-10 rushing teams, but the new-look Cal defense was more than holding its own. Despite a new linebacking corps and an inexperienced defensive front, California's defense was among the best in the west.

That point was further documented the following week when the Bears smothered Arizona, 28-0, as Cal shutout the Wildcats for the second straight season.

The ninth-ranked Bears headed to UCLA on Oct. 8 to face UCLA in a battle of top 25 unbeatens. It lived up to its billing as one of the games of the year. Spectacular offensive efforts, dramatic scoring drives, and game-turning special teams entertained and exhausted a roaring Rose Bowl crowd.

Cal held a 40-28 fourth-quarter lead in a game that would see the Bears rush for more than 300 yards and outgain UCLA, 545-395. In the end, a UCLA team that made the late rally a habit, scored with 95 seconds remaining to take the lead and eventually a 47-40 win.

Cal faced one of its toughest weeks of the season when it returned home to meet Oregon State. Maybe it was a UCLA hangover, maybe it was the running skills of Yvenson Bernard who went for 194 yards, or maybe the injuries began to take a toll, but the Bears suffered their first home loss in almost two seasons when OSU rallied for a 23-20 victory. Cal suffered five turnovers in the loss, saw its string of games with at least one, 100-yard rusher ended at 18.

The following week, which would end a stretch of eight games in eight weeks, the smiles returned to the Cal campus, along with some sweaty palms.



Donnie McCleskey tallied six tackles against USC on Nov. 12, 2005.

The Washington State Cougars were in town for an important Pac-10 game and the two squads battled for the better part of four hours. And it was a good thing. If the game had been stopped any sooner, the Bears might not have survived.

In another dramatic finish, Cal rallied for 14 points in the final six minutes of the game to claim a 42-38 victory and improve to 6-2 overall and 3-2 in Pac-10 play.

The fireworks were constant as the teams combined for 495 rushing yards, 1,198 yards of total offense, 10 touchdowns and 70 points.

The Bears were fighting for their life when LaReylle Cunningham caught a 57-yard touchdown pass from Joe Ayoob with 5:19 left in the game. Ayoob then completed the comeback with a 17-yard TD pass to LaVelle Hawkins with just 1:50 left in the game.

The regular season, however, still had a few bumps. A visit to soggy and windy Eugene, Oregon, was another thriller – an overtime thriller with postseason ramifications.

The Bears battled from behind all day long in the rainy northwest. They trailed 7-0, 10-7, 13-10 and 20-13. However, Marshawn Lynch's 52-yard touchdown run late in the third period set the stage for an exciting and wet finish.

Cal dominated the fourth period but was held out of the end zone. A two-minute drive ended with a missed 53-yard field goal on the game's final play that would have set the Bears home happy.

It just missed and instead it was an Oregon TD in the extra period that was the difference.

The final home game saw the Bears commit six turnovers in a 35-10 loss to USC and set the stage for an important Big Game at Stanford.

California responded with a 27-3 win for its fourth straight win over the Cardinal – a first for the Bears since the 1930s. It was a landmark game as quarterback-turned-fullback-turned-quarterback Steve Levy earned a place in history in his first career start.

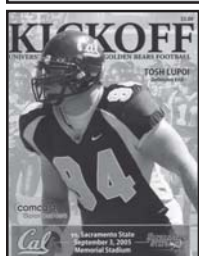
The Bears ended the season on a high note, a healthier note and with plenty of momentum heading into postseason. And with a young squad that featured four, first-team All-Pac-10 choices, two freshmen All-Americans and a new generation of growing Cal football fans, the Bears can really look forward to the year, after the year, after the year...



The Golden Bears defeated Bay Area rival Stanford for the fourth consecutive year, keeping the Stanford Axe trophy after a 27-3 victory.

GAME 1 California 41, Sacramento State 3

Sept. 3, 2005



BERKELEY – Sophomore TB **Marshawn Lynch** rushed for 147 yards on 24 carries and freshman **DeSean Jackson** scored a pair of touchdowns to lead California (#19 AP/#20 *USA Today*) to a 41-3 victory over Sacramento State Sept. 3 in Memorial Stadium.

The crowd of 65,938 set a school record for opening day attendance, breaking the mark of 58,949 set last year vs. New Mexico State.

On its first possession, Cal marched 81 yards in 10 plays, with QB **Nate Longshore** capping the drive with a 31-yard strike to Jackson.

However, Longshore, who completed 8-of-11 passes for 131 yards, broke his left ankle late in the first half with the Bears leading just 7-3. Cal took a 10-3 halftime edge on **Tom Schneider**'s career-long 49-yard field goal with 1:19 let in the second period.

Cal then poured it on in the second half, scoring 31 unanswered points. Lynch had a two-yard TD run to give the Bears some breathing room, with Schneider adding a 27-yard field goal and WR **Noah Smith** catching a 46-yard TD pass from **Steve Levy** in the final 2:20 of the third quarter.

After freshman **Zack Follett** recovered a fumble at the Sac State 12, FB **Chris Manderino** added a three-yard scoring run early in the fourth quarter. Jackson then capped off the day with a 49-yard punt return for a touchdown.

Game Notes

- Junior transfer LB **Desmond Bishop** led Cal with seven tackles in his starting debut.
- Cal recovered two Sacramento State fumbles (FB **Chris Manderino** and LB **Zack Follett**) and scored two TDs after the recoveries (**Noah Smith**, 46-yard reception, and **Manderino**, 3-yard run).
- **Justin Moye** blocked a Sacramento State punt in the fourth quarter.
- Seven of Cal's 22 starters today were freshmen or sophomores, and only eight were seniors. Eight players made their first career start for the Bears.



Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score
Sacramento St.	0	3	0	0	-	3
California	7	3	17	14	-	41

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Cal - TD Jackson 31 yd pass from Longshore (Schneider kick), 9:26

Second Quarter

Sac St - FG, Gamboa 26 yd, 02:44

Cal - FG, Schneider 49 yd, 1:19

Third Quarter

Cal - TD, Lynch 2 yd run (Schneider kick), 9:36

Cal - FG, Schneider 27 yd, 2:20

Cal - TD, Smith 46 yd pass from Levy (Schneider kick), 0:11

Fourth Quarter

Cal - TD, Manderino 3 yd run (Schneider kick), 13:19

Cal - TD, Jackson 49 yd punt return (Schneider kick), 5:21

Team Statistics

	SAC ST	CAL
First Downs	9	16
Rush. Yards (net)	32-68	41-212
Passing Yards (net)	121	183
Passes Att-Comp-Int	37-16-0	28-10-2
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)	69-189	69-395
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-16	1-9
Punt Returns-Yards	2-11	4-116
Kickoff Returns-Yards	5-71	2-27
Interception Returns-Yards	2-4	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	13-29.5	7-40.4
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	5-2
Penalties-Yards	6-35	5-40
Possession Time	30:02	29:58
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 19	4 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	1-7

Individual Statistics

Sacramento State

Rushing: Mole, 18-57; Hurd, 2-14; Cummings, 3-5; Tredway, 3-minus 1; TEAM 1-minus 3; Daniels, 5-minus 4.

Passing: Tredway, 7-20-0-39; Hurd, 9-17-0-82

Receiving: Coogler, 5-46; Mole, 4-17; Farrell, 3-35; Miller, 3-16; Cummings, 1-7.

Tackles: Houston, 5-5; Shelton, 4-5; Logue, 4-4; DeMonico, 3-4; Webber, 3-4.

California

Rushing: Lynch, 24-147; O'Keith, 2-69; Forsett, 4-12; T. Williams, 4-7; Manderino, 2-6; Ayoob, 1-1; Levy, 2-minus 8; Longshore, 2-minus 22.

Passing: Longshore, 8-11-1-131; Ayoob, 0-10-0-0; Levy, 2-7-1-52.

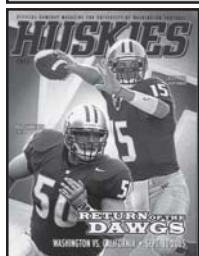
Receiving: Smith, 3-72; Jackson, 2-37; Gray, 2-27; DeSa, 1-44; Stevens, 1-6; Lynch, 1-minus 3.

Tackles: Bishop, 7-7; Foltz 6-6; Follett, 4-4; McCleskey, 3-4; Van Hoesen, 3-3; Mebane, 3-3; Lupoi, 3-3; Hughes, 2-3; Tafisi, 2-2; Storer, 2-2; Bundy, 2-2; Ma'Afala, 1-2; Hampton, 1-2; Jackson, 1-1; Harrison, 1-1; T. Williams, 1-1; Peele, 1-1; M. Malele, 1-1; H. Smith, 1-1; Felder, 1-1; DeCoud, 1-1; Moye, 1-1; Mbokogu, 1-1; Honey, 1-1; Pimentel, 1-1; Forrester, 1-1.

Freshman wide receiver DeSean Jackson hauled in his first career touchdown on a 31-yard pass from Nate Longshore in the first quarter. In the fourth quarter, he found the endzone again on a 49-yard punt return.

GAME 2 California 56, Washington 17

Sept. 10, 2005



SEATTLE – Sophomore WR **Robert Jordan** set career highs with 11 catches for 192 yards and three touchdowns, as California (#16 AP/#17 *USA Today*) rolled to its fourth straight win over Washington, 56-17, Sept. 10.

The Bears tied a school record for points in a road game (also 56 points at Air Force in 2004), while Jordan matched the Cal mark with three TD receptions.

In addition, his 192 receiving yards were the sixth-highest total in school history.

All three of Jordan's scores came in the first half, with the final one a 58-yarder over the middle from QB **Joe Ayooob**.

Ayooob, making his first career start, completed 17-of-27 passes for 271 yards and four touchdowns, including a 14-yarder to TE **David Gray**. He overcame an interception on the first play from scrimmage to throw all four of his TD passes before intermission.

Once in control of the game, the Bears attempted just seven passes after intermission.

The victory was the fourth straight for California over Washington since the arrival of Jeff Tedford. Washington had won 19 straight in the series before the reversal of fortunes.

Game Notes

- Junior TB **Marcus O'Keith**, subbing for an injured **Marshawn Lynch** (fractured finger), extended the Bears' streak of consecutive games with a 100-yard rusher to 14 games by gaining 103 yards on six carries, including scoring bursts of five and 71 yards.
- Cal recorded four sacks, returned an interception for a touchdown (**Daymeion Hughes** from 41 yards out) and was credited with eight tackles behind the line of scrimmage.



Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score
California	7	21	7	21	-	56
Washington	7	3	7	0	-	17

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

UW - TD, Shackelford 56 yd pass from Stanback (Knudson kick), 14:40
Cal - TD, Jordan 9 yd pass from Ayooob (Schneider kick), 2:16

Second Quarter

Cal - TD, Jordan 24 yd pass from Ayooob (Schneider kick), 11:43
UW - FG, Evan 46 yd field goal, 8:25
Cal - TD, Jordan 58 yd pass from Ayooob (Schneider kick), 2:50
Cal - TD, Gray 14 yd pass from Ayooob (Schneider kick), 1:57

Third Quarter

UW - TD, Chambers 39 yd pass from Stanback (Knudson kick), 11:07
Cal - TD, O'Keith 5 yd run (Schneider kick), 1:43

Fourth Quarter

Cal - TD, O'Keith 71 yd run (Schneider kick), 7:20
Cal - TD, Hughes 41 yd interception return (Schneider kick), 6:25
Cal - TD, Forsett 35 yd run (Schneider kick), 00:00

Team Statistics

	CAL	WASH
First Downs	26	18
Rush. yards (net)	39-286	27-68
Passing yards (net)	271	301
Passes Att-Comp-Int	27-17-1	39-22-1
Total Offense (Plays-yards)	66-557	66-369
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-18	3-6
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-43	6-124
Interception Returns-Yards	1-41	1-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-43.0	7-46.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-65	8-74
Possession Time	29:43	30:17
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 10	3 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	3-3	0-0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-18	3-11

Individual Statistics

California

Rushing: O'Keith, 6-103; Forsett, 11-77; Lynch, 5-46; Ayooob, 8-27; T. Williams, 4-23; Manderino, 3-10; Storer, 1-3; TEAM 1-minus 3.

Passing: Ayooob, 17-27-1-271.

Receiving: Jordan, 11-192; Manderino, 3-37; Lynch, 1-25; Gray, 1-14; Stevens, 1-3.

Tackles: Bishop, 5-7; Hughes, 6-6; Foltz, 5-6; McCleskey, 4-4; Forrester, 4-4; H. Smith, 3-4; Tafisi, 2-4; Abd Allah, 3-3; Storer, 3-3; Mebane, 2-3; W. Williams, 3-3; Peele, 2-2; Mixon, 2-2; DeCoud, 2-2; Felder, 1-2; Ta'ufu'ou, 1-1; Follett, 1-1; Ma'afala, 1-1; Mbokogu, 1-1; Lupoi, 1-1; Van Hoesen, 1-1.

Washington

Rushing: Rankin, 13-38; Stanback, 9-23; Sampson, 2-7; James, 2-6; Douglas, 1-minus 6.

Passing: Stanback, 22-39-1-301.

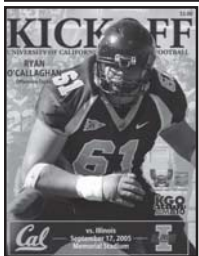
Receiving: Shackelford, 6-124; Chambers, 3-65; Kirton, 3-38; Lewis, 3-23; Russo, 2-31; James, 2-7; Rankin, 2-2; Ellis, 1-11.

Tackles: White, 7-8; Goldson, 4-8; Wallace, 4-7; Benjamin, 4-7; Fountaine, 5-5.

Wide receiver Robert Jordan scored three touchdowns against the Huskies, including a 58-yarder from Joe Ayooob in the second quarter.

GAME 3 California 35, Illinois 20

Sept. 17, 2005



BERKELEY – Sophomore TB **Justin Forsett** ran for 187 yards and two touchdowns, and junior **Tim Mixon** returned a fourth-quarter punt for a score as California (#15 AP/#15 *USA Today*) rallied for a 35-20 victory over Illinois Sept. 17.

After trailing by 10 points at halftime, Cal won its ninth straight home game with four touchdowns in 17 minutes spanning the final two quarters.

Shortly after Forsett put Cal ahead, 21-17, with a two-yard scoring run early in the fourth quarter, Mixon caught a punt in traffic and broke three tackles before **Marcus O'Keith's** crushing block sprung him down the Cal sideline.

O'Keith rushed for a late score and caught a 26-yard TD pass from **Joe Ayooob** for the Bears.

Cal went 80 yards for a score in just 1:59 to open the game, capped by Forsett's 5-yard TD run. But Illinois replied with an 80-yard drive capped by Pierre Thomas' 1-yard plunge, then went ahead with a 16-play drive ending in Tim Brasic's dive early in the second quarter.

With Ayooob completing 7-of-8 passes after the break, the Bears outscored the Illini, 28-3, in the second half.

Linebacker **Desmond Bishop** paced the Cal defense with 11 tackles.

Game Notes

- After trailing 17-7 at the half, Cal rallied to win, 35-20, which is the biggest come-from-behind victory for the Bears since Cal defeated Oregon, 28-27, Nov. 6, 2004, in Berkeley after the Ducks led 27-14 in the second quarter.
- Cal recorded three sacks on Illinois QB Tim Brasic. MLB Zack Follett recorded one sack for a loss of five yards. The Bears held the Illini to a 36-yard FG as a result of the late second-quarter sack.
- With Cal leading only 21-17, Tim Mixon returned a punt 79 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. The punt return for a TD was the eighth longest in school history.
- Cal has outscored its opponents 87-10 in the second half this season.



Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score
Illinois	7	10	0	3	-	20
California	7	0	7	21	-	35

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Cal - TD, Forsett 5 yd run (Schneider kick), 13:01
UI - TD, Pierre 1 yd run (Reda kick), 7:00

Second Quarter

UI - TD, Brasic 1 yd run (Reda kick), 14:07
UI - FG, Reda 36 yd field goal, 00:00

Third Quarter

Cal - TD, O'Keith 26 yd pass from Ayooob (Schneider kick), 7:55

Fourth Quarter

Cal - TD, Forsett 2 yd run (Schneider kick), 13:14
Cal - TD, Mixon 79 yd punt return (Schneider kick), 11:34
UI - FG, Reda 31 yd field goal, 8:54
Cal - TD, O'Keith 12 yd run (Schneider kick), 5:55

Team Statistics

	UI	CAL
First Downs	20	18
Rush. Yards (net)	43-109	35-294
Passing Yards (net)	228	121
Passes Att-Comp-Int	37-21-0	18-8-0
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)	80-337	53-415
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-12	3-101
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-92	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-41.7	4-42.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	5-30	7-57
Possession Time	34:45	25:15
Third-Down Conversions	9 of 20	6 of 11
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	3-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	0-0	3-17

Individual Statistics

Illinois

Rushing: Thomas, 12-57; Brasic, 18-29; Davis, 4-11; Halsey, 7-6; Payne, 1-5; Mendenhall, 1-1.

Passing: Brasic, 21-37-0-228.

Receiving: Jones, 6-56; Halsey, 6-30; Thomas, 2-59; Hudson, 2-16; Davis, 1-27; Bryant, 1-19; Warren, 1-10; Payne, 1-9; McPhearson, 1-2.

Tackles: Willis, 5-6; Abdullah, 5-5; Mitchell, 4-5; Virgil, 4-5; Walker, 3-3.

California

Rushing: Forsett, 16-187; O'Keith, 12-66; Hawkins, 2-25; Ayooob, 3-8; Manderino, 1-5; Jackson, 1-3.

Passing: Ayooob, 8-17-0-121; Jackson, 0-1-0-0.

Receiving: Forsett, 3-43; Jordan, 2-17; O'Keith, 1-26; Jackson, 1-21; Gray, 1-14.

Tackles: Bishop, 8-11; McCleskey, 7-10; Felder, 5-8; Hughes, 4-6; Foltz, 5-5; Mbokogu, 4-5; Pimentel, 4-5; Follett, 4-5; Tafisi, 3-3; Abd Allah, 3-3; Mixon, 2-2; Ma'afala, 2-2; H. Smith, 2-2; Ta'ufo'ou, 1-1; DeCoud, 1-1; Mebane, 1-1; O'Keith, 1-1; M. Malele, 1-1; T. Williams, 1-1.

Tim Mixon returned a punt 79 yards for a fourth-quarter touchdown, the eighth-longest punt return in school history.

GAME 4

California 41, New Mexico State 13

Sept. 23, 2005



LAS CRUCES, N.M. – **Justin Forsett** ran for a career-high 235 yards, and **Joe Ayoob** rushed for three touchdowns and threw for another score to help California (#13 AP/#14 *USA Today*) beat New Mexico State, 41-13, Sept. 23.

Cal, which improved to 4-0 for the first time since 1996, scored on its first two possessions. Forsett crossed the goal line from a yard out to finish the Bears' opening drive that included a 54-yard pass from Ayoob to fullback **Chris Manderino** to NMSU's 13, while Ayoob connected with **DeSean Jackson** on a 41-yard strike to give Cal two TDs in the first 5:36 of the contest.

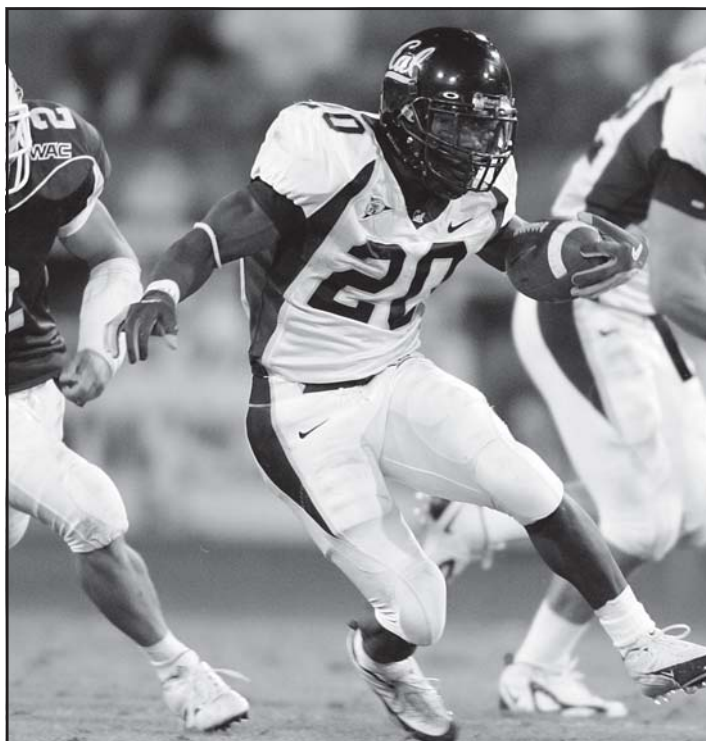
Aggie freshman Chris Williams returned the ensuing kickoff 94 yards for a score, but that was the only time NMSU would reach the end zone.

The Bears broke the game open with a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns, a seven-yard scamper by Ayoob and a two-yard plunge by tailback **Terrell Williams**.

Forsett, who carried the ball 31 times, produced the fourth-highest rushing total in school history, a performance that came on the heels of a 187-yard rushing effort vs. Illinois the previous week. Jackson finished with 130 yards on nine catches, setting a Cal mark for receiving yards by a freshman.

Game Notes

- *Justin Forsett ran for over 200 yards in the span of two quarters – the first quarter against New Mexico State and the fourth against Illinois in Week 3. Forsett racked up 113 yards on his first 11 carries in Cal's first quarter against New Mexico State.*
- *DeSean Jackson had a career game. His nine catches for 130 yards are the most by a freshman receiver. He had a career-long reception of 41 yards to put Cal up 13-3 in the first quarter.*
- *Thomas DeCoud's blocked field goal in the second quarter is Cal's second blocked kick this season.*
- *Daymeion Hughes intercepted a Joey Vincent pass and returned it for 59 yards. Hughes' interception was his second of the season.*



Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score
California	20	7	0	14	-	41
New Mexico State	10	0	3	0	-	13

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Cal – TD Forsett 1 yd run (Schneider kick blockd), 12:35
 NMSU – FG, Foley 28 yd field goal, 10:00
 Cal – TD, Jackson 41 yd pass from Ayoob (Schneider, kick), 9:24
 NMSU – TD, Williams 94 yd kickoff return (Foley kick), 9:11
 Cal – TD, Ayoob 1 yd run (Schneider kick), 1:43

Second Quarter

Cal – TD, Ayoob 5 yd run (Schneider kick), 2:00

Third Quarter

NMSU – FG, Foley 32 yd field goal, 0:00

Fourth Quarter

Cal – TD, Ayoob 7 yd run (Schneider kick), 11:41
 Cal – TD, Williams 2 yd run (Schneider kick), 3:27

Team Statistics

	CAL	NMSU
First Downs	29	22
Rush. Yards (net)	45-311	36-178
Passing Yards (net)	284	164
Passes Att-Comp-Int	26-17-0	39-18-2
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)	71-595	75-342
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-8	1-1
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	2-104
Interception Returns-Yards	2-59	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-35.7	3-38.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-60	4-35
Possession Time	31:35	28:25
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 10	6 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	2 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-7	2-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-9	1-2

Individual Statistics

California

Rushing: Forsett, 31-235; T. Williams, 8-36; Jackson, 1-15; Manderino, 1-14; Ayoob, 4-11.

Passing: Ayoob, 17-26-0-284.

Receiving: Jackson, 9-130; Hawkins, 3-51; Forsett, 2-21; Manderino, 1-54; DeSa, 1-24; Jordan, 1-4.

Tackles: DeCoud, 4-10; Foltz, 1-9; Bishop, 2-7; Felder, 2-7; Mebane, 1-7; Mbokogu, 1-6; Hughes, 2-5; H. Smith 2-5; McCleskey, 2-5; W. Williams, 1-5; Mixon, 3-3; Pimentel, 0-3; Follett, 1-2; M. Malele, 0-2; Hampton, 1-1; Honey, 1-1; Storer, 0-1; Kane 0-1; Beegun 0-1; Purtz 0-1; Ma'afala 0-1; Abd Allah 0-1.

New Mexico State

Rushing: Buries, 20-107; Vincent, 10-57; Romaka, 3-7; Dombrowski, 1-4; Dubois, 2-3.

Passing: Vincent, 18-39-2-164

Receiving: Dubois, 4-45; Allen, 4-32; Williams, 3-45; Buries, 3-6; Dombrowski, 2-18; Quick, 1-16; Kaufman, 1-2.

Tackles: Cottrell, 8-15; Carrie, 2-14; Shabazz, 4-12; Griebel, 4-9; McKinney, 2-5.

Tailback Justin Forsett rushed for 235 yards on 31 carries, including 113 yards and one touchdown in his first 11 runs in the first quarter.

GAME 5 California 28, Arizona 0

Oct. 1, 2005



BERKELEY – Sophomore tailback **Marshawn Lynch** ran for 107 yards and a touchdown in his first game back from injury and California (#12 AP/#11 *USA Today*) shut out Arizona for the second straight year, 28-0.

Junior quarterback **Joe Ayoob** threw for two scores and ran for one for the Golden Bears, who improved to 5-0 for the first time since 1996. Ayoob finished 14-for-20 for 137 yards, while sophomore tailback **Justin Forsett** added 74 yards on the ground.

Ayoob also had two key scrambles on touchdown drives and showed off his mobility on his TD throw, being flushed to the right and reversing field to the left before connecting with sophomore wide receiver **Robert Jordan** on a 39-yard score that made it 21-0 midway through the third quarter.

But the Bears did most of their damage on the ground. Lynch, who missed the previous two games with a broken finger, scored in the first quarter and gave Cal its 17th straight game with a 100-yard rusher.

The Wildcats' best chance to score came after Syndric Steptoe returned a punt 34 yards to the Cal 19 late in the third quarter. Arizona had a first-and-goal at the 2, but then lost two yards on a pair of runs, and Richard Kovalcheck threw two incompletions to turn it over on downs.

Cal shut out an opponent in consecutive years for the first time since blanking Washington State in 1969-70.

Defensively, **Daymeion Hughes** picked off two passes and **Tim Mixon** had one INT for the Bears.

Game Notes

- *QB Joe Ayoob notched his fourth rushing TD in the last two games - a one-yard play in the second quarter to help put Cal up 14-0.*
- *Ayoob's first five passes were caught by five different receivers. Overall, six Cal players caught passes against Arizona.*
- *Tim Mixon and Daymeion Hughes have accounted for all six of Cal's interceptions this year.*
- *LB Desmond Bishop paced Cal with six tackles, marking the fourth time in five games this year Bishop has led the Bears in tackles.*
- *In the final three minutes of the first quarter, Nu'u Tafisi blocked Arizona's 50-yard field goal attempt, which was Cal's third blocked kick of the season.*
- *With the victory, coach Jeff Tedford's Cal record improved to 30-13, making him the third fastest Cal football coach to reach 30 wins. He trails only Pappy Waldorf (33 games) and Stub Allison (37 games).*



Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score
Arizona	0	0	0	0	-	0
California	7	7	7	7	-	28

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Cal – TD Lynch 1 yd run (Schneider kick), 0:47

Second Quarter

Cal – TD, Ayoob 1 yd run (Schneider kick), 5:42

Third Quarter

Cal – TD, Jordan 39 yd pass from Ayoob (Schneider kick), 9:45

Fourth Quarter

Cal – TD, Manderino 10 yd pass from Ayoob (Schneider kick), 1:51

Team Statistics

	ARIZ	CAL
First Downs	13	18
Rush. Yards (net)	28-37	44-194
Passing Yards (net)	169	137
Passes Att-Comp-Int	36-19-3	21-14-1
Total Offense (Plays-Yards)	64-206	65-331
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-44	3-45
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-73	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-9	3-50
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-42.3	6-44.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	11-60	5-39
Possession Time	25:54	34:06
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 16	5 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-2	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	5-24	1-6

Individual Statistics

Arizona

Rushing: Bell, 19-60; Harris, 3-6; Team 1-minus 2; Johnson, 1-minus 3; Henry, 1-minus 6; Kovalcheck, 3-minus 18.

Passing: Kovalcheck 19-36-3-169.

Receiving: Johnson, 4-49; Jefferson, 3-48; Steptoe, 3-39; Thomas, 3-13; Dennard, 2-17; Harris, 2-minus 4; Bell, 1-7; Henry, 1-0.

Tackles: Brooks, 9-10; Krogstad, 7-8; Jones, 3-8; Fontenot, 3-5; McKinney, 2-5.

California

Rushing: Lynch, 20-107; Forsett, 13-74; Ayoob, 10-9; Jackson, 1-4.

Passing: Ayoob, 14-20-1-137; Lynch, 0-1-0-0.

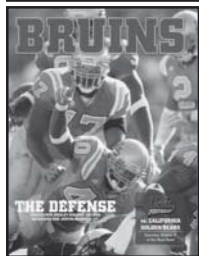
Receiving: Jordan, 3-55; Stevens, 3-36; Beegun, 2-18; Manderino, 2-15; Lynch, 2-11; Jackson, 2-2.

Tackles: Bishop, 6-6; Mixon, 5-5; Tafisi, 5-5; Hughes, 4-5; Mbokogu, 2-5; Bundy, 3-4; Felder, 3-3; Foltz, 2-3; M. Malele, 2-2; Purtz, 2-2; DeCoud, 2-2; H. Smith, 1-2; Lonie, 1-2; Van Hoesen, 1-2; Mebane, 1-1; Pimentel, 1-1; Ta'ufo'ou, 1-1; W. Williams, 1-1; Jackson, 1-1; Hampton, 1-1; McCleskey, 1-1; Ma'afala, 0-1; Follett, 0-1; Kane, 0-1.

Led by linebacker Desmond Bishop's six tackles and interceptions by Tim Mixon and Daymeion Hughes (2), the Cal defense shut out the Wildcats in a 28-0 rout.

GAME 6 UCLA 47, California 40

Oct. 8, 2005



PASADENA – Maurice Drew ran for three touchdowns, scored another on a long punt return, and caught a 28-yard pass for the go-ahead touchdown as UCLA (#20 AP/#16 USA Today) rallied for a 47-40 victory over California (#10 AP/#9 USA Today) Oct. 8 at the Rose Bowl.

Drew caught a swing pass from Drew Olson in the right flat and outran defenders down the sideline to score the decisive touchdown with 1:35 to play.

UCLA sealed the win when Trey Brown intercepted a **Joe Ayoob** pass at the Cal 23 with 1:19 remaining.

Justin Forsett rushed for 153 yards and a touchdown for Cal, and **Marshawn Lynch** carried 22 times for 135 yards and also scored a TD. **DeSean Jackson** had 10 catches for 128 yards and one score.

The Bears went up 40-28 early in the fourth quarter on **Tom Schneider's** fourth field goal of the game, a 36-yarder.

Olson marched the Bruins 80 yards on their next series, capping the drive when he scored from the 1-yard line. UCLA picked up a key first down on the drive when Jarrad Page ran for 38 yards on a fake punt.

On Cal's second play from scrimmage, Forsett burst up the middle, veered to the right sideline and was off on a 57-yard dash down to the UCLA 25. After a reverse to Jackson moved the ball to the 1-yard line, Forsett scored to put the Bears on the board 2:15 into the game.

Cal quickly scored again, cashing in when Chris Markey fumbled the ensuing kickoff at the UCLA 15. Ayoob threw a 15-yard scoring pass to tight end **Craig Stevens** on the next play and the Bears led 14-0 with the game only 2:32 old.

Game Notes

- Both teams gave up season-high point totals. Cal's previous opponent high this season was 20 by Illinois on Sept. 17, and UCLA's previous opponent high was 24 vs. Oklahoma, also on Sept. 17.
- UCLA had 395 yards of total offense, the most allowed by Cal's defense this season.
- Cal produced a pair of 100-yard rushers in Marshawn Lynch (22-135) and Justin Forsett (10-153). This is the first time Cal has had two 100-yard rushers in the same game since the Cal-Stanford game on Nov. 20, 2004 when Lynch ran nine times for 122 yards and J.J. Arrington ran 27 times for 169 yards.
- Tonight's attendance was 84,811, marking UCLA's largest non-USC crowd since 2000 when 88,804 fans attended the UCLA-Michigan game at the Rose Bowl on Sept. 16 (23-20 UCLA victory).



Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score
California	14	13	10	3	-	40
UCLA Bruins	7	14	7	19	-	47

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Cal – TD Forsett 1 yd run (Schneider kick), 12:45
Cal – TD Stevens 15 yd pass from Ayoob (Schneider kick), 12:28
UCLA – TD Cowan 4 yd pass from Olson (Medlock kick), 4:02

Second Quarter

UCLA – TD Drew 12 yd run (Medlock kick), 14:50
Cal – FG Schneider 32 yd, 12:25
Cal – Jackson 35 yd pass from Ayoob (Schneider kick), 9:29
Cal – FG Schneider 27 yd, 4:07
UCLA – TD Drew 1 run (Medlock kick), 0:21

Third Quarter

UCLA – TD Drew 81 yd punt return (Medlock kick), 7:33
Cal – FG Schneider 25 yd, 4:29
Cal – TD Lynch 11 yd run (Schneider kick), 1:21

Fourth Quarter

Cal – FG Schneider 36 yd, 12:55
UCLA – TD Olson 1 yd run (Medlock kick), 7:30
UCLA – Drew 28 yd pass from Olson (rush failed), 1:35
UCLA – Drew 2 yd run (no attempt), 0:00

Team Statistics

	CAL	UCLA
First Downs	26	17
Rushes-Yards (Net)	41-330	31-170
Passing Yds (Net)	215	225
Passes Att-Comp-Int	35-18-1	33-17-0
Total Offense Plays-Yards	76-545	64-395
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-11	3-162
Kickoff Returns-Yards	4-75	6-117
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-16
Punts (Number-Avg)	5-36.0	7-40.9
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	8-66	8-69
Possession Time	34:41	25:19
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 14	6 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	7-7	5-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-5	1-1

Individual Statistics

California

Rushing: Forsett, 10-153; Lynch, 22-135; Ayoob, 5-26; Jackson, 3-18; TEAM 1-minus 2.

Passing: Ayoob, 18-35-1-215.

Receiving: Jackson, 10-128; Jordan, 3-54; Stevens, 1-15; Lynch, 1-13; Hawkins, 1-3; O'Keith, 1-3; Forsett, 1-minus 1.

Tackles: Mixon, 6-7; H. Smith, 3-7; McCleskey, 5-6; Mbokogu, 4-5; Bishop, 3-5; Mebane, 4-4; W. Williams, 3-3; Hughes, 3-3; Felder, 2-2; Follett, 2-2; DeCoud, 1-2; M. Malele, 1-1; Storer, 1-1; Hampton, 1-1; Van Hoesen, 1-1; Stevens, 1-1; Lonie, 1-1; Moye, 1-1; Tafisi, 0-1; Bundy, 0-1; T. Williams, 0-1.

UCLA

Rushing: Drew, 15-65; Markey, 10-43; Page, 1-38; Pitre, 1-16; Olson, 4-8.

Passing: Olson, 17-33-0-225

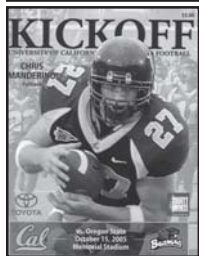
Receiving: Everett, 6-95; Markey, 3-13; Drew, 2-52; Breazell, 2-33; Moya, 1-11; Ketchum, 1-11; Lewis, 1-6; Cowan, 1-4.

Tackles: Keyes, 7-11; Havner, 8-9; London, 5-8; Sneed, 5-7; Cassel, 4-5.

Tight end Craig Stevens scored on a 15-yard pass from Joe Ayoob in the opening quarter against the Bruins.

GAME 7 Oregon State 23, California 20

Oct. 15, 2005



BERKELEY – Yvenson Bernard rushed for a career-high 194 yards and the go-ahead touchdown with 6:41 to play, and Oregon State snapped California's 10-game home winning streak in a 23-20 victory Oct. 15.

Matt Moore passed for 196 yards and OSU's defense forced five turnovers. The Golden Bears (#18 AP/#16 *USA Today*) lost their second straight after the school's best start since 1996.

Bernard carried the ball 42 times in the game and scored two touchdowns in the second half for the Beavers, whose 35-21 victory at Memorial Stadium in 2003 was the most recent win by a visitor.

After Bernard's second score, Cal had three chances to make a winning drive, but the Bears could not mount a scoring charge. Quarterback **Joe Ayooob** completed just 13-of-39 passes for 219 yards and two interceptions, while Cal saw its streak of producing a 100-yard rusher end at 18 games.

Marshawn Lynch rushed for 58 yards, and **Justin Forsett**, the nation's ninth-leading rusher, had just 17 yards on nine carries.

Oregon State got inside the Cal 10 four times in the first half, but settled for three field goals by Alexis Serna. Bernard rushed for a 31-yard TD in the third quarter to put Oregon State up 16-14, and the Beavers made another strong drive in the third – but Bernard fumbled the ball into the end zone for a touchback.

A four-yard run by Ayooob late in the third period gave the Bears a 20-16 lead (a two-point conversion attempt failed). But Bernard's final score gave OSU the winning margin.

Game Notes

- *LB Mickey Pimentel intercepted two passes – the first INTs in Pimentel's career and the Bears' first INTs by a linebacker this season. Pimentel returned his second pick for 77 yards.*
- *ROV Donnie McCleskey picked off an OSU pass, giving Cal its second three-INT game this season. Against Arizona, Daymeion Hughes (2) and Tim Mixon (1) did the honors.*
- *QB Joe Ayooob contributed on three TDs: receiving a 21-yard pass from Marshawn Lynch, completing a 6-yard strike to DeSean Jackson, and rushing for a four-yard score. It was the first time that a Cal player had rushed for, passed for and caught a TD pass in the same game since Kyle Boller accomplished the feat against Michigan State in 2002.*



Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score
Oregon State	6	3	7	7	-	23
California	0	14	6	0	-	20

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

OSU – FG, Serna 24 yd, 5:05

OSU – FG, Serna 25 yd, 1:51

Second Quarter

Cal – TD, Ayooob 21 yd pass from Lynch (Schneider kick), 14:51

Cal – TD, Jackson 6 yd pass from Ayooob (Schneider kick), 4:17

OSU – FG, Serna 27 yd, 0:00

Third Quarter

OSU – TD, Bernard 31 yd run (Serna kick), 11:42

Cal – TD, Ayooob 4 yd run (pass failed), 1:41

Fourth Quarter

OSU – TD, Bernard 11 yd run (Serna kick), 6:41

Team Statistics

	OSU	CAL
First Downs	19	18
Rushes-Yards (Net)	45-181	34-75
Passing Yds (Net)	196	240
Passes Att-Comp-Int	34-21-3	40-14-2
Total Offense Plays-Yards	79-377	74-315
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-27	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-69	2-15
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-27	5-83
Interception Returns-Yards	2-6	3-109
Punts (Number-Avg)	7-49.9	7-43.9
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-3
Penalties-Yards	10-94	5-65
Possession Time	35:01	24:59
Third-Down Conversions	7 of 19	6 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-6	3-3
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-22	2-12

Individual Statistics

California

Rushing: Lynch, 14-58; Forsett, 9-18; O'Keith, 2-5; Manderino, 2-5; Ayooob, 7-minus 11

Passing: Ayooob, 13-39-2-219; Lynch, 1-1-0-21.

Receiving: Jackson, 5-79; Jordan, 4-53; O'Keith, 1-27; Hawkins, 1-26; Ayooob, 1-21; Gray, 1-21; Beegun, 1-13.

Tackles: H. Smith, 9-13; Tafisi, 8-8; Hughes, 5-5; Follett, 4-5; Bishop, 3-5; Felder, 2-5; Mixon, 4-4; Ma'Afala, 4-4; McCleskey, 3-4; Lupoi, 3-3; Foltz, 2-3; DeCoud, 1-3; Pimentel, 2-2; W. Williams, 1-2; M. Malele, 1-2; Mebane, 1-1; Manderino, 1-1; O'Keith, 1-1; Van Hoesen, 1-1; Jordan, 0-1; T. Williams, 0-1; Ta'ufo'ou, 0-1; Kane, 0-1.

Oregon State

Rushing: Bernard, 42-194; TEAM 1-minus 1; Moore, 2-minus 12.

Passing: Moore, 21-34-3-196.

Receiving: Wheat-Brown, 4-93; Hawkins, 4-33; Hass, 4-17; Bernard, 4-16; Jackson, 2-6; Wright, 1-13; Haines, 1-12; Vandiver, 1-6.

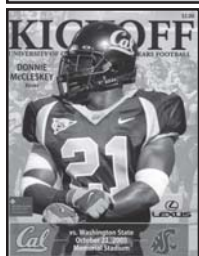
Tackles: Ellison, 9-9; Bray, 7-9; Piscitelli, 8-8; Lemma, 5-5; Louis, 4-4.

Linebacker Mickey Pimentel picked off two Oregon State passes, returning one 77 yards.

GAME 8

Washington State 38, California 42

Oct. 22, 2005



BERKELEY – Joe Ayoob completed a 9-yard touchdown pass to Lavelle Hawkins with 1:50 left, and California overcame a late 10-point deficit to beat Washington State, 42-38, Oct. 22 in Memorial Stadium.

After Jason Hill caught three long touchdown passes from Alex Brink on the way to a career-high 240 yards receiving for the Cougars, Ayoob led the Golden Bears on one final drive. He hit a wide-open Hawkins in the back of the end zone with under two minutes to go to put Cal ahead for good.

Sophomore walk-on LaReylle Cunningham caught a 57-yard TD pass from Ayoob with 5:19 left for his first career touchdown to pull Cal within 38-35. The Bears, playing the Cougars for the first time since 2002, ended a four-game losing streak to Washington State, dating to 1998.

Greg Van Hoesen and Tim Mixon each made key interceptions late in the first half to help the Bears break open the game with 14 points in a 90-second span on the way to a 28-10 halftime lead.

Van Hoesen made his first career interception and ran it back 16 yards for a score, then Mixon's 38-yard interception return on Brink's very next pass set up Ayoob's 3-yard TD pass to Chris Manderino.

Ayoob threw for 274 yards and four TDs and tailback Marshawn Lynch scored on a season-long 39-yard run on the way to a career-high 160-yard game. Justin Forsett added 111 yards on the ground for the Bears.

With kickoff at 7:15 p.m. local time, this was only the second night game ever at Memorial Stadium, where 52,569 fans turned out for the nationally televised game.

Game Notes

- TB Marshawn Lynch, who had 97 yards at halftime, reached 100 yards in the third quarter with his 17th carry. That marked the 19th time in 20 games a Cal running back has rushed for 100 yards.
- With DeSean Jackson and Robert Jordan, Cal's top two receivers, out with shoulder injuries, sophomore walk-on LaReylle Cunningham got a chance to shine, finishing with five catches for 112 yards, marking the fourth time Cal had a 100-yard receiver this season.
- The Bears blocked their fourth kick of the season when Daymeion Hughes blocked Washington State's extra point attempt after Chris Jordan's 16-yard touchdown catch in the fourth quarter.



Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score
Washington State	10	0	22	6	-	38
California	14	14	0	14	-	42

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

WSU – TD, Gibson 66 yd pass from Brink (Langley kick), 10:32

Cal – TD, Lynch 39 yd run (Schneider kick), 6:19

WSU – FG, Langley 22 yd, 3:07

Cal – TD, Gray 22 yd pass from Ayoob, 1:57

Second Quarter

Cal – TD, Van Hoesen 16 yd interception return, 2:34

Cal – TD, Manderino 3 yd pass from Ayoob, 1:04

Third Quarter

WSU – TD, Hill 38 yd pass from Brink (Langley kick), 12:01

WSU – TD, Hill 62 yd pass from Brink (Bienemann pass from Brink), 10:09

WSU – TD, Hill 38 yd pass from Brink (Langley kick), 3:05

Fourth Quarter

WSU – TD, Jordan 16 yd pass from Brink (kick blocked), 9:52

Cal – TD, Cunningham 57 yd pass from Ayoob (Schneider kick), 5:19

Cal – TD, Hawkins 9 yd pass from Ayoob (Schneider kick), 1:50

Team Statistics

	WSU	CAL
First Downs	20	24
Rushes-Yards (Net)	38-178	48-274
Passing Yds (Net)	422	274
Passes Att-Comp-Int	38-17-2	35-19-2
Total Offense Plays-Yards	76-600	83-548
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	2-7	3-25
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-61	7-121
Interception Returns-Yards	2-9	2-54
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-42.2	6-40.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-10	4-40
Possession Time	24:31	35:29
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 19	5 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	2 of 2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	2-4
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-17	4-23

Individual Statistics

Washington State

Rushing: Harrison, 26-162; Woolridge, 3-10; Bumpus, 1-5; Brink, 7-1; Davis, 1-0.

Passing: Brink, 17-38-2-422.

Receiving: Hill, 6-240; Gibson, 2-77; Jordan, 2-36; Bumpus, 2-33; Bienemann, 2-30; Harrison, 1-5; Boyd, 1-2; Martin, 1-minus 1.

Tackles: Davis, 8-11; Abdullah, 7-9; Dada, 7-8; Trent, 5-7; Teems, 3-7.

California

Rushing: Lynch, 25-160; Forsett, 12-111; Manderino, 3-7; Hawkins, 1-6; TEAM 1-minus 1; Ayoob, 6-minus 9.

Passing: Ayoob, 19-35-2-274.

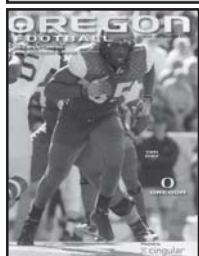
Receiving: Hawkins, 8-71; Cunningham, 5-112; Gray, 2-40; Stevens, 1-24; Lynch, 1-12; DeSa, 1-12; Manderino, 1-3.

Tackles: Foltz, 8-8; McCleskey, 6-7; Bishop, 4-6; Lupoi, 3-5; DeCoud, 4-4; Mixon, 4-4; Hughes, 3-4; Mbogoku, 3-4; Tafisi, 2-3; Felder, 2-2; Follett, 2-2; Moye, 2-2; M. Malele, 1-2; Forsett, 1-1; Purtz, 1-1; Stevens, 1-1; H. Smith, 1-1; Ma'Afala, 1-1; Pimentel, 0-1.

Sophomore LaReylle Cunningham caught a 57-yard TD pass from Joe Ayoob for his first career touchdown to pull Cal within 38-35 in the fourth quarter.

GAME 9 Oregon 27, California 20

Nov. 5, 2005



EUGENE, Ore. – Brady Leaf threw a 4-yard touchdown pass to James Finley in overtime to lead Oregon to a 27-20 victory over California Nov. 5.

The Ducks played their first game without starter Kellen Clemens, who is out for the season with a broken ankle. Dennis Dixon started, but it was Leaf who led them to the win in a game played in constant rain and unpredictable winds.

Cal had a chance to win in regulation, but **Tom Schneider** missed a rushed, 53-yard field goal attempt on the final play.

Marshawn Lynch ran for a career-high 189 yards on 25 carries, but it wasn't enough to carry the Bears. **Joe Ayoob** completed just 10-of-26 passes for 88 yards. He was intercepted three times.

Dixon hit Demetrius Williams with a 23-yard touchdown pass midway through the first quarter to give the Ducks a 7-0 lead. Cal evened it up after **Thomas DeCoud** blocked an Oregon punt to set the Bears up on the 1-yard-line. Lynch scored one play later.

After Paul Martinez put Oregon back out in front with a 29-yard field goal, Schneider made a 21-yard field goal with 44 seconds in half to tie it at 10.

Martinez, who missed a 37-yard attempt in the first half in wet and windy conditions, hit a 49-yard field goal to cap the first series of the second half.

After Ayoob fumbled and Oregon recovered on the Cal 18, Terrence Whitehead ran it in on the next play to make it 20-10. Schneider's 45-yard field goal narrowed it again for Cal, before Lynch broke away with a 52-yard touchdown run to tie it at 20.

Game Notes

- *The Bears' defense was solid against Oregon. Consider that the Ducks were forced to punt on their final six possessions of regulation and never ran more than five offensive plays during that span; the longest Oregon possession of the game covered just 54 yards and the Ducks never had possession of the ball for longer than 3:42.*
- *Special teams kept Cal in the game with a 34-yard kickoff return by Marshawn Lynch, a 46-yard punt return by Tim Mixon, field goals of 21 and 45 yards by Tom Schneider. Thomas DeCoud's blocked punt set up a TD.*
- *Marshawn Lynch has produced consecutive career rushing bests in his last two games. Against Washington State, the Oakland sophomore ran for 160 yards on 25 carries, and followed up that performance with a 189-yard effort on 25 carries at Oregon, including two touchdowns.*
- *Lynch's 189-yard effort at Oregon ranks 16th on Cal's single-game chart.*



Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score
California	7	3	10	0	0	20
Oregon	7	3	10	0	7	27

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Ore – TD, Williams 23 yd pass from Dixon (Martinez kick), 5:54

Cal – TD, Lynch 1 yd run (Schneider kick), 1:54

Second Quarter

Ore – FG, Martinez 29 yd, 13:12

Cal – FG, Schneider 21 yd, 0:44

Third Quarter

Ore – FG, Martinez 49 yd, 11:42

Ore – TD, Whitehead 18 yd run (Martinez kick), 10:48

Cal – FG, Schneider 45 yd, 3:31

Cal – TD, Lynch 52 yd run, 00:49

Overtime

Ore – TD, Finley 4 yd pass from Leaf (Martinez kick)

Team Statistics

	CAL	ORE
First Downs	14	19
Rushes-Yards (Net)	39-213	37-143
Passing Yds (Net)	88	232
Passes Att-Comp-Int	26-10-3	39-24-1
Total Offense Plays-Yards	65-301	76-375
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-82	3-21
Kickoff Returns-Yards	3-73	4-73
Interception Returns-Yards	1-22	3-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-42.0	8-32.6
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-40	6-40
Possession Time	30:07	29:53
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 13	6 of 18
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-12	3-15

Individual Statistics

California

Rushing: Lynch, 25-189; Forsett, 6-32; Ayoob, 8-minus 8.

Passing: Ayoob, 10-26-3-88.

Receiving: Lynch, 3-13; Jordan, 2-25; Manderino, 2-22; Stevens, 1-15; Hawkins, 1-8; Forsett, 1-5.

Tackles: Bishop 4-9; McCleskey 5-8; Tafisi 5-7; H. Smith 5-6; Hughes 3-5; Pimentel 4-4; Foltz 3-4; Follett 2-4; Mebane 1-4; W. Williams 1-4; Lupoi 3-3; Mixon 3-3; Mbokogu 2-3; Moye 1-3; DeCoud 1-1; Purtz 1-1; Van Hoesen 1-1; Hampton 1-1; M. Malele 0-1; Ma'Afala 0-1; Ta'ufo'ou 0-1.

Oregon

Rushing: Whitehead, 20-119; Stewart, 5-16; Dixon, 8-8; Weatherspoon, 1-6; Finley, 1-0; Williams, D. 1-minus 1; Leaf, 1-minus 5.

Passing: Dixon, 15-26-1-139; Leaf, 9-13-0-93.

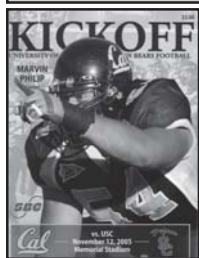
Receiving: Whitehead, 8-72; Finley, 6-47; Williams, D. 3-46; Day, 3-22; Colvin, 2-28; Williams, 1-11; Strong, 1-6.

Tackles: Ngata 4-11; Phillips 4-9; Trucks 4-7; Nelson 3-6; Chung 2-5.

Defensive back Brandon Hampton picked off an Oregon pass and returned it 22 yards.

GAME 10 USC 35, California 10

Nov. 12, 2005



BERKELEY – Matt Leinart passed for 246 yards and ran for two touchdowns, and LenDale White ran for three more scores in No. 1 USC's 22nd straight Pac-10 victory, a 35-10 win over California Nov. 12 in Memorial Stadium.

With the victory, the Trojans tied Cal's 1947-50 record for consecutive conference wins. USC hasn't lost since a 34-31 defeat in Berkeley in 2003.

The USC defense intercepted Bears QB Joe Ayoob four times and kept Cal out of the end zone until 1:34 remained.

The Trojans picked off Ayoob's first pass of the game near mid-field and turned it into seven points. Marching 47 yards in nine plays, White capped off the drive with a one-yard dive into the end zone.

The Bears responded by going 40 yards to the USC 28-yard-line. But Cal stalled there, and **Tom Schneider** came in to boot a 45-yard field goal, narrowing the gap to 7-3.

The Trojans got back into the scoring column with a pair of TDs in the second quarter, with Leinart rushing for both scores. He finished an 11-play, 70-yard drive by scrambling into the end zone from six yards out with 8:33 left in the half. With a 44-yard pass to Dwayne Jarrett keying the next drive, Leinart rushed three yards for another score with 3:01 remaining in the half.

USC made the score 28-3 early in the third quarter, going 80 yards in seven plays. White scored his second TD on a six-yard run up the middle.

Cal drove into Trojan territory the next time it had the ball, but Schneider's 41-yard field goal attempt just sailed wide right.

Steve Levy relieved Ayoob at quarterback in the fourth quarter and finished the day 4-for-4 for 34 yards. In Cal's final possession, he guided the Bears 51 yards on six plays, which included his own 19-yard run to the USC 1. Fullback **Chris Manderino** punched it over from there for the final 35-10 score.

Game Notes

- *Marshawn Lynch and Justin Forsett cleared the 900 yard mark against USC. Lynch, who entered the game with 842 yards, picked up 87 against USC to bring his season total to 929. Forsett entered the game with 899 rushing yards and finished with 13 for a season total of 912.*
- *David Lonie's second-quarter punt of 56 yards is a season long for the senior punter.*
- *With a sellout crowd of 72,981 in attendance, Cal's Memorial Stadium season average of 60,377 is the second highest in school history, topped only by the 64,019 average crowd last year.*
- *The Trojans entered the game averaging 49.89 ppg points per game and were held to 35 by the Bears. USC's 434 total yards are also below their season average of 593.56 ypg. USC entered the game leading the nation in both categories.*



Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score
USC	7	14	7	7	-	35
California	3	0	0	7	-	10

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

USC – TD, White 1 yd run (Danelo kick), 7:15

Cal – FG, Schneider 45 yd, 3:10

Second Quarter

USC – TD, Leinart 6 yd run (Danelo kick), 8:33

USC – TD, Leinart 3 yd run (Danelo kick), 3:01

Third Quarter

USC – TD, White 6 yd run (Danelo kick), 11:39

Fourth Quarter

USC – TD, White 2 yd run (Denelo kick), 7:43

Cal – TD, Manderino 1 yd run (Schneider kick), 1:34

Team Statistics

	USC	CAL
First Downs	26	17
Rushes-Yards (Net)	47-188	31-167
Passing Yds (Net)	246	132
Passes Att-Comp-Int	32-20-1	23-13-4
Total Offense Plays-Yards	79-434	54-299
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-8
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	4-91
Interception Returns-Yards	4-12	1-32
Punts (Number-Avg)	4-35.5	3-46.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	8-90	7-58
Possession Time	36:03	23:57
Third-Down Conversions	8 of 14	1 of 8
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	5-5	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	1-8	2-14

Individual Statistics

USC

Rushing: White, 16-90; Bush, 17-82; Kirtman, 2-14; McFoy, 1-11; Leinart, 6-2; Hancock, 2-0; Jarrett, 1-minus 1; Woodert, 1-minus 2; Booty, 1-minus 8.

Passing: Leinart, 20-32-1-246; Booty, 0-0-0-0.

Receiving: Jarrett, 5-69; Smith, 5-36; White, 3-61; Turner, 2-29; Kirtman, 1-17; Davis, 1-16; McFoy, 1-9; Byrd, 1-5; Bush, 1-4.

Tackles: Cushing 7-7; Mauluga 6-6; Rivers 6-6; Ramsey 3-3; Bing 3-3.

California

Rushing: Lynch, 13-87; Levy, 2-36; Manderino, 3-14; Forsett, 5-13; T. Williams, 1-7; Jackson, 1-6; Ayoob, 6-4.

Passing: Ayoob, 9-19-4-98; Levy, 4-4-0-34.

Receiving: Stevens, 3-26; Manderino, 2-37; Lynch, 2-26; Jordan, 2-12; Hawkins, 2-7; Beegun, 1-15; Jackson, 1-9.

Tackles: Bishop 11-12; Hughes 7-10; H. Smith 7-9; Foltz 6-6; McCleskey 6-6; Pimentel 3-5; Mixon 3-4; Mbokogu 2-3; W. Williams 2-2; Ma'Afala 2-2; Van Hoesen 2-2; Follett 2-2; Tafisi 1-2; Felder 1-1; Merz 1-1; Lynch 1-1; M. Malele 1-1.

Daymeion Hughes had 10 tackles, including seven unassisted, against the Trojans.

GAME 11 California 27, Stanford 3

Nov. 19, 2005



PALO ALTO – **Marshawn Lynch** ran for 123 yards and a touchdown, and first-time starter **Steve Levy** passed for 125 yards and another score in California's fourth straight victory over Stanford, 27-3 in the 108th Big Game.

Sophomore TB **Justin Forsett** ran for a 21-yard score. Tailback **Terrell Williams** threw for one TD, and Cal (7-4, 4-4 Pac-10) held the Cardinal without a touchdown for the second straight season. Cal's inspired defense sacked Stanford's two quarterbacks nine times (minus-70 yards) in another one-sided edition of Northern California's biggest college rivalry.

Levy finished 10-for-18 with one interception and hit freshman **DeSean Jackson** with a 56-yard TD pass on Cal's second possession.

The California defense limited Stanford to 16 yards rushing and 244 yards total offense. Eleven different Cal defenders were credited with a tackle for loss. Junior linebacker **Mickey Pimentel** was credited with five tackles, including 3.5 tackles for loss (-27 yards) and 2.5 quarterback sacks. He also forced a fumble.

Stanford's T.C. Ostrander passed for 143 yards after relieving injured Stanford starter Trent Edwards, but both quarterbacks took poundings from Cal's dominant defense.

Jeff Tedford is unbeaten in the Big Game since taking over at Cal, becoming the first Bears coach to start the rivalry 4-0 since 1921. Cal has outscored Stanford 126-32 since 2002, and the Bears have won four straight Big Games for the first time since 1939.

Lynch cleared the 1,000-yard mark against Stanford and has 1,052 yards on the season. Forsett finished the regular season with 962 yards.

Game Notes

- Cal's first-quarter touchdown drive covered 88 yards. It was the second longest scoring march of the season for Cal, behind only a 94-yard march at Washington in the second week of the season.
- The Bears have won two consecutive Big Games in Palo Alto for the first time since 1949 and 1951.
- Cal recorded nine sacks against Stanford, which is a season-high for the Bears. The nine sacks is the most by a Pac-10 team this season.



Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Score
California	6	0	7	14	-	27
Stanford	0	3	0	0	-	3

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

Cal – TD, Jackson 56 yd pass from Levy (kick blocked), 9:05

Second Quarter

Stan – FG, Sgroi 37 yd, 9:54

Third Quarter

Cal – Forsett 21 yd run (Schneider kick), 9:33

Fourth Quarter

Cal – Lynch 3 yd run (Schneider kick), 7:14

Cal – Stevens 14 yd pass from Williams, T. (Schneider kick), 3:31

Team Statistics

	CAL	STAN
First Downs	19	18
Rushes-Yards (Net)	43-226	37-16
Passing Yds (Net)	139	228
Passes Att-Comp-Int	19-11-1	37-24-0
Total Offense Plays-Yards	62-365	74-244
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	4-9	3-8
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	5-82
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-2
Punts (Number-Avg)	6-45.2	8-40.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-1
Penalties-Yards	1-5	2-30
Possession Time	27:47	32:13
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 12	6 of 17
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	1-2
Sacks By: Number-Yards	9-70	2-14

Individual Statistics

California

Rushing: Lynch, 24-123; Forsett, 7-50; Levy, 8-36; T. Williams, 2-9; Storer, 1-6; Jackson, 1-2.

Passing: Levy, 10-18-1-125; T. Williams, 1-1-0-14.

Receiving: Jordan, 3-28; Jackson, 2-65; Stevens, 2-40; Hawkins, 2-5; Lynch, 2-1.

Tackles: H. Smith 8-8; Hughes 6-7; McCleskey, 5-7; Bishop, 3-6; Mbokogu, 4-5; Hampton, 3-5; Pimentel, 2-5; Mixon, 4-4; Felder, 4-4; Mebane, 2-4; W. Williams, 4; Van Hoesen, 2-3; Storer, 2-2; Tafisi, 1-2; Kane, 1-2; Ma'Afala, 1-2; Stevens, 1-1; Follett, 1-1; Bundy, 1-1; Foltz, 1-1; O'Keith, 0-1; Purtz, 0-1.

Stanford

Rushing: Lemon, 8-22; Frank, 4-16; Evans, 5-15; Kimble, 1-2; Edwards, 12-minus 3; Ostrander, 7-minus 36.

Passing: Ostrander, 15-23-0-152; Edwards, 9-14-0-76.

Receiving: Crochet, 7-86; Lemon, 5-minus 1; Traverso, 4-55; Bradford, 3-54; McCutcheon, 2-27; Danahy, 1-10; Frank, 1-minus 1; Evans, 1-minus 2.

Tackles: Schimmelmann, 3-7; Sanchez, 5-6; Hooper, 4-6; Alston, 5-5; Okwo, 4-4.

In his first start at quarterback, Steve Levy was 10 of 18 passing for 125 yards and added 36 yards on the ground on eight carries.