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MEN'S GOLF

Cal Travels to 34th Annual ASU Thunderbird Invitational

THIS WEEK: Sat.-Sun. Apr. 8-9 at ASU Thunderbird Invitational Karsten Golf Course, Tempe, Ariz. All Day

2005-06 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Event	Place/Teams
Fall		
9/10-11	at The Falcon Invitational	5th/17
	290-290-304 – 884 +20	
10/3-4	at Big Ten/Pac-10 Challenge	14th/14
	298-310-312 – 920 +24	
10/10-11	Alister MacKenzie Invitational	1st/16
	276-281-287 – 844 -8	
10/17-18	at The Prestige	14th/18
	297-306-302 – 905 +41	
10/31-11/1	at CordeValle Collegiate	3rd/16
	297-282-280 – 859 -5	

Spring

1/30-31	at PING/Arizona Intercollegiate	T14th/16
	304-293-307 – 904 +52	
2/22-24	at John Burns Intercollegiate	14th/19
	289-282-285 – 856 -8	
3/13-14	at Callaway Golf Invitational	T5th/16
	296-299-305 – 900 +36	
3/27-28	at The Western Intercollegiate	T10th/16
	296-301 – 597 +37	
4/8-9	at ASU Thunderbird Invitational	
	Tempe, Ariz.	
4/15-16	at U.S. Intercollegiate	
	Stanford, Calif.	
4/24-26	at Pac-10 Championships	
	Palm Springs, Calif.	
5/18-20	at NCAA Western Regionals	
	Tucson, Ariz.	
5/31-6/3	at NCAA Championships	
	Sunriver, Ore.	

HEAD COACH

Steve Desimone: The Cal men's golf program has made amazing strides since the spring of 1980. It went from a club sport in the early '80s, to one of the elite golf programs in the country in the 1990s, to national champions in 2004. Head coach Steve Desimone, now in his 27th year at the helm of Cal men's golf, is the man largely responsible for the level of success enjoyed by the program. Desimone was named *Golfweek's* 2003-04 College Coach of the Year and was presented with the 2004 Grand Master of the Year award by the Northern California Golf Association after leading the Golden Bears to the 2004 NCAA golf title.

Over the years, Desimone has directed the Bears to 11 NCAA West Regional berths and five NCAA championship events ('95, '98, '99, '00, '04). He was voted Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year in 1987. A member of the Golden Bears' basketball team as an undergraduate, Desimone graduated from Cal in 1970. He took golf at Cal from a club sport in the early 80's to one of the preeminent programs in the country.

Desimone is joined by assistant coach **Walter Chun** (second year, Cal '01) and administrative assistant **Curt David** (second year, Pacific, '89).

CAL TEES OFF AT ASU THUNDERBIRD INVITATIONAL: California, the 2004 NCAA champion, travels to the ASU Thunderbird Invitational Saturday-Sunday, April 8-9 at the par 72, 7,037-yard Karsten Golf Course on the campus of Arizona State in Tempe, Ariz. Thirty six holes will be played Saturday, followed by a final round on Sunday. The Golden Bears have been paced by junior **Michael Wilson**, who has been Cal's top finisher in the last two tournaments, placing sixth at the Callaway Golf Invitational Mar. 14, and tying for eighth at The Western Intercollegiate (played at the Pasatiempo Golf Course) with a two-round score of 143, Mar. 28. Wilson is the lone returner from the Bears' 2004 NCAA championship squad.

WILSON LEADS BEARS: Michael Wilson has had Cal's top finish in the last two tournaments this season, and has the distinction of competing in all 26 rounds for the Bears this season. Wilson was the individual champion of the inaugural CordeValle Collegiate on Nov. 1, shooting a 10-under 206 (69-70-67) and helping Cal to a third-place finish. He was named the October, 2005 Pac-10 Golfer of the Month. In 2003, Wilson was the Pac-10 Co-Freshman of the Year and second-team All-Pac-10, and in 2004, a key member of the Bears' NCAA championship squad. Another player to compete in all 26 rounds this season is freshman **George Grandranata**, who has the second-best stroke average (73.7) to Wilson (73.5), and helped Cal to the 2005 Alister MacKenzie title, tying for 10th with a two-under 211. Besides winning the Alister MacKenzie Invitational, other team highlights for the Bears is a fifth place finish at The Falcon Invitational, Sept. 11; a third place finish at the CordeValle Collegiate, Nov. 1; and fifth place tie at the Callaway Golf Invitational Mar. 14.

TOURNAMENT HISTORY: The ASU Thunderbird Invitational has been won by Arizona State five of the past seven years and the Sun Devils have won the tournament 12 of the past 17 years. Last season, UNLV captured the tournament with a seven-under 859, while Arizona's Kipp Riehle won medalist honors with a seven-under 206. Last year, Cal placed 15th out of 16 teams at the ASU Invitational with a plus-50 902. As a freshman, **Michael Jensen** was the Bears' top finisher, tying for 47th with a nine-over 225.

A LOOK AT THE FIELD: This year's 15-team field features three schools ranked in the GCAA/Bridgestone Division I Coaches Poll Top 25. The complete field includes: No. 6 UNLV, No. 8 Arizona State (two teams), No. 19 Texas Tech, Arizona, California, Central Florida, Colorado State, Illinois, Kansas State, Oregon, Penn State, San Diego State, Stanford and South Carolina.

BEARS' ASU LINE-UP: Cal's lineup (in order) for the ASU Invite is listed below.

Player	YR	05-06 RND5	STROKES	AVG	LOW	TOP FINISH
Michael Wilson	Jr.	26	1911	73.5	67	1
Freddy Wolfe	So.	8	601	75.1	71	T29
Romain Payet	Fr.	11	818	74.4	70	T19
George Grandranata	Fr.	26	1917	73.7	68	T10
Michael Jensen	So.	17	1294	76.1	66	T14

THE WESTERN INTERCOLLEGIATE RECAP: Led by **Wilson's** eighth place finish, the Cal men's golf team tied for 10th at the 60th annual Western Intercollegiate, played at the Pasatiempo Golf Course (par 70, 6,432 yards) Mar. 27-28 in Santa Cruz. The Bears shot a 37-over 597 (296, 301), tying UC Irvine (295, 302) for the 10th spot. Duke captured the tournament with a 17-over 577 (284, 293). The individual champion was Stanford's Rob Grube with a two-under 138 (68, 70). Wilson paced Cal, tying for eighth with a three-over 143 (73, 70). Sophomore **Freddy Wolfe** tied for 29th with a nine-over 149 (71, 78), freshman **Romain Payet** tied for 48th with a 12-over 152 (76, 76), freshman **George Gandranata** tied for 58th with a 13-over 153 (76, 77) and freshman **Larry Wong** tied for 75th with a 17-over 157 (77, 80).

2005-06 California Men's Golf Schedule/Results

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Host School</u>	<u>Result/Course</u>	<u>Score/Par</u>	<u>Top Golfer</u>
Sept. 10-11	The Falcon Invitational	Air Force	5th/17 teams	290-290-304—884/+20	Michael Wilson
Oct. 3-4	Big Ten/Pac-10 Challenge	N'thwestern/Oregon	14th/14 teams	298-310-312—920/+24	Grandranata/Wilson
Oct. 10-11	Alister MacKenzie Invitational	California	1st/16 teams	276-281-287—844/-8	Jeff Vetterick
Oct. 17-18	The Prestige	Stanford/UC Davis	14th/18 teams	297-306-302—905/+41	Michael Jensen
Oct. 31-Nov. 1	CordeValle Collegiate	UCLA	3rd/16 teams	297-282-280—859/-5	Michael Wilson
Jan. 30-31	PING/Arizona Intercollegiate	Arizona	14th tie/16 teams	304-293-307—904/+52	George Grandranata
Feb. 22-24	Johns Burns Intercollegiate	Hawaii	14th/19 teams	289-282-285—856/-8	George Grandranata
Mar. 13-14	Callaway Golf Invitational	San Diego	5th tie/16 teams	296-299-305—900/+36	Michael Wilson
Mar. 27-28	The Western Intercollegiate	San Jose State	10th tie/16 teams	296-301—597/+37	Michael Wilson
Apr. 8-9	ASU Thunderbird Invitational	Arizona State			
Apr. 15-16	U.S. Intercollegiate	Stanford			
Apr. 24-26	Pac-10 Championships	USC			
May 18-20	NCAA Western Regional	Arizona			
May 31-June 1	NCAA Championship	Portland			

Team Season Average: 7669/26=295.0

Individual Results

Kyle Dowden – Sophomore – Somis, Calif.

<u>Event (par)</u>	<u>rounds</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>finish</u>
Falcon Inv. (72)	73-77-81	231	77.0	73	T66
CordeValle (72)	74-74-78	226	75.3	74	T55
Totals	6 rounds	457	76.2	73	bf T55

George Grandranata – Freshman – Jakarta, Indonesia

<u>Event (par)</u>	<u>rounds</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>finish</u>
Falcon Inv. (72)	70-73-77	220	73.3	70	T12
Big Ten/Pac-10(72)	70-77-80	227	75.7	70	T49
A. MacKenzie (71)	69-74-68	211	70.3	68	T10
The Prestige (72)	72-76-78	226	75.3	72	T44
CordeValle (72)	77-75-71	223	74.3	71	T45
PING-Arizona (71)	72-72-75	219	73.0	72	T40
John Burns (72)	68-70-72	210	70.0	68	T25
Callaway Golf (72)	75-74-79	228	76.0	74	T30
Western Int. (70)	76-77	153	76.5	76	T58
Totals	26 rounds	1917	73.7	68	bf T10

Michael Jensen – Sophomore – Los Altos, Calif.

<u>Event (par)</u>	<u>rounds</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>finish</u>
A. MacKenzie (71)	66-71-75	212	70.7	66	T17
The Prestige (72)	75-74-73	222	74.0	73	T28
CordeValle (72)	77-68-71	216	72.0	68	T14
PING-Arizona (71)	82-77-83	242	80.7	77	85
Callaway Golf (72)	79-82-87	248	82.7	79	T76
Western Int. (70)	77-77	154	77.0	77	T63
Totals	17 rounds	1294	76.1	66	bf T14

Romain Payet – Freshman – La Montagne, Reunion Island

<u>Event (par)</u>	<u>rounds</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>finish</u>
PING-Arizona (71)	78-73-73	224	74.7	73	T56
John Burns (72)	73-74-70	217	72.3	70	T69
Callaway Golf (72)	73-78-74	225	75.0	73	T19
Western Int. (70)	76-76	152	76.0	76	T48
Totals	11 rounds	818	74.4	70	bf T19

Fredrik Svanberg – Senior – Davos, Switzerland

<u>Event (par)</u>	<u>rounds</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>finish</u>
Falcon Inv. (72)	77-71-75	223	74.3	71	T30
Big Ten/Pac-10(72)	82-80-80	242	80.7	80	70
Totals	6 rounds	465	77.5	71	bf T30

Erick Thorson – Freshman – Westlake Village, Calif.

<u>Event (par)</u>	<u>rounds</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>finish</u>
A. MacKenzie (71)	73-80-82	235	78.3	73	79
Western Int. (70)	83-77	160	80.0	77	T81
Totals	5 rounds	395	79.0	73	bf 79

Jeff Vetterick – Sophomore – Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

<u>Event (par)</u>	<u>rounds</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>finish</u>
Big Ten/Pac-10(72)	78-82-84	234	78.0	78	63
A. MacKenzie (71)	70-65-75	210	70.0	65	T8
The Prestige (72)	76-78-80	234	78.0	76	T79
Totals	9 rounds	678	75.3	65	bf T8

Michael Wilson – Junior – Pacific Grove, Calif.

<u>Event (par)</u>	<u>rounds</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>finish</u>
Falcon Inv. (72)	71-70-73	214	71.3	70	T6
Big Ten/Pac-10(72)	75-74-78	227	75.7	74	T49
A. MacKenzie (71)	72-71-69	212	70.7	69	T17
The Prestige (72)	74-79-77	230	76.7	74	T64
CordeValle (72)	69-70-67	206	68.7	67	1
PING-Arizona (71)	84-75-86	245	81.7	75	86
John Burns (72)	72-69-72	213	71.0	69	T42
Callaway Golf (72)	73-71-77	221	73.7	71	6
Western Int. (70)	73-70	143	71.5	70	T8
Totals	26 rounds	1911	73.5	67	bf 1

Freddy Wolfe – Sophomore – League City, Texas

<u>Event (par)</u>	<u>rounds</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>finish</u>
PING-Arizona (71)	72-73-76	221	73.7	72	T50
John Burns (72)	76-78-77	231	77.0	76	104
Western Int. (70)	71-78	149	74.5	71	T29
Totals	8 rounds	601	75.1	71	bf T29

Larry Wong – Freshman – Diamond Bar, Calif.

<u>Event (par)</u>	<u>rounds</u>	<u>total</u>	<u>avg</u>	<u>low</u>	<u>finish</u>
Falcon Inv. (72)	76-76-79	231	77.0	76	T66
Big Ten/Pac-10(72)	75-79-85	239	79.7	75	68
A. MacKenzie (71)	71-74-83	228	76.0	71	T72
The Prestige (72)	77-78-74	229	76.3	74	T59
CordeValle (72)	78-70-71	219	73.0	70	T30
John Burns (72)	78-69-71	218	72.7	69	T74
Callaway Golf (72)	75-76-75	226	75.3	75	T22
Western Int. (70)	77-80	157	78.5	77	T75
Totals	23 rounds	1747	76.0	69	bf T22