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MEN'S GOLF

Cal Travels to 47th Annual Pac-10 Men's Golf Championship

THIS WEEK: Mon.-Wed. Apr. 24-26 at Pac-10 Men's Golf Championship, Big Horn C.C., Palm Desert, Calif. All Day

2005-06 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date Fall	Event	Place/Teams
9/10-11	at The Falcon Invitationa	l 5th/17
10/3-4	at Big Ten/Pac-10 Challe 298-310-312 – 920 +24	enge14th/14
10/10-11	Alister MacKenzie Invitat 276-281-287 – 844 -8	tional 1st/16
10/17-18	at The Prestige 297-306-302 – 905 +41	14th/18
10/31-11/	1at CordeValle Collegiate 297-282-280 – 859 -5	3rd/16
Spring		
1/30-31	at PING/Arizona Intercol 304-293-307 – 904 +52	legiate T14th/16
2/22-24	at John Burns Intercolleg 289-282-285 – 856 -8	giate 14th/19
3/13-14	at Callaway Golf Invitation	onal T5th/16
3/27-28	at The Western Intercolle	egiate T10th/16
4/8-9	at ASU Thunderbird Invit 287-285-292 – 864 +12	tational 10th/16
4/15-16	at U.S. Intercollegiate T 310-299 – 609 +49	12th/17
4/24-26	at Pac-10 Championship Palm Desert, Calif.	s
5/18-20	at NCAA Western Regio Tucson, Ariz.	nals

HEAD COACH

5/31-6/3 at NCAA Championships

Sunriver, Ore.

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 PAC-10 CHAMPIONSHIP: California, the 2004 NCAA champion, travels to the 47th annual Pac-10 Men's Golf Championship, Monday-Wednesday, April 24-26 at the par 71, 7,009-yard Big Horn Country Club in Palm Desert, Calif. Thirty six holes will be played Monday, followed by a third round on Tuesday and a final round Wednesday. Cal will be paired with UCLA. This season, the Golden Bears have been paced by junior **Michael Wilson**, who has been Cal's top finisher in five of the Bears' 11 tournaments, winning the inagural CordeValle Collegiate back on Nov. 1, and most recently 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. The Bears will feature a young line-up at the Pac-10's with one junior, two sophomores and three freshmen.

WILSON LEADS BEARS: Wilson has the distinction of competing in all 31 rounds for the Bears this season. Wilson was the individual champion of the inagural 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. The other player to compete in all 31 rounds this season is freshman George Grandranata, who has the team's best stroke average (73.7), 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.

BEARS' PAC-10 TOURNAMENT HISTORY: Cal has yet to capture a Pac-10 title, despite winning the 2004 NCAA championship. The Bears' highest finish was second in 1995. Last season, Cal placed eighth and was led by sophomore Brandon Beck (tied 5th 282, -2) and then freshman **Michael Jensen**, who tied for seventh with a one-under 283. Jensen was a 2005 honorable mention All-Pac-10 selection and tied for 11th at this year's ASU Thunderbird Invitational with a three-under 210. In 1995, the Bears' **Charlie Wi** was the Pac-10 individual champion, and in 1986-87 Cal coach **Steve Desimone** was selected as the Pac-10 Coach of the Year. The Bears have had 27 All-Pac-10 selections since 1986-87.

A LOOK AT THE FIELD: This year's field features five Pac-10 teams ranked in the Golfweek Top-30 – No. 5 UCLA, No. 8 Arizona State, No. 24 Arizona, No. 28 USC and No. 29 Washington. Stanford is No. 45, Washington State is No. 83, California is No. 94, Oregon is No. 115 and Oregon State is No. 119. Individually, UCLA's Erik Flores is ranked No. 9, Alejandro Canizares of Arizona State is ranked No. 12, Stanford's Rob Grube is ranked No. 14, UCLA's Daniel Im is ranked No. 22, Niklas Lemke of Arizona State is ranked No. 33, Washington's Alex Prugh is ranked No. 35, Benjamin Alvarado of Arizona State is ranked No. 40, and USC's Taylor Wood is ranked No. 49. Washington captured last year's title in a tie-breaker over Arizona State (371-353-351-350 – 1425), and the Huskies Erik Olson won the individual title (70-69-68-69 – 276) by one stroke over Arizona's Nathan Lashley. 2006 results can be found on www.pac-10.org or www.golfstat.com.

BEARS' PAC-10 LINE-UP: Cal's lineup (in order) for the Pac-10s is listed below.

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Player	YR	05-06 RNDS	STROKES	AVG	LOW	TOP FINISH	
George Grandranata	Fr.	31	2286	73.7	68	T10	
Freddy Wolfe	So.	13	976	75.1	71	T29	
Romain Payet	Fr.	16	1191	74.4	70	T19	
Michael Jensen	So.	22	1660	75.5	66	T11	
Michael Wilson	Jr.	31	2297	74.1	67	1	
Larry Wong	Fr.	23	1747	76.0	69	T22	

2005-06 California Men's Golf Schedule/Results

<u>Date</u>	Event	Host School	Result/Course	Score/Par	Top Golfer
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/Oregoi	n 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	10th/16 teams	287-285-292—864/+12	Michael Jensen
Apr. 15-16	U.S. Intercollegiate	Stanford	12th tie/17 teams	310-299—609/+49	George Grandranata
Apr. 24-26	Pac-10 Championships	USC			
May 18-20	NCAA Western Regional	Arizona			
May 31-June	1NCAA Championship	Portland			
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	AA Western			rizona			
May 31-June 1NC	CAA Champic	onship	P	ortland			
						Team Season Average: 9142/31=294.9	
					Indi	ridual Result	
Kyle Dowden – S	Sophomore -	- Somis,	Calif.			Jeff Vetterick – Sophomore – Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.	
Event (par)	rounds	total	avg	low	finish	Event (par) rounds total avg low finis	sh
Falcon Inv. (72)	73-77-81	231	77.0	73	T66		33
CordeValle (72)	74-74-78	226	75.3	74	T55		Г8
Totals	6 rounds	457	76.2	73	bf T55	The Prestige (72) 76-78-80 234 78.0 76 T7	79
						Totals 9 rounds 678 75.3 65 bf 1	Г8
George Grandra	nata – Fresh	man – J	akarta,	Indones	ia		
Event (par)	rounds	total	avg	low	finish	Michael Wilson – Junior – Pacific Grove, Calif.	
Falcon Inv. (72)	70-73-77	220	73.3	70	T12	Event (par) rounds total avg low finis	<u>sh</u>
Big Ten/Pac-10(72	2)70-77-80	227	75.7	70	T49	Falcon Inv. (72) 71-70-73 214 71.3 70 T	Γ6
A. MacKenzie (71) 69-74-68	211	70.3	68	T10	Big Ten/Pac-10(72)75-74-78 227 75.7 74 T4	19
The Prestige (72)	72-76-78	226	75.3	72	T44	A. MacKenzie (71) 72-71-69 212 70.7 69 T1	7
CordeValle (72)	77-75-71	223	74.3	71	T45	The Prestige (72) 74-79-77 230 76.7 74 T6	34
PING-Arizona (71) 72-72-75	219	73.0	72	T40	CordeValle (72) 69-70-67 206 68.7 67	1
John Burns (72)	68-70-72	210	70.0	68	T25	PING-Arizona (71) 84-75-86 245 81.7 75 8	36
Callaway Golf (72	2) 75-74-79	228	76.0	74	T30	John Burns (72) 72-69-72 213 71.0 69 T4	12
Western Int. (70)	76-77	153	76.5	76	T58		6
ASU Thund. (71)	74-68-79	221	73.7	68	T56	Western Int. (70) 73-70 143 71.5 70 T	Г8
U.S. Inter. (70)	74-74	148	74.0	74	T23	ASU Thund. (71) 73-74-74 221 73.7 73 T5	56
Totals	31 rounds	2286	73.7	68	bf T10	U.S. Inter. (70) 83-82 165 82.5 82 T8	37
						Totals 31 rounds 2297 74.1 67 bf	1
Michael Jensen -	•	e – Los	Altos, (Calif.			
Event (par)	rounds	total	avg	low	finish	Freddy Wolfe – Sophomore – League City, Texas	
A. MacKenzie (71	,	212	70.7	66	T17	Event (par) rounds total avg low finis	
The Prestige (72)		222	74.0	73	T28	PING-Arizona (71) 72-73-76 221 73.7 72 T5	
CordeValle (72)	77-68-71	216	72.0	68	T14	John Burns (72) 76-78-77 231 77.0 76 10	
PING-Arizona (71		242	80.7	77	_85	Western Int. (70) 71-78 149 74.5 71 T2	
Callaway Golf (72		248	82.7	79	T76	ASU Thund. (71) 75-74-76 225 75.0 74 T6	
Western Int. (70)	77-77	154	77.0	77	T63	U.S. Inter. (70) 75-75 150 75.0 75 T3	
ASU Thund. (71)	69-69-72	210	70.0	69	T11	Totals 13 rounds 976 75.1 71 bf T2	29
U.S Inter. (70)	83-73	156	78.0	73	T71		
Totals	22 rounds	1660	75.5	66	bf T11	Larry Wong – Freshman – Diamond Bar, Calif.	
D	-				1-11	Event (par) rounds total avg low finis	
Romain Payet – I						Falcon Inv. (72) 76-76-79 231 77.0 76 T6	
Event (par)	rounds	total	avg	low	<u>finish</u>		8
PING-Arizona (71	,	224	74.7	73	T56	A. MacKenzie (71) 71-74-83 228 76.0 71 T7	
John Burns (72)	73-74-70	217	72.3	70	T69	The Prestige (72) 77-78-74 229 76.3 74 T5	
Callaway Golf (72		225	75.0	73	T19	CordeValle (72) 78-70-71 219 73.0 70 T3	
Western Int. (70)	76-76	152	76.0	76	T48	John Burns (72) 78-69-71 218 72.7 69 T7	
ASU Thund. (71)	71-77-70	218	72.7	70	T44	Callaway Golf (72) 75-76-75 226 75.3 75 T2	
U.S. Inter. (70)	78-77	155	77.5		T63	Western Int. (70) 77-80 157 78.5 77 T7	
Totals	16 rounds	1191	74.4	70	bf T19	Totals 23 rounds 1747 76.0 69 bf T2	22
Fredrik Svanberd	a – Senior –	Davos.	Switzer	land			
Event (par)	rounds	total	avg		finish		
Falcon Inv. (72)	77-71-75	223	74.3	71	T30		
Big Ten/Pac-10(7)		242	80.7	80	70		
Totals	6 rounds	465	77.5	71	bf T30		

<u>finish</u>

79

80

T81

bf 79

Erick Thorson – Freshman – Westlake Village, Calif.

total

235

160

233

628

avg low

73

77

75

73

78.3

80.0

77.7

78.5

rounds

83-77

82-75-76

8 rounds

Event (par)

Totals

Western Int. (70)

ASU Thund. (71)

A. MacKenzie (71) 73-80-82