

THIS WEEK:

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MEN'S TENNIS

Red Hot Cal Sweeps No. 2 UCLA, Travels to Pac-10 Championships

2002 Cal Scoreboard

at Pac-10 Championships

Ojai, Calif.

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18-6 overall, 5-2	Pac-10

Thu.-Sun. Apr. 25-28

Date 2/2 2/2	Opponent St. Mary's Santa Clara	Time/Result W 6-0 W 4-3						
2/7-10 2/7	at National Team Indoors Illinois#	L, 4-1						
2/8	Indiana State#	L, 4-1 L, 4-3						
2/9	Brown#	W, 4-3						
2/15	Fresno State	W. 7-0						
2/17	at Pepperdine	L, 4-2						
2/20	San Diego at Stanford	W, 7-0						
2/23	at otaliiora	W, 4-3						
2/26 3/1-3	Utah at Pacific Coast Doubles	W, 7-0						
3/8	Arizona State	W, 6-1						
3/9	Arizona	W, 6-1						
3/16	SMU	W, 6-1						
3/22	Clemson	Rainout						
3/26	BYU	W, 5-2						
3/29	Washington	W, 7-0						
3/30	Oregon	W, 7-0						
4/5	at UCLA	W, 4-3						
4/6	at USC	L, 4-3						
4/9	Stanford	L, 4-3						
4/12	at Arizona	W, 5-2						
4/13	at Arizona State	L, 5-2						
4/15	Pepperdine	W, 6-1						
4/19	USC	W, 5-1						
4/20	UCLA	W, 5-2						
	8 at Pac-10 Championship	,						
	2NCAA Regionals	All Day						
	7 NCAA Championship	All Day						
BOLD indicates home match at Hellman TC #indicates National Team Indoors								

HEAD COACH

Considered one of the best teachers and tacticians in men's collegiate tennis, **Peter Wright** has developed a reputation for getting more out of his players than perhaps any coach in the country.

Wright's coaching talent hasn't gone unnoticed. The 2001 Pac-10 Coach of the Year, he received his first coaching award in 1994 when he was named Wilson/ITA Regional Coach of the Year for guiding the Bears back to postseason play after Cal had missed the Big Dance the previous two seasons. Wright and the Bears have been a fixture in the NCAA Tournament almost every year since, also earning the Pac-10 Coach of the Year honors in 1997.

The ninth coach in the 109-year history of Cal tennis, Wright compiled a 100-80 (.556) career record entering 2002.



PREVIEWING THE PAC-10 CHAMPIONSHIPS: This weekend, the Bears (18-6, 5-2) travel to the Pac-10 Championships in Ojai, which feature some of the nation's best individual tennis competition. Seven of the eight squads in the conference are currently ranked among the ITA's top 75 schools. Although they boast a 5-2 conference record, the Bears are a combined 9-3 against Pac-10 schools, defeating each team at least once, with sweeps of UCLA and Arizona.

LAST WEEK AGAINST USC: Cal followed up on its win over Pepperdine with yet another impressive win, this time taking down No. 13 UCLA, 5-1. By winning two of the three doubles matches, the Golden Bears took an early 1-0 lead. In only their second match together, **Ben Miles** and **Conor Niland** were the first team off the court, winning their match 8-6 on the second court. Cal took the first set in five of the six singles matches. Coming through to secure the upset was Niland, defeating Prakash Armitraj, 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

LAST WEEK AGAINST UCLA: Cal completed its week of upsets with a 5-2 victory over No. 2 UCLA. The Bears slipped into an early 1-0 deficit, losing two of three doubles matches. Although a tough Bruin squad led 1-0, the Bears came out on fire in the singles portion of the contest. Leading the way was No. 19 **John Paul Fruttero**, who took down sixth-ranked Tobias Clemens in straight sets, 6-2,

6-1. Following on the heels Fruttero's win was No. 113 **Balazs Veress**, who defeated his opponent on the second court.

A BIT OF HISTORY: While Cal has not won a national championship since its inaugural season in 1925, the Bears have finished second in the NCAA Championship four times, most recently in 1980. The 2002 Bears squad has both a better overall winning percentage (.750) and a better conference record (5-2) than that squad.

BEARS TO HOST NCAA REGIONALS

The men's and women's tennis teams will host the NCAA Regionals competition at Berkeley. The event takes place on Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12.

2002 Men's Tennis Team Accomplishments

*The Bears boast their highest Pacific-10 finish in team history, ending in a second-place tie with UCLA and USC.

*With a .750 (18-6) winning percentage, Cal ties the 1989 squad for the highest team winning percentage in team history (minimum 18 matches).

*Between February 20 and April 5, 2002, the Bears reeled off a 10 match winning streak, which ties for the third-longest in school history (14-1931; 11-1989).

*Cal swept the Los Angeles schools in Pac-10 play for the first time since 1953.

*2002 is the first time that the Bears have beaten national juggernauts UCLA, USC and Stanford in the same season since 1953.

*Cal ended its 21-match losing streak (dating back to 1991) to Stanford on February 23, 2002. The win also ended Stanford's 75-match home winning streak (dating back to 1996).

*The Bears got their first victory against UCLA in Los Angeles en route to completing their first sweep of the Bruins since 1953.

2002 California Men's Tennis Dual Match Results

ITA Rank: 19

Overall Record: 18-6 Pac-10 Record/Rank: 5-2/T2nd

					Singles					Doubles			Cal	Opp.	
Date	Opponent	Score/Time	Rec.	Pac-10	1	2	3	4	5	6	1	2	3	Rank	Rank
Feb. 2	St. Mary's	W 6-0	1-0	0-0	W	W	W	W	W	W	DN	DNP		11	NR
Feb. 2	Santa Clara	W 4-3	2-0	0-0	W	L	L	W	W	L	W	W	L	11	75
Feb. 7-10	at National Team Indoo														
Feb. 7	vs. Illinois#	L 4-1	2-1	0-0	L	L	L	NF	L	NF	L	W	W	11	6
Feb. 8	vs. Indiana State#	L 4-3	2-2	0-0	W	L	L	L	L	W	W	W	NF	11	27
Feb. 9	vs. Brown#	W 4-2	3-2	0-0	W	W	L	NF	W	W	NF	L	L	11	53
Feb. 15	Fresno State	W 7-0	4-2	0-0	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	18	44
Feb. 17	at Pepperdine	L 4-2	4-3	0-0	L	L	W	L	W	L	DN	Ρ		18	9
Feb. 20	San Diego	W 6-1	5-3	0-0	W	W	W	W	L	W	L	W	W	17	49
Feb. 23	at Stanford	W 4-3	6-3	0-0	W	L	W	L	W	W	W	L	L	17	1
Feb. 26	Utah	W 7-0	7-3	0-0	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	11	NR
Mar. 1-3	at Pacific Coast Double	S													
Mar. 8	Arizona State	W 6-1	8-3	0-0	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	L	10	43
Mar. 9	Arizona	W 6-1	9-3	0-0	L	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	10	47
Mar. 16	vs. SMU	W 6-1	10-3	0-0	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	11	39
Mar. 22	Clemson	Rainout	10-3	0-0										20	55
Mar. 26	BYU	W 5-2	11-3	0-0	W	W	L	W	L	W	L	W	W	20	62
Mar. 29	Washington	W 7-0	12-3	1-0	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	20	26
Mar. 30	Oregon	W 7-0	13-3	2-0	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	20	52
Apr. 5	at UCLA	W 4-3	14-3	2-0	W	L	W	L	W	W	L	L		22	2
Apr. 6	at USC	L 4-3	14-4	2-0	L	L	W	L	W	L	L	W	W	22	19
Apr. 9	Stanford	L 4-3	14-5	2-1	L	L	L	W	W	W	W	L	L	17	6
Apr. 12	at Arizona	W 5-2	15-5	3-1	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	L	17	59
Apr. 13	at Arizona State	L 5-2	15-6	3-2	L	W	L	L	W	L	L	W	L	17	38
Apr. 15	Pepperdine	W 6-1	16-6	3-2	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	L	W	17	5
Apr. 19	USC	W 5-1	17-6	4-2	W	L	W	NF	W	W	W	W	L	19	13
Apr. 20	UCLA	W 5-2	18-6	5-2	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	W	L	19	2
Apr 25-28	25-28 at Pac-10 Championships														

Apr. 25-28 at Pac-10 Championships May 11-12 NCAA Regionals May 18-27 at NCAA Championships Home matches at Hellman Tennis Complex are listed in BOLD

#denotes National Team Indoors

Individual Result	S								
Singles	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6	Dual Total	Tourneys	All Matches
John Paul Fruttero	15-6						15-6	0-0	15-6
Balazs Veress	2-1	9-6	3-2				14-9	6-4	20-13
Conor Niland		3-0	7-2	2-2	2-2		14-6	2-3	16-9
Wayne Wong		3-2	5-3	3-4	2-0		13-9	10-4	23-13
Robert Kowalczyk			1-0	7-1	9-2		17-3	0-2	17-5
Mik Ledvonova		0-1		2-0	5-0	8-2	15-3	0-2	15-5
Chase Exon			0-1			5-1	5-2	7-6	12-8
Ben Miles					1-0	5-0	6-0	0-1	6-1
Kevin Patrick					1-0		1-0	5-10	6-10
Patrick Briaud						0-1	0-1	8-5	8-6
Jeff King						1-0	1-0	2-8	3-8
Dean Wallace							0-0	7-5	7-5
Doubles		No. 1	No. 2	No. 3			Dual Total	Tourneys	All Matches
Fruttero/Kowalczyk		9-7	1-1				10-8	0-0	10-8
Miles/Veress		2-3	10-4				12-7	0-0	12-7
Exon/Niland				6-4			6-4	1-1	7-5
Miles/Niland			2-1				2-1	0-0	2-1
Kowalczyk/Wong			1-1				1-1	0-1	1-2
Fruttero/Wong			1-0				1-0	0-0	1-0
Briaud/Veress				1-2			1-2	0-0	1-2
Exon/Ledvonova				1-2			1-2	1-0	2-2
Exon/Wong				2-1			2-1	0-0	2-1
Briaud/Exon				1-0			1-0	0-0	1-0
Briaud/Patrick							0-0	2-4	2-5
Exon/Veress							0-0	2-1	2-1
King/Patrick							0-0	0-2	0-2
King/Veress							0-0	0-2	0-2
King/Wallace							0-0	1-1	1-1
Niland/Wong							0-0	0-1	0-1
Wallace/Wong							0-0	1-3	1-3