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MEN'S TENNIS

California to Face Stanford in Rematch Tuesday

The last time that Cal swept Stanford in a season came in 1962, the year *before* head coach Peter Wright was born (12/8/63)

CAL VS. STANFORD II: The Bears (14-4, 2-0 Pac-10) and the Cardinal (16-2, 2-0 Pac-10) will meet for the first time since Cal's dramatic 4-3 upset over Stanford on Feb. 23 on the farm. With the win, Cal snapped Stanford's 75-home match winning streak. The Bears also broke their own losing streak to the Cardinal, winning for the first time in 22 matches.

THIS TIME, IT'S FOR KEEPS: Tuesday's match takes on a larger role than the school rivalry. As is the case in past seasons, the second meeting between the two Bay Area teams will count in the Pac-10 standings. The Bears, who have yet to drop a point in Pac-10 play, are a perfect 2-0 in the conference, matching the Cardinal's own 2-0 mark. Stanford, however, gave up a point to Washington.

KOWALCZYK'S TIEBREAK WIN SEALS THE DEAL: In a rivalry like these this one, no upset win can come without its dramatics. In fact, the Bears had their backs to the wall Feb. 23, down 3-0 and on the brink of a loss, before the wins began to mount. First freshman sensation Mik Ledvonova turned in a straight set 7-5, 6-0 victory on the sixth court to break the ice for the Bears. Then the crowd's attention turned to Cal team captain John Paul Fruttero, who had taken a lead over the ITA's No. 1 player, K.J. Hippensteel, on court one. With the third set standing at 5-3, Fruttero served out the match, handing Hippensteel his first loss of the season. Wayne Wong followed suit on the third court, handing a loss to the ITA's 19th-ranked player in David Martin to tie the match at 3. With the attention turned to the fifth court, Robert Kowalczyk fought off a comeback by Sam Warburg to clinch Cal's win in a tiebreak set, capping the victory.

ABOUT STANFORD: The Cardinal is the sixth-ranked team in the country, led by Hippensteel, who is the No. 4 player in the nation with a 12-4 record on the top court. Taking charge on the doubles courts for Stanford is the combination of Scott Lipsky and David Martin, who are the ITA's top-ranked doubles combo.

Quote of the Day

Cal head coach Peter Wright on Cal's defeat of Stanford: "I didn't know about all the streaks or the records going in...if I'd known all that stuff, I would have said this is probably impossible."

Did You Know?

Cal head coach Peter Wright not only coaches the Bears, but has served as Ireland's Davis Cup captain since August 1995. In 1996, Wright spent the summer in Atlanta serving as the head coach of the Irish Olympic tennis team.

Cal's 2002 Pac-10 Schedule

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Mar. 29	WASHINGTON	W, 7-0
Mar. 30	OREGON	W, 7-0
Apr. 9	STANFORD	3:00 p.m.
Apr. 12	at Arizona	1:30 p.m.
Apr. 13	at Arizona State	Noon
Apr. 19	USC	1:30 p.m.
Apr. 20	UCLA	Noon
	in CAPS at Hellman	Tennis Complex in
Berkeley, CA		

Cal Ends the Streak

2002:	Cal vs. Stanford
	at Berkeley, 3:00 p.m.
	Cal def. Stanford, 4-3
	at Stanford

2001: Stanford def. Cal, 5-2 at Stanford Stanford def. Cal, 6-0 at Berkeley

2000: Stanford def. Cal, 6-1 at Stanford Stanford def. Cal, 5-2 at Berkeley

1999: Stanford def. Cal, 6-1 at Stanford Stanford def. Cal, 6-1 at Berkeley

1998: Stanford def. Cal, 7-0 at Berkeley Stanford def. Cal, 7-0 at Stanford

1997: Stanford def. Cal, 6-1 at Stanford Stanford def. Cal, 7-0 at Berkeley

1996: Stanford def. Cal, 5-2 at Berkeley Stanford def. Cal 4-2 at Stanford

1995: Stanford def. Cal, 4-3 at Berkeley Stanford def. Cal, 6-1 at Stanford

1994: Stanford def. Cal, 4-3 at Berkeley Stanford def. Cal, 4-3 at Stanford

1993: Stanford def. Cal, 7-2 at Stanford Stanford def. Cal, 6-3

at Berkeley
1992: Stanford def. Cal, 7-2
at Berkeley

Stanford def. Cal, 9-0 at Stanford

1991: Stanford def. Cal, 8-1 at Stanford Cal def. Stanford, 5-4 at Berkeley