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MEN'S TENNIS

No. 28 Cal Hosts Final Home Stand vs. No. 3 USC and No. 4 UCLA

THIS WEEK: April 16
April 17

No. 3 USC
No. 4 UCLA

Hellman Tennis Center
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1:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m.

2004 Cal Dual Match Record 7-14 overall, 2-3 Pac-10

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
2/5-8	at National Team Indoor	
	Vanderbilt	L, 4-2
	Texas	W, 4-1
	Texas A&M	L, 4-0
2/13	Rice	L, 4-2
2/14	Pepperdine	L, 4-3
2/21	at Stanford	L, 5-2
2/25	Utah	W, 6-0
2/26	Arizona	W, 6-1
2/27	Arizona State	L, 4-3
3/13	at Texas A & M	W, 4-3
3/20	at SMU	L, 4-3
3/23	Baylor	L, 6-1
3/24	BYU	L, 4-3
3/26	Oregon	W, 5-2
3/27	Washington	L, 6-1
3/29	Harvard	W, 4-3
4/2	at UCLA	L, 7-0
4/3	at USC	L, 7-0
4/6	Stanford	W, 4-3
4/9	at Arizona	L, 5-2
4/10	at Arizona State	L, 6-1
4/16	USC	1:30 p.m.
4/17	UCLA	1:00 p.m.
4/22-25	at Pac-10 Championships	All Day
5/15-16	NCAA Regionals	All Day
5/22-31	NCAA Championships	All Day



Cal Hosts Final Home Stand of 2004 Season: The No. 28 California men's tennis team hosts No. 3 USC and No. 4 UCLA this weekend in its final home stand this season. The Golden Bears (7-14 overall, 2-3 Pac-10) have lost four of their last five matches. Cal defeated No. 11 Stanford in Berkeley on April 6, but then lost on the road to No. 23 Arizona, 5-2, and Arizona State, 6-1, last weekend.

Cal lost both matches against the Bruins and Trojans by 7-0 margins two weekends ago in Los Angeles, but those matches do not count in the conference standings. The Bears have a shot at redemption this weekend – this time the matches count toward the Pac-10 standings and with wins against both USC and UCLA, Cal will finish the regular season with a winning conference record.

A Quick Glance at USC and UCLA: USC is currently ranked No. 3 in the nation with an 18-2 overall record, 5-0 in the Pac-10. Led by No. 23 Adriano Biasella, the Trojans have won their last 10 matches and remain undefeated in league play. USC beat Cal, 7-0, in their last meeting on April 3 in Los Angeles. USC holds a 115-33-4 advantage in the all-time series between the two schools.

UCLA enters the week ranked No. 4 with a 16-5 overall record, 4-1 in the Pac-10. The Bruins play at Stanford on Friday before meeting Cal. UCLA is led by No. 6 Tobias Clemens and the No. 8 doubles tandem of Alberto Francis and Kris Kwinta. The Bruins have won their last seven matches in a row, including victories last weekend over Oregon, 6-1, and No. 18 Washington, 5-2. UCLA beat Cal, 7-0, in their most recent meeting on April 2 in Los Angeles. UCLA holds a 108-37-1 advantage in the all-time series between the Bears and Bruins.

Final Home Matches for Three Cal Seniors: This weekend's matches vs. USC and UCLA will be the final home matches for three Cal seniors: **Kuni Minato, Balazs Veress and Wayne Wong.**

Pac-10 Championships on Horizon: After closing the regular season this weekend, Cal travels to Ojai, Calif., for the Pac-10 championships April 22-25.

Tough Schedule: Fourteen of Cal's 21 dual matches this season have been against teams currently ranked in the Top 25. With five newcomers playing important roles for head coach **Peter Wright**, 2004's tough schedule is sure to pay off in the coming years, as Cal's freshmen mature against the best the nation has to offer.

Close Matches: The Bears have been involved in several close matches this season. Seven of Cal's 21 dual matches have been decided by one point this season. Cal is only 3-4 in those matches overall, but the Bears have won their last two 4-3 decisions, including victories over No. 20 Harvard (March 29) and No. 11 Stanford (April 6). Since the beginning of March, Cal is 3-2 in games decided by one point.

Ranked Bears: New individual rankings will be released April 20. The latest ITA individual rankings (as of April 6):

Singles

No. 14 Conor Niland
No. 57 Balazs Veress
No. 118 Wayne Wong

Doubles

No. 21 Balazs Veress / Patrick Briaud

Wright Stuff: Head coach **Peter Wright** has guided the Golden Bears to nine NCAA appearances during his tenure at Cal. The ninth coach in the history of the program, he was named Pac-10 Coach of the Year in 2001 and 1997, and 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 NCAA Tournament the previous two seasons. Wright has compiled a 147-106 (.581) career record during his 11 years in Berkeley.