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I cannot put into words what this journey has meant to all of us. I knew it was going to be something special, but there was no way we could have been prepared for an adventure of a lifetime. I honestly was very sad to leave. There was such a purpose in us being there. It was one of those experiences where you think you are going to be giving something to someone, but in return, you get so much more back.

It would not have been the same adventure without Rama N'diaye, her family and extended family immersing us in the African culture. It allowed us to feel the warmth and genuineness of the African people, recognize other people's hardships, and understand the daily struggles of living in a country where hard work doesn't necessarily guarantee opportunities.

It was pretty special seeing our players engaged in all that we were doing. The interaction we had at the clinics and the orphanage and seeing the smiles on the kids' faces was unfor-

gettable. Giving a dollar bill to a seven or eight year old and watching them jump up and down like they won the lottery made my day. Watching the babies at the orphanage crawl all over our kids and seeing the joy on the babies' faces was heartwarming and heartbreaking at the same time.

Seeing our players take their shoes off after our last game, hand them to a child and walk to the bus in socks will forever be ingrained in my head. Watching the impromptu dance unfold with the orphanage workers, kids, players and staff made me realize we are all connected as humans, and sharing our wealth, time and knowledge is the least we could do.

We all learned so much more about Rama as we saw her circulate in her own environment. We can now appreciate on a different level how strong she is to have taken the journey to Cal. She is truly special!

I know everyone on the trip was touched in some way, and

my hope is that the effects of this journey don't end here. We can all do more to help in some small way, and some of us can do things on a larger scale.

Oh, and did I mention, along the way, we played a few basketball games with some adversity (brutally hot gyms, no game or shot clocks, dirty floors and FIBA refs that wouldn't give us a call...go figure!) The best part about it was the team did what it always does – adjusted, played harder, at times smarter, and found ways to win three tough games. They are forever growing as a team!

We will forever be changed by our experiences. It is the start of our new journey into next season!

-Head Coach Joanne Boyle



TUNISIA

DAILY PLAYER BLOGS

This will truly be a life-changing experience. I expect this trip will not only teach me things about myself but about life.

-Senior Shantrell Sneed
Saturday, May 24, Berkeley, CA

As I stood in the middle of the coliseum, I began to pretend that this was a movie. The scene reminded me of the movie Gladiator. However, in reality, prisoners were pitted against wild animals for spectators to view.

When we arrived back at the hotel, my teammates and I decided to go swimming. Devanei (Hampton) and I had never been on jet skis, so we decided to rent some with Krista (Foster) and Coach (Charmin) Smith. It was so much fun.

-Redshirt Junior Alexis Gray-Lawson
Monday, May 26, Tunisia

Today, we went on a journey to see one of the oldest mosques in Tunisia. The drive was about 30 minutes, but I didn't mind because everything is so new and different, and I love to take in all of the scenery. It seems like each day there is something to be learned about the people here.

-Sophomore Rachele Federico
Tuesday, May 27, Tunisia

When we arrived at our destination, I was shocked to see 22 camels lined up ready to go. Our camel-riding experience began on a hilarious note, largely because we had the privilege of watching Dev (Hampton) get on the camel. To get on the camel, two women boost you up and onto the camel's hump, which seemed to be a frightening task for Dev. She began screaming and yelling because she was afraid that the camel behind her was going to attack her. But let's be serious here.

Camels don't attack people, especially when their mouths have muzzles on them!

- Graduated Krista Foster
Wednesday, May 28, Tunisia

Our hotel is quite different than a typical American hotel and even different from our Tunisian hotel. It is a traditional African hotel where the rooms are shaped like huts with thatched roofs. This clearly makes for a different experience than I am used to.

It is exciting to see Rama (N'diaye) in her element on her turf. In the few hours we spent here tonight, she showed her true leadership skills and was definitely more outspoken than usual. I can't wait to see more from her and her country this week.

-Junior Lauren Greif
Thursday, May 29, Senegal



SENEGAL

When we arrived at the Tatteguine Children's Grammar School, the children were amazed by our team as much as we were by seeing them. They made a big circle around us adding to the heat of the day. We introduced ourselves to the kids and told them our names and what we enjoyed about Senegal so far.

Next, we split up the kids, and at first, I started teaching the young boys how to dribble, but everyone knows that I am a post player. Soon Coach Charmin took over the boys, and I took my dribbling skills to the girls. After dribbling, I began to show the girls how to shoot. The girls were all willing and put in a lot of effort to improve their shooting ability. Their English was better than I thought it would be, but sometimes I had to ask Rama to tell them a few words. At the end of our visit, I socialized with a group of girls that wanted to braid my hair.

The children were so appreciative of our visit. We took so many pictures, and the girls just loved it. They even gave us

their phone numbers so we can call them. This was so much fun. Even though it was 110 degrees, it was all worth it. I can't wait to see what our adventure will be like tomorrow!

*-Senior Devanei Hampton
Friday, May 30, Senegal*

When we arrived at the gym today, I got a chance to visit with all of my family, friends and former coaches that were there. This by far was the most exciting part of the day for me. My mother, father, both brothers, two of my three sisters (one of my sister's is going to the same high school that I went to in Japan) and my niece all were there. I miss them all so much, but seeing them today, and them seeing me with all of my teammates makes all of the sacrifices and things that I had to do to get to Cal worth it.

I really wanted to play in this game against my former team. I do have to say, though, that it was an exciting game to watch.

Each team traded off making runs, and it was close from the second quarter on. We won 65-63, and at the end of the game, we gave the Senegalese team Cal gear, and some of us even gave them our game shoes. I was very happy to see that my teammates were willing to give the players their shoes off of their feet because they are much more in need of shoes and gear than we are.

*- Junior Rama N'diaye
Saturday, May 31, Senegal*

Today, we visited the orphanage. Many of the infants and children who live there have lost their mothers at birth due to complications or were brought to the orphanage from broken homes. In this particular orphanage, the children are only suppose to stay up to one year, but many stay much longer than that because they cannot find good homes and/or their parents do not come back and claim them. It was very sad to see the conditions in



which these children had to live in, and it made me appreciate all of the opportunities and blessings that I have been fortunate enough to receive.

There were about 150 babies at the orphanage, and every one of them was smiling and laughing with us as though they didn't have a care in the world. And they didn't. Even though they had no parents and the orphanage struggled each day to provide them with care, they lived in the moment. And at that moment, we were able to brighten their day with our company.

One of the infants that really stood out to me was named Babacar. He was always smiling no matter what and all the women loved him, especially Ashley (Walker). He was quite the lady's man! Lexi (Gray-Lawson) befriended a beautiful baby girl named Amina, which means "princess," and Devanei got the opportunity to change a dirty diaper. They didn't have Pampers, so she had to use cloth. Trell (Sneed) fell in love with a newborn,

who was only three days old and had lost her mother during birth. She hadn't even been named yet, so the caregivers said that they would name the baby after Trell.

-Junior Natasha Vital
Sunday, June 1, Senegal

It's hard to believe that in one semester you can study a piece of history and a semester later be walking through the very place you just studied. Well, for me the trip to Goree Island was living history. The team and I got to walk the same street and enter the same slave quarters that had previously been described to me in lectures. We stood where over six million enslaved men and women died. Additionally, we walked the same Door of No Return that millions of slaves walked before us.

One sign really captured my eye, and it read, "If all the sky

were ink and the Earth were paper, I still could not describe the brutality of the slave trade." My teammates and I stood in a part of our history and experienced how one small island affected the lives of so many. This was a powerful start to a day full of exciting activities.

-Senior Ashley Walker
Monday, June 2, Senegal

Looking back, the trip came and went by so fast. It seems like just yesterday we were all at the Tang Center getting our many vaccines. From camel riding in Tunisia to visiting the orphanage in Senegal, this trip was one of my favorites. I'm so thankful I was able to experience it with the people I did. It wouldn't have been the same otherwise.

-Sophomore Kelsy Adrian
Tuesday, June 3, Berkeley, CA



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Location	Berkeley, CA 94720
Founded	1868
Enrollment	34,953
Conference	Pacific-10
Nickname	Golden Bears
Colors	Blue and Gold
Chancellor	Robert Birgeneau
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Arena (capacity)	Walter A. Haas Jr. Pavilion (11,877)
Press Row	(510) 642-3098
2007-08 Overall Record	27-7
Pac-10 Record (Place)	15-3 (2nd)
Starters Returning/Lost	5/0
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	9/1 <i>(Lost: Krista Foster)</i>
Newcomers	2
Roster Breakdown	3/4/2/2

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CAL SHOOTS TO PROVE NATIONAL STATUS

After assembling the best season in school history in 2007-08, the preseason second-ranked California women's basketball team looks to solidify its spot among the nation's elite teams in 2008-09.

The Golden Bears hope to build on the momentum of last year's record-setting season. Cal posted a 27-7 overall record to break the 1983-84 Bears' (24-8) school record for victories. On the heels of a 23-9 mark in 2006-07, Cal posted at least 20 wins in a season for consecutive years for only the second time in program history (first time was 1980-81 and 1981-82).

Expectations are for Cal to make a deep run in the NCAA Tournament because Cal head coach Joanne Boyle and her veteran players have been building for this moment for three years. Boyle, the 2007-08 Russell Athletic/WBCA Region 8 Coach of the Year, returns all five of her starters from last year's milestone season.

Leading the way are senior All-American posts Ashley Walker and Devanei Hampton and redshirt junior guard Alexis Gray-Law-

son, a former Pac-10 Freshman of the Year and a second-team All-Pac-10 honoree. The San Francisco Bay Area products have averaged big minutes as starters since their freshman season. Rounding out the returning starters are junior guards Natasha Vital and Lauren Greif, who both have Pac-10 honors to their credit.

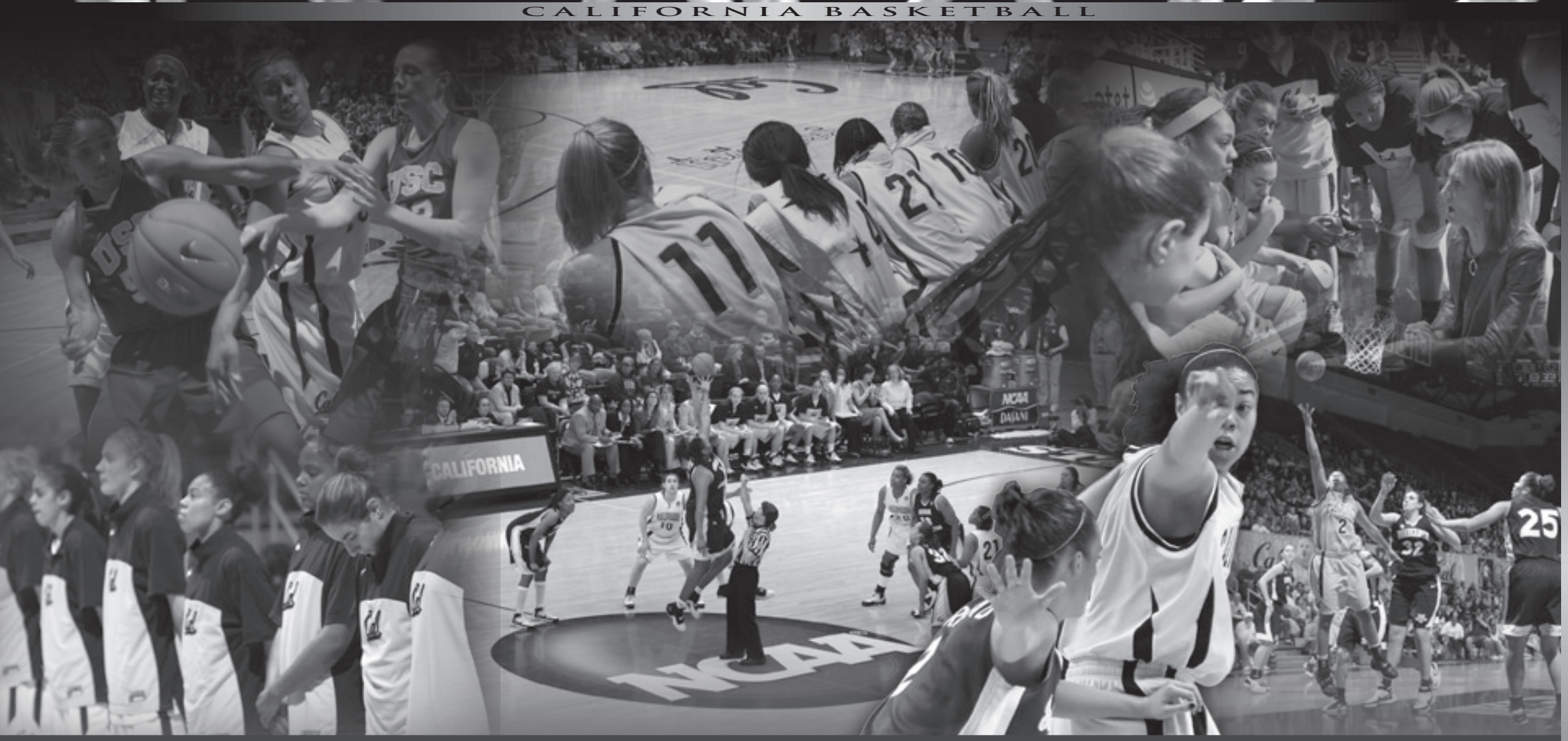
"We have been building this program one step at a time for the last three years, and with a lot of experience in our upperclassmen, we are prepared to set our sights even higher," said Boyle, who owns a 68-28 (.708) record in three seasons at Cal and a 135-57 (.703) six-year career record. "We have accomplished a lot of great things in a short period of time, but we know we can achieve more for this program."

Cal lost only one player (forward Krista Foster) to graduation from a year ago and features nine returning letterwinners, including junior forward/center Rama N'diaye and sophomore forward/guard Kelsey Adrian, who both saw significant minutes a year

ago. Senior forward Shantrell Sneed, sophomore guard Rachelle Federico and freshmen guards Casey Morris and Angelei Aguirre look to help take the Cal program to the next level this season.

In the Pac-10, Cal led or held a share of first place in the conference until the final game of the regular season. Even so, the Bears placed second in the Pac-10 with a 15-3 mark, bettering the previous school records for Pac-10 victories (twice 12-6) and season finish (twice third). Additionally, Cal reached the final of the Pac-10 Tournament for the first time on the strength of quarterfinal (Oregon) and semifinal (Arizona State) wins.

Also of note from last season, Cal earned its third straight NCAA Tournament berth for the first time in program history and recorded the Bears' first NCAA win and second overall since the 1992-93 campaign. Behind 22 points from Hampton and 21 points and 12 rebounds from Walker, third-seeded Cal opened the postseason with a 77-60 victory over 14th-seeded San Diego



at Maples Pavilion in Stanford, Calif.

In the second round, the Bears lost to No. 6-seeded George Washington, 55-53, on a last-second shot at Maples Pavilion. Walker led the way with 19 points and nine rebounds, and Gray-Lawson added 14 points and nine boards. It was a difficult loss for everyone associated with Cal basketball to absorb as the Bears led for most of the game, and a late questionable call by an official impacted the outcome of the contest.

"I think the players understand that we can't go back, so we only have the present and future in front of us," Boyle said. "We're focused on this year. They're ready for it. We all had to let the NCAA loss go at some point and move forward because we can't change the past. We have learned from the experience."

The preseason prognosticators feel Cal could be in the national championship mix. *Athlon Sports* magazine tabbed Cal No. 2 in its preseason top-25 poll, which gives the Bears their highest-ever

ranking in any major poll. *Lindy's* has the Bears tabbed at No. 8 in its preseason poll, and *USA Today* listed Cal as one of the preseason favorites to make the NCAA Sweet 16. Cal is prepared to prove its status as a top-10 program.

"The coaches talk to the players all of the time about earning a level of respect," said Boyle, whose 2007-08 Cal team earned a school-record No. 8 national ranking by the Associated Press and in the *USA Today*-ESPN coaches' poll. "Being in the top 10 means that people respect what you have done. However, there is an accountability and responsibility that goes along with that. I think they embrace wanting to prove to themselves and others that they can do more than they've done in the last three years. I don't think they fear being ranked in the top 10; they welcome it."

This year's Cal team looks to continue the consistency the Bears showed a year ago. The Bears posted a nine-game winning streak to fall only one win short of matching the school re-

cord and reeled off eight straight Pac-10 victories to tie the 1986-87 team for the program record. In 2007-08, Cal never lost consecutive games and posted at least one victory over every Pac-10 foe except Stanford.

This year, Cal looks to continue its high-level performances in various statistical categories. The Bears ranked in the top five in the Pac-10 in 13 of 19 departments, including No. 1 in four areas. Defense has been critical to Cal's rise to national prominence, highlighted by a Pac-10 all-time record scoring defense of 54.3 ppg last season. In 2007-08, the Bears also topped the conference and set a school record for field goal percentage defense at 35.1 percent.

Meanwhile, Cal's offense proved to be explosive last season, as the Bears set a program-record for three-pointers made in a season at 155 and led the conference in three-point field goal percentage (34.7). The team finished fourth in the conference in scoring at 64.6 ppg, giving the Bears a new school record for

scoring margin (+10.3).

However, Cal knows to achieve even greater success this year it needs to be in control of the little things that shape the Bears' destiny, such as improving free throw shooting and cutting down on turnovers. Cal was eighth in the conference in both free throw percentage (64.5 percent) and turnover margin (-1.09) last year. To Cal's credit, though, its 16.2 turnovers per game average was five turnovers less than that of 2004-05, the year before any of the current players or coaches arrived on campus.

In 2007-08, Walker led Cal in scoring (15.3 ppg), rebounding (9.3 rpg), blocks (1.3 bpg), free throw percentage (78.1%) and double-doubles (14) on her way to her second first-team All-Pac-10 selection and a spot on the inaugural Pac-10 All-Defensive team. The 6-1 Modesto, Calif., native, has led the Pac-10 in rebounding the last two years and set a school record for rebounds in a season with 317 as a junior.

Hampton was second on the team in scoring (13.5 ppg) and rebounding (8.0 rpg) and paced Cal in scoring in conference games at 14.3 ppg. The 6-3 Oakland, Calif., product is the only three-time first-team All-Pac-10 honoree in school history.

Gray-Lawson, a 5-8 guard from Oakland, Calif., averaged double figures at 11.6 ppg and led the Pac-10 in three-point field goal percentage (40.0). After averaging 25.0 ppg in two games against the Tunisia national team on the spring Africa tour, it

was more than obvious that Gray-Lawson's pre-ACL injury confidence had returned. As a team, Cal feels the Africa trip will have positive carryovers.

"We have a unique connection with each other after our experiences in Africa, and our hope is to have that bond carry into this season and beyond," said Boyle, who took her team to Tunisia and Senegal May 24-June 3, 2008. "There was, and is, a purpose behind our journey to Africa. We are dedicating this season to raising awareness for the children of Africa and to always keep in mind there is a bigger purpose for all of us in this world."

GUARDS

Cal's three returning starting guards – Alexis Gray-Lawson, Natasha Vital and Lauren Greif – boast a combined 205 games of playing experience and 196 starts, and have played an average of 33.9 minutes per game during their collegiate careers. Sophomore Rachele Federico has gained strength and has adjusted to the rigors of the Pac-10, and the Bears benefit from the addition of two talented freshmen in Casey Morris and Angelei Aguirre.

Gray-Lawson, who can play point guard or shooting guard for the Bears, contributes to the team in numerous ways, including as the team's top three-point threat (56 three-pointers, first on Cal in 2007-08). She enters the 2008-09 season with 925-career points and looks to become the 20th player in school his-

tory to reach the 1,000-point plateau. Gray-Lawson is in her fourth season at Cal and has decided to play as a fifth-year senior next fall due to an ACL injury sustained in 2006-07.

"Lexi really turned the corner in the last five games of last season," Boyle said. "Coming back off an ACL injury takes time, and she had her challenges getting back to her freshman form. By the end of the season, you could see how comfortable she was both physically and mentally with her game. I know she is willing and capable of stepping up and bringing more to our team on both ends of the floor."

Vital and Greif complete the Bears' three-guard starting unit from a year ago. Vital's game has blossomed since she was thrust into the starting lineup after Gray-Lawson's ACL injury. As a sophomore, Vital, a point guard, averaged 7.8 ppg, 4.2 apg and 3.2 rpg, and she shot 34.4 percent from three-point range (33-96) to garner both honorable mention All-Pac-10 and Pac-10 All-Defensive last season. With 269 career assists, the 5-8 Stockton, Calif., product is on pace to graduate from Cal No. 2 on the school's career assists chart with more than 500 assists.

"Tasha is dedicated to improving her game," Boyle said. "Her athleticism, her defense, her passing, her stamina and her unselfish play are a big part of our success. Tasha is capable of being a consistent outside shooting threat, which will open up other areas of our offense."





Greif, a 5-10 shooting guard, contributed 5.9 ppg, 4.2 rpg and 1.9 apg as a sophomore. She was one of four Cal players to sink at least 29 three-pointers (10th in school career history with 83) and ranked seventh in the Pac-10 in three-point percentage at 35.7. Greif, who hails from Portland, Ore., has started all 66 games in her career and is known for hustle plays and for making others on the floor better.

"Lauren is our 'connector kid' and has shown an outstanding ability to hit three-pointers," Boyle said. "She understands how to keep everyone involved on the court and has always done all the little things to help us win. At times, she needs to be more selfish with her outside scoring."

Federico, a 5-11 wing known as Mooch, started playing competitive basketball in the eighth grade and has made huge strides since coming to Cal. The Tucson, Ariz., product saw action in 16 games as a rookie.

"Mooch understands our system better and is more comfortable as a sophomore," Boyle said. "She has worked a lot on her shot and has a quicker release. Her length on the wing and rebounding ability for a big guard could definitely benefit us."

Morris, another combination guard, joined Cal after being invited to the USA under-18 national team trials in the spring. The 5-9 Piedmont, Calif., native earned a No. 35 national ranking by Blue Star Report, and as a freshman, she helped Piedmont High School win a state title.

"We have watched Casey for the last two years and know what she is capable of bringing to this team," Boyle said. "She is an up-tempo player who loves to run in transition. She understands the game, can score, and knows how to involve her teammates from the point position."

Aguirre, a 5-11 wing, averaged 20.9 ppg, 10.2 rpg and 4.1 apg as a senior at White Plains High School in White Plains, N.Y. Aguirre, the daughter of former NBA star Mark Aguirre, led her school to its fourth straight Section 1-AA title.

"Angelei fell a little under the recruiting radar because she did not compete on the traditional recruiting circuit," Boyle said. "She has been surrounded by a great basketball tradition. She is an athletic, slashing guard who we expect to develop in our system."

FORWARDS

Ashley Walker brings ample experience and leadership to Cal's power forward position. In only three years, Walker has carved a spot for herself in the school's record books and has earned a reputation as one of the country's top post players. A 2007-08 second-team *Sports Illustrated* All-American who is blessed with outstanding leaping ability, Walker ranks third in Cal history in blocks (139), fourth in free throws made (377) and attempted (503), fifth in rebounds (824) and scoring average (15.3 ppg, tied), sixth in field goal percentage (51.6), seventh in

scoring (1,470), field goals made (546) and free throw percentage (75.0), and 10th in field goals attempted (1,061).

Walker and Devanei Hampton garnered honorable mention State Farm/WBCA and Associated Press All-America recognition last year and are 2008-09 State Farm Wade Trophy national player of the year candidates.

"Ashley has been our most consistent player on both ends of the floor over the last three years," Boyle said. "She has earned the distinction of being one of the top post players on the national scene. Ashley has continued to work on extending her shooting range to become an even bigger threat for us this season. She brings so much to the court, but her relentlessness on the boards is what stands out to me."

Hampton, Rama N'diaye, Shantrell Sneed and Kelsey Adrian can each play multiple positions on Cal's frontline. Hampton and N'diaye play the four-five positions, while Sneed and Adrian can play the traditional small forward role.

Adrian, who has experience playing for the Canadian national team, was a significant contributor to the Bears last season, and due to injuries, she saw action in the post rotation, as well. The 6-1 Pac-10 All-Freshman forward from Langley, British Columbia, averaged 4.7 ppg and 2.4 rpg, and shot 31.5 percent from three-point range (29-92).

"Kelsey adjusted well to playing on a top-10 team due to her



experiences playing for her national team,” Boyle said. “She can really shoot the ball, and plays well in a system. I hope to use her in different situations on the floor this season.”

Last season, Sneed saw action in a career-high 25 games and shot well from the field, converting a career-best 48.7 percent of her attempts. The 6-0 Fairfield, Calif., native registered career-high totals in several other categories, including points, rebounds, assists and steals.

“Shantrell has been able to step in as needed at the three and four positions,” Boyle said. “We’ll be counting on her for her athleticism, rebounding and defensive abilities.”

CENTERS

Devanei Hampton has a reputation as one of the most dominant post players in the country. Hampton earned honorable mention coaches All-America honors the last two seasons and has been

considered for the Wade Trophy, Wooden Award and Naismith Trophy along with Walker. As a sophomore, Hampton became the first Cal player to be named Pac-10 Player of the Year.

Just like Walker, she ranks among Cal’s all-time career leaders – tied for fifth in scoring average (15.3 ppg) and in free throws attempted (501), ninth in points (1,301), blocks (63), field goals made (514) and field goals attempted (1,080), and 10th in free throws made (268).

“Devanei is regarded as one of the country’s top centers and is capability of taking over a game,” Boyle said. “She has matured mentally as a player in her four years here at Cal. Devanei understands she has the ability to fight double teams on the offensive end, but is also capable of getting her teammates involved when opponents focus on her. Her defense and rebounding will also be a huge key to our success this season.”

N’diaye combines with Walker and Hampton for a dominant

post rotation. The 6-5 N’diaye from Senegal stepped up last season as the Bears starting center for 12 games when Hampton was out or working her way back from a knee injury. As a starter, N’diaye averaged 10.1 ppg and 8.4 rpg, and finished the year averaging 6.7 ppg and 5.6 rpg. She posted three double-doubles and was named MVP of the *Contra Costa Times* Classic. N’diaye tore her ACL and meniscus in the NCAA Tournament first-round game against San Diego and has worked hard to prepare herself for the 2008-09 campaign.

“After experiencing success last season, Rama is hungry for even more this year,” Boyle said. “We learned a lot about Rama on the Africa trip and can appreciate even more all that she has sacrificed to be part of our program. She is an integral part of our post rotation and has worked hard to rehabilitate her knee.”

Walker can also play center as needed because of her unique combination of strength, quickness and athleticism. She has

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POLL**

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3. Stanford
4. Texas A&M
5. Duke
6. Maryland
7. Oklahoma
8. Arizona State
9. Tennessee
10. Louisville
11. Rutgers
12. North Carolina
13. Ohio State
14. Texas
15. Old Dominion
16. Vanderbilt
17. Oklahoma State
18. Virginia
19. Kansas State
20. Florida State
21. Xavier
22. Auburn
23. Michigan State
24. Utah
25. Pittsburgh

CAL'S TOP RETURNERS BY CATEGORY

Category	Leader	Avg./Percentage
Scoring	Ashley Walker	15.3 ppg
Rebounding	Ashley Walker	9.3 rpg
Steals	Alexis Gray-Lawson	1.4 spg
Assists	Natasha Vital	4.1 apg
Blocks	Ashley Walker	1.3 bpg
FG%	Rama N'diaye	51.6%
3-FG%	Alexis Gray-Lawson	40.0%
FT%	Ashley Walker	78.1%
Minutes Played	Natasha Vital	34.8 mpg

topped Cal in blocked shots the last three years and ranks third in Cal history in career blocks with 139.

THE SCHEDULE

Cal faces a tough schedule in 2008-09, with six 2008 NCAA Tournament participants and three 2008 WNIT selections on the docket. Four of the NCAA teams and all of the WNIT foes will battle the Bears during non-conference play.

"It has been our goal since these seniors were freshmen to ultimately play a challenging schedule like this," Boyle said. "Our tough non-conference schedule will help prepare us to vie for the Pac-10 championship and go deep into the NCAA Tournament."

Cal opens the season against Albany at home on Nov. 14. The Bears play seven of 12 non-conference games at home this season and only once leave the Bay Area prior to beginning the Pac-10 schedule. All told, Cal will play 16 of 30 regular-season

games at Haas Pavilion.

After facing Albany, Cal plays Nevada (18-12 in 2007-08) on Nov. 16 and Rutgers, a 2008 NCAA Elite Eight team, on Nov. 21. Cal then travels to the Paradise Jam in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, for Thanksgiving weekend to battle three perennial basketball powers. The Bears open the tournament against South Florida Nov. 27, then face Texas Tech Nov. 28 and conclude the event vs. 2008 NCAA qualifier Iowa Nov. 29. South Florida and Texas Tech both competed in the 2008 WNIT.

Cal then returns home to host the inaugural Collier's International Classic Dec. 6-7. This year's tournament features TCU (a 2008 WNIT quarterfinalist), Princeton and Saint Louis. Cal opens the tournament against Princeton.

The Bears' non-conference slate doesn't get any easier, as they compete in Basketball by the Bay, hosted by San Jose State. Cal meets San Jose State Dec. 12 and Big 12 power

Oklahoma, a 2008 NCAA Tournament participant, Dec. 13.

The non-conference schedule concludes at home against Baylor, the 2005 national champion and a 2008 NCAA team, Dec. 22 and Saint Mary's Dec. 29.

Cal opens conference action at Arizona Jan. 2 and at Arizona State Jan. 4. The Bears' Pac-10 opener is Jan. 8 vs. Washington State. Cal concludes the conference schedule with four of six games at Haas Pavilion, including the regular-season finale against Arizona March 7.

The eighth-annual Pac-10 Tournament will be staged March 12-15 at the Galen Center in Los Angeles after a five-year stint at HP Pavilion in San Jose.

Stanford, the 2008 NCAA runner-up, and Arizona State joined Cal as Pac-10 representatives at the 2008 NCAA Tournament.



Front Row (left to right): Angelei Aguirre, Casey Morris, Natasha Vital, Lauren Greif and Alexis Gray-Lawson.
 Back Row: Shantrell Sneed, Kelsey Adrian, Devanei Hampton, Rama N'diaye, Ashley Walker and Rachelle Federico.

No	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (Previous School)
2	Natasha Vital	G	5-8	Jr.	2V	Stockton, CA (Lincoln HS)
3	Rachelle Federico	G	5-11	So.	1V	Tucson, AZ (Flowing Wells HS)
5	Angelei Aguirre	G	5-11	Fr.	HS	Dallas, TX (White Plains HS, NY)
10	Lauren Greif	G	5-10	Jr.	2V	Portland, OR (Lincoln HS)
11	Kelsey Adrian	G/F	6-1	So.	1V	Langley, B.C., Canada (National Elite Development Academy)
15	Casey Morris	G	5-9	Fr.	HS	Piedmont, CA (Piedmont HS)
20	Devanei Hampton	F/C	6-3	Sr.	3V	Oakland, CA (Oakland Tech HS)
21	Alexis Gray-Lawson	G	5-8	Jr.*	2V	Oakland, CA (Oakland Tech HS)
22	Rama N'diaye	F/C	6-5	Jr.	2V	Dakar, Senegal (Keisei HS, Japan)
24	Shantrell Sneed	F	6-0	Sr.	3V	Fairfield, CA (St. Mary's HS)
44	Ashley Walker	F/C	6-1	Sr.	3V	Modesto, CA (Davis HS)

*utilized a redshirt year

Head Coach: Joanne Boyle, 4th year at Cal, 7th year overall (Duke, 1985)

Assistant Coach: Charmin Smith, 2nd year at Cal (Stanford, 1997)

Assistant Coach: Jennifer Hoover, 1st year at Cal (Wake Forest, 1991)

Assistant Coach: Kevin Morrison, 2nd year at Cal (Cal Poly Pomona, 1994)

2008-09 CAL BASKETBALL ROSTER

BY CLASS

Seniors (3)

Devanei Hampton, Shantrell Sneed, Ashley Walker

Juniors (4)

Alexis Gray-Lawson, Lauren Greif, Rama N'diaye, Natasha Vital

Sophomores (2)

Kelsey Adrian, Rachelle Federico

Freshmen (2)

Angelei Aguirre, Casey Morris

BY POSITION

Centers (3)

Devanei Hampton, Rama N'diaye, Ashley Walker

Forwards (5)

Kelsey Adrian, Devanei Hampton, Rama N'diaye, Shantrell Sneed, Ashley Walker

Guards (6)

Kelsey Adrian, Angelei Aguirre, Rachelle Federico, Alexis Gray-Lawson, Lauren Greif, Casey Morris

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Players

Kelsey Adrian	AY-dree-en
Angelei Aguirre	ON-juh-lay uh-GWHY-ur
Rachelle Federico	RAH-shell FEH-dur-REE-coh
Lauren Greif	GRIFE
Devanei Hampton	DEH-vuh-NAY
Rama N'diaye	RAH-muh en-JIE
Shantrell Sneed	SHON-trell
Natasha Vital	vie-TULL

2008-09 CAL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
November				
5	Wed.	Chico State (Exh.)	Berkeley, CA	7:00 p.m.
9	Sun.	Vanguard (Exh.)	Berkeley, CA	2:00 p.m.
14	Fri.	Albany	Berkeley, CA	1:00 p.m.
16	Sun.	Nevada	Berkeley, CA	2:00 p.m.
21	Fri.	Rutgers (Comcast)	Berkeley, CA	8:00 p.m.
27-29	Thu.-Sat.	at Paradise Jam	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands	
27	Thu.	vs. South Florida	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands	9:30 p.m. AT
28	Fri.	vs. Texas Tech	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands	9:30 p.m. AT
29	Sat.	vs. Iowa	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands	9:30 p.m. AT
December				
6-7	Sat.-Sun.	Collier's International Classic	Berkeley, CA	
6	Sat.	Cal vs. Princeton	Berkeley, CA	1:30 p.m.
6	Sat.	TCU vs. Saint Louis	Berkeley, CA	4:00 p.m.
7	Sun.	Princeton vs. TCU/Saint Louis	Berkeley, CA	2:00 p.m.
7	Sun.	Cal vs. TCU/Saint Louis	Berkeley, CA	5:00 p.m.
12-13	Fri.-Sat.	at Basketball By the Bay	San Jose, CA	
12	Fri.	at San Jose State	San Jose, CA	8:00 p.m.
13	Sat.	vs. Oklahoma	San Jose, CA	6:00 p.m.
22	Mon.	Baylor	Berkeley, CA	5:00 p.m.
29	Mon.	Saint Mary's	Berkeley, CA	7:00 p.m.
January				
2	Fri.	at Arizona*	Tucson, AZ	7:00 p.m. MT
4	Sun.	at Arizona State*	Tempe, AZ	2:00 p.m. MT
8	Thu.	Washington State*	Berkeley, CA	7:00 p.m.
11	Sun.	Washington* (FSN)	Berkeley, CA	12:30 p.m.
18	Sun.	Stanford* (FSN)	Berkeley, CA	3:00 p.m.
22	Thu.	at Oregon State*	Corvallis, OR	7:00 p.m.
24	Sat.	at Oregon*	Eugene, OR	2:00 p.m.
29	Thu.	UCLA*	Berkeley, CA	7:00 p.m.
31	Sat.	USC* (Comcast)	Berkeley, CA	2:00 p.m.
February				
6	Fri.	at Washington*	Seattle, WA	7:00 p.m.
8	Sun.	at Washington State*	Pullman, WA	2:00 p.m.
14	Sat.	at Stanford* (FSN)	Stanford, CA	8:00 p.m.
19	Thu.	Oregon* (Comcast)	Berkeley, CA	8:00 p.m.
21	Sat.	Oregon State* (FSN)	Berkeley, CA	6:00 p.m.
27	Fri.	at USC*	Los Angeles, CA	7:00 p.m.
March				
1	Sun.	at UCLA* (FSN Wildcard)	Los Angeles, CA	12:00/2:00 p.m.
5	Thu.	Arizona State*	Berkeley, CA	7:00 p.m.
7	Sat.	Arizona* (FSN Wildcard)	Berkeley, CA	2:00 p.m.
12-15	Thu.-Sun.	at Pac-10 Tournament#	Los Angeles, CA	TBA
21-24	Sat.-Tue.	at NCAA First and Second Rounds	TBA	TBA
28-31	Sat.-Tue.	at NCAA Regional	TBA	TBA
April				
5&7	Sun.-Tue.	at NCAA Final Four	St. Louis, MO	TBA

* Pac-10 Conference game
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