



APRIL 26, 2006

2006 Cal Softball

2/10-12	at SDSU Tournament	4-0
2/17-19	at UNLV Tournament	3-2
2/22	at San Jose St.	W, 3-0
2/24	Sacramento St. (DH)	W, 4-0
		W, 9-6
3/2-5	at Hawaii Tournament	3-0
3/8	at Saint Mary's (DH)	W, 7-0; W, 9-2
3/10-12	at NIST Tournament	
3/14	Miami (Oh)	W, 9-1
3/17-19	at Capital Classic	4-0
3/21	Chinese National Team	W, 8-7#
3/24-26	at East Carolina Tourn.	5-1
3/29	UC Davis (DH)	W, 8-0; W, 2-1
3/31	at Washington*	W, 2-0
4/1	at UCLA*	W, 10-3
4/2	at UCLA*	L, 3-1
4/5	at Pacific	CANCELLED
4/7	Oregon*	POSTPONED
4/8	Oregon St.*	W, 2-0
4/9	Oregon St.*	W, 2-0
4/14	Stanford*	W, 8-0 (6)
4/15	at Stanford* (Comcast)	L, 2-1 (9)
	at Stanford*	L, 4-2
4/19	at Santa Clara	W, 4-3
4/21	Arizona St.*	L, 2-0
4/22	Arizona*	L, 4-2 (13)
4/23	Arizona*	W, 5-1
4/28	at Oregon St.* (FSN)	3 p.m.
4/29	at Oregon*	noon
4/30	at Oregon*	1 p.m.
5/5	at Arizona*	7 p.m.
5/6	at Arizona St.*	7 p.m.
5/7	at Arizona St.*	1 p.m.
5/11	UCLA*	3 p.m.
5/12	Washington*	1 p.m.
5/13	Washington*	1 p.m.
5/19-21	NCAA Regionals	TBA
5/26-27	NCAA Super Regionals	TBA
6/1-7	WCWS	TBA

Bold denotes home game

* Pac-10 game

Exhibition game

2006 Pac-10 Softball Standings

TEAM	W	L	T
UCLA (36-4)	8	2	0
Arizona State (41-7)	5	4	0
Oregon State (33-7)	5	4	0
California (38-8)	6	5	0
Arizona (34-8)	5	5	0
Stanford (33-10)	6	6	0
Washington (29-15)	3	7	0
Oregon (19-16)	1	6	0

No. 7/8 Cal Hits the Road

After three weeks at home, Bears travel to No. 8/9 Oregon State, Oregon

Date: Fri., April 28 (3 p.m.) / Sat., April 29 (noon and 2 p.m.) / Sun., April 30 (1 p.m.)**Place:** Corvallis, Ore. / Eugene, Ore. / Eugene, Ore.**ON DECK FOR THE GOLDEN BEARS**

The No. 7/8 California softball team (38-8 overall, 6-5 Pac-10) travels to No. 8/9 Oregon State (33-7, 5-4) and Oregon (19-16, 1-6) this weekend. The Golden Bears face the Beavers Friday at 3 p.m. in Corvallis, Ore. Cal then takes on the Ducks in Eugene, Ore., at noon and 2 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. Sunday. Game 1 on Saturday will be a continuation of the teams' first meeting of the season. That game was called in the third inning due to rain with Oregon leading 2-0.

BEARS ON THE AIR

Friday's game at Oregon State (4/28) will be broadcast on tape-delay by Fox Sports Net. The game will air on Sunday at 9 a.m. on FSNBA. The Bears were on TV earlier this season when Comcast SportsNet televised the Cal-Stanford game live on April 15.

CAL IN THE POLLS

The Bears moved from No. 6 to No. 8 in the latest ESPN.com/USA Softball rankings. Cal remained at No. 7 in the latest USA Today/NFCA poll.

A LOOK AT OREGON STATE

Oregon State went 3-0 last weekend in Pac-10 play, picking up a win at No. 1 UCLA (2-0) and two against No. 14 Washington (3-2, 5-0). The Beavers' Cambria Miranda and Brianne McGowan were named the Pac-10 player and pitcher of the week, respectively.

The Beavers are 5-4 in conference play. Other wins have come against Arizona (2-1) and Oregon (2-0). Conference losses have come against Arizona State (3-2), Stanford (3-2) and Cal (2-0, 2-0).

CAL VS. OREGON STATE EARLIER THIS SEASON

Cal defeated Oregon State twice at home, April 8-9, both times by a score of 2-0.

In the first game, freshman **Gina Leomiti** hit a home run, and senior **Kristina Thorson** struck out 12 of the 20 batters she faced in the 2-0 win.

Early in the game, the Beavers threatened at the plate, but the momentum swung in favor of the Bears in the third inning. Thorson entered the game in the third inning – in relief of freshman **Lauren Frankiewicz** – with a runner on first and second. An Oregon State single loaded the bases. Thorson then struck out the Beavers' next three batters, including two looking.

Leomiti led off the bottom of the third with a home run to right center, putting the Bears ahead, 1-0. Cal scored again in the fifth inning when junior **Alex Sutton** hit an RBI single to drive in freshman **Morgan Siegel**, who had reached base on a single. Siegel had advanced after senior **Haley Woods** and senior **Emily Friedman** both walked.

Sunday, junior **Alex Sutton** hit a walk-off home run in the bottom of the seventh inning lifting California to another 2-0 win over Oregon State. With the score tied 0-0 in the bottom of the seventh, senior **Emily Friedman** led off with a single to right center. Sophomore **Chloe Kloezeman** then entered the game as a pinch runner. Sutton followed with her third home run of the season, sending Kloezeman home.

Sutton, who finished 2-for-3, had a strong day at the plate as she also belted a double in the second inning. Sophomore **Katie Vickers** had the Bears' other hit, a one-out single in the fifth. Thorson struck out 13 batters.



**HEAD COACH
DIANE NINEMIRE**

Diane Ninemire is in her 19th year as head coach of the Cal softball team. In 2005, she guided the Golden Bears to their seventh consecutive Women's College World Series and a first-place finish in the Pac-10 Conference. Cal posted its best league mark (13-8) since 1995 (20-8), splitting the title with Oregon State, Stanford and Arizona. Ninemire, already the most successful coach in Cal athletics history (811-384), won her 800th career game with a thrilling, 1-0, victory against No. 3 Arizona on May 12.

Ninemire guided Cal to three consecutive Women's College World Series championship game appearances, winning the national title in 2002. The Bears have reached the postseason every year and never suffered a losing season under Ninemire, the 2002 Speedline/NFCA National Coach of the Year and 2003 Pacific Region Coach of the Year. In 2005, three Cal players were named to the All-American team, and the Bears placed eight players on the All Pac-10 squad.

In 2004, Ninemire's winning reputation was recognized internationally when she was named as an assistant coach to the inaugural Greek Olympic softball team.

Ninemire began her collegiate playing career at Midland Lutheran College (Fremont, Neb.), leading the team to a state championship as a freshman. After transferring to Nebraska-Omaha, where she played on both the softball and basketball teams for three years, Ninemire graduated from UNO in 1980 and completed her master's degree in physical education at Texas Woman's University in 1987.

**Ninemire's Career
by the Numbers**

- *Years as Cal head coach: **18**
- *Wins: **845**
- *Winning percentage: **.683**
- *All-Americans: **26**
- *All-Pac-10 Players: **75**
- *Academic All-Americans: **14**
- *Academic All-Pac-10: **32**
- *All-Region Honorees: **49**
- *Coach of the Year: **2**
- *National Titles: **1**
- *Conference Titles: **1**
- *Former Cal Players in the Pros: **5**
- *Cal Olympians: **6**
- *Winning Seasons: **18**
- *Years in Postseason: **18**
- *Trips to WCWS: **10**
- *WCWS Title Game Appearances: **5**

A LOOK AT OREGON

The Ducks went 0-3 last weekend, falling to No. 14 Washington (5-0) and twice against No. 1 UCLA (9-3, 5-2).

CAL VS. OREGON EARLIER THIS SEASON

When the Bears hosted Oregon on April 7, the game was called in the top of the third inning due to rain. The Ducks had just taken a 2-0 lead before the umpires decided to halt the game because of the unrelenting weather. There were two runners on base, one out and no count at the time.

SUTTON HELPS CAL PAST SANTA CLARA

Junior **Alex Sutton** drove in two of Cal's four runs as the Bears defeated Santa Clara, 4-3, last Wednesday. Sutton finished 2-for-3 at the plate, as Cal improved to 37-6 on the season. Santa Clara dropped to 15-27.

Freshman **Lauren Frankiewicz** improved to 11-1, going four innings and striking out seven. Senior **Kristina Thorson** entered the game in the fifth inning. She got a strikeout, a ground out and a line out to halt SCU's momentum after the Broncos closed the gap to 4-3 after a two-run homer. Thorson threw three innings, holding the Broncos scoreless while giving up one hit and striking out four of 10 batters for her fifth save of the season.

BEARS BATTLE ARIZONA SCHOOLS

Cal went 1-2 against the Arizona schools last weekend, defeating No. 3 Arizona 5-1 Sunday (4/23), and falling 2-0 to No. 8 Arizona State Friday (4/21), and 4-2 in 13 innings on Arizona Saturday (4/22).

Sunday: Freshman **Morgan Siegel** and senior **Emily Friedman** each finished 2-for-3 as Cal defeated No. 3 Arizona, 5-1. Freshman **Lauren Frankiewicz** (12-1) picked up the win, while Cal improved to 38-8 overall and 6-5 in Pac-10. Arizona fell to 34-8 and 5-5. Cal didn't waste any time getting on the board, with Siegel scoring the Bears' first run in the top of the first. Siegel led off the inning with a single, which was followed by a bunt from junior **Alex Sutton**. Senior **Haley Woods** advanced both runners on a sacrifice bunt, and Friedman sent Siegel home on a single to right field.

Friday: The Bears fell 2-0 against visiting Arizona State. Senior **Kristina Thorson** struck out 10 batters in seven innings of work. Woods went 2-for-3 on the day, and Siegel finished 2-for-4. But Cal was unable to bring home any runs, leaving seven on base.

Saturday: Cal suffered a tough loss, falling 4-2 in 13 innings to Arizona. Thorson struck out a career-high 22 batters in the loss. A two-run homer in the top of the 13th gave the Wildcats enough for the win. The Wildcats took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on a two-run homer. Cal cut the lead to 2-1 in the bottom of the first, scoring on an RBI single from

Softball Polls

USA Today/NFCA Top 25 (4/19)	ESPN.com/USA Softball (4/25)
1 UCLA (27)	1 UCLA (17)
2 Texas (2)	2 Texas (1)
3 Arizona	3 Arizona (2)
4 Tennessee (1)	4 Alabama
5 Alabama	5 Stanford
6 Stanford	6 Tennessee
7 CALIFORNIA	7 Arizona State
8 Oregon State	8 CALIFORNIA
9 Georgia	9 Oregon State
10 Arizona State	10 LSU
11 LSU	11 Georgia
12 Michigan	12 Louisiana-Laf.
13 Louisiana-Laf.	13 Michigan
14 Northwestern	14 Northwestern
15 Texas A&M	15 Washington
16 Washington	16 Nebraska
17 Nebraska	17 Texas A&M
18 Baylor	18 Baylor
19 Auburn	19 Auburn
20 North Carolina	20 Fresno State
21 Louisville	21 North Carolina
22 Fresno State	22 Louisville
23 Oklahoma	23 Oklahoma
24 Florida	24 San Diego State
25 Southern Illinois	25 Virginia Tech



CAL CAREER RECORDS

Hits

Player	No.	Years
1. Kaleo Eldredge	160	2002-05
Lindsay James	160	2003-
3. Gillian Boxx	156	1992-95
4. Vicky Galindo	141	2003-05
5. Pam Reinoehl	132	1980-83

Hits

Player	No.	Years
1. Gillian Boxx	274	1992-95
2. Candace Harper	269	1999-02
3. Lisa Iancin	260	1997-00
4. Lindsay James	248	2003-
5. Kaleo Eldredge	239	2002-05

Home Runs

Player	No.	Years
1. Veronica Nelson	55	2000-03
2. Haley Woods	44	2003-
3. Melanie McCart	28	1994-97
4. Candace Harper	21	1999-02
5. Pam Reinoehl	19	1980-83

RBI

Player	No.	Years
1. Haley Woods	182	2003-
2. Veronica Nelson	168	2000-03
3. Melanie McCart	153	1994-97
4. Gillian Boxx	146	1992-95
5. Candace Harper	139	1999-02

Stolen Bases

Player	No.	Years
1. Keri Kropke	74	1990-93
2. Vicky Galindo	61	2003-05
3. Pam Reinoehl	60	1980-83
4. Vicki Cody	55	1977-79
5. Lindsay James	51	2003-

Wins

1. Michele Granger	119	1989-93
2. Jocelyn Forest	103	1999-02
3. Leslie Partch	92	1979-82
Kristina Thorson	92	2003-
5. Kelly Anderson	83	2002-05

Strikeouts

Player	No.	Years
1. Michele Granger	1640	1989-93
2. Jocelyn Forest	1203	1999-02
3. Leslie Partch	982	1979-82
4. Kristina Thorson	929	2003-
5. Whitney Floyd	628	1994-98

Saves

Player	No.	Years
1. Kristina Thorson	12	2003-
2. Nicole DiSalvio	9	1998-01
3. Holly Yost	5	1996-99
Whitney Floyd	5	1994-98
5. Michele Granger	4	1989-93
Jocelyn Forest	4	1999-02

Sutton. Siegel, who led off with a single, scored the run. She finished 3-for-6 on the day.

The Bears tied it up at 2-2 in the bottom of the fourth after pinch hitter **Jeana Gevas** was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded, sending Sutton home. After the first inning, only two Wildcat runners advanced past first base - both on sacrifice bunts - until the home run in the 13th inning.

THORSON, WOODS: PLAYER OF THE YEAR FINALISTS

Cal seniors **Haley Woods** (catcher) and **Kristina Thorson** (pitcher) are among 25 finalists for the fifth Annual USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award, the Amateur Softball Association announced.

Thorson was named to the award's pre-season watch list, which was comprised of 50 players. Woods was added to the 25 finalists due to her impressive performance this season. The Top 25 is comprised of players representing 18 colleges and seven different NCAA Division I Conferences. Among the list are 12 seniors, seven juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen.

USA SOFTBALL INVITES THORSON, WOODS, GALINDO TO SELECTION CAMPS

Current Cal seniors **Kristina Thorson** and **Haley Woods** and former Cal star **Vicky Galindo** have been invited to the upcoming selection camps for the 2006 USA Softball Women's National Team and the 2006 World University Games team. Thorson, a pitcher, and Woods, a catcher, are on the 27-player try-out list for the World University Games Team. Galindo is one of 30 players who will try out for the national team.

Galindo, who completed her collegiate career in 2005 and is now serving as an undergraduate assistant, was a three-year starter for the Bears and a two-time first-team All-American. Last summer, Galindo helped the national team advance to the final of the World Cup of Softball.

CAL NATIONALLY

As a team, Cal ranks in the top 15 in four categories: won-loss percentage (.826, eighth), ERA (1.26, 13th), fielding percentage (.976, 13th) and batting average (.312, 14th). Senior pitcher **Kristina Thorson** is third in the nation in wins (26) and fourth in saves (5). She is 15th in ERA (0.90) and 13th in strikeouts per seven innings (10.7). Senior **Haley Woods** is 20th in RBI per game (1.0).

LEADING THE PAC

The Bears are first in the conference in hits (384) and sacrifice bunts (38, tied with UCLA) and rank second in nine other offensive categories - batting average (.312), on-base percentage (.388), runs scored (241), RBI (213), total bases (549), total plate appearances (1,438), at bats (1,231), walks (141) and sacrifice flies (10).

SCORE ONE FOR CAL

The Bears have been putting up some big numbers on the scoreboard this season. Cal is second in the conference in runs scored (241) and has outscored its opponents 241-73. It doesn't hurt that the Bears are second in the Pac-10 in on-base percentage as well (.388). Four Bears are in the league's top 10 in that category - junior **Alex Sutton** (.496, third), senior **Lindsay James** (.461, seventh), senior **Haley Woods** (.461, seventh) and freshman **Morgan Siegel** (.460, ninth).

PRODUCTIVE AT THE PLATE

It shouldn't be a surprise to see Cal ranked second in the conference in batting average (.312 - Oregon State is first with .313) when taking into account that four Cal players rank in the top 10 of the Pac-10 in batting average - freshman **Morgan Siegel** (.395, fifth), junior **Alex Sutton** (.393, sixth), senior **Lindsay James** (.382, ninth) and senior **Haley Woods** (.375, 10th).

WOODS CLUTCH FOR CAL

Senior catcher **Haley Woods** leads the Pac-10 in doubles (13) and is second in RBI (46), home runs (12) and total bases (102). She is third in slugging percentage (.723) and fourth in hits (53). Woods leads Cal in all six categories.

Woods is a finalist for the USA Softball Player of the Year and has been invited to USA Softball's selection camp for the World University Games team.

The Burlingame, Calif., native has broken a few records this season and is poised to break several more. She started the season fifth on Cal's career RBI list (136) and has since moved into first. With 46 this season, Woods has 182 RBI in her career. She set single-season RBI records in 2004 (57) and again in 2005 (58) and is poised to break them both this season.

SEASON RECORDS

Runs

	Player	No.	Year
1.	Gillian Boxx	56	1995
2.	Vicky Galindo	53	2004
3.	Kendall Richards	52	1994
4.	Lindsay James	51	2004
5.	Vicky Galindo	49	2005
	Kaleo Eldredge	49	2004
	Pam Reinoehl	49	1980

Hits

	Player	No.	Year
1.	Gillian Boxx	90	1995
2.	Vicky Galindo	83	2004
3.	Kendall Richards	81	1994
4.	Lindsay James	77	2004
	Candace Harper	77	2002

Home Runs

	Player	No.	Year
1.	Veronica Nelson	19	2001
2.	Haley Woods	16	2004
3.	Veronica Nelson	14	2000
4.	Haley Woods	13	2005
	Veronica Nelson	13	2003

RBI

	Player	No.	Year
1.	Haley Woods	58	2005
2.	Haley Woods	57	2004
3.	Melanie McCart	54	1997
4.	Veronica Nelson	52	2001
5.	Jen Ackley	47	1995

Batting Average

(min. 100 ABs)

	Player	Avg.	Year
1.	Gillian Boxx	.466	1995
2.	Lindsay James	.439	2005
3.	Kendall Richards	.420	1994
4.	Leslie Partch	.395	1979
5.	Lisa Martinez	.393	1985

Total Bases

	Player	No.	Year
1.	Kendall Richards	136	1994
2.	Gillian Boxx	132	1995
3.	Vicky Galindo	126	2004
4.	Haley Woods	121	2004
	Candace Harper	121	2002

Stolen Bases

	Player	No.	Year
1.	Keri Kropke	28	1992
2.	Keri Kropke	25	1991
3.	Vicky Galindo	23	2004
	Lindsay James	23	2004
5.	Vicki Cody	22	1979
	Marielle Vaughn	22	1989

Woods has put up hitting streaks of 10 and 11 games this season. Her 10-game streak stretched from 2/18-3/8. Her 11-game streak went from 3/11-3/25.

She was named Pac-10 Player of the Week for her performance at the Malihini Kipa Aloha Tournament in Hawaii (3/2-5). In the Bears' first two games, Woods went 6-for-6, with five home runs, including a grand slam. Woods is only the second player in the Pac-10 to hit three homers in a game in the last 11 years. Through the tournament's three games, Woods was 8-for-10, with 12 RBI and five runs.

TENACIOUS K.T.

Senior **Kristina Thorson** (26-6) picked up two tough losses over the weekend, a 2-0 decision against No. 8 Arizona State and a 4-2, 13-inning marathon against No. 3 Arizona. In the Arizona game, Thorson struck out a career-high 22 in 13 innings vs. Arizona. After the first inning, only two Wildcat runners advanced past first base - both on sacrifice bunts - until the winning home run in the 13th inning. She threw a total of 22.2 innings over the weekend, striking out 34.

The Lake Forest Park, Wash., native leads the conference in batters struck out (319) and batters struck out looking (123). She also paces the conference in innings pitched (209.1), wins (26), saves (5), appearances (38) and games started (27). Thorson is within two wins of her career high. In 2004, Thorson finished 28-4.

She is tied for third on Cal's career wins list (92) and fourth in career strikeouts (874).

Thorson is a finalist for the USA Softball Player of the Year and has been invited to USA Softball's selection camp for the World University Games team.

SIEGEL STEPPING UP

Freshman **Morgan Siegel** is a mainstay at the top of the Bears' batting order thanks to her knack for getting on base. She leads Cal in batting average (.395, fifth Pac-10), is second in hits (49, 10th Pac-10) and is fifth in on-base percentage (.460, ninth Pac-10). The freshman out of Antioch, Calif., has hit in nine of Cal's 11 Pac-10 contests and is currently enjoying a seven-game hitting streak.

Last weekend, Siegel gave the Bears all they could ask for, finishing 7-for-13 with three runs in games against No. 8 Arizona State and No. 3 Arizona. In the Bears' 5-1 win against Arizona (4/23), Siegel was 2-for-4 with two runs and was intentionally walked once. In Cal's 13-inning, 4-2 loss to Arizona (4/22), Siegel was 3-for-6 with a run. In Cal's 2-0 loss to ASU (4/21), Siegel went 2-for-4.

STEADY SUTTON

Junior **Alex Sutton** has been producing consistently for the Bears all season. The outfielder from Morgan Hill, Calif., leads Cal in on-base percentage (.496, third Pac-10). She is second for the Bears in batting average (.393, sixth Pac-10), slugging percentage (.580), RBI (34, sixth Pac-10), doubles (10, tied fifth Pac-10) and total bases (65).

Sutton was key in Cal's success during the Oregon State series (4/8-9). On Sunday (4/9), Sutton hit a walk-off home run in the bottom of the seventh for Cal's 2-0 win. Sutton finished 2-for-3, also hitting a double in the second inning. Saturday (4/8), the Bears scored their second run in Cal's 2-0 victory on fifth-inning RBI single from Sutton.

Sutton was named MVP of the Pirate Invitational (3/24-26) after finishing 6-of-13, with four of her six hits coming on doubles. She tallied three runs and eight RBI over the weekend and also drew eight walks.

LOOKING TO LINDSAY

Senior **Lindsay James** is rock solid for the Bears in left field. She is in the top three of nine offensive categories for Cal, including batting average (.382, ninth Pac-10), on-base percentage (.461, seventh Pac-10), runs (31), hits (47), walks (17), sacrifice bunts (6, tied fifth Pac-10) and stolen bases (8).

James led Cal in batting last season (.439) despite missing the final 17 regular-season games with a broken hand suffered. Her .439 average was the first over .400 at Cal since 1995, when Gillian Boxx batted a program-record .466. James ranks in the top five of four categories in Cal's all-time career records: batting average (.353, fourth), runs (160, tied for first), hits (248), and stolen bases (51, fifth).

NEW FACES ON THE DIAMOND

In 2006, the Bears had the challenge of re-loading following the graduation of two All-Americans and four, four-year starters. Thanks to skilled recruiting, Cal welcomes eight new players, including three sophomore transfers and an impressive freshman class.

The Bears got a boost thanks to the three transfers: **Chloe Kloezeman** (Ole Miss), **Jessica Moore** (Miami of Ohio) and **Katie Vickers** (Georgia). Both Vickers and Kloezeman were named to the All-SEC freshman team. All three are California natives.



BEARS IN THE PROS

Five former Cal players have been competing in the National Pro Fastpitch softball league. Lisa Iancin (1997-2000) and Jocelyn Forest (1999-2002) play for the New England Riptide, Chelsea Spencer (2002-05) competes for the Philadelphia Force, Vicky Galindo (2003-05) is on the Chicago Bandits, and Kaleo Eldredge (2002-05) plays for the Arizona Heat.

OLYMPIC GOLDEN BEARS

Since softball's the 1996 Olympic Games, a Golden Bear player or coach has participated been a member of each Olympic softball squad. Cal players have also competed for national teams during non-Olympic years. After completing their careers at Cal in 2005, two-time All-Americans Kaleo Eldredge and Vicky Galindo competed for the USA over the summer. Eldredge, a centerfielder, played for the US Elite team. Galindo, a third baseman, led the USA Team Gold to the title game of the World Cup of Softball and finished second on the squad in batting (.455).

In 2004, California head coach **Diane Ninemire** and senior **Lindsay James** and sophomore **Chloe Kloezeman** suited up for the inaugural Greek team at the Athens Games while Nicole DiSalvio (1998-01) competed in both the 2004 and 2000 games. At the Athens games, Ninemire was an assistant coach and James batted .211 (4-for-19) with three runs in starting all seven games for Greece, which went 2-5.

In 1996, three former members of the Cal softball program - pitcher Michele Granger (USA), catcher Gillian Boxx (USA) and pitcher Lisa Martinez (Puerto Rico) - appeared in the initial Olympic tournament. Granger and Boxx helped lead the United States to the gold medal, while Martinez and Granger faced off as starting pitchers in the first-ever Olympic softball game.

The freshmen include catcher **Heather Camara** (Walnut Creek, Calif. / Deer Valley HS), pitcher **Lauren Frankiewicz** (Vienna, Va. / James Madison HS), **Gina Leomiti** (San Diego, Calif. / Mira Mesa HS), **Morgan Siegel** (Antioch, Calif. / Deer Valley HS) and **Carly Winger** (Orlando, Fla. / Lake Highland Preparatory).

BEARS AIM FOR ANOTHER WCWS RUN

Last year, the Golden Bears made their seventh consecutive Women's College World Series appearance, and they expect nothing short of another trip this season. With veterans **Lindsay James** (LF), **Haley Woods** (C) and **Kristina Thorson** (P) anchoring Cal, the Bears won't be short of talent, even with all the new faces in the field.

The 2006 Bears return four starting position players and one pitcher from last year's 52-15 squad that tied for first in the Pac-10 and posted a 6-2 record in the Regionals and Super Regionals before being eliminated from the WCWS. The 2006 Bears feature one All-American and three All-Pacific Region players from the 2005 squad. Thorson is coming off of her second straight 20-win campaign -- she went 23-5. Woods led Cal in RBI (58), while James paced Cal in batting average (.439) and hits (65).

LOHMANN, GALINDO JOIN CAL STAFF

Tammy Lohmann joined the Golden Bear softball program in August after serving as an assistant coach for three seasons at Wisconsin. Before coaching at Wisconsin, Lohmann was an assistant softball coach at Bradley University (1999-02). At Wisconsin, Lohmann helped guide the 2005 squad to the school's third NCAA Regional appearance. Senior **Emily Friedman**, now a member of the Cal softball team, played for Lohmann during the 2003 and 2004 seasons at Wisconsin.

Former Cal star **Vicky Galindo** is in her first year as a student assistant. The three-year starter for Cal finished her college career in 2005 and is working on completing her degree at UC Berkeley this year. Galindo, a two-time first-team All-American, helped the USA national team advance to the title game of the World Cup of Softball last summer.

A LOOK BACK AT 2005

After winning their first Pac-10 title since 1987, the 2005 Golden Bears made their seventh straight trip to the WCWS, marking the 10th time Cal has advanced to the series. The second-seeded Golden Bears qualified for the WCWS after going 4-1 at the Fresno State Sub-Regional and defeating Baylor in the Waco Super Regional. The 2005 season ended with two losses in the WCWS, marking the first time in since 2001 that the WCWS championship game didn't include Cal. In the Bears' final game, Arizona rallied in the bottom of the 12th for a 3-2 victory. The Bears lost their WCWS opener, 2-1, to UCLA. Cal finished at No. 6 in both polls.

2006 California Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Kristina Thorson	P	R/R	Sr	3V	Lake Forest Park, Wash. / Shorecrest
2	Morgan Siegel	OF	L/L	Fr	HS	Antioch, Calif. / Deer Valley HS
3	Alex Sutton	OF	L/R	Jr	2V	Morgan Hill, Calif. / Mitty HS
5	Lindsay James	OF	L/R	Sr	3V	San Carlos, Calif. / Sequoia HS
6	Julie Meyer	1B/C	R/R	So	1V	Yardville, N.J. / Steinert HS
8	Lauren Frankiewicz	P	R/R	Fr	HS	Vienna, Virginia / James Madison HS
9	Haley Woods	C/1B	R/R	Sr	3V	Burlingame, Calif. / Burlingame HS
10	Heather Camara	C	R/R	Fr	HS	Walnut Creek, Calif. / Deer Valley HS
12	Chloe Kloezeman	IF	R/R	So	TR	Millbrae, Calif. / Mississippi
13	Erika Racklin	OF	S/R	So	1V	Pittsburg, Calif. / Berean Christian HS
16	Katie Vickers	IF	R/R	So	TR	San Diego, Calif. / Georgia
17	Carly Winger	SS	R/R	Fr	HS	Orlando, Fla. / Lake Highland Prep
18	Rachel Wilson	IF	R/R	Jr	RS	San Jose, Calif. / West Valley CC
19	Jessica Moore	IF	R/R	So	TR	Santa Clara, Calif. / Miami (Ohio)
25	Jeana Gevas	IF/DP	R/R	Jr	2V	Benicia, Calif. / Cal Poly
31	Emily Friedman	IF/OF	R/R	Sr	1V	Berkeley, Calif. / Wisconsin
45	Gina Leomiti	OF	R/R	Fr	HS	San Diego, Calif. / Mira Mesa HS

Head Coach: Diane Ninemire, 19th season (University of Nebraska-Omaha '80)

Assistant Coach: John Reeves, 13th season (San Jose State '80)

Assistant Coach: Tammy Lohmann, 1st season (Arizona State '97)