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SOFTBALL

Five Bears Named to All-Pacific Region Team

BERKELEY – California senior outfielder **Kaleo Eldredge** and senior third baseman **Vicky Galindo** were named to the Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Pacific Region first team late Wednesday, headlining a group of five Bears. The quintuplet of honors was the most garnered by any school in the Pacific Region.

Named to the second team and joining Galindo and Eldredge were junior pitcher **Kristina Thorson**, junior catcher **Haley Woods** and junior left fielder **Lindsay James**. Wednesday's result marks just the second time since 1993 that the Cal program has placed five players on an all-region team.

Eldredge became Cal's first four-time all-region selection since catcher **Gillian Boxx** (1992-95). A first team selection last year and a second-team pick in her freshman and sophomore seasons, Eldredge is hitting .322 with a .517 slugging percentage, six homers, 35 RBI and 74 total bases. Eldredge has also played a flawless center field and is the only Cal starter with a 1.000 fielding percentage.

Galindo, a first-team honoree last season and a second-team pick in 2003, leads the Bears in batting average (.340), runs (40), doubles (11) and stolen bases (17). As Cal's leadoff hitter, she has a .504 slugging percentage, a .399 on-base percentage and 48 hits.

Thorson (21-4), a second-team selection last year, finished first in the Pac-10 with a 1.00 ERA, was third with a .151 opposing batting average and sixth with 196 strikeouts.

James, batting .478 at the time a pitched ball broke her left hand on April 8, is poised to become Cal's first .400 hitter since Boxx (.466) in 1995. After an 18-game hiatus, she expected to make her return to the lineup when the Bears open NCAA Tournament play tonight. James was named to the all-region second teams in both 2003 and 2004.

Woods has posted Cal's top power numbers on the year, leading the Bears with 13 homers, 52 RBI, 99 total bases and a .579 slugging percentage. She carries a .993 fielding percentage behind the plate. This is her first all-region award.

Cal (46-11), the Pac-10 co-champions, plays Mountain West champion BYU tonight in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. First pitch at Bulldog Diamond at the Fresno State Regional begins at 8:30 p.m.