

2005 CALIFORNIA VOLLEYBALL

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THE BEAR FACTS

Location	Berkeley, CA 94720
Founded	1868
Enrollment	32,000
Nickname	Golden Bears
Colors	Blue and Gold
Conference	Pacific-10
Chancellor	Robert Birgeneau
Athletic Director	Sandy Barbour
Arena/Capacity	Haas Pavilion/11,877
Press Row Phone	(510) 642-3098
2004 Overall Record	17-12
2004 Pac-10 Record/Place	11-7/4th tie
Starters Returning/Lost	4/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	10/5

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Record at Cal	98-79 (.554)
Overall Record	397-246/20 years (.617)
Assistant Coach ...	Chris Bigelow (Seventh year)
Assistant Coach .	Matt McShane (First year)

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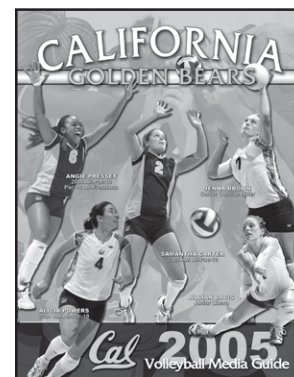
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2005 CALIFORNIA VOLLEYBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Yr	Exp	Hometown/Previous School
1	Jillian Davis	L	5-9	JR	2V	La Canada, CA/Flintridge Sacred Heart HS
2	Samantha Carter	S	6-0	JR	2V	Orlando, FL/Bishop Moore HS
3	Morgan Beck	OH	6-3	FR	HS	Coto De Caza, CA/San Clemente HS
4	Alicia Powers	MH	6-2	SR	3V	Clayton, CA/Carondelet HS
5	Sydney Blancarte	MH	6-1	FR	HS	Alamo, CA/Carondelet HS
6	Angie Pressey	OH	5-8	SO	1V	Heathrow, FL/Lake Mary HS
7	Jenna Brown	OH	5-11	SR	3V	Friendswood, TX/Clear Brook HS
8	Am'ra Solomon	OH	6-0	FR	RS	Los Angeles, CA/St. Bernard HS
9	Catherine Go	DS	5-7	FR	HS	Vallejo, CA/Benicia HS
10	Kat Reilly	MH	6-2	FR	HS	Plano, TX/Plano East Senior HS
11	Ellen Orchard	MH	6-3	SO	1V	Houston, TX/Cypress Springs HS
13	Natalie Smart	MH	6-3	JR	2V	Las Vegas, NV/Durango HS
14	Bryte Nielson	S/OH	5-11	FR	HS	Saratoga, CA/Los Gatos HS
15	Vivian Cheung	DS	5-1	SO	1V	San Francisco, CA/St. Ignatius HS
33	Alexis Kollias	DS/L	5-8	SR	3V	Castro Valley, CA/Castro Valley HS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Rich Feller (Seventh year)
Assistant Coach: Chris Bigelow
Assistant Coach: Matt McShane
Manager: Hannah Shelley

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2005 SEASON OUTLOOK

BEARS SET SIGHTS ON FOURTH STRAIGHT POSTSEASON APPEARANCE

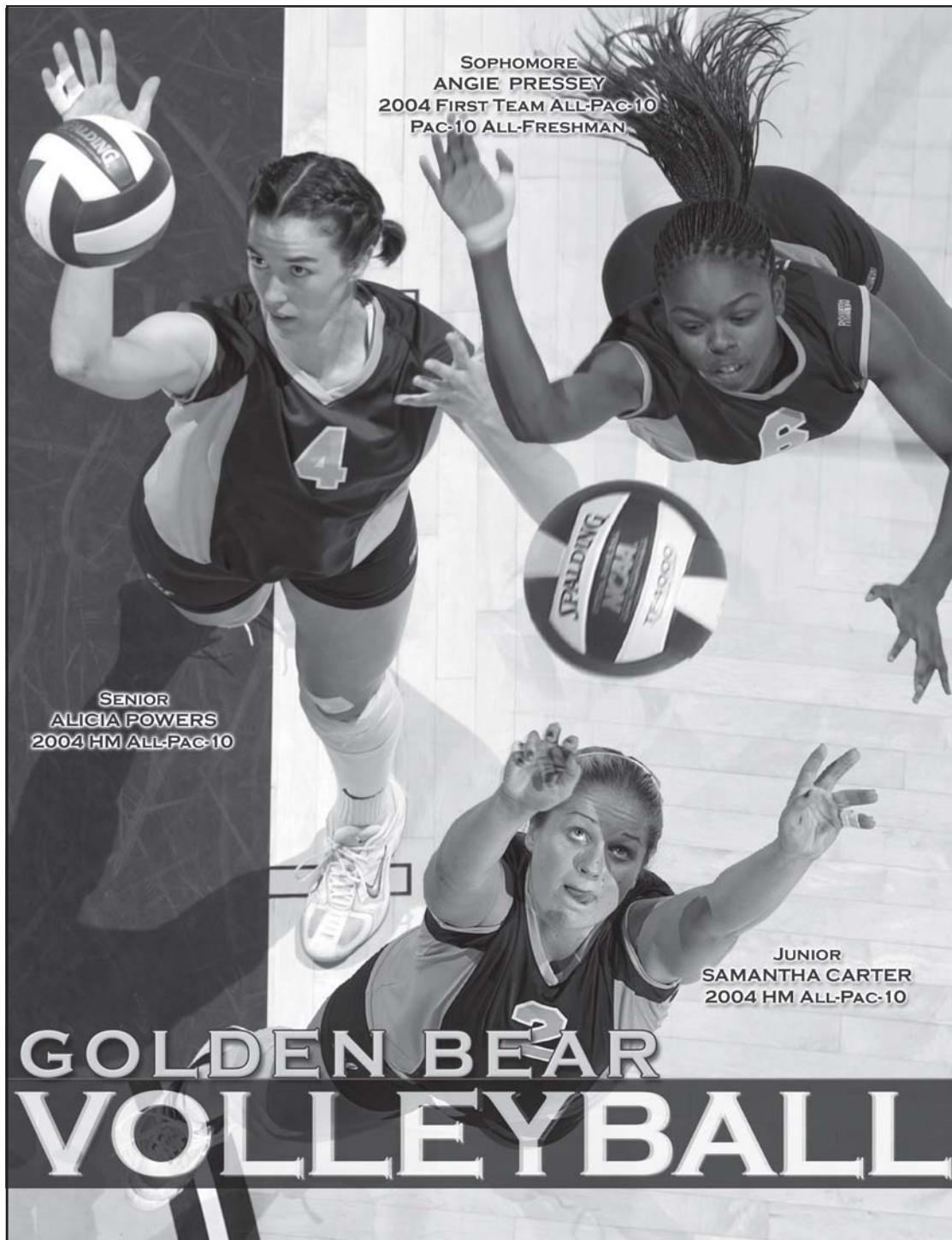
The 2005 California women's volleyball team has every intention of continuing the program's hard-earned string of success. The Golden Bears will be gunning for their fourth consecutive postseason appearance – something never achieved in school history – and Cal has just the personnel to get back to the NCAA championships and make a run for a national title.

"This team has a chance to be very, very good," said head coach Rich Feller, who in the past three years has helped place Cal volleyball among the nation's elite, including a Sweet 16 appearance in 2003. "We have the combination of experience, with an additional component of athleticism, that could make this team one of the best in the program's history. We

feature two players, Alicia Powers and Jenna Brown, who are four-year starters with a wealth of experience and great work ethics. We have one of the most experienced setters in the program's history in Samantha Carter and a spectacular libero in Jillian Davis. We also have a phenomenal athlete in sophomore Angie Pressey and a freshman class that has a chance to be something special."

Seniors Powers and Brown have been instrumental in the Bears' winning ways, starting as freshmen in 2002 when Cal made its first postseason appearance since 1989. Along with senior defensive specialist/libero Alexis Kollias, who was stellar replacing an injured Davis last season (31 digs versus Saint Mary's in the NCAA second round), these three athletes have a chance to play in four consecutive NCAA tournaments. A 6-2 middle blocker, Powers was honorable mention All-Pac-10 last season and is sixth on Cal's all-time career hitting percentage list (.232), and is seventh in career blocks (310). Brown, a 5-11, left-handed outside hitter, was a member of the Pac-10 All-Freshman team in 2002, and has tallied 816 career kills and 898 career digs.

Junior setter Carter is one of the Pac-10's best, earning honorable mention all-league last season. She is second among current Pac-10 players, and fourth on the Cal all-time list, with 2,904





Senior outside hitter Jenna Brown has been a Bear starter since her freshman year, helping Cal to three-straight NCAA postseason appearances.

(Carondelet HS), is another good athlete and comes to Cal after being a member of the Golden Bear Volleyball club team.

The Bears possess four more players who will also contribute to the team's success – junior middle hitter Natalie Smart, sophomore defensive specialist Vivian Cheung, redshirt freshman Am'ra Solomon, and freshman defensive specialist Catherine Go.

Smart continues to improve and will be vying for increased playing time at middle hitter. Cheung and Go are two solid defensive specialists. Solomon, a talented 6-1 athlete who sat out last year, was outstanding in spring practice and should be in the mix as one of the Bears' regular outside hitters.

"This teams' goal is to be better than last year," said Feller. "We had some great accomplishments last season, defeating national championship teams like USC and Stanford, but we are looking to get back to the NCAA Round of 16, and beyond. There is rejuvenation in the program with the change in our coaching staff (former New Mexico and Utah assistant Matt McShane joins the Bears, replacing Lee Maes), and with the new players coming in. We had a great spring, and now we are ready to take the team to new heights. This year's squad will be exciting to watch."

career assists. Carter also set the Bears' single-season assist record with 1,555 as a freshman in 2003. Davis is another key junior for Cal as one of the nation's top liberos. She recorded a school-record 33 digs against national champion Stanford last season, and despite having her 2004 campaign was cut short with a knee injury, has already tallied 724 digs in 50 career matches.

Sophomore outside hitter Pressey is the Bears' most highly decorated returnee after earning All-Pac-10 and Pac-10 All-Freshman honors in 2004. Even though only 5-8, she is a great jumper and the first Bear frosh to ever be named all-conference after recording 329 kills and leading Cal in kills in 13 matches. Pressey was the Nov. 1 Pac-10 Player of the Week last season after pacing the Bears with 25 kills in their upset of eventual national champion Stanford.

A secret weapon for Cal could be 6-3 sophomore middle hitter Ellen Orchard. Although Orchard only played in 13 matches last year, she excelled when the contests meant the most – the NCAA tournament. Orchard recorded a career-high 14 kills with four service aces in the Bears' NCAA first-round victory over Pacific, and added 13 kills versus Saint Mary's in the NCAA second round.

What might make Cal even more of a postseason threat is the arrival of the 2005 freshman class, ranked the nation's fifth-best by PrepVolleyball.com. Morgan Beck is a 6-2 outside hitter from Coto De Caza, Calif. (San Clemente HS) who is a member of the USA Junior National Team and could remind Bear fans of former All-American Mia Jerkov with her hitting ability. Left-handed setter/outside hitter Bryte Nielson (Saratoga, Calif.; Los Gatos HS) is another player who could contribute immediately with her athleticism, and 6-2 middle hitter Kathleen Reilly (Plano, Texas; Plano East Senior HS) is a talented blocker who should help ease the graduation loss of All-American Camille Leffall. Sydney Blancarte, a 6-1 middle hitter from Alamo, Calif.



Senior defensive specialist/libero Alexis Kollias was outstanding in last year's NCAA tournament, recording a career-high 31 digs versus Saint Mary's.

CALIFORNIA HEAD COACH

Rich Feller was named 2003 Pacific Region and Pac-10 Coach of the Year.



RICH FELLER
HEAD COACH
SEVENTH YEAR AT CAL

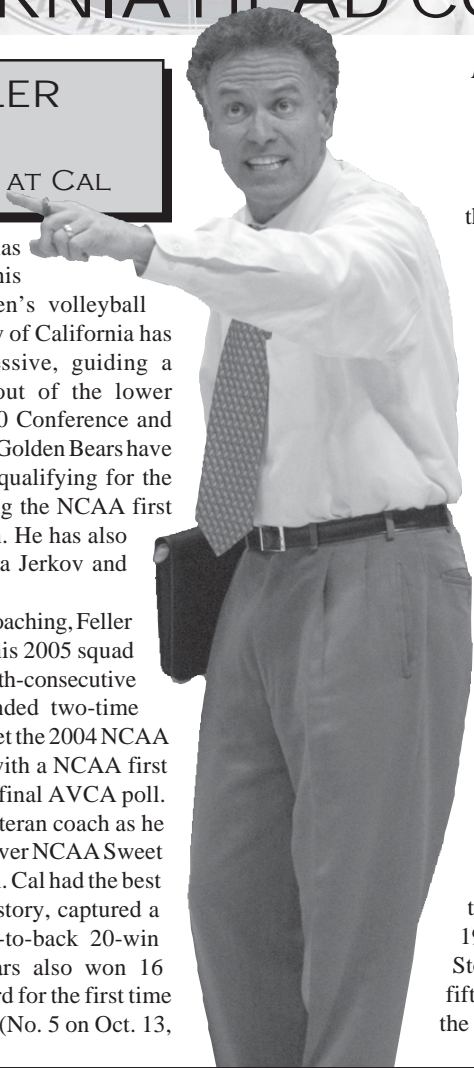
What Rich Feller has accomplished during his tenure as head women's volleyball coach at the University of California has certainly been impressive, guiding a struggling program out of the lower echelons of the Pac-10 Conference and

into the nation's Top 25. Behind Feller's leadership, the Golden Bears have placed themselves among college volleyball's elite, qualifying for the NCAA Tournament the past three seasons and hosting the NCAA first and second rounds the last two years at Haas Pavilion. He has also helped develop a pair of All-Americans at Cal – Mia Jerkov and Camille Leffall.

Now 397-246 (.617) overall in 20 years of collegiate coaching, Feller is 98-79 (.554) in six years as the Bears' mentor with his 2003 squad poised for what could be the school's unprecedented fourth-consecutive postseason appearance. Last season, his team upended two-time defending national champion USC in Los Angeles, upset the 2004 NCAA champs Stanford in Haas Pavilion, and finish 17-12 with a NCAA first round victory over Pacific and a No. 18 ranking in the final AVCA poll.

The 2003 campaign was especially sweet for the veteran coach as he guided the Bears to a 25-7 record and the school's first-ever NCAA Sweet 16 berth with victories over Saint Mary's and Michigan. Cal had the best single-season winning percentage (.793) in school history, captured a school-record 12 Pac-10 matches and posted back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time since 1981-83. The Bears also won 16 consecutive matches to start that year, defeated Stanford for the first time since 1982, earned their highest national ranking ever (No. 5 on Oct. 13, 2003) and advanced further in postseason play than any other team in Cal history.

The accomplishments of the Bears' coach and his staff did not go unnoticed as Feller was named both the 2003 Pacific Region Co-Coach of the Year and Pacific-10 Conference Coach of



the Year. He was the first Cal volleyball coach to garner regional coach of the year honors, and was the first Bear mentor selected for league coaching honors since Chris Stanley was NorPac Conference Coach of the Year in 1982.

Before arriving at Berkeley, Feller was an assistant coach for the United States Women's National Volleyball Team from 1997-98. Prior to his stint as an USA National Team assistant, he was a highly successful head coach at Colorado State. In his 14 years directing the Rams, Feller compiled a 299-167 (.642) record with eight NCAA Tournament appearances, two conference titles, 12 Top-25 rankings and several All-America, all-conference and all-academic athletes. In Feller's first season at Colorado State in 1983, he led his team to a 26-12 record, a Top-20 ranking and a NCAA Tournament appearance for the first time in school history. In 1987, Feller was named AVCA Regional Coach of the Year.

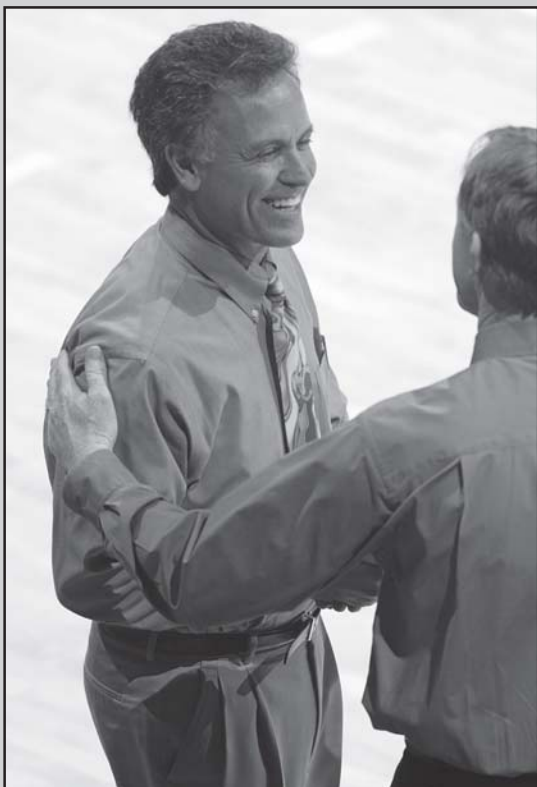
From 1980-83, Feller was the top assistant to Taras Liskevych (USA Olympic coach from 1985-96) at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, helping the Tigers to second, fourth and fifth-place national finishes in his three years with the program.

FELLER'S COACHING MILESTONES

Win No. 1	
Idaho State, Sept. 3, 1983	W 3-0
Win No. 50	
Wyoming, Nov. 13, 1984	W 3-1
Win No. 100	
Utah, Oct. 17, 1986	W 3-1
Win No. 150	
Iowa State, Nov. 11, 1988	W 3-0
Win No. 200	
Louisville, Oct. 5, 1991	W 3-0
Win No. 250	
Pepperdine, Sept. 16, 1994	W 3-1
Win No. 300	
Denver, Sept. 4, 1999	W 3-1
Win No. 350	
Oregon, Oct. 26, 2002	W 3-2

FELLER'S COACHING RECORD

1983	Colorado State	26-12	6-4/2nd HCAC	NCAA (0-1)
1984	Colorado State	27-9	12-0/1st HCAC	NCAA (1-1)
1985	Colorado State	26-9	11-1/1st HCAC	NCAA (1-1)
1986	Colorado State	27-12	7-5/2nd tie HCAC	NCAA (0-1)
1987	Colorado State	27-6	9-3/2nd HCAC	NCAA (1-1)
1988	Colorado State	22-12	9-3/2nd tie HCAC	NCAA (1-1)
1989	Colorado State	16-14	6-6/4th HCAC	
1990	Colorado State	15-18	3-7/5th WAC	
1991	Colorado State	19-12	4-8/5th WAC	
1992	Colorado State	19-11	6-8/6th WAC	
1993	Colorado State	19-11	7-7/4th tie WAC	
1994	Colorado State	12-19	3-11/7th WAC	
1995	Colorado State	21-11	8-6/3rd WAC	NCAA (0-1)
1996	Colorado State	23-11	10-6/3rd WAC	NCAA (1-1)
		299-167 (.642)	2 conf. titles	8 NCAA berths
1999	California	13-15	7-11/6th tie Pac-10	
2000	California	13-15	6-12/7th tie Pac-10	
2001	California	10-18	3-15/9th Pac-10	
2002	California	20-12	7-11/8th Pac-10	NCAA (1-1)
2003	California	25-7	12-6/3rd tie Pac-10	NCAA (2-1)
2004	California	17-12	11-7/4th tie Pac-10	NCAA (1-1)
		98-79 (.554)		3 NCAA berths
Totals		397-246 (.617)	2 conf. titles	11 NCAA berths



FELLER FACTS...

- Last season, Cal finished 17-12 overall and tied for fourth in the Pac-10 with an 11-7 mark, qualifying for the NCAA for the third consecutive year and hosting the first and second rounds in Haas Pavilion for the second year in-a-row. The Bears upset two-time defending national champion USC in Los Angeles, and 2004 NCAA champs Stanford at Haas Pavilion during the regular season and upended Pacific in the NCAA first round. Senior middle hitter Camille Leffall was a AVCA second team All-American, while outside hitter Angie Pressey was Cal's first freshman to make first team All-Pac-10 and the Pac-10 All-Freshman team.
- In 2003, was selected both Pacific Region Co-Coach of the Year and Pac-10 Coach of the Year as the No. 12 ranked Bears finished 25-7 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament Round of 16 for the first time in school history. Led by All-American Mia Jerkov, Cal also captured a school-record 12 Pac-10 matches, had the best winning percentage in school history (.781) and posted back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time since 1981-83. The Bears won 16 consecutive matches to start the season, defeated Stanford for the first time since 1982 and earned its highest national ranking ever (No. 5, Oct. 13, 2003). Cal won NCAA first and second round matches with victories over Saint Mary's and Michigan at Haas Pavilion, before falling to Georgia Tech, 3-1, in Honolulu.
- In 2002, the Bears qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1989, finishing with a 20-12 record, the school's best mark since 1983, and advancing to the NCAA Tournament's second round. The Bears started the season 9-0, winning a school record 27 consecutive games. Cal also captured three tournaments, with All-American Mia Jerkov, the Bears' first All-America selection since 1983, earning all-tournament honors in all three competitions.
- In 2001, the Bears (10-18, 3-15) broke a school record with a .467 team hitting percentage at San Francisco, and featured middle hitter Camille Leffall, who was

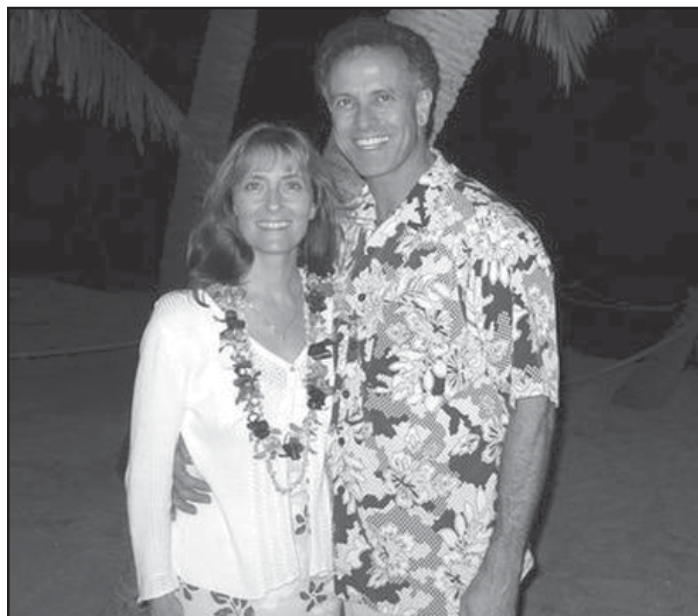
named to the Pacific-10 Conference All-Freshman Team, the first Bear freshman to make Pac-10 All-Freshman since Kelli Alva in 1996.

- In 2000, the Bears finished 13-15 overall, same as 1999, giving Cal its best back-to-back campaigns since 1988 and 1989. The Bears also captured its first tournament title since 1997, placing first at the UNM-Domino's Albuturkey Classic in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- In his first year at Cal (1999), the Bears were the most improved volleyball program in the Pac-10, finishing 13-15 overall and 7-11 in conference. Cal's 13 wins were the most since 1995, and the Bears seven conference victories were the most since 1991. Cal's 7-11 Pac-10 record was good for a sixth-place league finish, its highest conference placing since 1991.
- Served as an assistant coach for Mick Haley and the USA Women's National Volleyball Team from 1997-98.
- Led Colorado State to a 299-167 (.642) overall record in 14 years (1983-96), including eight NCAA Tournament appearances, eight 20-win seasons, five first-round NCAA Tournament victories, two conference titles, 12 Top 25 national rankings and four All-Americans.
- In his first year at Colorado State in 1983, guided the Rams to a 26-12 record, a Top 20 ranking and a NCAA Tournament appearance for the first in school history. Was named AVCA Regional Coach of the Year and Colorado Sportswomen Coach of the Year in 1987.
- Prior to coaching at Colorado State, was the top assistant to Tara Liskevych (USA Olympic coach from 1985-96) at the University of the Pacific from 1980-83, helping the Tigers to a second, fourth and fifth-place national finishes in his three years with the program.
- After earning bachelor's degree in recreation administration from San Diego State in 1973, began coaching career at the high school level in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Growing up in Palo Alto, Feller already had ties to the Bay Area before arriving at Cal in 1999. His father, David, earned his Ph.D. at Cal and his mother, Bernice, was a Cal undergraduate.

"The opportunity to coach at Cal and to have the challenge of competing in the Pac-10 Conference was a dream come true," said Feller. "Any coach who is involved in college volleyball would relish the chance to coach in the Pac-10 and to come to Cal. One of my goals was to coach in the Pac-10. Working at Cal is one of the best jobs in the nation."

Feller, 54, who earned his bachelor's degree in recreation administration from San Diego State in 1973, lives in the Montclair District of the Oakland Hills with his wife, Stacey. He has three children - Evan (21), Ashleigh (19) and Ryan (17); and a stepson, Brad Bertolet (19).



Head Coach Rich Feller with his wife, Stacey, at the 2003 NCAA Regional in Honolulu, Hawaii.

ASSISTANT COACHES



CHRIS BIGELOW
Assistant Coach
Seventh Year at Cal

A key component and the veteran of the Cal volleyball coaching staff is seventh year assistant and chief recruiting coordinator Chris Bigelow, a former assistant at Wisconsin and Texas, who was hired as an assistant women's volleyball coach at Cal in January 1999.

"To recruits around the country, Chris Bigelow is the voice of Cal volleyball, and to club and college coaches, she is one of the top recruiters in the nation," said Cal coach Rich Feller. "No one works harder than Chris. Besides being a great recruiter, she is also an outstanding training coach with a special interest in video tape analysis."

Bigelow has several years of coaching experience at the collegiate level. She was an assistant coach for Bill Neville at Montana State from 1978-81, before taking over as head coach of the Bobcats from 1981-83. Bigelow then became an assistant to current USC volleyball coach Mick Haley at Texas from 1984-91, helping lead the Longhorns to seven conference championships, three Final Four appearances and one national championship in 1988.

From 1991-93, Bigelow worked as volleyball TV color commentator for the Southwest Conference and University of Texas radio.

In 1993-94, Bigelow coached St. Stephens Episcopal High School in Austin, Texas to a 30-3 season. She then accepted an offer to become John Cook's assistant coach at Wisconsin, helping the Badgers to three NCAA tournament appearances, one Sweet 16 finish, two NCAA Elite Eight finishes and one Big Ten Co-Championship from 1995-98.

Bigelow was a three-sport athlete at Eastern Washington and a member of the USA Volleyball training squad from 1973-74. She graduated from Eastern Washington in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in physical education. Bigelow received her Master's degree from Montana State in physical education in 1980.



MATT McSHANE
Assistant Coach
First Year at Cal

Matt McShane joined the Cal coaching staff on Feb. 2, 2005, replacing Lee Maes, who was named head assistant volleyball coach at Nebraska.

McShane comes to Berkeley after spending the past four seasons as assistant women's volleyball coach at the University of Utah. In 2004, the Utes went 24-7 overall and 13-1 in league action and captured a share of its first-ever Mountain West Conference title.

"I am very pleased to have Matt McShane join our staff," said Rich Feller. "Matt is known around the country as one of the top training coaches in college volleyball. He has years of experience in high level volleyball, collegiate and international. Matt and I have known each other for years and spent 15 months together working as assistant coaches for USA National team in 1997 and 1998. He is the perfect fit in this position as we continue striving for excellence in our program."

Before joining Utah staff, McShane was an associate head coach at the University of New Mexico from 1987-2000. In 11 years in Albuquerque, he helped guide the Lobos to a 189-127 record, two conference championships and six trips to the NCAA Tournament.

During the summer of 2002, McShane served as the head coach for the USA National A2 Team, while in the summer of 2001, he was the head coach for the Intermountain Volleyball Association (IVA) High Performance Team that toured Europe.

In 1996, McShane was named an assistant coach of the USA Women's National Team at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo. While with the U.S. National team, McShane designed and ran practice sessions, did video analysis of the U.S. team and the major teams in the world, and prepared scouting reports on U.S. opponents.

McShane's coaching background also includes assisting Chinese national "Jenny" Lang Ping with the Yaohan International Volleyball Team in 1996. The team was comprised of the best American and Russian players who competed against the Chinese and Cuban National teams in cities throughout China.

Additionally, McShane served as an assistant coach at Brigham Young University from 1980-1982. He is a member of the USAV Coaches Accreditation Program Cadre (CAP Level III), and each year he does numerous clinics throughout the U.S., teaching other college, high school and junior coaches the fundamentals of volleyball.

As an undergraduate at UC Santa Barbara, McShane played on the only intercollegiate team to win the USAV Open National Championship. The UCSB teams finished second in the NCAA Championships in 1974 and '75, and finished third in the NCAA Regional Championships in 1976. He was an All-American for the Gauchos in 1974.

McShane earned his B.A. from UCSB in 1974 and his master's degree from BYU in 1982. While at BYU, he played on the men's club team that finished third at USAV Open National Championship in 1981.



HANNAH SHELLEY
Manager
First Year at Cal