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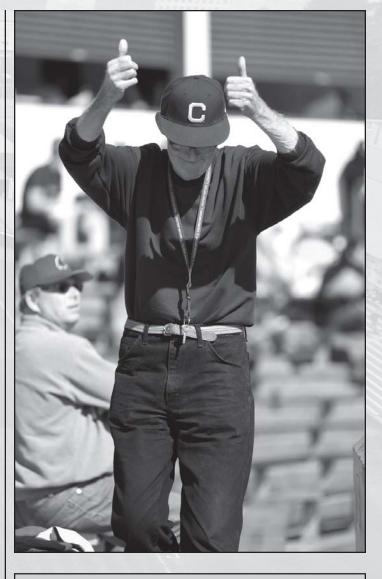


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HEAD COACH DAVID ESQUER



David ESQUER

Head Coach Seventh Season

California head baseball coach David Esquer is a person who exudes class and remains positive through the toughest of

situations. The Golden Bears had a top-notch 2005 campaign in which Cal finished 34-23 overall and 13-11 in the Pac-10, yet was denied an NCAA postseason berth. Instead of dwelling on the slight, Esquer and his staff, in a true display of leadership, have resolved to make the program even better in 2006.

Entering his seventh season, Esquers' Bears are ranked 25th in *Baseball America*'s Preseason Poll with three preseason All-Americans – junior outfielders Brennan Boesch and Chris Errecart, and junior right-hander Brandon Morrow. Cal also returns a freshman All-American in sophomore infielder Josh Satin, plus senior stalwart Allen Craig and several other key performers. In the last three years, Esquer's recruiting classes have been ranked fifth, eighth and seventh in the nation. Beyond these accomplishments, the Cal mentor has also been instrumental in securing several improvements at Evans Diamond, including the Carl Van Heuit Training Center that provides the Bears with new indoor batting cages, bullpens and work-out facilities.

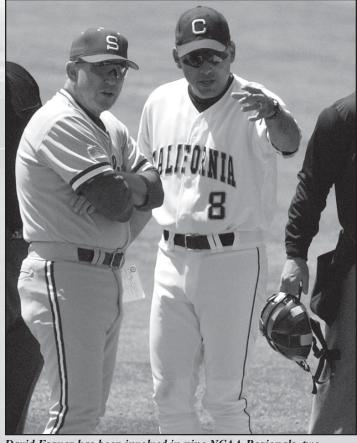
At age 40, Esquer has amassed a career record of 175-161 (.521), including leading the Bears to the 2001 NCAA Regional and being named the 2001 Pac-10 Coach of the Year. During the 2001 season, Cal finished 34-25 overall, but more importantly the Bears advanced to a NCAA Regional for the first time since 1995. Cal's 34 wins in 2001 and 2005 are the most single season victories since 1992 when the Bears placed seventh at the College World Series. Now Esquer is looking to develop his talented team into another postseason participant.

In Esquer's tenure, Cal also has had 29 players sign professional contracts, including Conor Jackson, who in 2003 was drafted in the first round by the Arizona Diamondbacks - the Bears' third, first round pick in school history. Also in Esquer's tenure, Cal has had three players earn All-



America honors (Satin in 2005, Jackson in 2003, Xavier Nady in 2000), eight players named All-Pac-10 and numerous others listed as Pac-10 honorable mention. Every one Esquer's full-time position players has been drafted and gone on to play professional baseball as well. Academically, the Bears had an impressive 12 players selected to the 2004 Pac-10 All-Academic Team.

Not a bad effort for one of the league's youngest



David Esquer has been involved in nine NCAA Regionals, two College World Series and one National Championship during his playing and coaching career at Stanford, Pepperdine and Cal.

ESQUER'S CAREER	RECORD AT CAL
2000	25-28
2001	34-25
2002	29-27

2002 25-27 2003 28-27 2004 25-31 2005 34-23

Total 175-161 (.521)

coaches, who has put together an outstanding coaching staff that has brought in an impressive list of recruiting classes. Esquer and his staff of pitching coach Dan Hubbs and hitting coach Jon Zuber have been involved in 17 NCAA Regionals, four College World Series and three National Championships as either players or coaches.

Esquer became only the 10th coach in Cal baseball history when he was named head coach of the Bears on June 10, 1999, replacing longtime Cal mentor Bob Milano. Esquer came to Berkeley after serving as the top assistant at Pepperdine from 1996-99. Prior to working at Pepperdine, he was the No. 2 assistant coach at Stanford from 1991-96.

At Pepperdine Esquer was the program's chief recruiting coordinator as well as the team's hitting instructor, infield coach and handler of the third base coaching duties. During his three seasons with the Waves, Pepperdine compiled a cumulative record of 112-63 (.640). Esquer has also tutored some of the nation's top fielding teams. Cal's 2000 squad was one of the nation's best with a .974 team fielding percentage and Pepperdine was ranked in the Top 10 in fielding percentage his three seasons there. During Esquer's six-year coaching stint at Stanford the Cardinal compiled a 222-



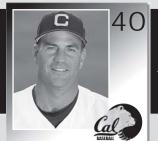
142 (.610) record and advanced to the NCAA Tournament five times, including a trip to the College World Series in 1995.

A shortstop at Stanford from 1984-87, Esquer was a starter on the Cardinal's 1987 College World Series championship team. He earned all-tournament honors after hitting .350 with six RBI in Omaha. He also earned All-Pac-10 Southern Division honors as a senior, batting .318 with 41 RBI and 16 stolen bases. Esquer went on to play professional baseball for four seasons with the Baltimore Orioles, California Angels and Milwaukee Brewers organizations.

Esquer was a three-sport star and class valedictorian at Palma High School in Salinas, Calif. He was tabbed the "Athlete of the Year" at Palma High School after being named team captain and MVP in baseball, football and basketball.

Esquer earned a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in sociology from Stanford in 1987. His wife, Lynn, is a former professor at Pepperdine in the graduate school of education and psychology, and is currently an assistant clinical professor in psychology at Cal. The Esquers reside in Moraga with their daughter, Gabrielle, born July 3, 2002, and son, Xavier, born December 22, 2003.

ASSISTANT COACHES



Dan HUBBS

Assistant Coach USC, 1993 Seventh Season

California pitching coach Dan Hubbs has been an integral part of the Golden

Bears' success since arriving with head coach David Esquer in 2000. Hubbs' pitchers have regularly produced team ERAs among the lowest in the Pac-10, including last year's mark of 4.08, the Bears' best team ERA since 1989. The 2005 pitching staff's 3.76 team ERA against Pac-10 competition was the second-best team ERA in the conference as well. Last season's pitching staff also helped the Bears win 34 games, matching the same number of wins as the 2001 squad that advanced to an NCAA Regional and established a school record with 422 team strikeouts. Hubbs has helped produce Pac-10 save leaders in 2001 (Matt Brown, eight) and 2004 (Jesse Ingram, 10), the school's career strikeout leader in 2002 (Trevor Hutchinson, 284), and has seen 16 of his pitchers sign professional baseball contracts.

A former standout pitcher at USC, Hubbs, 35, joined Cal after playing for the Trojans from 1990-93, followed by seven-year minor league career with the Los Angeles Dodgers and Philadelphia Phillies. In 1999 he officially retired as a player to join the Bears' coaching staff. Hubbs had previously been the pitching coach of the Yakima Bears (a short-season single A minor league Dodger affiliate in Yakima, Wash.) and assisted Pepperdine during the 1999 season.

Hubbs' professional career highlights include finishing second in the Dodgers' organization with 126 strikeouts in 1994. In 1996, he went a combined 16-1 between AAA Albuquerque (7-1) and La Romana (9-0) of the Dominican winter league, and was named to *Baseball America's* Winter League All-Star Team. Hubbs led the Pacific Coast League in appearances in 1997, taking the mound 62 times in a 144 game season. He finished his career with a 27-16 record with nine saves and a 3.75 ERA. In 427 innings, Hubbs struck out 436 while walking only 172.

At USC, Hubbs helped lead the Trojans to the Pac-10 title in 1991 and NCAA Regional appearances in three of his four years (1990, '91, '93). He finished his career at USC with a 19-13 record and a 3.58 ERA. As a senior, Hubbs led the nation in saves with 18 and was tops on the Trojans' squad with 90 strikeouts and a 2.96 ERA in 76.0 innings.

After the '93 season, Hubbs was named first-team All-American by *The Sporting News*, second-team All-American by *Collegiate Baseball* and the College Baseball Writers and third-team All-American by *Baseball America*. He was also a first-team All-Pac-10 pick and an All-District 8 second team selection. During the 1993 NCAA Central II Regional in Austin, Texas, Hubbs was selected to the all-tournament team. Against Cal State Fullerton, he earned a save in the first game, striking out five batters in two innings,

and pitched 8.0 relief innings in the second game to pick up the win (allowing just one run on four hits and a walk while striking out seven).

On the USC career list Hubbs is third in career saves (22), sixth in career strikeouts per nine innings (9.19), ninth in career appearances (81) and 11th in career strikeouts (254).

Hubbs earned a bachelor's degree in finance from USC in 1993. He and his wife, Alison, reside in Richmond and have two sons, Patrick (five) and Charlie (three).



Jon ZUBER

Assistant Coach California, 1993 Second Season

One of the greatest players in California baseball history, Jon Zuber was hired

as the Golden Bears' assistant baseball coach on July 12, 2004. In just his first year with the program, Zuber immediately helped Cal vie for a postseason berth and produce two All-Pac-10 hitters and a freshman All-American (Brennan Boesch and Josh Satin).

A former major leaguer and a 2003 California Hall of Fame inductee, Zuber was named Co-Pac-10 Player of the Year and NCAA East Regional MVP in 1992. He remains Cal's career leader in hits (291), doubles (61) and putouts (1,299), and ranks among all-time school leaders in runs scored (third, 187), walks (fourth, 137), batting average (sixth, .364) and RBI (sixth, 148). Zuber, who led the Bears to the 1991 NCAA Midwest Regional finals and the 1992 College World Series, was also an outstanding pitcher who still ranks seventh in career saves (13) in school history. A three-time first-team All-Pac-10 selection, Zuber was Cal's batting leader with a .386 average in 1990. He was drafted in the 12th round by the Philadelphia Phillies in 1992 and went on to play first base and outfield in the major leagues for the Phillies from 1996-99. Zuber also played for the New York Yankees, the Yokahama Baystars in Japan, and the Milwaukee Brewers, before retiring from professional baseball in 2002.

Most recently, Zuber was the head coach of the Acalanes High School baseball team in Lafayette. In his first season at Acalanes, Zuber turned around a program that had gone 11-12-1 in 2003 to a 21-7 record, the school's first Diablo Foothill Athletic League title, and a berth in the North Coast Section 2A East Bay championship game. He was named the 2004 *Contra Costa Times* high school Coach of the Year.

Zuber, 36, earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Cal in 1993. He and his wife, Shannon, reside in Danville with their four-year-old daughter Madison, and daughter, Tatum, who will turn one on February 17. His father, Ed, is the public address announcer for Cal baseball's home games at Evans Diamond.





ASSISTANT COACHES & STAFF



Jeff PRITCHARD

Volunteer Assistant Coach San Francisco, 1999 First Season

Joining the California baseball program this season as a volunteer assistant

coach is Jeff Pritchard, a former outfielder at the University of San Francisco and a junior college All-American at Allan Hancock Junior College in Santa Maria, Calif. Pritchard will be working as a hitting and fielding instructor for the Golden Bears, as well as assisting with the catchers and handling the first base coaching duties.

Pritchard was the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at San Francisco State for head coach Matt Markovich from 2003-05. He was also the manager of the Monterey Bay Sox this past summer, leading the Bay Sox to a 13th place finish at the National Baseball Congress World Series in Wichita, Kan, and earning the 2005 California Coastal League Manager of the Year award. The Bears' sophomore infielder, Kyle Spraker, was a member of Bay Sox. In 2003, Pritchard was the assistant coach with Jon Zuber for the Lafayette (Calif.) Generals American Legion team.

Growing up in Carmel Valley, Calif., Pritchard was a three-time all-league performer at Robert Louis Stevenson High School from 1993-95. He went on to be a two-time all-conference outfielder at Hancock JC, winning the 1996 Western State Conference batting title with a .447 average. Pritchard then competed two years at USF before playing professional baseball in the Independent League from 1999-02, finishing his career with the Sonoma County Crushers.

Pritchard, 28, earned a bachelor's degree in English from USF in 2000 and completed a Masters in English from San Francisco State this fall. He currently resides in San Francisco.

2006 California Golden Bear coaches (left to right): Dan Hubbs, head coach David Esquer and Jon Zuber.



Danny CAMPBELL

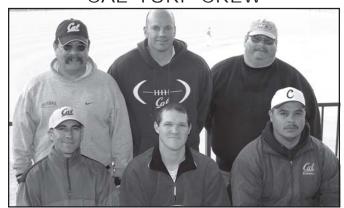
Undergraduate Assistant Coach First Season

Danny Campbell will be assisting the California baseball program this season

as an undergraduate assistant coach, working with the Golden Bear pitchers. Last year, Campbell joined Cal as a transfer from Santa Rosa Junior College, but due to an arm injury was not able to play.

At Santa Rosa JC, Campbell was named Bay Valley West Pitcher of the Year in 2003, going 10-1 with 80 strikeouts and a 2.67 ERA. Prior to his junior college career, he was a standout at St. Vincent De Paul High School, earning league MVP and All-Empire first-team honors in 2001, going 8-2 and batting .451. Campbell is majoring in psychology at Cal.

CAL TURF CREW



BACK ROW (from left): Dan Alvarado, Nick Cole, Tim Vigil. FRONT ROW: Tory Merritt, Jason Craft, Miguel Vasquez. Not pictured: Tavi Rodriguez.



