

# 2006 CALIFORNIA SOFTBALL

## CAL FACTS

**Location:** ..... Berkeley, Calif.  
**Nickname:** ..... Golden Bears  
**Colors:** ..... Blue (282) and Gold (116)  
**Enrollment:** ..... 33,000  
**Founded:** ..... 1868  
**Conference:** ..... Pacific-10  
**Home Venue:** ..... Levine-Fricke Field (500)  
**Chancellor:** ..... Robert J. Birgeneau  
**Athletic Director:** ..... Sandy Barbour  
**Deputy Director of Athletics (SWA):** ..... Teresa Kuehn-Gould  
**2006 Regular Season Record:** ..... 44-12  
**2006 Pac-10 Record:** ..... 12-9/3rd  
**2005 NCAA Regionals:** ..... Won Fresno State Region (4-1)  
**2005 NCAA Super Regionals:** ..... Won Super Regional (2-1)  
**2005 Postseason Finish:** ..... Advanced to WCWS (0-2)  
**2006 Class Breakdown (Sr/Jr/So/Fr):** ..... 4/3/5/5

## SOFTBALL STAFF

**Head coach:** ..... Diane Ninemire (19th season)  
**Alma Mater/Year:** ..... University of Nebraska-Omaha/1980  
**Cal/Career Record (As of 5/13):** ..... 851-396  
**Assistant Coach:** ..... John Reeves (13th season)  
**Alma Mater/Year:** ..... San Jose State/1980  
**Assistant Coach:** ..... Tammy Lohmann (1st season)  
**Alma Mater/Year:** ..... Arizona State/1997  
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## MEDIA INFORMATION

### INTERVIEWS

Aside from tournament-scheduled press conferences, please make all player and coach interview requests through softball SID Christina Teller (contact information on left). Any phone interviews will be on a call-back basis only.

### WE ARE CALIFORNIA

When referring to any California athletic team, please use either “California” or “Cal” to denote the institution and “Golden Bears” or “Bears” when indicating the mascot. Refrain from using such names as UC Berkeley, California-Berkeley, Cal Berkeley, Cal State Berkeley, the Berkeley Bears and U Cal Berkeley.



## 2006 CALIFORNIA SOFTBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown/Previous School
1	Kristina Thorson	P	R/R	5-7	Sr	3V	Lake Forest Park, Wash. / Shorecrest HS
2	Morgan Siegel	OF	L/L	5-8	Fr	HS	Antioch, Calif. / Deer Valley HS
3	Alex Sutton	OF	L/R	5-7	Jr	2V	Morgan Hill, Calif. / Archbishop Mitty HS
5	Lindsay James	OF	L/R	5-5	Sr	3V	San Carlos, Calif. / Sequoia HS
6	Julie Meyer	1B/C	R/R	5-10	So	1V	Yardville, N.J. / Steinert HS
8	Lauren Frankiewicz	P	R/R	5-9	Fr	HS	Vienna, Virginia / James Madison HS
9	Haley Woods	C/1B	R/R	5-10	Sr	3V	Burlingame, Calif. / Burlingame HS
10	Heather Camara	C	R/R	5-7	Fr	HS	Walnut Creek, Calif. / Deer Valley HS
12	Chloe Kloezeman	IF	R/R	5-6	So	TR	Millbrae, Calif. / Ole Miss
13	Erika Racklin	OF	SR	5-3	So	1V	Pittsburg, Calif. / Berean Christian HS
16	Katie Vickers	IF	R/R	5-8	So	TR	San Diego, Calif. / Georgia
17	Carly Winger	SS	R/R	5-10	Fr	HS	Orlando, Fla. / Lake Highland Preparatory
18	Rachel Wilson	IF	R/R	5-5	Jr	RS	San Jose, Calif. / West Valley CC
19	Jessica Moore	IF	R/R	5-4	So	TR	Santa Clara, Calif. / Miami (Ohio)
25	Jeana Gevas	IF/DP	R/R	5-3	Jr	2V	Benicia, Calif. / Cal Poly
31	Emily Friedman	IF/OF	R/R	5-6	Sr	1V	Berkeley, Calif. / Wisconsin
45	Gina Leomiti	OF	R/R	5-6	Fr	HS	San Diego, Calif. / Mira Mesa HS

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 (University of Nebraska-Omaha '80)  
**Assistant Coach:** John Reeves, 13th season  
 (San Jose State '80)  
**Assistant Coach:** Tammy Lohmann,  
 1st season (Arizona State '97)  
**Undergraduate Assistant:** Vicky Galindo,  
 1st season

### PRONOUNCIATIONS

**Chloe Kloezeman** ..KLOH-ee CLOSE-man  
**Lauren Frankiewicz** ..... FRANK-eh-wicks  
**Jeana Gevas** ..... JEEN-uh Gee-vus  
**Diane Ninemire** ..... NINE-mire  
**Morgan Siegel** ..... SEE-gill  
**Gina Leomiti** ..... LEE-oh-mitti



# NCAA TOURNAMENT REGIONAL NOTES

## CALIFORNIA HEADS TO IOWA REGIONAL

California's postseason journey begins Friday, May 19 at the Iowa Regional in Iowa City, Iowa. The Golden Bears are seeking their eighth consecutive trip to the Women's College World Series. Cal (44-12), which enters the postseason having won six of its last eight games, earned the No. 10 seed in the 64-team NCAA Tournament. The Bears open play against Illinois State (37-14) of the Missouri Valley Conference Friday at 7 p.m. CDT at Pearl Field. Fifteenth-ranked Nebraska (42-10) and Iowa (39-19) complete the regional bracket and will open regional action Friday at 4:30 p.m. CDT.

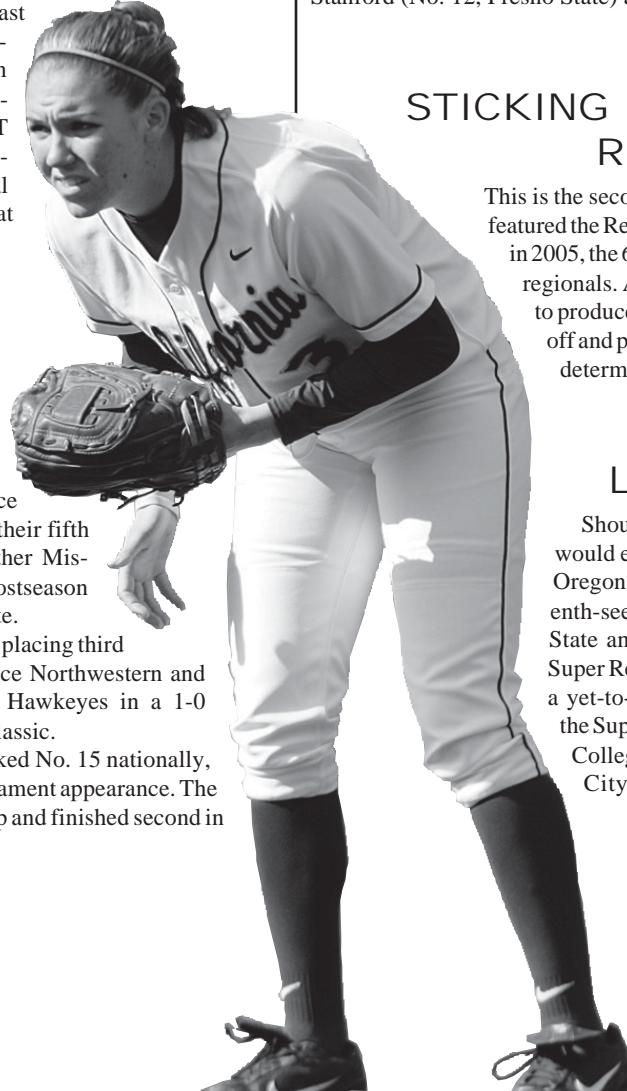
## HOW THEY GOT TO IOWA

Illinois State (37-14) earned an at-large berth to the postseason after being eliminated from the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. The Redbirds will be making their fifth appearance in the NCAA Tournament. Other Missouri Valley Conference teams to make the postseason field are Southern Illinois and Missouri State.

Iowa finished 39-19 in the regular season, placing third in the Big Ten Conference behind first-place Northwestern and second-place Michigan. Cal defeated the Hawkeyes in a 1-0 decision earlier this season at the Capital Classic.

Nebraska (42-10), which is currently ranked No. 15 nationally, is making its 12th consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance. The Huskers went 2-2 at the Big 12 championship and finished second in the conference behind Texas.

Alex Sutton



## POWERFUL PAC

Cal is one of seven Pac-10 teams to earn a trip to the 2006 NCAA Tournament. Top-ranked UCLA received the No. 1 seed. The other conference teams are seeded and will play in the following regions: Arizona (No. 2, host), Arizona State (No. 6, Long Island), Oregon State (No. 7, host), Stanford (No. 12, Fresno State) and Washington (No. 14, BYU).

## STICKING WITH THE SUPER REGIONALS

This is the second year that the NCAA Tournament has featured the Regional and Super Regional format. Just as in 2005, the 64-team field is divided into 16, four-team regionals. A double-elimination format will be used to produce 16 Regional winners who will be paired off and play a three-game Super Regional series to determine the eight WCWS finalists.

## LOOKING AHEAD

Should the Bears win the Iowa Regional, Cal would earn a match-up against the winner of the Oregon State Regional, which includes the seventh-seeded Beavers, as well as Nevada, Portland State and Baylor. The three-game series in the Super Regional will be played from May 26-27 at a yet-to-be-determined location. The winner of the Super Regional will advance to the Women's College World Series June 1-7 in Oklahoma City.

## CAL IS FAMILIAR WITH THE POSTSEASON

Cal is making its 22nd appearance in the NCAA Tournament this spring. The Bears first qualified for NCAA play in 1982. After a four-year hiatus, Cal returned in 1986, beginning a run of 20-straight tournament appearances, the longest active streak by any Pac-10 school. Cal's most frequent regional site has been Fresno State, where the Bears have gone 11 times (including last year). Cal has also hosted three times and been sent to Nebraska (2004), Michigan (2003), Florida State (2001), Massachusetts (1999), Sacramento State (1995) and Arizona State (1986).

### IOWA REGIONAL

<i>California (44-12)</i>	<i>Cal's Record Vs.</i>	<i>Postseason Vs.</i>	<i>Last Meeting (Result)</i>
Nebraska (42-10)	Nebraska, 10-14	2-0	W, 2-0 (5/23/04)
Iowa (39-19)	Cal, 12-8	0-1	W, 1-0 (3/18/06)
Illinois State (37-14)	Cal, 3-0	0-0	W, 11-0 (2/24/03)

### IOWA REGIONAL SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Matchup</i>	<i>Time</i>
Friday, May 19	Game 1: Nebraska vs. Iowa	4:30 p.m.
<b>Friday, May 19</b>	<b>Game 2: Cal vs. Illinois State</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Saturday, May 20	Game 3: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2	2 p.m.
Saturday, May 20	Game 4: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2	4:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 20	Game 5: Winner Game 4 vs. Loser Game 3	7 p.m.
Sunday, May 21	Game 6: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 5	12 noon
Sunday, May 21	Game 7 (If necessary): Winner Game 6 vs. Loser Game 6	2:30 p.m.

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*Morgan Siegel*



## REGIONAL REWIND: BEARS BOUNCE BACK IN FRESNO STATE REGIONAL

When Cal won the Fresno State Regional in 2005, the trip was marked by late-inning heroics and clutch hitting and pitching performances. After losing the tournament opener, the top-seeded Bears had to win four games in two days to advance. Cal opened the tournament with a 3-1 loss to BYU. The Bears rebounded the next day against Long Beach State, with a two-strike, two-out, two-run double from catcher **Haley Woods** in the top of the seventh for a 4-3 win. That night, senior **Kelly Anderson** no-hit BYU – just the second Cal no-hitter in postseason history – for a 9-0 win in five innings. Cal then needed to defeat host Fresno State twice to reach the WCWS. After beating the Bulldogs, 3-1, Anderson tossed her second no-hitter of the tournament to lead the Bears to a 1-0 victory.

## BEARS VICTORIOUS IN MARATHON SUPER REGIONAL

After taking the Fresno State Regional, the Bears won two out of three at Baylor. Senior **Kelly Anderson** threw a three-hitter and Cal took the opener, 8-0, in six innings. In day two, the Bears overcame two rain delays and a six-and-a-half hour postponement before the second game, which Baylor won, 4-1. In the elimination contest, the Bears scored all their runs in the first two innings, and junior **Kristina Thorson** pitched a one-hitter in the 7-1 victory.