

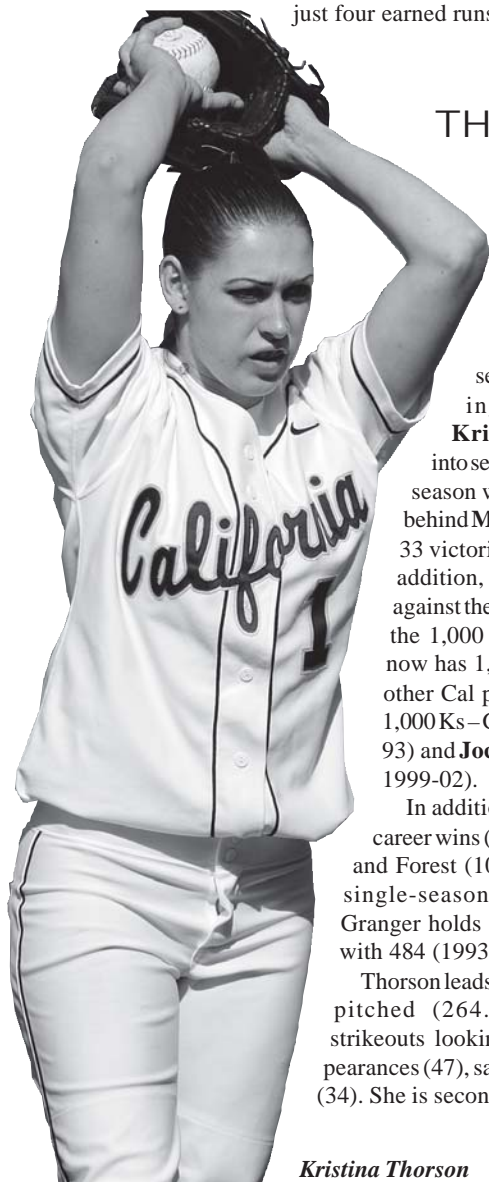
# NCAA TOURNAMENT REGIONAL NOTES

## LOOKING A LITTLE FURTHER BACK

Before the 2005 season, the Bears had won their last 13 regional round games, dating back to a 2-1 loss at the Florida State Regional to the host Seminoles in 2001. That stretch included 4-0 sweeps at Fresno State (2002), Michigan (2003) and Nebraska (2004). Over the past seven seasons, during which Cal has reached the Women's College World Series each time, the Bears are 31-5 in regional competition, including super regionals. Cal is 48-29 all-time in regional play. Head coach **Diane Ninemire** is 46-23 in 19 regional trips.

## THORSON IS LIGHTS OUT

Senior **Kristina Thorson** enters the postseason as one of the hottest pitchers in the country. She finished the regular season with 20 consecutive scoreless innings, dating back to the fifth inning against UCLA (5/11). She then blanked Washington May 12-13 in a pair of 1-0 Cal victories. Over her last 57.1 innings – all-against Pac-10 opponents – Thorson has allowed just four earned runs for an ERA of 0.50.



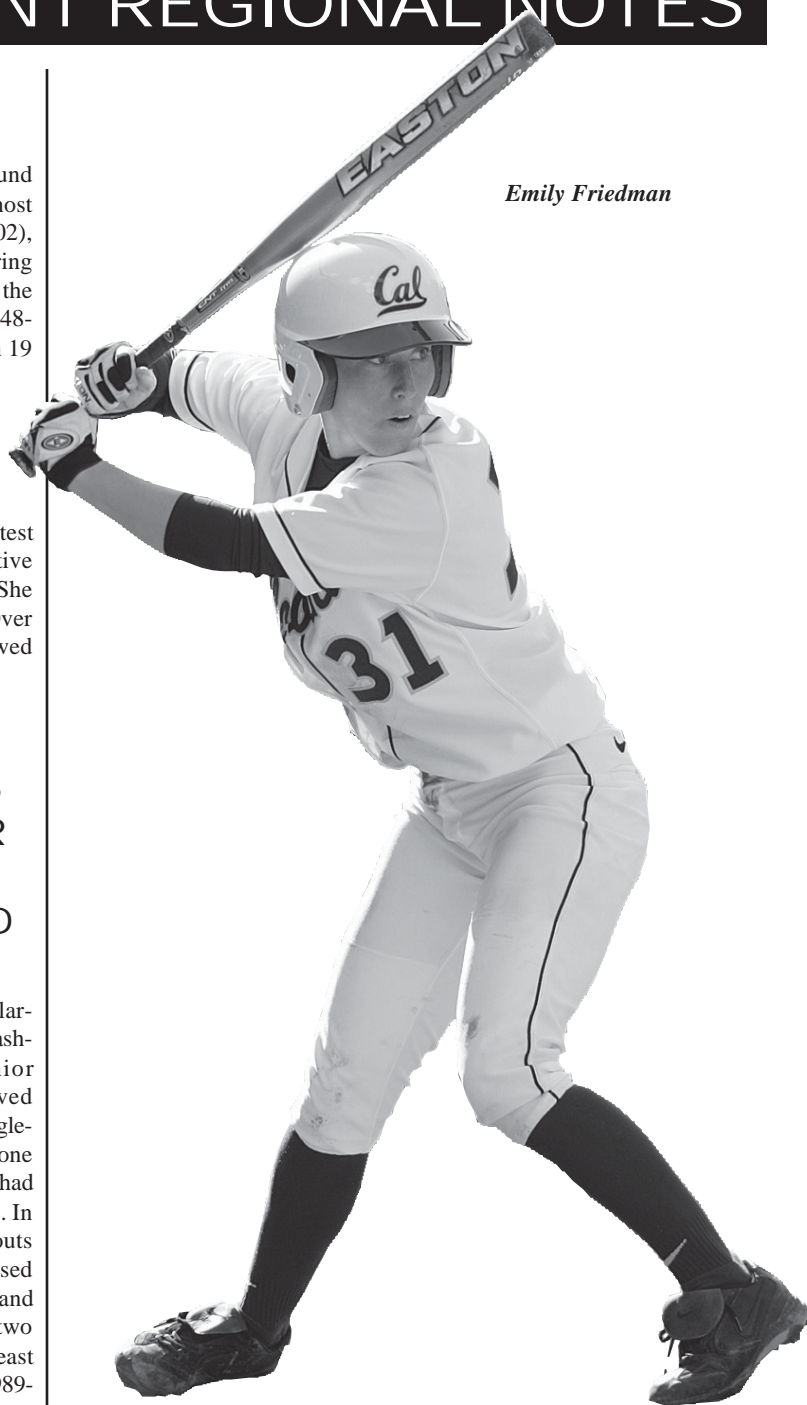
*Kristina Thorson*

## THORSON IS ALL OVER THE RECORD BOOKS

In the Bears' regular-season finale against Washington (5/13), senior **Kristina Thorson** moved into second place on Cal's single-season wins list with 32, just one behind **Michele Granger**, who had 33 victories as a senior in 1993. In addition, with her 15 strikeouts against the Huskies, Thorson passed the 1,000 mark for her career and now has 1,009 as a Bear. Only two other Cal pitchers have had at least 1,000 Ks – Granger (1,640 from 1989-93) and **Jocelyn Forest** (1,203 from 1999-02).

In addition, Thorson rates third in career wins (98) behind Granger (119) and Forest (103), while she is third in single-season strikeouts with 399. Granger holds down the first two spots with 484 (1993) and 463 (1991).

Thorson leads the conference in innings pitched (264.0), strikeouts (399), strikeouts looking (158), wins (32), appearances (47), saves (5) and games started (34). She is second in ERA (0.82).



*Emily Friedman*

## THESE BEARS DON'T GIVE IN

Over the 2006 season, Cal has run-ruled 10 teams, while the Bears have not been run-ruled by another team. The Bears have shut out their opponents 21 times and have been shut out on just four occasions. In Cal's 12 losses this season, nine have been against ranked teams.

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## CAL NATIONALLY

In the most recent NCAA statistics (through games of May 7), Cal ranks in the top 22 in four team categories: won-loss percentage (.792, 11th), ERA (1.33, 14th), fielding percentage (.974, 16th) and batting average (.304, 22nd). Senior pitcher **Kristina Thorson** is third in the nation in wins (30) and fifth in saves (5). She is 12th in ERA (0.85) and 16th in strikeouts per seven innings (10.5). Senior **Haley Woods** is 28th in RBI per game (0.94).

## LEADING THE PAC

The Bears are first in the conference in hits (447), second in total plate appearances (1,742), at bats (1,504) and sac flies (12), and third in batting average (.297), runs (266), on-base percentage (.372), RBI (236), total bases (633) and sac bunts (41).

## SCORE ONE FOR CAL

The Bears have been putting up some big numbers on the scoreboard this season. Cal is third in the conference in runs scored (266) and has outscored its opponents 266-90. It doesn't hurt that three Bears are in the league's top 10 in on-base percentage – junior **Alex Sutton** (.466, fifth), senior **Lindsay James** (.462, sixth) and senior **Haley Woods** (.455, seventh).

## PRODUCTIVE AT THE PLATE

It shouldn't be a surprise to see Cal in the conference's top three in batting average (.297) when taking into account that four Cal players rank in the top 10 of the Pac-10 in batting average – senior **Lindsay James** (.383, fifth), freshman **Morgan Siegel** (.372, eighth), junior **Alex Sutton** (.366, ninth) and senior **Haley Woods** (.365, 10th). 72, ninth).

## IT TAKES A BALANCED ATTACK

Cal's mix of veterans and newcomers is working out just fine for the Bears this season, as the Bears have performed well through the conference competition both in the circle and at the plate. Just looking at Cal's numbers from conference games, the Bears lead the Pac-10 in ERA (1.42) and are third in batting average (.247). Not bad for going up against some of the nation's top teams week in and week out.

## THE SENIOR AND THE FRESHMAN

Senior **Kristina Thorson** and freshman **Morgan Siegel** have made quite an impression in conference play this season. Again, just looking at the numbers from conference games, Thorson is in the top two of the Pac-10 in batters struck out (141) and batters struck out looking (58), wins (8), innings pitched (99.2), games started (12) and appearances (16).

Siegel rates among the league leaders in plate appearances (66, fifth), hits (21, second), at bats (60 third), runs scored (9 sixth), batting average (.350 sixth) and on-base percentage (.409, 10th).

## WOODS CLUTCH FOR CAL

Senior catcher **Haley Woods** leads the Pac-10 in doubles (14), is second in RBI (50), tied for second in total bases (112), and is third in slugging percentage (.696) and home runs (13). She is tied for fourth in hits (59). Woods leads Cal in all six categories.

Woods closed out the regular-season in style, smashing her 14th home run of the season on Senior Day for the 1-0 win against Washington (5/13). Against Oregon (4/30), Woods hit her 13th round-tripper. In the Bears' three games in Oregon, Woods went 5-for-11 overall, with three runs and four RBI. She now ranks second on Cal's career total bases list with 381, needing just three more to overtake **Candace Harper**, who had 383 from 1999-2002.

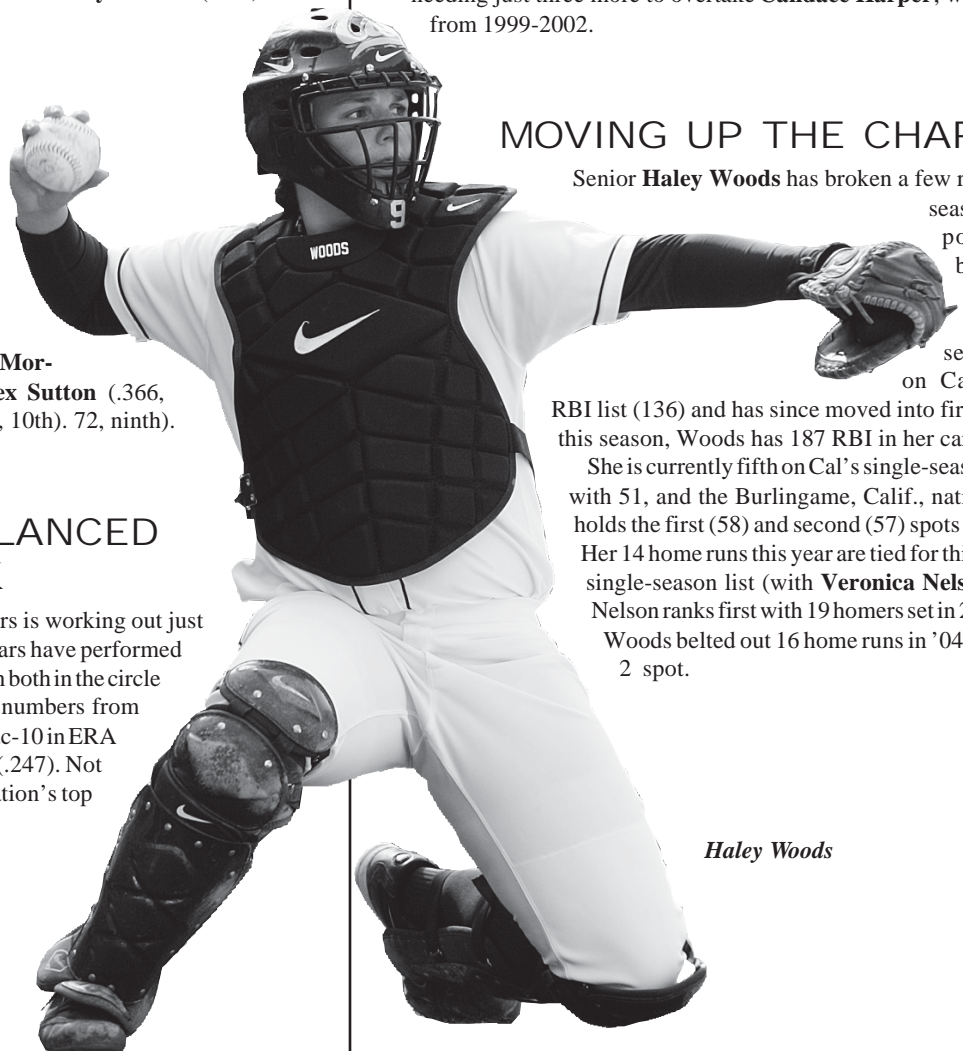
## MOVING UP THE CHARTS

Senior **Haley Woods** has broken a few records this season and is poised to break even more. She started the season fifth on Cal's career

RBI list (136) and has since moved into first. With 50 this season, Woods has 187 RBI in her career.

She is currently fifth on Cal's single-season RBI list with 51, and the Burlingame, Calif., native already holds the first (58) and second (57) spots on that list. Her 14 home runs this year are tied for third on Cal's single-season list (with **Veronica Nelson**, 2000).

Nelson ranks first with 19 homers set in 2001, while Woods belted out 16 home runs in '04 for the No. 2 spot.



*Haley Woods*

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## WOODS NAMED PAC-10 PLAYER OF THE WEEK (March 1-6)

Senior catcher **Haley Woods** was named Pac-10 Player of the Week for her performance at the Malihini Kipa Aloha Tournament in Hawaii. In the Bears' first two games, she went 6-for-6 at the plate 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, a feat she accomplished against Florida International (3/5). Through the tournament's three games, Woods was 8-for-10, with 12 RBI and five runs.

## SIEGEL STEPPING UP

Freshman **Morgan Siegel** has been a mainstay at the top of the Bears' batting order thanks to her knack for getting on base. She is second for Cal in runs scored (34) and batting average (.372), third in hits (54), tied for fifth in total bases (61) and is fourth in on-base percentage (.435). The freshman out of Antioch, Calif., hit in 13 of the 17 Pac-10 contests in which she has played.

In the first Arizona and Arizona State series, Siegel gave the Bears all they could ask for, finishing 7-for-13 with three runs. 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 the Wildcats (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., is in the top three of seven categories: on-base percentage (.466, fifth Pac-10), batting average (.366, ninth Pac-10), slugging percentage (.524), RBI (36, tied seventh Pac-10), doubles (12, tied fourth Pac-10) and total bases (74).

Sutton was especially clutch in Cal's success during the first Oregon State series (4/8-9). On April 9, Sutton hit a walk-off home run in the bottom of the seventh to provide all the offense in Cal's 2-0 win. Sutton finished 2-for-3 in that game, also hitting a double in the second inning. In the April 8 game, the Bears scored their second run in the 2-0 win on a fifth-inning RBI single from Sutton.

Earlier this season, Sutton was named MVP of the Pirate Invitational (3/24-26) after finishing 6-for-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. James holds the Cal record for runs scored in a career at 161, taking over the lead when she crossed the plate against Oregon April 30.

This season, James is in the top three of seven offensive categories for Cal: batting average, on-base percentage, runs, hits, walks, sacrifice bunts and stolen bases.

James led Cal in batting last season (.439) despite missing the final 17 regular-season games with a broken hand. Her .439 average was the first over .400 at Cal since 1995, when **Gillian Boxx** batted a program-record .466. She ranks in the top five of four other all-career categories: batting average, hits, and stolen bases.

## NEW FACES ON THE DIAMOND

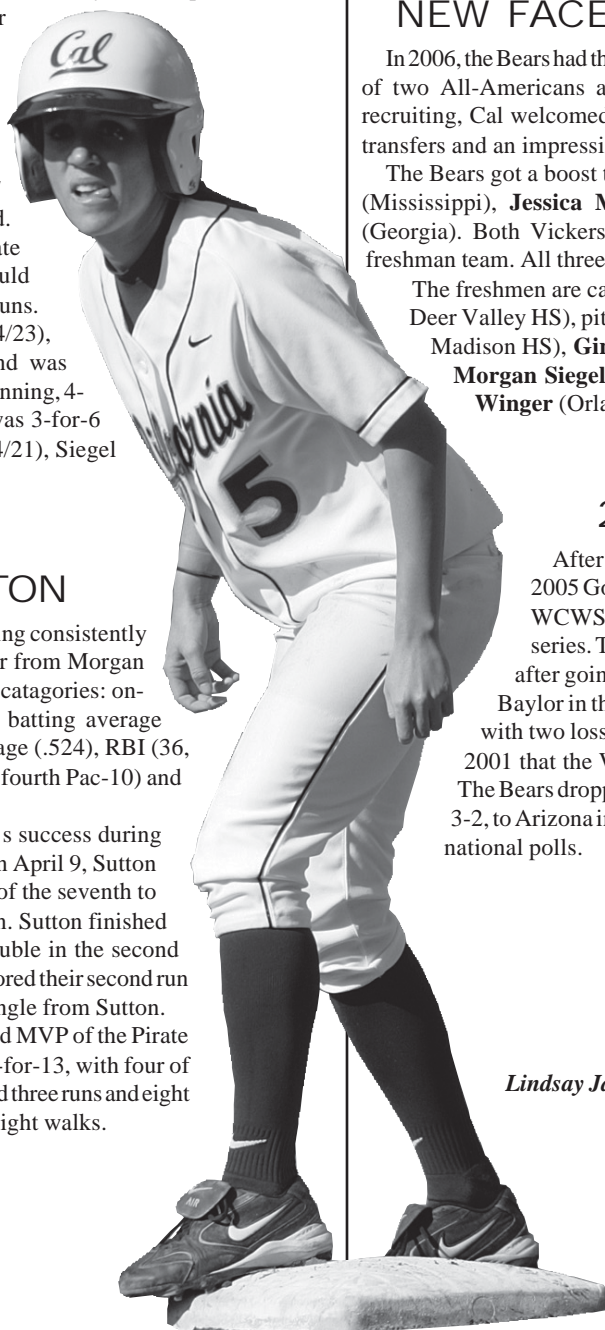
In 2006, the Bears had the challenge of re-loading following the graduation of two All-Americans and four, four-year starters. Thanks to skilled recruiting, Cal welcomed eight new players, including three sophomore transfers and an impressive freshman class.

The Bears got a boost thanks to the three transfers: **Chloe Kloezeman** (Mississippi), **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.

The freshmen are 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).

## 2005 AT A GLANCE

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 Bears qualified for the WCWS after going 4-1 at the Fresno State 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. The Bears dropped their WCWS opener, 2-1, to UCLA, then fell, 3-2, to Arizona in a 12-inning contest. Cal finished at No. 6 in both national polls.

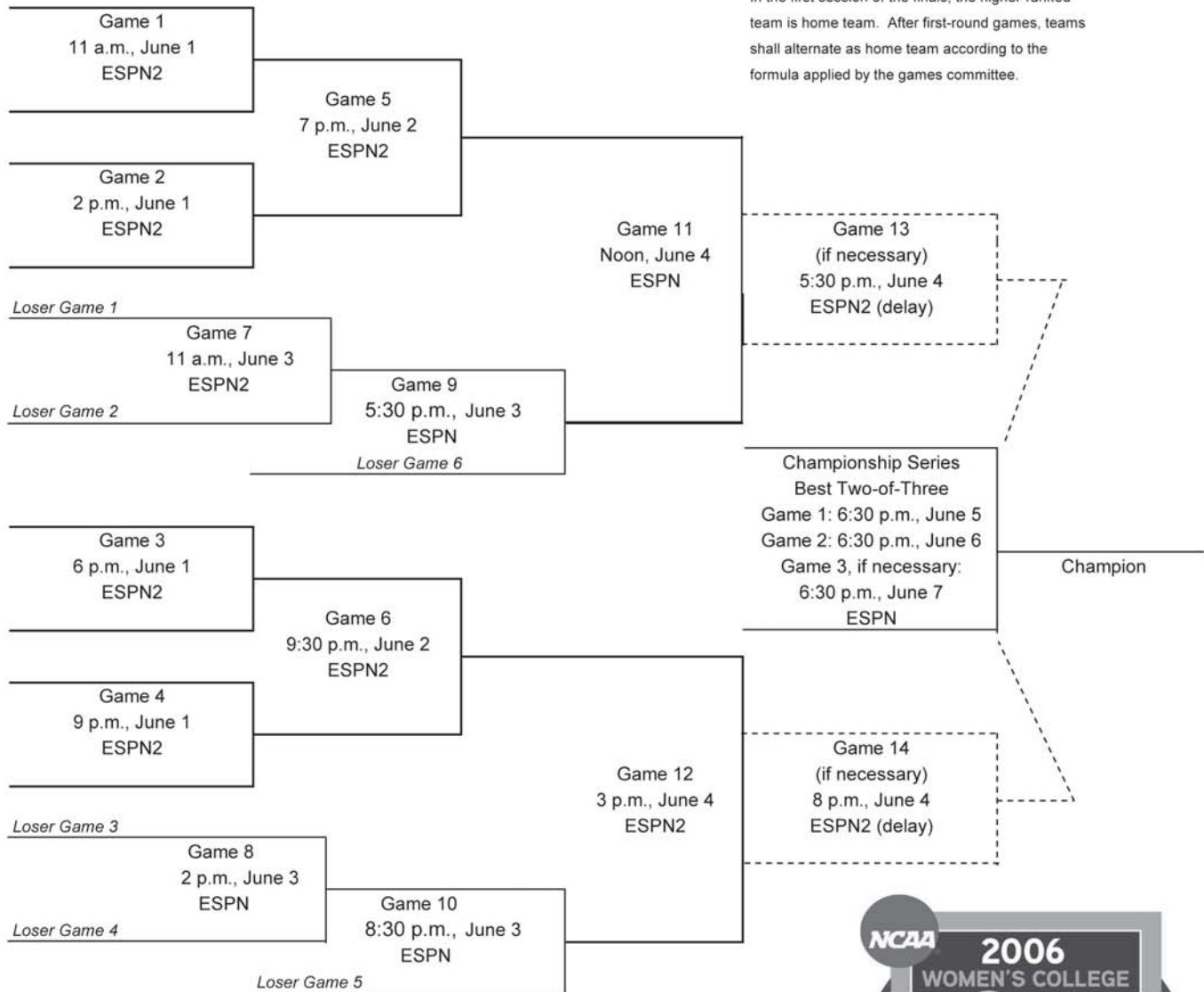


*Lindsay James*

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## 2006 NCAA Division I SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



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Bracket note:

1. If the winner of Game 9 defeats the winner of Game 5, then Game 13 is necessary.
2. If the winner of Game 10 defeats the winner of Game 6, then Game 14 is necessary.
3. If only one if necessary game is needed, it will be played at 5 p.m.

\*Note: The NCAA Division I Softball Committee reserves the right to revise the schedule (i.e., game times) in the event weather conditions and/or media/television commitments require such.

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