

## **Jeff Tedford**

### **University of California-Berkeley Golden Bears Head Football Coach**

Jeff Tedford has been head coach of the California Golden Bears college football program since 2002. A first-time head coach, Tedford has received wide acclaim for turning the once-downtrodden Cal football team into a winning program.

In just nine seasons with Cal, Tedford is the winningest coach in school history and has established the Golden Bears as one of the elite Pac-12 teams. His legendary work ethic has led to the success of his student athletes on and off the field and the achievements of the Cal football program as a whole.

Growing up in Downey, California, Tedford attended Dorsey High School and Cerritos College, before graduating from Fresno State in 1983. He went on to play six years in the Canadian Football League with Hamilton, Calgary, Saskatchewan, and Winnipeg. After retiring as a player, Tedford became a volunteer assistant coach at Fresno State (1987-1988). The following two years he coached the Calgary Stampeders in the CFL before again returning to Fresno State as the quarterback coach. From 1998-2001, he worked as the offensive coordinator at the University of Oregon.

After the previous Cal coach, Tom Holmoe, resigned from his post in 2001 following a 1-10 season (the worst in Cal's history), Steve Galdstone, Cal's athletic director hired Tedford to become Cal's 32<sup>nd</sup> head football coach. In 2002, during Tedford's first season with the team, he led the Golden Bears to a 7-5 record, their first winning football season since 1993. It was considered the biggest national turnaround of the year and resulted in Tedford receiving Pac-10 "Coach of the Year" honors.

During his tenure, the Bears' have won the fourth most games of any Pac-12 school and have finished ranked among the nation's top 25 in four of the last seven seasons. From 2003 to 2009, Cal posted a school-record seven-straight bowl appearances. Tedford's overall career record is 76-46 and at 122 games, he sets the school record for most games coached. His success has led to devotion and attention on a local and national level. Cal has averaged more than 57,000 fans per game for seven straight seasons from 2004-2010.

Tedford remains devoted to being a mentor to the young men on his football team. Thirty-six Golden Bears have been selected in the NFL Draft over his nine seasons at Cal, including eight first-round picks. Under Tedford's tutelage, the Golden Bears have had multiple Heisman Trophy candidates as well. In addition to success on the field, Tedford's players have been acknowledged as All-Academic honorees 94 times since his arrival. Of the 182 seniors who played for Tedford throughout his first nine seasons, 88% have earned their college degrees and/or gone on to NFL careers.

Tedford lives in Danville, California with his wife Donna. They have two sons, Taylor and Quinn. Taylor, a quarterback, and Quinn, a wide receiver, have both played under their father at Cal.