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Kerry Carter hopes to lead Stanford back to a bowl game after the 2002 season.

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in rushing as a sophomore (1,229 yards), and reliable quarterback Jason Johnson has a good receiving target in Bobby Wade. But they probably won't be able to make up for what the defense lacks.

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Cal's new head coach, Jeff Tedford, has gone from Joey Harrington

to Kyle Bollner. It's hard not to feel sorry for Tedford, the former Oregon offensive coordinator who inherits a program that is banned from bowl games this year (not that it really matters). Another one-win season is not out of the question for the Bears.



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it into bowl status.

"I feel like we can be one of the best groups in the conference if we play up to our potential," Grindle told The Clarion (Miss.) Ledger. "We've got the athletic ability and the talent, but we have to come out this year making big plays. We've got to go into games having people afraid of us, having that attitude that we can't be stopped. That was the attitude that worked for us at the end of last season."

While the offense is still a mixed bag for Mississippi State, one thing is for sure about its defense. While talent abounds on the squad, the lack of physical prowess in the secondary will hinder it, especially in a conference with offensive powerhouses like Louisiana State and Tennessee.

However, the consensus among those around the MSU program is that the defensive line, not the defensive backs, may be its Achilles heel. The team has had to deal with losses of four significant players on the line — two transferred for academic reasons and two others for medical reasons.

"I'm a realist," assistant coach John Hendrick told The Ledger. "You can't do any more than you're dealt with. I'm pleased with the guys I have now. I don't have as many as I had then, but I think I've got some guys who can help this team be suc-

cessful. Hopefully, we'll put together a plan where we're able to rest our starters but still stay as good as we can defensively."

Senior Mario Haggan is the anchor of the defensive group at middle linebacker and is expected to contend for a first-team All-SEC honor. An All-American, Haggan has been named to the 2002 Butkus Award Watch List, set to be awarded to the nation's top linebacker on Dec. 13.

"When we moved him back to linebacker (last year), he averaged over 10 tackles a game," Sherrill said. "There is no reason that he won't do that again this year."

Haggan will have to be strong, as the team's underachieving secondary could be porous. Senior cornerbacks Korey Banks and Demetric Wright both need to step up their coverage in order for the Bulldog defense to put any kind of pressure on opposing quarterbacks.

And with a balanced offense like Oregon's taking on the Bulldog defense to start the season, it will be a good indicator of where the Mississippi State season may be headed. After the Bulldogs invade Autzen Stadium, they host Jacksonville State. But after that, with Auburn, LSU and South Carolina on the schedule in consecutive weeks, it could be another long year for Sherrill and Company.

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