

NCAA Tournament Results

Since 1968, UCLA has participated in the NCAA Tournament 32 times (including 22 consecutive since 1983), winning national championships in 1985, '90, '97 and 2002.

In 1985, the Bruins defeated American University in eight overtimes for their first NCAA championship. In 1990, the Bruins defeated Rutgers in a penalty kick shootout for their second title. In 1997, Bruin forward Seth George scored two goals in the last 10 minutes of the

game to defeat Virginia 2-0 in the championship game. An Aaron Lopez goal with 1:02 to play in regulation gave the Bruins the 2002 title, 1-0 over Stanford.

UCLA also has finished second three times (1970, '72 and '73), third three times (1984, '94, '99) and fourth once (1974). UCLA has advanced to collegiate soccer's Final Four 11 times and has a record of 11-8. The Bruins' all-time NCAA record is 55-29.

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| <p>1968 – San Jose St. 3, UCLA 1, Second Round</p> <p>1970 – UCLA 3, USF 2, Second Round
UCLA 3, Denver 1, Quarterfinals
UCLA 4, Howard 3, Semifinals
St. Louis 1, UCLA 0, Final.</p> <p>1971 – UCLA 5, Chico St. 1, Second Round
USF 6, UCLA 2, Quarterfinals</p> <p>1972 – UCLA 5, Washington 0, Second Round
UCLA 3, San Jose St. 2, Quarterfinals
UCLA 1, Cornell 0, Semifinals
St. Louis 4, UCLA 2, Final.</p> <p>1973 – UCLA 3, Washington 0, Second Round
UCLA 3, USF 2 (2 ot), Quarterfinals
UCLA 2, Clemson 1 (ot), Semifinals
St. Louis 2, UCLA 1 (ot), Final</p> <p>1974 – UCLA 3, San Jose St. 2 (3 ot) Second Round
UCLA 1, USF 0 (2 ot), Quarterfinals
Saint Louis 2, UCLA 1 (2 ot), Semifinals
Hartwick 3, UCLA 2, 3rd Place</p> <p>1975 – USF 4, UCLA 2, Second Round</p> <p>1976 – USF 1, UCLA 0, Second Round</p> <p>1977 – UCLA 3, California 0, Second Round
USF 4, UCLA 1, Quarterfinal</p> <p>1980 – USF 2, UCLA 1 (ot), Second Round</p> <p>1983 – USF 5, UCLA 0, First Round</p> <p>1984 – UCLA 2, Fresno St. 1, First Round
UCLA 1, USF 0, Second Round
UCLA 2, Harvard 0, Quarterfinals
Clemson 4, UCLA 1, Semifinals</p> <p>1985 – UCLA 3, California 1, First Round
UCLA 1, UNLV 0 (ot), Second Round
UCLA 2, SMU 0, Quarterfinals
UCLA 3, Evansville 1, Semifinals
UCLA 1, American 0 (8 ot), Championship</p> <p>1986 – UCLA 3, CS Fullerton 0, First Round
Fresno St. 1, UCLA 0 (ot), Second Round</p> <p>1987 – UCLA 1, Fresno St 0, First Round
UCLA vs UNLV (UNLV vacated, UCLA advanced),
Second Round
San Diego St. 2, UCLA 1, Quarterfinals</p> <p>1988 – UCLA 2, San Diego St. 1, First Round
Portland 2, UCLA 0, Second Round</p> | <p>1989 – UCLA 2, San Diego St. 1*, First Round
UCLA 1, Portland 0*, Second Round
Santa Clara 2, UCLA 0, Quarterfinals</p> <p>1990 – UCLA 2, Univ. San Diego 1 (ot), Second Round
UCLA 2, SMU 0, Quarterfinals
UCLA 1, North Carolina State 0*, Semifinals
UCLA 1, Rutgers 0*, Final</p> <p>1991 – UCLA 3, Portland 0, Second Round
Santa Clara 2, UCLA 1, Quarterfinals</p> <p>1992 – Univ. of San Diego 2, UCLA 1, Second Round</p> <p>1993 – Univ. San Diego 4, UCLA 2 (ot), First Round</p> <p>1994 – UCLA 3, UAB 2 (ot), First Round
UCLA 4, SMU 2, Second Round
UCLA 3, College of Charleston 2, Quarterfinals
Indiana 4, UCLA 1, Semifinals</p> <p>1995 – UCLA 2, Cal Poly SLO 1, First Round
Santa Clara 2, UCLA 1, Second Round</p> <p>1996 – Cal State Fullerton 2, UCLA 1, First Round</p> <p>1997 – UCLA 3, Santa Clara 0, First Round
UCLA 1, Washington 0, Second Round
UCLA 2, Clemson 1, Quarterfinals
UCLA 1, Indiana 0 (3ot), Semifinals
UCLA 2, Virginia 0, Finals</p> <p>1998 – UCLA 2, Fresno State 1, First Round
Creighton 2, UCLA 0, Second Round</p> <p>1999 – UCLA 4, San Diego 1, First Round
UCLA 2, Saint Louis 0, Second Round
UCLA 2, Virginia 0, Quarterfinals
Indiana 3, UCLA 2 (4ot), Semifinals</p> <p>2000 – San Diego 1, UCLA 0 (ot), First Round</p> <p>2001 – UCLA 3, Loyola Marymount 2 (ot), First Round
UCLA 4, San Diego 0, Second Round
SMU 1, UCLA 0, Third Round</p> <p>2002 – UCLA 4, Loyola Marymount 2, Second Round
UCLA 3, California 2, Third Round
UCLA 7, Penn State 1, Quarterfinals
UCLA 2, Maryland 1, Semifinals
UCLA 1, Stanford 0, Finals</p> <p>2003 – UCLA 3, Tulsa 2, Second Round
UCLA 2, Florida International 0, Third Round
Indiana 2, UCLA 1, Quarterfinals</p> <p>2004 – UCLA 3, Loyola Marymount 0, Second Round
St. John's 2, UCLA 1, Third Round</p> |
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*Penalty kick shootouts.



1985 The 1985 Bruin squad won its first NCAA title with a record-setting eight overtime 1-0 victory over American University in the NCAA Championship game at the Kingdome in Seattle, WA on Dec. 14.

Armed with a lineup of all California players, including future National Team stars Paul Caligiuri, Paul Krumpe, David Vanole, Eric Biefeld, Dale Ervine and Tom Silvas, the Bruins were dominant in 1985, finishing the season with a 20-1-4 record. They lost just one game, a 2-1 loss against Fresno State on Sept. 25, and never looked back after that, winning or tying the remaining 13 games of the regular season.

In the NCAA playoffs, UCLA, as the Far West's top seed, defeated California 3-1 in the first round behind goals from Doug Swanson, Silvas and Ervine. The Bruins got past UNLV in overtime with a 1-0 second round victory when Ervine scored the game-winner on a brilliant 25-yard shot into the upper corner in the 101st minute. Ervine also had the game-winner in the quarterfinals when UCLA defeated SMU 2-0.

In the Final Four, the Bruin defense, led by Krumpe, Biefeld, Caligiuri and goalkeeper Vanole, was masterful, allowing just one goal in 256 minutes, while the offense, led by Ervine with four post-season goals and Mike Getchell with four assists, was opportune.

UCLA traveled to No. 1 ranked Evansville for the semifinals on Dec. 8. Playing before a packed house in hostile territory, the Bruins took a 1-0 first half lead on another

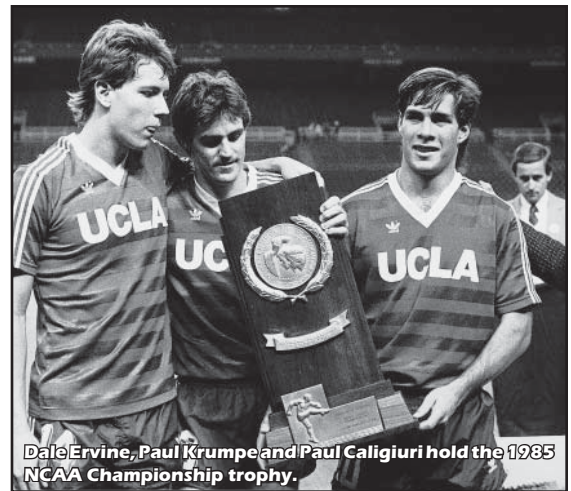
Getchell to Ervine play. An own goal provided the winning margin, and Getchell, who was playing on a reconstructed knee, sealed the deal with a goal of his own to give UCLA a 3-1 victory.

Head coach Sigi Schmid, who had played in two NCAA Championship games at UCLA in 1972 and 1973, brought the Bruins back to the title match for the first time since his playing days, determined to bring home UCLA's first NCAA soccer title.

The championship game turned out to be one for the ages, as the Bruins and American University battled it out for a record 166 minutes, five seconds. Both defenses were impenetrable. The two teams combined for 47 shots. American dominated in the first half, outshooting UCLA 10-2. All-American forward Michael Brady came closest to scoring in the first stanza, but his shot from 25 yards out went just wide right. Vanole also made critical saves during that shot barrage and had six total saves in the game.

The Bruins controlled possession in the second half and gained a big advantage in the second half when Eagle defender Serge Torrealles was ejected for violent conduct, but UCLA was unable to capitalize.

Fatigue, coupled with a slippery AstroTurf field, played a major factor in the game. Short sudden death overtime periods of five minutes each prevented any opportunity of establishing rhythm. Finally,



Dale Ervine, Paul Krumpe and Paul Caligiuri hold the 1985 NCAA Championship trophy.

nearly four hours after the initial whistle blew, opportunity struck.

And for this Hollywood team, it was only fitting that the hero was seldom-used defender Andy Burke. Injured for most of the season and nearly redshirted, Burke was making his first NCAA Tournament appearance of the year, entering during overtime.

In the 167th minute, he worked himself free to receive a pass from Krumpe, caught the American goalkeeper cheating to the near post and scored on a far-post shot from 13 yards out. The goal was his first ever as a Bruin.

Recalled Schmid, "Andy hadn't played much that year. Before the game, his dad had read an article in the *Wall Street Journal* that talked about how the last guy, the most unexpected person, is the one who makes the biggest contribution sometimes. He had relayed that message to Andy the day before, and the next day Andy went out and made the biggest contribution."

For Schmid, the memories of the championship were still vivid 20 years later. "We had come so close so often in the game, and when Andy Burke scored the goal, it was like shaking a can of Coke and opening it up," he said. "We just let out all this emotion and adrenaline and just spread out on the field."

"Anytime you win a championship, it obviously takes a special place," he continued. "This one ranks right up there with all of the other championships. The first one is always a little special, though, because it's the first one. As a player, I played in three Final Fours but never won it, so it was especially satisfying to win it the first time as a coach."



Andy Burke is hoisted on his teammates' shoulders after scoring the championship-winning goal in the eighth overtime.

1990

Much like the 1985 national championship team, the 1990 squad won UCLA's second NCAA championship with defense.

The Bruins blazed into the NCAA playoffs having outscored opponents 14-3 in the final three games. After a first round bye, they defeated San Diego 2-1 on a Joe-Max Moore goal in overtime. In the quarterfinals, UCLA, behind redshirt freshman goalkeeper Brad Friedel, shut out SMU 2-0 to advance to the Final Four.

Once in Tampa, FL for the Final Four, however, UCLA's, as well as its opponents', offense vanished. Despite being outshot 33-14 by its semifinal opponent North Carolina State, UCLA held ground and kept the game scoreless after regulation play and two 15-minute overtime periods. This was done even while playing the final 28 minutes down a man after senior defender Ray Fernandez was ejected. In the penalty

shootout, UCLA scored on penalty kicks by Tim Gallegos, Moore, Sam George, Chris Henderson and last-minute substitute Mark Sharp. The Wolfpack converted three kicks, with Friedel deflecting a shot by Scott Schweitzer for the game-saver.

With the victory, the Bruins advanced to the championship game against Rutgers. Once again, a defensive battle ensued, with both teams going scoreless.

In the shootout, Rutgers' Lino DiCuollo connected in the first round, and Rutgers appeared to be in control after Bill Andracki stopped George's shot. However, Steve Rammel missed his second round shot to put UCLA back in the contest. Moore scored next, then Dave Mueller missed his shot to give UCLA the advantage. Gallegos and Henderson, as well as their Rutgers counterparts, converted on their attempts to bring the score to 3-3 with just one



kick remaining. This left the stage open for freshman Jorge Salcedo, who had missed three times in high school in penalty kick shootouts. This time, Salcedo observed Andracki on the previous three kicks and noticed the goalkeeper guessing early. Salcedo waited for the goalkeeper to make his move then hit the winning shot.

1997

"You Gotta Be a Soldier" — UCLA's adopted theme for 1997 was most appropriate considering the rash of injuries to key starters the Bruins had to endure at the Championships. Despite playing without co-captain and Player of the Year candidate Sasha Victorine, senior All-MPSF defender Kevin Coye and team MVP Pete Vagenas, head coach Sigi Schmid's troops prevailed and reeled in the third NCAA Men's Soccer Championship in school history.

The Bruins faced top-ranked and undefeated Indiana in the semifinals in a rematch of the 1994 NCAA Semis which saw the Hoosiers pick apart redshirt freshman goalkeeper Matt Reis to win 4-1. But Reis gained redemption for that night in 1994 and was more than outstanding, stopping everything shot his way. Indiana could not find a way to figure out Reis, who made a school record-tying 11 saves on 25 shots on goal.

Over 131 scoreless minutes after kickoff, a UCLA corner kick found its way to Josh Keller, who then passed it to Ryan Lee. The freshman took a shot that was deflected by an Indiana

defender. However, the deflection went right to Indiana native McKinley Tennyson, Jr., who tapped it into an empty net for the 1-0 win in sudden death overtime.

A matchup with a powerful Virginia team playing in its home state loomed next for UCLA in the Championship game. With playmaker Vagenas unable to play, Schmid was forced to adopt a more defensive, counterattacking style that frustrated Virginia the entire game. Although the Cavaliers had their chances in the game - they had 15 shots on goal, nine of which were stopped mostly in spectacular fashion by Reis - they could not capitalize.

Virginia stepped up its pressure near the end of regulation, but the Bruins picked their opportunities to counter and took advantage of a miscue in the 80th minute. After Keller's sliding pass to Bruno beat Cavalier defender Scott Vermillion, the Bruins had just one defender to beat by the penalty area for the game's first goal. Bruno hooked a no-look pass to an open



Seth George, who beat goalkeeper Brock Yetso for the go-ahead goal.

Two minutes later, Virginia played with fire again while trying to equalize. With most of the Cavaliers up front, the Bruins again took advantage. After Tennyson fired a shot that Yetso stopped, no Cavalier defenders were there to clear, and George, the tournament's Offensive MVP, easily hit the deflection into the empty net to put the game away.

2002

A new era in UCLA soccer could not have gotten off to a better start than it did in 2002.

Under first-year head coach Tom Fitzgerald, the Bruins captured its first Pac-10 championship and its fourth NCAA title.

The Bruins made it to the College Cup thanks to a blistering offense that scored 14 goals in three games but then won the championship thanks to a stingy defense that shut out Stanford in the title game.

The Bruins' path to the College Cup ran through two teams that had beaten them earlier in the season. UCLA first disposed of Loyola Marymount 4-2 in the NCAA second round, then California 3-2 in the third round. A 7-0 drubbing of Penn State in the quarterfinals landed the Bruins in the College Cup for the second time in four years.

UCLA's semifinal opponent was top-seeded Maryland, and like in the other two matchups against top-ranked teams during the season, the Bruins were up for the challenge. UCLA got on the boards first with a Matt Taylor goal off an Adolfo Gregorio assist in the 75th minute, but

Maryland came back to equalize in the 81st minute. Just one minute later, Cliff McKinley was taken down in the penalty box by Maryland keeper Noah Palmer, and Gregorio scored the ensuing penalty kick and game-winning goal.

In the championship game, UCLA had another matchup with conference rival Stanford, the two teams' third meeting of the year. This game would be no different, as the Bruins won by the same 1-0 score they had won by in the previous two matchups.

Both teams had good scoring opportunities in the game. Stanford had a header cleared off the line by Jimmy Frazelle in the early minutes, and Ryan Futagaki had a hard shot ricochet off the left post in the 31st minute.

But all things changed in the 89th minute. Ty Maurin was fouled in near the left corner with the Bruins on the attack and earned a free kick for UCLA. Futagaki's perfectly-placed free kick found Aaron Lopez, who one-timed the ball past



Stanford goalie Robby Fulton into the top right corner with 1:02 remaining on the clock for the championship-winning goal.

Lopez was named the MVP of the College Cup, and teammates Zach Wells, who earned the shut-out in the title match; Gregorio, Taylor and Scot Thompson received All-Tournament acclaim.