

NCAA Tournament Results

Since 1968, UCLA has participated in the NCAA Tournament 34 times (including 24 consecutive since 1983), winning national championships in 1985, 1990, 1997 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 four times (1970, '72 '73 and 2006), third three times (1984, '94, '99) and fourth once (1974). UCLA has advanced to collegiate soccer's Final Four 12 times and has a record of 12-9. The Bruins' all-time NCAA record is 59-31.

Below are UCLA's post-season results.

- 1968** – San Jose St. 3, UCLA 1, 2nd Round
- 1970** – UCLA 3, USF 2, 2nd Round
UCLA 3, Denver 1, Quarterfinals
UCLA 4, Howard 3, Semifinals
Saint Louis 1, UCLA 0, Final.
- 1971** – UCLA 5, Chico St. 1, 2nd Round
USF 6, UCLA 2, Quarterfinals
- 1972** – UCLA 5, Washington 0, 2nd Round
UCLA 3, at San Jose St. 2, Quarterfinals
UCLA 1, Cornell 0, Semifinals
Saint Louis 4, UCLA 2, Final.
- 1973** – UCLA 3, Washington 0, 2nd Round
UCLA 3, USF 2 (2 ot), Quarterfinals
UCLA 2, Clemson 1 (ot), Semifinals
Saint Louis 2, UCLA 1 (ot), Final
- 1974** – UCLA 3, San Jose St. 2 (3 ot) 2nd Round
UCLA 1, USF 0 (2 ot), Quarterfinals
at Saint Louis 2, UCLA 1 (2 ot), Semifinals
Hartwick 3, UCLA 2, 3rd Place
- 1975** – USF 4, UCLA 2, 2nd Round
- 1976** – USF 1, UCLA 0, 2nd Round
- 1977** – UCLA 3, California 0, 2nd Round
USF 4, UCLA 1, Quarterfinal
- 1980** – at USF 2, UCLA 1 (ot), 2nd Round
- 1983** – at USF 5, UCLA 0, 1st Round
- 1984** – UCLA 2, at Fresno St. 1, 1st Round
at UCLA 1, USF 0, 2nd Round
at UCLA 2, Harvard 0, Quarterfinals
Clemson 4, at UCLA 1, Semifinals
- 1985** – at UCLA 3, California 1, 1st Round
at UCLA 1, UNLV 0 (ot), 2nd Round
at UCLA 2, SMU 0, Quarterfinals
UCLA 3, at Evansville 1, Semifinals
UCLA 1, American 0 (8 ot), Championship
- 1986** – at UCLA 3, CS Fullerton 0, 1st Round
at Fresno St. 1, UCLA 0 (ot), 2nd Round
- 1987** – UCLA 1, at Fresno St. 0, 1st Round UCLA vs UNLV (UNLV vacated, UCLA advanced), 2nd Round
San Diego St. 2, at UCLA 1, Quarterfinals
- 1988** – at UCLA 2, San Diego St. 1, 1st Round
at Portland 2, UCLA 0, 2nd Round
- 1989** – at UCLA 2, San Diego St. 1*, 1st Round
at UCLA 1, Portland 0*, 2nd Round
at Santa Clara 2, UCLA 0, Quarterfinals

- 1990** – at UCLA 2, San Diego 1 (ot), 2nd Round
at UCLA 2, SMU 0, Quarterfinals
UCLA 1, North Carolina State 0*, Semifinals
UCLA 1, Rutgers 0*, Final
- 1991** – at UCLA 3, Portland 0, 2nd Round
Santa Clara 2, at UCLA 1, Quarterfinals
- 1992** – San Diego 2, at UCLA 1, 2nd Round
- 1993** – San Diego 4, at UCLA 2 (ot), 1st Round
- 1994** – at UCLA 3, UAB 2 (ot), 1st Round
UCLA 4, at SMU 2, 2nd Round
at UCLA 3, College of Charleston 2, Quarterfinals
Indiana 4, UCLA 1, Semifinals
- 1995** – at UCLA 2, Cal Poly SLO 1, 1st Round
Santa Clara 2, at UCLA 1, 2nd Round
- 1996** – at Cal State Fullerton 2, UCLA 1, 1st Round
- 1997** – at UCLA 3, Santa Clara 0, 1st Round
at UCLA 1, Washington 0, 2nd Round
at UCLA 2, Clemson 1, Quarterfinals
UCLA 1, Indiana 0 (3ot), Semifinals
UCLA 2, Virginia 0, Finals
- 1998** – at UCLA 2, Fresno State 1, 1st Round
Creighton 2, at UCLA 0, 2nd Round
- 1999** – at UCLA 4, San Diego 1, 1st Round
UCLA 2, at Saint Louis 0, 2nd Round
UCLA 2, at Virginia 0, Quarterfinals
Indiana 3, UCLA 2 (4ot), Semifinals
- 2000** – at San Diego 1, UCLA 0 (ot), 1st Round
- 2001** – UCLA 3, Loyola Marymount 2 (ot), 1st Round
UCLA 4, at San Diego 0, 2nd Round
at SMU 1, UCLA 0, 3rd Round
- 2002** – at UCLA 4, Loyola Marymount 2, 2nd Round
at UCLA 3, California 2, 3rd Round
at UCLA 7, Penn State 1, Quarterfinals
UCLA 2, Maryland 1, Semifinals
UCLA 1, Stanford 0, Finals
- 2003** – at UCLA 3, Tulsa 2, 2nd Round
at UCLA 2, FIU 0, 3rd Round
Indiana 2, at UCLA 1, Quarterfinals
- 2004** – at UCLA 3, Loyola Marymount 0, 2nd Round
St. John's 2, at UCLA 1, 3rd Round
- 2005** – SMU 3, at UCLA 0, 2nd Round
- 2006** – at UCLA 3 Harvard 0, 2nd Round
at UCLA 3, Clemson 0, 3rd Round
UCLA 3, at Duke 2 (ot), Quarterfinals
UCLA 4, Virginia 0, Semifinals
UC Santa Barbara 2, UCLA 1, Finals

*Penalty kick shootouts.

UCLA's Opponent Record In NCAA Tournament Games

American.....	1-0
California.....	3-0
Cal Poly SLO.....	1-0
Cal State Fullerton.....	1-1
Chico State.....	1-0
Clemson.....	3-1
College of Charleston.....	1-0
Cornell.....	1-0
Creighton.....	0-1
Denver.....	1-0
Duke.....	1-0
Evansville.....	1-0
Florida International.....	1-0
Fresno State.....	3-1
Hartwick.....	0-1
Harvard.....	2-0
Howard.....	1-0
Indiana.....	1-3
Loyola Marymount.....	3-0
Maryland.....	1-0
North Carolina State.....	1-0
Penn State.....	1-0
Portland.....	2-1
Rutgers.....	1-0
Saint Louis.....	1-4
San Diego.....	3-3
San Diego State.....	2-1
San Francisco.....	4-6
San Jose State.....	2-1
Santa Clara.....	1-3
SMU.....	3-2
St. John's.....	0-1
Stanford.....	1-0
Tulsa.....	1-0
UAB.....	1-0
UC Santa Barbara.....	0-1
UNLV.....	2-0
Virginia.....	3-0
Washington.....	3-0

UCLA's NCAA Record Round-By-Round

1st Round.....	12-4
2nd Round.....	20-9
3rd Round.....	3-2
Quarterfinals.....	12-5
Semifinals.....	8-4
3rd Place Game.....	0-1
Finals.....	4-4



NCAA Champions

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.

UCLA lost just one game in 1985 - a 2-1 loss against Fresno State in September. The Bruins, however, never looked back, 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, UNLV, 1-0 in overtime, in the second round, and SMU, 2-0, in the quarterfinals.

In the Final Four, the Bruin defense, led by Paul Krumpke, Eric Biefeld, Paul Caligiuri and goalkeeper David Vanole, was masterful, allowing just one goal in 256 minutes. UCLA's offense, led by Dale Ervine with four post-season goals and Mike Getchell with four assists, was opportune. After first defeating Evansville, 3-1, in the semifinals, UCLA advanced to the finals for the first time since head coach Sigi Schmid's playing days.

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 despite the two teams combining 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, 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 Krumpke, 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."

"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."



First Round
Nov. 17 (Los Angeles, CA)
UCLA 3, California 1
Goals: Swanson, Silvas, Ervine
Second Round
Nov. 24 (Los Angeles, CA)
UCLA 1, UNLV 0 (ot)
Goal: Ervine
Quarterfinals
Dec. 1 (Los Angeles, CA)
UCLA 2, SMU 0
Goals: Ervine, Rotteveel
Semifinals
Dec. 8 (Evansville, IN)
UCLA 3, Evansville 1
Goals: Ervine, Silvas, Getchell
Finals
Dec. 14 (Seattle, WA)
UCLA 1, American 0 (8ot)
Goal: Burke

1990

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

defense, posting 300 minutes of shutout soccer in a span of two days at the Final Four.

The season began rather ignominiously for the Bruins, who gave up a goal just 30 seconds after kicking off opening day. The defense improved as the season went along, ultimately proving to be the team's best asset in the NCAA playoffs.

The Bruins blazed into the post-season having outscored opponents, 14-3, in the final three regular season 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.

The Bruins advanced to the championship game the next day against a more rested Rutgers squad, one that had earlier in the season handed UCLA its only loss of the year: 2-1. As in the semifinals and in UCLA's last championship match appearance, a defensive battle ensued. Each squad recorded 22 shots in the game, and each had chances to score late in the contest. The Bruins' Billy Thompson hit the near post in the 84th minute, and he was unable to connect on the rebound, shooting high. Near the end of the first overtime, Rutgers nearly went ahead, but Alexi Lalas' header hit the crossbar.

In the penalty shootout, Rutgers' Lino DiCuollo connected in the first round, and Rutgers appeared to be in control after Bill Andracki stopped George's shot. UCLA pulled even when Steve Rammel was saved by Friedel and Moore converted. Dave Mueller also missed, and Tim Gallegos connected to give UCLA the advantage. Maurice Mazzocchi scored for Rutgers in round four, but Henderson put UCLA back ahead, 3-2. A Chris Beach make tied the score at 3-3, setting the stage for a Bruin freshman for the last kick of the round.

Freshman Jorge Salcedo, who had missed three times in high school in penalty kick shootouts, stepped up to the mark with a chance to win the championship for the Bruins. Salcedo studied Rutgers' keeper Andracki prior to his turn and noticed a trend.

"I usually go to the left," Salcedo said after the game. "But on the first four shots, I saw the goalkeeper was guessing. I waited and hit it to the opposite side."

Salcedo coolly made his shot, giving UCLA its second NCAA title.



First Round
Bye
Second Round
Nov. 18 (Los Angeles, CA)
UCLA 2, San Diego 1 (ot)
Goals: Lapper, Moore
Quarterfinals
Nov. 25 (Los Angeles, CA)
UCLA 2, SMU 0
Goals: Henderson, Thompson
Semifinals
Dec. 1 (Tampa, FL)
UCLA 1, NC State 0
(UCLA advances on PKs, 5-3)
Finals
Dec. 2 (Tampa, FL)
UCLA 1, Rutgers 0
(UCLA wins on PKs, 4-3)

NCAA Champions

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 for most of the season, senior All-MPSF defender Kevin Coye for the bulk of the playoffs and team MVP Pete Vagenas for the Final Four, head coach Sigi Schmid's troops prevailed and reeled in the third NCAA Men's Soccer Championship in school history.

UCLA cruised through the post-season, allowing just one goal in the MPSF Conference Championship match and five NCAA games. The Bruins posted a 3-0 NCAA first-round win over Santa Clara and shut out Washington in the second round, 1-0. In the quarterfinals, Clemson jumped ahead, 1-0, before UCLA rallied to win, 2-1.

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. One of those saves came early in the second half, when Reis slid out of the box about 22 yards out and beat a streaking Jason Moore to the ball.

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.



First Round
Nov. 23 (Los Angeles, CA)
UCLA 3, Santa Clara 0
Goals: Paneno, Bruno, George
Second Round
Dec. 1 (Los Angeles, CA)
UCLA 1, Washington 0
Goal: George
Quarterfinals
Dec. 6 (Los Angeles, CA)
UCLA 2, Clemson 1
Goals: Vagenas, Bruno
Semifinals
Dec. 12 (Richmond, VA)
UCLA 1, Indiana 0 (2ot)
Goal: Tennyson
Finals
Dec. 14 (Richmond, VA)
UCLA 2, Virginia 0
Goals: George (2)

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, making Fitzgerald only the second coach in NCAA soccer history to win a Division I title in his first year with the program.

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.

A 13-3-3 regular season record and the team's first-ever Pac-10 Championship led to a No. 3 seeding in the NCAA Tournament and home field advantage until the College Cup. 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, avenging a 2-0 loss in September. California, who had earlier defeated UCLA, 1-0 in a controversial overtime decision, was the Bruins' next victim, by a 3-2 mark in the third round. A 7-1 drubbing of Penn State in the quarterfinals landed the Bruins in the College Cup for the second time in four years. Matt Taylor recorded a hat trick in the contest, and Tim Pierce added two goals of his own, while Cliff McKinley tied an NCAA Tournament record with three assists.

UCLA's prolific offense would next face top-seeded Maryland in the semifinals, 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 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, 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 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 shutout in the title match; Gregorio, Taylor and Scot Thompson received All-Tournament acclaim.



First Round
Bye
Second Round
Nov. 27 (Los Angeles, CA)
UCLA 4, LMU 2
Goals: McKinley, Lopez, Gregorio (2)
Third Round
Nov. 30 (Los Angeles, CA)
UCLA 3, California 2
Goals: Lopez, McKinley, Taylor
Quarterfinals
Dec. 7 (Los Angeles, CA)
UCLA 7, Penn State 1
Goals: Gregorio, Pierce (2), Taylor (3), Frazelle
Semifinals
Dec. 13 (Dallas, TX)
UCLA 2, Maryland 1
Goals: Taylor, Gregorio
Finals
Dec. 15 (Dallas, TX)
UCLA 1, Stanford 0
Goal: Lopez