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Aug. 29	MARYLAND	7:00 pm
	(at The Home Depot Center)	
Aug. 31	UC RIVERSIDE	12:30 pm
	CAL vs. MARYLAND	3:00 pm

Wake Forest Tournament - Winston-Salem, NC

Sept. 5	at Wake Forest	7:30 pm ET
Sept. 7	vs. North Carolina	1:00 pm ET
Sept. 12	INDIANA	7:00 pm
Sept. 14	INDIANA vs. SAN DIEGO	2:00 pm
Sept. 20	SANTA CLARA	7:00 pm
Sept. 25	at San Diego	7:00 pm
Sept. 28	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE	2:30 pm
Oct. 1	UC SANTA BARBARA	7:00 pm
Oct. 5	SAN DIEGO STATE*	2:30 pm
Oct. 10	at California*	4:00 pm
Oct. 12	at Stanford*	2:30 pm
Oct. 17	WASHINGTON*	7:00 pm
Oct. 19	OREGON STATE*	1:00 pm
Oct. 24	at Washington*	7:00 pm
Oct. 26	at Oregon State*	2:00 pm
Oct. 31	CALIFORNIA*	7:30 pm
Nov. 2	STANFORD*	2:30 pm
Nov. 8	CAL POLY	7:00 pm
Nov. 15	at San Diego State*	1:00 pm

NCAA Tournament

Nov. 21-22	NCAA First Round	TBD
Nov. 26	NCAA Second Round	TBD
Nov. 29-30	NCAA Third Round	TBD
Dec. 5-7	NCAA Quarterfinals	TBD
Dec. 12	NCAA Semifinals (Frisco, TX)	TBD
Dec. 14	NCAA Finals (Frisco, TX)	TBD

Home games are played at Marshall Field at Drake Stadium unless otherwise indicated and are in **BOLD CAPS**

* Denotes Pac-10 Conference games

All times are Pacific unless otherwise indicated.

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Michael Stephens

Quick Facts

Location.....	J.D. Morgan Center,
.....	325 Westwood Plaza
.....	Los Angeles, CA 90095
Athletics Phone	(310) 825-8699
Ticket Office	(310) UCLA-WIN
Chancellor	Gene Block
Director of Athletics	Daniel G. Guerrero
Sr. Asso. Athletic Director (Soccer).....	Ken Weiner
Faculty Athletic Rep.	Donald Morrison
Home Field (Capacity)	Marshall Field
.....	at Drake Stadium (11,700)
Home Record	207-26-16 (Since 1980)
Enrollment	37,500
Founded.....	1919
Colors.....	Blue and Gold
Nickname.....	Bruins
Conference.....	Pacific-10
Conference Phone.....	(925) 932-4411
Conference Fax	(925) 932-4601
National Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Head Coach (Alma Mater).....	Jorge Salcedo
.....	(UCLA '02)
Coach's Phone	(310) 825-1777
Record at UCLA	49-24-12 (4 years)
Career Record (Years).....	same
Assistant Coaches.....	Eddie Soto, Kenny Arena
2007 Record.....	9-9-3
2007 Pac-10 Record (Finish)	4-4-2 (T-2nd)
2007 NCAA Finish	T-17th
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	15/14
Starters Returning/Lost	7/4
National Championships	1985, 1990, 1997, 2002
Sports Information Director	Marc Dellins
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Season Outlook



With an influx of new players and a strong core of returning players, UCLA head coach Jorge Salcedo is excited about the seemingly endless possibilities for his 2008 Bruins. A well-rounded 12-player incoming class and the return of six All-Pac-10 players give Salcedo many options with which to concoct a good mix on the field to challenge for another national title.

"There is going to be a lot of competition amongst these players, and I am looking forward to seeing how it plays out and which guys step forward and set themselves apart from the rest of the group," Salcedo said.

The Bruins' 2007 season got derailed a bit during the off-season and early in the pre-season, with injuries befalling several key players on both the defensive and offensive ends. The Bruin attack should be much more potent in 2008, as all of the team's attacking players enter the pre-season healthy. In addition, the Bruins have a variety of options on the offensive end, with players with size, speed and savvy. UCLA's midfield is skillful and versatile, and the defense, although inexperienced, is anchored by one of the West Coast's premier defenders in three-time All-Pac-10 selection Brad Rusin. Goalkeeping

is a big strength for UCLA, with five solid goalkeepers in the mix, led by U.S. Under-20 National Team starter Brian Perk.

"Our team coming in is healthier than we were last year and is very motivated to have a successful start to the season," Salcedo noted. "The goal in pre-season is to get ourselves sharp, to get ourselves fit, and to get ourselves prepared so hopefully we hit stride somewhere in the middle of the season."

Goalkeepers

The Bruins have five goalkeepers on the roster, with returning starter **Brian Perk** expected to remain the starter. Perk is the starting goalkeeper for the U.S. Under-20 National Team and has put up strong results this summer, shutting out Mexico, Belgium and the Bolton Reserves. Last season as a sophomore, he started 20 games and posted five shutouts with 84 saves, earning honorable mention All-Pac-10 honors.



The one game Perk missed due to a shoulder injury was the NCAA second round matchup at Santa Clara, where **Trevor Hunter** came in for his first significant collegiate minutes and played well in goal, making four saves in the start. Hunter also received significant playing time during the spring season, so with that experience under his belt, look for him to provide strong play in goal when called upon.

Also providing depth in the goalkeeper position are redshirt freshmen **Brian Rowe** and **Kevin Weiner** and freshman **Joe Scachetti**, who will be redshirting the season after undergoing hand surgery during the summer.

"With these five players, I feel very strongly about our position, and I feel good that we have that much depth," said Salcedo.

Defenders

Defense is a little bit of a question mark, with just one returning starter from last year. That one starter, senior **Brad Rusin**, however, is a good one to build a defense around. Rusin is a three-time all-conference selection and top pro prospect who has garnered attention from European teams. A big presence in the backfield at 6-4, 200 pounds, Rusin will be looked upon to provide stability and strength in the backfield.

"Brad last year was one of our more consistent players, so I'm expecting him to come in and be a leader and really take over the backline," said Salcedo. "I have high expectations, and I'll demand a lot from Brad this season."

UCLA is looking into employing either a three-back or four-back system and will use the pre-season to find the right combination. Bringing junior **Danny Suits**, who played more of a defensive midfield role last season, into the backline is a possibility. Suits had a breakout season in 2007, being voted the team's Most Improved Player after starting 12 games and playing in 16. Another veteran, **Sean Alvarado**, will have to sit out the season due to knee surgery.



Season Outlook

Freshmen **Andy Rose**, **Zack Zerrenner**, **Oscar Reyes** and **Victor Yanez** should compete for some of the open starting slots. Rose, from Bristol, England, is the first international player the Bruins have had on its roster in quite some time. He was the team captain of the Bristol City youth team and possesses good leadership attributes and a wealth of experience. Zerrenner is an ODP Region IV team member who won three national club championships with Real So Cal. He scored the game-winning goal in the championship game in 2007. Reyes and Yanez both have experience with the U.S. Under-17 National Team, with Yanez seeing action with Mexico's U-17s as well. Yanez was also a two-time NSCAA All-American.

Regardless of who ultimately ends up starting in defense, Salcedo expects the entire squad to give a strong defensive effort.

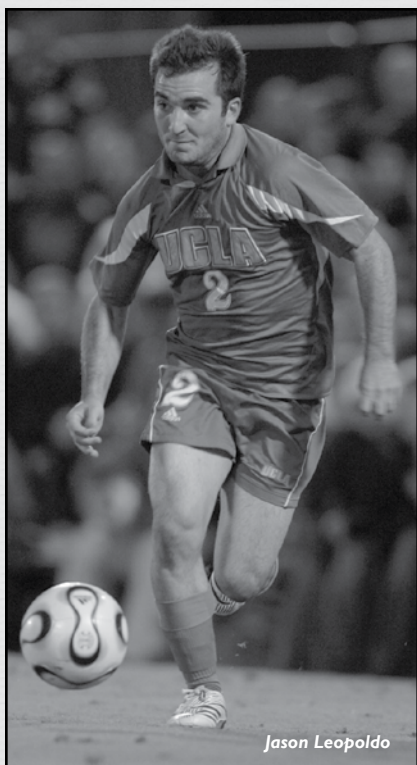
"We will be a team that will defend from the front all the way to the back," he said. "Whether we'll play with three or four in the back, we will determine what we'll do to have a team that goes out there and makes it difficult for other teams. I feel very good about the players that can play in certain roles."

Midfielders

UCLA continues to stockpile talent in midfield, boasting an array of versatile players who can provide different looks for the team. "We have a lot of talented midfielders," Salcedo asserted. "We have a lot of players who are skillful and a lot of guys that have good 1-v-1 ability."

Returning are trio of two-year starters in first-team All-Pac-10 performer **Jason Leopoldo**, UCLA Team MVP and second-team All-Pac-10 honoree **Kyle Nakazawa**, and U.S. Under-20 National Team member **Michael Stephens**.

Leopoldo has started on the left side of the midfield the last two seasons but may move to the right side this year due to the amount of left-footed players coming in this season. The senior was slowed by various injuries throughout the course of last



Jason Leopoldo

season but is healthy and expected to get back to the form that saw him score eight goals with five assists in 2006.

Nakazawa, a former youth international, has started every game in his two-year Bruin career – 45 in all – and led the Bruins last season with seven assists. He has the ability to play in several different positions on the field – as a central midfielder, an outside midfielder, a forward or deep in the midfield.

Stephens has had 42 career starts and had a productive off-season, scoring a goal and assist with the U-20s in an international tournament in New Orleans and winning the North American National Championships with the Chicago Fire Super-20 team. Salcedo will be looking at this trio to provide leadership in the midfield.

Also returning from last year's squad to provide depth and versatility are **Andrew Sinderhoff** and **Tomer Konowiecki**. Sinderhoff, who can also play up top, saw action in 16 games a year ago and had

two assists. Konowiecki, who is coming off a redshirt season, has two years of playing experience under his belt, having played in 36 career games with 17 starts at American University. Another transfer, **Luis Serrano** from Hartnell College, and freshman **Christian Vazquez**, are expected to be important players as well.

A pair of freshmen with U.S. Youth National Team experience will look to contribute on the left side. **Chris Cummings**, who was in residency with the U-17s in 2007, could be used as either a left midfielder or left back. He is an adidas All-American and three-time U.S. Youth Soccer National Champion with Real SoCal. **Eder Arreola**, a 16-year-old phenom who has been playing with the U-20s, U-18s and U-17s, can

also play as a left-sided midfielder, a central midfielder or as a withdrawn forward. Arreola scored eight goals in 2008 for the U-17s, including four in one game against the Chicago Fire Academy team in April. Freshman **Daren Flitcroft** was also expected to make an impact but will have to redshirt the season after tearing his ACL in the summer.

Forward

With several key players coming off injuries early in the season, the Bruin attack never really gelled in 2007, but 2008 looks promising with a healthier group and a good mix of options.

The Bruins have the option of playing with three forwards or two strikers. They can play with quick forwards like 2006 National Freshman of the Year **David Estrada**, Arreola or Leopoldo, or big forwards like 2007 leading scorer **Maxwell Griffin** and freshman **Prince Lapnet**.

Estrada made a huge splash as a walk-on freshman in 2006, leading the team with 12 goals and 28 points. Last season was a frustrating one for him after he fractured his foot during the summer and sat out a month and a half. He finished with just three goals but has worked to regain his form from two seasons ago.

Griffin had his own injury struggles as a sophomore in 2006, going down with an ACL injury early in the team's eighth game. He came back with a vengeance in 2007, however, leading the team in goals (nine) and points (18), with the highlight being a hat trick against Penn State on Sept. 16.

At six-feet tall and 192 pounds, Lapnet gives UCLA a size it has not had up top in quite some time. The French-born forward from Maryland scored 30 goals with 10 assists last year at Archbishop Carroll HS.

Also in the mix are senior **Richard Flores**, who can be a factor with his strong play inside the box, freshman **Fernando Monge**, who played well with the team during the spring season after graduating early and starting school in the winter quarter, and sophomore **Zac Rothman**, a hard-working player who can play either outside midfield or up top.

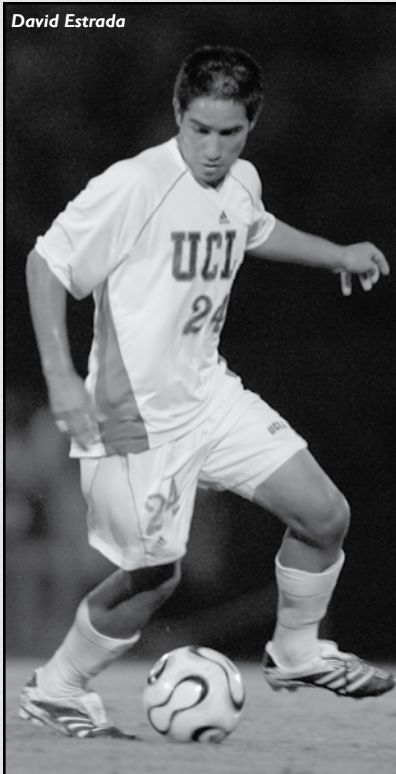
"I'm very much looking forward to seeing which combinations are going to be most productive and which ones are going to work best for the team," Salcedo said. "I think we're very comfortable with our options, and most importantly, the guys coming in that I'm expecting to produce are healthy this year. Their health and their fitness is obviously a very important part of their success on the field. I'm looking forward to seeing what happens."

Schedule

UCLA plays one of the toughest schedules in the nation, facing all but one of the teams that have won NCAA Championships this decade. Right off the bat, the Bruins will take on 2005 champion Maryland at The Home Depot Center in Carson, followed a week later by a pair of games at Wake Forest against the defending NCAA champion Demon Deacons and the 2001 NCAA champion North Carolina. Things don't get much easier, as 2003 and 2004 champion Indiana arrives in Westwood the following week, as does 2006 champion UC Santa Barbara just before the start of the Pac-10 season. These challenging games, no doubt will help UCLA prepare for Pac-10 Conference play.

"Our schedule is a very difficult one, but, as a player, you like to compete against the best programs, and you like to compete to see where you stand individually and where you stand as a program," Salcedo stated. "We definitely don't shy away. Each year we set out to test ourselves, and we are definitely looking forward to the challenge."

David Estrada



2008 Roster

Numerical

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
00	Kevin Weiner	Gk	6-0	170	RFr.	Manhattan Beach, CA (Mira Costa HS)
1	Trevor Hunter	Gk	6-3	205	RSo.	Chino Hills, CA (Ayala HS)
2	Jason Leopoldo	Mf	5-7	145	Sr.	Thousand Oaks, CA (Thousand Oaks HS)
3	Brad Rusin	D	6-4	200	Sr.	Holmes Beach, FL (St. Stephen's Prep)
4	Oscar Reyes	D/Mf	6-0	155	Fr.	Santa Ana, CA (Saddleback HS)
5	Andy Rose	Mf/D	6-2	160	Fr.	Bristol, England (Wycliffe College)
6	Sean Alvarado	D	6-3	190	Rjr.	West Orange, NJ (St. Benedict's Prep)
7	Eder Arreola	F/Mf	5-6	140	Fr.	Chino Hills, CA (Edison Academic Center)
8	Christian Vazquez	Mf	5-8	145	Fr.	Santa Barbara, CA (Santa Barbara HS)
9	Fernando Monge	F	5-10	165	Fr.	Seattle, WA (Eastside Catholic HS)
10	Kyle Nakazawa	Mf	5-11	165	Jr.	Palos Verdes Estates, CA (Edison Academic Center)
11	Maxwell Griffin	F	6-0	175	Sr.	Palmdale, CA (Littlerock HS)
12	Tomer Konowiecki	Mf	5-7	150	Rjr.	Long Beach, CA (American University/Long Beach Poly HS)
13	Brian Perk	Gk	5-11	175	Jr.	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Edison Academic Center)
14	Chris Cummings	Mf/D	5-8	145	Fr.	Chatsworth, CA (Crespi HS)
15	Richard Flores	F	5-10	164	Sr.	Lennox, CA (Animo Leadership School)
16	Daren Flitcroft	Mf	5-7	145	Fr.	Great Falls, VA (Langley HS)
17	Andrew Sinderhoff	Mf	5-11	150	Jr.	Coto de Caza, CA (Santa Margarita HS)
18	Zack Zerrenner	D	6-0	165	Fr.	Santa Barbara, CA (Santa Barbara HS)
19	Brian Rowe	GK	6-1	175	RFr.	Eugene, OR (South Eugene HS)
20	Prince Lapnet	F	6-0	192	Fr.	Silver Spring, MD (Archbishop Carroll HS)
21	Victor Yanez	D	5-9	165	Fr.	Riverside, CA (Patriot HS)
22	Joe Scachetti	Gk	6-3	180	Fr.	Torrance, CA (West Torrance HS)
23	Luis Serrano	D/Mf	5-11	155	Jr.	Salinas, CA (Hartnell College/North Salinas HS)
24	David Estrada	F	5-8	160	Jr.	Salinas, CA (Alisal HS)
27	Danny Suits	D/Mf	5-10	160	Jr.	Los Alamitos, CA (Los Alamitos HS)
28	Zac Rothman	Mf	5-7	130	So.	Seal Beach, CA (Los Alamitos HS)
30	Michael Stephens	Mf	5-9	155	Jr.	Naperville, IL (Edison Academic Center)

Alphabetical

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Head Coach: Jorge Salcedo, 5th year

Assistant Coaches: Eddie Soto, Kenny Arena, Ignacio Hernandez (volunteer)

Team Managers: Beto Nevarez

Staff Athletic Trainer: Tandi Hawkey

Student Athletic Trainers: David Okikawa, Frankie Russo

Equipment Manager: Sean Markus

Squad Breakdown

Seniors (4)

Juniors (9)

Sophomores (2)

Freshmen (13)

From California: 20

From England: 1

From Florida: 1

From Illinois: 1

From Maryland: 1

From New Jersey: 1

From Oregon: 1

From Virginia: 1

From Washington: 1

Oldest: Richard Flores, 1-5-86

Youngest: Eder Arreola, 11-13-91

In-Season Birthdays

Sept. 5 - Brad Rusin, 22nd

Sept. 17 - Maxwell Griffin, 21st

Sept. 20 - Sean Alvarado, 21st

Oct. 23 - Kevin Weiner, 19th

Chris Cummings, 18th

Oct. 24 - Joe Scachetti, 19th

Nov. 10 - Andrew Sinderhoff, 21st

Zac Rothman, 20th

Nov. 13 - Eder Arreola, 17th

Nov. 16 - Brian Rowe, 20th

Dec. 7 - Luis Serrano, 21st

Pronunciations

Eder Arreola

ED-er ARE-ee-OH-la

Tomer Konowiecki

Co-nov-YET-ski

Jason Leopoldo

Leo-POLL-doh

Fernando Monge

MON-gee

Brad Rusin

RUSS-in

Joe Scachetti

Ska-KET-tee

Kevin Weiner

WHY-ner

Victor Yanez

YAH-nez

Zach Zerrenner

Zur-REN-er

Jorge Salcedo

HORE-hay Sal-SAY-do