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## No. 3 UCLA Men's Soccer Team To Face No. 17 LMU

Bruins meet Lions in battle of unbeatens for LA bragging rights.

2002 UCLA SCHEDULE		
Date	Opponent	Time/Result
8/24	at Saint Louis (ex.)	T 2-2
8/30	vs. Boston Univ.†	W 4-1
9/1	vs. Florida Int'l†	W 1-0, ot
9/6	at Cal State Fullerton	W 3-1
9/15	#11 Univ. of San Diego	o W 3-1
9/22	at #17 LMU	4:00 pm
9/29	San Diego State	1:00 pm
10/4	at Rutgers^	8:00 pm
10/6	vs. St. John's^	1:00 pm
10/13	Fresno State*#	12:00 pm
10/18	Stanford*	7:00 pm
10/20	California*	1:00 pm
10/25	at Oregon State*	12:00 pm
10/27	at Washington*	2:00 pm
11/1	Washington*#	1:00 pm
11/3	Oregon State*#	11:00 am
11/8	at California*	2:30 pm
11/10	at Stanford*	3:30 pm
11/14	Univ. of San Francisco	7:00 pm
11/17	at Fresno State*	2:00 pm

- † at Cal State Fullerton Soccer Town Classic
- ^ at Rutgers Tournament
- \* Pac-10 Conference Game
- # doubleheader w/ UCLA women's soccer team

Home games are in **boldface**. All times are local to game site. Rankings listed are from the NSCAA at the time of the game.

## **2002 Notes**

\*The 2002 UCLA men's soccer team is comprised of all California players. The only other time that has happened in UCLA history was in 1985, the year of the Bruins' first NCAA Championship. Twenty-five of UCLA's 28 players hail from Southern California, including 12 from Orange County.

\*In just four games, Adolfo Gregorio has already reached a career season-best with three goals this year. His previous best was two goals in both 2000 and 2001. With three assists, Tim Pierce has surpassed his career assist total of two entering the season. <u>THIS WEEK</u> — The UCLA men's soccer team (4-0-0, ranked third by the NSCAA and second by *Soccer America*) will travel just a few miles down the 405 freeway to face Loyola Marymount (5-0-1, ranked 17th by the NSCAA) on Sunday, Sept. 22 in a battle for Los Angeles bragging rights. The game will take place at Loyola Marymount's Sullivan Field at 4:00 pm.

<u>SCOUTING THE OPPONENT</u> — Loyola Marymount enters the week with a 5-0-1 record and a No. 17 ranking in the NSCAA poll. Forward Arturo Torres leads the Lion attack with three goals, including two game-winners. Kevin Novak and Andrews Murriagui have two goals apiece. Goalkeeper Adam Sthay has compiled a goals against average of 0.57 in five starts. The Lions will host Cal State Northridge on Thursday, Sept. 19 prior to hosting the Bruins.

<u>THE SERIES</u> — UCLA leads the all-time series against 19-1-0, and won the last contest, 3-2, in double overtime in the first round of the 2001 NCAA playoffs. In that game, the Bruins were down 2-1 with less than a minute to play when Cliff McKinley headed in the equalizer. In the second overtime period, Jimmy Frazelle intercepted an LMU pass and sent the ball to Tim Pierce, who scored the game-winner in the 107th minute.

<u>UCLA CONNECTION AT LMU</u> — LMU head coach Paul Krumpe and assistant coach Brian Irvin will be trying to defeat their former team when the Lions host UCLA. Krumpe was team co-captain of UCLA's first NCAA Championship team in 1985 and was a two-time NSCAA All-Far West selection. As an assistant coach from 1995-97, he helped coach the Bruins to another NCAA title in 1997. Irvin was a four-year letterwinner at UCLA from 1993-96 and a two-time honoree of UCLA's Most Inspirational Award.

BRUINS DOWN NO. 11 SAN DIEGO — UCLA remained undefeated in 2002 after downing 11th-ranked San Diego, 3-1, in the Bruins' home opener. Tim Pierce assisted on the first goal of the game by Adolfo Gregorio then scored the game-winner to break a 1-1 tie in the 60th minute. A Matt Taylor goal two minutes later put the game out of reach for San Diego.

<u>BRUIN DEPTH</u> — Proof of UCLA's depth in its scoring attack lies in the fact that five players have scored two or more goals this season. Adolfo Gregorio leads all players with three goals, while Tim Pierce, Jimmy Frazelle, Matt Taylor and Ryan Futagaki have each scored two apiece. It has been a different player providing the heroics in each game - Gregorio, Pierce, Frazelle and Taylor have each scored one game-winning goal. UCLA also has three players with two assists or more - Pierce with a team-best three, and Chadd Davis and Ty Maurin with two apiece.

<u>IN THE RANKINGS</u> — The Bruins moved up one spot to No. 3 in the NSCAA rankings and No. 2 in the Soccer America rankings. SoccerTimes.com and College Soccer News also have UCLA ranked No. 2. The NSCAA rank of third is UCLA's highest since being ranked No. 1 on Oct. 2, 2000.

<u>GAME TIMES CHANGED</u> — The game times for the Oct. 18 Stanford contest and the Nov. 14 San Francisco game have been changed to 7:00 pm. Both games will be held at Drake Stadium.

<u>HEAD COACH TOM FITZGERALD</u>— Armed with 24 years of coaching experience at the high school, collegiate, professional and national team levels, head coach Tom Fitzgerald begins his first season at the helm of the UCLA men's soccer program. Fitzgerald coached Major League Soccer's Columbus Crew from 1996-2001 and led his team to three consecutive Eastern Conference finals from 1997-99. Prior to joining the pro ranks, Fitzgerald was head coach at the University of Tampa from 1987-96. He guided his team to the 1994 NCAA Division II National Championship and to NCAA Final Four appearances two other times. His teams received NCAA post-season tournament berths all nine seasons.