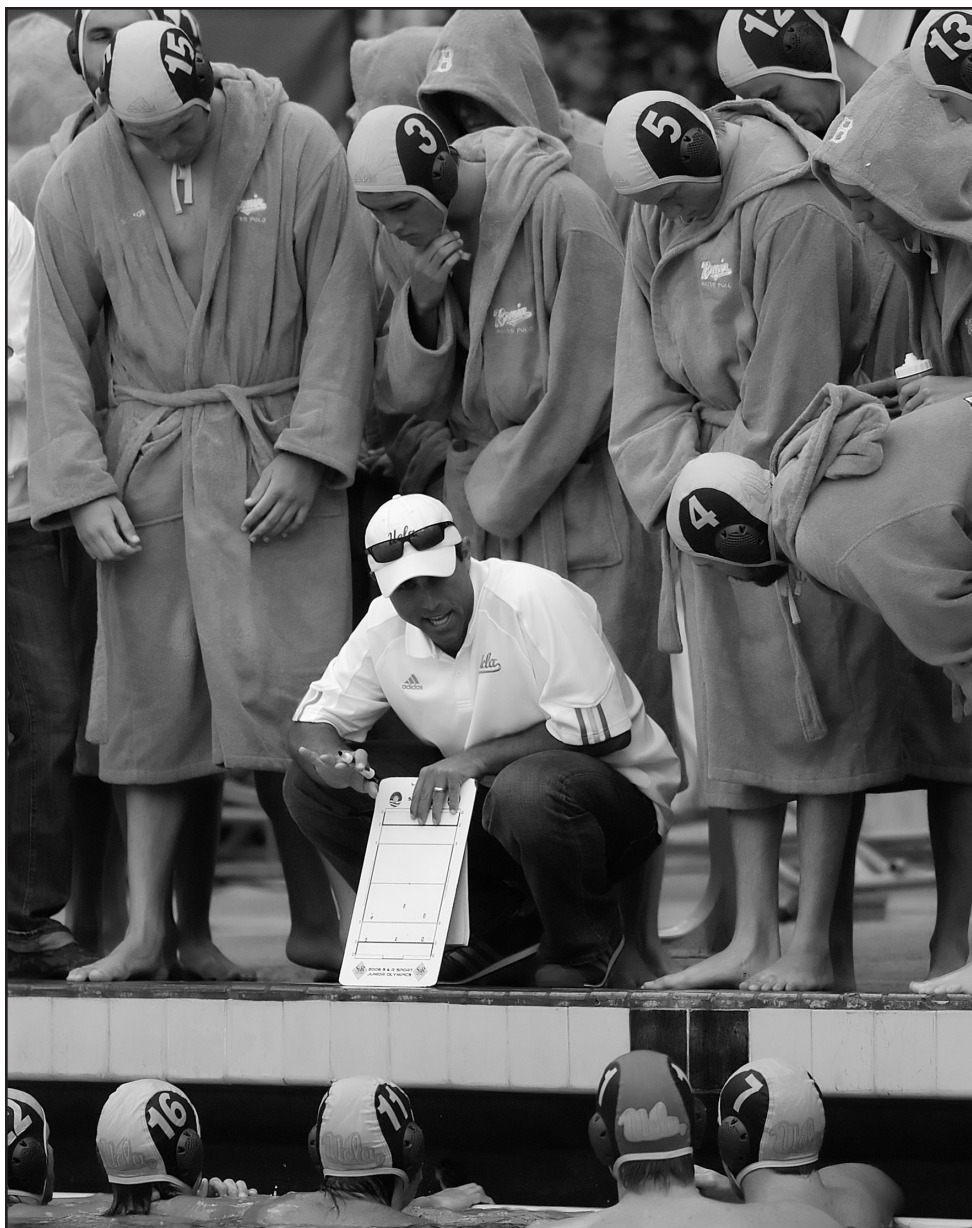


8-TIME NCAA CHAMPIONS '69, '71, '72, '95, '96, '99, '00, '04



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Athletics Phone	(310) 825-8699
Chancellor	Gene Block
Director of Athletics	Dan Guerrero
Assoc. Athletic Director	Ken Weiner
Faculty Athletic Rep.	Donald Morrison
Home Pools	Sunset Canyon Recreation Center Rose Bowl Aquatic Center
Enrollment	36,890
Founded	1919
Colors	Blue and Gold
Nickname	Bruins
Conference	Mountain Pacific Sports Federation
Conference Water Polo Contact	Al Beaird
Conference Phone	(925) 296-0723
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National Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Head Coach	Adam Krikorian (UCLA '97)
Record at UCLA	155-47 (9th year)
Coach's Phone	(310) 206-6455
2006 Record	17-6
2006 MPSF Record (Finish)	6-2 (3rd)
2006 MPSF Tournament	3rd
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	14/9
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Sunset Canyon Recreation Center

Entering its 43rd year as the home of Bruin water polo, this parklike facility offers year-round recreation for UCLA faculty, staff and students. The center features a 50-meter pool with diving facilities, a 25-yard family pool, picnic and barbecue areas, a sand volleyball court and large grass areas for sunning, frisbee and volleyball. In addition, there are 10 lighted regulation tennis courts. Also available are an outdoor amphitheater, various meeting rooms and lounges, adjacent parking and access for people with disabilities.

The Sunset Canyon Recreation Center is the home of both the UCLA men's and women's water polo teams and functions as the primary facility for the UCLA diving team. An ideal setting for collegiate water polo, Sunset Canyon is located off the northwest side of DeNeve Drive, just east of the residence halls. In 1999, the Jim Toring Memorial Scoreboard was added to the facility in tribute to the former two-time All-American who tragically passed away in 1998 following an accident that occurred in Paris during a trip with the U.S. National Team.

This fall, UCLA welcomes five teams for water polo contests at the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center. The Bruins kick off their home schedule against UC Irvine on Friday, Sept. 22. UCLA will also welcome Pacific (Oct. 21) and crosstown rival USC (Oct. 28) on consecutive weekends, before playing host to UC Santa Barbara (Nov. 10) and Pepperdine (Nov. 17) the following month.

Directions: The Sunset Recreation Center is located on the UCLA campus on De Neve Drive, between Charles E. Young Drive North and Bellagio. From the Westwood Plaza parking kiosk, proceed along Charles E. Young Drive North. Turn right onto De Neve, and the Recreation Center parking lot will be on your left before you reach the softball field at the corner of Bellagio.



Rose Bowl Aquatics Center



Located in Pasadena, just south of the historic Rose Bowl, home of UCLA football, the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center hosts at least one Bruin water polo contest each fall. Water polo games played at the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center are traditionally scheduled several hours prior to the start of a UCLA home football game, allowing fans to enjoy both Bruin events.

This season, UCLA hosts two games at the Rose Bowl Aquatics Center. The Bruins welcome Brown on Saturday, Oct. 6, prior to a home football game against Notre Dame. Two weeks later, UCLA takes on MPSF rival California on Saturday, Oct. 20, prior to that day's football game between both Pac-10 programs at the Rose Bowl.

Directions: The Rose Bowl Aquatics Center is located near the football stadium in Pasadena. From the San Diego Freeway (405) travel north to the Ventura Fwy (101). Take the Ventura (101) east to the junction of the Hollywood (101) and Ventura (134) Freeways, approx. five miles. Take the Ventura Fwy east past the Golden State Fwy (5) into Pasadena, approx. 15 miles. Exit at Linda Vista. Turn right on Linda Vista to Seco, veer right on Seco to Arroyo Blvd, turn right on Arroyo. The RBAC is at the end of the street on the left. Address: 360 N. Arroyo Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91103

Spieker Aquatic Center - UCLA's Future Home

The UCLA Athletic Department announced the construction of the Spieker Aquatic Center in April 2006. The new aquatic center, to be located at the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center on campus, will house a 52-meter x 25-yard deep-water pool and diving well (1m/3m boards, 5m/10m tower).

Thanks to the generous lead gift of former student-athlete Tod Spieker and his wife Catherine, the aquatic center dream will become reality. Spieker, a 1971 UCLA graduate, swam for the Bruins from 1968-71 and was an All-American in 1969. Presently, he and his family reside in Atherton, Calif.

The UCLA Athletic Department is working in conjunction with UCLA's Cultural and Recreational Affairs to develop the new center. Once completed, the Spieker Aquatic Center will offer the opportunity to not only host UCLA athletic events, but also Master's swimming events, individual club swim meets and U.S. Water Polo events, along with regional, national and international competition.

Diving will be able to host U.S. Diving Senior National Championships in the new facility. The new pool will also allow UCLA to host annual collegiate and junior diving invitationals (i.e. The Bruin Invite/JO Regionals and Zones, with the hope of hosting a Junior National Championship). The state-of-the-art facility will bring together all three of UCLA's intercollegiate aquatic sports – water polo, swimming and diving – in one venue.

"We are excited that we will be able to practice, compete and host events in a state-of-the-art facility that meets the excellence of both our water polo programs," men's and women's water polo head coach Adam Krikorian said. "The Spieker Aquatic Center proves there is a commitment by our university, athletic department and alumni to further enhance

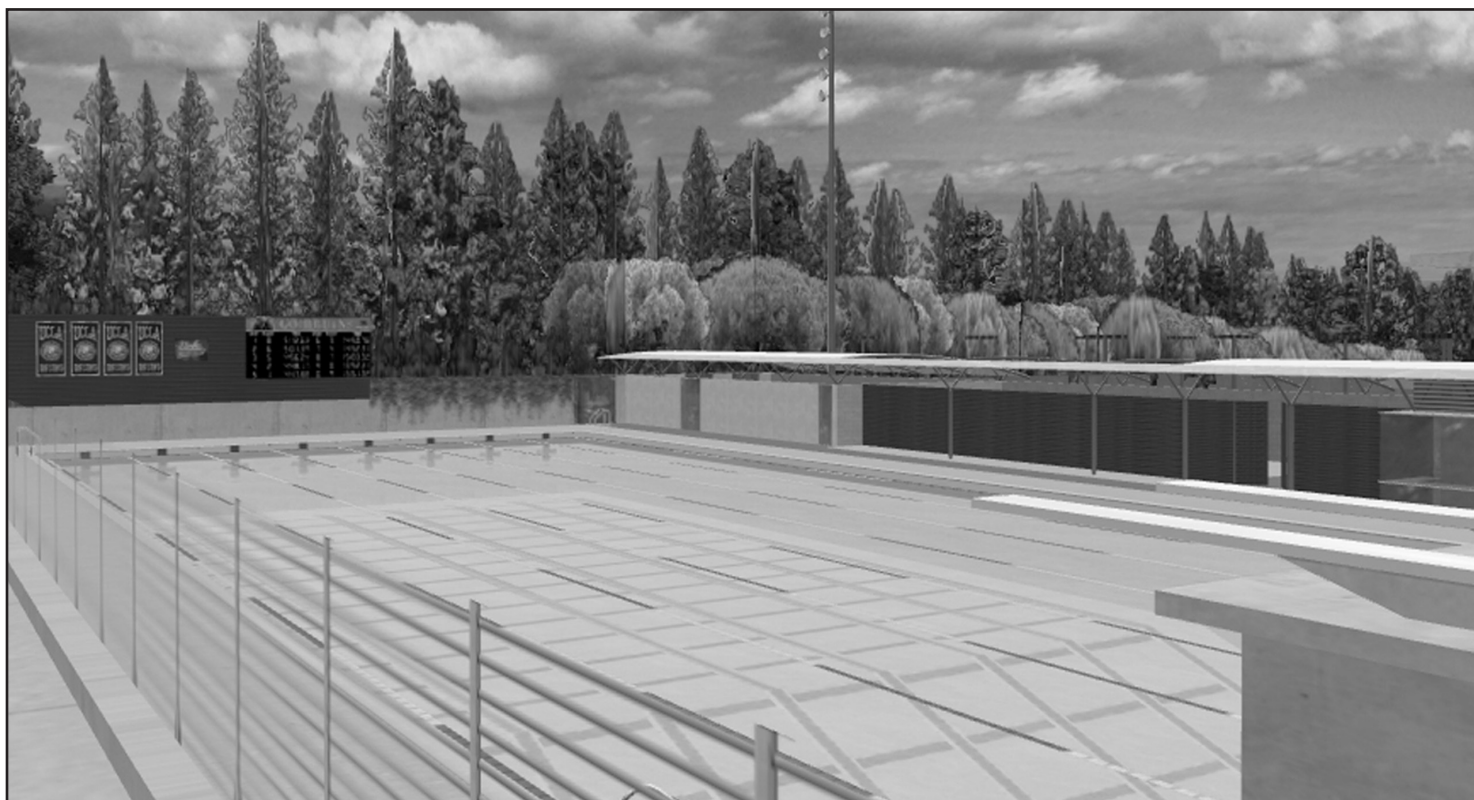
the total experience for our student-athletes."

The \$10-million project includes a clubhouse that will contain locker rooms, coaches' offices and meeting rooms which currently do not exist for intercollegiate athletics. The Spieker Aquatic Center will be a lighted facility and will hold 800 spectators in the permanent grandstand. For large-scale events, UCLA will have the ability to seat an additional 1,700 spectators in temporary seating.

A new deep-water competition swimming pool and related locker and shower facilities will provide the campus with a venue specifically designed for the

special needs of its swimming, water polo and diving programs. This facility will allow the campus to regain blocks of time at the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center and Student Activity Center pools.

Tod Spieker is the President of Spieker Companies, a multi-family and apartment complex company located in Palo Alto, Calif. Spieker continues to compete in the Master's swim program and was inducted into the International Master's Swimming Hall of Fame in 2005. The Spieker family gift is currently the second-largest donation in UCLA Athletics' history.





2007 Season Outlook

After finishing third in the nation one year ago, the UCLA men's water polo team looks to win their ninth NCAA championship in program history and their first title since 2004. Led by ninth year head coach Adam Krikorian, the Bruins welcome back 14 letterwinners and two of their top three scorers from 2006.

A young team with a strong blend of veteran leadership and talented newcomers, the 2007 Bruins should contend for a national championship along with perennial powers USC, California and Stanford. Entering the season having earned the third slot in the MPSF preseason coaches' poll, UCLA welcomes the return of five seniors and three All-Americans.

Using a deep offensive attack, the Bruins will rely on several of their key goal scorers from last fall. A key contributor to UCLA's offense includes junior **Krsto Sbutega**, who scored 30 goals a year ago and 28 goals in 2005 as a freshman. Sbutega's 58 career goals are the most of any current Bruin.

"Krsto has gotten smarter and has improved physically," Krikorian said. "He's a very intelligent player who will be one of our key leaders."

Sophomore **Scott Davidson** spent a portion of August playing for the U.S. Junior National Team at the World Junior Championships in Los Alamitos, Calif. Last season, Davidson scored 22 goals, tied for the fifth-highest total on the team.

"I think Scott has gained a lot of confidence after playing so well as a freshman and contributing with the U.S. Junior National Team this summer," Krikorian said. "He's a player who plays high in the water, has good vision, shoots the ball well and has a good sense of the game."

Seniors **Matthew Jacobs** and **Cameron Smith** each bring three years of experience to UCLA's offense, as each Bruin played on the 2004 NCAA Championship team. Over the last three seasons, Jacobs has played in all 80 matches, registering 47 goals, 41 steals and 23 assists.

"Those two returning players both have a wealth of experience and knowledge," Krikorian said. "They need to bring a sense of urgency to the table, knowing that this will be their final year."

Others expected to contribute in UCLA's offensive game plan include junior **Russell Simpkins**, sophomores **Tyler Jemmett** and **Kevin Kuga** and redshirt freshmen **Clay Jorth** and **Kevin Schmidt**.

"Those guys will factor into this year's team and will be constant threats, offensively," Krikorian said. "They're all unique in their own way and will do a great job for us."

UCLA hopes to replace the loss of defenders Michael March and Brad Greiner and will look for several talented youngsters to rise to the occasion. Junior **Chris Allen** has played in 21 matches over the past two seasons and has chipped in with nine goals and 10 steals. Junior **Kyle Healy**, who transferred to UCLA from Golden West College last summer, will see his first action as a Bruin after redshirting the 2006 season. Additionally, the Bruins look forward to redshirt freshman **Jacob Murphy** making his UCLA debut.

"Chris improved leaps and bounds from where he was one year ago, and I'm excited to see him get his opportunity this season," Krikorian said. "Physi-



Justin Johnson

cally, Kyle has the tools and he's going to continue to improve over the course of the year. The same goes for Jacob – he's tough and very willing to learn."

The versatility of senior **Justin Johnson** and the durability of senior **Marco Santos** will be a key to the Bruins' success in 2007. Johnson contributed 15 goals and 12 steals one year ago after having a breakout sophomore season (24 goals on 53 attempts). Santos finished the 2006 campaign with the third highest goal total (27) and has emerged as one of the most premier collegiate centers.

"Justin Johnson, along with Marco Santos, are probably the two most experienced guys on our team," Krikorian said. "Justin is a guy who is so versatile, and his role on this team will depend upon who we're playing or a given time in the game."

"Marco is tough to stop down low," Krikorian continued. "He's extremely strong and physical, plays with great composure and passion, and does a fantastic job of holding position down low. That's really the key to any team's offense."

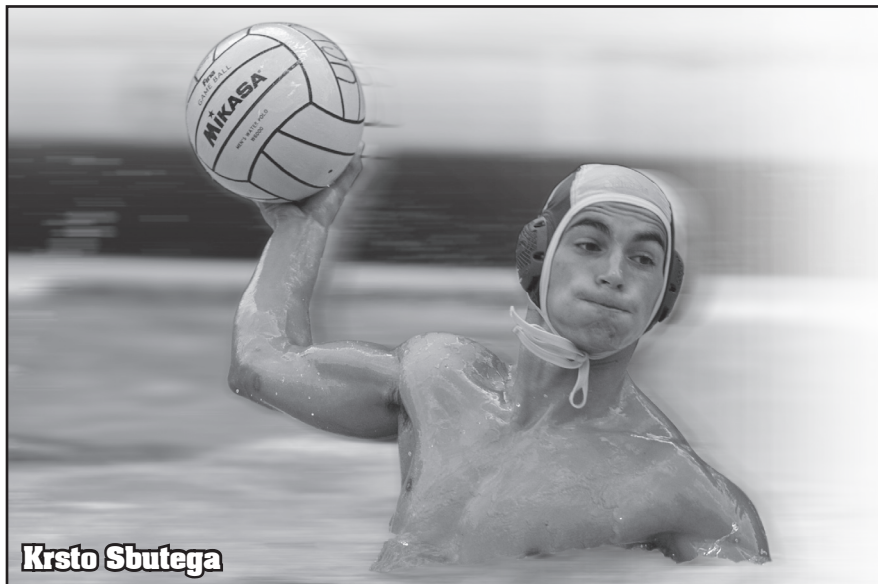
Manning the cage behind Santos and Johnson will be returning starter and sophomore **Chay Lapin** and senior **Matt Kellogg**. Lapin, who was named an honorable mention All-American last fall, totaled 110 saves in 15 starts and emerged as the Bruins' starting goalkeeper midway through the season. Kellogg has seen limited action in three seasons and will challenge Lapin for playing time.

"Chay is going to be a very important key to our defense," Krikorian said. "He played great in the second half of last season and, as a part of the Junior National Team this summer, should come back with much more confidence. Matt is also an excellent goalkeeper and has done a fabulous job leading this team in the offseason."

Tabbed the number three team in the MPSF preseason coaches' poll, the Bruins look to battle defending NCAA champion California, USC and Stanford among others for the conference crown and national title. UCLA opens its regular season at Loyola Marymount on Sept. 6 and dives into its conference slate at Stanford on Sept. 29.

Aside from battling last year's top two teams – California and USC – the Bruins plan to have their hands full with Stanford, UC Irvine, Pepperdine and UC Santa Barbara, the four teams that rounded out the top seven spots in the MPSF preseason coaches' poll.

"Those five teams, including ourselves, are very even and can beat anyone on any given day," Krikorian said. "UC Irvine is a national championship contender and Pepperdine returns strong with several of their talented players. Stanford is always very tough, and UC Santa Barbara has their whole team back from last year."



Krsto Sbutega

2007 Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt	Hometown (High School)
1	Matt Kellogg	GK	Sr.*	6-4	200	Alamo, CA (San Ramon Valley)
1	Chay Lapin	GK	So.*	6-5	205	Long Beach, CA (Wilson)
2	Justin Johnson	Utl.	Sr.*	6-7	235	Mission Viejo, CA (Mission Viejo)
3	Russell Simpkins	Att.	Jr.*	6-0	195	Santa Cruz, CA (Soquel)
4	Chris Allen	Def.	Jr.*	6-3	180	Lake Forest, CA (El Toro)
5	Cole Consani	Def.	So.*	6-4	215	Manhattan Beach, CA (Mira Costa)
6	Tyler Jemmett	Att.	So.*	6-1	185	San Diego, CA (Bishop's School)
7	Scott Swanson	Att.	So.*	6-1	175	Long Beach, CA (Wilson)
8	Scott Davidson	Att.	So.*	6-1	180	Seal Beach, CA (Los Alamitos)
9	Jacob Murphy	Def.	Fr.*	6-3	180	Corona Del Mar, CA (Corona Del Mar)
10	Cameron Smith	Att.	Sr.*	6-1	180	Manoa, HI (Punahou)
11	Krsto Sbutega	Att.	Jr.*	6-1	180	Kotor, Yugoslavia (L.S.S. Reghi [Rome, Italy])
13	Kevin Kuga	Att.	So.	6-1	175	Goleta, CA (Dos Pueblos)
14	Kyle Healy	Def.	Jr.*	6-6	235	San Clemente, CA (Los Altos)
15	Brian Flacks	Att.	Fr.*	6-1	175	Calabasas, CA (Harvard Westlake)
16	Clay Jorth	Att.	Fr.*	6-0	215	Costa Mesa, CA (Newport Harbor)
18	Kevin Schmidt	Att.	Fr.*	6-7	195	San Jose, CA (Bellarmine)
20	Marco Santos	Ctr.	Sr.	6-4	220	Miami Beach, FL (Miami Beach)
22	Matthew Jacobs	Def.	Sr.*	6-3	195	Santa Cruz, CA (Soquel)
23	Tyler Smith	Utl.	Fr.*	6-6	220	Los Altos, CA (Los Altos)
	Alex Lawrence	GK	So.	6-0	170	Tustin, CA (Foothill)
	Billy Draper	GK	Fr.	6-4	185	Atherton, CA (Philips Academy [MA])
	Brett Hays	Ctr.	Fr.	6-3	205	Fontana, CA (Bonita)
	Cullen Hennessy	Att.	Fr.	6-0	165	Fairfax, CA (Sir Francis Drake)
	Ben Hohl	Utl.	Fr.	6-4	190	Atherton, CA (Menlo School)
	Andrew Mesesan	GK	Fr.	6-4	200	Santa Ana, CA (Servite)
	Matt Preciado	Ctr.	Fr.	6-4	225	Murrieta City, CA (Murrieta Valley)
	Nick Zakula	Def.	Fr.	6-6	210	San Mateo, CA (Junipero Serra)

*indicates used redshirt year

Head Coach: Adam Krikorian (9th season)
Assistant Coaches: Matt Flesher (3rd season)
 Brandon Brooks (3rd season)
Team Manager: Carter Brutschy (2nd season)

Pronunciation Guide

Ben Hohl - HOLE
 Tyler Jemmett - JEM-it
 Chay Lapin - Shay Luh-PEEN
 Kevin Kuga - KOO-guh
 Krsto Sbutega - KER-stow s-boo-TAY-guh
 Nick Zakula - Zah-KOO-luh

Guide to Water Polo Positions

GK - goalkeeper, ATT - attacker/driver, CTR - center
 DEF - defender, UTL - utility

Attacker: Similar to the guard and forward positions in basketball. Look for these players to shoot often and create offensive chances for their teammates, as well as disrupt the opponents' offensive play. Also known as a driver.

Center Offense/Defense: Similar to the post position in basketball. These players station themselves in front of goal and engage in constant physical battles for position. Defenders are similar to football safeties by preventing opponent breakaways on counterattack.

2007 Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
4	Allen, Chris	Def.	Jr.*	6-3	180
5	Consani, Cole	Def.	So.*	6-4	215
8	Davidson, Scott	Att.	So.*	6-1	180
	Draper, Billy	GK	Fr.	6-4	185
15	Flacks, Brian	Att.	Fr.*	6-1	175
	Hays, Brett	Ctr.	Fr.	6-3	205
14	Healy, Kyle	Def.	Jr.*	6-6	235
	Hennessy, Cullen	Att.	Fr.	6-0	165
	Hohl, Ben	Utl.	Fr.	6-4	190
22	Jacobs, Matthew	Def.	Sr.*	6-3	195
6	Jemmett, Tyler	Att.	So.*	6-1	185
2	Johnson, Justin	Utl.	Sr.*	6-7	235
16	Jorth, Clay	Att.	Fr.*	6-0	215
1	Kellogg, Matt	GK	Sr.*	6-4	200
13	Kuga, Kevin	Att.	So.	6-1	175
1	Lapin, Chay	GK	So.*	6-5	205
	Lawrence, Alex	GK	So.	6-0	170
	Mesesan, Andrew	GK	Fr.	6-4	200
9	Murphy, Jacob	Def.	Fr.*	6-3	180
	Preciado, Matt	Def.	Fr.	6-4	225
20	Santos, Marco	Ctr.	Sr.	6-4	220
11	Sbutega, Krsto	Att.	Jr.*	6-1	180
18	Schmidt, Kevin	Att.	Fr.*	6-7	195
3	Simpkins, Russell	Att.	Jr.*	6-0	195
10	Smith, Cameron	Att.	Sr.*	6-1	180
23	Smith, Tyler	Utl.	Fr.*	6-6	220
7	Swanson, Scott	Att.	So.*	6-1	175
	Zakula, Nick	Def.	Fr.	6-6	210