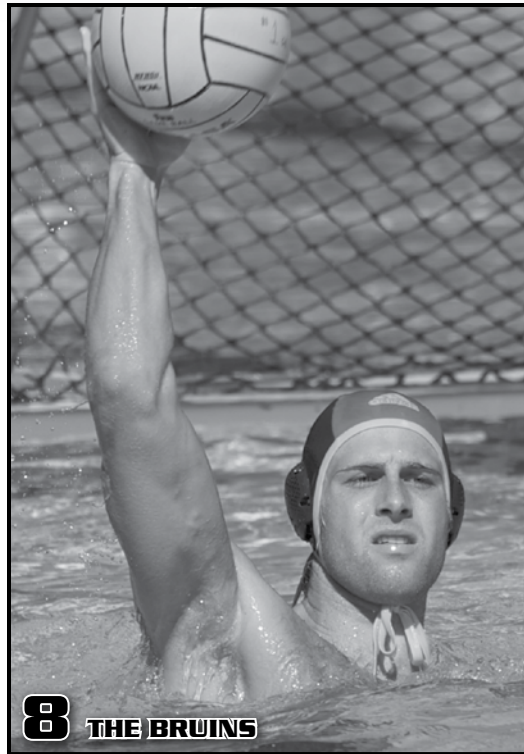


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The cover of the media guide features UCLA's five seniors (left to right) - Scott Davidson, Tyler Jemmett, Chay Lapin, Cole Consani and Scott Swanson. The group of seniors is standing on the north springboard platform at UCLA's Spieker Aquatics Center. Cover photo by Don Liebig.

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Enrollment	37,500	Coach's Phone	(310) 794-7292		
Founded	1919	2008 Record	16-8		
Colors	Blue and Gold	2008 MPSF Record (Finish)	5-3 (4th)		
Nickname	Bruins	2008 MPSF Tournament	4th		
		Letterwinners Returning/Lost	12/5		
		NCAA Titles (8)	'69, '71, '72, '95, '96, '99, '00, '04		



SPIEKER AQUATICS CENTER

The long-awaited new home to UCLA's aquatics program has become a reality. The Spieker Aquatics Center opened in September 2009, in time for the start of the men's water polo season. PCL Construction broke ground on the facility in July 2008.

The Bruins' new aquatics center features a 52-meter by 25-yard all-deep water pool with a dividing bulkhead, allowing races to take place at varying distances (meters, versus yards). The pool also features four platforms on a diving tower, at heights of three, five, seven and one half, and 10-meter platforms, as well as one and three-meter springboards. In addition, the aquatics center features a warming pool for divers directly behind the tower.

Adjacent to Sunset Canyon Recreation Center on the northwest portion of campus, the Spieker Aquatics Center was made possible thanks to a generous lead gift from former student-athlete Tod Spieker and his wife, Catherine. Tod, a 1971 UCLA graduate and All-American, swam for the Bruins from 1968-71 and still competes successfully in Master's Swimming.

The main pool, Dirks Pool, is named after Carolyn Dirks, who provided the lead gift for the swimming pool. Dirks Pool will also be used for special use events and Masters Swim meets. The signature feature of the Spieker Aquatics Center is the diving tower, which sits at the west end of the pool. The east end of the pool houses the new scoreboard, an LED, state-of-the-art piece of electronics, making scores, statistics and messages easily visible to all in attendance.

Next to the scoreboard is the "Wall of Champions", showcasing all of UCLA's water polo, swimming and diving national championship teams, as well as all individual student-athletes' achievements, record-holders and Olympians.

Separate men's and women's locker rooms house enough lockers for all team members, with shower space and bathroom stalls and sinks for each team. Equipment needed for meets and matches have storage capacity on the facility's south side.

When walking through the public entryway to the center, visitors first notice the Donor Wall. All donors who generously made gifts to the Spieker Aquatics Center are recognized on this wall. Additionally, over 50 former UCLA water polo players, swimmers and divers made gifts to "name" a locker. Those names will forever be part of the locker rooms in the new facility.

The state-of-the-art facility brings together all three of UCLA's intercollegiate aquatic sports – water polo, swimming and diving – to one venue. The aquatics center features event lighting and permanent seating with the possibility of additional temporary seating for larger events.

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
1	Chay Lapin	GK	Sr.*	6-5	215	Long Beach, Calif. (Wilson)
1	Andrew Mesesan	GK	So.*	6-5	205	Santa Ana, Calif. (Servite)
1	Matt Rapacz	GK	Fr.*	6-5	200	Orange, Calif. (Villa Park)
2	Cullen Hennessy	Att.	So.*	6-1	195	Fairfax, Calif. (Sir Francis Drake)
3	Ben Hohl	Att.	Jr.	6-5	205	Atherton, Calif. (Menlo School)
4	Clay Jorth	Att.	Jr.*	6-0	210	Costa Mesa, Calif. (Newport Harbor)
5	Cole Consani	Ctr.	Sr.*	6-4	230	Manhattan Beach, Calif. (Mira Costa)
6	Tyler Jemmett	Att.	Sr.*	6-2	200	San Diego, Calif. (Bishop's School)
7	Scott Swanson	Att.	Sr.*	6-0	185	Long Beach, Calif. (Wilson)
8	Scott Davidson	Att.	Sr.*	6-1	195	Seal Beach, Calif. (Los Alamitos)
9	Jacob Murphy	Ctr.	Jr.*	6-3	200	Corona del Mar, Calif. (Corona del Mar)
10	Brett Hays	Ctr.	So.*	6-2	220	Fontana, Calif. (Bonita)
11	John Wilkins	Att.	Fr.*	6-2	190	Palos Verdes Estates, Calif. (Palos Verdes)
12	Matt Preciado	Def.	So.*	6-4	235	Murrieta City, Calif. (Murrieta Valley)
13	Kevin Kuga	Att.	Jr.*	6-1	180	Goleta, Calif. (Dos Pueblos)
14	Emilio Vieira	Def.	Jr.	6-1	200	Sao Paulo, Brazil (Golden West JC)
15	Clinton Jorth	Att.	Fr.*	6-0	195	Costa Mesa, Calif. (Newport Harbor)
16	Scott Snyder	Att.	Fr.	6-4	195	Simi Valley, Calif. (Royal)
17	Bret Lathrope	Att.	Fr.	6-3	180	Moraga, Calif. (Miramonte)
18	Paul Pickell	Att.	Fr.	6-0	175	Santa Ana, Calif. (Foothill)
20	Vanja Kopilas	Att.	Fr.	6-0	170	Dubrovnik, Croatia (Gymnasium)
21	Griffin White	Att.	Fr.	6-3	200	Mission Viejo, Calif. (El Toro)
22	Chris Wendt	Utl.	Fr.	6-2	180	River Forest, Ill. (Fenwick)
23	Josh Samuels	Utl.	Fr.	6-3	190	Villa Park, Calif. (Villa Park)
	Zack Golda	Utl.	Fr.	5-10	210	Fullerton, Calif. (Servite)
	Blake Hubbell	Att.	Jr.	6-0	170	Malibu, Calif. (Pepperdine)
	Preston Head	Att.	Fr.	6-4	205	Laguna Beach, Calif. (Laguna Beach)
	JD Marcin	Att.	Fr.	6-4	180	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Servite)
	Clayton McFadden	Def.	Fr.	6-2	180	Santa Ana, Calif. (Foothill)
	Mike Norton	Att.	Fr.	5-11	155	Lafayette, Calif. (Acalanes)
	Tyler Ormsby	Att.	Fr.	5-10	160	El Cajon, Calif. (Valhalla)
	Lucas Reynolds	Ctr.	Fr.	6-4	215	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar)
	Demian Tschirn	Utl.	Fr.	6-2	195	La Jolla, Calif. (Bishop's School)
	Jamie Tyrrell	Att.	Fr.	6-6	170	Granite Bay, Calif. (Granite Bay)
	Zach Wherry	Def.	Fr.	6-1	200	Tustin, Calif. (Mater Dei)

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
5	Cole Consani	Ctr.	Sr.*	6-4	230
8	Scott Davidson	Att.	Sr.*	6-1	195
	Zack Golda	Utl.	Fr.	5-10	210
10	Brett Hays	Ctr.	So.*	6-2	220
	Preston Head	Att.	Fr.	6-4	205
2	Cullen Hennessy	Att.	So.*	6-1	195
3	Ben Hohl	Att.	Jr.	6-5	205
	Blake Hubbell	Att.	Jr.	6-0	170
6	Tyler Jemmett	Att.	Sr.*	6-2	200
4	Clay Jorth	Att.	Jr.*	6-0	210
15	Clinton Jorth	Att.	Fr.*	6-0	195
20	Vanja Kopilas	Att.	Fr.	6-0	170
13	Kevin Kuga	Att.	Jr.*	6-1	180
1	Chay Lapin	GK	Sr.*	6-5	215
17	Bret Lathrope	Att.	Fr.	6-3	180
	JD Marcin	Att.	Fr.	6-4	180
	Clayton McFadden	Def.	Fr.	6-2	180
1	Andrew Mesesan	GK	So.*	6-5	205
9	Jacob Murphy	Ctr.	Jr.*	6-3	200
	Mike Norton	Att.	Fr.	5-11	155
	Tyler Ormsby	Att.	Fr.	5-10	160
18	Paul Pickell	Att.	Fr.	6-0	175
12	Matt Preciado	Def.	So.*	6-4	235
1	Matt Rapacz	GK	Fr.*	6-5	200
	Lucas Reynolds	Ctr.	Fr.	6-4	215
23	Josh Samuels	Utl.	Fr.	6-3	190
16	Scott Snyder	Att.	Fr.	6-4	195
7	Scott Swanson	Att.	Sr.*	6-0	185
	Demian Tschirn	Utl.	Fr.	6-2	195
	Jamie Tyrrell	Att.	Fr.	6-6	170
14	Emilio Vieira	Def.	Jr.	6-1	200
22	Chris Wendt	Utl.	Fr.	6-2	180
	Zach Wherry	Def.	Fr.	6-1	200
21	Griffin White	Att.	Fr.	6-3	200
11	John Wilkins	Att.	Fr.*	6-2	190

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Adam Wright (1st season)
Associate Head Coach: Adam Krikorian (14th season at UCLA)

*indicates player has utilized redshirt year

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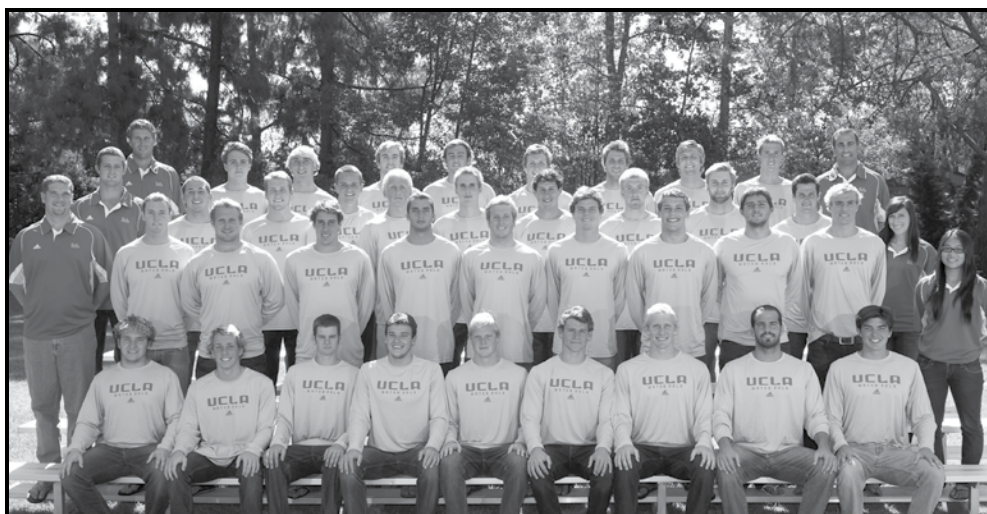
Ben Hohl – HOLE
Blake Hubbell – HUB-bull
Tyler Jemmett – JEM-it
Chay Lapin – Shay Luh-PEEN
Bret Lathrope – LAY-throp
Vanja Kopilas – VAHN-yuh COH-pil-us
Kevin Kuga – KOO-guh
Paul Pickell – pic-KELL
Matt Rapacz – Ruh-PAHZ
Demian Tschirn – DEM-ian SHURN
Jamie Tyrrell – TARE-ell
Emilio Vieira – Em-EE-lío vee-AIR-uh

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, engaging in physical battles for position. Defenders are similar to football safeties by preventing opponent breakaways on counterattack.



Top row (left to right): head coach Adam Wright, Josh Samuels, Preston Head, Ben Hohl, Lucas Reynolds, Matt Rapacz, Andrew Mesesan, Chay Lapin, Jamie Tyrrell, associate head coach Adam Krikorian. Third row (left to right): student manager Alex Lawrence, Griffin White, Jacob Murphy, Scott Snyder, Clinton Jorth, Bret Lathrope, Matt Preciado, Clayton McFadden, Cole Consani, Zach Wherry, student athletic trainer Kristin Mountford. Second row (left to right): staff athletic trainer Bryan MacMunn, John Wilkins, Clay Jorth, Scott Davidson, Demian Tschirn, Scott Swanson, Tyler Jemmett, Cullen Hennessy, Brett Hays, Chris Wendt, student athletic trainer Jamie Subhandi. Front row (left to right): Zack Golda, Tyler Ormsby, Mike Norton, Vanja Kopilas, Blake Hubbell, Paul Pickell, JD Marcin, Emilio Vieira, Kevin Kuga.

Different Head Coach, Same Goal for UCLA Water Polo

Bruins encouraged by veteran leadership, influx of youth in 2009

For the men's water polo team, the arrival of the 2009 season is highlighted by a new head coach, new home pool and the influx of its largest recruiting class in recent history.

New to his position, but not to UCLA water polo, is first-year head coach Adam Wright. A four-year UCLA letterwinner and two-time Olympian, Wright joins longtime Bruins' head coach Adam Krikorian on the coaching deck this fall. Krikorian accepted a position as the USA Women's Water Polo Senior National Team Head Coach in the offseason and will remain on the men's staff as Associate Head Coach.

Wright and his team will open their home slate this fall playing in Spieker Aquatics Center, a state-of-the-art facility that UCLA's water polo, swimming and diving programs will call home. Made possible by a generous lead gift from former UCLA student-athlete Tod Spieker and his wife, Catherine, Spieker Aquatics Center will continue to carry on the Bruins' proud water polo tradition.

Yet the focus of the 2009 season will remain squarely on the development of the team and a push toward the NCAA Tournament. A key returning nucleus of five seniors, four juniors and four sophomores look to welcome a group of 19 newcomers — 17 freshmen and two juniors.

Among the most pivotal returners in 2009 include senior goalkeeper **Chay Lapin**, senior attacker **Scott Davidson** and junior attacker **Ben Hohl**. For UCLA to excel and earn its first postseason berth since 2004, Wright and company know that the team's most experienced players will be leaned on heavily to lead the way.

Lapin, a three-time second-team All-MPSF selection, will once again command UCLA's defense in the cage. He started in 23 of the Bruins' 28 contests one year ago, posting a 6.35 goals against average while collecting 206 saves. After having undergone hip surgery in the offseason, Lapin has battled his way back to the pool and looks to cap a fantastic UCLA career in 2009.

"He sets the tone for our defense, and we are depending upon him to have a really big year for us," Wright said. "We have changed our style somewhat, and we will have some younger guys out in the water. So we need him to be the backbone of our defense."

Davidson will be looked to lead an offense that returns over 72 percent of its scoring production from one year ago. The resident of Seal Beach, Calif., has shined each of the past three seasons, scoring over 22 goals as a freshman (2006), a team-leading 49 goals as a sophomore (2007) and 34 goals as a junior (2008). A dynamic scoring threat and skilled defender, Davidson can certainly help provide UCLA's offense with a steady scoring threat.

"Scott's going to need to be that constant rock for us," Wright said. "I really believe he can be one of the best players in the conference. He is a very smart and intelligent young man who has great instincts for this game."

Hohl provides UCLA with its only left-handed threat in 2009. A key contributor as a freshman and sophomore, Hohl will be looked upon as a premier threat on offense and, in particular, on counter-attacks. The 6-foot-5 product from Atherton, Calif., has played in all 52 matches in his two seasons in Westwood, scoring 27 goals as a freshman (2007) and 33 goals as a sophomore (2008).

"We look for Ben to help quarterback our team in 6-on-5 situations," Wright said. "He has picked up a ton of experience the last two seasons and had some really big games as a sophomore. We expect even more out of Ben this season and know that he's up for the challenge."

Seniors **Scott Swanson** and **Tyler Jemmett** will be relied upon as other key attackers around UCLA's perimeter. Swanson has played in 71 matches the past three seasons, totaling 40 goals, 26 steals and 14 assists. Swanson scored 18 goals as a sophomore (2007) and junior (2008) and will be looked to step up as one of the team's senior leaders.

"Scott is a guy who is always working hard," Wright said. "He has established himself as a great communicator, and we're really going to rely on him on the defensive end. He's also a player who can help us pick up some goals on the counter-attack."

Like Swanson, Jemmett brings three years of experience to the table and should be a contributor on the Bruins' perimeter. He has played in 59 career matches — including all 52 games the last two seasons — and has netted 34 career goals in 93 attempts.

"Tyler can really help us on the 6-on-5," Wright said. "He has developed into one of this team's best spot shooters."

The Bruins are encouraged about the return of **Clinton Jorth**, who played in eight games as a true freshman in 2008 before sustaining a season-ending arm injury. A highly-touted product of Newport Harbor High School, Jorth saw his freshman season abruptly halted before earning a medical redshirt. The 6-foot attacker will be counted upon to contribute significantly as a redshirt freshman in 2009.

"Losing Clinton one year ago really hurt that team," Wright said. "Without question, he is one of our smartest players. He has great vision of the game, both on the offensive and defensive ends. He's one of our best all-around defenders. So we are all thrilled to have him back at full speed."

A healthy Clinton Jorth will be reunited in the water with his older brother, junior attacker **Clay Jorth**. The past two seasons, Clay has played in all 52 games (four starts), collecting 24 goals on 59 attempts. With two years experience under his belt, Clay looks to continue making solid contributions in his junior campaign.

"Clay also has great vision on offense," Wright said. "Having been in our system for three years and having played the past two, he's certainly a guy who will be looked upon to help mentor some of these younger guys. Clay will continue to be an asset for us, especially on the offensive end."

Sophomore attacker **Cullen Hennessy** had a productive freshman campaign last fall, collecting 14 goals and 14 steals in all 24 matches. An Academic All-America selection one year ago, Hennessy gained attention in the pool for his speed in addition to his offensive game.

"Cullen got a ton of great experience last year, and we believe that he will be a serious contributor for us this fall," Wright said. "He can guard two-meters and match up on the perimeter against another team's top offensive weapon. One can't help but notice that he's extremely fast and dangerous on the counter-attack."

UCLA will rely on junior center **Jacob Murphy** to lead the Bruins at the two-meter position. The native of Corona del Mar, Calif., had a fantastic sophomore campaign before spending the summer of 2008 representing the United States at the World University Games in Belgrade, Serbia. Murphy logged 21 goals and 12 blocks last fall and will be counted upon for even more production this season.

"Jacob's experiences playing at the World University Games will not only be great for him, but will also be beneficial for him on our team this year," Wright said. "He's a big, strong kid who will definitely be one of our team's primary two-meter men. We're going to rely on him for significant minutes each game."

Working down low with Murphy will be senior **Cole Consani** and sophomore **Brett Hays**, two players who gained considerable experience at the position in 2008. Consani added eight goals in limited playing time, and Hays netted four goals in his freshman campaign.

"Cole and Brett have both come a long ways and have gotten a lot better," Wright said. "We'll look for those three guys — Jacob, Cole and Brett — to help our team at the center position."

Defensively, the Bruins are encouraged by the addition of junior **Emilio Vieira**, who excelled the past two seasons at Golden West Junior College. Vieira earned California State Most Valuable Player honors as a sophomore in 2008, in addition to being named the Orange Empire and Southern California MVP. He helped lead Golden West to the 2008 JC State Championship with a 33-2 overall record.

"We didn't know too much about him, and he has turned out to be an unbelievable surprise," Wright said. "He is a tremendous two-meter guard who is very physical. Emilio is a great communicator who demands people's attention on the defensive side. He has great knowledge of the game."

Also assisting on the defensive end will be sophomore **Matt Preciado**, who gained

experience last season competing at the two-meter position. Preciado registered 10 goals in 24 matches and looks to make the transition to the guard spot.

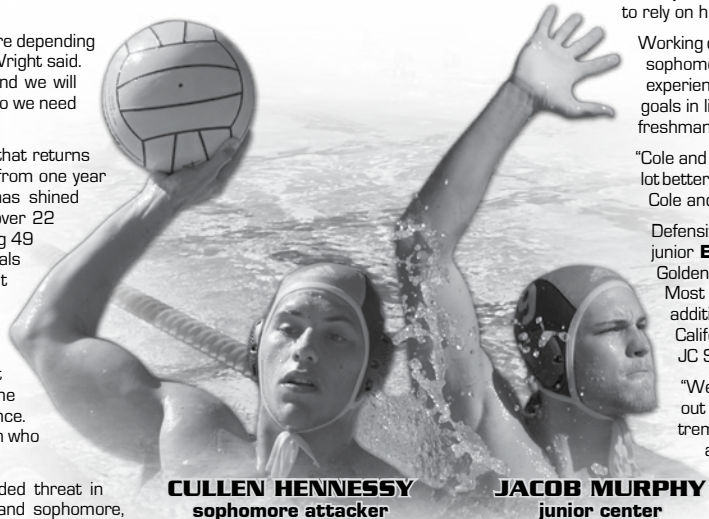
"Matt has done a great job with the adjustment, and I definitely believe that he will be a plus over there on defense," Wright said. "He can continue to help us at the two-meter position, but we feel he can be a very strong defender for this team."

Last winter, Wright played a crucial role in helping secure UCLA's largest recruiting class in over a decade. Highlighted by CIF Southern Section Player of the Year selections **Griffin White** (Division I) and **Josh Samuels** (Division II) and three-time All-Illinois honoree **Chris Wendt**, the Bruins' freshman class is expected to make an impact from day one. Samuels, Wendt and White spent August 2009 playing for the USA Junior National Team at the World Championships in Croatia before arriving at UCLA for their freshman campaigns.

UCLA's schedule is once again lined with weekend tournaments in addition to eight MPSF contests. After kicking off the season at the Princeton Invitational (Sept. 11-13), the Bruins will head to Stanford for the annual NorCal Tournament (Sept. 19-20). All eyes will be upon Spieker Aquatics Center when the new facility hosts its first UCLA athletics event, a non-conference tilt against UC Irvine the evening of Saturday, Sept. 26.

Following a road trip to play at Stanford and Santa Clara (Oct. 3-4), UCLA heads to UC Irvine for the annual SoCal Tournament (Oct. 10-11). From there, the Bruins conclude their MPSF slate in addition to facing Loyola Marymount and Chapman in non-conference matches. UCLA closes its regular season with back-to-back MPSF matches at home against USC (Nov. 7) and UC Santa Barbara (Nov. 15).

"From a team perspective, we will have to grow throughout the year," Wright said. "Heading into Princeton and the NorCal Tournament, we haven't had that much time to play with each other. I want our guys getting a lot of reps with each other because by the time we hit MPSF competition, there is no margin for error."



CULLEN HENNESSY
sophomore attacker

JACOB MURPHY
junior center