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Chancellor	Dr. Albert Carnesale
Director of Athletics	Dan Guerrero
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Faculty Athletic Rep.	Donald Morrison
Home Facilities	Sunset Recreation Center, Rose Bowl Aquatic Center
Enrollment	36,890
Founded	1919
Colors	Blue and Gold
Nickname	Bruins
Conference	Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF)
Conference Phone	(925) 296-0723
Conference Fax	(925) 296-0724
Conference Water Polo Contact	Al Beaird
National Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Head Coach (Alma Mater)	Adam Krikorian (UCLA '97)
Record at UCLA (Years)	117-32 (7th year)
Coach's Phone	(310) 206-6455
2004 Record	25-3 (National Champions)
2004 MPSF Record (Finish)	8-0 (1st)
2004 MPSF Tournament	2nd
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	17/8
National Championships	Eight (8) (1969, '71, '72, '95, '96, '99, '00, '04)
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2005 Men's Water Polo Media Guide

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Sunset Canyon Recreation Center

Entering its 41st 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/barbecue areas, 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.

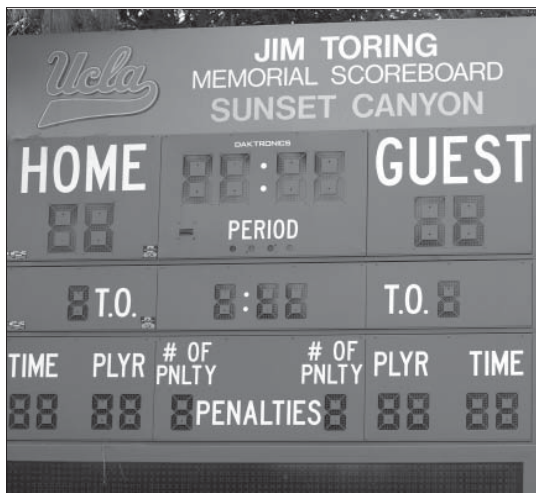
The Sunset Canyon Recreation Center is the home of both the UCLA men's and women's water polo teams. It is also the primary facility for the UCLA diving team. An ideal setting for collegiate water polo, Sunset Canyon is located on the northwest side off of DeNeve Drive, just east of the dormitories.



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.

**Directions To
Sunset Canyon Recreation Center**

Sunset Canyon 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.



SUNSET CANYON recreation center

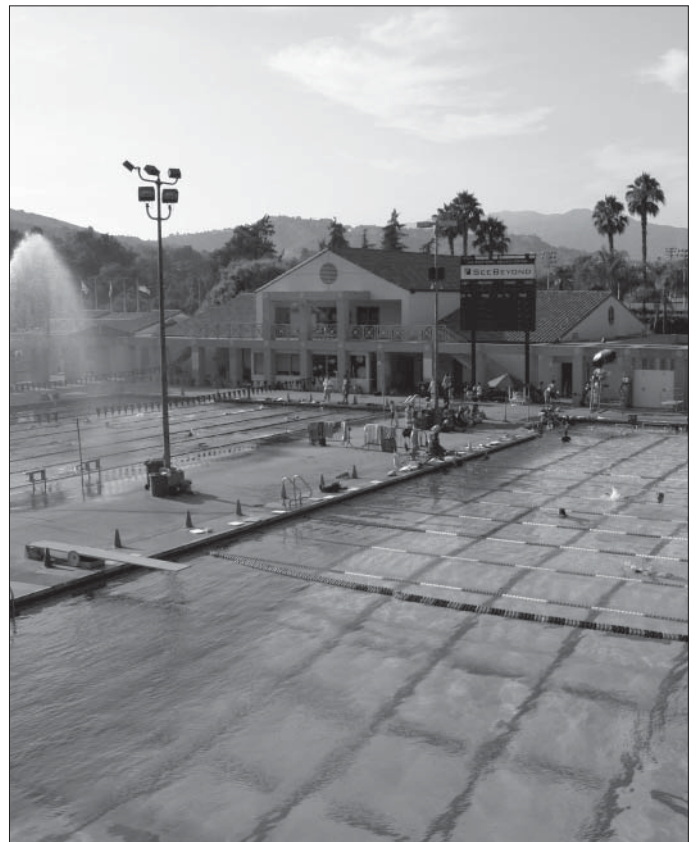
Rose Bowl Aquatic Center

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

Directions To Rose Bowl Aquatics Center

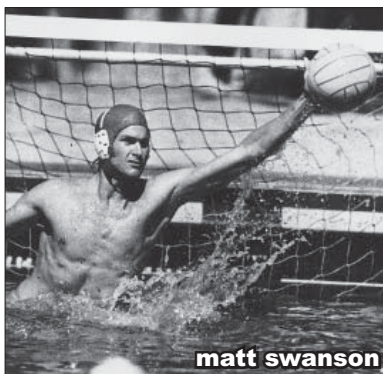
The Rose Bowl Aquatics Center is located near the football stadium in Pasadena. From the San Diego Freeway (405) travel north to the Ventura Fwy (101). Take the Ventura (101) east to the junction of the Hollywood (101) and Ventura (134) Freeways, approx. five miles. Take the Ventura Fwy east past the 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.

ROSE BOWL aquatic center





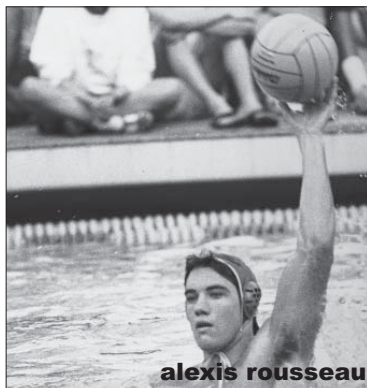
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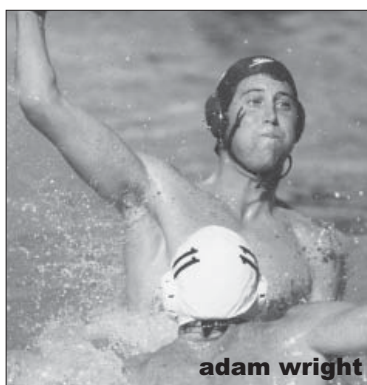
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Jim Toring (above), a two-time All-American in 1995 and 1996, is the namesake of UCLA's Memorial Scoreboard and of the Bruins' annual charity golf tournament



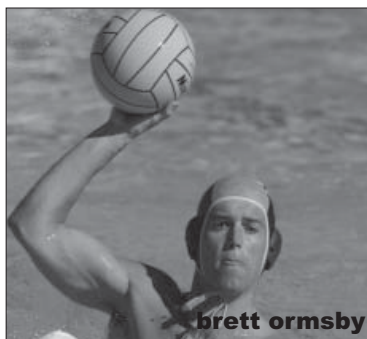
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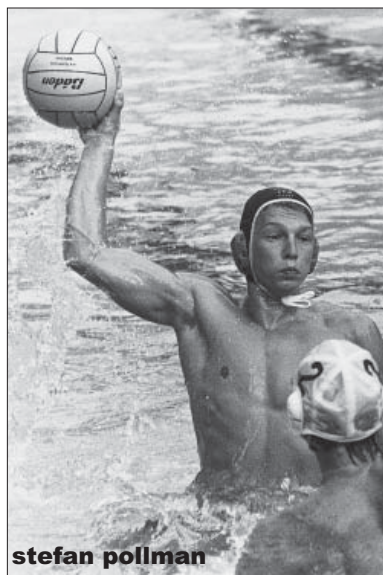
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adam krikorian



brett ormsby



stefan pollman



brandon brooks



sean kern

the best of the best



Q and A

with Head Coach Adam Krikorian

Head Coach Adam Krikorian answers questions surrounding his 2005 men's water polo team. He talks about the expectations of defending a national title, the losses of all seven starters from a year ago, the chemistry of this year's squad and how this season's schedule will affect the race for another NCAA championship.



Coming off a national title, what are the expectations heading into this season?

Adam Krikorian: Whether you're coming off a championship or not, the expectations here always remain the same - to try to win a championship and in our case it's to try to win another championship. And that's the beauty of being a part of this program because with those expectations come a certain level of confidence that on any given year we can get it done. And that's very exciting.

“ This team will be as strong of a unit and will play as a team as well as any team that's every played here. ”

How does the loss of all of last year's starters affect this season's team?

AK: The loss of those seven starters is going to be huge. We're not going to be able to replace those guys. We're certainly going to miss their talent and abilities, but more importantly - at least early on, we're going to miss their intelligence and their leadership. We're going to have guys on this year's team that are very talented and have the ability to fill those holes but at the same time they make lack a little bit of experience than last year's seniors had. It's just going to be a different team. We're not going to be able to replace a guy like Brett Ormsby - you can't replace a guy who was the Player of the Year and an Olympian. We're not going to have any of the big names on this year's team. It's really just going to be a team made up of some very solid players.

Okay - So without last year's seniors, who are going to be your leaders now ?

AK: Certainly our two seniors, **David Pietsch** and **John Blanchette** have the most experience. They've been around the longest and they know what it means to be a UCLA Water Polo player and how we want to play the game. They're going to provide a lot of leadership as will a lot of our other returners who saw action last year like **Chris Pulido**, **Logan Powell**, **Thomas Foley** and **Grant Zider**. Similar to last year's senior class, those guys are going to have to join together to provide the leadership that this team needs.

All-American goalkeeper Joe Axelrad has graduated. Who will replace him in front of the net?

AK: I think we have three capable goalies that are all very talented but yet are all very different in their own way. **Will Diding**, who has been our backup goalie the last two years, is an excellent and athletic goalie as well as being a great passer and a vocal leader. **Matt Kellogg**, who was our third-string goalkeeper last year, has had a great off-season. He's very explosive in the goal and has a lot of natural talent. And then there's **Chay Lapin**, one of the best goalies in the country coming in from last year's recruiting class. He's got a lot of talent but maybe just lacks a little experience and confidence. It's going to be a great battle between those three and the competition is going to be excellent. I think that competition is going to ultimately get the most out of them and I am going to have the utmost confidence in whoever we have in front of the net.

There are new members of the coaching staff and a large roster turnover this season. How will that affect your team chemistry?

AK: Even with the losses of all the seniors, I really believe the chemistry within this year's team will be our strongest asset. Coaching them during the off-season and during the summertime, I saw them gel and come together more so than I ever anticipated or expected. As great as Ormsby was, sometimes without that superstar it's easy to create a sense of camaraderie between a team. This team will be as strong of a unit and will play as a team as well as any team that's every played here.

This year's schedule features some different teams and tournaments. What role will that play in UCLA's road to the title in 2005?

AK: This team is talented enough and hungry enough to win another championship. As we look at the

schedule, the key is going to be to play at a consistent level throughout the season. As we all know, the most difficult thing about winning a championship is getting to the Final Four and you can only do that by winning your conference tournament or by simply playing great water polo all year. Looking at the schedule, we're going to face a lot of great teams - the playing field this year is very level. Pepperdine, Cal, UC San Diego, Stanford, Long Beach State and USC are all going to be very competitive. We're going to have to be at the top of our game in order to beat those schools every week.



david pietsch

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
1	Will Didinger	GK	6-3	200	Jr.*	Manhattan Beach, CA (Mira Costa)
1	Matt Kellogg	GK	6-4	195	So.*	Alamo, CA (San Ramon Valley)
2	Brian Jacobs	Att	6-3	195	So.*	Santa Cruz, CA (Soquel)
3	Christian Pulido	Ctr D	6-6	195	Jr.*	La Jolla, CA (Bishop's)
4	Cameron Smith	Att	6-1	180	So.*	Manoa, HI (Punahou)
5	Patrick Morrison	Att	6-0	185	Fr.*	Sacramento, CA (Jesuit Prep)
6	Krsto Sbutega	Att	6-0	175	Fr.*	Kotor, Yugoslavia (L.S.S. Reghi (Rome, Italy))
7	Justin Johnson	Utl	6-7	225	So.*	Mission Viejo, CA (Mission Viejo)
8	John Blanchette	Att	6-3	185	Sr.*	Menlo Park, CA (Menlo)
9	Russell Simpkins	Att	6-0	195	Fr.*	Santa Cruz, CA (Soquel)
10	Thomas Foley	Att	6-3	205	Jr.*	Woodside, CA (Menlo)
11	James Palmer	Att	6-5	210	Jr.*	Marin, CA (Tamalpias)
12	David Pietsch	Ctr D	6-3	195	Sr.*	Manoa, HI (Punahou)
14	Logan Powell	Att	6-4	205	Jr.*	San Clemente, CA (San Clemente)
15	Grant Zider	Ctr	6-4	235	Jr.*	Portola Valley, CA (Menlo)
16	Christopher Allen	Utl	6-3	180	Fr.*	Lake Forest, CA (El Toro)
17	Michael March	Ctr D	6-4	220	Sr. (RS)	Newport Coast, CA (Corona Del Mar)
20	Marco Santos	Ctr	6-4	230	So.	Miami Beach, FL (Miami Beach Senior)
22	Matthew Jacobs	Att	6-3	195	So.*	Santa Cruz, CA (Soquel)
23	Tyler Krikorian	Att	6-1	200	Jr.*	Manhattan Beach, CA (Mira Costa)
24	Carter Brutschy	Utl	6-5	200	Fr.*	Atherton, CA (Sacred Heart Prep)
	Miguel Cidoncha-Simms	Att.	6-2	185	RS	San Diego, CA (University City)
	Cole Consani	Ctr.	6-4	220	RS	Manhattan Beach, CA (Mira Costa)
	Scott Davidson	Att.	6-0	175	RS	Seal Beach, CA (Los Alamitos)
	Dylan Mobley	Att.	6-2	185	RS	Portola Valley, CA (Sacred Heart Prep)
	Tyler Jemmett	Att.	6-1	175	RS	San Diego, CA (Bishop's)
	Chay Lapin	GK	6-5	195	RS	Long Beach, CA (Wilson)
	Jefferey Smith	Att.	6-2	200	RS	San Clemente, CA (San Clemente)
	Scott Swanson	Att.	6-1	175	RS	Long Beach, CA (Wilson)

Head Coach: Adam Krikorian, 7th year (UCLA, '97)

Assistant Coach: Matt Flesher, 1st year (UCLA '02)

Undergraduate Assistant: Brett Ormsby, 1st year

GK—goalkeeper; **Att**—attacker/driver; **Ctr**—center;

Ctr D—center defender; **Utl**—utility

*used redshirt year

Pronunciation Guide

Carter Brutschy: BREW-chee

David Pietsch: Peach

Krsto Sbutega: KER-stow s-boo-TAY-guh

Chay Lapin: Shay Luh-PEEN

Tyler Jemmett: JEM-it

Guide to Water Polo Positions

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.

did you KNOW?

- All three members of the 2005 UCLA coaching staff are former Bruin All-Americans (Krikorian, Flesher, Ormsby)

- UCLA is third among all schools with eight water polo national titles (California 11, Stanford 9)

- Since 1963, 72 Bruins have earned All-America accolades (17 of which have played for Head Coach Adam Krikorian)

- UCLA's 18-game winning streak in 2004 was the longest by any Bruin team since 1990

- The Bruins only have two seniors on their 2005 roster, but more amazingly the 2003 team did not have one single senior

- All but two of UCLA's national titles have come as a part of back-to-back championships ('71-'72, '95-'96, '99-'00, '04-??)



Adam Krikorian

Head Coach • 7th Year • UCLA ('97)



Career Highlights

- Has won 11 national championships as a player and coach
- 2004 National Men's Water Polo Coach of the Year
- 2001 and 2005 National Women's Water Polo Coach of the Year
- First among active men's water polo coaches in NCAA Championships won

Krikorian's Coaching Career

Men

Year	Overall	Conf.	Finish
1999	22-3	8-0	NCAA Champs
2000	19-7	6-2	NCAA Champs
2001	16-5	7-1	NCAA Runner up
2002	15-8	4-4	5th
2003	20-7	7-1	-
2004	25-3	8-0	NCAA Champs
Totals	117-33	40-8	3 NCAA Titles

Women

Year	Overall	Conf.	Finish
1999	24-10	6-3	3rd
2000	30-5	8-1	National Champs
2001	18-4	9-1	NCAA Champs
2002	22-4	10-1	NCAA Runner up
2003	24-4	8-2	NCAA Champs
2004	22-5	9-2	2nd
2005	34-0	12-0	NCAA Champs
Totals	174-32	62-10	4 Titles (3 NCAA)

NCAA Men's Titles Won By Active Head Coaches

Adam Krikorian, UCLA (3) 1999, '00, '04
 Jovan Vavic, USC (2) 1998, '03
 Terry Schroeder, Pepperdine (1) 1997
 John Vargas, Stanford (1) 2002

There may not be another head coach in any sport throughout the country who has accomplished more than Head Coach Adam Krikorian has in such a short span of time. In his 14 years with the UCLA water polo program as both a player and a coach, Krikorian has won an unprecedented 11 national titles, including ten while coaching both the Bruins' men's and women's teams.

In 2004-2005, Krikorian led both of his teams to national champion status for the third time in his six year career as a head coach. His men's team finished with the best winning percentage of any UCLA water polo team since 1972 and his women's squad completed just the second undefeated season in NCAA water polo history while running off a record 33-game winning streak.

Krikorian enters his seventh year as head coach of the Bruins and fourth alone at the helm in 2005. From 1999 to 2001, he shared head coaching duties with Guy Baker, who is now the head coach of the U.S. Men's National team.

In 2005, as Krikorian and the Bruins returned to the top of the rankings, he led the Bruins to their first perfect conference finish since 1999 and first NCAA title since back-to-back championship seasons in 1999 and 2000. The '05 Bruins also rattled off an 18-game winning streak, which included winning the Nor Cal Tournament title and multiple victories over the nation's other three top ranked teams: Stanford, Cal and USC.

In 2002 Krikorian guided a young Bruin team to a third-place finish in the MPSF Tournament and its first win over Stanford in three years. That team also claimed the Nor Cal Tournament Championship with a 6-3 victory over USC in the title game. In the spring of 2003, Krikorian led UCLA's women's water polo team to a national championship, his fifth title as a head coach.

In 2000, Krikorian led the men to their fourth NCAA title in six years and second in a row. He also led the UCLA women to the inaugural NCAA championship in Baker's absence (Baker was coaching the U.S. Women's National Team). The 2001 women finished the season with an 18-4 overall record, a 9-1 mark in the MPSF, and won their second consecutive national championship.

Krikorian was promoted to Co-Head Coach at the start of the men's 1999 season, after serving as an assistant for three years. In the spring of



1999, he served as the interim head coach for the women's water polo team, while Baker was once again coaching the U.S. Women's National Team.

In the 1996-97 school year, Krikorian served as a student assistant coach as he completed his undergraduate studies, assisting Baker in leading both squads to national championships.

As a senior captain in 1995, Krikorian was one of the leaders in UCLA's march to the NCAA title. In the Bruins' 10-8 win over California in the NCAA championship match, Krikorian scored two goals. In that season, he scored 31 goals (second-best on the team), including one two-pointer, while earning second-team All-America and All-MPSF honors.

A four-year letterman, Krikorian captained the team twice (1994-95) and played in two (1994-95) NCAA Tournaments. In his Bruin career, he scored 76 goals, with a pair of two-pointers. During his four years with the program, Krikorian was named Most Inspirational by his teammates in each of his last three seasons.

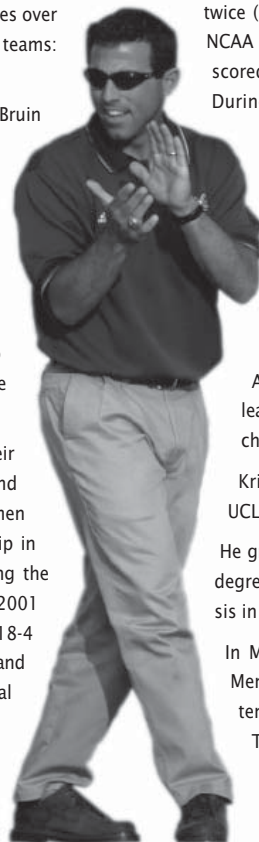
A standout prep athlete at Mountain View HS, Krikorian was a four-year letterman in water polo and swimming. As a senior, he scored 113 goals and earned honorable mention All-America honors. In 1992, he helped lead his team to the National Junior Olympic championship.

Krikorian's older brother, Blake, was on the UCLA water polo team from 1986-89.

He graduated from UCLA with a psychology degree and a business administration emphasis in June 1997.

In May of 2001, Krikorian married Anicia Mendez, a four-year Bruin letterwinner in tennis who is completing her MBA at UCLA. The couple reside in Manhattan Beach.

Krikorian was born on July 22, 1974.



Matt Flesher

Assistant Coach • 1st Year • UCLA ('02)



Career Highlights

- Won 1999 and 2000 NCAA titles as a player at UCLA
- Three-year member of U.S. National Team
- Three-time All-American

Matt Flesher, a three-time All-American at UCLA from 1999-2002, begins his first season as Assistant Coach with UCLA water polo in 2005. In his four-year career as a Bruin, Flesher won two national titles (1999 and 2000), was twice honored as an All-MPSF athlete and finished his career with 81 goals scored.

Since leaving Westwood after his senior year in 2002, Flesher has kept busy within the international water polo ranks. He spent three seasons as a full-time member of the U.S. National Team in 2002, 2003 and 2005 and also competed for professional Greek team Ethnikos-Pireaus in 2003 and 2004.

Flesher also served as an assistant coach at Corona Del Mar High School in 2004 and helped lead the SeaKings to a Division I C.I.F. Semifinal appearance.

While with the National Team, Flesher competed in the World University Games in 2003 and helped lead the U.S. to its qualification for the Water Polo World Championships in 2005.

Flesher enjoyed his finest playing season at UCLA as a sophomore in 2000, tallying a career-high 32 goals while adding 14 assists and 16 steals. During that campaign, which earned Flesher honorable mention All-America status, he helped lead UCLA to its second consecutive national

title. One of that season's defining moments emerged with Flesher scoring the game-winning goal against Cal in the MPSF Tournament title game.

In 1999 as a newcomer to Westwood, the Diamond Bar native added eight goals to UCLA's 22-3 national championship team. Flesher earned third-team All-America status as a junior in 2001 after pouring in 24 goals, good for third on the squad.

As a senior in 2002, Flesher was again awarded third-team All-America honors after notching 17 goals and serving as UCLA's emotional leader and co-captain. His most noted offensive performance of that season came in the third-place match of the MPSF Tournament, when he led all scorers with three goals to lead UCLA over top-ranked Stanford.

Flesher was awarded UCLA's Jack Bariteau "Most Inspirational Player" Award following the 2002 season.

He earned his degree in Political Science from UCLA in 2002 and currently competes for the New York Athletic Club Water Polo team.

Flesher was born on April 28, 1980 in Lakewood, California.

Brett Ormsby

Undergraduate Assistant Coach • 1st Year



Career Highlights

- Second on UCLA's all-time list with 240 career goals scored
- 2004 National Player of the Year
- Four-time All-American

One year removed from finishing one of the most remarkable playing careers in UCLA water polo history, Brett Ormsby begins his first season as a member of the Bruin coaching staff. The four-time All-American and 2004 National Player of the Year will serve as UCLA's Undergraduate Assistant Coach for the 2005 season.

As a member of the UCLA water polo team from 2001-2004, Ormsby notched 240 career goals which puts him second on the university's all-time list.

The El Cajon native scored a career-high 72 goals in 2003 before following that up with 70 as a senior in 2004. His 2004 campaign was ultimately his most successful, as he and five other Bruin seniors, paved the way for the UCLA's eighth national title.

Complimenting his 2004 championship is a resume of individual accolades that is nothing short of spectacular.

As well as being tabbed the 2004 National Player of the Year, Ormsby was a four-time All-American (three first-team selections), the 2004 NCAA

Final Four MVP, a four-time All-MPSF selection and was named the conference player of the week eight times.

In 2003 and 2004, Ormsby was also a finalist for the Peter J. Cutino Award, an honor annually bestowed college water polo's finest male and female player.

In addition to his stellar play at UCLA, Ormsby also was a member of the 2004 U.S. Water Polo Olympic Team in Athens, Greece. While playing with fellow Bruins Brandon Brooks and Adam Wright, he scored his first Olympic goal against Hungary on August 19, 2004.

Ormsby is looking to complete his history degree at UCLA.

Ormsby was born on December 1, 1982 in San Diego, California.

Defending National Champions



2005 UCLA Men's Water Polo



The Players

christopher ALLEN

Freshman • Utility • 6-3 • 180
Lake Forest, CA • El Toro HS



2004 — Redshirted.

High School — Three-year varsity letter winner at El Toro High School... Played under head coach Don Stoll... Named a High School All-American... Also appointed to *Los Angeles Times* All-Star Team and USA National Youth Team... Honored as MVP and Most Offensive player by teammates... Three-time All-County selection, two-time All-C.I.F. and two-time Zone 7 Youth Team member... Broke school record for drawn ejections... Scored 83 goals with 13 assists and 97 steals as a senior... Also competed for swim team.

Personal — Full name: Christopher Michael Allen... Born on May 9, 1986 in Orange, CA... Has one sister, Jennifer... Hobbies include wake boarding, snowboarding and playing the guitar... Chose to attend UCLA because of the prestige and the environment... Loves water polo because it is fun, hard and competitive... Admires USA Water Polo National Team member Dan Klatt... Undeclared major.

carter BRUTSCHY

Freshman • Utility • 6-5 • 200
Atherton, CA • Sacred Heart Prep



2004 — Redshirted.

High School — Four-year letterman at Sacred Heart Prep HS... Played for coach Dante Dettamanti... Received All-League honors in each of his four seasons... Was a second-team All-C.I.F. Central Coast selection... Honored with Coach's Award as a senior... Helped lead school to CCS championship in 2004.. Finished career with 186 goals.

Personal — Full name: Carter Mason Brutschy... Born on September 6, 1986 in Stanford, CA... Parents are Mason and Mary... Has one younger brother, Evan... Attending UCLA because of its great academic and athletic reputation... Most memorable sports moment was beating archrival Menlo HS in the CCS Finals as a senior in high school... Admires retired NBA star Hakeem Olajuwon... Enjoys playing bridge... Undeclared major.

john BLANCHETTE

Senior • Attacker • 6-3 • 185
Atherton, CA • Menlo School



2004 — Played in first twelve matches of season before being sideline by injury for remainder of year... Scored three goals in seven attempts... Added five assists and three steals... Contributed a two-goal performance against Cal Baptist at SoCal Tournament on September 18.

2003 — Played in all 27 matches, starting 12... Fourth on the squad with 22 steals and 12 assists... Scored six goals in 14 attempts... Tallied first career goal on Oct. 25 against UCSB... Honored as an American Water Polo Coaches Association All-Academic pick.

2002 — Appeared in seven contests for UCLA... Posted one assist and two steals.

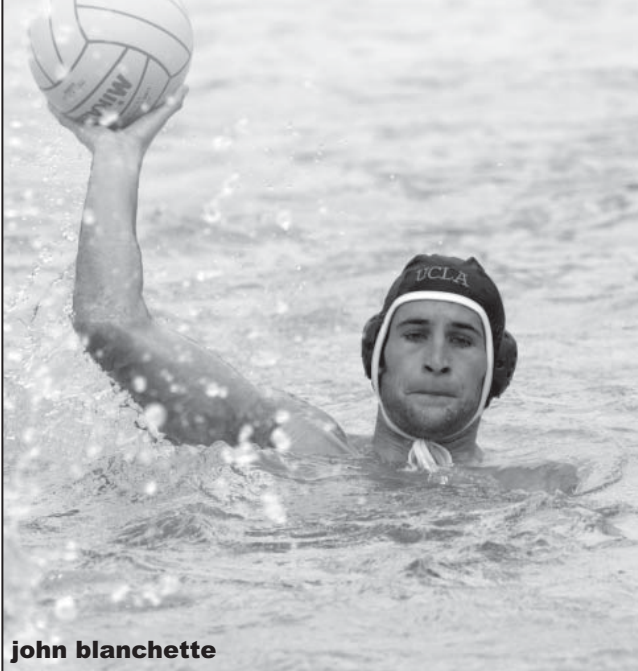
2001 — Redshirted.

High School — Three-year letterwinner in water polo and swimming at Menlo School for coaches Jack Bowen and Terrence O'Malley, respectively... 2000 Honorable Mention All-American... MVP of the Peninsula Athletic League in 2000... Led Menlo to 2000 C.I.F. Central Coast Div. II title after three consecutive runner-up finishes, earning First-Team All-CCS honors... Named team captain and offensive MVP.

Personal — Full Name: John Peter Blanchette ... Born on October 6, 1982 in Stanford, CA... Admires USA Water Polo driver and current UC Santa Barbara Head Coach Wolf Wigo... Greatest athletic thrill was 2000 C.I.F. semifinal in which he helped Menlo rally from a four-goal deficit against Palo Alto to win in the fourth overtime... History major.

Blanchette's Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.
2002	-	-	-	1	2
2003	6	14	43%	12	22
2004	3	7	43%	5	3
Totals	9	21	43%	18	27



john blanchette

Defending National Champions



2005 UCLA Men's Water Polo

will DIDINGER

Junior • Goalkeeper • 6-3 • 200
Manhattan Beach, CA • Mira Costa HS



2004 — Had a very successful sophomore campaign... Played in five games, starting four... Allowed just 17 goals in 17 quarters played - good for a 4.00 goals against average... Made 25 saves in 119 minutes... Notched a career-high eight saves against Pacific on October 17.

2003 — Posted a 4.96 goals against average in 96 minutes in front of the net... Played in five matches.

2002 — Redshirted.

High School — Four-year letterwinner in water polo and swimming at Mira Costa HS in Manhattan Beach under coaches Jon Reichardt and Dan Barlett, respectively... Two-time Fourth-Team All-America selection... All-C.I.F. selection in 2000 and 200... League MVP in 2001... All-league selection in 2000 and 1999... Mira Costa HS Athlete of the Year in 2001... Holds Mira Costa record with 431 saves in 2000.

U.S. Junior National Team — Was one of four Bruins to compete with U.S. Junior National Team in summer of 2002... Won silver medal at 2002 Junior Pan Am Games.

Personal — Full name: Joseph William Didingier... Born on October 10, 1983 in Torrance, CA... Hobbies include basketball, paddleboarding and baseball... Lists winning the C.I.F. Division III Championship at Mira Costa as his most thrilling athletic moment... Admires professional surfer Rob Machado... International Development major.

Didinger's Career Statistics

Year	QP	Saves	GA	GAA	MP
2003	14	29	17	4.96	96
2004	17	25	17	4.00	119
Totals	31	54	34	4.39	215



will didinger

thomas FOLEY

Junior • Attacker • 6-3 • 205
Woodside, CA • Menlo School



2004 — Played in 27 of 28 matches... Was a major contributor off the bench, scoring six goals in 13 attempts... Added five assists and 14 steals... Scored a goal in UCLA's 10-6 win over UC Irvine at MPSF Tournament.

2003 — Competed in 21 matches as a freshman and scored seven goals, and scored at a rate of 64%... Tallied an assist and eight steals... Named to the MPSF All-Academic team.

2002 — Redshirted.

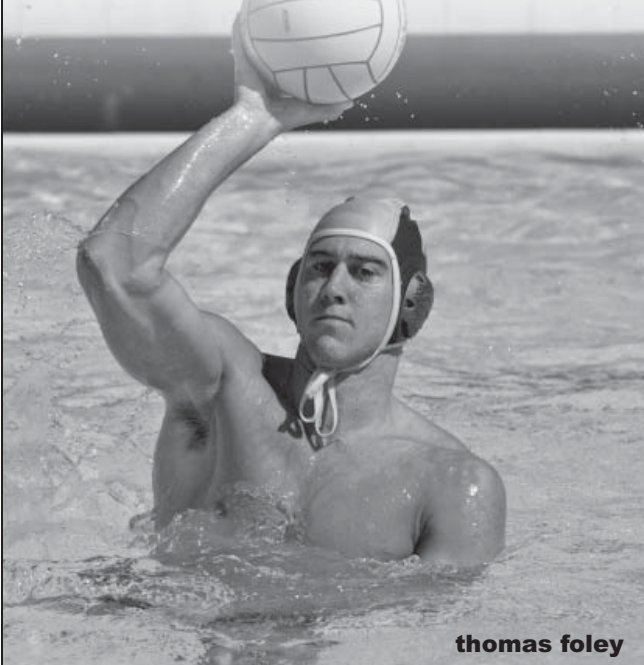
High School — Three-year letterwinner in water polo and swimming at Menlo School, under coaches Jack Bowen and Terrance O'Mally, respectively... Helped lead Menlo to two consecutive C.I.F. Central Coast Section Championships... Third-Team All-America selection in senior year... Honorable-Mention All-American at 2001 Junior Olympics... Two-time All-C.I.F. Central Coast selection, First-Team in 2001, second team in 2000... Two-time All-Peninsula Athletic League selection, including a first-team selection in 2001.

U.S. Junior National Team — Was one of four Bruins to compete with U.S. Junior National Team during summer of 2002... Won silver medal at 2002 Junior Pan Am Games.

Personal — Full name: Thomas Sullivan Foley... Born on April 4, 1984 in Saratoga, CA... Chose UCLA for its great combination of athletics and academics... Lists representing the United States as a member of the Junior Pan Am team as greatest athletic thrill... Admires his father, a water polo letterwinner at UC Santa Barbara and uncle, Christopher, a member of the 1990 USA World Cup soccer team... Economics and International Area Studies major.

Foley's Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.
2003	7	11	64%	1	8
2004	6	13	46%	5	14
Totals	13	24	54%	6	22



thomas foley

brian JACOBS

Sophomore • Attacker • 6-3 • 195
Santa Cruz, CA • Soquel HS



2004 — Played in five matches... Scored first collegiate goal on October 10 against UC Santa Cruz... Added an assist and three steals.

2003 — Redshirted.

High School — Two-year letterwinner in water polo and swimming at Soquel High School under coaches Marcelo Adas and Mark Garrett, respectively... Second-team All-American... Along with brother Matt, led Soquel to the 2002 C.I.F. Central Coast Section Championship... First-Team All-CCS selection in senior season... 2002 Co-Most Valuable Player... Posted 107 goals and 125 steals in 2002.

Personal — Full Name: Brian Rogers Jacobs... Born on November 12, 1984 in Santa Cruz, CA... Twin brother Matt is also a member of the UCLA Water Polo team... Lists winning the CCS Championship in 2002 as his biggest athletic thrill... Loves water polo because of the challenge it provides... Enjoys snowboarding... Favorite class is biology... Political Science major.

Brian Jacob's Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.
2004	1	2	50%	1	3
Totals	1	2	50%	1	3

matt JACOBS

Sophomore • Attacker • 6-3 • 195
Santa Cruz, CA • Soquel HS



2004 — Posted exceptional freshman campaign... Competed in all 28 matches while scoring 13 goals in 39 attempts... Also contributed eight steals and 12 assists... Notched a two-goal performance on October 3 against Stanford... Scored first collegiate goal in first career game on September 10 against Navy... Named a member of the MPSF All-Academic team.

2003 — Redshirted.

High School — Three-year letterwinner in water polo and four-year letterwinner in swimming at Soquel High School under coaches Marcelo Adas and Mark Garrett, respectively... Along with brother Brian, led Soquel to the 2002 C.I.F. Central Coast Section title... First-Team All-American... Two-time All-CCS selection... SCCAL MVP in 2002... Recorded 107 goals and 110 steals in senior year... Four-time All-American in swimming... Set league records in the 50 (20.97) and 100 (45.52) meter freestyle events... Named Soquel HS Athlete of the Year in 2003.

Personal — Full Name: Matthew Rogers Jacobs... Born on November 12, 1984 in Santa Cruz, CA... Twin brother Brian is also a member of the UCLA Water Polo team... Aspires to be a U.S. Senator... Admires Muhammed Ali because he was both athletic and articulate... Lists Ceramics and Government as his favorite classes... Political Science major.

Matt Jacob's Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.
2004	13	39	33%	8	12



matt jacobs

Defending National Champions



2005 UCLA Men's Water Polo

justin JOHNSON

Sophomore • Utility • 6-7 • 225
Mission Viejo, CA • Mission Viejo HS



2004 — Competed in eight contests as a freshman... Added one assist and five steals... Scored first career goal on October 9 against Loyola Marymount.

2003 — Redshirted.

High School — Three-year letterwinner in water polo and four-year letterwinner in swimming at Mission Viejo High School under coaches Don Choloden and Jeff Boss, respectively... Third-Team All-C.I.F. selection... Named first-team all-league... Posted 107 goals, 70 assists and 120 steals in his senior season... 2003 team MVP... Four-time All-American in swimming... South Coast League swimming MVP... Led Mission Viejo to the C.I.F. swimming championship.

Personal — Full name: Justin Tyler Johnson... Born on September 12, 1985 in Sacramento, CA... Lists playing with the U.S. National Youth Team in Europe as his greatest athletic thrill... Patterns his play after golfer Phil Mickelson... Favorite class is history... Political Science major.

Johnson's Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.
2004	1	3	33%	1	5
Totals	1	3	33%	1	5

matt KELLOGG

Sophomore • Goalkeeper • 6-4 • 190
Alamo, CA • San Ramon Valley HS



2004 — Played in one match... Made collegiate goalkeeping debut on October 10 against UC Santa Cruz... Notched two saves in one quarter played.

2003 — Redshirted.

High School — Three-year letterwinner in water polo and volleyball at San Ramon Valley High School in Danville, CA, under coaches Matthew Mundelius, Dave Thoner and Steve Chan, respectively... Two-time league MVP... Three-time all-league selection... Posted 670 career saves, including 288 in junior season... Also a first-team all-league selection in volleyball after averaging eight kills and four blocks per game.

Personal — Full name: Matthew Burton Hanson Kellogg... Born on September 18, 1984 in Berkeley, CA... Favorite aspect of water polo is how physically demanding it is... Enjoys mountain biking, snowboarding and playing video games... Favorite class is Chemistry... Religion major.

Kellogg's Career Statistics

Year	QP	Saves	GA	GAA	MP
2004	1	2	2	8.00	7
Totals	1	2	2	8.00	7

tyler KRIKORIAN

Junior • Attacker • 6-1 • 200
Manhattan Beach, CA • Mira Costa HS



2004 — Did not play due to injury

2003 — In nine games, tallied three assists and two steals.

2002 — Redshirted.

High School — Three-year letterwinner in water polo and swimming at Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach, CA, under coaches Jon Reichardt and Dan Barlett, respectively... Second-team All-American in 2000 and 2001... C.I.F. Division III Player of the Year in 2001... All-American at Junior Olympics in Ann Arbor, MI... All-Bay League first team in 2001 and 2000, second team in 1999... One-year letterwinner in volleyball.

Personal — Full name: Tyler Ryan Krikorian ... Born on July 13, 1983 in Torrance, CA... Has one older brother... Enjoys surfing, basketball and beach volleyball... Says winning the first C.I.F. Championship in Mira Costa High School history was his most thrilling sport experience... Admires Shaquille O'Neal and Muhammed Ali... History major.

Krikorian's Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.
2003	-	3	0%	3	2
2004	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	3	0%	3	2

michael MARCH

Senior • Ctr. Def • 6-4 • 220
Newport Coast, CA • Corona Del Mar HS



2005 — Will redshirt season after undergoing back surgery.

2004 — Was the only non-senior to start all 28 matches for 2004 National Championship team... Named a third-team All-American and a second-team All-MPSF selection... Also tabbed as a second-team All-NCAA Tournament pick... Finished third on squad with 26 goals and second with 25 steals... Added 18 assists... Contributed six two-goal performances and 14 single goal matches... In all, scored at least once in 20 of 28 matches.

2003 — Received honorable mention All-American accolades... Named to All-MPSF third team... Led Bruins with 24 assists and ranked fourth with 19 goals scored... Was second on the squad with 24 steals... Posted a hat trick to lead UCLA to a 7-5 victory over Pepperdine in the first round of the MPSF Tournament... Named the MPSF Player of the Week for his performance... MPSF All-Academic team member.

2002 — Only true freshman to appear in every match, started 21 of the 23 ... Tied for third on the team with 17 goals... Named MPSF/Mikasa Player of the Week on November 25... Honored after leading UCLA to a 12-10 win over USC with a career-high four goals ... Posted five total multi-goal contests including a hat trick against USC on September 15 in the So Cal Tournament... Registered 10 steals, five assists and four field saves.

High School — Two-year letterwinner in water polo and three-year letterwinner in swimming at Corona Del Mar High School in Corona Del Mar, CA, under coach John Vargas and coach Moore, respectively... Helped lead team to two consecutive C.I.F. titles (2000 and 2001)... Named 2001 C.I.F. Co-Player of the Year... Two-time All-C.I.F. selection... Led Corona Del Mar HS in scoring in 2000 with 62 goals... Member of the U.S. National Training Team.

U.S. National Team — Member of 2001 U.S. Junior National Team for FINA Junior Men's World Championship at Istanbul... Joined U.S. National Team in summer 2005.

Personal — Full name: Michael John March... Born on April 27, 1984 in Newport Beach, CA... Enjoys surfing, boating, spearfishing and "pretty much anything in the water"... Admires Michael Jordan for his hard work... Political Science major.

March's Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.
2002	17	42	40%	5	10
2003	19	43	44%	20	24
2004	26	55	44%	18	25
Totals	62	140	44%	43	59



michael march

patrick MORRISON

Freshman • Attacker • 6-0 • 185
Sacramento, CA • Jesuit HS



2004 — Redshirted.

High School — Played for Bruce Hastie as a swimmer and water poloist at Jesuit High School... Was an All-American as a junior and senior... Team captain his senior season... Two-time team MVP... All-city and all-league MVP... Won back-to-back C.I.F. section titles.

Personal — Full name: Patrick John Morrison... Born on June 25, 1985 in Sacramento, CA... Son of David and Kay... Came to UCLA because of its excellent combination of athletics and academics... Loves water polo because of the competition and the feeling of being in the water... Biggest sports thrill was winning back-to-back section titles in high school... Hobbies include gardening and cooking... Admires NFL quarterback Michael Vick... Undeclared major.

james PALMER

Junior • Attacker • 6-5 • 210
Marin, CA • Tamalpias HS



2004 — Scored four goals while playing in five contests... Added one steal... Total offensive production came via two two-goal performances against Cal Baptist on September 16 and UC Santa Barbara on November 6.

2003 — Did not play.

High School — Four-year letterwinner in water polo and letterwinner in swimming and basketball at Tamalpias HS in Mill Valley under coaches Mike Carrol and Bill McKnight, respectively... All-America selection with Marin Club Team... All-America Honorable Mention at Tamalpias... First-Team All-C.I.F. Northern California Section... First-Team all-league selection... Team Most Valuable Player in all four seasons... Led team in goals, steals and assists in each year of competition.

Personal — Full Name: James William Palmer... Born July 19, 1984 in San Francisco, CA... Admires former UCLA basketball coach John Wooden... Favorite aspects of water polo are "the team and the concept learned from the game"... Continues to compete for "love of the game"... History major.

Palmer's Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.
2004	4	5	80%	-	1
Totals	4	5	80%	-	1



david PIETSCH

Senior • Ctr. Def • 6-3 • 195
Manoa, HI • Punahou HS

2004 — One of the Bruins' top producers off the bench... Played in 27 of 28 matches while starting one... Fourth on squad with 19 goals... Added 14 steals... Notched career highs in every offensive category... Poured in first career hat trick on October 3 against Navy at the NorCal Tournament... Also contributed three two-goal performances... Named an MPSF All-Academic Team member for second consecutive season.

2003 — Fifth on the team with 16 goals... Played in all 27 matches and started 22... Scored game-winning goal in 5-4 victory over LMU on Sept. 21... Named an Academic All-MPSF student-athlete.

2002 — Appeared in one game ... Scored his first collegiate goal on his first collegiate attempt in UCLA's 9-3 victory over Loyola Marymount on October 13.

2001 — Redshirted.

High School — Lettered three years in water polo, two years in swimming, and one year in basketball at Punahou HS in Honolulu under coaches Ken Smith, Kenny Chew and Gary Paccaro, respectively... 2001 Interscholastic League of Honolulu Player of the Year and Third-Team All-American in water polo... 2000-01 Punahou Male Athlete of the Year... Made All-ILH second team junior year... As a swimmer, placed third in the 200-yard freestyle state final as a senior... Named to All-ILH all-star team as part of Punahou's 400-yard freestyle relay team... Named basketball team's most inspirational player and gained honorable-mention All-ILH status.

Personal — Full Name: David Thomas Pietsch III... Born on October 16, 1982 in Honolulu, Hawaii... Hobbies include surfing, basketball, and fishing... Favorite aspects of water polo are "the physical and mental struggles that competition provides"... History major.

Pietsch's Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.
2002	1	1	100%	-	-
2003	16	33	48%	9	12
2004	19	36	53%	6	14
Totals	36	70	51%	15	26



david pietsch

logan POWELL

Junior • Attacker • 6-4 • 205
San Clemente, CA • San Clemente HS

2004 — Played in 27 contests and scored 16 goals... Third on team with 21 assists... Scored NCAA championship-winning goal with 13 seconds remaining in overtime against Stanford... Posted two-goal performances on three different occasions... Scoring percentage of 55 was highest among team members with over five games played.

2003 — Scored four goals and contributed four assists... Played in 15 matches for UCLA as a freshman... Had a two goal performance against Cal Baptist on Sept. 20 during the SoCal Tournament.

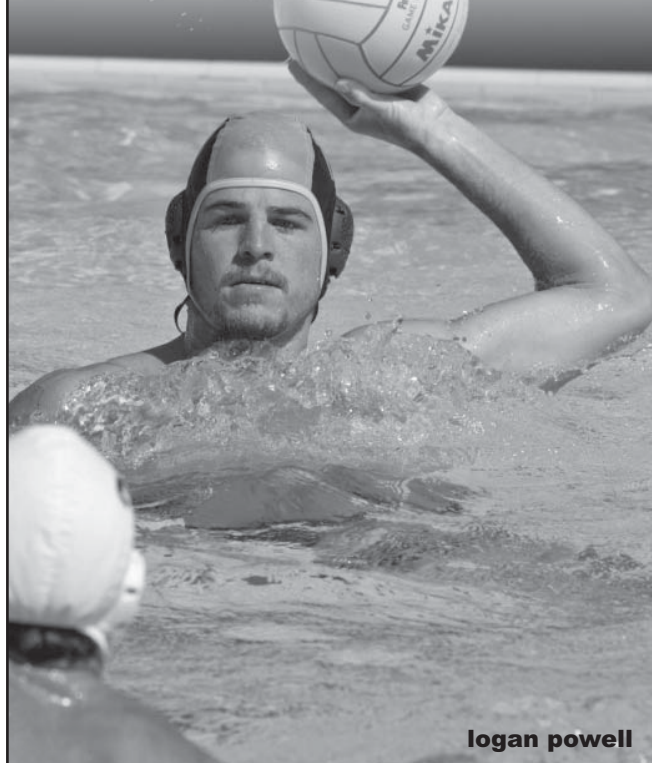
2002 — Redshirted.

High School — Three-year letterwinner in water polo and swimming at San Clemente High School in San Clemente, CA, under coach Marc Parker... Two-time All-American (first-team, 2001; second-team, 2002)... Two-time All-C.I.F. selection... All-Orange County selection after senior season... Team captain in 2002... Recorded 142 goals, 83 assists, 43 blocked shots and 170 steals during three-year career.

Personal — Full name: Christopher Logan Powell... Born on July 5, 1984 in San Clemente... Spends free time surfing... Loves the physical play in water polo... Chose UCLA for its great mixture of athletics, academics and social life... Lists Lance Armstrong as his favorite athlete... Most thrilling athletic moments came in tournaments in Yugoslavia, Romania and Greece with the U.S. National Youth Team... Political Science major.

Powell's Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.
2003	4	12	33%	4	5
2004	16	29	55%	21	11
Totals	20	39	51%	25	16



logan powell

christian PULIDO

Junior • Ctr. Def • 6-6 • 195
La Jolla, CA • Bishop's School



2004 — Played in each of remaining 17 games after missing first 11 contests due to injury... Scored five goals in 13 attempts... Added five assists, four steals and a team-high 16 field saves... Notched a goal in UCLA's 10-6 win over UCSB at MPSF Tournament... Named to MPSF All-Academic Team for second consecutive season.

2003 — Led all freshman with 15 goals... Posted a team best 71% scoring average in 21 attempts... His 13 steals were good for fifth best on the squad... Second on team with nine field saves... Named an AWPCA All-Academic selection and an All-Academic MPSF pick.

2002 — Redshirted.

High School — Three-year letterwinner in water polo and swimming at Bishop's School in La Jolla, CA, under coaches Jim Foles and Doug Peabody and coaches Foles and Brian Tarn, respectively... Three-time All American with San Diego Shores Club Team... First-team All-Western League in 2001... Two-time Junior Olympic Champion with the Shores... Second Team All-San Diego in 2001... Named All-Academic Scholar-Athlete by *San Diego Union Tribune*.

U.S. Junior National Team - Was one of four Bruins to compete with U.S. Junior National Team in summer of 2002... Won silver medal at 2002 Junior Pan Am Games.

Personal — Full name: Christian Philip Pulido... Born on September 8, 1984 in Mexico City, Mexico ... Plays guitar and bass and composes music in free time ... Enjoys water polo because of its combination of physical play and mental aspects... Admires David Kusco and Salvador Gomes of the Spanish National Team... Most thrilling athletic moment came during sophomore season when first career goal pushed game into overtime, leading to a Bishop's School victory... English major.

Pulido's Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.
2003	15	21	71%	5	13
2004	5	13	38%	5	4
Totals	20	34	59%	10	17



chris pulido

marco SANTOS

Sophomore • Center • 6-4 • 230
Miami Beach, FL • Miami Beach Senior HS



2004 — Played in 23 of 28 matches... Scored nine goals and added three assists and seven steals... Scored first two career goals on September 16 against Cal Baptist... Went on to post two more two-goal performances... Also scored two goals on September 18 against Cal Baptist and on October 17 against Pacific.

High School — Played for Paul Becskehazy at Miami Beach Senior High for four years... Was a four-time All-American, All-State and All-City selection... Was a state MVP as a senior and a city MVP the prior three years... Member of two state championship water polo teams... Also competed for the Brazilian Junior National Team.

Personal — Full name: Marco Paulo Santos... Born on July 15, 1985 in Rio de Janeiro... Parents are Marco Antonio Boa Morte Dos Santos and Mariamelia Lemos Dos Santos... Has four siblings (2 brothers, 2 sisters)... Has "always" wanted to attend UCLA and play water polo... Admires R. Calcaterra, an Italian water poloist... Favorite class is physics... Undeclared major.

Santos' Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.
2004	9	17	53%	3	7
Totals	9	17	53%	3	7

Krsto SBUTEGA

Freshman • Attacker • 6-0 • 175
Kotor, Yugoslavia • Reghi HS (Italy)



2004 — Redshirted.

High School — Attended L.S.S. Reghi High School in Rome, Italy... Competed for club team Lottomatica Roma during high school... Won Italian Junior National Championship in 2000.

Personal — Full name: Krsto Sbutega... Born on July 10, 1985 in Kotor, Yugoslavia... Parents are Anton Sbutega and Nada Raškovic... Has two sisters: Olga (22) and Ana (15)... Decided to attend UCLA "for the combination of great water polo, work ethic and the for the academic excellence"... Admires left-handed Hungarian water polo player Tibor Benedict... Enjoys music and video games... Favorite class is calculus... Undeclared major.



russell SIMPKINS

Freshman • Attacker • 6-0 • 195
Santa Cruz, CA • Soquel HS



2004 — Redshirted.

High School — Played under head coach Marcelo Adas for three years at Soquel High School... Named second-team High School All-American as a senior... Was an honorable mention All-American as a sophomore and junior... Also named to the All-Cal-Hawaii team all three years... First-team all-league and first-team all-section as a senior... Team won Central Coast Section title his junior season.

Personal — Full name: Russell Adam Simpkins... Born on November 5, 1985 in Santa Cruz, CA... Older sister Alana plays water polo for UC Santa Cruz... Parents are Bill and Brigid... Father played water polo at Stanford and introduced him to the sport... Attending UCLA because of the athletics, academics, and its atmosphere... Lists biggest athletic thrill as winning the Central Coast Section Water Polo title as a junior... Enjoys surfing and studying history... Undeclared major.

cameron SMITH

Sophomore • Attacker • 6-1 • 180
Honolulu, HI • Punahou HS



2004 — Scored five goals while seeing action in nine contests... Added one assist and five steals... Scored first two career goals against Cal Baptist on September 16... Had single goal performances against Cal Baptist on September 18, UC Santa Cruz on October 10 and Pacific on October 17.

2003 — Redshirted.

High School — Four-year letterwinner in water polo and three-year letterwinner in swimming at Punahou HS in Honolulu, HI under his father Ken Smith and Jeff Meister, respectively... First-team high school All-American... Junior Olympic All-American... ILH Player of the Year in 2002... Three-time Hawaii Player of the Year... Two-time All-ILH selection... Led Punahou to an undefeated season in 2002 and three ILH titles during his career... Led ILH in goals, assists, and steals in his senior season... Punahou Athlete of the Year... State champion in 100-yard freestyle and runner-up in the 50-yard freestyle.

Personal — Full name: Cameron James Smith... Born on January 27, 1985... Father Ken was an All-American water polo player for UCLA in 1966-67... Brother Parker was a member of the UCLA men's volleyball team... Patterns his play after Philadelphia 76ers star Allen Iverson... Favorite class is English... History major.

Smith's Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.
2004	5	9	56%	3	7
Totals	5	9	56%	3	7

grant ZIDER

Junior • Center • 6-4 • 235
Portola Valley, CA • Menlo School



2004 — Played in all 28 matches... Second among all non-starters with 195 minutes played... Notched 17 goals and added seven steals... Posted multi-goal performances against UC Irvine on October 2 and against Cal on October 16... Also added a goal in UCLA's 10-9 overtime win against Stanford in NCAA Championship match.

2003 — Finished second among all freshman with 13 goals... Led all freshman with 32 attempts... Played in 16 matches... Scored two goals in first career game on September 13 against Pepperdine.

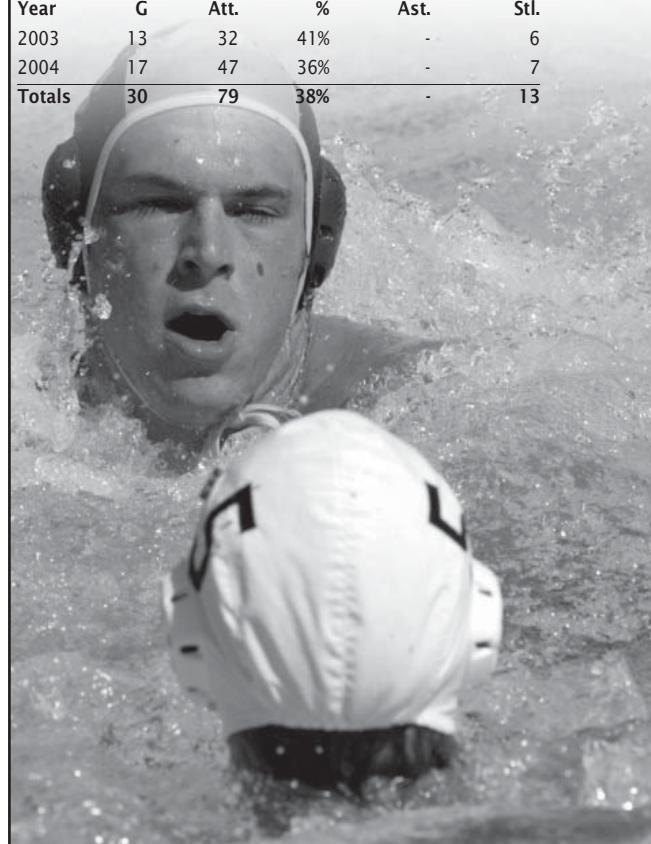
2002 — Redshirted.

High School — Two-year letterwinner in water polo and three-year letterwinner in swimming at Menlo School, under coaches Jack Bowen and Craig Schoot respectively... Named Northern California Player of the Year in 2002... First-team All-American in 2002 and fifth-team All-American in 2001... MVP of Peninsula Athletic League senior year... Recorded 111 goals, 80 steals during senior year... Also played baseball.

Personal — Full name: Grant Thompson Zider... Born on December 1, 1983 in Stanford... Loves to spend time in outdoor activities like surfing, snowboarding, wakeboarding and golfing... Youngest of three children (Allison, 25; Jack 22)... Competes in water polo because of its fast pace and high competitive level... Lists winning the little league baseball championship after an undefeated season as his biggest athletic thrill... Political Science major.

Zider's Career Statistics

Year	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.
2003	13	32	41%	-	6
2004	17	47	36%	-	7
Totals	30	79	38%	-	13



miguel
CIDONCHA-SIMMS

Freshman • Attacker • 6-2 • 185
San Diego, CA • University City HS

chay
LAPIN

Freshman • Goalkeeper • 6-5 • 195
Long Beach, CA • Wilson HS



cole
CONSANI

Freshman • Center • 6-4 • 225
Manhattan Beach, CA • Mira Costa HS



dylan
MOBLEY

Freshman • Attacker • 6-2 • 185
Portola Valley, CA • Sacred Heart Prep



scott
DAVIDSON

Freshman • Attacker • 6-0 • 175
Seal Beach, CA • Los Alamitos HS



jeffery
SMITH

Freshman • Attacker • 6-2 • 200
San Clemente, CA • San Clemente HS



tyler
JEMMETT

Freshman • Attacker • 6-1 • 175
San Diego, CA • Bishop's



scott
SWANSON

Freshman • Attacker • 6-1 • 173
Long Beach, CA • Wilson HS



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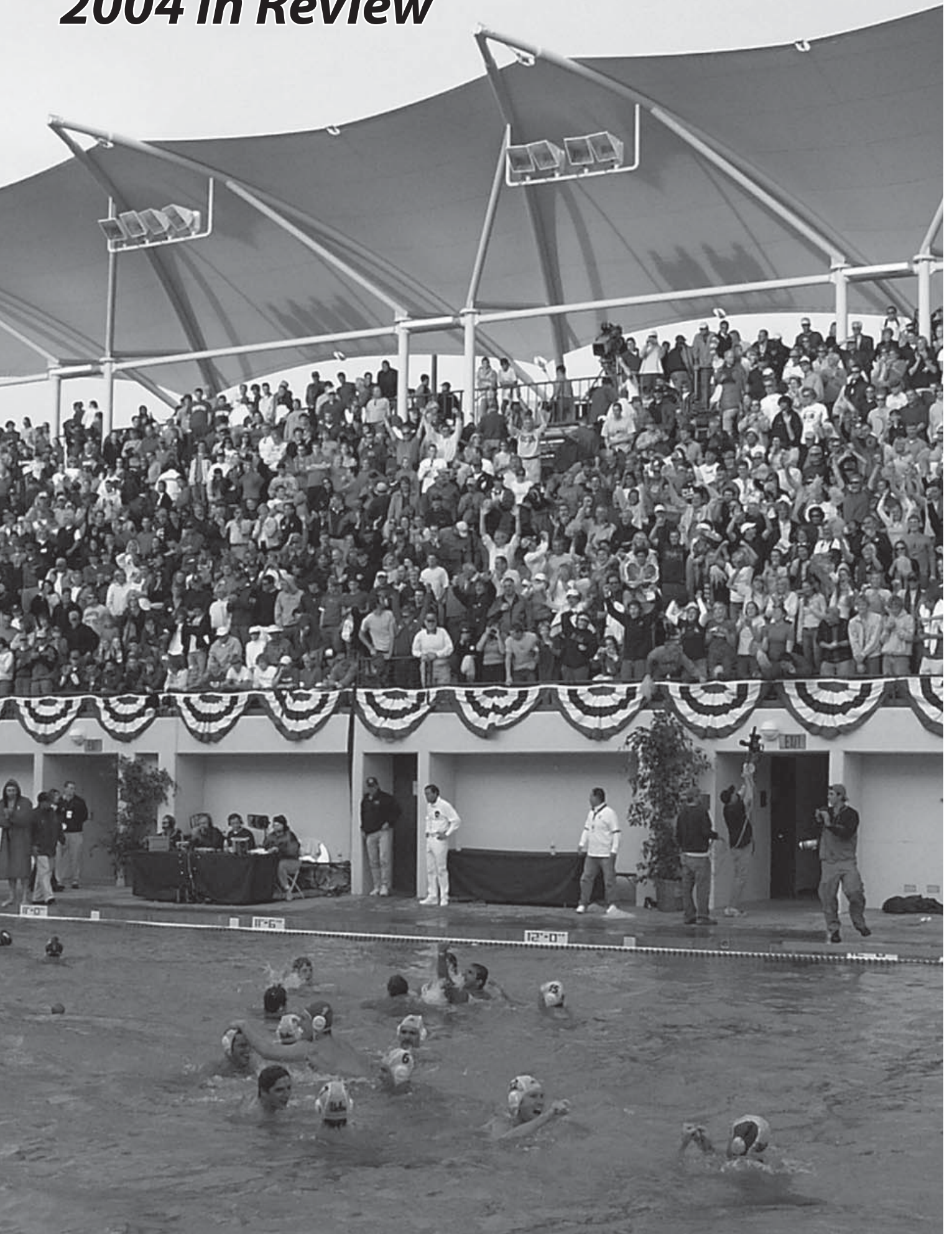
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2004 In Review



National CHAMPIONS

Head Coach Adam Krikorian knew 2004 would be special, but not even he could have predicted the Bruins' amazing run through the water polo ranks which ultimately culminated with the program's eighth national title. The 2004 Bruin water polo squad saw individual and team records fall while also watching a handful of personal accolades roll in upon season's end.

UCLA's 25-3 overall record was good for an .893 winning percentage, its best since 1972. Also, for just the third time in school history, the Bruins finished with a perfect 8-0 record in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play. UCLA sat atop the national rankings for eight consecutive weeks, beginning on October 6, and would not relinquish the top spot until a one-goal loss to Stanford in the MPSF Tournament title game.

UCLA's No. 1 ranking was in large part due to the fact that from September 25 until November 28 the Bruins did not lose... at all. Krikorian guided the Bruins to 18 consecutive wins, the most for UCLA since 1990, including the NorCal Tournament title and individual victories over USC, Stanford and California.

In all, UCLA suffered defeats on just two days and to two different opponents all year. The Bruins' first two losses came at the hands of Stanford and Cal on September 18 during day two of the SoCal Tournament and the third was another loss to Stanford in the MPSF title



match.

Other than those three 28-minute spans, 2004 for UCLA was nothing but smiles.

UCLA jumped out to a 5-0 start after early victories against Navy, Air Force, Pepperdine and two wins against Cal Baptist. In the Bruins' season-opening win over Navy, senior Brett Ormsby notched a career-high six goals.

The Bruins entered the 2004 Nor Cal Tournament on October 2 with a 5-2 record and never looked back. UCLA captured the tournament title with wins over Navy, UC Irvine, Stanford and USC and then ran off 13 straight wins, including eight over MPSF opponents.

UCLA took the No. 1 seed into the MPSF Tournament which began on November 26 at Stanford. The Bruins made quick work of their first two opponents, UC Santa Barbara and UC Irvine with 6-1 and 10-6 wins, respectively. Then in the tournament title match, UCLA was upset by No. 2 Stanford, leaving the Bruins without an automatic bid to the following week's NCAA Final Four.

However, because of UCLA's stellar play throughout the season, the NCAA awarded the Bruins an at-large bid into the Final Four. Now just two wins away from a national title, only Princeton and Stanford stood between the Bruins and the trophy.

Princeton proved to be much more of an opponent than expected as the Tigers held a fourth quarter lead and ultimately forced the Bruins into overtime. UCLA prevailed, however, with a 7-5 win but was set to face No. 1 Stanford in the title match the next day.

In the championship contest, UCLA battled a hostile crowd and the national spotlight and eventually relied upon Logan Powell's game-winning goal with 13 seconds remaining in overtime to clinch its first national title since 2000.

At season's end, Ormsby was named the NCAA Tournament's MVP while attacker Albert Garcia and goalkeeper Joseph Axelrad were named first-team All-Tournament. Teammates Josh Hewko and Michael March garnered second-team honors while leading UCLA to its third national title in six years.

The accolades continued to stream in as Krikorian and Ormsby were tabbed as the National Coach and Player of the Year, respectively. Fellow Bruins Axelrad, March, Albert Garcia, Ted Peck and Josh Hewko each also earned All-America status and all six of those players were named All-MPSF performers as well.

Bruin Men's Water Polo has now won the national title in five of the last ten years.

2004 at a glance...

- National Champions
- Best record (25-3, .893) since 1972
- 18-match winning streak (longest since 1990)
- Six All-Americans
- Krikorian Named Coach of the Year, Ormsby Player of the Year



2004 UCLA Men's Water Polo Team — Top Row (l to r): Brett Ormsby, Thomas Foley, Ted Peck, Tim Cherry, Brad Greiner, Joseph Axelrad, Chris Pulido, Will Didinger, Logan Powell, James Palmer, Grant Zider, Brian Jacobs, Carter Brutschy; Middle Row (l to r): Head Coach Adam Krikorian, Assistant Coach Matt Armato, Christopher Allen, John Blanchette, Peter Belden, Albert Garcia, Marco Santos, Patrick Morrison, Matt Kellogg, Justin Johnson, Undergraduate Assistant Brandon Brooks; Bottom Row (l to r): Student Athletic Trainer Natalie Cirigliano, Krsto Sbutega, Cameron Smith, Matt Jacobs, Tyler Krikorian, David Pietsch, Michael March, Russel Simpkins, Josh Hewko

2004 Statistics – Record: 25-3 Overall; 8-0 MPSF

Name	GP/GS	G	Att.	%	Ast.	Stl.	EE	FS	PF
Joseph Axelrad	25/25	-	-	-	9	15	-	-	-
Peter Belden	28/28	14	32	44%	7	22	8	12	21
John Blanchette	12/0	3	7	43%	5	3	1	1	5
Tim Cherry	5/0	1	2	50%	1	-	1	1	1
Will Didinger	5/3	1	1	100%	7	6	-	-	-
Albert Garcia	27/27	26	73	36%	24	10	16	6	19
Brad Greiner	15/0	1	2	50%	1	6	-	1	7
Thomas Foley	27/0	6	13	46%	5	14	-	2	1
Josh Hewko	28/28	27	65	42%	15	10	10	3	11
Brian Jacobs	5/0	1	2	50%	1	3	1	-	3
Matt Jacobs	28/0	13	39	33%	8	12	4	7	19
Justin Johnson	8/0	1	3	33%	1	5	1	-	-
Matt Kellogg	1/0	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Michael March	28/28	26	59	44%	18	25	3	13	24
Brett Ormsby	28/28	70	165	42%	23	30	24	13	18
James Palmer	5/0	4	5	80%	-	1	-	-	4
Ted Peck	28/28	18	47	38%	5	6	40	4	13
David Pietsch	27/1	19	36	53%	6	14	9	3	7
Logan Powell	27/0	16	29	55%	21	11	12	6	8
Christian Pulido	17/0	5	13	38%	5	4	7	16	19
Marco Santos	23/0	9	17	53%	3	7	7	2	4
Cameron Smith	9/0	5	9	56%	1	5	1	1	3
Grant Zider	28/0	17	47	36%	-	7	15	4	7
TOTALS	28/28	283	608	44%	159	213	157	91	177

Goalkeepers	GP	QP	Saves	GA	GAA	MP
Joseph Axelrad	25	94	188	137	5.83	670*
Will Didinger	5	17	25	17	4.00	119
Matt Kellogg	1	1	2	2	8.00	7
TOTALS	28	112	215	156	5.57	796*

*includes overtime

LEGEND - GP/GS - Games played/Games Started // G - Goals // Att - Attempts // % - Scoring Percentage // Ast. - Assists // Stl. - Steals // EE - Earned Ejections // FS - Field Saves // PF - Personal Fouls // QP - Quarter Played // GA - Goals Against // GAA - Goals Against Average // MP - Minutes Played

2004 Results

Date	UCLA	Opp.	Opponent	Rec.	MPSF
9/10	14	4	#11 Navy	1-0	
	9	3	#19 Air Force	2-0	
9/16	21	8	#20 Cal Baptist	3-0	
9/18^	11	4	#5 Pepperdine	4-0	
	17	5	#20 Cal Baptist	5-0	
9/19^	7	8	#1 Stanford	5-1	
	9	10	#4 California	5-2	
9/25	6	4	#5 UC Irvine	6-2	
10/2!	8	3	#15 Navy	7-2	
	10	9	#5 UC Irvine	8-2	
10/3!	8	6	#1 USC	9-2	
	10	9	#2 Stanford (OT)	10-2	
10/9	15	7	#8 LMU	11-2	
10/10	15	2	UC Santa Cruz	12-2	
10/16	10	6	#4 Cal*	13-2	1-0
10/17	12	4	#15 Pacific*	14-2	2-0
	7	5	#14 UC Davis	15-2	
10/24	7	6	#11 Pepperdine*	16-2	3-0
10/30	7	4	# 2 Stanford*	17-2	4-0
10/31	11	6	# 9 Long Beach St.*	18-2	5-0
11/6	16	5	#7 UC Santa Barbara*	19-2	6-0
11/13	6	4	#3 USC*	20-2	7-0
11/14	7	6	#5 UC Irvine*	21-2	8-0
11/26%	6	1	#9 UC Santa Barbara	22-2	
11/27%	10	6	#5 UC Irvine	23-2	
11/28%	6	7	#2 Stanford	23-3	
12/4\$	7	5	#10 Princeton (OT)	24-3	
12/5\$	10	9	#1 Stanford (OT)	25-3	

\$ - NCAA Final Four - Champions

% - MPSF Tournament - 2nd place

^ - SoCal Tournament (hosted by USC)

! - NorCal Tournament (hosted by Pacific)

* - MPSF Match



Rank.....	School	Points
1	UCLA	100
2	Stanford	95
3	USC	90
4	UC Irvine	84
5	Long Beach State	79
6	California	73
7	Pepperdine	69
8	Loyola Marymount	67
9	Princeton	61
10	UC Santa Barbara	58
11	St. Francis College	50
12	UC San Diego	46
13	UC Davis	39
14	Redlands	35
15	Pacific	29
16	BYU - Hawaii	26
17	Navy	22
18	Whittier College	13
19	Air Force	11
20	Cal Baptist	6

UCLA in the 2004 Polls...

Week	Rank
Preseason	3
1	3
2	3
3	4
4	4
5	1
6	1
7	1
8	1
9	1
10	1
11	1
12	1
13	2
Final	1



The Bruins Go to D.C...

On July 12, 2005, three of UCLA's national championship teams, including the 2004 men's water polo squad, visited President George W. Bush on Championship Day at the White House.



Defending National Champions



2005 UCLA Men's Water Polo

The Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) was established in 1992 to serve the competitive needs of member institutions from the Big West, Pacific-10, Mountain West, Western Athletic and West Coast Conferences and other selected universities in the western United States, and to provide championship competition for Division I intercollegiate Olympic sports in a conference setting. The MPSF was originally formed to provide enhanced competition and championship opportunities for sports without conference affiliation; to contain the costs of competition; and to ensure the survival of sports impacted by Title IX and other fiscal pressures. The Federation has served as an incubator for emerging women's sports and as a safe harbor for sports impacted by conference realignments. Beginning its 14th year of competition, the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation successfully manages the ever-changing face of college sports by fostering contraction and expansion of its intercollegiate athletics portfolio to meet the dynamic needs of its member institutions and conferences.

During the 2005-2006 season, the MPSF will oversee nine Olympic sports while serving approximately 1500 student-athletes and 80 head coaches from 32 universities in 12 western states. All MPSF teams compete at the NCAA Division I level in men's soccer, men's and women's water polo, men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's gymnastics, women's lacrosse and men's volleyball. All MPSF champions are eligible to compete in NCAA Championships with MPSF men's soccer, men's and women's water polo, and men's volleyball champions earning automatic qualification into NCAA championship events.

In 2004-2005, four MPSF teams won NCAA championships with over a dozen teams and hundreds of student-athletes competing in NCAA post-season competition. UCLA won NCAA titles in both men's and women's water polo, with Pepperdine University winning the NCAA men's volleyball championship and University of Oklahoma regaining the NCAA title in men's gymnastics. In men's soccer, the University of New Mexico was ranked No. 1 in the nation for several weeks before taking a double overtime 0-0 draw against Virginia in the third-round of the NCAA tournament, with the Cavaliers advancing to the quarterfinals by winning the penalty tiebreaker against the Lobos. In addition to the twin NCAA water polo titles, UCLA also won the MPSF men's indoor track and field championship for the fourth-consecutive year, with Stanford taking the women's title for the third straight season. Stanford won MPSF championships in men's water polo, women's indoor track and field and women's lacrosse with Sacramento State taking the women's gymnastics championship for the third time in four seasons.

No new teams will be joining the MPSF for 2005-2006, but a few familiar faces will be leaving to join other conferences. Utah State and Idaho will compete in the Western Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships as those institutions are now full WAC members. Cal State Northridge will also compete in that championship as an affiliate member. San Jose State and

Sacramento State will also move into the WAC as newcomers in women's gymnastics and San Diego State has accepted an invitation to compete in the Pac-10 in men's soccer. Despite this natural attrition in the upcoming season, the Federation will continue to serve 32 institutions sponsoring 76 Division I teams in nine sports.

MOUNTAIN PACIFIC



SPORTS FEDERATION

Al Beard has been the Federation's only executive director, taking the reigns after being selected by the MPSF Administrative Committee in 1998. Beard's position was established as a result of the Federation's very successful growth and well established tradition of NCAA and national championship caliber play. The former Director of Youth and Community Programs for UC Davis Athletics, Beard centralizes

the administration of all Federation sports, while working closely with head coaches and administrators from over 30 universities competing at the Division I level. Beard oversees all aspects of MPSF operations, including scheduling, officiating, championships, media relations, NCAA relations, and sponsorships, while also facilitating conference legislation, annual coaches' business meetings and Federation Administrative and Executive Committee meetings. Beard recently completed a four-year term, with two years as chair of the NCAA Men's Water Polo Championships and Rules Committee and is liaison to the USOC and national governing bodies for amateur athletics in the United States.

2004 Final MPSF Water Polo Tournament Results

1st Place:	Stanford 7, UCLA 6
3rd Place:	USC 7, UC Irvine 4
5th Place:	Long Beach State 9, Pepperdine 8
7th Place:	California 7, UC Santa Barbara 6

2004 MPSF Final Standings

School	MPSF					Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Neut
UCLA (2)**	8	0	1.000	3-0	5-0	25	3	.893	6-0	8-1	9-2
Stanford (1)*	7	1	.875	5-0	2-1	23	5	.846	9-0	7-3	6-1
USC (3)	5	3	.571	3-1	2-2	22	5	.815	12-1	5-2	5-1
Long Beach State (5)	4	4	.500	3-2	1-2	18	12	.600	6-3	3-3	8-6
UC Irvine (4)	4	4	.500	4-0	0-4	16	14	.533	6-1	2-7	8-6
California (7)	3	5	.375	1-2	2-3	20	10	.667	7-2	4-3	9-4
Pepperdine (6)	3	5	.375	2-3	1-2	15	14	.517	4-3	3-6	8-5
UC Santa Barbara (8)	2	6	.250	0-3	2-3	18	14	.562	4-3	6-4	8-6
Pacific	0	8	.000	0-4	0-4	7	18	.280	6-8	0-8	1-2

Conference Tournament Finish in Paranthesis, ** National Champions, * National Tournament Qualifier

2004 Men's Water Polo All-MPSF Selections

First Team

Tony Azevedo, DR, Stanford
Brett Ormsby, ATT, UCLA
 Rick Merlo, UTL, UC Irvine
Joseph Axelrad, GK, UCLA
 Chad Taylor, GK, Stanford
 Juraj Zatovic, 2M, USC
 Peter Varellas, DR, Stanford
 John Mann, UTL, California
 James Shin, DR, USC

Second Team

Dreason Barry, DR, UC Irvine
 Thomas Hopkins, DR, Stanford
 Brett McCleave, 2M, Long Beach State
 Dan Noon, 2M, UC Irvine
 Brian Alexander, DEF, UCSB

Thomas Hale, DR, USC

Michael March, CTR D, UCLA

Third Team

Nick Andrejich, 2M D, USC
 Josh Acosta, DR, Pepperdine
 Andrija Vasiljevic, DR, California
 Greg Crum, 2M, Stanford
Albert Garcia, ATT, UCLA
 Grant Miller, UTL, Pepperdine
 Jon Bonafede, GK, UCSB

Honorable Mention

Brian Kinsel, CTR, California
Ted Peck, CTR, UCLA
Josh Hewko, ATT, UCLA
 Cameron Kaiser, 2M, USC

Brad Scoles, GRD, Long Beach State
 Robbie Miller, GK, Pepperdine
 Andrew Schoneberger, DR, UCSB
 Dragan Bakic, UTL, Pacific
 Nate Bennett, GK, California
 Adam Hewko, UTL, Pepperdine
 Don Ricci, GK, USC
 Reid Tomassi, DR, Long Beach State

Coch of the Year

John Vargas, Stanford

Player of the Year

Tony Azevedo, Stanford

Newcomer of the Year

Brett McCleave, Long Beach State