

2005 IN REVIEW



2005 AT A GLANCE...

The 2005 men's water polo team ended its season with a fifth-place finish in the MPSF Tournament, a No. 5 final national ranking and a 21-8 overall record. Each of the Bruins' eight losses was in one-goal games, and five of those defeats came in overtime (three in double-overtime). UCLA endured a heart-breaking

double-overtime setback to California, 13-12, in the first round of the MPSF Tournament on Nov. 25.

The Bruins raced to a quick start, chalking up a 6-0 record to begin the season. In the season opener (at the BYU-Hawaii Tournament), UCLA scored 30 goals in a match for the first time since 1970 and for the third

time in program history. Four Bruins registered four goals as UCLA routed Chaminade, 30-2.

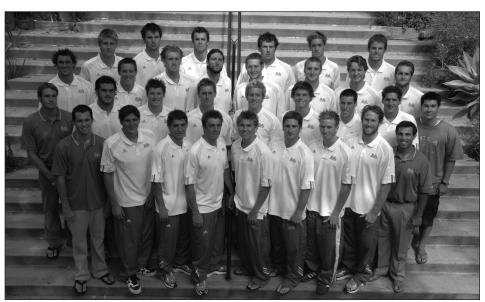
The final three of UCLA's four So Cal Tournament matches were decided in overtime. After defeating Bucknell, 12-2, the Bruins edged UC Irvine in an extra session, 9-7. UCLA suffered its first two losses of the season the following day.

Following the So Cal Tournament, UCLA reeled off seven-consecutive victories, including a 7-4 victory over top-ranked California at the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center. Riding a five-game win streak as they entered the Nor Cal Tournament, the Bruins recorded wins over UC Santa Barbara and Pepperdine on the first day of competition. UCLA dropped both games on day two, to third-ranked California and fourth-ranked Stanford.

In conference play, the Bruins recorded victories over California, UC Santa Barbara, Long Beach State, Pepperdine and Pacific. UCLA ended the regular season on a high note, knocking off eighth-ranked Pacific, 11-7, one day after falling to crosstown rival USC, 8-7, in double overtime. Following the Bruins' first-round loss in the conference tournament, UCLA rebounded to defeat Long Beach State, 10-6, and Pacific, 9-5, in the fifth-place game.

Senior David Pietsch scored a team-high 39 goals and earned All-America and All-MPSF second team honors. Junior Will Didinger made 191 saves in 26 games, posted a 6.04 goals against average and earned All-MPSF third-team accolades. The Bruin goalkeeper also captured All-America honorable mention honors.





2005 UCLA Men's Water Polo Team — Top Row (I to r): Chay Lapin, Miguel Cidoncha-Simms, James Palmer, Grant Zider, Carter Brutschy, Logan Powell. Second Row (I to r): Thomas Foley, Dylan Mobley, Justin Johnson, Christian Pulido, Jeffery Smith, Cole Consani, Matt Kellogg, John Blanchette. Third Row (I to r): Assistant Coach Matt Flesher, Marco Santos, Christopher Allen, Will Didinger, Scott Swanson, Tyler Jemmett, Scott Davidson, Brian Jacobs, Student Athletic Trainer Jasper Labelle. Bottom Row (I to r): Assistant Coach Brett Ormsby, Matt Jacobs, Krsto Sbutega, Russell Simpkins, Patrick Morrison, Tyler Krikorian, Cameron Smith, David Pietsch, Head Coach Adam Krikorian.

GAME-BY-GAME RECAPS

| UCLA 30, Chan | ninade 2 (Sep | t. 3, 2005) |
|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| UCLA (1-0) | | 30 |
| Chaminade (0-1 |) | 2 |

UCLA 16, BYU-Hawaii 4 (Sept. 3, 2005)

UCLA (2-0) 3 6 4 3 16 BYU-Hawaii (0-1) 1 0 2 1 4

UCLA 16, Chaminade 2 (Sept. 4, 2005)
UCLA (3-0) - - - - 16

Chaminade (0-2) - - - - 2

<u>UCLA 16, BYU-Hawaii 6 (Sept. 5, 2005)</u> UCLA (4-0) 4 3 4 5 16

BYU-Hawaii (0-2) 1 1 3 1 6

SO CAL TOURNAMENT (four games)
UCLA 12, Bucknell 2 (Sept. 17, 2005)

Bucknell (4-7) 0 1 0 1 2 UCLA (5-0) 3 2 3 4 12

UCLA 9, UC Irvine 7 - OT (Sept. 17, 2005)

UC Irvine (4-3) 3 1 3 0 0 0 7 UCLA (6-0) 2 2 1 2 1 1 9

Stanford 10, UCLA 9 - 2 OT (Sept. 18, 2005)

Stanford (6-0) 3 2 1 2 1 0 1 10 UCLA (6-1) 3 2 1 2 1 0 0 9 California 8, UCLA 7 - OT (Sept. 18, 2005)

California (7-1) 1 2 1 3 1 0 8 UCLA (6-2) 2 3 1 1 0 0 7

UCLA 7, Pepperdine 5 (Sept. 25, 2005)

UCLA (7-2) 3 1 2 1 7 Pepperdine (7-3) 1 1 3 0 5

UCLA 10, Loyola Marymount 5 (Sept. 29, 2005)

UCLA (8-2) 3 2 3 2 10 LMU (5-7) 1 2 1 1 5

UCLA 10, UC Irvine 8 (Oct. 1, 2005)

UC Irvine (5-6) 2 0 3 3 8 UCLA (9-2) 2 4 2 2 10

UCLA 7, California 4 (Oct. 8, 2005)

California (10-2) 1 1 0 2 4 UCLA (10-2) 2 1 1 3 7

UCLA 14, Princeton 6 (Oct. 9, 2005)

Princeton (12-6) 1 1 1 3 6 UCLA (11-2) 2 4 4 4 14

NOR CAL TOURNAMENT (four games)
UCLA 8, UC Santa Barbara 3 (Oct. 15, 2005)

UCSB (7-10) 1 1 0 1 3 UCLA (12-2) 4 1 2 1 8 UCLA 8, Pepperdine 7 (Oct. 15, 2005)

Pepperdine (11-5) 2 1 2 2 UCLA (13-2) 1 3 2 2

California 7, UCLA 6 (Oct. 16, 2005)

UCLA (13-3) 1 2 0 3 6 California (13-2) 1 0 1 5 7

Stanford 6, UCLA 5 (Oct. 16, 2005)

Stanford (12-3) 1 0 3 2 6 UCLA (13-4) 1 2 1 1 5

UCLA 6, UC San Diego 5 (Oct. 21, 2005)

UCSD (20-6) 1 3 1 0 5 UCLA (14-4) 1 2 1 2 6

UCLA 8, UC Santa Barbara 2 (Oct. 22, 2005)

UCSB (9-11) 0 0 1 1 2 UCLA (15-4) 1 3 3 1 8

Stanford 9, UCLA 8 - 2 OT (Oct. 29, 2005)

UCLA (15-5) 0 2 4 1 1 0 8 Stanford (14-3) 1 1 1 4 1 1 9

UCLA 13, UC Santa Cruz 2 (Oct. 30, 2005)

UCLA (16-5) 4 2 2 5 13 UCSC (4-17) 0 1 1 0 2

UCLA 9, Long Beach State 8 (Nov. 6, 2005)

UCLA (17-5) 2 4 1 2 9 LBSU (15-12) 2 1 2 3 8 UC Irvine 8, UCLA 7 (Nov. 10, 2005)

UCLA (17-6) 3 2 0 2 7 UC Irvine (15-10) 1 1 2 4 8

UCLA 7, Pepperdine 5 (Nov. 12, 2005)

UCLA (18-6) 1 3 1 2 7 Pepperdine (15-9) 1 1 2 1 5

USC 8, UCLA 7 - 2 OT (Nov. 19, 2005)

UCLA (18-7) 1 4 1 0 1 7 USC (21-1) 0 4 0 2 2 8

UCLA 11, Pacific 7 (Nov. 20, 2005)

UCLA (19-7) 2 3 4 2 11 Pacific (18-12) 0 3 1 3 7

MPSF TOURNAMENT (three games)

California 13, UCLA 12 - 2 OT (Nov. 25, 2005)

UCLA (19-8) 2 3 3 2 1 1 12 California (20-6) 2 3 3 2 1 2 13

UCLA 10, Long Beach State 6 (Nov. 26, 2005)

UCLA (20-8) 3 3 1 3 10 LBSU (17-17) 2 0 3 1 6

UCLA 9, Pacific 5 (Nov. 27, 2005)

UCLA (21-8) 1 2 2 4 9
Pacific (19-14) 1 1 2 1 5



| 2005 Statistics - Record: 21-8 Overall, 5-3 MPSF | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|-----|-------|------|------|------|-----|-----|--|
| Name | GP/GS | G | Att. | % | Ast. | Stl. | EE | PF | |
| Christopher Allen | 12/0 | 7 | 10 | 70% | 1 | 7 | 1 | 0 | |
| John Blanchette | 29/29 | 16 | 23 | 70% | 9 | 13 | 1 | 21 | |
| Carter Brutschy | 9/0 | 1 | 3 | 33% | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | |
| Will Didinger | 26/26 | 1 | 1 | 100% | 3 | 20 | 0 | 0 | |
| Thomas Foley | 29/17 | 14 | 37 | 38% | 3 | 10 | 2 | 3 | |
| Brian Jacobs | 10/0 | 2 | 4 | 50% | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | |
| Matt Jacobs | 29/14 | 21 | 54 | 39% | 7 | 14 | 7 | 12 | |
| Justin Johnson | 27/0 | 24 | 53 | 45% | 6 | 10 | 3 | 15 | |
| Matt Kellogg | 5/4 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | |
| Tyler Krikorian | 25/0 | 7 | 12 | 58% | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| Patrick Morrison | 27/0 | 20 | 42 | 48% | 7 | 6 | 3 | 2 | |
| James Palmer | 11/0 | 1 | 5 | 20% | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | |
| David Pietsch | 29/29 | 39 | 97 | 40% | 25 | 28 | 18 | 17 | |
| Logan Powell | 29/29 | 34 | 79 | 40% | 13 | 8 | 19 | 12 | |
| Christian Pulido | 16/16 | 18 | 54 | 33% | 11 | 8 | 7 | 20 | |
| Marco Santos | 27/10 | 18 | 46 | 39% | 7 | 3 | 17 | 5 | |
| Krsto Sbutega | 29/10 | 28 | 73 | 38% | 13 | 9 | 5 | 15 | |
| Russell Simpkins | 29/0 | 12 | 19 | 63% | 6 | 6 | 8 | 7 | |
| Cameron Smith | 29/0 | 7 | 21 | 33% | 3 | 14 | 3 | 6 | |
| Grant Zider | 27/19 | 25 | 61 | 41% | 1 | 4 | 18 | 6 | |
| TOTALS | 29/29 | 295 | 694 | 43% | 114 | 176 | 114 | 146 | |
| Goalkeepers | GP/GS | QP | Saves | GA | GAA | MP | | | |
| Will Didinger | 26/26 | 101 | 191 | 159 | 5.92 | 752* | | | |
| Matt Kellogg | 5/3 | 15 | 27 | 11 | 2.96 | 104 | | | |
| TOTALS | 29/29 | 116 | 218 | 170 | 5.56 | 856* | | | |

^{*}includes overtime

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

2005 RESULTS

| Date | Result | UCLA | Opp. | Opponent | Rec. | MPSF |
|---------------------|--------|------|------|--------------------------|------|------|
| 9/3^ | W | 30 | 2 | Chaminade | 1-0 | |
| 9/3^ | W | 16 | 4 | No. 16 BYU Hawaii | 2-0 | |
| 9/4^ | W | 16 | 2 | Chaminade | 3-0 | |
| 9/5^ | W | 16 | 6 | No. 16 BYU Hawaii | 4-0 | |
| 9/17^^ | W | 12 | 2 | Bucknell | 5-0 | |
| 9/17^^ | W | 9 | 7 | No. 8 UC Irvine (OT) | 6-0 | |
| 9/18^^ | L | 9 | 10 | No. 4 Stanford (OT) | 6-1 | |
| 9/18^^ | L | 7 | 8 | No. 2 California (OT) | 6-2 | |
| 9/25 | W | 7 | 5 | No. 6 Pepperdine | 7-2 | |
| 9/29 | W | 10 | 5 | No. 9 Loyola Marymount | 8-2 | |
| 10/1 | W | 10 | 8 | No. 7 UC Irvine | 9-2 | |
| 10/8 | W | 7 | 4 | No. 1 California* | 10-2 | 1-0 |
| 10/9 | W | 14 | 6 | No. 12 Princeton | 11-2 | |
| 10/15 ^s | W | 8 | 3 | No. 15 UC Santa Barbara | 12-2 | |
| 10/15 ^s | W | 8 | 7 | No. 7 Pepperdine | 13-2 | |
| 10/16 ^{\$} | L | 6 | 7 | No. 3 California | 13-3 | |
| 10/16 ^s | L | 5 | 6 | No. 4 Stanford | 13-4 | |
| 10/21 | W | 6 | 5 | No. 6 UC San Diego | 14-4 | |
| 10/22 | W | 8 | 2 | No. 14 UC Santa Barbara* | 15-4 | 2-0 |
| 10/29 | L | 8 | 9 | No. 3 Stanford (2 OT)* | 15-5 | 2-1 |
| 10/30 | W | 13 | 2 | UC Santa Cruz | 16-5 | |
| 11/6 | W | 9 | 8 | No. 8 Long Beach State* | 16-6 | 3-1 |
| 11/10 | L | 7 | 8 | No. 6 UC Irvine* | 17-6 | 3-2 |
| 11/12 | W | 7 | 5 | No. 5 Pepperdine* | 18-6 | 4-2 |
| 11/19 | L | 7 | 8 | No. 1 USC (2 OT)* | 18-7 | 4-3 |
| 11/20 | W | 11 | 7 | No. 8 Pacific* | 19-7 | 5-3 |
| 11/25@ | L | 12 | 13 | No. 3 California (2 OT) | 19-8 | |
| 11/26 [@] | W | 10 | 6 | No. 9 Long Beach State | 20-8 | |
| 11/27@ | W | 9 | 5 | No. 7 Pacific | 21-8 | |
| TOTALS | | 297 | 170 | | 21-8 | 5-3 |

 $^{^{\}mbox{\scriptsize Λ}}$ - So Cal Tournament (hosted by UC Irvine)

| UCLA TEAM LEADERS |
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| Cools |
| 1. David Pietsch |
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| 3. Cameron Smith14 |
| 5. John Blanchette |
| FINAL 2005 MEN'S NATIONAL |
| Collegiate Top 20 Poll |
| Rank School Points |
| 1 USC 100 |
| 3 California 90 |
| 4 UC Irvine85 |
| 5 UCLA80 |
| 6 Pacific |
| 8 Loyola Marymount |
| 9 Long Beach State61 |
| 10 UC San Diego |
| 11 St. Francis College |
| 13 UC Santa Barbara |
| 13 UC Davis |
| 15 Redlands |
| 17 BYU - Hawaii |
| 17 Bucknell |
| 19 Brown 9 20 Santa Clara 4 |
| UCLA IN THE 2005 Polls |
| Week (date of release) Rank |
| Preseason |
| 1 (Sept. 7) |
| 2 (Sept. 14) 1 |
| 3 (Sept. 21) |
| 4(Sept. 28) |
| 6 (Oct. 12) |
| 7 (Oct. 19) |
| 8(Oct. 26) |
| 9(Nov. 2) |
| 11(Nov. 16) |
| 12(Nov. 23) 5 |
| Final. (Nov. 30) 5 |
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^{\$ -} Nor Cal Tournament (hosted by Stanford)

^{@ -} MPSF Tournament - 5th place

^{* -} MPSF Match

The Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) was established in the 1992-1993 academic year 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. In 2006-2007, the Federation will celebrate its 15th year of competition and is more relevant today than at any other time since its inception. As a testament to its viability, the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation continues to successfully manage 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 2006-2007 season, the MPSF will again oversee nine Olympic sports while serving approximately 1500 studentathletes and 80 head coaches from 33 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. The MPSF portfolio of teams for 2006-2007 season will remain the same with the Federation serving 33 institutions sponsoring 78 Division I teams in nine sports.

In 2005-2006, four MPSF teams once again won NCAA

championships with over a dozen teams and hundreds of studentathletes competing in NCAA post-season competition. UCLA won NCAA titles in both men's volleyball and women's water polo, with USC winning the NCAA men's water polo championship and University of Oklahoma taking the NCAA title in men's gymnastics for the second consecutive year and fourth time in five seasons. In men's soccer, the University of New Mexico was ranked No. 1 in the nation for several weeks before losing 1-0 in the 2006 NCAA Men's College Cup final against the University of Maryland to take



the runner-up post in the NCAA tournament. In women's lacrosse 13th-ranked Stanford University was selected as the MPSF's first-time at-large representative to the NCAA Women's Lacrosse championship where they lost in the first-round to eventual NCAA Champion Northwestern.

Other Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Champions for the 2005-2006 year include New Mexico in men's soccer for the second-consecutive year and fourth-time in five years. Washington for the first-time ever as the MPSF men's indoor track and field champion with Stanford repeating as the women's indoor track and field champion for the fourth-consecutive year, Seattle Pacific as a first-time champion in women's gymnastics. UCLA in men's volleyball for the sixth-time, and Stanford for the fourth-time in women's water polo and again in women's lacrosse for the second-consecutive season

Al Beaird has been the Federation's only executive director. taking the reigns after being selected by the MPSF Administrative Committee in 1998. Beaird's position was established as a result of the Federation's 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, Beaird 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. Beaird oversees all aspects of MPSF operations, including scheduling, officiating, championships, media relations, broadcasting, NCAA relations, and sponsorships, while also facilitating conference legislation, annual coaches' business meetings and Federation Administrative and Executive Committee meetings. In 2004, Beaird completed a four-year term, with three years as chair of the NCAA Men's Water Polo Championships and Rules Committee and also currently serves as liaison to the USOC and national governing bodies for amateur athletics in the United States.

2005 Final MPSF Water Polo Tournament Results

1st Place: USC 8, Stanford 5 3rd Place: California 9, UC Irvine 7 5th Place: UCLA 9, Pacific 5

7th Place: Pepperdine 9, Long Beach State 7

2005 MPSF FINAL STANDINGS

| | | | MPSF | | | | | Overall | | | |
|----------------------|---|---|-------|------|------|----|----|---------|------|------|------|
| School | W | L | Pct. | Home | Away | W | L | Pct. | Home | Away | Neut |
| USC (1)** | 8 | 0 | 1.000 | 4-0 | 4-0 | 26 | 1 | .963 | 5-0 | 8-1 | 13-0 |
| UC Irvine (4) | 6 | 2 | .750 | 4-0 | 2-2 | 18 | 12 | .600 | 9-3 | 3-5 | 6-4 |
| Stanford (2)* | 6 | 2 | .750 | 4-0 | 2-2 | 20 | 7 | .741 | 9-0 | 2-3 | 9-4 |
| UCLA (5) | 5 | 3 | .625 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 21 | 8 | .724 | 7-1 | 6-3 | 8-4 |
| California (3) | 5 | 3 | .625 | 3-1 | 2-2 | 21 | 7 | .750 | 6-2 | 5-2 | 10-3 |
| Pepperdine (7) | 3 | 5 | .375 | 3-1 | 0-4 | 18 | 11 | .620 | 8-2 | 3-4 | 7-5 |
| Pacific (6) | 2 | 6 | .250 | 1-3 | 1-3 | 19 | 14 | .593 | 6-4 | 1-5 | 12-5 |
| Long Beach State (8) | 1 | 7 | .143 | 1-2 | 0-5 | 17 | 18 | .485 | 1-2 | 4-8 | 12-8 |
| UC Santa Barbara | 0 | 8 | .000 | 0-4 | 0-4 | 13 | 17 | .433 | 4-5 | 0-4 | 9-8 |

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

2005 Men's Water Polo All-MPSF Selections

First Team

Juraj Zatovic, 2M, USC John Mann, UTL, California Jesse Smith, 2M, Pepperdine Thomas Hopkins, DR, Stanford Peter Varellas, DR, Stanford Juan Delgadillo, DR, USC Sandy Hohener, GK, Stanford

Second Team

Dreason Barry, UTL, UC Irvine Tim Hutten, 2M, UC Irvine David Pietsch, ATT, UCLA Andrija Vasiljevic, DR, California Tom Corcoran, 2M, USC Don Ricci, GK, USC Marty Matthies, 2M, California

Third Team

Thomas Hale, DR, USC Jay Gerardi, DR, Long Beach State Brett McCleave, 2M, Long Beach State Nate Bennett, GK, California Dragan Bakic, UTL, Pacific Grant Miller, UTL, Pepperdine Will Didinger, GK, UCLA

Honorable Mention

Marko Popovic, GK, Pacific Chris Pulido, DEF, UCLA Mike Sharf, DR, California J.J. Garton, UTL, Stanford Logan Powell, ATT, UCLA

Adam Hewko, DR, Pepperdine Will Hindle-Katel, 2M, Stanford Nate White, DR, UC Irvine Grant Zider, CTR, UCLA

Coach of the Year Jovan Vavic, USC

Player of the Year Juraj Zatovic, USC

Newcomer of the Year Will Hindle-Katel, Stanford