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Women's Golf Team Finishes 21st at NCAA Championships *Bruins Continue Streak of NCAA Appearances*

2002 UCLA Women's Golf Quick Facts

UCLA's NCAA Championships Results

Yvonne Choe: 79-76-77-73—305, (T-83)
Melissa Martin: 73-75-75-85—308,
(T-95)
Charlotte Mayorkas: 81-72-74-
72—299, (T-50)
Alicia Um: 81-78-73-74—306, (T-88)
Gina Umeck: 81-74-76-76—307, (T-93)
Team: 314-297-298-295—1,204, 21st

UCLA's 2001-02 Season at a Glance

- Second straight NCAA berth
- 2002 NCAA West Regional Champions
- Six Top 5, nine Top 10 finishes
- Three stroke improvement in team stroke average
- Improved Rounds Under Par total by 40% from last year.
- Yvonne Choe voted 2002 Pac-10 Newcomer of the Year and 2nd Team All-Pac-10
- Carrie Leary voted 2002 Pac-10 Coach of the Year.

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The UCLA women's golf team, which earned its second straight NCAA Championships berth, finished the 2001-02 season by placing 21st nationally.

UCLA made its 17th overall appearance in the 21-year history of the NCAA Women's Golf Championships. The University of Washington served as host of the event at Washington National Golf Club in Auburn, WA.

The Bruins posted a 72-hole score of 1,204, 52-over par. After going 26-over par in the first round, they played the rest of the tournament in 26-over par and climbed from 24th place to 21st by tournament's end.

The top individual finisher for UCLA was freshman Charlotte Mayorkas, who tied for 50th place at 11-over par 299. Mayorkas played the final 54 holes two-over par.

The high point of the Bruins' season came at the NCAA West Regional, where they tied Pepperdine for first place honors. By winning the tiebreaker against the Waves, the Bruins earned the West Region's No.1 seed and effectively won the West Regional crown.

Individually, sophomore Gina Umeck continued her late-season surge, placing seventh. In her last six tournaments, Umeck finished among the Top 10 four times, and averaged 74.7 strokes per round with three rounds under par. She led the team with five Top 10 finishes in 11 appearances, and 93% of her scores counted in team scoring.

Umeck was named UCLABruins.com Student-Athlete of the Week on May 13.

UCLA also placed two other players among the Top 20 at the West Regionals: freshman Charlotte Mayorkas tied for 10th place and sophomore Melissa Martin tied for 19th. Mayorkas fired a final round, two-under par 70 and vaulted from 16th place into the top ten. Martin played par golf over the final 18 holes to record her fourth finish among the Top 20 this season.

As a team, the Bruins' final round score of 288 was the best of the day among the West Regional field. UCLA's 54-hole score of 883 tied for its second best three-round score of the season.

Head Coach Carrie Leary

3rd Year

UCLA '94

Career Highlights

- Led UCLA to the No.1 seed from the West for 2002 NCAA Championships.
- 2002 Pac-10 Coach of the Year.
- Has improved the team stroke average eight shots in three seasons.
- Led UCLA to a 21st place finish at the 2002 NCAA Championships.
- Led UCLA to a tie for fifth place at the 2001 NCAA Championships.
- Has guided the Bruins to four tournament titles in three seasons.

Completing her third season, UCLA Head Coach Carrie Leary has guided the Bruins' resurgence into the limelight of the nation's elite women's golf programs.

Voted Pac-10 Coach of the Year in April after UCLA surprised the field and captured second place in the conference tournament, Leary has established a trend of inspiring her team to play its best golf when it counts. In their last six tournaments, the Bruins finished among the Top Five four times, and overall, they recorded nine Top 10 finishes in 12 events this season. Their co-championship at the NCAA West Regional continued an important streak for Leary's teams: they have won at least one team title in each of her three seasons.

Freshman Yvonne Choe was voted 2002 Pac-10 Newcomer of the Year and 2nd Team All-Pac-10 after tying for fourth place at the conference tournament. Sophomore Gina Umeck and senior Alicia Um were selected to the All-Pac-10 Honorable Mention team.

Additionally, Leary improved the Bruins' stroke average three shots from their 2001 average, and has chopped eight shots off the team's average since being named head coach in 1999.

Finally, six of the seven returning players for the 2001-02 season improved their stroke averages from the previous year.

No stranger to the challenges and joys of collegiate golf, Leary started her UCLA golf career as a walk-on player, earned a scholarship after her freshman year and was a member of UCLA's 1991 NCAA Championship team.

Last season, Leary's Bruins also peaked at the end of the season, qualifying for the NCAA Championships with a solid fourth-place finish at the West Regionals. At the NCAA Championships, the Bruins proved they were contenders by tying for fifth place. UCLA also won a pair of tournaments — its second straight Rainbow Fall Classic and the San Diego State Fall Classic. Individually, senior Laura Moffat earned Honorable Mention All-America honors by finishing in a tie for sixth place at the NAAs. Freshmen Melissa Martin and Gina Umeck each recorded impressive Top 25 finishes at the national championship tournament. Both players earned All-Pac-10 Honorable Mention honors.

In her first season, 1999-2000, Leary's positive attitude and organized work ethic made an immediate impact on the Bruins. UCLA won its first tournament in nearly three years with a six-stroke victory in the 1999 Rainbow Fall Classic. In their first tournament, the Bruins finished fifth against a national field at the NCAA Fall Preview. That finish propelled them from 20th in the preseason rankings to ninth. By the end of the season UCLA had improved its team stroke average by five shots and nearly every returning player had improved her stroke average. Individually, senior Amanda Moltke-Leth earned first-team All-America and All-Pac-10 honors and finished the season ranked sixth nationally. Moffat earned All-Pac-10 Honorable Mention honors and first-team all-conference academic honors. In addition, several players earned mention on the Director's Honor Roll.

Leary, 31, served as the head coach at Cal State Northridge from 1996-99, where she was named the 1998-99 Big Sky Coach of the Year. She guided the Matadors to a third place finish in the 1998 Big Sky Conference Championship and placed two players on the all-conference team. In Leary's three seasons at Northridge, the Matadors improved their team scoring average by 31 strokes.

As a UCLA freshman in 1990, she participated in 11 of 12 tournaments, including lineups that won the Pacific-10 Conference Championships and finished second at the NCAA Championships. She graduated with honors from UCLA in 1994 with a degree in Psychology, and also served as the Bruins' student assistant coach during the 1993-94 season.

2002 Player Biographies

Alicia Um, 5-4, Sr., Newbury Park, CA

- **Collegiate Best Round:** 69 (2002)
- **Career UCLA Stroke Average:** 77.2
- **NCAA Tournament Stroke Average (Best Finish):** 76.5 (T-95)
- **Best Career UCLA Finish:** T-7th at 1998 Pac-10 Championships
- Season stroke average of 75.7 was more than two strokes better than her previous career average (77.9)
- Seven career Top 20 finishes, one Top 10 finish
- Voted to All-Pac-10 Honorable Mention in 2002.
- Played 107 career collegiate rounds.

Gina Umeck, 5-6, So., Redlands, CA

1. **Collegiate Best Round:** 70 (2002)
2. **Career UCLA Stroke Average:** 75.7
3. **NCAA Tournament Stroke Average (Best Finish):** 75.6 (T-25, 2001)
4. **Best Career UCLA Finish:** 4th at 2002 Pioneer Bruin Classic
5. Fifty-five of her 60 career rounds (92%) have been counted in team scoring.
6. Season stroke average of 75.4 was nearly one stroke better than last year's (76.1)
7. Nine career Top 20 finishes, seven Top 10s
8. Two-time All-Pac-10 Honorable Mention selection
9. Nominated for 2002 NGCA All-America and All-Pac-10 Academic Team.
10. Majoring in Spanish with a 3.4 cumulative GPA.

Melissa Martin, 5-2, So., Altadena, CA

- **Collegiate Best Round:** 71 (2002)
- **Career UCLA Stroke Average:** 76.2
- **NCAA Tournament Stroke Average (Best Finish):** 75.5 (T-18, 2001)
- **Best Career UCLA Finish:** T-2nd at 2000 SDSU Fall Classic
- Season stroke average of 76.1 was better than her career average (76.4)
- Six career Top 20 finishes, two Top 10s
- Nominated for the 2002 All-Pac-10 Academic Team.
- 2001 Pac-10 Honorable Mention selection

Yvonne Choe, 5-3, Fr., Temple City, CA

- **Collegiate Best Round:** 69 (2002)
- **Career UCLA Stroke Average:** 75.2
- **NCAA Tournament Stroke Average (Best Finish):** 76.2 (T-83, 2002)
- **Best Career UCLA Finish:** T-4th at 2002 Pac-10 Championships
- Voted 2002 Pac-10 Newcomer of the Year and 2nd Team All-Pac-10
- Four Top 20 finishes, two Top 10s

Charlotte Mayorkas, 5-7, Fr., Chula Vista, CA

- **Collegiate Best Round:** 69 (2002)
- **Career UCLA Stroke Average:** 76.7
- **NCAA Tournament Stroke Average (Best Finish):** 74.7 (T-50, 2002)
- **Best Career UCLA Finish:** T-10th at 2002 NCAA West Regional
- Two career Top 20 and Top 10 finishes
- Tied for team lead with four rounds under par.

Johanna Andersson, 5-9, So., Ystad, Sweden

- **Collegiate Best Round:** 68 (2001)
- **Career UCLA Stroke Average:** 76.8
- **Best Career UCLA Finish:** 1st at 2000 San Diego State Fall Classic
- First collegiate round was a 68, her career best score.
- Recorded two Top 10 and three Top 20 finishes as a freshman.

Vivan Phosomran, 5-3, Jr., Long Beach, CA

- **Collegiate Best Round:** 72 (2002)
- **Career UCLA Stroke Average:** 78.2
- **Best Career UCLA Finish:** T-4 at 2000 San Diego State Fall Classic
- Has improved her stroke average every season, including a two-stroke improvement from her freshman to junior seasons.
- Also recorded a new collegiate best of 72 in the final round of the Stanford/Pepsi Invitational.
- Has played 46 career rounds in 26 appearances.

Krystal Shearer, 5-3, So., Northridge, CA

- **Collegiate Best Round:** 74 (2001)
- **Career UCLA Stroke Average:** 77.6
- **Best Career UCLA Finish:** T-33 (twice)
- Improved her stroke average almost two strokes from her freshman season.

Kristin Thompson, 5-5, Fr.R, Napa, CA

- **Collegiate Best Round:** 73 (twice)
- **Career UCLA Stroke Average:** 76.7
- **Best Career UCLA Finish:** T-10 at Bruin Pioneer Classic
- Recorded her first Top 10 finish at the Bruin Pioneer Classic and placed among the Top 25 at Stanford's Peg Barnard Invitational and the Pac-10 Championships.
- Nominated for Pac-10 All-Academic Team in 2002.

Saki Uechi, 5-4, So., Panorama City, CA

- **Collegiate Best Round:** 70 (2001)
- **Career UCLA Stroke Average:** 77.4
- **Best Career UCLA Finish:** T-7 at 2000 Rainbow Wahine Invitational
- Boasts two Top 10 and three Top 20 finishes.
- Improved her stroke average more than half a stroke from her freshman season.

Team Notes: The Bruins' team stroke average of 300.6 in 2001-02 was 3.1 strokes better than last year's average. Overall, Leary has improved the team stroke average eight shots in her three-year tenure. In addition, all but one returning player improved her stroke average this season from last season and six players improved their career best single round scores. ...The Bruins had one fewer Top 10 finish than last year (11 in '02 vs. 12 in '01); three fewer Top 20 finishes (19 in '02 vs. 22 in '01) and one fewer Rounds Under 70 (3 in '02 vs. 4 in '01). However, Rounds Under Par were up 40% from last year (15 in '02 vs. 9 in '01). The Bruins' two freshmen, Charlotte Mayorkas and Yvonne Choe, accounted for seven of those 15 Rounds Under Par.