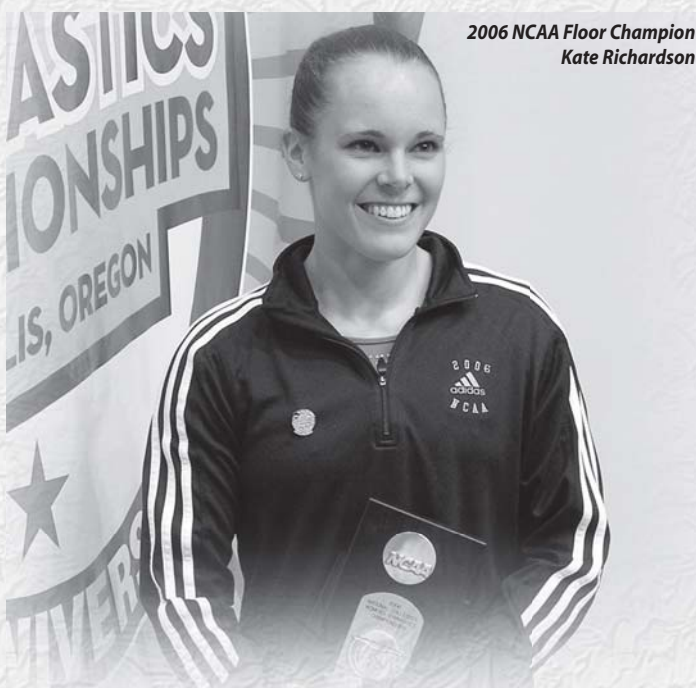




2006 NCAA Floor Champion
Kate Richardson

Richardson, Comferte, Schwikert Qualify For NCAA Championships - Three Bruin gymnasts represented UCLA at the NCAA Championships - all-around qualifiers Kate Richardson and Kristina Comferte and vault specialist Tasha Schwikert. The UCLA team failed to qualify for the Championships after a third-place team finish at the NCAA South Central Regionals.

Richardson Wins NCAA Floor Title - Senior Kate Richardson capped an incredible gymnastics career with her third NCAA individual title, winning the floor exercise crown with a 9.95. With an appreciative crowd in Corvallis, Ore. behind her, as well as fellow competitors cheering her on, Richardson danced and tumbled her way to victory in her final competitive routine of her career. Her routine included a double layout and a stuck double pike dismount, and she received two perfect scores from the six judges. Richardson's win gave UCLA its 26th NCAA individual title, second-most all-time amongst all schools. UCLA also extended its streak of having an NCAA individual or team champion to 10 years.

Bruins Medal On Vault - Freshman Kristina Comferte and senior Kate Richardson placed second and third, respectively, on vault at the NCAA Championships. Injuries had prevented either Bruin from training other vaults prior to the Championships, but that did not deter either. Comferte stuck her Yurchenko full for the second-straight night and earned two 10s from the six judges and a first-vault score of 9.9625. She had a powerful layout Podkopayeva on the second vault, taking just a small step back to score a 9.8375, bringing her two-vault average to 9.9. Richardson first scored a 9.7875 on a Yurchenko full, getting good height on the vault. She nearly stuck the landing but had to take a step back at the last moment. On her second vault, she had the tiniest hop on an Omelanchik and scored a 9.875 for a two-vault average of 9.83125.

All-Americans - Kate Richardson and Kristina Comferte combined to earn five All-America honors at the NCAA Championships. Richardson collected first-team honors on vault and floor and second-team acclaim on beam to give her 13 All-America honors for her career, third-most in UCLA history. Comferte placed third in the all-around in the evening session and sixth overall to gain first-team All-America acclaim. She also received first-team honors on vault.

Bruins Record Season-High To Place Second At Pac-10s - UCLA had its best meet of the season at the Pac-10 Championships, scoring a season-best 196.8 to place second, three-tenths of a point behind first-place Stanford. The Bruins recorded the highest marks on three of the four events, achieving season-bests of 49.325 on vault and 49.525 on beam, as well as scoring a 49.125 on bars. Kate Richardson (39.525) and Jordan Schwikert (career-high tying 39.5) placed second and third, respectively, in the all-

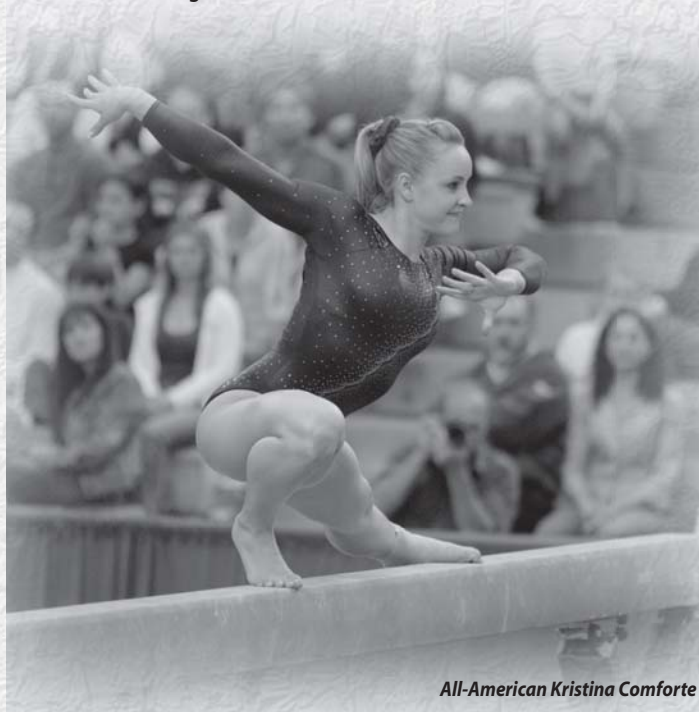
around. Schwikert also had second-place finishes on vault (9.9) and bars (season-high 9.9).

Kate The Great - Senior Kate Richardson had another outstanding season, winning the NCAA floor title, earning three All-America honors and receiving the Pac-10 Conference Woman of the Year and Gymnast of the Year awards. Richardson had 33 individual victories during the season, including eight in the all-around. She excelled in the classroom as well, becoming the eighth UCLA student-athlete to receive Academic All-America honors three times. She was also awarded a NCAA postgraduate scholarship, a Pac-10 Conference Medal and was named the Pac-10 Conference Woman of the Year. Richardson received one of the most prestigious honors, being the 14th Bruin to be selected as a NCAA Today's Top VIII Award recipient.

Comferte Achieves Perfection - On Feb. 3, freshman Kristina Comferte became the first gymnast in the nation to score a perfect 10, hitting a flawless Yurchenko layout full vault to receive her first career perfect score. Comferte developed into one of the nation's top all-around competitors, finishing in sixth place overall at the NCAA Championships and earning first-team All-America honors. In her last six all-around efforts of the season, she averaged 39.392. Comferte led UCLA in routines competed with 59, and she finished in the Top 3 in 38 of those 59 routines. She also had 11 first-place finishes.

Berlin Beats The Odds - Freshman walk-on Ariana Berlin was one of the most pleasant surprises in collegiate gymnastics this season. Berlin, who prior to 2006 had not competed in gymnastics since a serious car accident in 2001 halted her budding elite career, was one of UCLA's rocks, hitting 50 of 52 routines (96%) on the year. She competed in the all-around in each of UCLA's last 12 meets and recorded a best of 39.225 at Arizona on Feb. 24. She won her first all-around title on Feb. 12 against Washington with a score of 39.2. Berlin was honored as the Pac-10 Co-Freshman of the Year.

Schwikerts Sidelined - All-Americans Tasha and Jordan Schwikert missed parts of the 2006 season after undergoing similar shoulder surgeries during the pre-season. Jordan returned on two events by the third meet but was unable to compete in the all-around until March. When she did return, however, she scored a career-high 39.5 at the Pac-10 Championships. She also achieved career-highs this season on vault (9.95), beam (9.925) and floor (9.925). Tasha, the 2005 NCAA all-around champion, made her return in the last regular season meet of the season, competing on beam, then competed on three events in the Bruins' two post-season meets. She qualified for the NCAA Championships on vault after taking first place on the event at the Regional meet.



All-American Kristina Comferte

2006 Season Results

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Record (Pac-10)
Jan. 3	at Hawaiian Classic Oregon State (191.925) Arkansas (190.625) Washington (190.425) California (189.350) Sacramento State (188.075)	1st	193.775	5-0
Jan. 7	Utah	L	193.850-194.875	5-1
Jan. 20	at Washington	W	194.600-190.650	6-1 (1-0)
Jan. 22	Oregon State	W	196.075-195.400	7-1 (2-0)
Feb. 3	at Cal State Fullerton	W	195.925-190.050	8-1
Feb. 10	at California (190.850) Sacramento State (192.500) UC Davis (190.300)	1st	196.500	11-1
Feb. 12	Washington	W	195.550-193.200	12-1 (3-0)
Feb. 17	at Georgia	L	195.200-197.525	12-2
Feb. 19	Arizona State (194.575) Cal State Fullerton (189.800) UC Davis (187.925)	1st	196.675	15-2 (7-0)
Feb. 24	at Arizona	L	194.700-195.350	15-3 (7-1)
Mar. 5	Stanford (195.950) San Jose State (193.225)	2nd	195.150	16-4 (7-2)
Mar. 17	at LSU	L	195.975-196.825	16-5
Mar. 25	at Pac-10 Championships	2nd	196.800	21-6
Apr. 8	at NCAA Regionals	3rd	195.175	

Boldface indicates home meets.

2006 Best Marks

Gymnast	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	AA
Ariana Berlin	9.850	9.875	9.850	9.875	39.225
Melissa Chan	9.850	9.825	9.950	9.900	39.375
Kristina Comforte	10.0	9.950	9.900	9.900	39.525
Jalynne Dantzcher	–	9.825	9.650	9.875	–
Janelle Dantzcher	9.775	9.775	9.800	9.825	39.125
Alyssa Kitasoe	9.725	–	9.600	9.600	–
Ashley Peckett	9.875	9.900	9.400	9.775	38.750
Kate Richardson	9.925	9.950	9.950	9.950	39.575
Jordan Schwikert	9.950	9.900	9.925	9.925	39.500
Tasha Schwikert	9.950	–	9.425	9.800	–
Michelle Selesky	9.625	–	–	–	–
Maranda Smith	9.425	9.725	–	9.775	–
Courtney Walker	9.650	–	–	–	–
UCLA Team Scores	49.325	49.400	49.525	49.275	196.800

Boldface indicates gymnast's collegiate career bests.



Ashley Peckett



Jalynne Dantzcher