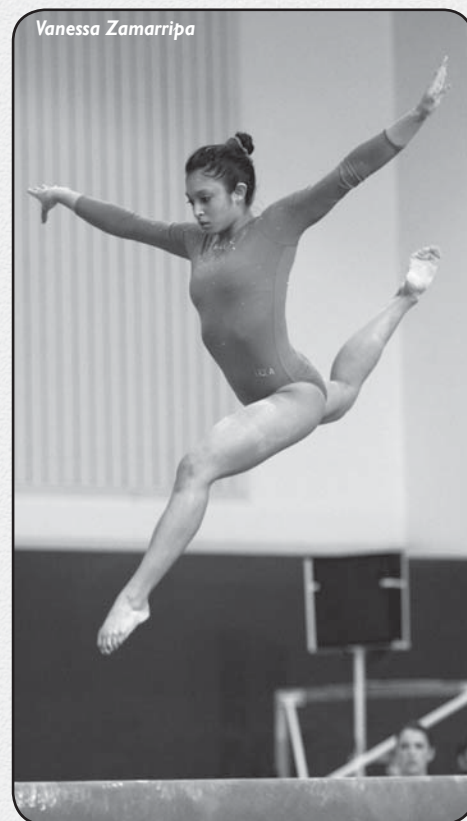


2009 Season Results

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Record (Pac-10)
Jan. 9	at Utah	L	196.075-196.175	0-1
Jan. 18	Arizona	W	196.375-193.675	1-1 (1-0)
Jan. 23	Cal State Fullerton	W	196.600-193.875	2-1
Jan. 25	California	W	197.125-190.575	3-1 (2-0)
Jan. 30	at Arizona State	W	196.225-193.075	4-1 (3-0)
Feb. 15	Boise State (195.700) Cal State Fullerton (193.150) Washington (194.400)	1st	196.375	7-1 (4-0)
Feb. 22	at Nebraska (196.225) Minnesota (195.075) North Carolina State (194.550)	2nd	196.125	9-2
Feb. 27	Oregon State	W	196.575-196.350	10-2 (5-0)
Mar. 8	Georgia	L	196.125-197.725	10-3
Mar. 15	Nebraska	W	196.625-195.850	11-3
Mar. 21	at Pac-10 Championships	1st	196.725	17-3
Apr. 12	at NCAA Southeast Regionals	2nd	196.625	
Apr. 24	at NCAA Team Prelims	4th	196.625	

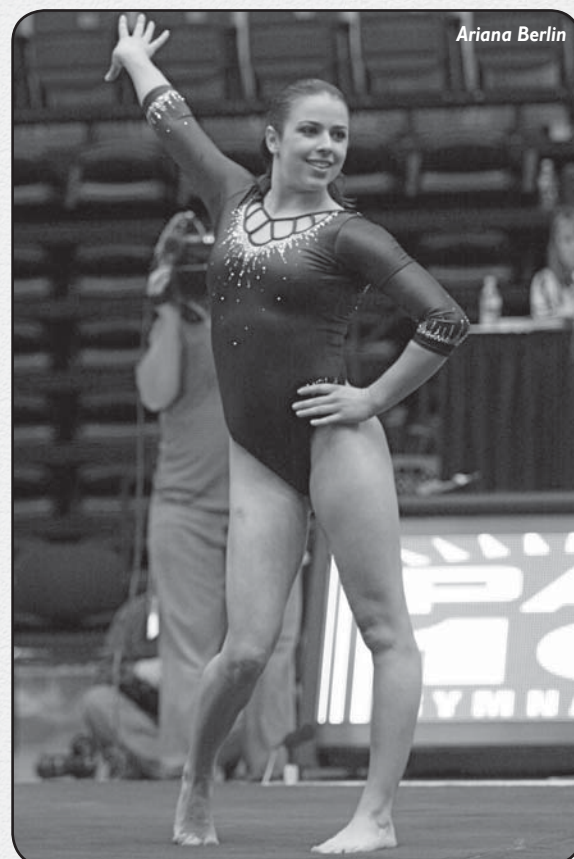
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2009 Best Marks

Gymnast	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	AA
Kaelie Baer	9.850	--	9.775	9.850	--
Ariana Berlin	9.900	9.900	9.900	9.925	39.525
Marci Bernholtz	--	9.750	9.850	--	--
Melissa Chan	--	--	--	--	--
Tauny Frattone	9.875	--	--	--	--
Aisha Gerber	9.900	9.925	9.925	9.925	39.550
Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs	9.950	9.875	9.925	9.950	39.525
Tiffany Hyland	--	--	--	--	--
Talia Kushynski	--	--	--	--	--
Anna Li	--	9.900	9.850	--	--
Brittani McCullough	9.950	9.925	--	9.875	--
Alyssa Pritchett	9.800	--	--	--	--
Mizuki Sato	9.900	--	9.850	9.900	--
Allison Taylor	--	--	--	--	--
Niki Tom	9.775	9.750	9.900	9.875	--
Vanessa Zamarripa	10.00	9.950	9.900	9.925	39.575
UCLA Team Scores	49.575	49.500	49.325	49.575	197.125

Boldface indicates gymnast's collegiate career bests.



2009 Season In Review



Brittani
McCullough

With a team consisting of seven freshmen and six sophomores, the 2009 Bruins, on paper, looked to be rebuilding towards the future. But the future was closer than anticipated for UCLA, which won the Pac-10 Championship and just missed out on a NCAA Super Six berth before being knocked out on a tiebreaker during the team preliminaries.

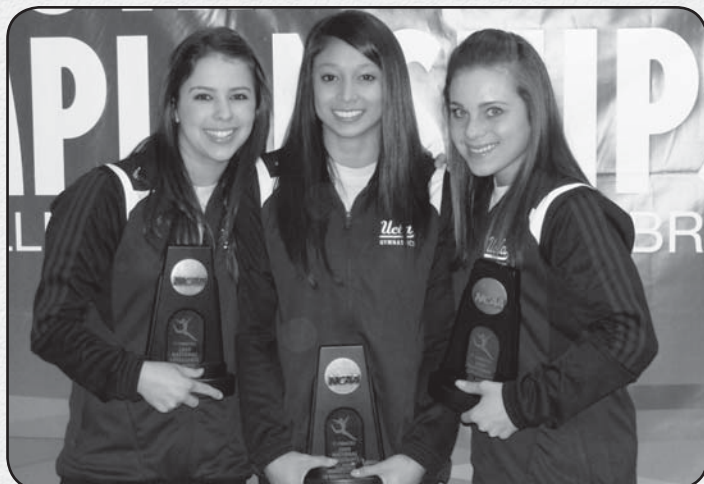
Injuries to the Bruin upperclassmen put the freshmen in the spotlight immediately. Senior Kristina Comfote had to medically retire due to a shoulder injury just before the season got underway. Senior Melissa Chan and redshirt sophomore Brittani McCullough were held out of competition, and senior Ariana Berlin and junior Anna Li were limited to just uneven bars due to injuries in the season

opener at Utah, leaving the Bruins with a lineup that had 22 of 24 routines coming from the underclassmen, including 16 from freshmen. Despite the inexperience, UCLA nearly won the meet against the second-ranked Utes but was edged out by just one-tenth of a point, 196.175-196.075. Freshman Aisha Gerber earned a first-place finish on balance beam with a 9.9 and was third in the all-around.

The Bruins picked up their first win the following week in the home opener against Arizona, scoring 196.375 to outscore the Wildcats by 2.7 points. The Bruins had career-high marks on 16 of 24 routines, including all six on floor exercise. Freshman Vanessa Zamarripa won her first all-around competition, scoring 39.4, and sophomore Mizuki Sato picked up a pair of wins on vault and floor with career-bests of 9.9 on each.

Zamarripa's all-around win was just the tip of the iceberg, however. On Jan. 23 at Cal State Fullerton, she became the first Bruin in three years to score a perfect 10, nailing a perfect Yurchenko layout full vault. Zamarripa wasn't the only freshman to shine in that meet; classmate Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs set career-highs on all four events and won the all-around with a 39.525, along with bars, beam and floor.

Just two days later, the Bruins posted their top score of the year with a 197.125 at home against California. UCLA set a season-high on uneven bars with a 49.5, led by a 9.95 from Zamarripa. Freshmen went 1-2-3 in the all-around, with Gerber scoring a team season-best 39.55, Zamarripa going 39.5 and Hopfner-Hibbs scoring 39.45.



Ariana Berlin (4th), Vanessa Zamarripa (3rd) and Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs (7th) earned all-around trophies at the NCAA Championships

UCLA finished the month of January with a 196.225-193.075 win at Arizona State, and things were looking good for the Bruins with the all-around return of Berlin, who won the meet with a 39.3. Berlin also tied her career-high on vault with a 9.9 and competed an Arabian double front on floor for the first time in her career. However, while in Arizona, the team got exposed to the norovirus, causing several team members to get sick and forcing the cancellation of the team's next meet at Stanford.

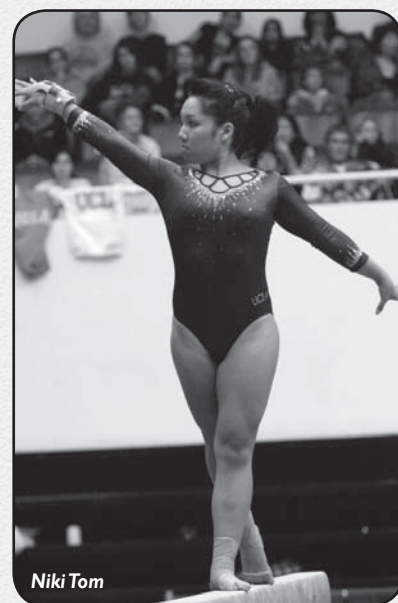
Still somewhat weakened by the virus, the Bruins got back into competition two weeks later on Feb. 15 with a quad meet against Boise State, Washington and Cal State Fullerton. UCLA got off to a monster start on vault, scoring 49.525, led by another perfect 10 by Zamarripa, and was strong on both bars and beam, scoring 49.2 on each of those two events. But the Bruins sputtered in the final rotation on floor, recording just two scores of 9.8 or better. UCLA still got the win, however, with a total of 196.375.

Counting a fall and still winning the meet wasn't a luxury the Bruins would have the following week at the Masters Classic in Nebraska. UCLA built up a 0.75 lead headed into the final rotation, due in large part to a season-high 49.575 on vault and Zamarripa's third 10.0. But two falls on the beam led to a one-tenth of a point loss to the host Huskers.

The Bruins had a chance for retribution a week later at Oregon State. With less than a four-tenths lead going into the last rotation, the Bruins once again found themselves needing to hit beam to win. With a fall already in the books, Gerber closed out the set needing to score 9.775 to guarantee a win. She scored 9.875, rendering the Beavers' final floor score moot and securing a 196.575-196.350 win for UCLA.

The Bruins could not sustain that momentum the next week, however. Hosting top-ranked Georgia in a meet that was nationally televised live, UCLA faltered on beam, counting two falls and losing by 1.6 points. What happened after beam, though, would set the tone for the Bruins for the remainder of the season, and they finished up strong with an impressive 49.375 on floor exercise.

Closing strong would prove to be huge for UCLA in the next three meets. In the regular season finale against Nebraska, the Bruins once again had to count a fall on beam and fell behind by .65 going into the last rotation. Needing some help to win the meet, the Bruins got it in the fourth rotation when Nebraska's first two gymnasts also fell victim to the balance beam. With the door open, UCLA pounced, unleashing a season-high 49.575 on floor exercise, its highest floor score in four years and the ninth-highest in school history.



Niki Tom

At the Pac-10 Championships, UCLA again saved the best for last, coming from behind with a season-best 49.325 on beam in the last rotation to claim its 14th conference title. The Bruins needed to score 49.15 on the event to overtake Stanford, which ended on a bye, and got six hit routines, including career-highs of 9.9 from Zamarripa and 9.775 from Sato.

The NCAA Regionals also saw the Bruins surge in the last two events. After a few struggles with beam, UCLA found itself in third place at the halfway point. But in true Bruin fashion, they rebounded with big marks on floor and vault (49.425 on each) to secure at least a Top 2 spot and a berth in the NCAA Championships.

UCLA encountered heartbreak in the preliminary round of the NCAA Championships, however. The team finished tied for third place with Utah with a score of 196.625, forcing a tiebreaker for the final slot in the Super Six team finals. To break the tie, all 24 scores were calculated to determine third place, and the Utes edged the Bruins by .075.

Despite the team setback, the Bruins shined individually, with five team members earning a total of 15 All-America honors, most amongst any school in 2009, UCLA had three gymnasts in the Top 8 all-around podium, with Zamarripa placing third, Berlin tied for fourth and Hopfner-Hibbs seventh.