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### THREE BRUIN GYMNASTS TO COMPETE AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Richardson, Comfote, Schwikert to carry the flag for UCLA.

#### 2006 UCLA Gymnastics Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
1/3	vs. Arkansas, Cal, OSU, Sac St., Wash. (@ Hawaii)	1st, 193.775
1/7	UTAH	L 193.85-194.875
1/20	at Washington	W 194.6-190.65
1/22	OREGON ST.	W 196.075-195.4
2/3	at CS Fullerton	W 195.925-190.05
2/10	at California w/ UC Davis, Sacramento St.	1st, 196.5
2/12	WASHINGTON	W 195.55-193.2
2/17	at Georgia	L 195.2-197.525
2/19	ASU, CSUF, UC DAVIS	1st, 196.675
2/24	at Arizona	L 194.7-195.35
3/5	STANFORD, SJSU	2nd, 195.15
3/17	at LSU	L 195.975-196.825
3/25	@Pac-10s	2nd, 196.8
4/8	NCAA Regionals	2nd, 195.175
4/20	NCAA Championships	7:00 pm
4/22	NCAA Championships	7:00 pm

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**NCAA Championships** - Three Bruin gymnasts will represent UCLA at the NCAA Championships - all-around qualifiers Kate Richardson and Kristina Comfote 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 on Apr. 8. The NCAA Championships will be held Apr. 20-22 in Corvallis, Ore.

**Competition Format** - The three-day competition begins on Thursday, Apr. 20 with two sessions (1:00 pm and 7:00 pm PT) of preliminary competition, during which all teams and individual qualifiers will compete. At stake Thursday are berths in Friday's Super Six Team Finals, the individual all-around title and berths in the individual event finals. Individuals qualify for event finals by placing in the top four (including ties) of that particular event during their own preliminary session. The all-around winner is the highest individual all-around scorer in either of Thursday's two preliminary sessions. On Friday, Apr. 21 at 7:00 pm, the top three teams from each preliminary session will compete in the Super Six Team Finals. The individual event finals will take place on Saturday, Apr. 22 at 7:00 pm.

**The Field** - Teams competing in Thursday's afternoon session are Oklahoma, Alabama, LSU, Utah, Michigan and Nebraska. Competing in the evening session are Georgia, Arkansas, Arizona State, Florida, Oregon State and Iowa State. The individual all-around competitors are UCLA's Kate Richardson and Kristina Comfote, Stanford's Tabitha Yim and Natalie Foley, Arizona's Karin Wurm, Minnesota's Laura Johnson, New Hampshire's Amanda Hall, Missouri's Adrienne Perry, North Carolina's Christine Robella, Michigan State's Kristen Coleman, Penn State's Jennifer Orlando and Auburn's Julie Dwyer. Individual event qualifiers are UCLA's Tasha Schwikert, Auburn's Lindsey Puckett, Kentucky's Krystle Cook and Denver's Casey Dobyns on vault; Arizona's Aubrey Taylor on bars; and North Carolina State's Leigha Hancock on floor.

**Bruin Trio To Compete In Evening Session** - All three UCLA individuals will compete in Thursday's evening session at 7 pm. Kate Richardson will rotate with host team Oregon State, while Kristina Comfote will rotate with Iowa State. Tasha Schwikert, who is only competing on vault, will go up in rotation four with the Florida team.

#### Session II

	V	Bye	UB	BB	Bye	FX
1	UGA	ISU/Kristina	OSU/Kate	FL	ASU	ARK
2	ARK	UGA	ISU/Kristina	OSU/Kate	FL	ASU
3	ASU	ARK	UGA	ISU/Kristina	OSU/Kate	FL
4	FL/Tasha	ASU	ARK	UGA	ISU/Kristina	OSU/Kate
5	OSU/Kate	FL	ASU	ARK	UGA	ISU/Kristina
6	ISU/Kristina	OSU/Kate	FL	ASU	ARK	UGA

**On Air** - The NCAA Championships will air on CBS on Saturday, May 6 at 10:00 am PT. Tim Brando and Amanda Borden will call the action.

**Live Coverage** - Live scoring will be available at [ncaasports.com](http://ncaasports.com).

**UCLA's Individual NCAA Championship History** - A total of 13 Bruins have won 25 NCAA titles to rank second behind only Georgia (26) in individual NCAA titles. UCLA's NCAA champions are: Kim Hamilton (1987-88-89 floor, 1989 vault), Jill Andrews (1988 vault, 1989 beam), Stella Umeh (1995 and 1998 floor), Heidi Money maker (1998 bars, 1999 vault), Kiralee Hayashi (1999 beam), Mohini Bhardwaj (2000 bars, 2001 floor), Lena Degteva (2000 beam), Onnie Willis (2001 all-around); Yvonne Tousek (2001 bars), Jamie Dantzschler



## Career Highs

Gymnast	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Comforte	10.0	9.95	9.9	9.9	39.525
Richardson	10.0	9.975	10.0	10.0	39.85
Season-high	9.925	9.95	9.95	9.95	39.575
T. Schwikert	9.975	10	9.975	10	39.825
Season-high	9.85		9.425	9.275	
Tm. season-high	49.325	49.4	49.525	49.275	196.8

(2002 all-around, vault and floor; 2003 bars), Kate Richardson (2003 bars and beam), Tasha Schwikert (2005 all-around) and Kristen Maloney (2005 vault, beam). Two other Bruins won AIAW national titles - Sharon Shapiro (1980-81 all-around and vault, 1980 bars, 1980 beam, 1980 floor) and Diane Dovas (1981 bars). Shapiro remains the only gymnast ever to sweep the all-around and all four events in one year at a national championships. Hamilton is the only woman to win three consecutive floor titles. UCLA has won at least two individual titles in seven of the last eight years and three titles in four of the last five years. UCLA has won a team or individual title every year since 1997 and has won more individual titles in the last eight years (18) than any other team.

**Richardson Hopes To Bookmark Career With More NCAA Titles —** In the last meet of her illustrious career, UCLA senior Kate Richardson (Coquitlam, BC) will attempt to add to her collection of NCAA trophies. She began her collegiate career in 2003 with three NCAA titles, winning individual titles on beam (9.938) and bars (9.9, tied with teammate Jamie Dantzcher) and helping the Bruins win their fourth team title. Richardson helped UCLA win another team title in 2004 and tied for fourth in the all-around (39.575). She also has third-place finishes in the all-around in 2003 and on bars in 2004 and a fourth-place showing on beam in 2005.

Richardson is having another outstanding season, ranking in the Top 10 in all four events (fifth on beam, ninth on vault, bars and floor) and the all-around (third). The 2006 Pac-10 Gymnast of the Year and two-time Canadian Olympian joins Georgia's Courtney Kupets as the only two gymnasts in the nation to rank in the Top 10 all the way across the board. Richardson has a team-high 33 individual victories this season, including eight in the all-around. The 10-time All-American leads UCLA with season averages of 9.865 on vault and 9.871 on bars and has recorded season-bests of 9.925 on vault and 9.95 on bars, beam and floor. Her all-around season-high is 39.575. Richardson nearly swept at the NCAA South Central Regional, placing first on bars, beam, floor and the all-around. She did pull out a complete sweep at a quad meet at California on Feb. 10, winning all four events and the all-around. Richardson has accomplished all of this despite having to come back from a fractured tibia suffered in September that delayed her pre-season training. She also had a triceps injury that forced her out of the Feb. 17 meet at Georgia.

**Defending All-Around Champ Schwikert Aims For Vault Title —** Sophomore Tasha Schwikert (Las Vegas, NV) is the defending NCAA all-around champion, having won the title in 2005 with a score of 39.725. She will not have a chance to defend her all-around title this year, however, since she is competing as a vault specialist. Schwikert, a 2000 U.S. Olympian and two-time U.S. National all-around champion, qualified for the Championships on that event after placing first at the NCAA South Central Regionals with a 9.9 on just her second vault of the season. She has only competed in three meets this year due to December shoulder surgery and had not attempted the all-around due to limitations on her shoulder. Her vault scores this season have been 9.85 and 9.9 for an average of 9.875. In her career, she has averaged 9.891 on vault, with a high of 9.975.

Last year, Schwikert qualified for event finals on all four events and tied for third on bars (9.8875) and fifth on beam (9.8625) but withdrew from vault and floor due to illness. The 2005 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year swept through the post-season, with all-around victories at the Pac-10, Regional and National meets.

**Comforte Develops Into One Of Nation's Top All-Arounders —** Freshman Kristina Comforte (Burr Ridge, IL) entered the 2006 season as one of the top freshmen in the nation and has developed into one of the top all-around gymnasts in the nation. Coming off a sixth-place finish at the 2005 U.S. Championships, Comforte quickly became one of UCLA's leaders, earning Top 5 all-around finishes in UCLA's first five meets. At Cal State Fullerton on Feb. 3, Comforte hit a flawless Yurchenko layout full vault to receive her first career perfect score and the first perfect 10 in the country. She also won the uneven bars at that meet with a then-career-best 9.9 and placed second in the all-around with a then-career-high 39.475. In addition, she finished third on both beam (9.825) and floor (9.75). She took her first all-around title on Mar. 5, scoring a career-best 39.575 against Stanford and San Jose State. In the final regular season national rankings, she finished 11th in the all-around with an RQS of 39.410, sixth on bars (9.9) and 10th on beam (9.885). Amongst freshmen, she ranks second in the all-around, and her season-high of 39.575 also ranks as the second-highest amongst freshmen this year.

Comforte enters nationals having hit 17 consecutive routines for an average score of 9.85. She has eight Top 3 placements in all-around action in her last nine meets and leads the team in routines competed with 54.

## Event-By-Event Look At the Bruins —

### Vault:

\*All three Bruins compete Yurchenko layout full vaults.

\*Kristina Comforte also competed a layout Podkopyayeva (Yurchenko half-on, layout front half off) earlier this year and previously performed Yurchenko double fulls as an elite last year. Kate Richardson performed an Omelianchik (Yurchenko half-on, piked front off) at the 2004 NCAA Event Finals and a Podkopyayeva (Yurchenko half-on, front pike half off) at the 2004 Olympics. Tasha Schwikert competed a Yurchenko one-and-a-half as an elite.

\*Schwikert has only vaulted twice this season due to shoulder surgery but has scored 9.85 and 9.9 on those two vaults, for an average of 9.875.

\*Comforte scored the first perfect 10 in the nation on Feb. 3 at Cal State Fullerton. She averages 9.766 for the season.

\*Richardson scored a perfect 10 on Jan. 25, 2004 in Minnesota, and her season-high is 9.925, set Mar. 5 vs. Stanford/San Jose State. She averages 9.865 on the year and ranks ninth nationally with a RQS of 9.9.

\*Schwikert's career-high is 9.975, set Mar. 6, 2005 against Florida.

\*Richardson leads the Bruins with six vault wins this year. Comforte has two, while Schwikert has one.

\*Schwikert was a first-team All-American on vault last season but did not compete in event finals for vault due to illness. Richardson was a first-team All-American on vault in 2004.

\*Richardson won Canadian national titles on vault in 2000 and 2001.

\*Comforte won the U.S. National title (junior division) on vault in 2002 and was the runner-up at the 2003 U.S. Championships. She won the vault title at the Trophée Massilia in France in 2003, beating two-time Olympic champion Elena Zamolodchikova of Russia.

### Bars:

\*Comforte and Richardson both rank in the Top 10 nationally. Comforte is sixth with an RQS of 9.9, and Richardson ranks ninth with a 9.895.

\*Comforte's season-high is 9.95, set Feb. 19 against Arizona State, Cal State Fullerton and UC Davis. Her season average is 9.820.

\*Richardson's season-high is 9.95, set Jan. 7 against Utah. Her career-high is a 9.975, set Jan. 17, 2005, and her season average is 9.871.

\*Some of the big skills Comforte performs are a toe-on Shaposhnikova, shootover to handstand, piked Jaeger and double layout dismount.

\*Richardson's big skills include a Jaeger out of inverts, Pak salto and double layout dismount.

\*Richardson leads the Bruins with five uneven bars wins this year, followed closely by Comfote with four.

\*Richardson won a share of the NCAA uneven bars title in 2003 as a freshman, tying with teammate Jamie Dantzscher with scores of 9.9. Richardson also placed third on bars at NAAs in 2004.

\*Richardson won the Canadian national title on bars in 2001.

#### **Beam:**

\*Richardson and Comfote both rank in the Top 10 nationally. Richardson ranks fifth (9.91 RQS) and Comfote ranks 10th (9.885).

\*Richardson is UCLA's all-time leader in perfect 10s scored on beam with four (Jan. 19, 2003; Feb. 16, 2003; Jan. 10, 2004; Feb. 1, 2004).

\*Richardson's season-high is 9.95, set twice, Jan. 7 vs. Utah and Mar. 25 at the Pac-10 Championships. Comfote's season-high is 9.9, set four times - Jan. 22 vs. Oregon State, Feb. 24 at Arizona, Mar. 5 vs. Stanford/San Jose State and Mar. 25 at Pac-10 Championships.

\*Comfote averages 9.773 on the year. Richardson averages 9.731.

\*Richardson led the Bruin team with six beam victories. Comfote was second with three.

\*Richardson's big skills include two front aerials to a backhandspring-swing-down and a switch leap to two straddle jumps. She has also performed a handstand mount to two layouts.

\*Comfote's routine is packed with tricks. Amongst her skills are a stag jump mount, side somersault, switch leap to one-armed backhandspring, beat jump connected to a sheep jump and a backhandspring/layout.

\*Richardson won the NCAA beam title in 2003 as a freshman, scoring a 9.938. She placed fourth on the event in 2005.

\*Richardson won the beam title at the 2001 Canadian national championships and was the Commonwealth Games beam champion in 2002.

#### **Floor:**

\*Richardson ranks ninth in the nation on floor with an RQS of 9.905.

\*Richardson has scored five perfect 10s on floor in her career (Feb. 2, 2003; Mar. 29, 2003; Feb. 1, 2004; Feb. 22, 2004, Mar. 20, 2004).

\*Richardson's season-high is 9.95, set Feb. 19 against Arizona State, Cal State Fullerton and UC Davis. Her season average is 9.787.

\*Comfote's season-high is 9.9, set Mar. 5 against Stanford/San Jose State. She averages 9.715 on the year.

\*Richardson led the Bruin team with eight floor victories.

\*Richardson's tumbling passes are double layout; front handspring/front full/pike front; and double pike.

\*Comfote opens with an Arabian double front and has varied her other tumbling passes. She has performed throughout various parts of the season some combination of a front double twist/punch front, a front handspring/front layout/front layout half/switch ring, and a double pike for her last two passes.

\*Richardson placed fifth on floor at the 2003 NCAA Championships and 12th in 2005. She won two Pac-10 floor titles in 2003 and 2004 with perfect 10s.

#### **All-Around:**

\*Richardson ranks third in the nation with an RQS of 39.525. Comfote ranks 11th with a 39.410.

\*Richardson leads UCLA with eight all-around wins, including the NCAA South Central Regional title that earned her a spot in the NCAA Championships. Comfote, who placed third at the regional, has one all-around

win, Mar. 5 against Stanford/San Jose State.

\*Richardson's career-high all-around score is 39.85, set Jan. 10, 2004. Her season-high is 39.575, set Feb. 10 at Cal. She averages 39.254 on the year.

\*Comfote's career-high all-around score is 39.525, set Mar. 5 against Stanford/San Jose State. Her season average is 39.121.

\*Richardson placed third in the all-around at the NCAA Championships in 2003 with a 39.525 and was tied for fourth in 2004 with a 39.575.

#### **NCAA Notes —**

\*UCLA ranks second amongst all schools with 25 individual titles. Georgia leads all teams with 26, and Utah is third with 22.

\*The last time an individual qualifier won the NCAA all-around title was in 1995 when Kentucky's Jenny Hansen won the last of her three all-around titles. She won all eight of her NCAA titles as an individual qualifier. Oklahoma's Kelly Garrison-Steves also won two all-around titles competing as an individual in 1987 and 1988.

\*The first event specialists ever to win an NCAA title was Larissa Fontaine of Stanford, who tied for first on vault with Florida's Susan Hines in 1998. Marny Oestreg of Bowling Green (1999) and Courtney Bumpers of North Carolina (2005) also accomplished this feat, winning as event specialists on floor exercise.

\*In addition to Kate Richardson and Tasha Schwikert, there are three other former

NCAA champions competing at the national meet - three-time champion Ashley Miles from Alabama (2003, 2004 vault; 2004 floor), 2004 balance beam champion Ashley Kelly from Arizona State, and 2005 uneven bars champion Terin Humphrey from Alabama.

**In The Rankings** - UCLA finished the regular season tied with Michigan for ninth in the national rankings, which are based on Regional Qualifying Score (RQS). Individually, senior Kate Richardson ranks third in the nation in the all-around (39.525) and is in the Top 10 on all four events, checking in at fifth on beam (9.91) and ninth on vault (9.9), bars (9.895), and floor (9.905). Freshman Kristina Comfote ranks 11th in the all-around (39.410) and is sixth on bars (9.9) and 10th on beam (9.885).

**Richardson, Comfote Earn All-Pac-10 Honors** - Kate Richardson and Kristina Comfote were each honored by the Pac-10 Conference this season. Richardson was selected the 2006 Pac-10 Gymnast of the Year and also earned first-team Academic All-Conference honors for the second consecutive year. She also received all-conference honors in the all-around, vault, beam and floor to bring her career total to a school-record 14 All-Pac-10 nods. Comfote was honored as an all-conference performer in the all-around. Another Bruin, Ariana Berlin, earned Co-Freshman of the Year honors.

**Three Former Bruin Greats Nominated For Highest Honor** - Former UCLA Gymnastics greats Jamie Dantzscher, Kristen Maloney and Kim Hamilton were amongst 10 athletes nominated for NCAA Most Outstanding Gymnast over the past 25 years. UCLA had the most honorees with three. Eight-time NCAA champion and three-time Honda Award winner Jenny Hansen of Kentucky was selected for the award.

#### **Individual Qualifiers Who Have Won NCAA Titles**

Year	Gymnast	Event
1982	Lisa Shirk, Pitt	UB
1984	Heidi Anderson, OSU	BB
1987	Kelly Garrison-Steves, OK	AA
1988	Kelly Garrison-Steves, OK	AA, UB, BB
1990	Marie Roethlisberger, MN	UB
1992	Tammy Marshall, UMass	V
1993	Jenny Hansen, Kentucky	AA
1993	Tammy Marshall, UMass	FX
1994	Jenny Hansen, Kentucky	AA, V, BB
1995	Jenny Hansen, Kentucky	AA, V, BB, FX
1998	Larissa Fontaine, Stanford	V*
1999	Marny Oestreg, BGSU	FX*
2004	Courtney Bumpers, UNC	FX
2005	Courtney Bumpers, UNC	FX*

\*won as an event specialist



# Kate Richardson



**Senior**

**5-0**

**Coquitlam, BC**

**Canada**

**Abbotsford Twisters**

**Port Moody HS**

## Career Highlights

- 2004, 2000 Olympian
- 2003 NCAA bars, beam champion
- 9-time first-team All-American, 2004 second-team All-American on beam
- 2003 Pac-10 all-around, floor champion
- 2006 Pac-10 Gymnast of the Year
- 2003 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year
- 2-time CoSIDA Academic All-American
- 3-time NACGC Scholastic All-American
- First Canadian woman ever to qualify for event finals on floor exercise at the Olympics, placing seventh in 2004
- Placed 15th in the all-around at the 2000 Olympic Games
- 2002 Commonwealth Games all-around, beam champion
- 2001, 1999 World Championships team member

## Best Marks

V .....	10.0, 1/25/04
UB .....	9.975, 1/17/05
BB .....	10.0, last 2/1/04
FX .....	10.0, last 3/20/04
AA .....	39.85, 1/10/04

**2006** — Honored as the Pac-10 Gymnast of the Year ... Earned All-Pac-10 honors in the all-around, vault, beam and floor to bring her career total to a school-record 14 all-conference awards ... First-team Pac-10 All-Academic for the second consecutive year ... Finished the regular season as one of just two athletes to be ranked in the Top 10 on all four events and the all-around (No. 3 in the all-around, No. 5 on beam and No. 9 on vault, bars and floor) ... Leads UCLA with a total of 33 first-place finishes on the year, including team-highs on vault (six), bars (five), beam (six), floor (eight) and all-around (eight) ... Also leads UCLA with 44 Top 3 finishes in 52 routines ... Leads all Bruin gymnasts in scoring average on vault (9.865), bars (9.871) and all-around (39.254) ... Season-bests are 9.925 on vault, 9.95 on bars, beam and floor and 39.575 in the all-around ... Placed first in the all-around and in all four events at Cal on Feb. 10 ... Won the all-around, bars, beam and floor at the NCAA South Central Regionals ... Competed 52 routines out of a possible 56 despite having to come back from a fractured tibia suffered in September that delayed her pre-season training and a triceps injury that forced her out of the Feb. 17 meet at Georgia.

**2005** — CoSIDA second-team Academic All-American and first-team Pac-10 All-Academic ... NACGC Scholastic All-American for the third-straight year ... Earned first-team All-America honors on beam and floor to improve her career All-America total to 10 ... Placed fourth on beam and 12th on floor at the event finals ... All-Pac-10 selection on vault, beam and floor ... Competed more than half of the season with a functional rupture of the ulnar collateral ligament on her thumb, an injury suffered during warmups at Stanford on Feb. 18 ... Despite the injury, she still competed on and won three events with a 9.925 on vault, 9.9 on beam and 9.925 on floor ... Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week for Feb. 7-13 after winning the all-around with a season-best 39.625 and placing first on vault (season-high 9.95) and bars and second on beam and floor ... Scored a career-high 9.975 on bars and won the all-around vs. Nebraska ... Had 12 individual victories, including six on beam and two in the all-around.

**Summer 2004** — First female gymnast ever to make an Olympic team while competing for UCLA ... Made history by becoming the first Canadian woman to qualify for event finals on floor exercise at the Olympic Games and was only the second to make any event final at the Olympics ... Placed seventh at floor finals with a score of 9.312 ... Qualified for the all-around finals for the second straight Games by placing 14th (37.224) and finished 18th in the finals ... Fourth at the Olympic Trials and fifth at Nationals.



**2004** — First-team All-American in the all-around (tied for fourth), vault (ninth) and bars (third) and a second-team honoree on beam ... Averaged 39.606 in the all-around, 9.925 on vault, 9.902 on bars, 9.873 on beam and 9.908 on floor ... Had 23 individual wins, including three in the all-around and a team-best nine on beam ... Posted 44 scores of 9.9 or higher and 24 scores of 9.95 or higher in 56 routines ... Scored six perfect 10s - one on vault, two on beam and three on floor ... Pac-10 floor champion for the second-straight year, scoring a perfect 10 ... Scored a career-high 39.85 in the all-around in the season opener vs. Utah ... Named Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week in back-to-back weeks (Jan. 18-25 and Jan. 25-Feb. 1) ... Third-team CoSIDA Academic All-American ... Second-team Pac-10 All-Academic selection with a 3.74 GPA in Physiological Science ... NACGC Scholastic All-American with a 3.76 GPA for the year.

**2003** — NCAA beam champion with a winning mark of 9.938 and bars co-champion with a 9.9 ... Placed third at the NAAs in the all-around (39.525) ... First-team All-American on bars, beam, floor and all-around ... NCAA Regional beam co-champion ... Pac-10 all-around and floor champion ... Pac-10 Freshman of the Year ... All-Pac-10 selection in the all-around, vault, beam and floor ... NACGC Scholastic All-American with a 3.85 GPA ... Ranked second on the team with 19 individual wins ... Competed a team-high 61 routines, including 15 all-around appearances ... Averaged 39.407 in the all-around with four victories and 10 scores of 39.5+ ... Set



## Richardson (cont'd)

a UCLA freshman record in the all-around with a 39.825 at the Pac-10 Championships ... First Bruin gymnast ever to score multiple 10.0s on beam with perfect marks on Jan. 19 and Feb. 16 ... Averaged 9.917 on beam with a team-high 12 win ... Earned her first 10.0 on floor on Feb. 2 and added a second at the Pac-10 meet ... Averaged 9.858 on floor ... Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week for Jan. 27-Feb. 2.

**Club** — 2000 Canadian Olympian who placed a Canadian all-time best 15th in the all-around ... 2002 Commonwealth Games all-around and beam champion ... Placed 16th in the all-around at the 2001 World Championships and 19th at the 1999 Worlds ... First on beam and fourth in the all-around at the 2001 Visa American Cup ... Won the all-around, vault, bars and beam and tied for second on floor at the 2001 Canadian National Championships ... Gymnastics Canada Female Athlete of the Year for 2002 and 2001 ... First on vault at the 2000 Nationals and in the all-around at the Olympic Trials ... Helped lead her team to a gold medal at the 1999 Pan American Games ... Silver medalist in the all-around in her senior international debut at the 1998 China Motor Cup ... Balance beam champion at the 1998 Junior Pan Am Championships ... All-around, bars, beam and floor junior national champion in 1998 ... Coached by David Kenwright at Abbotsford Twisters.

**Personal** — Biggest athletic thrill was winning the team competition unexpectedly in front of a Canadian crowd at the 1999 Pan American Games ... Hobbies include downhill skiing ... Admires Ekaterina Lobaznyuk of Russia and Andreea Raducan of Romania ... Parents: Charlie and Sarah Richardson ... Has a younger sister, Tessa ... Full name is Kate Richardson ... Born June 27, 1984 in Vancouver, BC ... Physiological Science major.

### Kate Richardson - Career Individual NCAA Scores

(\*note: avg. scores are for team competition only)

Year/Session	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
03 Prelims	9.825	9.875	9.925	9.9	39.525 (3)
03 Super 6	9.9	9.2	9.95	9.275	38.325
03 Event Finals		9.9 (1T)	9.938 (1)	9.887 (5T)	
04 Prelims	9.95	9.925	9.85	9.85	39.575 (4T)
04 Super 6	9.9	9.8	9.95	9.95	39.6
04 Event Finals	9.5875 (9)	9.9 (3)			
05 Prelims	9.8		9.925	9.9	
05 Super 6	9.825		9.825	9.9	
05 Event Finals			9.9 (4)	9.3375 (12)	
<b>Average</b>	<b>9.867</b>	<b>9.700</b>	<b>9.904</b>	<b>9.796</b>	<b>39.256</b>

### Kate Richardson - 2006 Meet-by-Meet Scores/Placements

Date/Opponent	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
1/03 Hawaiian Classic	9.850 (1T)	9.775 (4T)	9.325 (25T)	9.800 (1)	38.750 (1)
1/07 vs. Utah	9.900 (1)	9.950 (1)	9.950 (1)	9.475 (8T)	39.275 (1)
1/20 at Washington	9.750 (7)	9.850 (2)	9.900 (1)	9.800 (1)	39.300 (1)
1/22 vs. Oregon State	9.900 (1)	9.875 (1T)	9.350 (11T)	9.900 (1T)	39.025 (5)
2/03 at CS Fullerton	9.900 (2)	9.825 (2)	9.925 (1)	9.900 (1)	39.550 (1)
2/10 at Cal Quad Meet	9.900 (1T)	9.875 (1T)	9.900 (1)	9.900 (1)	39.575 (1)
2/12 vs. Washington	9.825 (4T)	9.925 (1)	9.425 (10)	9.175 (10)	38.350 (4)
2/19 vs. ASU/CSUF/UCD	9.875 (2T)	9.925 (2)	9.800 (4T)	9.950 (1)	39.550 (1)
2/24 at Arizona	9.900 (1)	9.800 (6)	9.875 (2T)	9.925 (1)	39.500 (1)
3/05 vs. Stanford, SJSU	9.925 (1)	9.900 (2T)	9.325 (12T)	9.775 (9T)	38.925 (3)
3/17 at LSU	9.850 (2T)	9.900 (3)	9.875 (1T)	9.850 (5T)	39.475 (2)
3/25 at Pac-10s	9.875 (4T)	9.825 (7T)	9.950 (2T)	9.900 (3T)	39.550 (2)
4/08 at NCAA Regionals	9.800 (9T)	9.900 (1T)	9.900 (1)	9.875 (1T)	39.475 (1)
<b>Average</b>	<b>9.865</b>	<b>9.871</b>	<b>9.731</b>	<b>9.787</b>	<b>39.254</b>



# Kristina Comforte



**Freshman**

**5-4**

**Burr Ridge, IL**

**Illinois Gymnastics Institute**

**Lyons Township HS**

## Career Highlights

- Scored the first perfect 10 of the 2006 season, on vault at Cal State Fullerton on Feb. 3
- Ranked 11th in the all-around, sixth on bars and 10th on beam in the final regular season rankings
- All-Pac-10 selection in the all-around
- Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week Jan. 31-Feb. 5, 2006
- NCAA Championships qualifier
- Three-year U.S. National Team member
- 2002 U.S. Junior National vault champion

## Best Marks

V.....10.0, 2/3/06  
 UB.....9.95, 2/19/06  
 BB.....9.9, last 3/25/06  
 FX.....9.9, 3/5/06  
 AA.....39.525, 3/5/06

**2006** — Became the first gymnast in the nation to score a perfect 10 in 2006, hitting a perfect Yurchenko layout full vault at Cal State Fullerton on Feb. 3 ... Finished the regular season ranked No. 11 in the all-around, No. 6 on bars and No. 10 on beam ... Second-highest ranked freshman in the nation in the all-around ... All-around season-best of 39.525 was the second-highest by a freshman in the nation ... Earned All-Pac-10 honors in the all-around ... Led UCLA in routines competed with 54 out of a possible 56 ... Ranked second on the team in individual victories with 10 and Top 3 finishes with 35 ... Has hit 17 consecutive routines, averaging 9.85 on those routines ... Qualified to the NCAA Championships after placing third in the all-around at the NCAA South Central Regionals ... Won the all-around and beam in a tri-meet against Stanford and San Jose State on Mar. 5 ... Named the Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week for Jan. 31-Feb. 5 after scoring a perfect 10 on vault and recording career-highs on bars (9.9) and the all-around (39.475) on Feb. 3 at Cal State Fullerton.

**Club** — Placed sixth in the all-around at the 2005 U.S. Championships to earn her third consecutive National Team berth ... Finished fifth on vault and 20th in the all-around at the 2004 U.S. Championships ... In 2003, she was the Region 5 Elite Athlete of the Year after

placing 11th in the all-around, second on vault and eighth on bars at the U.S. Championships ... Won the vault title at the Trophee Massilia in France, beating two-time Olympic champion Elena Zamoledchikova ... Competing in the junior division in 2002, she won the vault title and placed 11th in the all-around and fifth on floor at the U.S. Championships ... Claimed the vault crown and was 13th in the all-around at the 2002 U.S. Classic ... Placed 15th in the all-around at the 2002 and 2001 American Classics ... Level 10 National all-around champion in 2001 and also placed third on bars and beam and fifth on vault and floor ... Was the Region 5 Level 10 champion in the all-around, vault and floor and the Illinois State champion on vault, bars and floor ... Trained at Illinois Gymnastics Institute under coach Todd Gardiner.

**Personal** — Her biggest athletic thrill so far has been signing with UCLA ... Hobbies are hanging out with friends, shopping, and watching The OC ... Admires Chicago Cubs second baseman Todd Walker ... Full name is Kristina Diane Comforte ... Parents: Victor and Kathy Comforte ... Has an older brother, Victor ... Born April 9, 1987 in Hinsdale, IL ... Hopes to major in communication studies.



## Kristina Comforte - 2006 Meet-by-Meet Scores/Placements

Date/Opponent	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
1/03 Hawaiian Classic	9.825 (3)	9.400 (27)	9.700 (2)	9.650 (5T)	38.575 (4T)
1/07 vs. Utah	9.200 (12)	9.850 (4)	9.850 (2T)	9.700 (6)	38.600 (4)
1/20 at Washington	9.875 (2)	9.500 (7T)	9.725 (4T)	9.200 (11)	38.300 (4)
1/22 vs. Oregon State	9.850 (5)	9.875 (1T)	9.900 (1)	9.725 (8T)	39.350 (2)
2/03 at CS Fullerton	10.000 (1)	9.900 (1)	9.825 (3T)	9.750 (3T)	39.475 (2)
2/10 at Cal Quad Meet	9.775 (6)	9.875 (1T)	9.525 (11T)		
2/12 vs. Washington	9.900 (1T)	9.900 (2T)	9.325 (11T)	9.775 (4)	38.900 (2)
2/17 at Georgia	9.775 (10)	9.925 (2)	9.875 (3)	9.725 (9)	39.300 (3)
2/19 vs. ASU/CSUF/UCD	9.875 (2T)	9.950 (1)	9.825 (3)	9.800 (6T)	39.450 (2)
2/24 at Arizona	9.225 (12)	9.850 (2T)	9.900 (1)		
3/05 vs. Stanford, SJSU	9.825 (5T)	9.900 (2T)	9.900 (1)	9.900 (2)	39.525 (1)
3/17 at LSU	9.850 (2T)	9.875 (4)	9.850 (3)	9.825 (7T)	39.400 (3)
3/25 at Pac-10s	9.875 (4T)	9.800 (10T)	9.900 (6T)	9.800 (11T)	39.375 (5)
4/08 at NCAA Regionals	9.875 (2)	9.875 (3T)	9.725 (15T)	9.725 (14T)	39.200 (3)
Average	9.766	9.820	9.773	9.715	39.121



# Tasha Schwikert



**Sophomore**  
**5-2**  
**Las Vegas, NV**  
**Gymcats**  
**Centennial HS**

## Career Highlights

- 2005 NCAA all-around champion
- First-team All-American on all four events and the all-around in 2005
- 2005 NCAA West Region all-around, vault, bars and floor champion
- 2005 Pac-10 all-around, bars champion
- 2005 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year
- All-Pac-10 selection in the all-around, vault, bars and floor in 2005
- 2000 U.S. Olympian and 2004 Olympic alternate
- 2003 World Championships gold medalist
- Won six U.S. National titles

## Best Marks

V.....9.975, 3/6/05  
UB.....10, last 3/26/05  
BB.....9.975, 1/17/05  
FX.....10, last 3/6/05  
AA.....39.825, 3/6/05

**2006** — Won the NCAA South Central Regional vault title to qualify as a vault specialist to the NCAA Championships ... Scored a meet-best 9.9 at Regionals in just her second vault competition of the year ... Had missed most of the season after undergoing shoulder surgery in December ... Returned to compete on beam at LSU on Mar. 17 and then competed on vault, beam and floor at the Pac-10 Championships and NCAA Regionals ... Season-bests were 9.9 on vault, 9.425 on beam and 9.8 on floor.

**2005** — NCAA all-around champion ... Scored a 39.725 to become the first freshman since 2001 to capture the title ... Only gymnast in 2005 to earn first-team All-America honors on all four events and the all-around ... Tied for third on bars and fifth on beam at the event finals ... Pac-10 Freshman of the Year ... West Regional all-around, vault, bars and floor champion ... Recorded the highest all-around total at all of the regional meets, scoring 39.725 ... Pac-10 all-around co-champion and uneven bars champion ... Won the uneven bars with a perfect 10 ... All-Pac-10 selection in the all-around and on vault, bars and floor ... Ranked second in the nation most of the season in the all-around, as well as No. 1 on floor and bars ... Averaged 39.522 in 15 all-around appearances and scored a career-high and national season-best 39.825 on Mar. 6 against Florida to set a new UCLA freshman record ... Scored four perfect 10s - two each on floor and bars ... Second on the UCLA squad with 29 individual victories, including a team-high eight on floor and the all-around ... Also had seven wins on bars, four on vault and two on beam ... First on the squad with 56 Top 3 placements, including 15 on bars in 15 meets ... Scored 9.9 or higher on 37 of 60 routines (62%) and 9.8 or higher on 53 of 60 routines (88%) ... Averaged over 9.825 on every event - 9.893 on vault, 9.903 on bars, 9.847 on beam and 9.878 on floor ... Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week for Jan. 9-17 after winning the all-around and floor at Oregon State and scoring a perfect 10 on bars and 9.975 on beam against Nebraska.

**Club** — Member of the 2000 U.S. Olympic team and an alternate at the 2004 Games ... Two-time U.S. national all-around champion (2001, 2002) ... Captain of the 2003 World Championships gold medal team ... Also earned a team bronze medal at the 2001 World Championships and placed fifth in the all-around and on beam and eighth on floor exercise ... Eight-year national team member ... Has won six national titles in her career - 2004 uneven bars; 2002 all-around, bars and floor; 2001 all-around, beam ... Runner-up in the all-around at the 2003 USA Championships ... Gold medalist in the all-around, beam and floor and a silver medalist on bars at the 2002 Pacific Alliance Championships ... All-around, bars and beam champion at the 2002 Visa American Cup ... Gold medalist in the all-around and bars and silver medalist on vault, beam and floor at the 2001 Pan American Games ... Placed ninth at the 2000 Olympic Trials ... Placed fourth in the all-around and tied for second on beam at the 2000 Visa American Cup ... Ninth in the all-around, fourth on vault and fifth on uneven bars at the 1999 USA Championships ... Made her international debut in 1998, placing second on floor in the junior division at the City of Popes in France ... Trained at Gymcats under coach Cassie Rice.

**Personal** — Biggest athletic thrill was being a part of the 2003 U.S. World Championship team that became the first U.S. team in history to ever win the gold medal at the World Championships ... Admires Olympic gold medalist Catalina Ponor of Romania, as well as her club coach Cassie Rice ... Hobbies include shopping, hanging out with friends and listening to music ... Father Shannon Warren was a collegiate basketball player, and mother Joy Schwikert was a professional tennis player ... Younger sister Jordan is also an All-American sophomore gymnast at UCLA ... Born November 21, 1984 in Las Vegas, NV ... Undeclared major who is seeking a career in broadcasting ... Worked as a color analyst on the WCSN internet broadcast of the 2005 World Gymnastics Championships.



## Tasha Schwikert - Career Individual NCAA Scores

(\*note: avg. scores are for team competition only)

Year/Session	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
05 Prelims	9.925	9.95	9.9	9.95	39.725 (1)
05 Super 6	9.9	9.95	9.85	9.9	39.600
05 Event Finals	DNC	9.8875 (3T)	9.8625 (5T)	DNC	
<b>Average</b>	<b>9.867</b>	<b>9.700</b>	<b>9.904</b>	<b>9.796</b>	<b>39.256</b>

## Tasha Schwikert - 2006 Meet-by-Meet Scores/Placements

Date/Opponent	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
3/17 at LSU			9.425 (11)		
3/25 at Pac-10s	9.850 (8T)		9.275 (39)	9.275 (39)	
4/08 at NCAA Regionals	9.9 (1)		8.65 (37)	9.8 (5T)	
<b>Average</b>	<b>9.875</b>		<b>9.117</b>	<b>9.538</b>	