

For the second consecutive season, the UCLA women's rowing team advanced to the NCAA Championships, and in 2006 the Bruins posted a 12th-place finish. Led by head coach Amy Fuller Kearney, UCLA continued to make tremendous strides in just its fifth season since the rebirth of the women's rowing program.

UCLA's varsity eight crew recorded impressive wins last season at the Stanford Invitational and Miller Cup. Similarly, the V8+ picked up dual-meet victories over Loyola Marymount, UC Irvine and Minnesota before finishing sixth overall at the Pac-10 Championships in May. The Bruins' second varsity displayed equally solid performances, registering dual-meet wins against crosstown-rival USC, Loyola Marymount, UC Irvine and Minnesota. UCLA's 2V8+ tallied two first-place finishes at the Stanford Invitational, won the Miller Cup and finished second overall at Pac-10 Championships.

Led by a strong recruiting class, UCLA's freshmen performed well and guided the team to key novice eight victories. However, the team's most promising freshman performances came from Vanessa Teff, who worked her way onto the varsity eight before earning second-team All-America honors. Teff became just the second All-American rower at UCLA, joining Kristin Bixel, who earned the accolade in 2005.

The Bruins began their 2006 spring campaign March 11 with a dual-meet win against Loyola Marymount. Each of UCLA's crews – two varsity eights and one novice eight – defeated the Lions by a minimum of 8.40 seconds. The following Saturday, UCLA continued its winning ways with a dual-meet victory against UC Irvine. The Bruins bested the Anteaters in all three events – the varsity eight, varsity four and novice eight.

The rowing team traveled to San Diego on April 1-2 for the annual San Diego Crew Classic. Day one featured strong performances by each of UCLA's three boats, as both varsity eights and the freshman/novice eight all qualified for Sunday's Grand Final competition. The Bruins' varsity eight finished fifth and the second varsity and novice eight squads raced to sixth-place finishes in the Grand Final races.

One week later, the Bruins resumed their annual race with the University of Minnesota. Fuller Kearney, in conjunction with Minnesota head coach Wendy Davis (former UCLA rower from 1979-82) organized the annual meeting between the two young programs. UCLA hosted Minnesota in Marina del Rey, and the Bruins' varsity eight edged the Golden Gophers by two-tenths of a second. UCLA finished 1.70 seconds ahead of Minnesota in the second varsity race.

The Bruins traveled north the weekend of April 14-15 for the Stanford Invitational, where UCLA faced Tennessee, Central Florida and Clemson. The varsity eight swept all three races, defeating Tennessee by 3.0 seconds and Central Florida by 1.0 second. The second varsity notched wins against Central Florida and Clemson and fell to Tennessee. UCLA's varsity four



finished over 20 seconds ahead of Clemson and finished behind Tennessee and Central Florida.

UCLA won the Miller Cup on April 23, sweeping all four events. The Bruins' varsity eight raced past Loyola Marymount and UC Santa Barbara in the Grand Final, finishing ahead of the Lions by 6.0 seconds. The second varsity won by a 14.4-second cushion against San Diego State and San Diego. Both the varsity four and novice eight crews also had little trouble getting past San Diego State, Loyola Marymount and UC Santa Barbara.

The following weekend, UCLA fell to USC despite finishing ahead of the Trojans in the second varsity eight and varsity four events. The Bruins' varsity eight crew finished 3.86 seconds behind USC. The second varsity and varsity four boats finished ahead of the Trojans by as many as three seconds. UCLA's novice eight finished 5.95 seconds behind USC.

In the season-culminating Pac-10 Championships, three of UCLA's four crews advanced to their respective Grand Final races. The varsity eight finished sixth in the Grand Final, finishing behind California, Washington State, USC, Washington and Stanford, respectively. The second varsity eight turned in the Bruins' most impressive performance, finishing in second place just 2.0 seconds behind California. The varsity four finished fifth in its Grand Final race, and UCLA's novice eight turned in a fifth-place finish in the Petite Final.

Two weeks later, UCLA entered its varsity eight in the 2006 NCAA Women's Rowing Championships for the second-consecutive year. On May 26, the Bruins finished third in their heat, placing behind California and Washington State. UCLA finished 0.691 seconds behind the second-place Cougars and advanced to the semifinal, before racing in the Petite Final. Two days later, the Bruins finished sixth in the Petite Final, good for a 12th-place varsity eight finish.



UCLA vs. Loyola Marymount

Marina del Rey, Calif. - Ballona Creek
March 11, 2006 (All races 2000m)

Varsity Eight

1. **UCLA**.....6:43.80
2. Loyola Marymount6:52.30

Second Varsity Eight

1. **UCLA**.....6:42.70
2. Loyola Marymount7:16.20

Novice Eight

1. **UCLA**.....7:02.00
2. Loyola Marymount7:14.40

UCLA vs. UC Irvine

Marina del Rey, Calif. - Ballona Creek
March 18, 2006 (All races 2000m)

Varsity 4+

1. **UCLA**.....7:57.10
2. UC Irvine.....8:05.80

Novice 8+

1. **UCLA**.....7:20.60
2. UC Irvine.....7:48.90

Varsity 8+

1. **UCLA "A"**.....6:56.90
2. **UCLA "B"**.....7:13.80
2. UC Irvine.....8:14.80

San Diego Crew Classic

San Diego, Calif. - Mission Bay
April 1, 2006

Varsity Eight - Heat 1 (Qualifying)

1. *California.....6:23.80
2. *Washington State6:25.50
3. ***UCLA**.....6:27.10
4. Northeastern6:32.30
5. Texas6:34.00
6. Purdue6:57.80
7. TrinityDisqualified

*advances to Grand Final

Second Varsity Eight - Heat 3 (Qualifying)

1. *Washington State6:36.60
2. ***UCLA**.....6:42.00
3. Texas6:50.90
4. San Diego State.....6:53.50
5. St. Joseph's7:07.40
6. Santa Clara.....7:22.40

*advances to Grand Final

Freshman/Novice Eight - Heat 2 (Qualifying)

1. *Texas6:54.40
2. ***UCLA**.....7:09.50
3. UC San Diego.....7:12.50
4. UC Irvine.....7:31.30
5. UC Santa Barbara7:33.00
6. Chapman7:33.10

San Diego Crew Classic

San Diego, Calif. - Mission Bay
April 2, 2006

Varsity Eight Grand Final - Jessop-Whittier Cup

1. California.....6:52.10
2. USC6:54.29
3. Washington State6:57.83
4. Notre Dame6:58.66
5. **UCLA**.....7:01.97
6. Wisconsin7:05.81

2V8 Grand Final - Jackie Ann Stitt Hungess Trophy

1. California.....6:54.80
2. Washington State6:55.42
3. Stanford6:59.31
4. USC7:00.99
5. Wisconsin7:01.23
6. **UCLA**.....7:04.89

Novice Eight Grand Final - SeaWorld Trophy

1. California.....6:46.90
2. Texas6:47.95
3. Stanford6:51.57
4. Oregon State6:59.46
5. Kansas State7:00.37
6. UCLA7:04.68

UCLA vs. Minnesota

Marina del Rey, Calif. - Ballona Creek
April 8, 2006

Varsity Eight

1. **UCLA**.....6:30.50
2. Minnesota6:30.70

Second Varsity Eight

1. **UCLA**.....6:33.50
2. Minnesota6:35.80

Varsity Four

1. **UCLA "A"**.....7:22.30
2. **UCLA "B"**.....7:34.60
3. Long Beach Masters.....7:38.20

Stanford Invitational

Redwood Shores, Calif.
April 14-15, 2006

Varsity Eight

1. **UCLA**.....7:21.20
2. Tennessee7:24.20

1. **UCLA**.....7:25.00
2. Central Florida7:26.00

1. **UCLA**.....6:58.20
2. Clemson.....7:09.80

Second Varsity Eight

1. Tennessee7:31.80
2. **UCLA**.....7:43.30

1. **UCLA**.....7:34.10
2. Central Florida7:55.80

1. **UCLA**.....7:11.10
2. Clemson.....N/A



Varsity Four

1. Tennessee 8:38.80
2. **UCLA**.....**8:45.20**
1. Central Florida 8:49.80
2. **UCLA**.....**8:50.30**
1. **UCLA**.....**8:19.20**
2. Clemson..... 8:40.00

Miller Cup

Marina del Rey, Calif. - Ballona Creek
April 23, 2006

Varsity Eight Grand Final

1. **UCLA**.....**6:19.40**
2. Loyola Marymount 6:25.40
3. UC Santa Barbara 6:42.30

Second Varsity Eight Grand Final

1. **UCLA**.....**6:43.30**
2. San Diego State..... 6:57.70
3. San Diego 7:08.30

Varsity Four Grand Final

1. **UCLA**.....**6:26.30**
2. Loyola Marymount 6:37.20
3. San Diego State..... 6:48.20

Novice Eight

1. **UCLA**.....**6:45.80**
2. UC Santa Barbara 6:49.70
3. San Diego State..... 7:05.20

UCLA vs. USC

San Pedro, Calif. (Lexus Gauntlet Challenge)
April 29, 2006

Varsity Eight

1. USC 6:21.05
2. **UCLA**.....**6:24.91**

Second Varsity Eight

1. **UCLA**.....**6:24.64**
2. USC 6:28.36

Varsity Four

1. **UCLA**.....**7:15.40**
2. USC 7:18.78

Novice Eight

1. USC 6:44.46
2. **UCLA**.....**6:50.41**

Pac-10 Championships

Rancho Cordova, Calif. - Lake Natoma
May 14, 2006

Varsity Eight Grand Final

1. California..... 6:29.00
2. Washington State 6:29.90
3. USC 6:30.30
4. Washington 6:36.60
5. Stanford 6:39.00
6. **UCLA**.....**6:43.80**



Second Varsity Eight Grand Final

1. California..... 6:40.40
2. **UCLA**.....**6:42.40**
3. Washington State 6:44.90
4. Washington 6:46.80
5. Stanford 6:48.50
6. USC 6:54.70

Varsity Four Grand Final

1. California..... 7:23.40
2. Washington State 7:26.70
3. Stanford 7:28.70
4. Washington 7:30.60
5. **UCLA**.....**7:45.00**
6. Oregon State 7:49.50

Novice Eight Petite Final

1. Washington State 6:54.00
2. UC Davis..... 7:15.20
3. USC 7:16.80
4. Sonoma State 7:19.00
5. **UCLA**.....**7:23.80**

NCAA Championships

West Windsor, N.J.
May 26-28, 2006

Varsity Eight - Heat 3 (May 26)

1. California..... 6:36.797
2. Washington State 6:38.590
3. **UCLA**.....**6:39.281**

Petite Final - Places 7-13 (May 28)

1. Notre Dame 6:47.546
2. Minnesota 6:48.528
3. Washington 6:49.148
4. Yale 6:49.669
5. USC 6:51.161
6. **UCLA**.....**6:56.319**
7. Stanford 7:02.367