

For the third consecutive season, the UCLA women's rowing team sent its varsity eight crew to the NCAA Championships, posting a 14th-place overall finish in the V8+ race in Oak Ridge, Tenn. With head coach Amy Fuller Kearney leading the way, UCLA continued to make great strides in its sixth season since the rebirth of the women's rowing program.

UCLA's varsity eight registered strong finishes in the annual San Diego Crew Classic and early-season dual meets against Loyola Marymount and San Diego State. The Bruins' second varsity displayed equally impressive finishes at all three regattas and finished first in the annual dual meet against crosstown rival USC. Under the direction of assistant coaches Bill Zack and Dawn Regan, UCLA's novice crews made steady progress, finishing first at the San Diego Crew Classic and against USC later in the season. The Bruins' varsity eight raced to a fourth-place finish at Pac-10 Championships the second weekend of May, sending the crew to the NCAA Championships at the end of the month.

Led by another top-caliber recruiting class, UCLA's freshmen performed well and provided optimism for the future. Freshman Lynn Hancock was named the team's "most outstanding freshman" by season's end, after having raced with the varsity eight crew the entire season. Hancock was named a second-team CRCA All-West Region selection.

UCLA kicked off its 2007 season with a dual-meet victory against Loyola Marymount on March 10. Each of UCLA's six participating crews raced past the Lions by at least 11 or more seconds. One week later, the Bruins recorded wins in all five races against San Diego State. UCLA's varsity eight crossed the finish line just over 22 seconds before the Aztecs.

Two weeks later, the Bruins traveled to Mission Bay, Calif., for the annual San Diego Crew Classic. UCLA finished in first or second place in each of its four preliminary heats, setting the stage for yet another successful afternoon on Sunday, April 1. UCLA's varsity eight finished fourth, crossing the finish line just over two seconds behind California, and less than one second behind Stanford. The Bruins' freshman eight won its Grand Final, as both the second varsity and open eight boats finished third.

On the weekend of April 14-15, UCLA faced stiff competition, racing against Virginia, Central Florida and Notre Dame at the Windermere Stanford. UCLA varsity eight finished less than two seconds behind ACC powerhouse Virginia. On day two, the second varsity registered a strong win against Notre Dame, crossing the finish line just under 12 seconds ahead of the Fighting Irish.

In the final weekend of April, UCLA squared off against USC, racing to first-place finishes in the second varsity and novice eight events. The Bruins' varsity eight finished 5.61 seconds behind the Trojans' crew; however, the second varsity crossed the finish line over five seconds before USC.

At the season-culminating Pac-10 Championships, both eight crews finished fourth. UCLA's varsity fourth raced to a first-place finish in the Petite Final, and the Bruins' novice eight recorded a third-place finish. In the final conference championship point standings, UCLA finished fourth, as USC, California and Washington rounded out the top three spots.



Two weeks later, UCLA entered its varsity eight in the 2007 NCAA Women's Rowing Championship for the third consecutive season. On day one of the competition (May 25), the Bruins finished fourth in their heat, posting a time of 6:37.23 seconds. In the third final race, UCLA finished second, allowing the Bruins to record a 14th overall finish in the varsity eight.

The 2007 season marked the end of the careers of eight four-year seniors. Team captains Erin Rice and Leah Wachtel headed a group that continued to build upon the program's past success and pave the way for stronger finishes at future NCAA Championships. In addition to Rice and Wachtel, fellow seniors Alexis Kalionzes, Megan McQuown, Kirsten Potenza, Brittany Merchant, Elizabeth Lee and Jessica Fritz were all honored at the team's year-end banquet as members of the "Bruin Four-Year Club."



UCLA vs. Loyola Marymount

Marina del Rey, Calif. - Ballona Creek
March 10, 2007 (All races 2000m)

Varsity Eight

1. **UCLA**.....7:15.30
2. Loyola Marymount.....7:51.30

Second Varsity Eight

1. **UCLA**.....7:19.40
2. Loyola Marymount.....8:00.00

Varsity Four

1. **UCLA 'A'**.....6:45.60
2. **UCLA 'B'**.....6:56.60
3. Loyola Marymount.....7:56.90

Novice Eight

1. **UCLA 'A'**.....5:54.74
2. **UCLA 'B'**.....6:12.50
3. Loyola Marymount.....6:21.99

Lineups

V8 - (stroke) Vanessa Teff, (7) Patricia Dudziec, (6) Lynn Hancock, (5) Hayley Robinson, (4) Elizabeth Lee, (3) Alexandra Howard, (2) Erin Haggerty, (bow) Jessica Fritz, (coxswain) Kirsten Potenza

2V8 - (stroke) Leah Wachtel, (7) Vanessa Jansen, (6) Elizabeth Herron, (5) Destinie Slavich, (4) Renee Cornwell, (3) Candace Ferguson, (2) Emily Merchant, (bow) Erin Rice, (coxswain) Megan McQuown

V4 'A' - (stroke) Christina King, (3) Alexis Kalionzes, (2) Maida Habibovic, (bow) Victoria Koso, (coxswain) Brittany Liljeqvist

V4 'B' - (stroke) Bree Hemingway, (3) Jennifer Weber, (2) Megan Lightfoot, (bow) Larisa Pender-Healy, (coxswain) Emily Wachtel

N8 'A' - (stroke) Kaitlin Doering, (7) Lauren Counter, (6) Alexandra Lauren, (5) Jessica Buzawa, (4) Danielle Piccinini, (3) Lillian Sakkis, (2) Ashley Guzik, (bow) Anne Schier, (coxswain) Marissa Linden

N8 'B' - (stroke) Briana Hernandez, (7) Samantha Melzer, (6) Caitlyn Czisny, (5) Christina Sprouse, (4) Whitney Standefer, (3) Lynette Thompson, (2) Kellie Koscher, (bow) Charlotte Burke, (coxswain) Gevrina Seferaj

UCLA vs. San Diego State

Marina del Rey, Calif. - Ballona Creek
March 17, 2007 (All races 2000m)

Varsity Eight

1. **UCLA**.....6:41.40
2. San Diego State.....7:03.90

Second Varsity Eight

1. **UCLA**.....6:52.60
2. San Diego State.....7:10.80

Varsity Four

1. **UCLA 'A'**.....7:38.10
2. **UCLA 'B'**.....7:48.90
3. San Diego State.....7:52.80

Novice Eight

1. **UCLA**.....7:14.70
2. San Diego State.....7:44.30

Second Novice Eight

1. **UCLA**.....7:31.50
2. San Diego State.....7:44.70

Lineups

V8 - (stroke) Vanessa Teff, (7) Patricia Dudziec, (6) Lynn Hancock, (5) Hayley Robinson, (4) Elizabeth Lee, (3) Alexandra Howard, (2) Destinie Slavich, (bow) Jessica Fritz, (coxswain) Kirsten Potenza

2V8 - (stroke) Leah Wachtel, (7) Erin Rice, (6) Elizabeth Herron, (5) Vanessa Jansen, (4) Renee Cornwell, (3) Alexis Kalionzes, (2) Brittany Merchant, (bow) Victoria Koso, (coxswain) Megan McQuown

V4 'A' - (stroke) Christina King, (3) Lauren Counter, (2) Kaitlin Doering, (bow) Megan Lightfoot, (coxswain) Brittany Liljeqvist

V4 'B' - (stroke) Maida Habibovic, (3) Bree Hemingway, (2) Jennifer Weber, (bow) Jennica Janssen, (coxswain) Emily Wachtel

N8 'A' - (stroke) Alexandra Lauren, (7) Lillian Sakkis, (6) Whitney Standefer, (5) Jessica Buzawa, (4) Danielle Piccinini,



(3) Samantha Melzer, (2) Ashley Guzik, (bow) Anne Schier, (coxswain) Marissa Linden

N8 'B' - (stroke) Caitlyn Czisny, (7) Charlotte Burke, (6) Briana Hernandez, (5) Christina Sprouse, (4) Christine Seidel, (3) Lynette Thompson, (2) Kellie Koscher, (bow) Christine Fiocco, (coxswain) Gevrina Seferaj

San Diego Crew Classic

Mission Bay, Calif.
Saturday, March 31

Varsity Eight (Jessop-Whittier Cup)

1. USC.....6:37.36
2. **UCLA**.....6:42.03
3. Oregon State.....6:43.66
4. Clemson.....6:49.43
5. Loyola Marymount.....7:01.49

Second Varsity Eight (Stitt-Hungness Trophy)

1. **UCLA**.....7:02.80
2. Stanford.....7:04.59
3. Washington State.....7:04.93
4. San Diego State.....7:16.21
5. Clemson.....7:16.67
6. Loyola Marymount.....7:42.90

Novice Eight (Laurel Korholz Perpetual Trophy)

1. **UCLA**.....7:23.59
2. Stanford.....7:29.50
3. UC Davis.....7:33.16
4. San Diego State.....8:02.45
5. West Virginia.....8:13.09
6. UC Irvine.....8:18.13
7. Sonoma State.....8:28.20

Open Eight (Carley Copley Cup)

1. USC.....7:41.40
2. **UCLA**.....7:57.83
3. St. Mary's.....8:06.69
4. Stanford.....8:06.90
5. Santa Clara.....8:12.74
6. Lake Union.....8:51.83
7. LARC.....9:00.40

Lineups

V8 - (stroke) Vanessa Teff, (7) Patricia Dudziec, (6) Lynn Hancock, (5) Hayley Robinson, (4) Elizabeth Lee, (3) Alexandra Howard, (2) Erin Haggerty, (bow) Jessica Fritz, (coxswain) Kirsten Potenza

2V8 - (stroke) Leah Wachtel, (7) Erin Rice, (6) Elizabeth Herron, (5) Destinie Slavich, (4) Renee Cornwell, (3) Vanessa Jansen, (2) Brittany Merchant, (bow) Alexis Kalionzes, (coxswain) Megan McQuown

N8 - (stroke) Christina King, (7) Alexandra Lauren, (6) Kaitlin Doering, (5) Lauren Counter, (4) Jessica Buzawa, (3) Lillian Sakkis, (2) Danielle Piccinini, (bow) Anne Schier, (coxswain) Brittany Liljeqvist

O8 - (stroke) Maida Habibovic, (7) Samantha Melzer, (6) Briana Hernandez, (5) Caitlyn Czisny, (4) Ashley Guzik, (3) Megan Lightfoot, (2) Jennifer Weber, (bow) Bree Hemingway, (coxswain) Emily Wachtel

San Diego Crew Classic

Mission Bay, Calif.
Sunday, April 1

Varsity Eight (Jessop-Whittier Cup) - Grand Final

1. USC.....6:52.23

2. California.....6:59.99
3. Stanford.....7:01.08
4. **UCLA**.....7:01.75
5. Oregon State.....7:06.30
6. Washington State.....7:06.74

Second Varsity Eight - Grand Final

1. USC.....7:06.60
2. Oregon State.....7:09.82
3. **UCLA**.....7:10.00
4. California.....7:14.06
5. Washington State.....7:18.52
6. Stanford.....7:22.03

Open Eight (Carley Copley Cup) - Grand Final

1. USC.....7:15.40
2. California.....7:15.69
3. **UCLA**.....7:33.64
4. San Diego State.....7:46.76
5. California Alumnæ.....8:04.72
6. River City.....8:22.48

Freshman Eight - Grand Final

1. **UCLA**.....7:06.87
2. Oregon State.....7:16.29
3. Stanford.....7:17.51
4. California.....7:18.96
5. Kansas State.....7:21.24
6. Washington State.....7:26.54

Lineups

V8 - (stroke) Vanessa Teff, (7) Patricia Dudziec, (6) Lynn Hancock, (5) Hayley Robinson, (4) Elizabeth Lee, (3) Alexandra Howard, (2) Erin Haggerty, (bow) Jessica Fritz, (coxswain) Kirsten Potenza

2V8 - (stroke) Leah Wachtel, (7) Erin Rice, (6) Elizabeth Herron, (5) Destinie Slavich, (4) Renee Cornwell, (3) Vanessa Jansen, (2) Brittany Merchant, (bow) Alexis Kalionzes, (coxswain) Megan McQuown

N8 - (stroke) Christina King, (7) Alexandra Lauren, (6) Kaitlin Doering, (5) Lauren Counter, (4) Jessica Buzawa, (3) Lillian Sakkis, (2) Danielle Piccinini, (bow) Anne Schier, (coxswain) Brittany Liljeqvist

O8 - (stroke) Maida Habibovic, (7) Samantha Melzer, (6) Briana Hernandez, (5) Caitlyn Czisny, (4) Ashley Guzik, (3) Megan Lightfoot, (2) Jennifer Weber, (bow) Bree Hemingway, (coxswain) Emily Wachtel

Windermere Stanford

Redwood Shores, Calif.
Saturday, April 14

Varsity Eight

1. Virginia.....6:58.53
2. **UCLA**.....7:00.18

Second Varsity Eight

1. Virginia.....6:59.96
2. **UCLA**.....7:15.28

Novice Eight

1. Central Florida.....6:54.19
2. **UCLA**.....6:54.80

Varsity Four

1. Virginia.....7:37.86
2. **UCLA**.....8:04.23

Novice Four

1. Central Florida.....8:21.96
2. **UCLA**.....8:29.27

Lineups

V8 – (stroke) Vanessa Teff, (7) Patricia Dudziec, (6) Lynn Hancock, (5) Hayley Robinson, (4) Elizabeth Lee, (3) Alexandra Howard, (2) Erin Haggerty, (bow) Jessica Fritz, (coxswain) Kirsten Potenza

2V8 – (stroke) Leah Wachtel, (7) Erin Rice, (6) Elizabeth Herron, (5) Destinie Slavich, (4) Renee Cornwell, (3) Vanessa Jansen, (2) Brittany Merchant, (bow) Alexis Kalionzes, (coxswain) Megan McQuown

V4 – (stroke) Christina King, (3) Alexandra Lauren, (2) Maida Habibovic, (bow) Lauren Counter, (coxswain) Brittany Liljeqvist

N8 – (stroke) Kaitlin Doering, (7) Lillian Sakkis, (6) Jessica Buzawa, (5) Samantha Melzer, (4) Ashley Guzik, (3) Caitlyn Czisny, (2) Danielle Piccinini, (bow) Anne Schier, (coxswain) Marissa Linden

Windermere Stanford

Redwood Shores, Calif.

Sunday, April 15

Varsity Eight

1. Notre Dame6:46.50
2. **UCLA****6:48.98**

Second Varsity Eight

1. **UCLA****6:58.22**
2. Notre Dame7:11.01

Varsity Four

1. Notre Dame7:55.33
2. **UCLA****8:20.71**

Lineups

V8 – (stroke) Vanessa Teff, (7) Patricia Dudziec, (6) Lynn Hancock, (5) Hayley Robinson, (4) Elizabeth Lee, (3) Alexandra Howard, (2) Erin Haggerty, (bow) Jessica Fritz, (coxswain) Kirsten Potenza

2V8 – (stroke) Leah Wachtel, (7) Erin Rice, (6) Elizabeth Herron, (5) Destinie Slavich, (4) Renee Cornwell, (3) Vanessa Jansen, (2) Brittany Merchant, (bow) Alexis Kalionzes, (coxswain) Megan McQuown

V4 – (stroke) Christina King, (3) Alexandra Lauren, (2) Maida Habibovic, (bow) Lauren Counter, (coxswain) Brittany Liljeqvist

UCLA vs. USC

Marina del Rey, Calif. – Ballona Creek

Saturday, April 28

Varsity Eight

1. USC6:27.00
2. **UCLA****6:32.61**

Second Varsity Eight

1. **UCLA****6:36.84**
2. USC6:42.73

Varsity Four

1. USC7:18.65
2. **UCLA****7:21.86**

Second Varsity Four

1. USC7:31.40
2. **UCLA****7:33.51**

Novice Eight

1. **UCLA "A"****6:45.66**
2. **UCLA "B"****6:51.26**
3. USC6:57.29

Lineups

V8 – (stroke) Vanessa Teff, (7) Patricia Dudziec, (6) Lynn Hancock, (5) Hayley Robinson, (4) Elizabeth Lee, (3) Alexandra Howard, (2) Erin Haggerty, (bow) Jessica Fritz, (coxswain) Kirsten Potenza

2V8 – (stroke) Elizabeth Herron, (7) Erin Rice, (6) Leah Wachtel, (5) Destinie Slavich, (4) Renee Cornwell, (3) Candace Ferguson, (2) Brittany Merchant, (bow) Vanessa Jansen, (coxswain) Megan McQuown

2N8 – (stroke) Briana Hernandez, (7) Charlotte Burke, (6) Ashley Guzik, (5) Whitney Standerfer, (4) Kristin Fitzmorris, (3) Christina Sprouse, (2) Christine Fiocco, (bow) Lynette Thompson, (coxswain) Gevrina Seferaj

V4 – (stroke) Alexandra Lauren, (3) Lillian Sakkis, (2) Jennifer Weber, (bow) Alexis Kalionzes, (coxswain) Brittany Liljeqvist

2V4 – (stroke) Maida Habibovic, (3) Megan Lightfoot, (2) Bree

Hemingway, (bow) Victoria Kaso, (coxswain) Emily Wachtel

N8 – (stroke) Kaitling Doering, (7) Lauren Counter, (6) Jessica Buzawa, (5) Samantha Melzer, (4) Danielle Piccinini, (3) Caitlyn Czisny, (2) Christina King, (bow) Anne Schier, (coxswain) Marissa Linden

Pacific Coast Rowing Championships

Rancho Cordova, Calif.

Saturday, May 12

Open Four

1. California7:56.90
2. USC8:11.10
3. Stanford8:14.50
4. **UCLA****8:27.60**
5. Western Washington8:47.60
6. RCRC8:59.30

Open Four "Heat 2"

1. USC8:07.80
2. **UCLA****8:12.50**
3. Western Washington8:21.60
4. Saint Mary's8:38.60

Novice Four

1. California8:00.10
2. **UCLA****8:17.90**
3. Saint Mary's8:37.00
4. SON8:41.60

Pac-10 Championships

Rancho Cordova, Calif.

Sunday, May 13

Varsity Eight

1. USC6:40.13
2. Stanford6:42.55
3. California6:44.58
4. **UCLA****6:48.58**
5. Oregon State6:50.46
6. Washington6:55.01

Second Varsity Eight

1. California6:53.04
2. Washington6:56.58
3. USC6:58.97
4. **UCLA****7:04.41**
5. Oregon State7:05.68
6. Washington State7:11.18

Varsity Four – Petite Final

1. **UCLA****7:44.34**
2. California7:45.40
3. Sacramento State8:14.11

Novice Eight – Grand Final

1. Gonzaga7:06.43
2. Washington7:11.43
3. **UCLA****7:13.68**
4. Washington State7:24.61
5. Oregon State7:27.32
6. USC7:33.57

Championship Point Standings

1. USC69
2. California59

3. Washington57
4. **UCLA****54**
5. Stanford50
6. Oregon State49
7. Washington State38
8. Gonzaga35

Lineups

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V4 – (stroke) Alexandra Lauren, (3) Lillian Sakkis, (2) Jennifer Weber, (bow) Alexis Kalionzes, (coxswain) Brittany Liljeqvist

O4 – (stroke) Maida Habibovic, (3) Megan Lightfoot, (2) Bree Hemingway, (bow) Victoria Kaso, (coxswain) Emily Wachtel

N4 – (stroke) Briana Hernandez, (3) Whitney Standerfer, (2) Ashley Guzik, (bow) Charlotte Burke, (coxswain) Gevrina Seferaj

NCAA Championships

Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Friday, May 25 – Sunday, May 27

Heat 1 Results (Friday, May 25)

1. Brown6:30.54
2. Virginia6:30.64
3. Harvard6:36.08
4. **UCLA****6:37.23**
5. Central Florida6:45.29

Repechage Results (Friday, May 25)

1. Stanford6:37.16
2. Princeton6:38.36
3. Tennessee6:37.41
4. Washington6:40.09
5. **UCLA****6:42.20**
6. California6:42.70
7. Central Florida6:52.27

Third Final Race Results (Sunday, May 27)

1. California6:47.40
2. **UCLA****6:51.55**
3. Washington6:52.94
4. Central Florida7:03.18

Lineup

V8 – (stroke) Vanessa Teff, (7) Jessica Fritz, (6) Lynn Hancock, (5) Hayley Robinson, (4) Elizabeth Lee, (3) Alexandra Howard, (2) Erin Haggerty, (bow) Patricia Dudziec, (coxswain) Kirsten Potenza

