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Location	Los Angeles, Calif.
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Founded	1919
Enrollment	37,500
Nickname	Bruins
Colors	Blue and Gold
Conference	Pacific-10
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2008 Overall/Pac-10/Postseason Record	51-9/17-4 (2nd)/6-2 (T-5th at WCWS)
2008 Final NFCA/USA Softball Rankings	5/5
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	14/4
Starters Returning/Lost	8/1
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Last season, the UCLA softball team's goal was to return to the Women's College World Series and win a national championship. The Bruins accomplished the first step by posting a perfect 5-0 record during Regional and Super Regional play and winning their first WCWS game against Pac-10 rival Arizona. But following losses to Arizona State and Florida, the Bruins' season abruptly ended, falling short of the school's 12th national title.

However, with 14 returning letterwinners, the 2009 Bruins look to advance to the Women's College World Series for the 24th time in school history and hoist the national championship trophy in the middle of an Oklahoma City softball diamond in early June.

"This team ended last season with a sense of unfinished business," third-year head coach Kelly Inouye-Perez said. "We were on a mission to get back to the World Series last year and we got there. Our mission now is to return to dominance. I'm excited about the experience that we have gained. We have the leadership and the work ethic to go all the way this year."

PITCHERS

A novice to the UCLA softball program would see the graduation of three-time All-American Anjelica Selden as a devastating loss for the 2009 team. However, the Bruins have an experienced trio in juniors Whitney Baker and Megan Langenfeld and sophomore Donna Kerr, who will aim to prevent the Bruins from missing a beat in the circle.

"I am excited about the talent in the circle for 2009," Inouye-Perez said. "We have three completely different looks. After fall ball, we were able to get a good idea of what we are going to look like. We have experience and that is something you can't teach. Megan has great experience as either a starter or closer and has done well in the postseason too. Donna has been in championship ball her whole career and she won some really big games for us last year. Whitney has great tools and movement and is ready to make an impact in the circle in 2009."

Kerr turned in a solid freshman campaign, leading the Bruins with a 0.93 earned run average, which also ranked seventh in the nation. She went 14-2 with 132 strikeouts in 105 2/3 innings and came up with big performances against a pair of teams that advanced to the Super Regionals a year ago. Kerr tossed a four-hitter in her first collegiate start against Oklahoma on Feb. 8 and fanned 15 in a two-hit shutout of Northwestern on March 9. She also threw the 16th perfect game in UCLA history against Saint Peter's on March 2 during a tournament in her hometown of San Diego.

Whether as a starter or reliever, Langenfeld was also dominant, posting an 8-2 record, a 1.58 earned run average and five saves, which was tied for first in the Pac-10 and 10th in the nation. A first-team All-Pacific Region, second-team All-Pac-10 and third-team All-American selection, Langenfeld had a streak of 27 2/3 scoreless innings at one point during her sophomore season and was masterful in a relief appearance on the second day of the NCAA Regionals against Nevada (May 17), striking out a career-high 10 and allowing no runs in 7 2/3 innings.

Langenfeld will also see time at first base and can't be talked about without mentioning her hitting prowess. "Megan is similar to a Lisa Fernandez in her value as a pitcher, a solid defensive first baseman and one with an offensive reputation to come up clutch in big moments," Inouye-Perez said. Langenfeld hit .349 a year ago and finished second on the team with five home runs and 34 walks and third with 41 runs batted in. She also led the team in on base percentage (.482) and multiple-RBI games with 12.

Baker has been limited to just 13 games over her first two seasons in Westwood due to injuries, but has been solid during her stints in the circle, striking out 50 in just 40 innings of work in 2007 and 2008. She has applied for a medical redshirt for the 2008 season and if granted will receive another year of eligibility.

CATCHERS

Behind every great pitcher is a great catcher and the Bruins have three backstops who can all make an impact in 2009. Senior Jennifer Schroeder started 48 of the Bruins' 60 games behind the plate last year, while junior Kaila Shull made 12 starts at catcher. The duo will be joined by freshman Dani Yudin, who was a four-time All-CIF, All-League, All-County and All-State selection at Tesoro High School in Las Flores. Calif.

"Jen did a great job as a battery mate with Jelly (Selden) in 2008 and we look for great things out of her in 2009," Inouye-Perez said. "Both Kaila and Dani are solid behind the plate. They are physically strong with great leadership qualities and work well with the pitchers. They both throw from the right side and both have beautiful swings from the left. I expect great things from both of them this year."

The Bruins also employ a pair of role players who are huge assets to warming up pitchers in the bullpen during practice and games in sophomore Grace Murray and freshman Brooke Finley.

"Both Grace and Brooke epitomize the phrase 'team over self,'" Inouye-Perez said. "They both bring great energy and enthusiasm to the team and both have very positive attitudes."

INFIELDERS

Championships are won with solid pitching and defense and the Bruin infield returns intact in 2009 after finishing 2008 first in the Pac-10 in fielding percentage. Up the middle, senior Amanda Kamekona and sophomore Monica Harrison return as one of the top second baseman-shortstop combinations in the country.

"Monica and Amanda are our backbone up the middle," Inouye-Perez said. "They work very well together. The infield as a whole has the talent and experience to challenge any offensive attack."

Kamekona not only did it with her glove, but she certainly did it with her bat, leading the Bruins in home runs (14), runs batted in (46), runs scored (47), doubles (17) and slugging percentage (.663) on her way to earning first-team All-Pac-10, second-team All-Pacific Region and third-team All-American accolades.

"Amanda is our vocal leader. She is going to leave her mark on this game in her senior year. Amanda is very dynamic and possesses great power and speed. She is like a little Manny Ramirez."

Harrison, an All-Pac-10 Freshman Team honoree, started all 55 games she appeared in at shortstop and hit .234 with 16 runs batted in and 37 hits. Her biggest hit of the season came against Arizona on May 2 when she hit a walk-off home run for her first collegiate bomb in a Bruin victory.

"The best way to describe Monica is how she leads with a quiet thunder. She is a great leader in the infield and has outstanding range, a strong arm and an impressive quick release."

At first base, both Langenfeld and sophomore GiOnna DiSalvatore will see time. When not in the

circle, Langenfeld will be in the lineup at first or at designated player, while DiSalvatore will see the field not only at first, but at potentially any of the infield positions as well as right field.

"GiOnna is the ultimate utility player because she is strong, athletic and has a great knowledge of the game. I have confidence to put her at any position and know she will do an outstanding job. She truly represents a 'team over self' mentality with her willingness to play wherever we need her."

DiSalvatore started at four different positions last year (first, second, third, DP) and was a first-team NFCA All-American and All-Pacific Region honoree. She was first on the team in hits with 68, second in RBI with 45, third in slugging (.532) and tied for third with a .362 average and four homers.

The Bruins lose a great team leader in Ashley Herrera at third base, but have the advantage of employing junior Julie Burney at the hot corner, who has filled in admirably when Herrera went down with injuries in 2007 and 2008, having started 95 games over the last two seasons.

"I am so impressed with the commitment Julie made to this team during the summer," Inouye-Perez said. "She is quicker, strong and enters this season with great confidence. Julie is a great leader and teammate and I look forward to seeing her compete with this year's team."

OUTFIELDERS

The Bruins will have a new look in the outfield in 2009. With the graduation of All-American Krista Colburn, the Bruins have recruited one of the top outfielders in the country in Andrea Harrison. The Bruins will also show their depth as Samantha Camuso will be sidelined this season after undergoing surgery for a torn labrum in her right shoulder. Camuso, a second-team All-Region and All-Pac-10 selection who started all 60 games as a freshman and led the team with a .366 batting average, will apply for a medical redshirt, looking to come back as a third-year sophomore in 2010.

"Not having Sammy is a great loss to this year's team," Inouye-Perez said. "She is an impact player. But we are fortunate to have the depth in our lineup to maintain our strength in the outfield."

DiSalvatore will be one of a quartet of players who could see time in right field. Others include sophomores Amy Crawford and Lauren Mirabal and freshman Marti Reed. Crawford appeared in 26 games as a pinch-runner last year, scoring 10 times, while Mirabal came off the bench 39 times, crossing home plate 17 times and going 8-for-8 in stolen bases to tie for the team lead. Both players are versatile, with Crawford also possibly seeing time in left and Mirabal potentially checking in at third. Reed brings even more versatility to the team, as she can play both the outfield and infield.

"Amy is very athletic and has transitioned from an infielder to an outfielder by putting in the work with (assistant coach) Gina Vecchione. She is solid on defense and can also make an impact on the bases with her speed. Lauren brings a feistiness and intensity to the team. She has speed and great instinct and loves to take advantage of any situation. She is a game changer. Marti is a valuable asset to the Bruin arsenal. She is athletic and has speed and power. Her strength comes from being able to play more than one position and having a great work ethic."

The quarterback of the outfield is sophomore Katie Schroeder, who earned All-Pac-10 honorable mention accolades after posting a .362 batting average, which tied for third on the squad. She was also tied for first in stolen bases with eight, second in multiple-hit games (19) and third in runs (34).

"Katie has a very strong will to win. She is a fierce competitor and loves to be 'The One" on game days," Inouye-Perez said. "Katie has a great knowledge for the game and we will look to her to solidify and strengthen our defense up the middle."

Harrison looks to make an immediate impact in the Bruin lineup in left field and at the plate. The reigning Orange County Register Player of the Year out of Pacifica High School in Garden Grove, Calif. has the talent to be the 'go to' in the lineup in her freshman year, according to Inouye-Perez.

"Andrea is a dynamic athlete who is exciting to watch. She works well with Katie in the outfield and has a strong and accurate arm. Her work ethic in the classroom is equally impressive as she made the honor roll in her first quarter as a Bruin."



Cheyenne Broswell - 2009 Honorary Bruin

The Bruins have adopted Cheyenne Broswell as an honorary Bruin for the 2009 season. Cheyenne is an eight-year-old girl who was diagnosed with an inoperable brain stem tumor in December 2006. Cheyenne was told by doctors that she would have only 12 to 15 months to live. But despite constant chemotherapy and radiation sessions, Cheyenne continues to prosper and visits the UCLA softball team at practice weekly. As an honorary Bruin, the softball team has bestowed a locker in the clubhouse to Cheyenne.



"Cheyenne is our honorary Bruin for the year," head coach Kelly Inouye-Perez said. "Cheyenne is a blessing and inspires all of us to work harder. She has great energy and a love for life. Cheyenne is a true Bruin!"

Photos and information courtesy of caringbridge.org, icouldbeyourchild.org and cheyennebroswell.blogspot.com.





The UCLA Bruins first opened the gates of Easton Stadium on Saturday, Feb. 19, 1994. The Grand Opening All-Star Game held that day featured the finest softball talent in the world, as former Bruin All-Stars intermingled with current UCLA players in a nine-inning game.

In recognition of the generous commitment of James L. Easton (UCLA, 1959), chairman, chief executive officer and president of sporting goods manufacturer Jas. D. Easton Inc., the new facility was named Easton Stadium.

Located on the northern boundary of the UCLA campus at the intersections of Sunset Boulevard, Bellagio Drive and De Neve Drive, the stadium sits on the same plot of land as Sunset Field, the original on-campus facility utilized by the softball team since 1979.

UCLA has an overall home record at Sunset Field/Easton Stadium of 543-102-1 (.841). In 1991, the Bruins posted a perfect 21-0 mark at home and have recorded one-loss home campaigns seven more times (1983, 1985, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1993, 2002). The Bruins' longest home-winning streak was 45 games, spanning the course of three seasons from Apr. 7, 1990 to Apr. 2, 1992.

In addition to being home of one of the top collegiate programs in the country, Easton Stadium is a showcase venue for interscholastic, intercollegiate, national and international events. The United States National Softball Team used Easton Stadium as a training facility and preparation site for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, at which Team USA won the gold medal.

Features of the facility include an outstanding playing surface, sunken dugouts, batting cages, a 28-foot electronic scoreboard and message center, a concession stand, a team clubhouse and permanent public restrooms. Easton Stadium underwent a dramatic renovation from October 2004 to March 2005, with the facility receiving new chair-back seating for a capacity of 1,328.



UCLA's Home Record (SINCE 1980

<u>UCLA's</u>	<u>Home</u>	R
1980	16-7	
1981	13-4	
1982	17-5-1	
1983	17-1	
1984	23-3	
1985	14-1	
1986	12-7	
1987	27-3	
1988	24-4	
1989	23-1	
1990	23-1	
1991	21-0	
1992	17-1	
1993	23-1	
1994	15-3	

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1995	23-2
1996	17-5
1997	14-4
1998	7-8
1999	25-3
2000	14-4
2001	23-2
2002	25-1
2003	17-3
2004	15-3
2005	19-9
2006	24-4
2007	14-9
2008	21-3
Record: 543-	102-1 (.841)



SHARRON BACKUS CLUBHOUSE



Completed in time for the 1999 season, the 3,300 square-foot Sharron Backus Clubhouse serves as UCLA's clubhouse, complete with coaches offices, team and officials locker rooms and public restrooms. The clubhouse was named for the long-time UCLA head coach, who led the Bruins to eight national championships and posted a 854-173-3 (.831) career record in 22 campaigns from 1975 to 1996.

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All interviews with players and coaches must be arranged through the UCLA Sports Information Office. Student-athletes have been instructed not to grant any interviews, in person or by telephone, not arranged by Assistant SID James Ybiernas or another member of the Sports Information Office. Telephone numbers are private and will not be released. Please do not expect student-athletes to be available if you have not made prior arrangements. Players and coaches are never available on a gameday prior to competition.

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Players and coaches are available before or after practice depending on availability. Arrangements to attend practice must be made in advance through the Sports Information Office. Practice is generally from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) or 1-4:30 p.m. (Tuesday, Thursday) at Easton Stadium. Interviews during different times will require advance planning. Post-game interviews for regular-season games will take place in the UCLA bullpen, located adjacent to the team's dugout, following the team meeting.

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