

## **SPORTS UPDATE**

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## 2008 MPSF WOMEN'S WATER POLO COACH OF THE YEAR SELECTIONS

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Adam Krikorian led the UCLA women's water polo team to its second consecutive MPSF Tournament title in 2008, as the Bruins enter next weekend's NCAA Championships with a perfect 30-0 record. Krikorian has compiled a 259-38 record in 10 seasons as the Bruins' head women's water polo coach. In that span, Krikorian has guided UCLA to its ninth appearance in the season-culminating national tournament. He has set UCLA's sights on winning its fourth consecutive NCAA Championship and the 10th national title in program history.

The Bruins have won their last 38 contests, dating back to April 14, 2007. Krikorian helped lead UCLA to the fourth perfect MPSF season (12-0) since the inception of NCAA women's water polo in 2001. He has previously been named national coach of the year four times, including each of the last three seasons.

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Stanford Head Coach John Tanner, in his 11th season at the helm, has led the Cardinal to a 25-4 overall record, a No. 2 seed in the 2008 National Collegiate Women's Water Polo Championship, and a third-place finish at the MPSF Tournament in 2008. Despite the absence of three of his squad's five top scorers from 2007 in Katie Hansen, Christina Hewko, and Jessica Steffens, as well as the graduation of goalkeepers Meridith McColl and Kate Heddleston, Tanner quided his Stanford team to a remarkable 11-1 record in MPSF play. Tanner's

Cardinal exceeded expectations this season, turning in third-place finishes at both the Stanford Invitational and the MPSF Tournament, and a runner-up finish at the UC Irvine Invitational. This award marks Tanner's second consecutive MPSF Coach of the Year honor, and fifth overall, having previously been a 1998, 2002, '03, and '07 recipient.