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Gisselle Naranjo was one of two current Bruins, along with Sarah Orozco, to train with the Mexican National Team during the offseason.

## 2012 WOMEN'S WATER POLO SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sat.	Jan. 21	Colorado State <sup>1</sup>	Ann Arbor, Mich.	7:30 a.m.
Sat.	Jan. 21	Indiana <sup>1</sup>	Ann Arbor, Mich.	3 p.m.
Sun.	Jan. 22	at Michigan <sup>1</sup>	Ann Arbor, Mich.	7:15 a.m.
Sat.	Feb. 4	Stanford Invitational	Stanford, Calif.	All Day
Sun.	Feb. 5	Stanford Invitational	Stanford, Calif.	All Day
Sat.	Feb. 11	Cal Baptist	Spieker Aquatics Center	6 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 18	at San Diego State*	San Diego, Calif.	12 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 25	UC Irvine Invitational	Irvine, Calif.	All Day
Sun.	Feb. 26	UC Irvine Invitational	Irvine, Calif.	All Day
Sat.	March 3	at USC*	Los Angeles, Calif.	TBD
Sat.	March 10	San Jose State*	Spieker Aquatics Center	1 p.m.
Sat.	March 17	Arizona State*	Spieker Aquatics Center	1 p.m.
Sat.	March 31	at Hawai'i*	Honolulu, Hawaii	3 p.m.
Sat.	April 7	at California*	Berkeley, Calif.	1 p.m.
Sat.	April 14	at UC Irvine	Irvine, Calif.	1 p.m.
Sun.	April 15	at Loyola Marymount	Los Angeles, Calif.	12 p.m.
Sat.	April 21	Stanford*	Spieker Aquatics Center	7 p.m.
Fri-Sun.	April 27-29	MPSF Tournament <sup>2</sup>	Stanford, Calif.	All Day
Sat.-Sun.	May 11-13	NCAA Tournament <sup>3</sup>	San Diego, Calif.	All Day

All game times are Pacific  
\*indicates MPSF game

- 1 Triton Invitational (hosted by Michigan)  
2 MPSF Tournament (hosted by Stanford)  
3 NCAA Tournament (hosted by San Diego State)



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## QUICK FACTS

Location	J.D. Morgan Center 325 Westwood Plaza Los Angeles, CA 90095	Head Coach	Brandon Brooks (UCLA '05)
Athletics Phone	(310) 825-8699	Record at UCLA	48-15 (2 years)
Chancellor	Gene Block	Coach's Phone	(310) 794-7412
Director of Athletics	Dan Guerrero	2011 Record	26-7
Senior Woman's Administrator	Petrina Long	2011 MPSF Record (Finish)	4-3 (t-3rd)
Faculty Athletic Rep.	Donald Morrison	2011 MPSF Tournament	2nd
Home Pool	Spieker Aquatics Center	2011 NCAA Tournament	3rd
Enrollment	39,900	Letterwinners Returning/Lost	16/10
Founded	1919	National Championships	11 (7 NCAA)
Colors	Blue and Gold	NCAA Tournament Appearances	16
Nickname	Bruins	Women's Water Polo SID	Alex Timiraos
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National Affiliation	NCAA Division I	Web Site	www.uclabruins.com
		Water Polo Twitter	twitter.com/UCLAWaterPolo



# RADIO/TV ROSTER



**1 Caitlin Dement**  
Goalkeeper, Junior – 6-0  
Chino, CA (Ayala)



**1 Sami Hill**  
Goalkeeper, Sophomore – 5-11  
Chino, CA (Ayala)



**1 Sarah Wilkey**  
Goalkeeper, Freshman – 5-7  
Newport Beach, CA (Newport Harbor)



**2 Emily Greenwood**  
Utility, Junior – 6-0  
Sanger, CA (Buchanan)



**3 Nicole Barker**  
Attacker, Senior – 5-10  
Huntington Beach, CA (Huntington Beach)



**4 Hannah Sebenaler**  
Attacker, Senior – 5-7  
Coronado, CA (Coronado)



**5 Sarah Orozco**  
Attacker, Senior – 5-7  
Commerce, CA (Montebello)



**6 Victoria Kent**  
Attacker, Sophomore – 5-8  
Newport Beach, CA (Corona del Mar)



**7 KK Clark**  
Utility, Senior – 6-2  
Atherton, CA (Sacred Heart Prep)



**8 Brooke Martin**  
Attacker, Junior – 5-10  
Temecula, CA (Chaparral)



**9 Larissa Todisco**  
Attacker, Junior – 5-6  
Coronado, CA (Coronado)



**10 Gisselle Naranjo**  
Attacker, Junior – 5-5  
Commerce, CA (Whittier)



**11 Kelly Ronimus**  
Attacker, Sophomore – 5-10  
Coronado, CA (Coronado)



**13 Erica Beebe**  
Attacker, Freshman – 5-6  
Long Beach, CA (Wilson)



**14 Natasha Sculman**  
Defender, Junior – 5-9  
Laguna Beach, CA (Laguna Beach)



**15 Shelby Couture**  
Utility, Freshman – 5-11  
Coronado, CA (Coronado)



**16 Leslee Kaczmarek**  
Center, Junior – 5-11  
Corona del Mar, CA (Corona del Mar)



**17 Gabby Juarez**  
Attacker, Freshman – 5-9  
Whittier, CA (Whittier)



**18 Brailey Hirose-Hulbert**  
Attacker, Freshman – 5-8  
Honolulu, HI (Punahou)



**23 Danielle Ferraro**  
Attacker, Freshman – 5-8  
Alamo, CA (San Ramon Valley)



**24 Emily Donohoe**  
Attacker, Freshman – 5-7  
Upland, CA (St. Lucy's)



**25 Becca Dorst**  
Utility, Sophomore – 6-0  
Menlo Park, CA (Menlo-Atherton)



**Brandon Brooks**  
Head Coach – 3rd Season  
Alma Mater – UCLA '05



**Molly Cahill**  
Assistant Coach – 5th Season  
Alma Mater – UCLA '08



## SPIEKER AQUATICS CENTER



now in its third season as UCLA's home . . .

## SPIEKER AQUATICS CENTER

The UCLA women's water polo team begins its third season playing at Spieker Aquatics Center in the spring of 2012. Over the past two seasons, UCLA has logged a 12-3 record at its new, state-of-the-art home facility.

Spieker Aquatics Center opened in September 2009, in time for the start of the men's water polo season that fall. PCL Construction broke ground on the facility in July 2008. The athletics department officially opened Spieker Aquatics Center on Sept. 26, 2009, as the men's water polo team defeated UC Irvine, 10-4, after a dedication ceremony that evening.

In 2012, UCLA will play at least four matches at Spieker Aquatics Center. The facility hosted the 2010 MPSF Women's Water Polo Tournament and the 2011 MPSF Men's Water Polo Tournament. UCLA's programs won each tournament.

Entering its second full season as UCLA's home pool, Spieker Aquatics Center features a 52-meter by 25-yard all-deep water pool with a dividing bulkhead, allowing races to take place at varying distances (meters, versus yards). The pool also has four platforms on a diving tower, at heights of three, five seven and one half, and 10-meter

platforms, as well as one and three-meter springboards. In addition, the aquatics center features a warming pool for divers directly behind the tower.

Adjacent to Sunset Canyon Recreation Center on the northwest portion of campus, the Spieker Aquatics Center was made possible thanks to a generous lead gift from former student-athlete Tod Spieker and his wife, Catherine. Tod, a 1971 UCLA graduate and All-American, swam for the Bruins from 1968-71 and still competes successfully in Master's Swimming.

The main pool, Dirks Pool, is named after Carolyn Dirks, who provided the lead gift for the swimming pool. Dirks Pool has also been used for special use events and Masters Swim meets. The signature feature of the Spieker Aquatics Center is the diving tower, which sits at the west end of the pool. The east end of the pool houses the new scoreboard, an LED, state-of-the-art piece of electronics, making scores, statistics and messages easily visible to all in attendance.

Next to the scoreboard is the "Wall of Champions", showcasing all of UCLA's water polo, swimming and diving national championship teams, as well as all

individual student-athletes' achievements, record-holders and Olympians.

Separate men's and women's locker rooms house enough lockers for all team members, with shower space and bathroom stalls and sinks for each team. Equipment needed for meets and matches have storage capacity on the facility's south side.

When walking through the public entryway to the center, visitors first notice the Donor Wall. All donors who generously made gifts to the Spieker Aquatics Center are recognized on this wall. Additionally, over 50 former UCLA water polo players, swimmers and divers made gifts to "name" a locker. Those names will forever be part of the locker rooms in the new facility.

The state-of-the-art facility brings together all three of UCLA's intercollegiate aquatic sports – water polo, swimming and diving – to one venue. The aquatics center features event lighting and permanent seating with the possibility of additional temporary seating for larger events.



# One-on-One with UCLA Head Coach Brandon Brooks

*Bruins open 2012 campaign ranked No. 3 in Brandon Brooks' third season as head coach*

**Q: What makes you believe this team can be successful?**

**A:** This team is fast. Our returning starters include KK Clark, Emily Greenwood, Brooke Martin and Sarah Orozco. We definitely lost a good amount of experience with last season's senior class, but I think that we're bringing back some very talented players who have shown the ability to lead. We also have a lot of speed. Emily Greenwood and KK are both very fast. We've seen a lot of maturity out of Kelly Ronimus and Nicole Barker. Both those girls have very good speed.

**Q: With the loss of Grace Reynolds and Kelly Easterday, what do you expect from the two-meter position?**

**A:** The two-meter position is a major question mark for us as we enter the season. If you went off our lineups last year, the logical fit would be Becca Dorst and maybe even Sarah Orozco. Sarah was our starting center as a freshman on the 2009 championship team. We've done some different things with her over the years. If we need her to get in there to play at two meters, then that's what we'll do. We're also looking at Gabby Juarez and Shelby Couture, and we'll see what they can do as freshmen.

**Q: Who are the most dynamic, key scorers on this season's team?**

**A:** We need people who can throw the ball hard. First off, you look at KK Clark and Brooke Martin as being legitimate threats on the offensive end, especially when you talk about shooting. We're hoping to generate easy offense off the counter attack. That's ideal, in which case anybody who is fast and who is out there should get some easy opportunities. When you talk about shooters from the outside, you start with KK and Brooke and you can fill that in with Hannah Sebenaler, Sarah Orozco and Kelly Ronimus, all who are good shooters from outside. Becca Dorst and Emily Greenwood have been working hard on their shot. We want to get some offense from two of our freshmen in Emily Donohoe and Erica Beebe.

**Q: How can this team replace the veteran presence of Kelly Easterday and Megan Burmeister on defense?**

**A:** We are going to miss the strengths of those two terrific players. Kelly and Megan meant a lot to our program the last four years. The combination of strength and toughness with those two competitors was fantastic. That is certainly a bit of a question for this year. This year's group has great team chemistry and good team communication for where we are right now. Defensively, any team in this sport has to



**BROOKE MARTIN**

have terrific communication. So I'm happy where we are with that right now. At the straight two-meter defense position, on the utility side, that's where we'll look for KK to play a major role. Emily Greenwood has played in almost every game since she has been here. We've seen solid improvement out of Natasha Schulman. She does a good job defending.

**Q: Entering your third season as UCLA's head coach, how much more comfortable do you feel in your role now than when you began?**

**A:** I feel much more comfortable with two years under my belt. I've seen a lot of different situations, both on the pool deck and away from games and practices. I feel very solid in my position. Every year, I reflect a lot and try looking at a lot of situations where I may have done something differently — things that I have control of and areas where I need to make changes. Our staff, Molly and I both, are growing as coaches, and we look forward to improving at an exponential rate. We are always striving to improve. As far as in-game situations, the more you see, the more you know.

**Q: Talk about your expectations with this team's goalkeepers?**

**A:** We have three goalkeepers in our program, but only Caitlin Dement and freshman Sarah Wilkey will play for us this season. We're honored that Sami Hill has been called up to train with the U.S. National Team. I wish her the best,

but as far as we are concerned this season, she'll redshirt for us. She really isn't in the mix this season. We're in great hands with both Caitlin and Sarah. Sarah comes to UCLA from a very good program and team in Newport Harbor. She's impressed us with her attitude and work ethic. Caitlin is a two-year starter and is as good as any goalie out there. Not only is she long, athletic and explosive to the ball, but she's got a ton of experience. That is invaluable. The difference between a sophomore to a junior and a junior to a senior is huge. She has a great demeanor and will be the anchor of our defense.

**Q: What makes KK Clark such a strong asset to this team?**

**A:** From a coach's standpoint, it's nice to know that you have somebody who can do almost anything you need them to do. If you're looking for someone to fill a role and you need a piece that will fit a scenario, KK is very versatile. With good speed and a good shot, she's been showing great improvement in strength and in the weight room. She can legitimately play every position in the pool.

**Q: Both Sarah Orozco and Gisselle Naranjo spent the offseason training with the Mexican National Team. How will those experiences help the Bruins in 2012?**

**A:** We're very excited to have Sarah and Gisselle back. They trained with the Mexican National Team from mid-May through October. Those two worked very hard and got to experience the World University Games and Pan American Games. Sarah is the prime example of someone who has so much heart and so much self-determination. She gives it her all. She brings a ton of passion and character to our program. And Gisselle is a very intelligent player. At 5-foot-5, she is every bit as good as anybody else out there. She reads situations well and is emotionally consistent.

**Q: What do you anticipate in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) this season?**

**A:** I think that this year is a pretty big question mark. Much remains to be seen, as far as the parity of our conference. Stanford is the defending national champion, and they return a good amount of talent. Stanford would be returning an even more stellar team if not for two returners and an incoming freshman training with the U.S. National Team. I'm very curious to see what Cal will look like. The last couple years have been the best for their program. USC has some dangerous shooters and always presents a very strong challenge. Hawaii loses a terrific player in Monika Eggens and brings in a first-year head coach. ASU has a couple strong additions. San Jose State lost a lot with Adrianna Vogt but they're a solid, competitive team. I think that San Diego State could definitely surprise some people.



**HANNAH SEBENALER**

# 2012 ROSTER

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Caitlin Dement	GK	Sr.	6-0	Chino, Calif. (Ayala)
1	Sami Hill	GK	So.	5-11	Santa Barbara, Calif. (Dos Pueblos)
1	Sarah Wilkey	GK	Fr.	5-7	Newport Beach, Calif. (Newport Harbor)
2	Emily Greenwood	Utl.	Jr.	6-0	Sanger, Calif. (Buchanan)
3	Nicole Barker	Att.	Sr.	5-10	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Huntington Beach)
4	Hannah Sebenaler	Att.	Sr.	5-7	Coronado, Calif. (Coronado)
5	Sarah Orozco	Att.	Sr.	5-6	Commerce, Calif. (Montebello)
6	Victoria Kent	Att.	So.	5-8	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar)
7	KK Clark	Utl.	Sr.	6-2	Atherton, Calif. (Sacred Heart Prep)
8	Brooke Martin	Att.	Jr.	5-10	Temecula, Calif. (Chaparral)
9	Larissa Todisco	Att.	Jr.	5-6	Lake Forest, Calif. (El Toro)
10	Gisselle Naranjo	Att.	Jr.	5-5	Commerce, Calif. (Whittier)
11	Kelly Ronimus	Att.	So.	5-10	Coronado, Calif. (Coronado)
13	Erica Beebe	Att.	Fr.	5-6	Long Beach, Calif. (Wilson)
14	Natasha Schulman	Def.	Jr.	5-9	Laguna Beach, Calif. (Laguna Beach)
15	Shelby Couture	Utl.	Fr.	5-11	Coronado, Calif. (Coronado)
16	Leslee Kaczmarek	Ctr.	Jr.	5-11	Corona del Mar, Calif. (Corona del Mar)
17	Gabby Juarez	Att.	Fr.	5-9	Whittier, Calif. (Whittier)
18	Brailey Hirose-Hulbert	Att.	Fr.	5-8	Honolulu, Hawaii (Punahou)
23	Danielle Ferraro	Att.	Fr.	5-8	Alamo, Calif. (San Ramon Valley)
24	Emily Donohoe	Att.	Fr.	5-7	Upland, Calif. (St. Lucy's)
25	Becca Dorst	Utl.	So.	6-0	Menlo Park, Calif. (Menlo-Atherton)

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.
3	Nicole Barker	Att.	Sr.	5-10
13	Erica Beebe	Att.	Fr.	5-6
7	KK Clark	Utl.	Sr.	6-2
15	Shelby Couture	Utl.	Fr.	5-11
1	Caitlin Dement	GK	Sr.	6-0
24	Emily Donohoe	Att.	Fr.	5-7
25	Becca Dorst	Utl.	So.	6-0
23	Danielle Ferraro	Att.	Fr.	5-8
2	Emily Greenwood	Utl.	Jr.	6-0
1	Sami Hill	GK	So.	5-11
18	Brailey Hirose-Hulbert	Att.	Fr.	5-8
17	Gabby Juarez	Att.	Fr.	5-9
16	Leslee Kaczmarek	Ctr.	Jr.	5-11
6	Victoria Kent	Att.	So.	5-8
8	Brooke Martin	Att.	Jr.	5-10
10	Gisselle Naranjo	Att.	Jr.	5-5
5	Sarah Orozco	Att.	Sr.	5-6
11	Kelly Ronimus	Att.	So.	5-10
4	Hannah Sebenaler	Att.	Sr.	5-7
14	Natasha Schulman	Def.	Jr.	5-9
9	Larissa Todisco	Att.	Jr.	5-6
1	Sarah Wilkey	GK	Fr.	5-7

## COACHING STAFF

Head Coach                      Brandon Brooks (3rd season)  
Assistant Coach                Molly Cahill (4th season)



Top row (left to right): head coach Brandon Brooks, Caitlin Dement, Shelby Couture, Emily Greenwood, KK Clark, Becca Dorst, Nicole Barker, Leslee Kaczmarek, student athletic trainer Emma Basran. Middle row (left to right): assistant coach Molly Cahill, Kelly Ronimus, Victoria Kent, Emily Donohoe, Danielle Ferraro, Natasha Schulman, Brooke Martin, Larissa Todisco, student manager John Wilkins. Bottom row (left to right): Gabby Juarez, Sarah Wilkey, Erica Beebe, Hannah Sebenaler, Brailey Hirose-Hulbert, Sarah Orozco, Gisselle Naranjo.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Beebe – BEE-bee	Kaczmarek – KAZ-mare-ik	Ronimus – RAH-neh-miss
Dement – deh-MENT	Naranjo – Nah-RAHN-ho	Schulman – SHOOOL-mun
Donohoe – DAH-neh-ho	Orozco – Oh-ROZ-coh	Sebenaler – SEE-ben-ah-ler
Juarez – HWAAR-ress		

## GUIDE TO WATER POLO POSITIONS

GK – goalkeeper, ATT – attacker/driver, CTR – center, DEF – defender, UTL – utility

Attacker: Similar to the guard and forward positions in basketball. These players shoot often and create offensive chances for their teammates, as well as disrupt the opponents' offense. Also known as "driver."

Center Offense/Defense: Similar to the post position in basketball. These players station themselves in front of goal, engaging in physical battles for position. Defenders are similar to football safeties by preventing opponent breakaways on counterattack.