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## Quick Facts

Location	J.D. Morgan Center, PO Box 24044 Los Angeles, CA 90024-0044	Head Coach	Adam Krikorian, UCLA '97
Athletics Phone	(310) 825-8699	Record at UCLA	229-38 (Nine years)
Chancellor	Gene Block	Career Record	229-38 (Nine years)
Director of Athletics	Dan Guerrero	Water Polo Phone	(310) 206-6455
Associate Athletics Director	Ken Weiner	Assistant Coaches	Matt Flesher, Brandon Brooks, Sam Bailey, Molly Cahill
Faculty Athletic Representative	Donald Morrison	2007 Record	28-2
Home Facility	Sunset Recreation Center	2007 MPSF Record	11-1 (2nd)
Enrollment	36,890	Letterwinners Returning/Lost	11/4
Founded	1919	National Championships	Nine
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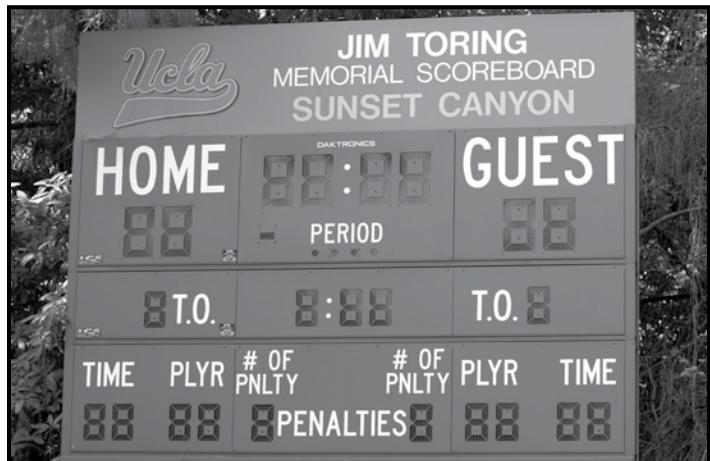
# UCLA'S AQUATIC FACILITIES

## Sunset Canyon Recreation Center

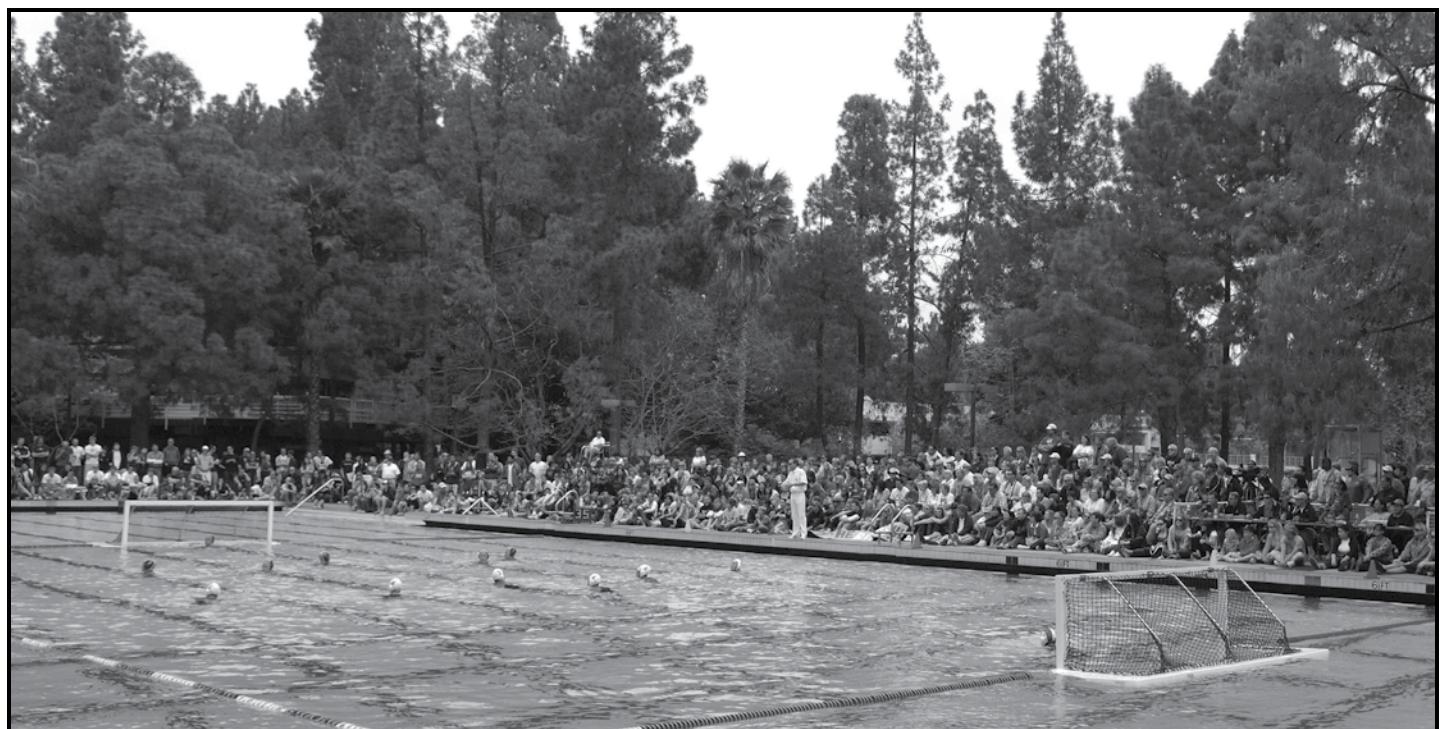
Entering its 43rd year as the home of Bruin water polo, this parklike facility offers year-round recreation for UCLA faculty, staff and students. The center features a 50-meter pool with diving facilities, a 25-yard family pool, picnic and barbecue areas, a sand volleyball court and large grass areas for sunning, frisbee and volleyball. In addition, there are 10 lighted regulation tennis courts. Also available are an outdoor amphitheater, various meeting rooms and lounges, adjacent parking and access for people with disabilities.

The Sunset Canyon Recreation Center serves as home to both the UCLA women's and men's water polo teams. The aquatic facility also functions as the primary venue for UCLA's diving team. Sunset Canyon is located off the northwest side of DeNeve Drive, just east of the residence halls. In 1999, the Jim Toring Memorial Scoreboard was added to the facility in tribute to the former two-time All-American who tragically passed away in 1998 following an accident that occurred in Paris during a trip with the U.S. National Team.

This spring, UCLA will play nine matches at the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center. The Bruins kick off their home schedule versus Hartwick (Feb. 5). UCLA will also welcome Stanford and San Jose State (March 8-9) before opening a 12-game stretch in which the Bruins host seven home games. UCLA plays California and Pacific the weekend of April 5-6. The following weekend, the Bruins host a Saturday doubleheader against San Diego State and Sonoma State before playing Arizona State on Sunday. UCLA concludes its home slate with an exhibition match against the U.S. National Team on Thursday, April 17.



**Directions:** The Sunset Recreation Center is located on the UCLA campus on De Neve Drive, between Charles E. Young Drive North and Bellagio. From the Westwood Plaza parking kiosk, proceed along Charles E. Young Drive North. Turn right onto De Neve, and the Recreation Center parking lot will be on your left before you reach the softball field at the corner of Bellagio.



## **Spieker Aquatic Center – UCLA's Future Home**

The UCLA Athletic Department is completing plans for the Spieker Aquatic Center, a state-of-the-art facility that will house a 52-meter x 25-yard all deep-water pool and diving well to be located adjacent to the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center. The facility is slated for completion in spring of 2009.

Thanks to the generous lead gift of former student-athlete Tod Spieker and his wife Catherine, the aquatic center dream will become reality. Spieker, a 1971 UCLA graduate, swam for the Bruins from 1968-71 and was an All-American in 1969. Presently, he and his family reside in Atherton, Calif.

The UCLA Athletic Department is working in conjunction with UCLA's Cultural and Recreational Affairs to develop the new center. Once completed, the Spieker Aquatic Center will offer the opportunity to not only host UCLA athletic events, but also Master's swimming events, individual club swim meets and U.S. Water Polo events, along with regional, national and international competition.

Diving will be able to host U.S. Diving Senior National Championships. The new pool will also allow UCLA to host annual collegiate and junior diving invitationals (i.e. The Bruin Invite/JO Regionals and Zones, with the

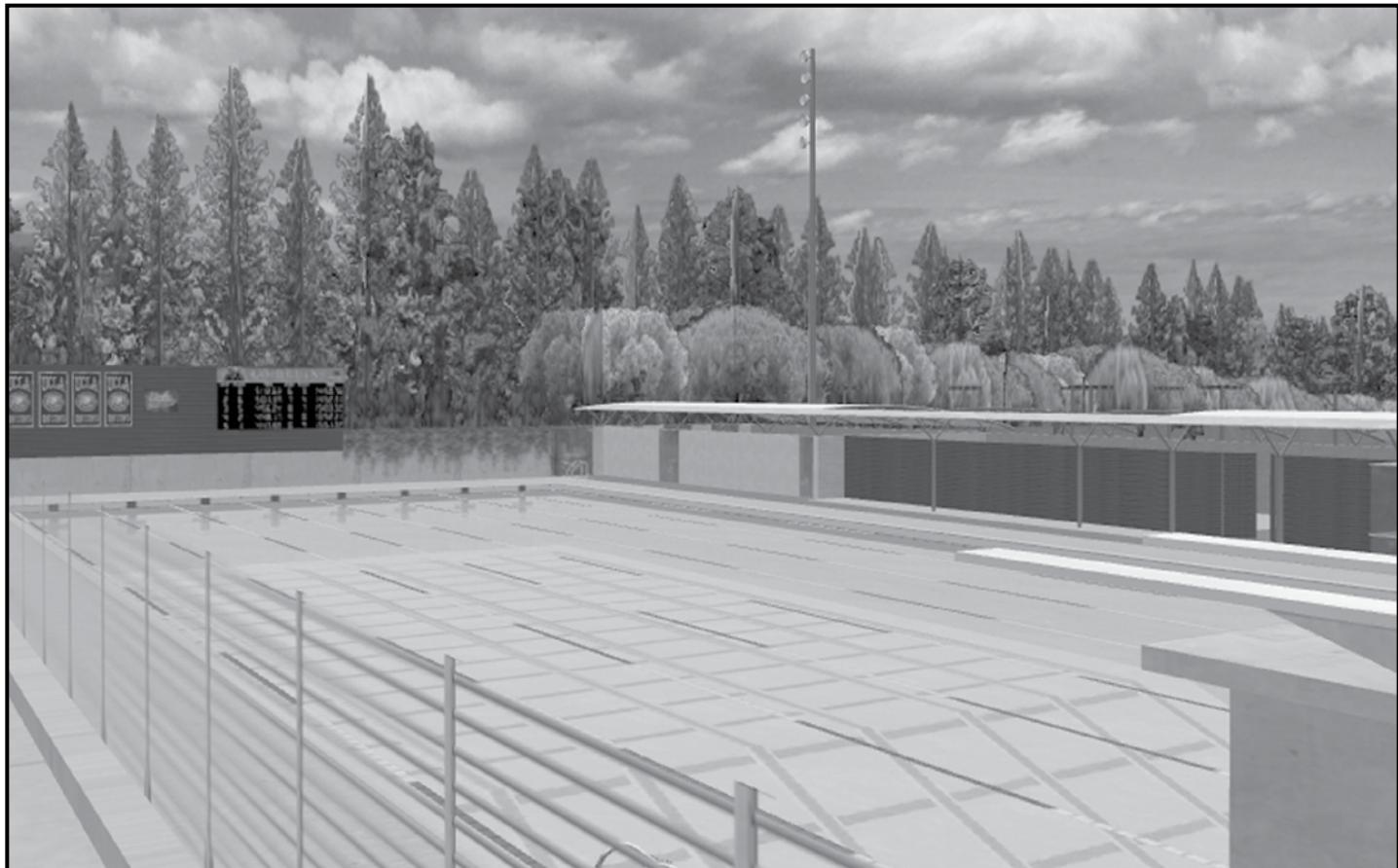
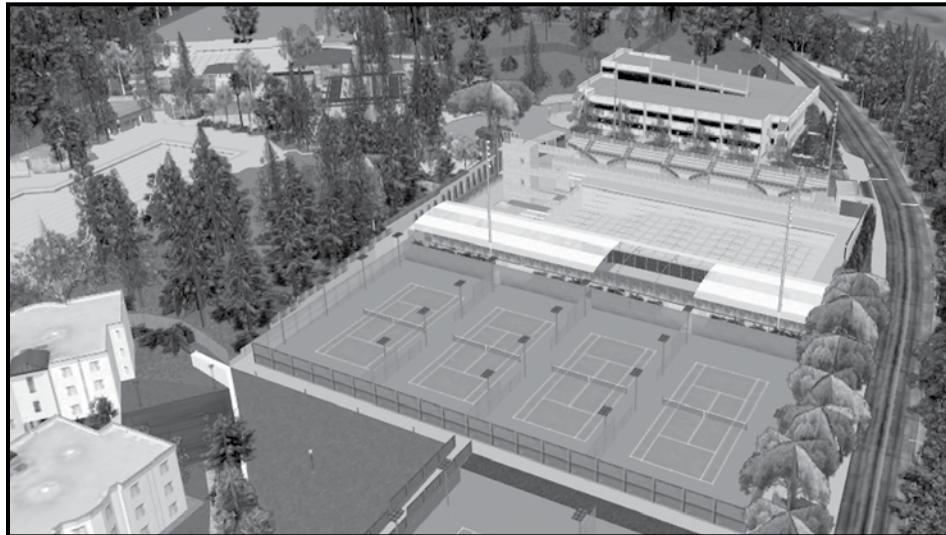
hope of hosting a Junior National Championship). The state-of-the-art facility will bring together all three of UCLA's intercollegiate aquatic sports – water polo, swimming and diving – in one venue.

"We are excited that we will be able to practice, compete and host events in a state-of-the-art facility that meets the excellence of both our water polo programs," men's and women's water polo head coach Adam Krikorian said. "The Spieker Aquatic Center proves there is a commitment by our university, athletic department and alumni to further enhance the total experience for our student-athletes."

The \$10-million project includes a clubhouse that will contain locker rooms, coaches' offices and meeting rooms which currently do not exist for intercollegiate athletics. The Spieker Aquatic Center will be a lighted facility and will hold 800 spectators in the permanent grandstand. For large-scale events, UCLA will have the ability to seat an additional 1,700 spectators in temporary seating.

A new deep-water competition swimming pool and related locker and shower facilities will provide the campus with a venue specifically designed for the special needs of its swimming, water polo and diving programs. This facility will allow the campus to regain blocks of time at the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center and Student Activity Center pools.

Tod Spieker is the President of Spieker Companies, a multi-family and apartment complex company located in Palo Alto, Calif. Spieker continues to compete in the Master's swim program and was inducted into the International Master's Swimming Hall of Fame in 2005. The Spieker family gift is currently the second-largest donation in UCLA Athletics' history.



## Three-Time Defending NCAA Champs Return Veteran Nucleus

*Experienced, veteran group welcomes 12 newcomers to program in 2008*

The UCLA women's water polo team welcomes 12 newcomers in 2008 to a veteran nucleus that has helped lead the team to three consecutive NCAA Championships. Five seniors, all of which have been a part of the past three NCAA title-winning teams, return to Westwood, along with five juniors and one sophomore.

Led by 10th year head coach **Adam Krikorian**, the Bruins look to keep the bar set high as they aim for an unprecedented fourth consecutive NCAA Championship. Seven of the team's 11 veterans have emerged as major contributors since stepping on campus. Despite the losses of standout goalkeeper Emily Feher and the Bruins' all-time scoring leader, Kelly Rulon, UCLA returns plenty of talent to challenge for the program's 10th national championship.

"The girls who are returning bring a great deal of confidence and experience to this year's team," Krikorian said. "I think those are the two things which are invaluable and will help us altogether as a team."

Among the most difficult tasks for Krikorian this spring includes working with two groups at varying levels of experience – proven veterans and untested freshmen. Working with a program that typically has brought in two to three freshmen each spring, UCLA's brigade of 12 newcomers (11 freshmen, one JC transfer) should provide Krikorian and his staff with one of their most challenging trials in recent years.

"This is an interesting group simply because we have more incomers than we do returners," Krikorian said. "Our staff is teaching them fundamental concepts. With the older student-athletes, it's about fine tuning their skills and taking a step further in certain parts of their game. So there is a difficult balance that we'll need to figure out – how to juggle those two dynamics."

Offensively, UCLA led the nation last season, scoring 14.0 goals per game to establish a new school record. Kelly Rulon posted her third-consecutive season scoring a team-leading 70 goals. However, Krikorian and the Bruins anticipate little, if any, drop off in scoring as they return five of the top six scorers – seniors **Jillian Kraus** (54), **Gabrielle Domanic** (32), **Courtney Mathewson** (35) and **Brittany Rowe** (34) and juniors **Tanya Gandy** (38) and **Katie Rulon** (52). Other key players on the offensive end will include senior **Kamaile Crowell**, junior **Kim Nelson** and freshman **Priscilla Orozco**.

"Kelly Rulon scored often last year, but this year it's going to be very balanced," Krikorian said. "It's more difficult for an opposing team to prepare for that balanced attack if you have seven or eight or nine players who can score. That is certainly a nice weapon for us to have."

UCLA's veteran core should bring stability and consistency on the defensive end, as well. Senior defensive standouts Kraus, Mathewson and Domanic return to the pool in 2008. Aided by juniors **Anne Belden**, Gandy and Rulon, the Bruin defense looks forward to the arrival of talented freshmen **Megan Burmeister**, **Kelly Easterday** and **Camy Sullivan**.



TANYA GANDY

"We have a lot of very good defensive players," Krikorian said. "You can pick any one of our returners – they're very talented. In addition to those veterans, we're going to rely on some freshman to step up and help us defensively. I'm excited to see Kelly Easterday, Megan Burmeister and Camy Sullivan step into a large role and help us defensively."

Junior **Brittany Fullen** will provide the Bruins with their last line of defensive support. After having served as a backup goalkeeper to Feher the past two seasons, Fullen will assume the starting role in the cage this spring. Fullen has made 69 saves in 57 quarters over two seasons, totaling a 3.72 goals against average.

"Brittany never received much recognition because she played behind one of the greatest goalkeepers in our history," Krikorian said. "But as we'll soon find out, she is very gifted and talented. She has a great work ethic and has a great sense of pride when she plays that position. That's always been very important for us, to have someone back there who leads our defense."

Tabbed the number one team in the MPSF preseason coaches' poll, UCLA looks to battle perennial powers Stanford and USC, in addition to facing contenders California and Hawai'i. The Bruins open their regular season at the Michigan Invitational the weekend of Jan. 26-27 and begin conference play at UC Irvine on Feb. 15.

"When you talk about Stanford, USC and ourselves, we have all lost significant parts of our team since last year," Krikorian said. "I think going into the season there is a lot of unknown with those three teams, just because we lost so many talented players. With that being said, there is certainly enough talent on each of our teams to continue to compete for a championship."

"Cal almost returns their whole team. They are as talented as any team in the country. Hawai'i had a great season last year, and because they missed receiving an NCAA Tournament bid, they've flown under the radar a little bit. They'll be in the hunt at competing for a championship as well. And to be honest, our conference is the best in the country. There are many other teams that can knock off anyone on any given day."



BRITTANY ROWE

## 2008 Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown (High School)
1	Brittany Fullen	GK	Jr.	5-10	San Clemente, Calif. (Corona del Mar)
1	Morgan Ronimus	GK	Fr.	5-9	Coronado, Calif. (Coronado)
2	Anne Belden	Att.	Jr.	5-8	Newport Beach, Calif. (Newport Harbor)
3	Gabrielle Domanic	Att.	Sr.	5-6	Santa Ana, Calif. (Foothill)
4	Brittany Rowe	Ctr.	Sr.	5-11	San Diego, Calif. (University City)
5	Katie Rulon	Att.	Jr.	5-9	Point Loma, Calif. (Univ. of San Diego HS)
6	Priscilla Orozco	Att.	Fr.	5-7	Commerce, Calif. (Montebello)
7	Courtney Mathewson	Att.	Sr.	5-8	Anaheim Hills, Calif. (Canyon)
8	Melissa Mordell	Att.	So.	5-7	Portola Valley, Calif. (Sacred Heart Prep)
9	Jillian Kraus	Def.	Sr.	5-9	Tustin, Calif. (Foothill)
10	Tanya Gandy	Att.	Jr.	5-7	San Diego, Calif. (Rancho Bernardo)
11	Kelly Easterday	Def.	Fr.	5-11	Santa Barbara, Calif. (Santa Barbara)
12	Kamaile Crowell	Att.	Sr.	5-7	Honolulu, Hawaii (Punahoa)
13	Monica Powers	Utl.	Fr.	5-11	Clayton, Calif. (Carondelet)
14	Noel Umphrey	Att.	Fr.	5-5	Santa Ana, Calif. (Foothill)
15	Kim Nelson	Att.	Jr.	5-10	Palos Verdes, Calif. (Peninsula)
16	Kelsey McGinley	Att.	Fr.	5-7	Laguna Hills, Calif. (Laguna Hills)
17	Megan Burmeister	Def.	Fr.	5-8	Menlo Park, Calif. (Menlo)
18	Camy Sullivan	Att.	Fr.	5-6	Los Altos, Calif. (Menlo)
19	Samantha Sears	Att.	Jr.	5-4	Long Beach, Calif. (Woodbridge)
20	Kelsey Hafferkamp	Att.	Fr.	5-11	Piedmont, Calif. (Piedmont)
21	Katie Estrada	Ctr.	Fr.	5-8	Coronado, Calif. (Coronado)
22	Alexandra Neste	Def.	Fr.	5-11	Manhattan Beach, Calif. (Mira Costa)

## Coaching Staff

Head Coach:	Adam Krikorian (10th season)
Assistant Coaches:	Matt Flesher (2nd season)
	Brandon Brooks (2nd season)
	Sam Bailey (1st season)
Undergraduate Assistant:	Molly Cahill (1st season)
Team Manager:	Carter Brutschy (2nd season)

## Pronunciation Guide

Kamaile Crowell - Kah-MY-lee CRAH-oll  
 Morgan Ronimus - RON-eh-miss  
 Gabrielle Domanic - DOM-an-ick  
 Katie Rulon - ROO-lahn  
 Priscilla Orozco - Oh-ROZ-coh  
 Jillian Kraus - KROUSE (rhymes with house)

## Guide to Water Polo Positions

GK - Goalkeeper; ATT - attacker/ driver, CTR - center  
 DEF - defender, UTL - utility

**Attacker:** Similar to guard and forward positions in basketball. Look for these players to shoot often and create offensive chances for their teammates, as well as disrupt the opponents' offensive play. Also known as a driver.

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

## 2008 Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.
2	Anne Belden	Att.	Jr.	5-8
17	Megan Burmeister	Def.	Fr.	5-8
12	Kamaile Crowell	Att.	Sr.	5-7
3	Gabrielle Domanic	Att.	Sr.	5-6
11	Kelly Easterday	Def.	Fr.	5-11
21	Katie Estrada	Ctr.	Fr.	5-8
1	Brittany Fullen	GK	Jr.	5-10
10	Tanya Gandy	Att.	Jr.	5-7
20	Kelsey Hafferkamp	Att.	Fr.	5-11
9	Jillian Kraus	Def.	Sr.	5-9
7	Courtney Mathewson	Att.	Sr.	5-8
16	Kelsey McGinley	Att.	Fr.	5-7
8	Melissa Mordell	Att.	So.	5-7
15	Kim Nelson	Att.	Jr.	5-10
22	Alexandra Neste	Def.	Fr.	5-11
6	Priscilla Orozco	Att.	Fr.	5-7
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19	Samantha Sears	Att.	Jr.	5-4
18	Camy Sullivan	Att.	Fr.	5-6
14	Noel Umphrey	Att.	Fr.	5-5

