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Priscilla Orozco
sophomore attacker

Quick Facts

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Chancellor	Gene Block
Director of Athletics	Dan Guerrero
Associate Athletics Director	Ken Weiner
Faculty Athletic Representative	Donald Morrison
Home Facility	Sunset Recreation Center
Enrollment	37,500
Founded	1919
Colors	Blue and Gold
Nickname	Bruins
Conference	MPSF (Mountain Pacific Sports Federation)
Conference Phone	(925) 296-0723
Conference Fax	(925) 296-0724
National Affiliation	NCAA Division I

Head Coach	Adam Krikorian, UCLA '97
Record at UCLA	263-38 (10 years)
Career Record	263-38 (10 years)
Water Polo Phone	(310) 206-8455
Assistant Coaches	Matt Flesher, Brandon Brooks, Adam Wright
2008 Record	33-0 (NCAA Champions)
2008 MPSF Record	11-1 (1st)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	15/7
National Championships	10
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SUNSET CANYON RECREATION CENTER



Entering its 44th year as the home of UCLA's water polo program, Sunset Canyon Recreation Center offers year-round recreation for UCLA's faculty, staff and students. This parklike facility features a 50-meter pool with diving facilities, a 25-yard family pool, picnic and barbecue areas and large grass areas for sunning, frisbee and volleyball. In addition, there are six lighted regulation tennis courts. Also available are an outdoor amphitheater, meeting rooms and lounges, adjacent parking and access for people with disabilities.

The Sunset Canyon Recreation Center is the home of both the UCLA men's and women's water polo teams and functions as the primary facility for the UCLA diving team. An ideal setting for collegiate water polo, Sunset Canyon is located off the northwest side of DeNeve Drive, just east of the residence halls.

In 2009, the UCLA women's water polo team will host at least eight matches at Sunset Canyon Recreation Center. The Bruins open their home slate against MPSF competitor San Diego State on Friday, Feb. 13 and host Loyola Marymount the following afternoon. UCLA returns home Saturday, March 7 to host conference foe California and takes on UC Irvine on Thursday, March 12. The Bruins face Hartwick and Brown in a non-conference doubleheader Thursday, March 26. UCLA closes its season with an MPSF match at home against crosstown rival USC on Saturday, April 11.

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

UCLA JIM TORING MEMORIAL SCOREBOARD SUNSET CANYON					
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JIM TORING MEMORIAL SCOREBOARD

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.



The UCLA Athletic Department began construction of the Spieker Aquatic Center in July 2008. The new aquatic center will include 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 facility will feature three, five and 10-meter platforms on a diving tower as well as one and three-meter spring boards.

The Spieker Aquatic Center, to be located at the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center, will include a locker room for both men's and women's teams in addition to permanent seating for 600 spectators. The east side of the venue will feature a "Champions Wall" which will include the accomplishment of UCLA's past and present aquatic teams in addition to a LED scoreboard.

"I am so pleased that we are able to begin this project that has been in the works for years," UCLA Athletic Director Dan Guerrero said in July. "Working with our partners in the Recreation Department to provide more aquatic opportunities for our teams, clubs, faculty, staff and students is going to be a win-win situation for everyone."

Thanks to the generous lead gift of former student-athlete Tod Spieker and his wife Catherine, the aquatic center dream is becoming reality. Spieker, a 1971 UCLA graduate, swam for the Bruins from 1968-71 and earned All-America honors in 1969. A substantial secondary gift was also received for the construction and naming of the pool by the Joseph Gould Foundation.

The Spieker Aquatic Center will offer the opportunity to host not only 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. 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.

"I know I speak for my fellow coaches and my student-athletes when I say that we are truly excited about the prospect of having a first-class venue to showcase our teams," head men's and women's water polo coach Adam Krikorian said. "I have looked forward to this since I was playing polo here at UCLA, and I thank everyone who had a hand in making this a reality."

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.



UCLA began construction of the aquatic center in July 2008



Both above construction photos were taken in early Jan. 2009

SEASON OUTLOOK

UCLA Looks to Defend Fourth Consecutive NCAA Title

Trio of talented senior attackers, veteran goalkeeper look to lead Bruins in 2009

For the UCLA women's water polo program, this season is nothing new. The Bruins open the season as defending NCAA champions for the fourth consecutive year while looking to overcome the loss of several talented seniors. Yet during **Adam Krikorian's** 10-year tenure as head coach, the Bruins have had a knack for reloading in the offseason and making it look as if the team never skipped a beat.

The defending national champs will look to their five seniors to lead a young team that features 10 sophomores and eight freshmen. Bolstered by their trio of talented senior attackers – **Anne Belden**, **Tanya Gandy** and **Katie Rulon** – the Bruins certainly possess the firepower to compete for the MPSF crown and NCAA title, yet again. That trio alone combined for 32 percent of UCLA's goals in 2008.

Rulon led all scorers with 62 goals one year ago, finishing 11th among MPSF players with 1.88 goals per game. Gandy, who trained with the U.S. National Team prior to the 2008 Olympics, finished her junior season with 47 goals, and Belden registered 22.

"Every time Katie touches the ball, she is a threat to score," Krikorian said. "She and Tanya Gandy are similar players, in that they are both very talented and gifted, offensively. Anne is one of the most intelligent players in the country, in terms of knowing where she needs to be and knowing how we want to play."

Among the team's youth, sophomore **Priscilla Orozco** contributed significantly in her first season in Westwood, scoring 25 goals en route to earning All-MPSF Freshman Team honors. Orozco, who is joined on the team this spring by younger sister Sarah, played in all 33 matches and scored at least one goal in 18 contests.

"Priscilla is creative and very intelligent, and she can be a leader in her own right," Krikorian said. "At times last year, she was probably a little overshadowed by some of the older, more experienced players. But I believe this year will be her time to flourish."

While the Bruins' current sophomore class did not see considerable playing time as freshmen, several attackers have the opportunity to challenge for playing time this season. Left-handers **Monica Powers** and **Noel Umphrey** have the ability to establish themselves on the right side of the pool. Additionally, right-handers **Kelsey McGinley** and **Camy Sullivan** will be expected to compete for greater playing time this season.

"There will be a lot of good competition in the pool this season," Krikorian said. "There are a number of girls who have the chance to compete and get into the rotation, to prove that they can help us out in tough situations and in big games."

Defensively, the Bruins will rely on their youth. Sophomores **Megan Burmeister** and **Kelly Easterday** were two freshmen that saw considerable playing time last spring. Burmeister scored 10 goals in 27 games, and Easterday logged seven goals in all 33 games before capturing All-MPSF Freshman Team honors. A year older and a year wiser, those two defenders figure to play a prominent role in the pool this season.

"Megan will play a much bigger role than she did last season," Krikorian said. "She's a very strong, physical athlete who plays with a lot of intensity. Kelly is another strong, physical player. She is a true competitor who made a huge contribution to our national championship last year and will only contribute more this season."

Freshmen **KK Clark** and **Nicole Barker** will compete for playing time on the defensive end. Clark, a 6-foot-2 utility player from Menlo Park, Calif., impressed in preseason workouts and will be expected to contribute from the start. Barker, a 5-foot-10 defender from Huntington Beach, Calif., helped lead the SET Water Polo Club to a 20-and-under national championship last year.



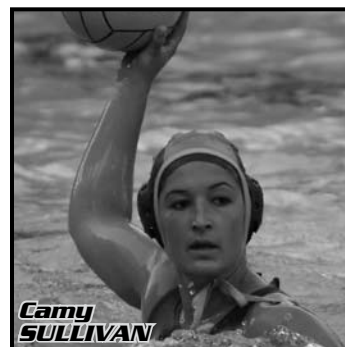
Katie RULON



Brittany FULLEN



Kim NELSON



Camy SULLIVAN

"KK is long and fast, moves very well in the water and has unlimited potential," Krikorian said. "Nicole really has the physical tools and will have to make that next step to the college level. She, too, has the ability to be effective on defense."

At the center position, the Bruins will rely on a combination of players – senior **Kim Nelson**, sophomore **Katie Estrada** and freshmen **Sarah Orozco** and **Randi Bresee**. Nelson has played sparingly the past three seasons but is familiar with the system and will be counted on down low.

"Kim Nelson is a great leader for us, has a tremendous work ethic and has been an incredible teammate," Krikorian said. "We'll look for her to help us this season. Sarah, Randi and Katie will all battle for playing time at the position and will undoubtedly grow as they gain more experience."

Among the team's most talented players and veteran athletes is senior goalkeeper **Brittany Fullen**, who broke the UCLA single-season saves record with 237 stops in her first full season of action last spring. Fullen, who served as the Bruins' backup goalkeeper to Emily Feher in 2006 and 2007, started all 33 games one year ago, recording a 4.73 goals against average. Fullen will be pushed by freshmen **Caitlin Dement** and **Kristen Simonds** and sophomore **Morgan Ronimus**.

"Brittany has emerged as one of the best goalies in the country," Krikorian said. "She is a great leader who provides a calming sense. With one year under her belt, I look forward to seeing her elevate her game and play with even more confidence."

Looking at UCLA's 2009 schedule, one of the most distinctive differences lies in the reshuffling of conferences. The Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) reduced its size from 13 teams to eight, resulting in a more competitive conference from top to bottom. In addition to the MPSF realignment, the Bruins schedule features the bulk of its matches within in the first two months.

"We are going to be tested right out of the gate," Krikorian said. "With a fairly young team, it will be great to get some experience early and play in several big matches."

The Bruins open the season at the Michigan Invitational in Ann Arbor, Mich. (Jan 24-25). Following a non-conference match against Long Beach State (Feb. 5) and entry in the Stanford Invitational (Feb. 7-8), UCLA opens its home portion and MPSF slate against San Diego State on Friday, Feb. 13.

During a one-month span midway through the season (Feb. 13-March 14), UCLA will play 14 of its 27 regular season matches, including five of seven conference games. The Bruins conclude the regular season with back-to-back conference contests – at Stanford (April 3) and at home versus USC (April 11). Postseason play features the MPSF Tournament at Hawai'i and the NCAA Tournament at Maryland.

"As we look at this team and our conference schedule, there is no question in my mind that we will be a better team by April than at the end of January," Krikorian said. "But our key is to speed up that process as fast as we can. We want to be the best team we can be early, because we are going to be challenged from the start."



Tanya GANDY



Camy SULLIVAN



Anne BELDEN



Megan BURMEISTER

Head Coach: Adam Krikorian (11th season)
Assistant Coaches: Matt Flesher (3rd season)
Brandon Brooks (3rd season)
Adam Wright (1st season)

Belden – BELL-din
Bresee – BREE-zee
Burmeister – BER-my-ster
Dement – Deh-MENT
Orozco – Oh-ROZ-coh
Ronimus – RAH-neh-miss
Rulon – ROO-lawn
Simonds – SY-mondz
Umphrey – UM-free

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.

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.
16	Nicole Barker	Def.	Fr.	5-10
4	Anne Belden	Att.	Sr.	5-8
20	Randi Bresee	Ctr.	Fr.	5-11
3	Megan Burmeister	Def.	So.	5-8
19	KK Clark	Utl.	Fr.	6-2
1	Caitlin Dement	GK	Fr.	6-0
11	Kelly Easterday	Def.	So.	5-11
9	Katie Estrada	Ctr.	So.	5-8
1	Brittany Fullen	GK	Sr.	5-10
10	Tanya Gandy	Att.	Sr.	5-7
13	Kelsey Hafferkamp	Att.	So.	5-11
12	Kelsey McGinley	Att.	So.	5-7
15	Kim Nelson	Att.	Sr.	5-10
6	Priscilla Orozco	Att.	So.	5-7
18	Sarah Orozco	Att.	Fr.	5-6
2	Monica Powers	Utl.	So.	5-11
21	Erin Reid	Att.	Fr.	5-7
1	Morgan Ronimus	GK	So.	5-9
5	Katie Rulon	Att.	Sr.	5-9
17	Hannah Sebenaler	Att.	Fr.	5-7
1	Kristen Simonds	GK	Fr.	6-2
7	Camy Sullivan	Att.	So.	5-6
14	Noel Umphrey	Att.	So.	5-5

