

Men's Water Polo Downs USC, Wins 2014 NCAA Title

Bruins take home their first NCAA championship since 2004, the ninth title in program history

The UCLA men's water polo team brought home its ninth NCAA championship with a thrilling 9-8 victory over six-time defending champion USC on Dec. 6 at UC San Diego's Canyonview Aquatic Center.

Playing in the NCAA title match for the fourth time in six seasons, the Bruins secured the victory as junior Danny McClintick led all scorers with four goals before earning tournament MVP honors.

But the game-winning goal came from sophomore Gordon Marshall, who found the back of the cage from two-meters with just 34 seconds to play, snapping an 8-8 tie. UCLA made one final defensive top on the next possession before the postgame celebration began.

"From our standpoint, it takes a long time to get to this," UCLA head coach Adam Wright said. "There's been so many guys that have come so close that aren't here anymore, but they are still a part of this. They helped build the mentality of this team, the culture of this team, moving right into our eight seniors."

UCLA concluded its 2014 season with a 29-3 overall record and a perfect 8-0 mark in MPSF play. The Bruins earned their first NCAA title since 2004, coincidentally the last time that UCLA went undefeated in conference action.

Against the Trojans in the championship match, UCLA never trailed. In fact, the Bruins twice led by as many as three goals in the second half (6-3 and 7-4). But USC answered each time, tying the contest at 7-7 with 3:32 to play in regulation. McClintick scored his fourth goal with 3:13 to go, pushing the Bruins ahead, 8-7, before USC answered with a goal on the next possession (2:50).

Marshall's game-winner came on an entry pass from McClintick. With the shot clock winding down, Marshall took the pass and slammed a shot past goalkeeper McQuin Baron to put UCLA ahead, 9-8.



"It's just the last goal of the game," Marshall said. "Nothing more special than the eight goals before it. To put the team ahead is definitely big, but as you can see in the pool, all the goals are celebrated in the same way."

Sophomore goalkeeper Garrett Danner finished with nine saves for the Bruins. UCLA also received goals from freshman Matt Farmer, senior David Culpan and sophomore Jack Fellner.

UCLA advanced to the NCAA title game after defeating UC San Diego, 15-6, in a semifinal matchup one day prior. The Bruins advanced to the NCAA Tournament after registering a 10-5 victory over USC in the third-place match of the MPSF Tournament.

Danner, Marshall and McClintick were honored as first-team All-NCAA Tournament Team selections. Seniors Cristiano Mirarchi and Paul Reynolds secured second-team acclaim. For the Bruins' head coach, UCLA's championship win marked his first NCAA title since he played four seasons on the men's water polo team from 1997-2000. As a student-athlete at UCLA, Wright helped lead the Bruins to back-to-back NCAA championships in 1999 and 2000.

"We've got a great collection of stories with that group," Wright said, in reference to this team's eight seniors. "Really, I was just along for the ride. These guys, what they've done, following the leadership of the great eight, it's been pretty special."

Softball Cruises Past Missouri, Advances to Women's College World Series

UCLA competed in the Women's College World Series for the first time since 2010, winning five straight postseason games at Easton Stadium. The Super Regional sweep versus Missouri gave UCLA its second-straight 50-win season for the first time since 2002-03.

UCLA won its first six NCAA Tournament games. The Bruins totaled 59 runs in eight postseason games and led all teams with 17 home runs. UCLA was eliminated from the Women's College World Series on its third day in Oklahoma City after losses to Michigan and Auburn.

Four Bruins earned NFCA All-America honors, tied for the third most nationally and the most for UCLA since 2012. Senior Ally Carda and junior Allie Bennett secured first-team acclaim. Senior Stephany LaRosa and sophomore Delaney Spaulding earned second-team honors. A school-record seven players were named to NFCA All-Region Teams (Bennett, Carda, LaRosa, Spaulding, Gracie Goulder, Gabrielle Maurice and Kylee Perez), while Carda was honored as the Pac-12 Conference Player of the Year for the second consecutive season.



Football's Eric Kendricks Earns Butkus Award

Bruins' linebacker secures elite college football defensive awards



Bruins' linebacker Eric Kendricks won the Butkus Award and the Lott IMPACT Trophy during a sensational senior season, as he became UCLA's all-time leading tackler (481 total tackles), moving past Jerry Robinson in the record book. Kendricks was honored as the nation's premier linebacker by the Butkus Award. He was the second consecutive UCLA player to win the Lott IMPACT Trophy, which recognizes a student-athletes performance on the field and character off the field.

Kendricks concluded a decorated career and memorable senior season by securing first-team All-America honors from USA Today, SI.com, Athlon Sports and Phil Steele. In addition, he secured second-team All-America accolades from the Associated Press, Walter Camp, FWAA and The Sporting News. Kendricks established a school record with 11 double-digit tackle games and ranks second on UCLA's all-time list with 25 career double-digit tackle games.

Men's Basketball Returns to Sweet 16

Bruins earn second consecutive trip to regional semifinals

The men's basketball team advanced to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 for the second straight season, registering victories against No. 6-seed SMU and No. 14-seed UAB. Led by senior Norman Powell, junior Tony Parker, sophomores Bryce Alford and Isaac Hamilton and freshman Kevon Looney, UCLA concluded its 2013-14 campaign with a 22-14 overall record.

Alford scored a team-leading 27 points in the second-round win over SMU, connecting on 9 of 11 shots from 3-point range, tying the school record for single-game 3-pointers. His final 3-point attempt was called for goaltending, pushing the Bruins ahead by a 60-59 margin in the game's final 10 seconds. UCLA held on for the victory, paving for the way for a rematch against UAB, a team which the Bruins had defeated in the Bahamas earlier in the season.

Parker had a career-day against UAB, scoring 28 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in UCLA's 92-75 win. The

junior from Atlanta was a force on the inside, helping the Bruins secure a 46-37 lead by halftime. UCLA's lead against the Blazers never fell to fewer than seven points in the final 10 minutes. In addition, Parker's 28 points were the most for any UCLA player in one NCAA Tournament game since 2008, when Kevin Love had 29 in a win over Western Kentucky.

The Bruins advanced to a Sweet 16 matchup against No. 2-seed Gonzaga, preparing for a Bulldogs team which had knocked off the Bruins in Pauley Pavilion in December. In the rematch, UCLA reduced a 35-28 halftime deficit to 35-34 in the opening minutes of the second half. Gonzaga followed with a 12-0 scoring run to take a 47-35 lead and never saw its cushion reduced to fewer than 10 points.

UCLA was one of just six schools in the nation to have advanced to the Sweet 16 in back-to-back seasons (including Arizona, Kentucky, Louisville, Michigan State and Wisconsin).



No. 14 UCLA Defeats No. 11 Kansas State, 40-35, in Valero Alamo Bowl

Bruins take early 17-0 lead versus Wildcats, hold on for victory

UCLA's football team raced to a 31-6 halftime lead en route to a 40-35 win over No. 11 Kansas State on Jan. 3, 2015, in the Valero Alamo Bowl, played before 60,517 fans at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas.

Under the direction of third-year UCLA head coach Jim Mora, the Bruins had earned their second consecutive bowl victory after having played in a bowl game for the fourth straight season. After UCLA scored 31 of the game's first 37 points, Kansas State answered by scoring 22 of the first 25 points in the second half, reducing the Bruins' cushion to 34-28 with 4:54 left.

Paul Perkins, the conference's leader in rushing yards in 2014, answered for UCLA with a 67-yard run with 2:20 to go. The Bruins' running back finished the game with 194 rushing yards on 20 carries. After the Wildcats pulled

to 40-35 with 1:21 to play, Perkins successfully recovered the onside kick for UCLA and the Bruins were able to run out the clock.

Bruins' quarterback Brett Hundley finished with 232 net yards, having passed for 136 and rushed for another 96 (on just 11 carries). Playing in his final collegiate game, Hundley threw one touchdown pass and rushed for two more, including a 28-yard touchdown run late in the first quarter to push the Bruins ahead of Kansas State, 17-0.

UCLA's bowl game victory helped the Bruins finish with a 10-3 overall record, marking the program's second straight season reaching a double-digit win total. The Bruins capped off the year ranked No. 10 in the final Associated Press poll, the program's highest final ranking since 1998.



Women's Basketball Captures 2015 WNIT Championship

UCLA won six consecutive postseason games to secure first-ever WNIT title

Freshman Jordin Canada scored a career-high 31 points to lead UCLA past West Virginia, 62-60, to win the 2015 Women's NIT Championship at the Charleston Civic Center on Saturday, April 4.

Canada connected on 9 of 19 shots and made 13 of 15 free throws to lead UCLA (19-18). She was the Bruins' only player to score in double figures, shattering her previous career high of 19 points.

UCLA took the lead for good with fewer than four minutes to play in the game. West Virginia's Crystal Leary made one of two free throws with 4:31 to play, pushing the Mountaineers ahead, 53-50.

Kari Korver, who finished with five points and six rebounds, nailed a 3-pointer at the 4:19 mark to tie the contest 53-53. After a missed jump shot by West

Virginia, Canada made a layup with 3:45 remaining to put UCLA ahead by a 55-53 margin. An ensuing steal and layup by Kelli Hayes gave UCLA a 57-53 advantage with 3:19 remaining.

West Virginia trimmed its deficit to two points (57-55) with less than three minutes to play. UCLA added to its lead with 49 seconds to play, as Monique Billings made one of two free throws, putting the Bruins ahead, 58-55.

In the first half, West Virginia used a 15-6 run to build its largest lead of six points (24-18) with 5:51 to play before halftime. Canada tied the game on a layup at 26-26 (1:18) before getting her third steal of the first half, racing down the floor and beating the buzzer to give UCLA a 30-28 lead at the break.



BASEBALL

Overall Record:	45-16
Pac-12 Record:	22-8
Pac-12 Finish:	1st

The baseball team posted a 45-16 record and secured the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history. UCLA's 22 conference victories were a new school record as the Bruins won their 11th conference title. Despite falling in the Los Angeles Regional, UCLA had several memorable moments, including a combined no-hitter thrown by eventual first-round MLB draft pick James Kaprielian and closer David Berg, who broke the NCAA all-time mark with 175 career appearances.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Overall Record:	22-14
Pac-12 Record:	11-7
Pac-12 Finish:	4th

Led by senior guard Norman Powell, the men's basketball team advanced to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 for the second consecutive season. The Bruins played in the semifinals of the Pac-12 Conference Tournament in Las Vegas for the third straight season. Sophomore guard Bryce Alford established a new program single-season record with 91 three-point field goals made, notably going 9-for-11 from behind the arc in UCLA's NCAA Tournament win over SMU. Powell, along with freshman forward Kevon Looney, were both selected in the NBA Draft, giving UCLA seven players on NBA rosters in the last two years.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Overall Record:	19-18
Pac-12 Record:	8-10
Pac-12 Finish:	6th

Pac-12 Freshman of the Year Jordin Canada scored a career-high 31 points to lead the Bruins past West Virginia, 62-60, to win the 2015 Women's NIT Championship. UCLA had not won a postseason tournament since upsetting Stanford to win the 2006 Pac-10 Tournament. This marked the Bruins' first-ever WNIT Tournament appearance. Canada earned WNIT MVP honors.



Nirra Fields, women's basketball

CROSS COUNTRY

Men's Conference Finish:	5th
Women's Conference Finish:	5th
Men's NCAA West Region Finish:	18th
Women's NCAA West Region Finish:	27th

The Bruins' 2014 campaign marked the first time since 1985 that both the men's and women's cross country teams qualified for the NCAA Championship in the same season. The men's team finished 18th while the women's team capped off its season in 27th place. UCLA had five harriers earn USTFCCCA All-Region honors.

FOOTBALL

Overall Record:	10-3
Pac-12 Record:	6-3
Pac-12 South Division:	2nd

The UCLA football team earned its highest final AP ranking since 1998, finishing the 2014 season ranked No. 10 in the country. The Bruins won 10 games for the second consecutive season and defeated crosstown rival USC for the third straight year. UCLA capped its impressive 2014 showing by defeating No. 11 Kansas State in the Alamo Bowl, marking the team's third win of the year over a top-15 ranked opponent.

MEN'S GOLF

Conference Finish:	8th
NCAA Championships Finish:	t-5th
Final Ranking:	No. 14

UCLA advanced to the NCAA Championships for a school-record 13th consecutive year and used a blistering third round to vault 11 spots into the Top 8, where it remained to qualify for match play. The Bruins finished the NCAA Championships tied for fifth place overall, their fourth Top 5 finish in five years. Junior Jonathan Garrick earned second-team PING All-America honors.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Conference Finish:	4th
NCAA Championships Finish:	15th
Final Ranking:	No. 3

Despite losing top golfer Alison Lee to the LPGA tour in the fall, UCLA advanced to the NCAA Championships for a school-record 15th consecutive year. The Bruins made a huge comeback after a difficult first round to survive the cut and finish 15th overall. Sophomore Bronte Law earned first-team WGCA All-America honors and was named the Pac-12 Golfer of the Year.

GYMNASTICS

Overall Record:	17-2
Pac-12 Record:	6-1
Pac-12 Finish:	2nd
Final Ranking:	No. 11

UCLA won the NCAA Columbus Regional to qualify for its 31st NCAA Championship. Samantha Peszek captured the NCAA all-around and balance beam titles, won the Pac-12 championship on the balance beam and floor exercise and earned first-team Academic All-America honors. Five Bruins earned a total of 15 All-America honors during the season.



Brett Hundley, football

ROWING

Pac-12 Finish:	6th
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The varsity four crew provided one of the season's most memorable moments, racing to a first-place finish in the Grand Final on the second day of the San Diego Crew Classic. Overall, the women's rowing program registered four first-place finishes in eight races at the San Diego Crew Classic. In addition, the Bruins had three second-place finishes behind defending national champion Ohio State at the Clemson Invitational.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Overall Record:	10-5
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The Bruins finished the 2015 season with the best record in program history at 10-5 overall and sent one pair to AVCA Collegiate National Championships, which included Kamila Tan and Zoë Nightingale. Next season will be beach volleyball's first as an NCAA championship sport.

MEN'S SOCCER

Overall Record:	14-5-5
Pac-12 Record:	6-2-2
Pac-12 Finish:	2nd
Final Ranking:	No. 2

UCLA reached the NCAA Tournament for the 32nd straight season, making its 14th trip to the College Cup and ninth appearance in the NCAA championship match. The Bruins lost in penalty kicks to Virginia in the title contest, but a dramatic overtime win over Providence in the semifinal provided a memory to remember. Senior Leo Stolz led the way and concluded his final campaign in Westwood by becoming the third National Player of the Year recipient in school history.



Sam Mewis, women's soccer

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Overall Record:	21-1-2
Pac-12 Record:	10-0-1
Pac-12 Finish:	1st
Final Ranking:	No. 5

The defending NCAA champions lost just one game in 2014, a 2-1 NCAA Quarterfinal loss that ended not only UCLA's 44-game unbeaten streak but its season. The Bruins had a dominating season prior to that, winning 21 games and a second-consecutive Pac-12 title. Goalkeeper Katelyn Rowland set NCAA records with 55 career shutouts and 19 single-season shutouts, and midfielder Sam Mewis won the Honda Award.

SOFTBALL

Overall Record:	51-12
Pac-12 Record:	19-5
Pac-12 Finish:	2nd
Final Ranking:	No. 5

Behind their first back-to-back, 50-win seasons since 2002-2003, UCLA advanced to the Women's College World Series for the first time since 2010. The Bruins won their first six postseason games and saw four players earn All-America honors, including back-to-back Pac-12 Player of the Year Ally Carda, who finished her career as the program's all-time leader in games pitched and third with 100 wins.

SWIMMING AND DIVING

Overall Record:	7-4
Pac-12 Record:	3-4
Conference Finish:	5th
NCAA Championships Finish:	23rd

In diving, Pac-12 Newcomer of the Year Maria Polyakova posted the best showing ever for a UCLA diver at NAAs with a fourth-place finish in the 3-Meter. In swimming, the Bruins claimed first-place honors at the AT&T Winter Nationals in December. Overall, the Bruins finished 23rd at the NCAA Championships in March, with six student-athletes making championship or consolation finals.

MEN'S TENNIS

Overall Record:	17-10
Pac-12 Record:	5-2
Pac-12 Finish:	t-3rd
Final Ranking:	No. 15

Head coach Billy Martin and the Bruins notched a 17-10 overall record in 2015, advancing to the round of 16 at the NCAA Championships in Waco, Texas. UCLA nearly pulled off an upset in the tournament when it took top-seeded and No. 1-ranked Oklahoma to the wire, ultimately falling 4-3. The Bruins were led in 2015 by sophomore All-American Mackenzie McDonald, who ended the season ranked No. 3 nationally.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Overall Record:	23-5
Pac-12 Record:	8-2
Pac-12 Finish:	3rd
Final Ranking:	No. 3

The women's tennis team came within a win of capturing their second-straight national title, suffering a 4-2 loss to Vanderbilt in the NCAA final at Baylor's Hurd Tennis Complex. The Bruins, who reached the NCAA semifinals for the fifth season in a row, ended the year with a 23-5 overall record. Senior Robin Anderson won the Honda Award for women's tennis for the second consecutive year as the nation's top collegiate player.

TRACK AND FIELD

Men's Conference Finish:	4th
Women's Conference Finish:	5th

The Bruins had 13 athletes earn USTFCCA honors, including five that earned All-America honors during the outdoor season. Seniors Zibby Boyer (high jump) and Ida Storm (hammer) and junior Nicholas Scarvelis (shot put) all won individual Pac-12 titles in their respective events.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Overall Record:	13-14
MPSF Record:	9-13
MPSF Finish:	8th
Final Ranking:	No. 12

Freshman outside hitter J.T. Hatch emerged as one of UCLA's most prominent players, securing honorable mention AVCA All-America accolades after being named the MPSF's Freshman of the Year. The Bruins went 13-14 with a young team that featured just two fourth-year players.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Overall Record:	22-12
Pac-12 Record:	11-9
Pac-12 Finish:	t-4th

For the first time since 2009, the women's volleyball program defeated USC in both meetings, including a five-set thriller in Pauley Pavilion on Nov. 28, 2014. Behind All-America selection Karsta Lowe, the national leader in kills and points per set, UCLA advanced to its first NCAA regional semifinal since 2011, registering NCAA Tournament victories against LIU Brooklyn and Long Beach State.

MEN'S WATER POLO

Overall Record:	29-3
MPSF Record:	8-0
MPSF Finish:	1st
Final Ranking:	No. 1

UCLA finished the season by winning the program's ninth NCAA Championship and the school's 112th overall with a 9-8 victory over USC. UCLA finished the year with a 29-3 overall record after going 8-0 in the MPSF for the first time since 2004. The Bruins went 4-1 against crosstown rival USC with victories in the MPSF and NCAA Tournaments. Adam Wright won his first NCAA title as the program's head coach to go with his two titles won as a UCLA student-athlete (1999, 2000).

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

Overall Record:	26-3
MPSF Record:	5-1
MPSF Finish:	2nd
Final Ranking:	No. 2

The women's water polo team advanced to the championship match of the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season, falling to Stanford by a 7-6 margin on a penalty shot with 11 seconds remaining. Junior attacker Rachel Fattal and senior goalkeeper Sami Hill each secured first-team ACWPC All-America honors after having led UCLA to a 26-3 overall record and No. 2 final national ranking.



Karue Sell, men's tennis