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Top-Ranked UCLA Visits 19th-Ranked Washington

Bruins face first Pac-10 Conference foe Friday night.

2010 UCLA Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
1/9	#2 UTAH	W 196.6-195.125
1/15	at #19 Washington	7 pm
1/22	at Cal, w/ San Jose St.	7:30 pm
1/24	at Stanford	2 pm
1/31	ARIZONA STATE	2 pm
2/5	at Arizona	7 pm MT
2/14	STANFORD	2 pm
2/21	OREGON STATE	2 pm
2/26	at CS Fullerton, w/ Utah St.	7 pm
3/6	at Georgia	4 pm
3/14	MICHIGAN ST., CS FULLERTON	2 pm
3/27	at Pac-10 Championships	4 pm
4/10	NCAA REGIONALS	6 pm
NCAA Championships - Gainesville, FL		
4/22	NCAA Prelims	TBD
4/23	NCAA Super Six	TBD
4/24	NCAA Event Finals	TBD

Home meets are in **BOLD CAPS** and held in Pauley Pavilion.
All times are local to site.

UCLA Season-High Marks

Gymnast	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Frattone	9.9	9.8	—	9.75	—
Gerber	—	9.775	9.75	—	—
Hopfner-Hibbs	9.8	9.775	9.875	9.925	39.375
Li	9.85	9.95	9.7	9.825	39.325
McCullough	9.8	9.8	—	9.9	—
Sato	9.775	—	9.7	—	—
Taylor	—	9.775*	—	—	—
Tom	—	—	9.675	—	—
Wong	—	9.85	—	9.75	—
Zamarripa	9.925	—	9.875	9.85	—
Team	49.275	49.175	48.9	49.25	196.6

UCLA Career-High Marks

Gymnast	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Baer	9.85	—	9.775	9.85	—
Bernholtz	—	9.8*	9.875	9.825	—
Frattone	9.9	9.8	—	9.75	—
Gerber	9.9	9.925	9.925	9.925	39.55
Hopfner-Hibbs	9.95	9.875	9.925	9.95	39.525
Kushynski	—	—	9.5*	9.675	—
Li	9.9	9.975	9.95	9.925	39.6
McCullough	9.95	9.925	9.9	9.9	39.375
Pritchett	9.8	—	—	—	—
Sato	9.9	9.2*	9.85	9.9	—
Taylor	—	9.8	—	9.15	—
Tom	9.825	9.75	9.9	9.875	—
Wong	—	9.85	—	9.75	—
Zamarripa	10.0	9.95	9.9	9.925	39.575

*Exhibition score

2010 Event Titles

Gymnast	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Hopfner-Hibbs	—	—	—	—	—
Li	—	—	—	—	—
Zamarripa	—	—	—	—	—

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Bruins Begin Conference Play Friday — The top-ranked UCLA gymnastics team (1-0) will begin Pac-10 Conference play on Friday, Jan. 15 with a 7 pm dual meet against 19th-ranked Washington at Bank of America Arena in Seattle. GoHuskies.com will host a free live video broadcast, in addition to live scoring.

In The Rankings — UCLA went from No. 5 in the pre-season coaches poll to No. 1 in the first regular season poll, which is based on total season average. The Bruins' score of 196.6 in the season opener was the highest in the nation. UCLA is also ranked No. 1 on floor exercise, No. 2 on vault, No. 3 on uneven bars and tied for seventh on balance beam.

Individually, Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs is the top-ranked gymnast in the nation in the all-around (39.375) and floor (9.925) and tied for fourth on beam (9.875). Anna Li ranks first on uneven bars (9.95) and third in the all-around (39.325). Vanessa Zamarripa is first on vault (9.925), tied for fourth on beam (9.875) and tied for 14th on floor (9.85). Brittani McCullough is tied for third on floor (9.9), and Lichelle Wong is tied for ninth on bars (9.85).

About The Huskies — Washington opened its 2010 season with a 195.7-193.45 loss to Nebraska. The Huskies' score was the 17th-highest of the weekend, however, lifting Washington into the Top 20 in the national rankings. Washington ranks 12th nationally on balance beam with a 48.475 mark and 13th on floor exercise with a 48.85 score. Hatsune Akaogi ranks 21st in the all-around (38.95), and Samantha Walior is tied for 14th on floor with a 9.85.

The Series With Washington — UCLA holds a 49-2 advantage in the regular season series with Washington. The Bruins have won 13 straight matchups, with Washington's last victory coming in a dual meet in Seattle on Feb. 27, 2004.

Bruins Blast Utah In Season Opener — UCLA went 24-for-24 in its first meet of the 2010 season to record a 196.600-195.125 victory over second-ranked Utah in front of 5,128 fans in Pauley Pavilion on Jan. 9. The Bruins looked strong to start the year, recording five scores of 9.9 or higher and 15 scores of 9.8 or higher. Sophomore Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs won the all-around with a 39.375. Senior Anna Li was a close second with 39.325 in her first all-around appearance since 2008. UCLA won all four events, scoring 49+ on vault, bars and floor, and swept the individual titles, with Vanessa Zamarripa winning vault and tying with Hopfner-Hibbs for first on beam, Hopfner-Hibbs taking first on floor, and Li winning uneven bars.

Starting Strong — The Bruins' team score of 196.6 was their highest in a season opener since scoring 197.3 at Utah in 2005 and ranks as the third-best season opening score in school history.

Hopfner-Hibbs Honored — Sophomore Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs earned multiple honors this week, being named the Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week for the fourth time in her short career and being selected the UCLA/Muscle Milk Student-Athlete of the Week after her all-around, beam and vault victories against Utah. Hopfner-Hibbs currently ranks No. 1 in the nation in the all-around and floor exercise.

Li Back In All-Around — Competing in the all-around for the first time since 2008, senior Anna Li made a triumphant return, scoring 39.325 to place second overall. Last season, Li competed mainly on uneven bars, with three go-rounds on balance beam. She had scores of 9.85 on vault and 9.825 on floor on her first competitive routines on those events in nearly two years. Her uneven bars score of 9.95 earned her first place in the meet and is also the highest score in the nation on any event so far this season. Li ranks third nationally in the all-around and first on uneven bars.

Frattone Has Successful Return — Sophomore Tauny Frattone, who missed most of last season with injuries, made a successful return to competition last weekend, hitting all three of her events for career-high marks. Frattone took second place on vault with a career-best 9.9 and then earned a 9.8 on bars and a 9.75 on floor on her competition debut on those events.

Wong Makes NCAA Debut — Freshman Lichelle Wong made her collegiate debut on Saturday with a 9.85 on bars and a 9.75 on floor, where she was a last-minute substitute. Wong's 9.85 on bars was good for second place on the event and moved her into ninth in the national rankings. The reigning Dutch national champion was eighth on uneven bars at the 2007 European Championships.

Zamarripa Fights Through Injury — Sophomore Vanessa Zamarripa's status for last weekend's meet was in question after suffering an elbow sprain in practice, but she rebounded to compete near-flawlessly on three events, placing first on vault (9.925) and beam (9.875) and tying for fourth on floor (9.85).

2010 UCLA Season Outlook — The 2009 season may be history, but the lessons learned from that year are not likely to be forgotten and have been serving as an impetus for 2010 since the day the team's season ended back in April.

A devastating loss by three-quarters of a tenth in a tiebreaker at the NCAA team preliminaries has served as not only a motivator but as a reminder that in gymnastics, every little thing counts. As a result, the Bruins worked extra hard over the preseason to prepare for the 2010 season, paying specific attention to detail and mental training.

Another intangible the Bruins have going for them is experience. The 2009 squad was underclassman heavy, with freshmen and sophomores competing over 80% of the team's routines, and the freshman class alone contributing to over 50% of the performances. UCLA returns all but one competitor from last year's squad and adds a strong freshman class in addition to the return of several competitors who were limited in action last year due to injuries.

"Our 2010 season started the day after we lost that tiebreaker at the NCAA Championships," said UCLA head coach Valorie Kondos Field. "Every single one of the student-athletes made the commitment to learn from the experience and understand that every little thing counts in gymnastics. They worked diligently during the offseason and preseason on new skills, on mental training, and on strength and flexibility. There's definitely a hunger, a drive and an enthusiastic purpose within this team that will fuel them throughout the season."

Leading the 2010 Bruins is the team's lone senior, Anna Li, who has made big strides in the preseason after an injury-riddled 2009 that limited her to mostly uneven bars. Li is back in the all-around picture for her final season and has shown marked improvement in many facets of her gymnastics. The five-time All-American is one of the nation's best on uneven bars, is very consistent and graceful on balance beam and has a stunning new floor exercise routine that is sure to earn high marks.

Redshirt junior Brittani McCullough, who had season-ending injuries in both 2007 and 2008, was incredibly successful in her first full season of competition. She hit all 30 routines she competed without a fall and earned first-team All-America honors on floor exercise, in addition to second-team All-Pac-10 acclaim on vault.

The heart of the team may lie in the junior class. The "Fab Five" are strong leaders both in and out of the gym. Former walk-on Niki Tom blossomed into a second-team All-American on floor and a first-team All-Pac-10 performer on beam last season. She posted career-high numbers of 9.9 on beam and 9.875 on floor. One of the team's most consistent performers last year was All-Pac-10 performer Mizuki Sato, who competed in every meet on floor and in all but one meet on vault. She averaged over 9.825 on vault and over 9.75 on floor. She also worked hard to earn a spot in the postseason lineup on beam and recorded a career-high 9.85 at the NCAA Championships. Marci Bernholtz continues to get stronger on both bars and beam. The former Canadian National Team member and World Championships competitor holds career-best marks of 9.875 on beam and 9.8 on bars. Allison Taylor and Talia Kushynski have been working on upgrades to their routines, with Taylor learning an Arabian double front half-out dismount on uneven bars and Kushynski making upgrades on her floor and beam tumbling. Both could see increased action this season with these skills.

Last season's freshman class was big in size and stature, and they did not disappoint with their contributions. The freshmen ended up competing over 50% of the team's routines last year and have the potential to compete even more this year.

Vanessa Zamarripa made the biggest splash with her three perfect 10s on vault and third-place all-around finish at the NCAA Championships. She earned the maximum five All-America honors, becoming only the sixth Bruin in history to

achieve that honor. The top-ranked vaulter in the nation last year returns in 2010 armed with an even more impressive vault - a layout Podkopyeva that is world-class. Zamarripa is far from a vault specialist, however. She has career-highs of 9.9 or better on all four events and set a career-high of 39.575 in the all-around.

Canadian Olympian and

World medalist Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs had an equally impressive freshman season, winning Pac-10 Freshman of the Year honors and earning four All-America awards. She competed 50 of a possible 52 routines on the year and posted career-bests of 9.95 on vault and floor, 9.925 on beam, 9.875 on bars and 39.525 in the all-around.

Aisha Gerber also played a big role in the Bruins' success last year, competing regularly on all four events. She earned first-team All-Pac-10 honors on beam, where she anchored the team, and had season-bests of 9.925 on bars, beam and floor and 9.9 on vault. Her all-around high was 39.55.

Kaelie Baer contributed most on vault and floor last year, earning high marks of 9.85 on both events. Tauny Frattone looks strong on all four events heading into the 2010 season after sitting out most of 2009 with injuries. She did see action on vault in three meets and scored a high of 9.875 with her difficult Yurchenko half-on, piked front off vault. Walk-ons Alyssa Pritchett and Tiffany Hyland look to contribute on their specialties (vault and bars, respectively).

The freshmen are led by two-time Dutch national champion Lichelle Wong and JO National Team member Monique De La Torre. Wong comes to UCLA with the most experience amongst the freshmen, having competed in a pair of World Championships. De La Torre has already shown to be a fierce competitor during intrasquad competitions in the preseason. She is a former international elite who competed at the 2005 USA Championships and earned a spot on the 2008 JO National Team after placing fourth in the all-around at Level 10 Nationals. Also looking to contribute are walk-ons Courtney Shannon, Danielle Greig and Chloe Takayanagi.

"We're really looking forward to this season," Kondos Field asserted. "With so many of our younger competitors returning better than ever, and with the addition of a talented, competitive and disciplined freshman class, our future is right now. This team has the talent, the drive, and the passion to succeed, and I think we're going to see some great things from this group."

Looking Ahead — UCLA will compete twice next week in the Bay Area with a tri-meet at Cal on Friday, Jan. 22 with San Jose State and a dual at Stanford on Sunday, Jan. 24.

2010 Event Titles					
Gymnast	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Hopfner-Hibbs	—	—	—	—	—
Li	—	—	—	—	—
Zamarripa	—	—	—	—	—

Bruins In The Top 25 Rankings					
Gymnast	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Hopfner-Hibbs	—	—	4t	1t	1
Li	11t	1	—	—	3
McCullough	—	—	—	3t	—
Wong	—	9t	—	—	—
Zamarripa	1	—	4t	14t	—
Team	2	3	7t	1	1

2010 UCLA Gymnastics Roster

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Club)	Notes
Kaelie Baer (KAY-lee BEAR)	5-6	So.	Columbus, IN (DeVeaus)	2007 L10 national vault champion
Marci Bernholtz	5-2	Jr.	Unionville, ON (ASF Gymnastics)	2-time World Championships competitor
Monique De La Torre	5-3	Fr.	Glendale, AZ (Carter's Gymnastics Academy)	Member of 2008 JO National Team
Tauny Frattone (fra-TONE)	5-4	So.	Lake Forest, CA (Olympic Gymnastics)	Has scored 9.8 or better on her last 6 vaults, w/ high of 9.9
Aisha Gerber (AY-sha)	5-4	So.	Cambridge, ON (Oakville Gymnastics)	1st-team All-Pac-10 on beam
Danielle Greig (Greg)	5-5	Fr.	Auckland, NZ (Charter Oak Gliders)	Member of New Zealand National Team
Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs	5-0	So.	Toronto, ON (Sports Seneca)	2009 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year
Tiffany Hyland	5-8	So.	Dove Canyon, CA (Diamond Elite)	3rd All-Around at 2008 South African Nat'l Championships
Talia Kushynski (TALL-ya coo-SHIN-ski)	5-2	Jr.	Sherman Oaks, CA (Waller's GymJam Academy)	Scored 9.675 on first FX routine in 2008
Anna Li	5-4	Sr.	Aurora, IL (Naperville Gymnastics Club)	5-time All-American, 2-time Pac-10 champion
Brittani McCullough (muh-CULL-uh)	5-4	RJr.	Corona, CA (SCEGA)	2008 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year
Alyssa Pritchett	5-1	So.	Orange, CA (Wildfire Gymnastics)	2-time Level 10 Regional qualifier
Mizuki Sato (mi-ZOO-key SAH-toe)	5-2	Jr.	Fair Oaks, CA (Technique Gymnastics)	Has competed on FX in 21 straight meets
Courtney Shannon	5-6	Fr.	Lake Forest, CA (Olympica Gymnastics)	3rd on vault and beam at 2008 Level 10 State meet
Chloe Takayanagi	5-6	Fr.	Los Angeles, CA (Waller's GymJam Academy)	2007 Level 10 Regional qualifier
Allison Taylor	5-3	Jr.	Dallas, TX (WOGA)	Scored 9.775 on bars in exhibition last weekend
Niki Tom	5-0	Jr.	Northridge, CA (JAG)	2nd-team All-American on FX
Lichelle Wong	5-4	Fr.	Ossendrecht, Holland (TSH Heerenveen)	2-time Dutch all-around champion
Vanessa Zamarripa (zam-uh-REEP-uh)	5-1	So.	O'Fallon, IL (Midwest Twisters)	5-time All-American; 3rd in the AA at '09 NCAA's

Head Coach: Valorie Kondos Field, 20th year

Assistant Head Coach: Chris Waller, 8th year; **Assistant Coach:** Jim Foody, 3rd year

Volunteer Assistant Coach: P.J. Irvin; **Undergraduate Assistant Coaches:** Ariana Berlin, Kristina Comforte; **Team Manager:** Brianna McCullough

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Tauny Frattone

Date	Team	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AllArr
H 1/09/2010	UCLA vs. Utah	9.900	9.800		9.750	
	Average	9.900	9.800		9.750	
	Season High	9.900	9.800		9.750	
	Career High	9.900	9.800		9.750	

Aisha Gerber

Date	Team	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AllArr
H 1/09/2010	UCLA vs. Utah		9.775	9.750		
	Average		9.775	9.750		
	Season High		9.775	9.750		
	Career High	9.900	9.925	9.925	9.925	39.550

Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs

Date	Team	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AllArr
H 1/09/2010	UCLA vs. Utah	9.800	9.775	9.875	9.925	39.375
	Average	9.800	9.775	9.875	9.925	39.375
	Season High	9.800	9.775	9.875	9.925	39.375
	Career High	9.950	9.875	9.925	9.950	39.525

Anna Li

Date	Team	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AllArr
H 1/09/2010	UCLA vs. Utah	9.850	9.950	9.700	9.825	39.325
	Average	9.850	9.950	9.700	9.825	39.325
	Season High	9.850	9.950	9.700	9.825	39.325
	Career High	9.900	9.975	9.950	9.925	39.600

Brittani McCullough

Date	Team	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AllArr
H 1/09/2010	UCLA vs. Utah	9.800	9.800		9.900	
	Average	9.800	9.800		9.900	
	Season High	9.800	9.800		9.900	
	Career High	9.950	9.925	9.900	9.900	39.375

Mizuki Sato

Date	Team	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AllArr
H 1/09/2010	UCLA vs. Utah	9.775		9.700		
	Average	9.775		9.700		
	Season High	9.775		9.700		
	Career High	9.900	9.200	9.850	9.900	

Allison Taylor

Date	Team	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AllArr
H 1/09/2010	UCLA vs. Utah		9.775			
	Average					
	Season High					
	Career High		9.800		9.725	

Niki Tom

Date	Team	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AllArr
H 1/09/2010	UCLA vs. Utah			9.675		
	Average			9.675		
	Season High			9.675		
	Career High	9.825	9.750	9.900	9.875	

Scores in italic set or tied a personal record. Scores in bold set or tied a team record. Scores with a strike-through were exhibition.

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Lichelle Wong

Date	Team	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AllArr
H 1/09/2010	UCLA vs. Utah		<i>9.850</i>		<i>9.750</i>	
	Average		9.850		9.750	
	Season High		9.850		9.750	
	Career High		9.850		9.750	

Vanessa Zamarripa

Date	Team	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AllArr
H 1/09/2010	UCLA vs. Utah	9.925		9.875	9.850	
	Average	9.925		9.875	9.850	
	Season High	9.925		9.875	9.850	
	Career High	10.000	9.950	9.900	9.925	39.575

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