

ALL-TIME NCAA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

1969 (1st)

UCLA 4, USC 3

UCLA 9, Long Beach St. 6

UCLA 5, California 2

NCAA Champions: UCLA

1970 (2nd)

UCLA 7, UCSB 6

UCLA 7, San Jose St. 4

UC Irvine 7, UCLA 6

NCAA Champions: UC Irvine

1971 (1st)

UCLA 37, Washington 2

UCLA 10, Long Beach St. 1

UCLA 5, San Jose St. 3

NCAA Champions: UCLA

1972 (1st)

UCLA 21, Yale 3

UCLA 15, UC Irvine 10

UCLA 10, San Jose St. 5

NCAA Champions: UCLA

1973 (4th)

UCLA 14, UCSB 2

California 4, UCLA 2

USC 7, UCLA 5

NCAA Champions: California

1974 (3rd)

UCLA 9, Stanford 5

UC Irvine 5, UCLA 3

UCLA 7, Cal St. Fullerton 4

NCAA Champions: California

1975 (3rd)

UCLA 26, Army 2

California 13, UCLA 9

UCLA 6, Stanford 5

NCAA Champions: California

1976 (2nd)

UCLA 18, Texas A&M 3

UCLA 14, UC Irvine 9

Stanford 13, UCLA 12

NCAA Champions: Stanford

1979 (2nd)

UCLA 17, Bucknell 7

UCLA 10, California 9

UCSB 11, UCLA 3

NCAA Champions: UCSB

1981 (6th)

California 10, UCLA 7

UCLA 16, Air Force 5

UCSB 9, UCLA 8

NCAA Champions: Stanford

1982 (3rd)

UCLA 8, UCSB 6

Stanford 11, UCLA 9

UCLA 10, California 9

NCAA Champions: UC Irvine

1983 (5th)

Long Beach State 10, UCLA 8

UCLA 15, Slippery Rock 4

UCLA 9, Brown 3

NCAA Champions: California

1984 (5th)

Pepperdine 12, UCLA 11

UCLA 17, Navy 4

UCLA 11, Brown 10

NCAA Champions: California

1985 (3rd)

UCLA 14, Loyola-Chicago 6

UC Irvine 7, UCLA 6

UCLA 10, UCSB 9

NCAA Champions: Stanford

1986 (3rd)

UCLA 13, Navy 7

California 11, UCLA 8

UCLA 12, Pepperdine 11

NCAA Champions: Stanford

1987 (4th)

UCLA 11, Pepperdine 7

USC 12, UCLA 11

UC Irvine 13, UCLA 10

NCAA Champions: California

1988 (2nd)

UCLA 11, Navy 3

UCLA 13, USC 10

California 14, UCLA 11

NCAA Champions: California

1990 (3rd)

UCLA 10, Pepperdine 9

California 10, UCLA 8

UCLA 15, UCSB 8

NCAA Champions: California



2015 NCAA CHAMPIONS

1991 (2nd)

UCLA 14, UC San Diego 10

UCLA 6, Pepperdine 5

California 7, UCLA 6

NCAA Champions: California

1994 (4th)

UCLA 8, Pepperdine 7

Stanford 9, UCLA 5

California 8, UCLA 5

NCAA Champions: Stanford

1995 (1st)

UCLA 21, UC San Diego 10

UCLA 10, California 8

NCAA Champions: UCLA

1996 (1st)

UCLA 18, UC Davis 6

UCLA 8, USC 7

NCAA Champions: UCLA

1999 (1st)

UCLA 14, Massachusetts 6

UCLA 6, Stanford 5

NCAA Champions: UCLA

2000 (1st)

UCLA 12, Navy 5

UCLA 11, UC San Diego 2

NCAA Champions: UCLA

2001 (2nd)

UCLA 7, LMU 5

Stanford 8, UCLA 5

NCAA Champions: Stanford

2004 (1st)

UCLA 7, Princeton 5

UCLA 10, Stanford 9 (OT)

NCAA Champions: UCLA

2009 (2nd)

UCLA 9, Loyola Marymount 8 (OT)

USC 6, UCLA 5

NCAA Champions: USC

2011 (2nd)

UCLA 10, UC San Diego 1

USC 7, UCLA 4

NCAA Champions: USC

2012 (2nd)

UCLA 17, St. Francis Brooklyn 3

USC 11, UCLA 10

NCAA Champions: USC

2014 (1st)

UCLA 15, UC San Diego 6

UCLA 9, USC 8

NCAA Champions: UCLA

2015 (1st)

UCLA 17, UC San Diego 4

UCLA 10, USC 7

NCAA Champions: UCLA

2016 (T-3rd)

California 9, UCLA 8

NCAA Champions: California

2017 (1st)

UCLA 11, Pacific 9

UCLA 7, USC 5

NCAA Champions: UCLA

2018 (T-3rd)

UCLA 18, George Washington 6

USC 8, UCLA 7

NCAA Champions: USC

Note: From 1969 through 1994, the championship comprised eight teams. From 1995 to 2012, the championship comprised four teams. Since 2013, the championship has comprised six teams.



2004 NCAA CHAMPIONS

TOURNAMENT TOTALS

Tournament Appearances	34
Won-Lost Record	61-27 (.693)
NCAA Championships	11
2nd Place Finishes	9
3rd Place Finishes	8
4th Place Finishes	3
Goals Scored	914
Goals Allowed	598

#114

This was supposed to be a rebuilding year for top-seeded UCLA, which lost eight seniors in 2015 and another nine in 2016 to graduation. The Bruins have six true freshmen on their roster playing major minutes and also had a redshirt sophomore goalkeeper playing for the first time as a full-time starter in NCAA competition.

But despite the fact that they were picked to finish fourth by the league coaches, they matured into a strong defensive unit that held the nation's top offensive team in their home pool to just five goals, winning the programs' 11th national title and UCLA's 114th NCAA Championship with a 7-5 win over third-seeded USC on Sunday afternoon at USC's Uytengsu Aquatics Center. The Bruins finished the year at 21-4 while USC dropped to 27-4.

Seniors Alex Roelse and Matt Farmer led the Bruins with a game-high two goals each. Redshirt sophomore Alex Wolf played the entire game in the cage for UCLA, registering 10 saves while allowing just five goals, two on Trojan power plays.

Matteo Morelli scored the first goal of the game for USC on a power play at the 6:42 mark. Marin Dasic made it 2-0 with a goal from the front court (1:51). Freshman Quinten Osborne got the Bruins on the board with a goal at two meters (1:33) to trim the Trojans' lead to 2-1.

Zach D'Sa scored on a cross-cage shot to open the scoring in the second period (4:37), giving the Trojans a 3-1 advantage. But Roelse scored from the front court with 21 seconds left to cut the lead to 3-2 at the break.

Farmer tied things up at 3-3 (3:33) off a nice feed from Roelse into two meters. But James Walters answered immediately with a goal (3:05) to put USC up 4-3. Senior Max Irving then scored from the front court after an ordinary foul (1:56) to tie the game at 4-4. Roelse



The 2017 NCAA Champions won UCLA's 114th NCAA title with a 7-5 victory at USC.

then provided his second score of the game and the Bruins' first power play goal to give UCLA its first lead of the game (0:44) at 5-4, ending the scoring in the third.

Blake Edwards tied the game at 5-5 with a power play score (6:47) to open the scoring in the fourth. Farmer then scored a power play goal (6:05) to put the Bruins back in front, 6-5. Both teams made several defensive stops down the stretch. But none was bigger than the Bruins' stop in the final seconds on a Trojan power play. Later, Wolf collected a ball from a Bruin teammate and noticed that USC goalie McQuin Baron was out of the cage on the other end and fired a shot that scored with

just two seconds remaining to provide the 7-5 final.

Wolf was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2017 NCAA Championship. Roelse and Irving joined him on the First Team All-Tournament. Farmer and freshman Nicolas Saveljic were named Second Team All-Tournament.

No. 1 UCLA at No. 3 USC (NCAA Championship)

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	F
No. 3 USC	2	1	1	1	5
No. 1 UCLA	1	1	3	2	7

6x5 - UCLA - 2/7 - USC - 2/11

Penalties - UCLA - 0/1 - USC - 0/0

USC Goals: Matteo Morelli 1, Marin Dasic 1, Zach D'Sa 1, James Walters 1, Blake Edwards 1

USC Saves: McQuin Baron 7

UCLA Goals: Alex Roelse 2, Matt Farmer 2, Max Irving 1, Alex Wolf 1, Quinten Osborne 1

UCLA Saves: Garrett Danner 10



The Bruins take the traditional jump into the pool after securing the program's 11th NCAA Championship.

#113

The top-ranked UCLA Bruins won their second straight NCAA Championship with a 10-7 win over No. 3 USC (22-7) at Dirks Pool at Spieker Aquatics Center on Sunday evening. The Bruins concluded the season at 30-0 on the year, winning their 33rd-straight game, which extends the second-longest winning streak in school history. The all-time record is 50, which was established from 1964-68. This was the first undefeated season for UCLA since the 1969 team went 19-0. It was also the program's 10th title and the school's 113th NCAA Championship, which leads the nation.

The undefeated season for the Bruins was just the fourth all-time in NCAA men's water polo history, joining the 2012 and 2008 USC squads and the 1992 California team.

Eight different Bruins scored in the title game, led by juniors Ryder Roberts and Patrick Fellner, each with two scores. Junior goalkeeper Garrett Danner registered 13 saves for UCLA.

Roberts was named the 2015 NCAA Men's Water Polo Championship Most Valuable Player. Joining Roberts as a First Team All-NCAA Tournament selection was senior Daniel McClintick, senior Anthony Daboub and Danner. Junior Gordon Marshall was the lone Bruin to earn Second Team All-NCAA Tournament honors.

Grant Stein scored first for the Trojans at 4:13 of the first period. Sophomore Alex Roelse scored the equalizer with 2:48 left in the first. Matteo Morelli put USC back in front, 2-1, with a bar-in shot (2:23). Lachlan Edwards gave the Trojans a 3-1 lead with a goal from two meters (1:50). Roberts then went cross-cage on a hard skipshot to cut the lead to 3-2 (1:38). Roberts then scored his second to tie the game at 3-3 with a power play goal (1:08) which was the final goal of the period.



The 2015 NCAA Champions won UCLA's 113th NCAA title with an undefeated record of 30-0.

McClintick gave the Bruins their first lead of the game at 4-3 with a goal from the front court with 5:22 to go in the second period. In a defensive-minded period, Roberts hit Marshall at two meters for a power play goal (0:10) and the Bruins pitched a shutout in the second period as UCLA took a 5-3 lead into the break.

Mac Carden cut the Bruins' lead to 5-4 with a power play goal (5:12) to open the scoring in the third period. Fellner scored his first of the game on a power play (3:03) to push the lead back to two at 6-4. Bryce Hoerman scored for the Trojans to cut the lead to 6-5 (1:58). But junior Chancellor Ramirez beat the Trojan goalie with a

high corner shot that pushed the lead back to two at 7-5 (0:49). The Trojans came back with a power play score from Lachlan Edwards to cut it to 7-6 with just 0:25 remaining to end the period.

Sophomore Max Irving opened the scoring right out of the gates in the fourth with a goal from the front court at the 7:32 mark to extend the lead to 8-6. Daboub then gave the Bruins their largest lead of the game at 9-6 (4:20) off a nice feed from Roberts. Blake Edwards cut the lead to 9-7 with his first goal of the game with 3:21 to go. Fellner scored the game's final goal with 0:01 left to provide the 10-7 final.

McQuin Baron was credited with 12 saves and two steals for the Trojans while giving up 10 goals.

The Bruins converted on 4-of-8 power plays while the Trojans were just 2-for-8. Neither team attempted a penalty shot.

No. 3 USC at No. 1 UCLA (NCAA Championship)

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	F
No. 3 USC	3	0	3	1	7
No. 1 UCLA	3	2	2	3	10

6x5 - UCLA - 4/8 - USC - 2/8

Penalties - UCLA - 0/0 - USC - 0/0

USC Goals: Lachlan Edwards 2, Matteo Morrelli 1, Grant Stein 1, Mac Carden 1, Bryce Hoerman 1, Blake Edwards 1

USC Saves: McQuin Baron 12

UCLA Goals: Ryder Roberts 2, Patrick Fellner 2, Daniel McClintick 1, Alex Roelse 1, Gordon Marshall 1, Chancellor Ramirez 1, Anthony Daboub 1, Max Irving 1

UCLA Saves: Garrett Danner 13



The Bruins take the celebratory dive into the pool after the final buzzer sounded.

#112

The No. 1 UCLA men's water polo team (29-3, 8-0 MPSF) brought home its ninth NCAA title and 112th in UCLA history with a 9-8 win over six-time defending champion USC on Sunday afternoon at UCSD's Canyonview Aquatic Center.

The 29 wins tied UCLA's single-season record (29-5 in 1988) as the Bruins earned their first NCAA Championship since 2004, coincidentally the last time UCLA went undefeated in MPSF play. The win over the Trojans improved UCLA's record this season against USC to 4-1, which equalled its record against the Adam Krikorian-coached squad in 2002.

Junior Danny McClintick led all scorers with four goals and was named the NCAA Tournament MVP. Sophomores Garrett Danner and Gordon Marshall joined McClintick on the NCAA's All-Tournament First Team. Seniors Cristiano Mirarchi and Paul Reynolds were both named to the Second Team.

Top-seeded UCLA struck first when sophomore Chancellor Ramirez scored from the front court (4:25). Senior Daniel Lenhart then set up redshirt freshman Matt Farmer for a cross-cage score to put the Bruins up 2-0 (1:13) and end the scoring in the opening stanza.

James Walters scored first for the Trojans in the second quarter to cut the lead to 2-1 (5:02). But McClintick pushed the lead to 3-1 on the next possession (4:43). USC answered with a power play goal by Mihajlo Milicevic to trim the lead to 3-2 (3:37). But senior David Culpan fired a shot bar-in that pushed it back to 4-2 (3:17). That score would hold up till halftime.

Matteo Morelli opened the scoring in the third with a power play goal to cut the lead to 4-3 (6:59). McClintick then scored his second on a 6-on-5 opportunity (4:29) to push



The 2014 NCAA Champions won UCLA's 112th NCAA title, knocking off USC 9-8 in the title game.

the lead to 5-3. McClintick scored his second straight to complete a hat trick and double up the Trojans at 6-3 (1:05). Nick Bell answered with an exclusion goal (0:06) to trim the lead to 6-4. But sophomore Jack Fellner had the last word with a goal from half-tank at the buzzer to end the scoring in the third with the Bruins leading 7-4.

Kostas Genidounias opened the scoring in the fourth with a nice lob shot (7:45) to make it 7-5. Marc Vonderweidt converted a Trojan power play to cut the lead to 7-6 (4:29). Then Genidounias tied the game with a goal at full strength to make it 7-7 (3:32). McClintick gave the Bruins an 8-7 lead with 3:13 to go, but USC's Vonderweidt tied it

at 8-8 on the next possession (2:50). Sophomore Gordon Marshall wouldn't be denied as he hit the game-winner from two meters with 0:34 to go. The Bruins got the stop on the next possession and then ran out the clock.

No. 3 USC vs. No. 1 UCLA (NCAA Championship)

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	F
No. 3 USC	0	2	2	4	8
No. 1 UCLA	2	2	3	2	9

6x5 - UCLA - 1/5 - USC - 3/6

Penalties - UCLA - 0/0 - USC - 0/0

USC Goals: Kostas Genidounias 2, Marc Vonderweidt 2, Matteo Morelli 1, Mihajlo Milicevic 1, Nick Bell 1, James Walters 1

USC Saves: McQuin Baron 6

UCLA Goals: Danny McClintick 4, Chancellor Ramirez 1, Gordon Marshall 1, Matt Farmer 1, David Culpan 1, Jack Fellner 1

UCLA Saves: Garrett Danner 9



UCLA Head Coach Adam Wright leads the tradition of jumping into the pool after winning a national championship.

#95

Sophomore Logan Powell scored the game-winning goal with 13 seconds remaining in the second overtime period to send UCLA to a thrilling 10-9 victory over Stanford on Sunday afternoon in the NCAA Men's Water Polo Championships at Stanford's Avery Aquatics Center. For the Bruins, it is their eighth NCAA title in men's water polo and the 95th for the UCLA athletic program.

Stanford took an early edge when Greg Crum converted a Tony Azevedo pass past Bruin goalkeeper Joseph Axelrad for a 1-0 lead. UCLA would answer less than a minute later when senior attacker Brett Ormsby dished off to fellow senior attacker Albert Garcia, who sent one past Cardinal keeper Chad Taylor. The Cardinal reclaimed the lead at 4:15 in the first on an extra-man goal by Sam Tyre and ran their lead to 3-1 with Thomas Hopkins' goal from just inside two meters at 3:20. But UCLA's Garcia netted his second goal of the match at 1:21 to bring the Bruins to within one.

Then at the five minute mark in the second, the Bruins re-knotted the match when Peter Belden pushed in a shot just beyond the goal line after Ted Peck's shot was deflected by Taylor. Stanford regained the lead again with Peter Varellas' extra-man goal at 4:17. UCLA would then go on to score two unanswered goals to bring a 5-4 lead into halftime. UCLA's fourth goal came as Grant Zider scored on a lob pass from Ormsby just outside two-meters. Powell gave the Bruins their first lead of the match when his shot, assisted by Josh Hewko, deflected off Stanford's Taylor and into the cage.

The teams exchanged single goals in the third, but UCLA received a break when, early in the period after a Bruin defensive stop, Peck, looking to pass back to Axelrad for an outlet pass, left it short of the net and allowed Azevedo to intercept. Axelrad, however, held strong and blocked the one-on-one shot. At 4:28, UCLA took a two-goal lead when Hewko fired into an empty right side of the net after



The 2004 NCAA Champions won UCLA's 95th NCAA title, knocking off Stanford 10-9 in double overtime in the title game.

fielding a lofted pass from Ormsby. Stanford climbed back to within a goal when Thomas Hopkins scored at 1:09 for the Cardinal's third extra-man score of the game.

In the fourth, Axelrad came up huge again as he fended off another wide-open Azevedo shot with under five minutes to play to maintain UCLA's 6-5 advantage. UCLA padded its lead when, at 3:14 in the final period, Ormsby found the back of the net after taking a cross pass from Garcia. However, the Cardinal would not go quietly, as Varellas brought Stanford to within one at 0:51 in the fourth and Azevedo tied the match at 0:21 after an offensive turnover sent the ball Stanford's way.

In the first overtime period, Stanford gained control at 1:56 when Hopkins found the back of the net from just outside four meters. The Bruins struck right back at 1:45 when Ormsby scored his second goal of the game for the 8-8 tie. Heading into the second overtime period tied, Stanford took a 9-8 lead at 1:54 with another extra-man goal from Varellas. But the Bruins fought back again with Peck's first goal of the match after UCLA received a 6-on-5 advantage of its own. Powell scored the championship-winning goal with 0:13 remaining after a Hewko 6-on-5 shot sailed off the arms of Taylor and into Powell's possession. His shot deflected off Taylor again but this time dribbled past the goal line.

UCLA head coach Adam Krikorian is now tied with UC Irvine's Ted Newland for NCAA water polo titles won by an active head coach with three.

Notes: The Avery Aquatic Center holds 2,500 fans, about 500 less than the 3,044 in attendance Sunday ... UCLA allowed three goals in the first quarter, only the third time the Bruins have allowed that many first-quarter goals all season ... Because of the national telecast of the match, halftime was 10 minutes long instead of the traditional five minute break ... UCLA played the overtime period without Garcia, Matt Jacobs (exhausted penalties) and Chris Pulido (game exclusion).

UCLA vs. Stanford (NCAA Championship)

SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	OT1	OT2	F
UCLA	2	3	1	1	1	2	10
Stanford	3	1	1	2	1	1	9

UCLA Goals: Garcia 2, Ormsby 2, Powell 2, Belden 1, Hewko 1, Zider 1, Peck 1

UCLA Saves: Axelrad 8

STAN Goals: Varellas 3, Hopkins 2, Crum 2, Azevedo 1, Tyre 1

STAN Saves: Taylor 6



UCLA Head Coach Adam Krikorian raises a clinched fist as time expires, claiming his third NCAA Championship in men's water polo.

#82

All five seniors scored goals to lead the men's water polo team to its fourth NCAA Championship in the last six years, as the Bruins defeated UC San Diego 11-2 in the title game at Pepperdine University. UCLA has now won seven NCAA Championships in water polo and has 82 NCAA titles, topping all collegiate athletic programs in the nation.

First team All-Tournament member Brian Brown opened up the scoring for the Bruins at 5:18. Forty seconds later, Brown took a perfect Sean Kern pass on the left side and put it past Triton goalkeeper Glenn Busch to give UCLA a 2-0 at 4:40. UCSD's Jonathan Samuels brought the Tritons to within one when he scored an extra man goal at 3:04.

That goal would be the last that UCLA would give up until the last few minutes of the game. Jeff Pflueger scored off a Matt Flesher pass to give the Bruins a 3-1 advantage after the first period.

Andy Bailey walked in and scored his first goal of the day with 4:22 remaining in the second period. After an extra man save by UCLA goalkeeper Brandon Brooks, Dave Parker scored from two meters to give the Bruins a 5-1 lead. Tournament MVP Kern gave UCLA a 6-1 halftime lead with a goal at 2:17. Brooks made a fingertip save on a shot by UCSD's Julian Wylie to end the second half.

In the third period, Brown drove the length of the pool and put one away to make the score 7-1. Thirty seconds later, Blake Wellen took a pass from Andy Bailey on the left side and scored to make it 8-1. Kern muscled his way around the defense to score his second goal of the game with 4:11 remaining in the third. With 3:33 remaining in the period, Pflueger was ejected, but UCLA's defense stopped three shots and Brooks was able to come out and make a steal. Pflueger scored his second goal of the game during an extra man opportunity, taking a Bailey pass on the left side and putting it past Busch.



The 2000 NCAA Champions won UCLA's 83rd NCAA title, knocking off UC San Diego 11-2 in the title game.

With 3:24 left in the game and UCLA ahead 10-1, the Bruin reserves entered the game to a roaring cheer. UCSD's Vladimir Djapic scored the Tritons' second goal of the day after a Jon Puffer ejection, but Dan Yeilding kept the winning margin at nine when he put one away with 34 seconds left in the game.

UCLA outshot UCSD 27-19. The Bruins had numerous steals and when the Triton offense was able to get a shot off, Brooks was phenomenal in goal. "With this UCLA team, the difference is they play defense better than anyone else. You could see that today. We were horrible on the offensive end. With what few opportunities we had,

their goalie, Mr. (Brandon) Brooks, he was on everything. I was really impressed with him. I knew he was good, but how a human covers a cage that's three feet high and ten feet wide is beyond me," said UC San Diego coach Denny Harper following the game.

UCLA co-head coach Guy Baker echoed Harper's thoughts. "I think Brandon is the best goalie in the country, and a great part about our defense is if you can break it down, which can be difficult, you still have to score on Brandon."

Kern earned Tournament MVP honors for the second year in a row, as well as being named to the All-Tournament first team. Joining him on the first team were Brown and Brooks. Parker and Wellen earned second team honors.

The UCLA water polo team has now won back to back NCAA Championships for the third time. They captured titles in 1971-72, 1995-96, and 1999-2000. Baker has coached the men's team to four NCAA titles, and the UCLA women's water polo team to three national championships.

In the third place game played prior to the championship, USC defeated Navy, 15-9.

No. 3 UCSD vs. No. 1 UCLA (NCAA Championship)

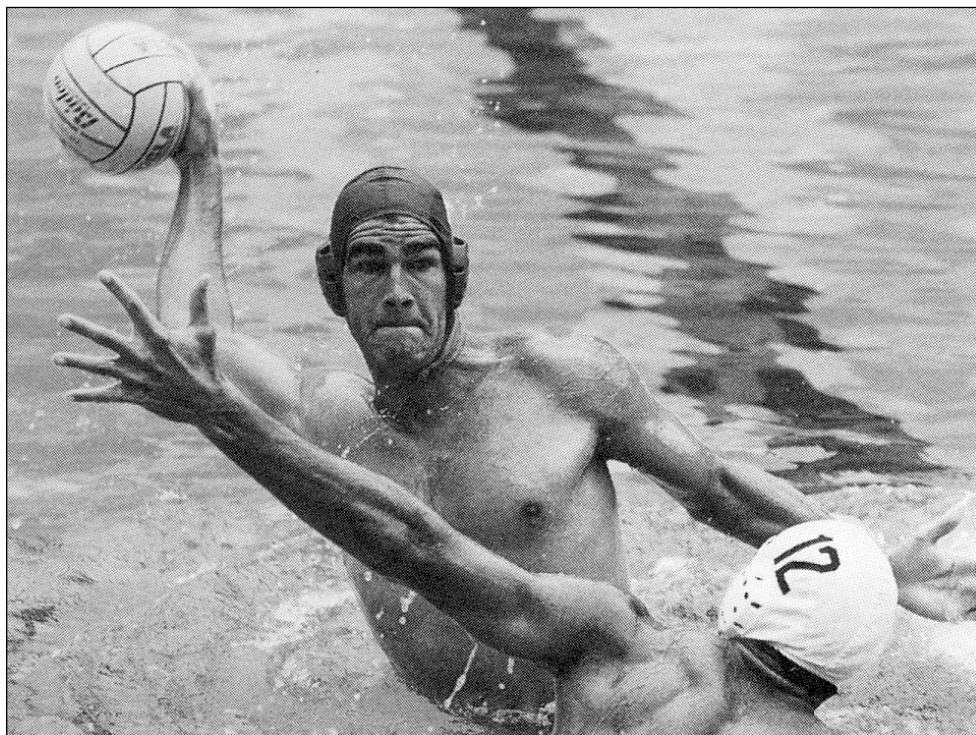
SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	F
No. 3 UCSD	1	0	0	1	2
No. 1 UCLA	3	3	4	1	11

UCSD Goals: Vladimir Djapic 1, Jonathan Samuels 1

UCSD Saves: Glenn Busch 6

UCLA Goals: Brian Brown 3, Sean Kern 2, Jeff Pflueger 2, Andy Bailey 1, Dave Parker 1, Blake Wellen 1, Dan Yeilding 1

UCLA Saves: Brandon Brooks 11, Eric Meadows 1



UCLA's Sean Kern was named the NCAA Championship Tournament MVP for the second year in a row in 2000.

#78

Led by four goals from junior Sean Kern, the UCLA men's water polo team captured the 1999 NCAA men's water polo championship title by defeating Stanford 6-5 in front of a crowd of 2,422 at UC San Diego's Canyonview Pool Sunday afternoon.

The Bruins, who end the season with a 22-3 overall record, have now won three national titles in the last five years under coach Guy Baker, and six championships overall in 23 appearances. Stanford closes out the year with a 22-6 overall record.

UCLA battled back from a 4-1 deficit to score five unanswered points and hold on for the victory. Kern, the NCAA tournament's most valuable player, scored his third goal to knot the score at 4-4 with 2:03 left in the third quarter. Senior Matt Armato, playing in the final game of his career, then scored the eventual game-winner with one second remaining in the third, giving UCLA its first lead of the game.

Kern cushioned the Bruin lead with his fourth goal of the game early in the fourth quarter. Stanford narrowed the score with a goal from sophomore Pasi Dutton to cut the gap to 6-5.

With six seconds remaining in regulation, the Cardinal threatened with a two-point shot attempt from senior Brian Heifferon but true freshman goalkeeper Brandon Brooks made the save.

Armato was named to the all-tournament first-team, while Brooks and junior Blake Wellen earned second-team honors.

"All national championships are special," co-head coach Guy Baker said. "But the journey with this group has been fantastic."

Prior to today's game, UCLA and Stanford had only met once in an NCAA championship game. In 1976, the Cardinal captured the crown with a 13-12 victory over the Bruins. Today's victory was the Bruins' fourth straight win over Stanford, as UCLA also defeated their Bay Area rival to capture the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation title last weekend.

UCLA athletic teams have now captured a total of 79 NCAA titles, topping all collegiate athletic programs in the nation.

In the third place game played prior to the championship, Massachusetts scored seven points in the final quarter to defeat host UC San Diego 12-9.

No. 2 Stanford vs. No. 1 UCLA (NCAA Championship)

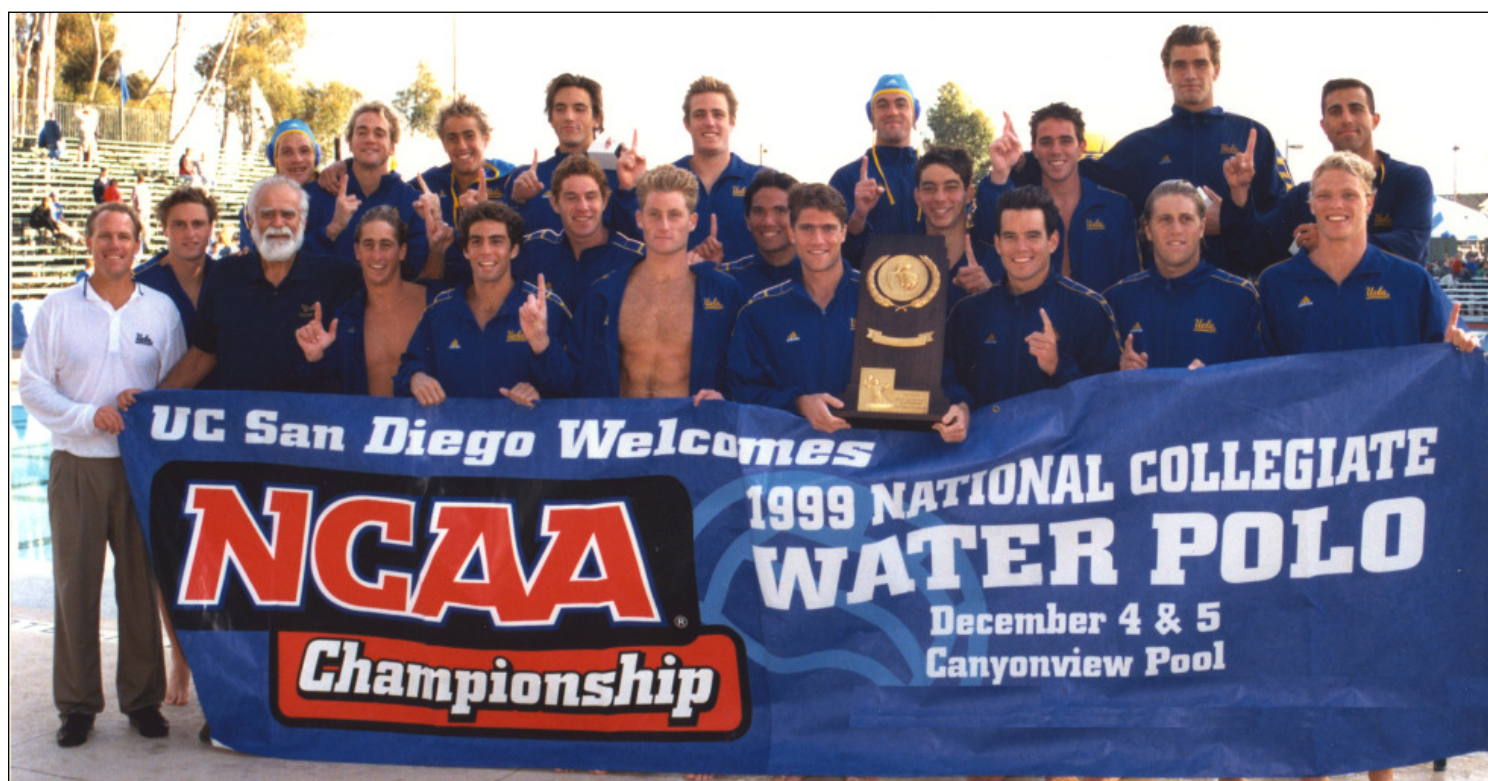
SCOREBOARD	1	2	3	4	F
No. 2 Stanford	3	1	0	1	5
No. 1 UCLA	1	1	3	1	6

STAN Goals: Peter Hudnut 2 (two-pointer), Andy Walburger 1, Jeff Nesmith 1, Pasi Dutton 1

STAN Saves: Nick Ellis 5

UCLA Goals: Sean Kern 4, Adam Wright 1, Matt Armato 1

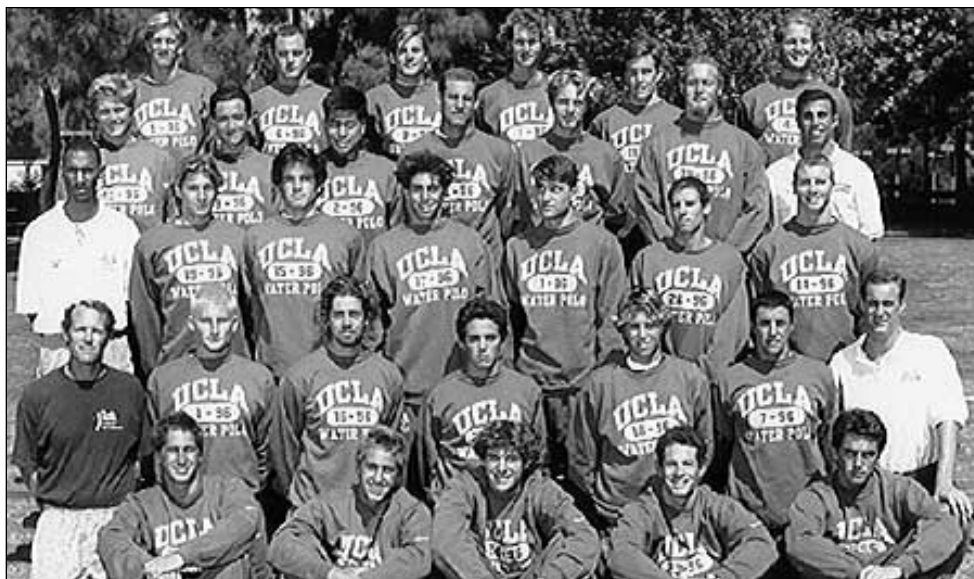
UCLA Saves: Brandon Brooks 8



Led by a four-goal effort from Tournament MVP Sean Kern, top-ranked UCLA defeated Stanford 6-5 to win the 1999 NCAA Championship.

1996 – #74

The Bruins upset top-ranked and heavily favored USC 8-7 in the title match at UC San Diego to win their second consecutive NCAA men's water polo championship and the 74th in UCLA's illustrious history. Randy Wright's two-point goal a little more than two minutes into the game sparked UCLA to a 6-3 lead after one quarter, and the Bruins held off a Trojan rally to win. Goalie Matt Swanson made 14 saves in the championship match, was named the NCAA tournament MVP and earned his second consecutive player of the year award. The Bruins opened the NCAA Tournament with an 18-6 victory over UC Davis. UCLA finished the season with an overall record of 24-6.



The 1996 Bruins won UCLA's 74th NCAA Championship and the men's water polo program's fifth in school history.

1995 – #71

Playing against top-ranked Cal at Stanford's deGuerre Pool in the NCAA Tournament final on Dec. 3, the UCLA men's water polo team posted a 10-8 victory, giving head coach Guy Baker his first national title. The championship game was won in dramatic fashion, as the outcome was decided in the final minute. With the score tied at 8-8, With 1:44 remaining, UCLA's Jeremy Braxton-Brown put the Bruins up 9-8 with his first goal of the game. He would later add an insurance goal with 42 seconds remaining, giving the Bruins the eventual 10-8 victory. UCLA opened the NCAA Tournament with a 21-10 victory over UC San Diego. The win was UCLA's 71st NCAA Championship in school history and the men's water polo program's fourth national title.



Guy Baker (holding trophy) led the Bruins to the 1995 NCAA Championship, his first and UCLA's first in 23 years.

1972 – #28

The 1972 Bruins featured five senior starters with a wealth of championship experience, and that group carried UCLA to its second consecutive NCAA men's water polo title and its third in four years in 1972. Bob Horn's Bruins breezed through the NCAA Tournament, beating Yale 21-3, UC Irvine 15-10 and San Jose State 10-5 to finish the year at 19-1 overall. It was UCLA's 28th NCAA Championship in school history. Goalie Kevin Craig earned All-America honors for the fourth consecutive year. Kurt Krumpholz, Eric Lindroth, Bob Neumann and John Rees also earned national acclaim.



The Bruins averaged 15.3 goals per game in the NCAA Tournament en route to winning the 1972 NCAA Championship.

1971 – #23

Eric Lindroth scored three goals against previously undefeated San Jose State to lead UCLA to a 5-3 win in the championship game in 1971. It was UCLA's second NCAA Championship in three years and marked the 23rd NCAA Championship in UCLA history. Lindroth, Greg Arth, Paul Becskehazy, Kevin Craig and Scott Massey earned All-America honors. Becskehazy led UCLA with 51 goals during the year. The 19-1 Bruins were without their usual home pool at Sunset Canyon, which was closed during the fall for repairs after suffering damage during the Sylmar earthquake. UCLA opened the NCAA Tournament with a 37-2 win over Washington and a 10-1 win over Long Beach State.



Eric Lindroth led the Bruins with three goals in the 1971 title game in a 5-3 win over previously undefeated San Jose State.

1969 – #15

Freshman Scott Massey's 20-foot goal with three seconds left in the third quarter broke a 2-2 tie and propelled UCLA to a 5-2 victory over California in the first NCAA men's water polo championship game in Long Beach, California in 1969. Jim Ferguson and Torrey Webb added fourth-period goals to secure the victory for coach Bob Horn's Bruins, who completed a perfect season at 19-0. UCLA had reached the title game by beating USC and Long Beach State. Gregg Arth, Paul Becskehazy, freshman goalie Kevin Craig, Ferguson and Webb earned All-America honors for UCLA, which won its first NCAA Championship in the sport and the program's 15th overall. The Bruins opened the NCAA Tournament with a 4-3 win over USC and a 9-6 victory over Long Beach State.



The Bruins won their first NCAA Championship at the sport's first-ever NCAA Men's Water Polo Championship in 1969.