



UCLA GYMNASTICS

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2020 SCHEDULE

January

Sat. 4 at Collegiate Challenge (Anaheim, Calif.) 6:30 p.m.
vs. #1 Oklahoma, #9 California, #22 Stanford

Sun. 12	Boise State	P12N	3 p.m.
Sat. 18	at BYU, w/ /Utah State	BYUTV	5 p.m.
Mon. 27	at Stanford		7 p.m.
Fri. 31	Washington	P12N	7 p.m.

February

Sun. 9	Arizona	P12N	2 p.m.
Sat. 15	at Arizona State	P12N	2 p.m.
Sun. 23	Utah	ESPN2	3 p.m.
Sat. 29	at Oregon State	P12N	1 p.m.

March

Sun. 8	California	P12N	1 p.m.
Sat. 14	Bridgeport	P12N	2 p.m.
Sat. 21	at Pac-12 Champs. (West Valley City, Utah)	P12N	TBD

April

Th-Sa-2-4	NCAA Regionals		TBD
Fri. 17	at NCAA Semifinals (Fort Worth, Texas)	ESPNU	TBD
Sat. 18	at NCAA Super Six (Fort Worth, Texas)	ABC	TBD

All times are listed in PT.

CAREER-BEST MARKS

Gymnast	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Dennis	9.950	9.950	9.975	9.975	39.425
Flatley	9.750	9.975	9.925	9.750	39.275
Frazier	9.825	9.950	—	9.950	—
A. Glenn	9.900	9.875	9.900	—	—
G. Glenn	9.750	9.350	9.950	—	—
Hano	9.950	9.875	9.825	10.000	38.650
Kocian	9.875	10.000	9.950	9.950	39.625
Kooyman	—	9.875	—	9.825	—
Kramer	9.925	—	—	9.950	—
Poston	9.800	—	9.850	—	—
Ross	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	39.850
Sakti	9.800	—	9.875	9.925	—
Shapiro	—	9.725	9.925	—	—
Toronjo	—	9.800	9.850*	9.950	—
Tratz	9.925	—	—	9.950	—
Wright	9.875	—	—	9.775*	—
Team	49.725	49.825	49.750	49.875	198.875

2019 SEASON-BEST MARKS

Gymnast	V	UB	BB	FX	AA
Dennis	9.950	9.950	9.975	9.925	38.850
Flatley	9.750	9.975	9.925	9.750	39.275
Frazier	9.825	9.950	—	9.950	—
A. Glenn	—	9.875	9.850	—	—
G. Glenn	9.750	9.350	9.950	—	—
Hano	9.950	9.875	—	9.950	—
Kocian	—	10.00	9.875	—	—
Kooyman	—	9.775	—	—	—
Kramer	9.850	—	—	9.950	—
Poston	9.800	—	9.850	—	—
Ross	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	39.850
Toronjo	—	9.800	—	9.850	—
Tratz	9.900	—	—	9.925	—
Wright	9.875	—	—	9.775 (ex.)	—
Team	49.450	49.700	49.700	49.825	198.400

No. 4 UCLA at Collegiate Challenge powered by Under Armour

Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020 – 6:30 p.m. (PT) @ Anaheim, Calif. (Anaheim Arena at Anaheim Convention Center)
vs. No. 1 Oklahoma, No. 9 California, No. 22 Stanford

Live Broadcast: FloGymnastics



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BRUINS OPEN SEASON IN ANAHEIM SATURDAY

No. 4-ranked UCLA will open the 2020 season on Saturday, Jan. 4 at the Collegiate Challenge powered by Under Armour. The quad meet between UCLA, No. 1 Oklahoma, No. 9 California and No. 22 Stanford will take place on podium at the Anaheim Arena in the Anaheim Convention Center at 6:30 p.m. The meet will be streamed live on FloGymnastics for PRO subscribers.

TICKETS/PROMOTIONS

General admission tickets for UCLA's session (Session 2) at the Collegiate Challenge are on sale at cacollegiatechallenge.com for \$35. UCLA fans can use the code: UCLAFAN20 for 20% off tickets. Multi-session tickets, which include Session 1 featuring Arizona State, Denver, Auburn and Penn State at 1pm, are \$45.

ROTATION ORDER

UCLA will begin the meet on uneven bars and end on vault. Oklahoma starts on vault, California begins on balance beam, and Stanford starts on floor.

Rotation	V	UB	BB	FX
1	OU	UCLA	CAL	STAN
2	STAN	OU	UCLA	CAL
3	CAL	STAN	OU	UCLA
4	UCLA	CAL	STAN	OU

SCOUTING THE FIELD

Defending NCAA champion Oklahoma enters the competition as the preseason No. 1. The Sooners are led by two-time reigning NCAA all-around champion Maggie Nichols and also have five other All-Americans on their roster, along with 2016 Olympic alternate Ragan Smith. California is the third Top 10 team in the second session, beginning the season ranked No. 9. The Golden Bears are led by 2019 Pac-12 Freshman of the Year Milan Clausi and juniors Kyana George and Emi Watterson. Stanford opens the year ranked No. 22 nationally and is led by junior Kyla Bryant.

UCLA IN SEASON OPENERS

UCLA has won six of its last seven season openers, including victories in the last five years. In 2019, the Bruins shined on beam and floor in their 197.250-195.700 win over Nebraska. Kyla Ross started her record-setting season with a 39.650 all-around score and had two routines that earned a 10 from one judge, earning a 9.975 on vault and 9.95 on floor.

NEW ERA BEGINS AT UCLA

UCLA Gymnastics has a new leader for the first time in 29 years. Following Hall of Fame head coach Valorie Kondos Field as head coach of the Bruins is Chris Waller, who was an assistant under Kondos Field for 17 years. Waller helped guide the Bruins to four NCAA titles during his time as an assistant. In his first season on staff in 2003, the Bruins swept through the postseason, winning Pac-10, NCAA Regional and NCAA Championships. Also that year, he was the acting head coach when UCLA snapped the longest home-court winning streak in NCAA history for any sport, handing Utah its first home loss in 23 years. Waller was voted by his peers the National Assistant Coach of the Year in 2004 and the West Region Assistant Coach of the Year in 2010 and 2018. A champion gymnast himself, Waller won three NCAA titles with the Bruin men's team, and he competed at the 1992 Olympics, where he placed fifth on pommel horse.

Joining Waller's staff are a few familiar faces. Associate Head Coach Kristina Comfote is a former UCLA All-American and Bruin record-holder on vault. Assistant Coach Dom Palange was a volunteer assistant coach for UCLA from 2014-16. Also on board is volunteer assistant coach and choreographer BJ Das, a former Washington Huskies gymnast who spent last season as a volunteer coach at Utah.

SOLID CORE RETURNS IN 2020

UCLA returns all but three routines from the NCAA Championships and has eight All-Americans on the roster - reigning NCAA vault and floor exercise co-champion Kyla Ross, Grace Glenn, Felicia Hano, Madison Kocian, Gracie Kramer, Nia Dennis, Margzetta Frazier and Norah Flatley. The Bruins lose 10.0-caliber routines on beam and floor

PRESEASON NACGC/W COACHES POLL			
RK	TEAM	POINTS	1ST PLACE VOTES
1.	Oklahoma	1831	36
2.	LSU	1755	11
3.	Florida	1680	2
4.	UCLA	1671	1
5.	Utah	1559	
6.	Michigan	1515	
7.	Denver	1493	1
8.	Georgia	1438	
9.	California	1315	
10.	Alabama	1306	
11.	Oregon State	1271	
12.	Kentucky	1240	
13.	Auburn	1213	
14.	Minnesota	1196	
15.	Nebraska	1137	
16.	Missouri	1000	
17.	Washington	925	
18.	Boise State	900	
19.	Arkansas	798	
20.	Iowa State	765	
21.	Arizona State	749	
22.	Stanford	746	
23.	BYU	742	
24.	Ohio State	654	
25.	Penn State	638	
26.	Southern Utah	559	
27.	Illinois	544	
28.	North Carolina State	497	
29.	Iowa	427	
30.	West Virginia	425	
31.	Arizona	365	
32.	George Washington	317	
33.	Maryland	301	
34.	Central Michigan	233	
35.	New Hampshire	204	
36.	Lindenwood	82	

QUICK FACTS

School Information

Founded	1919
Enrollment	44,947
Nickname	Bruins
Colors	Blue and Gold
Home Arena	Pauley Pavilion presented by Wescom
Arena Capacity	13,659
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Pac-12
Chancellor	Gene Block
Director of Athletics	Dan Guerrero
Athletic Dept. Phone	(310) 825-8699
Ticket Office Phone	(310) 825-2101

Gymnastics History

First Season	1974
All-Time Record	747-211-4 (.779)
NCAA Championship Appearances	35
NCAA Championships	7 (last 2018)
NCAA Regional Titles	24
Pac-12 Conference Championships	19

Team Information

2019 Record	19-1
2019 Pac-12 Record (finish)	7-0 (1st)
Gymnasts Returning/Lost	16/3
All-Americans Returning/Lost	8/2
Head Coach	Chris Waller (UCLA '91)
Head Coach Record	First Season
Associate Head Coach	Kristina Comforte (UCLA '10)
Assistant Coach	Dom Palange
Volunteer Assistant Coach	BJ Das (Washington '06)

from Katelyn Ohashi and consistent high marks on beam from All-American Brielle Nguyen but bring in seasoned routines from William & Mary transfer Samantha Sakti and redshirt senior Nicki Shapiro.

UCLA's strength lies in its depth. The Bruins have 22 gymnasts on the roster, including 11 who competed in at least 10 meets last season - Dennis, Flatley, Frazier, Grace Glenn, Hano, Kocian, Kramer, Ross, Samantha Sakti, Pauline Tratz and Sekai Wright. UCLA finished the 2019 regular season ranked in the Top 3 in the nation on all four events - No. 1 on bars and floor, No. 2 on beam and No. 3 on vault.

NEW FACES

The Bruins welcome in 2020 four freshmen (Emma Andres, Paige Hogan, Chloe Lashbrooke and Kalyany Steele), sophomore transfer Samantha Sakti, and redshirt senior Nicki Shapiro. Steele is a former elite who placed 13th at the 2017 USA Championships. Andres and Lashbrooke are both two-time Level 10 Nationals qualifiers. Hogan is a four-time Level 10 state champion. Sakti transferred from William & Mary, where she earned all-league honors on floor exercise and scored a school-record 9.925 on floor in her first meet. Shapiro returns to the Bruins after leaving the sport for three years. She competed for UCLA as a freshman in 2016 and scored a career-high 9.925 on beam.

SENIOR STRONG

The heart of UCLA's team lies in the nine-member senior class of Anna Glenn, Grace Glenn, Felicia Hano, Madison Kocian, Gracie Kramer, Kyla Ross, Mercedes Sanchez, Nicki Shapiro and Macy Toronjo. The senior class competed half of the team's routines at last year's NCAA Championships and have a combined 39 All-America honors between them. Ross has more than half of those 39 honors alone (a school-record-tying 19). She, Grace Glenn and Felicia Hano all won Pac-12 individual titles last season, with Ross winning the all-around, bars and floor, Glenn tying for the beam title, and Hano sharing the vault crown.

PRESEASON RANKING

UCLA begins the season ranked No. 4 in the national preseason coaches poll. The two-time defending Pac-12 champion Bruins were selected by the conference coaches to win once again. The Bruins are set to face 10 teams in the preseason Top 36, starting off with a bang against three Top 25 teams in the season opener in Anaheim - No. 1 Oklahoma, No. 9 California and No. 22 Stanford.

MEET THE BRUINS RECAP

UCLA fans got their first look at the 2020 team on Dec. 14 at the annual Meet the Bruins Blue vs. Gold intrasquad. Eight competitors - four from each team - showed full routines on all four events. On vault, four Bruins scored 9.9 or better, with Nia Dennis leading the way with a perfect 9.95 on her Yurchenko layout full vault. Felicia Hano, Kendal Poston and Sekai Wright each scored 9.9 on their 10.0-start valued vaults. Margzetta Frazier led the way on uneven bars with a leadoff 9.95. Dennis added a 9.9, and Norah Flatley scored 9.875. On balance beam, four Bruins earned 9.875 or better, with Frazier and Hano scoring 9.875, Samantha Sakti scoring 9.9 and Flatley 9.95. Kyla Ross' 9.95 led the way on floor exercise, and Frazier added a 9.925 and Flatley a 9.875. Frazier was UCLA's top all-arounder, scoring 39.575, followed closely by Dennis' 39.475. Flatley averaged 9.9 on her three routines. If taking UCLA's top 5 routines on each event, the Bruins would have scored 197.600.

STREAKS

UCLA has scored 49+ in 123 straight rotations, the team's last sub-49 score coming in the first rotation of the 2018 season opener ... The Bruins scored 49.5 or better on 44 of those 123 rotations ... UCLA's streak of 30 straight meets scoring 49+ on all four apparatus is the longest active streak in the nation and tied for the second-longest in NCAA history behind Oklahoma (34 from 2016-18) and LSU (30 from 2016-18) ... UCLA has scored 49+ on beam in its last 44 meets, breaking the NCAA record of 37 set by Oklahoma from 2016-18 ... The Bruins have scored 49+ on floor in their last 38 meets.

A LOOK BACK AT 2019

UCLA went 19-1 in 2019, scoring 197 or higher in every meet for the first time in school history. The Bruins lost just once in the regular season - at Oklahoma by two-tenths of a point - and won the Pac-12 and NCAA Ann Arbor Regional and placed first in the NCAA semifinal but finished in third place in the NCAA final. UCLA's season began with legendary head coach Valorie Kondos Field announcing her retirement at the end of the season. Two weeks into the season, Katelyn Ohashi blew up the internet with her perfect 10 floor exercise routine, making her a viral sensation and leading to unprecedented levels of media attention and to record-setting attendance around the country. Kyla Ross set records herself, going 10 straight meets with at least one perfect 10 and setting a new NCAA record with 14 10s in a single season. She became the first gymnast ever to record two Gym Slams in a single season and ended her year with NCAA championships on vault and floor, giving her NCAA titles on all four events in her career.

NO. 1 IN SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

UCLA Gymnastics has the largest social media followings in all of women's collegiate sports, ranking No. 1 across all women's sports in combined followers on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, a total over 750,000. The Bruins rank first among all NCAA gymnastics teams on Instagram (341k), Facebook (348) and Twitter (66.4k). Among all UCLA teams, gymnastics ranks first on Instagram and Facebook, and UCLA Gymnastics is the most followed collegiate women's team Instagram account in the nation. Follow the Bruins at @UCLAGymnastics on Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat and on Facebook at facebook.com/uclagymnastics.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Bruins will host Boise State on Sunday, Jan. 13 at 3 p.m. in the home opener at Pauley Pavilion presented by Wescom. Tickets are on sale now at uclabruins.com/tickets.

MEDIA INFORMATION

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Media Availability

Please contact the Athletic Communications Office early in the week to confirm post-practice media availability, as days may vary from week to week. Practices take place at Yates Gym in the John Wooden Center in the morning. Media requests should be made 24 hours in advance.

Credentials

Credential requests for both home and road meets must be made at least 24 hours in advance by emailing Liza David (ldavid@athletics.ucla.edu).

Credential Pickup

Credentials for home meets are available for pickup at the northwest entrance of Pauley Pavilion.

Media Seating

Media seating is available on the floor on the north side of Pauley Pavilion (vault side).

Photography Areas

Credentialed photographers are permitted to shoot on the floor but must stay off the mats and cannot be in the sightlines of the judges and fans. In dual meets, during the third and fourth rotations only, photographers are permitted to sit on the vault runway to shoot floor exercise. Please consult with Athletic Communications staff to confirm other locations. Flash and strobe photography are strictly forbidden.

Postmeet Procedure

Head coach Chris Waller and selected gymnasts will be available to the media in the Dick Enberg Press Room after the meet.

2020 UCLA GYMNASTICS ROSTER

Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Last School/Club)
Emma Andres	5-6	Fr.	Rocklin, Calif. (Rocklin HS/Byers Roseville Gymnastics)
Nia Dennis	5-1	Jr.	Columbus, Ohio (Metee Valley HS/Legacy Elite Gymnastics)
Norah Flatley	4-11	So.	West Des Moines, Iowa (Connections Academy/Chow's Gymnastics)
Margzetta Frazier	5-1	So.	Sicklerville, N.J. (Connections Academy/Parkettes)
Anna Glenn	5-1	Sr.	Charlotte, N.C. (South Mecklenburg HS/Southeastern Gymnastics)
Grace Glenn	5-2	Sr.	Charlotte, N.C. (South Mecklenburg HS/Southeastern Gymnastics)
Felicia Hano	5-3	Sr.	San Gabriel, Calif. (San Gabriel HS/Gym-Max)
Paige Hogan	5-2	Fr.	Simi Valley, Calif. (Simi Valley HS/Waller's GymJam Academy)
Madison Kocian	5-3	Sr.	Dallas, Texas (Spring Creek Academy/WOGA)
Savannah Kooyman	5-3	Jr.	Laguna Hills, Calif. (Aliso Niguel HS/Precision Gymnastics)
Gracie Kramer	5-3	Sr.	San Clemente, Calif. (JSerra Catholic HS/Wildfire Gymnastics)
Chloe Lashbrooke	5-4	Fr.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Chaparral HS/Gold Medal Gymnastics)
Kendal Poston	5-0	Jr.	Foothill Ranch, Calif. (Trabuco Hills HS/Azarian Gymnastics)
Kyla Ross	5-7	Sr.	Aliso Viejo, Calif. (Aliso Niguel HS/Gym-Max)
Samantha Sakti	5-0	So.	Arcadia, Calif. (Arcadia HS/William & Mary/All Olympia Gymnastics Center)
Mercedes Sanchez	5-5	Sr.	Agoura Hills, Calif. (Agoura HS/Matrix Gymnastics)
Nicki Shapiro	5-1	R-Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Santa Monica HS/All Olympia Gymnastics Center)
Kalyany Steele	5-2	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Colorado Connections Academy/Colorado Aerials)
Sara Taubman	5-3	So.	Fairfax, Calif. (Sir Francis Drake HS/Head Over Heels)
Macy Toronjo	4-11	R-Sr.	Huntsville, Texas (Coppell HS/Texas Dreams)
Pauline Tratz	5-7	Jr.	Karlsruhe, Germany (Otto-Hahn Gymnasium/Kunstturn Region Karlsruhe)
Sekai Wright	5-6	So.	Paramount, Calif. (Paramount HS/American Gymnastics Academy)

COACHING STAFF

Chris Waller	Head Coach (1st season/18th overall)	UCLA '91
Kristina Comforte	Associate Head Coach (1st season)	UCLA '10
Dom Palange	Assistant Coach (1st season/5th overall)	
BJ Das	Volunteer Assistant Coach (1st season)	Washington '06

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Emma Andres	AWN-drayss	Kalyany Steele	KAH-lee-AH-nee
Nia Dennis.....	KNEE-uh	Macy Toronjo	toe-RON-joe
Margzetta Frazier	Marg-ZETTA	Pauline Tratz	paw-LEAN-uh TRAHTZ
Felicia Hano	HA-no	Sekai Wright	suh-KAI
Madison Kocian	CO-shun	Kristina Comforte	come-FORTY
Savannah Kooyman.....	COY-mun	Dom Palange	puh-LANGE-ee
Kendal Poston.....	POST-un	BJ Das	DAHS
Samantha Sakti	SOCK-tee		