BRUIN TRADITION



◀ 1940 UCLA Baseball
Jackie Robinson spent the 1940 season playing baseball at UCLA. Robinson (far left, top row) played his first game on March 10, 1940. He finished his career at UCLA as the school's first four-sport letterwinner (baseball, football, basketball, track and field).

▼ Gary Adams
UCLA's all-time winningest head coach (below, center), Gary Adams led the Bruins to the 1997 College World Series. That season, UCLA overcame an early loss in NCAA Regional action by winning its next five games in dominating fashion. Adams played at UCLA from 1959-62.



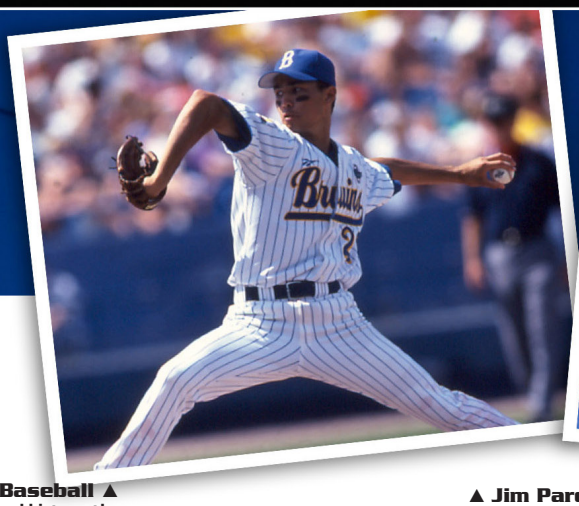
▲ Paul Ellis
Shown here being congratulated by his teammtes, Paul Ellis (#19) served as the Bruins' starting catcher in 1989 and 1990. He was a consensus first-team All-America selection and Diviion I ABCA Player of the Year honoree in 1990.



Bob Andrews ▶
Playing under head coach Art Reichle, Bob Andrews pitched for UCLA from 1948-50 when the Bruins were members of the CIBA.



▲ 2010 UCLA Baseball
The Bruins posted a program-best 51-17 record in 2010, closing the season with UCLA's first-ever trip to the finals of the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. Anchored by starting pitchers Gerrit Cole, Trevor Bauer and Rob Rasmussen, the Bruins took down Cal State Fullerton in the Super Regionals to advance to the College World Series.





2012 UCLA Baseball ▲
Led by the winningest junior class in school history, the 2012 UCLA Baseball team advanced to their second College World Series in three years. The Bruins swept all three games in the Los Angeles Regional before knocking off TCU in the Los Angeles Super Regional.

▲ Jim Parque
Among the top pitchers in the nation in 1997, Parque posted a career 25-11 record with a 3.55 ERA in 334.2 innings (1995-97). He was an integral member of UCLA's 1997 College World Series team.

Dan Guerrero ▶
An infielder on UCLA's baseball team from 1971-73, Guerrero has served as UCLA's Athletic Director since 2002.



▼ Chris Chambliss
Chambliss led UCLA to its first-ever College World Series in 1969, posting a team-high .340 batting average with 15 home runs.

2000 UCLA Baseball ▶
UCLA's 2000 team advanced to the NCAA Super Regional in Baton Rouge with the help of (left to right) Chase Utley, Chad Cislak and Bill Scott. The Bruins won the 2000 Oklahoma City Regional that spring.





◀ Garrett Atkins
Among the best hitters to ever play at UCLA, Garrett Atkins posted a school freshman season record .383 batting average in 1998. Two years later, Atkins teammed with Chase Utley to lead UCLA to the 2000 NCAA Super Regional at LSU. The Bruins swept three games at the NCAA Oklahoma City Regional.

▼ 2007 UCLA Baseball
Backed by three standout starting pitching efforts, the 2007 UCLA team swept the NCAA Long Beach Regional, earning its first Super Regional appearance since 2000.





▲ Todd Zeile
One of the premiere major leaguers of the 1990s, Zeile batted .331 with 26 homers and 94 RBI for UCLA from 1984-86. Zeile captured All-Pac-10 team honors in 1986, as UCLA advanced to NCAA Regional action at Jackie Robinson Stadium.



1944 – CIBA CHAMPIONS

16-12 overall, 5-3 CIBA (1st Place)

Led by head coach A.J. Sturzenegger, the 1944 Bruins claimed both the Southern California Interscholastic Baseball Association and the California Interscholastic Association titles. No UCLA team had finished with a first-place league standing since 1924. In the words of Sturzenegger, his 1944 squad was "one of the best fielding and hitting teams of Bruin history."

Team captain and shortstop Bob Brown led UCLA with the bat and anchored the infield before later becoming the president of Major League Baseball's American League. Pitcher Burt Avedon and catcher Dave Fainer provided the Bruins with a veteran battery combination, while pitcher Nick Russin, outfielders Lyle Palmer and Mike Knauff, and first baseman Jack Myers added some pop to a hard-hitting lineup. Rounding out the infield were third baseman Don Reaume and second baseman Ken Proctor. Warren Hayes was the third member of the outfield. UCLA's pitching staff revolved around starters Frank Freericks and "Doc Mason," in addition to Avedon. The bullpen included Sid Gilmore, Baker Garrison, Jack Porter and John Derdivanis. The Bruins ended the season with a four-game win streak, including two over California and two against USC.



1944 UCLA BRUINS – standing (left to right): Coach A.J. Sturzenegger, Jack Porter, Bobby Brown, Jack "Moose" Myers, Dave Fainer, Trainer "Ducky" Drake. Kneeling: Warren Hayes, Frank Frericks, Miller, Hal Holman, John Derdivanis, Burt Avedon, Manager Dave Tomlinson. Sitting: Wally Finch, Don Reume, Nick Russin, Lyle Palmer, Ritzman, Mike Knauff. (not pictured: Sid Gilmore).

1969 – FIRST COLLEGE WORLD SERIES TRIP

42-12-1, 17-4 Pac-8 (1st Place)

Led by future major league star Chris Chambliss, the 1969 UCLA baseball team became the first Bruin squad to reach the College World Series. UCLA finished the season with A 42-12-1 record, losing two heartbreakers at the College World Series in extra innings. Chambliss, who played first base, batted .340 and set a then-school record with 15 home runs, including 10 in conference play. Shortstop Gary Sanserino batted .302 with 10 home runs, establishing a then-school record 19 stolen bases. UCLA's pitching staff was led by sophomore right-hander Rick Pope, who compiled an 8-0 record and a 1.60 ERA in a team-leading 95.1 innings. Senior right-hander Jim York pitched in a team-high 27 games, collecting 70 strikeouts and 24 walks in 60.2 innings. UCLA's march to Omaha, Neb., in 1969 began with consecutive shutout victories as the Bruins won 16 of their first 17 games. After opening Pac-8 play with back-to-back losses, UCLA won 17 of its final 19 conference games to secure a 17-4 Pac-8 mark. UCLA entered a best-of-three NCAA Regional having won its previous 11 contests, all in Pac-8 play. The Bruins dispatched of Santa Clara in the NCAA Regional, winning by scores of 7-5 and 2-1. In the College World Series, UCLA fell to Tulsa, 6-5, in 10 innings. The Bruins were eliminated the following day, dropping a 2-1 decision in 12 innings to Arizona State.

THE 1970s – 330-248-2 (.571)

1970 – 26-24-1, 8-7 Pac-8 (3rd Place)

Despite winning just one of their first seven games, the 1970 UCLA ballclub posted a winning record and finished second in the Pac-8. reins. Following the opening 1-6 skid, UCLA rebounded to win seven of its next eight games. Early non-conference wins against Cal Poly, San Dlego State and Long Beach State boosted the Bruins' record as UCLA hovered around the .500 plateau most of the spring. Junior shortstop Ralph Punaro led the Bruins in Pac-8 play, posting a .356 average. Sophomore Earl Altshuler registered a .390 batting average in limited action (32-for-82 at the plate).

1971 – 38-17, 11-6 Pac-8 (3rd Place)

The 1971 season marked the fourth season in UCLA's last five in which the Bruins won 35 games or more. UCLA won 10 of its first 15 games that spring, posting a 13-0 shutout victory against Cal Poly Pomona in the season opener. Two days later, UCLA routed the College of Sequoias, 30-0. The Bruins opened Pac-8 play winning three of the first four contests, including a win at home against Stanford followed by two victories against California. UCLA continued rolling through their conference late in May, posting two-game series sweeps at Washington and Washington State.

1972 – 32-33-1, 4-14 Pac-8 (4th Place)

UCLA's 1972 ballclub featured a mid-season nine-game win streak quickly followed by a nine-game losing skid. After hovering near .500 through the first 14 games, the Bruins won 14 of their next 15 to boast a 20-8-1 ledger by March 23. UCLA hit an April swoon, dropping 19 of its next 23 games and sending its record to a pedestrian 24-26-1. Senior outfielder Earl Altshuler led the Bruins at the plate with a .379 batting average along with six home runs, 33 RBI and 45 runs. UCLA's pitching staff posted a 3.79 team ERA as Steve Smith (1.69 ERA, 63.2 IP), Gary Robson (2.84 ERA, 107.2 IP) and Bruce Baranick (3.05 ERA, 62.0 IP) led the club on the bump.



Arthur Reichle (head coach 1941, 1946-74)

1973 – 29-24, 7-11 Pac-8 (3rd Place)

The Bruins opened 1973 with wins in 11 of their first 16 games, boasting a 26-13 mark midway through conference play. UCLA took two of three games from Stanford at Sawtelle Field and picked up a series victory at California later that month. The Bruins improved their resume, notching non-conference wins over Pepperdine, Cal State L.A., UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly Pomona. However, the Bruins good fortune ran out in May, as UCLA dropped 11 of its final 14 contests. Bill Hobbs and Tim Doerr led the Bruins offensively – Hobbs batted .356 and Doerr hit at a .348 clip. Bob Adams led the club with 13 home runs, 48 RBI and 10 stolen bases.

1974 – 26-35, 7-11 Pac-8 (4th Place)

In the final year of his 30-year tenure at UCLA, head coach Arthur Reichle led the 1974 Bruins to a fourth-place Pac-8 finish. After opening the season 0-11, the Bruins rebounded to win 11 games in a 14-game window through February and March. Midway through April, UCLA crawled to within three games of the .500 mark (21-24) with series sweeps of Gonzaga and Stanford. In Pac-8 play, the Bruins rolled to series victories against California and Stanford. Second baseman Mike Edwards led UCLA with 14 home runs, 42 RBI and 12 stolen bases. Steve Bianchi posted a 9-4 record, totaling 52 strikeouts in a team-high 96.2 innings.

1975 – 31-22, 7-11 Pac-8 (3rd Place)

A new era of UCLA baseball began as former Bruin captain Gary Adams took over the reins in 1975. Adams, who inherited a squad that finished 26-35 in 1974, guided the 1975 Bruins to a 31-22 mark. UCLA began its season with a first start, winning 11 of the first 13 games and compiling a 28-14 record before hitting a late-season slump. A trio of UCLA outfielders – senior Steve Connors and juniors Venoy Garrison and Dave Penniall – led the Bruins at the plate. Garrison posted a team-high .344 batting average, collecting seven home runs and 37 RBI in 50 games. Connors had the second-highest average (.306) among UCLA's everyday players and contributed 12 doubles and 30 RBI in 44 games. Penniall, who transferred from Glendale Junior College that season, batted .301 with nine doubles, three home runs and 35 runs. Junior right-hander Ed Cowan anchored UCLA's rotation, totaling 109 strikeouts and a 9-3 record in a team-high 121.1 innings.

1976 – 35-25, 16-8 CIBA (1st Place)

The 1976 UCLA baseball team captured the program's first conference title since 1969, defeating crosstown rival USC on the final day of the season to secure the CIBA crown. In a game dubbed "The Miracle of Sawtelle Field", UCLA defeated the Trojans by scoring three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning. Unfortunately for the 1976 Bruins, the CIBA champion did not earn an automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament, and UCLA was not invited to play in Region 8 postseason play as an at-large selection (Northern Colorado earned an at-large berth). A school-record six Bruins earned All-CIBA Team honors after the season. Junior Robbie Henderson led all Bruin regulars with a .302 average, swatted nine home runs, and finished in a three-way tie for the team lead with 37 RBI. UCLA's starting rotation featured seniors Steve Bianchi (5-3, 3.86) and Ed Cowan (10-2, 3.50) and sophomore Tim O'Neill (7-4, 3.21). Speed on the basepaths emerged as a pivotal weapon for the Bruins that spring, as UCLA swiped a then-school record 125 bases (later broken in 1992).

1977 – 31-30, 10-8 Pac-8 (2nd Place)

After losing 12 lettermen from the 1976 team, UCLA surprised many by finishing with a respectable 31-30 mark. The Bruins recorded three-game series sweeps in Pac-8 play against California and Stanford before finishing their conference slate at 10-8. Catcher Dennis Delany and outfielder Dave Baker helped provide the most power in UCLA's lineup that spring. Delany registered 11 homers and 37 RBI, while sporting a team-best .339 average, and Baker belted 10 homers and compiled a team-leading 43 RBI. UCLA's pitching staff registered a combined 4.14 ERA, as junior right-handers Tim O'Neill and Floyd Chiffer led the way. O'Neill went 6-7 with a 4.00 ERA, posting team-highs of 62 strikeouts and 117.0 innings. Chiffer compiled a 5-2 mark, totaling 61 strikeouts in 86.2 innings.

1978 – 39-20, 9-9 Pac-8 (2nd Place)

The "Baby Bruins" showed signs of maturity, as UCLA finished with 39 wins, the fifth-highest win total in school history (second-highest at the time). The Bruins returned 16 letterwinners and finished second in the conference for the second straight season. UCLA narrowly missed earning a berth in the NCAA Tournament. In a one-game Pac-8 Conference playoff game at Stanford's Sunken Diamond, Washington State clubbed a three-run walkoff homer with two outs in the bottom of the ninth to end UCLA's season. The Bruins were able to force the one-game playoff by salvaging the final game of a three-game series against USC in the final contest of the regular season. After dropping the series opener, 1-0, and losing the second game, 7-6, UCLA responded by edging the Trojans, 9-8. Individual highlights that season included right-hander Floyd Chiffer's dominant senior campaign. Chiffer, who posted the the lowest ERA in Pac-8 competition (1.60), finished the year with an 11-3 record and 84 striekouts in a team-best 120.0 innings. Sophomore right-hander Tim Leary went 5-5 in 17 games (13 starts), recording a team-best 88 strikeouts and a 3.42 ERA in 94.2 innings. Offensively, UCLA stole 101 bases, the fifth-highest total in school history. Junior outfielder Mike Carpenter catalyzed UCLA at the plate with a team-leading .343 batting average and 36 stolen bases.

1979 – 43-18, 21-9 Pac-10 (1st Place)

With the addition of Arizona and Arizona State to the conference, the Pac-10 Southern Division (6-Pac) became the toughest league in college baseball. The frustrations of 1977 and 1978 were erased, as UCLA cruised through the conference and earned the automatic playoff berth as Pac-10 Champions. UCLA recorded its best record since 1969 and competed in the West Regional at Fresno State, finishing second to eventual NCAA Champion Cal State Fullerton. The Bruins won their first three games to earn a berth in the finals before losing a doubleheader to Cal State Fullerton. Highlights of the season included UCLA's first-ever three game sweep of USC and being ranked No. 1 in the nation by *Collegiate Baseball*.

The Bruins rewrote the school record book, led by *Sporting News* All-America selections Tim Leary and Jim Auten. Leary set then-school records with 145.2 innings, 12 wins, and eight conference wins (since tied). He was the second player picked in the 1979 MLB Draft, the highest pick in school history. Auten set a then-NCAA record with 29 home runs and established a then-school record with 78 RBI. Catcher Don Slaught, who was selected an Academic All-American along with Leary, broke the UCLA batting average record and won the Pac-10 batting title with a .428 overall mark. The Bruins set a school record with a .320 overall batting average (that record was broken in 1997). UCLA had eight players taken in the MLB draft, the highest total in the nation that season. Six of those eight later saw action in the big leagues.

THE 1980s – 317-278-6 (.532)

1980 – 31-22-3, 15-15 Pac-10 (3rd Place)

Despite having to replace two All-Americans (Tim Leary, Jim Auten) from their 1979 team, the 1980 Bruins managed to compete for the Pac-10 title until the season's final weekend. Due to unfinished construction at Jackie Robinson Stadium, the Bruins practiced on the school's intramural field and played their "home" games at Pepperdine in 1980. UCLA compiled a winning record for the sixth straight season, finishing two games behind conference co-champions California and Arizona. The pitching staff posted a 3.55 ERA, as UCLA won eight of its final 10 games, including wins in the season's final three games against USC. Junior right-hander Eric Broersma hurled two complete games, going 10-2 with a team-low 2.24 ERA in 17 games (14 starts). Senior left-hander Herb Fauland tallied a team-best 10 saves, recording 40 strikeouts and a 2.91 ERA in 58.2 innings. Six Bruins were selected in the MLB Draft that year, including second-rounder Matt Young (Seattle).

1981 – 21-35, 7-23 Pac-10 (6th Place)

The good news was that UCLA opened up newly built Jackie Robinson Stadium in 1981, but the bad news was that the Bruins suffered through their first losing season since 1974. UCLA's 21-man traveling roster featured seven freshmen that season. Outfielder Vince Beringhele had a strong freshman campaign, finishing second on the team with a .337 average. He totaled three homers, 22 RBI and 39 runs and drew a team-high 45 walks. First baseman Greg Norman provided the power, registering team-highs with nine home runs, 47 RBI and 42 runs. Senior outfielder David Montanari led the Bruins with a .374 average, starting all but two contests. UCLA won 11 of its final 21 games, including a conference series victory at Stanford.

1982 – 38-27, 11-19 Pac-10 (4th Place)

In 1982, UCLA rebounded with its seventh winning season in eight years, finishing 11 games over the .500 plateau. UCLA jumped out to a 13-1 start, rising as high as No. 3 in national polls. The Bruins won 17 of their first 21 games before finishing the season with 21 wins in their final 44 contests. The team's early-season success was fueled by a 10-game win streak in February. Midway through the spring, UCLA dropped out of the polls before finishing fourth in the Pac-10. Outfielder Brian Graham earned All-Pac-10 Southern Division Team accolades, having logged team highs in batting average (.337), hits (85), stolen bases (22) and at-bats (251). Outfielder Vince Beringhele followed his successful freshman campaign with an equally strong sophomore season, batting .338 with three home runs, 13 doubles and 61 RBI. Senior left-hander Colin Ward led the starting pitchers with a 4.51 ERA in a team-high 121.2 innings.

1983 – 28-24-1, 12-18 Pac-10 (5th Place)

UCLA finished fifth in the Pac-10's Southern Division after having improved its conference win total by one game. The Bruins batted at a combined .320, tying the then-school record. Outfielder Shane Mack had a strong sophomore campaign, leading UCLA with a .419 batting average, the second highest single-season mark in program history at the time (currently, fourth). Mack, a future major league ballplayer, earned first-team All-America honors from Baseball America and the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA), after leading the Bruins in home runs (11), RBI (60), hits (88), runs (54) and total bases (138). UCLA sustained a winning record throughout the season, reaching as high as nine wins over .500 twice (17-8-1). The Bruins won two of three Pac-10 games at Arizona State in March and captured four wins in five games against California. Sophomore right-hander Jeff Pries tossed two complete game shutouts, a feat that would not be duplicated by a UCLA pitcher until 2008 (Tim Murphy). Pries finished the season with a 7-6 record and 4.46 ERA in 19 games (18 starts).



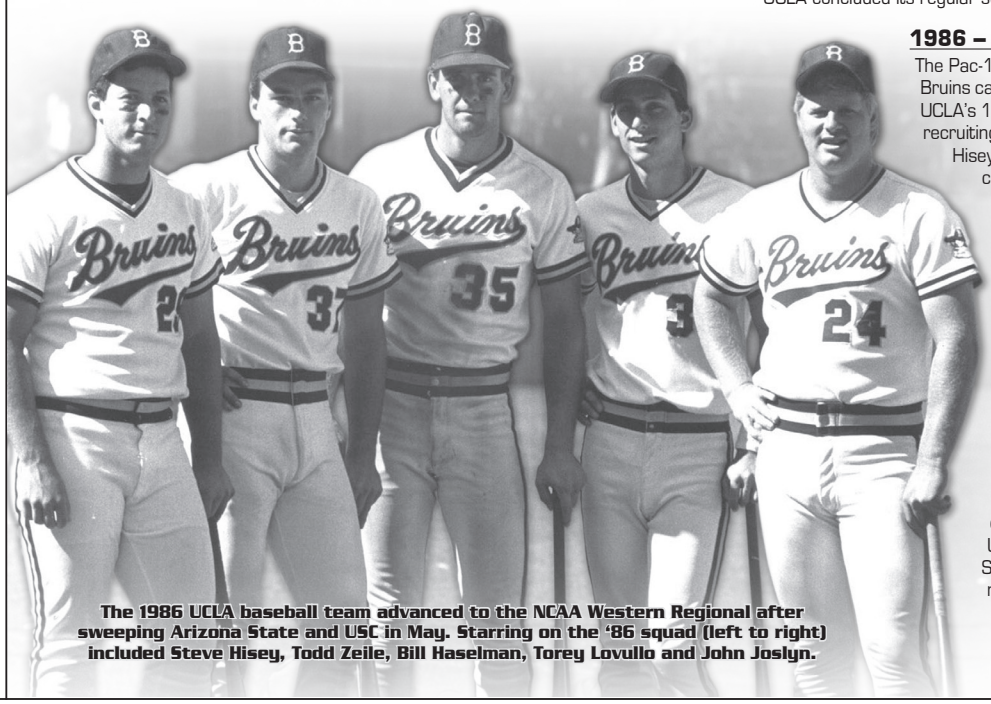
Eric Karros, a three-year Bruin letterwinner (1986-88), set the Los Angeles Dodgers' career home run record with 270 round-trippers.

1984 – 28-32, 8-22 Pac-10 (6th Place)

For the second straight spring, junior Shane Mack's phenomenal play highlighted UCLA's season. Mack captured first-team All-America honors for the second consecutive year before leading the USA Olympic Baseball Team to a silver-medal finish at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Mack finished UCLA's 1984 campaign with a team-leading 16 home runs and 36 RBI, hitting at a .352 clip. Despite the team's vaunted "Mack Attack," UCLA finished 28-32 with a sixth-place finish in the Pac-10's Southern Division, marking just the second losing season in head coach Gary Adams' 15 years at the helm. Right-hander Jeff Pries followed his strong sophomore season with a valient effort as a junior, hurling three complete games (including one shutout) while logging a 5-5 record and 4.01 ERA in 15 games (14 starts).

1985 – 34-30-1, 13-17 Pac-10 (5th Place)

UCLA finished the season with a winning record, as the Bruins were bolstered by the strong play of sophomore catcher Todd Zeile, junior designated hitter John Joslyn and junior first baseman Gary Berman. Zeile assumed starting catching duties and finished the season with a .333 average in 54 games, totaling a team-high 12 home runs. Joslyn led UCLA with a .370 average in 57 games, and Berman batted .301 in a team-high 232 at-bats. Season highlights included winning four of six games from College World Series participant Arizona, capturing five of six games from USC, defeating Arizona State for the first time in 15 tries (winning a three-game series in Los Angeles), and knocking then-No. 1 Stanford out of the top spot by winning one and losing two close games at Sunken Diamond in Palo Alto, Calif. UCLA concluded its regular season with seven wins in its final 10 contests.



The 1986 UCLA baseball team advanced to the NCAA Western Regional after sweeping Arizona State and USC in May. Starring on the '86 squad (left to right) included Steve Hisey, Todd Zeile, Bill Haselman, Torey Lovullo and John Joslyn.

1986 – 39-23, 21-9 Pac-10 (1st Place)

The Pac-10 title returned to UCLA for the first time since 1979, as the Bruins captured the 1986 conference crown with a 21-9 Pac-10 mark. UCLA's 1984 freshman class that had been rated as the nation's No. 2 recruiting class by *Collegiate Baseball* (Torey Lovullo, Todd Zeile, Steve Hisey, Bill Wenrick, and Dana Ridenour) matured to help produce a conference champion. Jackie Robinson Stadium served as host for the NCAA West Regional, where the Bruins dropped their first two postseason games. Loyola Marymount emerged as the Regional Champion, defeating Hawaii to secure a berth in the College World Series.

After 35 games, UCLA owned a 7-4 Pac-10 record and a 22-13 overall mark. The Bruins won 11 of their final 13 regular-season games, including their last seven. Lovullo captured Pac-10 Co-Player of the Year honors with Sanchez after totaling 16 home runs and 65 RBI while posting a .317 batting average. Sanchez led all Pac-10 pitchers with a 16-3 overall record, including an 8-1 mark against Pac-10 foes. He struck out 142 batters in 139.1 innings, the top mark in the conference that spring. In Pac-10 play, Sanchez won his last seven decisions, throwing a complete game victory against each conference team. For the first time in seven seasons, UCLA led the Pac-10 in home runs (103). The Bruins' "Bomb Squad" (pictured below) featured five players who belted 10 or more home runs – Nos. 2 through 6 in the lineup consisted of Torey Lovullo (16), Billy Haselman (11), John Joslyn (18), Steve Hisey (14) and catcher Todd Zeile (13).

1987 – 40-25-1, 16-14 Pac-10 (2nd Place)

UCLA finished second in the Pac-10's Southern Division, going 40-25-1 with an appearance in the the NCAA West II Regional Final at Arizona State. The Bruins soared as high as 19 games over .500 at several points in the spring before playing five games in NCAA Regional play. UCLA advanced to the Regional Final against host Arizona State with a series-opening victory against Hawaii, 12-11. Following a 9-3 loss to the Sun Devils one day later, UCLA registered two wins in one day – versus Hawaii (16-7) and Pepperdine (21-5) – to force a winner-take-all contest against Arizona State. The Sun Devils ended the Bruins' season before over 8,000 fans with a 14-4 win on May 25.

Senior Torey Lovullo became the first player in conference history to repeat as Pac-10 Player of the Year. The Bruins' veteran second baseman also became the program's first-ever consensus All-America selection (ABCA, Baseball America, Sporting News). Lovullo broke the then-school career records in at-bats (856), hits (266), runs (211), home runs (51), RBI (188) and walks (180, still stands as UCLA record). That spring, UCLA led the Pac-10 in home runs, breaking the previous league record with 116 round-trippers. The Bruins also tied a then-NCAA record with 10 grand slams. By season's end, Billy Haselman (Texas) and Alex Sanchez (Toronto) were both selected in the first round of the MLB Draft.

1988 – 31-28, 12-18 Pac-10 (5th Place)

Limited pitching depth hindered UCLA from making its third straight appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 1988. The Bruins finished with a 5.30 team ERA and narrowly missed a third-consecutive postseason berth, as fourth-place USC advanced to NCAA Regional play with a 13-17 conference mark. UCLA won eight of its first 10 games, pushing its ledger to 28-20 late in the season. Senior left-hander Mike Magnante compiled a 14-4 overall record and 3.93 ERA in a team-high 137.1 innings, earning All-Pac-10 team honors and Academic All-America accolades. Junior first baseman Eric Karros Karros used a terrific second half to establish a then-single-season record of 100 hits. The future major leaguer posted team-highs with a .415 average, 17 home runs and 54 RBI. Karros won the Pac-10 batting crown and earned All-Pac-10 honors before being selected in the sixth round of the 1988 MLB Draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers.

1989 – 27-32, 10-20 Pac-10 (5th Place)

UCLA dropped its first eight Pac-10 games and never recovered in the spring of 1989. In just the third losing season in the Adams' era, injuries and illnesses took a toll on the Bruins, as 14 of 27 players missed at least one week of action due to illness or injury. One of the most devastating losses was Charlie Fiacco, the team's home run and RBI leader. Fiacco missed the final 18 games with torn ligaments in his right knee. The pitching staff's 4.54 ERA marked the ballclub's lowest since 1980, when the Bruins compiled a 3.55 mark. UCLA's 113 steals were the most by a Bruin ballclub since 1976, when UCLA recorded 120 steals. Six Bruins finished the season with at least 10 stolen bases, as Robbie Katzaroff led the way on the basepaths for UCLA, swiping 33 bases.

THE 1990s – 331-282-1 (.540)

1990 – 41-26, 14-16 Pac-10 (4th Place)

A season full of surprises, UCLA's 1990 campaign marked just the fourth 40-win season in program history at the time (two since). Ranked in just one preseason poll (No. 20 by The Sporting News), UCLA compiled 41 wins, its most in one season since 1979. The Bruins finished third in the six-team Midwest Regional at WIchita State, losing to eventual regional champion Georgia Southern, 5-4, on the final day of the tournament. A starting rotation that featured Dave Zancanaro, Tim Lindsay and Pete Janicki developed into one of the top Pac-10 staffs. Zancanaro led the club with 11 wins and eliminated defending NCAA Champion Wichita State on its home field in the Midwest Regional. Lindsay led the club in starts (20), complete games (7) and innings pitched (149.0). His innings total led the Pac-10 and set a new UCLA record that would be eclipsed two years later by Janicki. One of the team's hottest pitchers down the stretch, Janicki won his final eight decisions and earned Freshman All-America honors from Baseball America.

Paul Ellis, Chris Pritchett, and Joel Wolfe formed the "Awesome Threesome." Ellis, the 1990 Pac-10 Co-Player of the Year, enjoyed a dream season by leading the nation with 29 home runs and tying the school record set by Jim Auten in 1979. He set a school record with 83 RBI, only to have that record broken one year later by Ryan McGuire. Ellis became only the second player in league history to hit at least one home run in every Pac-10 ballpark (Mike Sodders of Arizona State had done so in 1981). After the season, Ellis became the second player in school history to earn consensus All-America honors (first-team All-America from Baseball America, The Sporting News and the American Baseball Coaches Association). The ABCA named Ellis the Division I College Baseball Player of the Year.

1991 – 29-30, 13-17 Pac-10 (4th Place)

UCLA had terrific performances at the Olive Garden Classic (Kissimmee, Fla.) and the Oscar Mayer Classic (Minneapolis, Minn.). UCLA won the tournament in Florida the second week of Februrary and finished in a three-way tie at the Oscar Mayer Classic during the final weekend in March. For the first time in program history, the Bruins swept Stanford at Sunken Diamond. Joel Wolfe helped key UCLA's offense, leading the team with a .345 batting average and 35 stolen bases, a single-season total that ranked second at the time. Chris Pritchett led UCLA with 18 home runs and 57 RBI before earning first-team All-Pac-10 accolades at the end of the season.

1992 – 37-26, 14-16 Pac-10 (3rd Place)

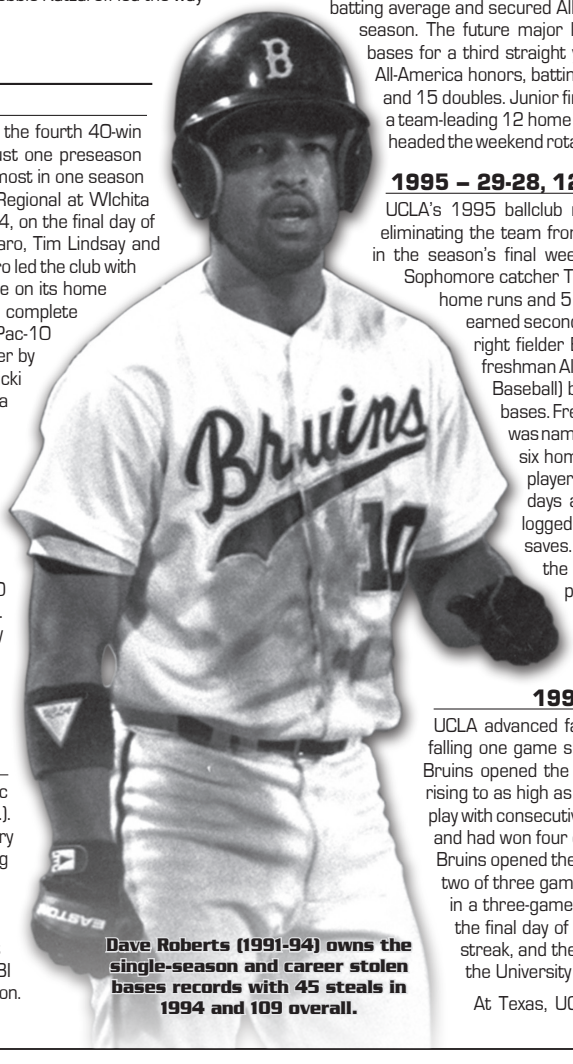
In a season filled with surprises, UCLA finished in a tie for third place in the Pac-10's Southern Division after having been selected to finish last (sixth) in the conference's preseason poll. Ranked in the top 25 through much of the season, UCLA closed the year with an NCAA Mideast Regional berth at Mississippi State. In Starkville, Miss., the Bruins came within one game of reaching the College World Series. After a dropping their first game to Oklahoma, the Bruins reboudned with wins over Clemson (6-5) and Yale (8-0). The Bruins defeated host Mississippi State, 3-2, to advance to the championship game, where they were shut down by Oklahoma, 10-0. UCLA's regular-season schedule featured 34 games came against teams which advanced to the postseason. Five of six Pac-10 Southern Division teams advanced to NCAA Regionals. UCLA's offense was led by freshman All-American Mike Mitchell (.351, 12 HR, 36 RBI) and All Pac-10 selection David Roberts (.331, 85 hits, 36 SB). Veterans Ryan McGuire (.316, 14 HR, 61 RBI) and Michael Moore (.338, 8 HR, 14 SB) impressed throughout the 1992 campaign. Pete Janicki led UCLA on the mound, earning Pac-10 Pitcher of the Year accolades with a 9-4 record, 3.53 ERA and 150 strikeouts. Gabe Sollecito made an impact as a sophomore (transfer), setting a school single-season record with 12 saves.

1993 – 37-23, 17-13 Pac-10 (2nd Place)

UCLA made its third postseason trip in four years, advancing to the NCAA Central I Regional at Texas A&M. After victories over Lamar and North Carolina, the Bruins were eliminated with losses to Texas A&M and North Carolina. Consensus All-America selection and Pac-10 Player of the Year Ryan McGuire recorded a .376 batting average, totaling 26 home runs, 91 RBI, 71 runs and 14 stolen bases. On the mound, McGuire posted a 3-0 record, two saves, 29 strikeouts and a team-best 1.73 ERA in 26.0 innings. Third baseman Adam Melhuse and second baseman David Ravitz both gained All-Pac-10 honors after having banner seasons. Melhuse batted .344 with 10 home runs and 50 RBI. Ravitz hit .324 with six home runs and a team-leading 19 doubles, establishing a school single-season record with 15 doubles in Pac-10 play. Outfielder David Roberts was one of four position players to play in all 60 games, batting .296 with 28 stolen bases in 36 attempts. Staff ace Tim Kubinski led UCLA with an 11-3 record, posting a 4.03 ERA and totaling 86 strikeouts and four complete games. Jon Van Zandt served as UCLA's second starter on the weekend, leading the Bruins with five complete games, going 7-7 with a 5.70 ERA in 17 games. Gabe Sollecito split time between the bullpen and the starting rotation, finishing the season with a 4-3 record, nine saves and a 3.94 ERA.

1994 – 22-36, 11-19 Pac-10 (5th Place)

The Bruins opened the 1994 season by losing seven of their first 11 games. UCLA inched closer to respectability, going 15-14 down the stretch, including six wins in their final eight games. Senior David Roberts became UCLA's career stolen bases leader (109), collecting a school single-season record with 45. Roberts led all Bruins that spring with a .353 batting average and secured All-Pac-10 Team honors for the third consecutive season. The future major league outfielder led the conference in stolen bases for a third straight year. Catcher Tim DeCinces earned Freshman All-America honors, batting .305 with six home runs, a team-best 48 RBI and 15 doubles. Junior first baseman Mike Mitchell hit at a .339 clip with a team-leading 12 home runs, 19 doubles and 46 RBI. Brian Stephenson headed the weekend rotation, going 5-5 with a 4.97 ERA in 105.0 innings.



Dave Roberts (1991-94) owns the single-season and career stolen bases records with 45 steals in 1994 and 109 overall.

1995 – 29-28, 12-18 Pac-10 (5th Place)

UCLA's 1995 ballclub managed just six wins in its final 17 games, eliminating the team from postseason contention. A sweep over UNLV in the season's final weekend helped push UCLA's mark above .500. Sophomore catcher Tim DeCinces led UCLA with a .315 average, 13 home runs and 51 RBI. He secured All-Pac-10 Team honors and earned second-team Smith Super Team accolades. Freshman right fielder Eric Byrnes, an All-Pac-10 Team selection and freshman All-America honoree (Baseball America, Collegiate Baseball) batted .324 with nine home runs and 18 stolen bases. Freshman first baseman and pitcher Peter Zamora was named an All-Pac-10 Team selection, hitting .295 with six home runs and 48 RBI. The top freshman two-way player belted game-winning home runs on consecutive days against Arizona (April 14, 15). Additionally, he logged a 2.76 ERA on the mound, going 3-3 with five saves. Junior third baseman Zak Ammirato finished the season riding a 19-game hitting streak. The pitching staff was led by freshman left-hander Jim Parque, who struck out 84 batters in 90 innings, placing him second in the Pac-10 in strikeouts per nine innings.

1996 – 36-28, 16-14 Pac-10 (3rd Place)

UCLA advanced farther than any West Coast ballclub in 1996, falling one game short of a trip to the College World Series. The Bruins opened the year with a preseason No. 10 ranking before rising to as high as No. 4 after a 14-6 start. UCLA opened Pac-10 play with consecutive home series wins over Stanford and California and had won four of five conference series by the end March. The Bruins opened their April slate with a sweep at California, dropped two of three games at home to Arizona and salvaged two games in a three-game set against Arizona State. A win at Nevada on the final day of the regular season snapped a five-game losing streak, and the Bruins opened the NCAA Central I Regional at the University of Texas as a No. 4 seed.

At Texas, UCLA upset the host Longhorns in both teams'

regional opener with southpaw Jim Parque on the hill. The Bruins received key at-bats from third baseman Zak Ammirato and junior catcher Tim DeCinces. After dropping game two to Southwest Missouri State, UCLA rallied twice the next day with wins over Sam Houston State (10-8) and Southwest Missouri State (9-4, 10 inn.). In the latter contest, the Bruins rallied with two runs in the eighth inning on an Ammirato homer, handing UCLA a 4-3 advantage, before Southwest Missouri State tied the contest in the ninth and loaded the bases with two outs. Junior Kevin Sheredy escaped the ninth-inning jam, and in extra innings junior outfielder Jon Heinrichs tripled home one run before DeCinces belted a grand slam. Miami upended the Bruins the following night in the Regional Final, 8-4. DeCinces caught fire in his final month as a Bruin, batting .500 (30-for-60) with nine home runs. Infielder Troy Glaus capped a memorable sophomore season with a .352 average, 16 home runs and 50 RBI before heading to the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Parque finished the season 9-3 with a 3.72 ERA and 116 strikeouts.

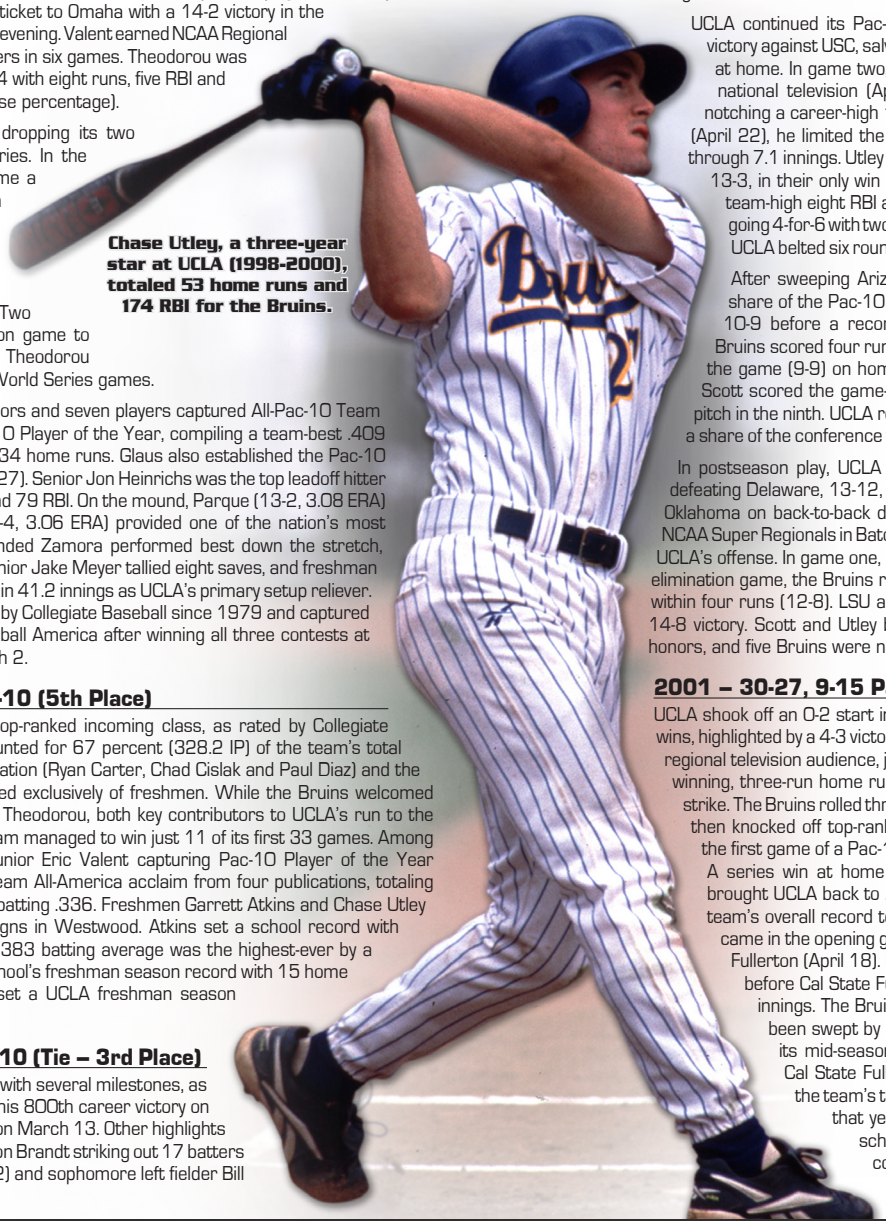
1997 – 45-21-1, 19-11 Pac-10 (2nd Place) – CWS APPEARANCE

The players from UCLA's highly-regarded 1995 recruiting class all had experience under their belts, as the Bruins opened their 1997 campaign ranked No. 2 in Collegiate Baseball's preseason poll. By season's end, UCLA had advanced to the College World Series for the second time in school history (first time since 1969), setting single-season program records in wins (45, since broken), home runs (142) and runs scored (631).

UCLA's march to Omaha began with a bang – the Bruins won 20 of their first 23 games, amassing a 20-2-1 record entering the month of March. With a powerful batting lineup bolstered by juniors Troy Glaus, Eric Byrnes, Peter Zamora and Nick Theodorou and sophomore Eric Valent, UCLA slugged its way to a 19-11 Pac-10 mark, good enough for a second-place finish. After opening conference play by winning two of three games against Arizona State, UCLA swept the Hormel Foods Classic at the Metrodome (Minneapolis, Minn.), posting double-digit run total in each of three games.

The top-seeded team in the NCAA Midwest Regional, UCLA entered postseason play with a 40-18-1 record. After dropping their first game to Harvard, 7-2, the Bruins responded in grand fashion. UCLA won five elimination games by several lopsided margins. After crushing Ohio, 15-1, the Bruins edged Tennessee, 5-3. In a rematch against Harvard, UCLA won 14-9 before making a statement against host Oklahoma State on May 25. Playing at OSU's Reynolds Stadium, the Bruins punched their ticket to Omaha with a 14-2 victory in the afternoon before winning, 22-2, that evening. Valent earned NCAA Regional MVP honors after blasting six homers in six games. Theodorou was electric at the plate, going 16-for-24 with eight runs, five RBI and five walks in six games (.714 on-base percentage).

UCLA came up short in Omaha, dropping its two contests in the College World Series. In the team's opener, the Bruins overcame a late 3-1 deficit, tying the contest with two runs in the bottom of the ninth to force extra innings. Playing as the visiting team, Miami broke the tie with a four-run 12th inning to advance in the winner's bracket. Two days later, UCLA lost an elimination game to Mississippi State, 7-5. Byrnes and Theodorou each had two hits in both College World Series games.



Chase Utley, a three-year star at UCLA (1998-2000), totaled 53 home runs and 174 RBI for the Bruins.

Five Bruins earned All-America honors and seven players captured All-Pac-10 Team accolades. Glaus was named Pac-10 Player of the Year, compiling a team-best .409 average with a conference-leading 34 home runs. Glaus also established the Pac-10 single-season total bases record (227). Senior Jon Heinrichs was the top leadoff hitter in the nation, totaling 28 homers and 79 RBI. On the mound, Parque (13-2, 3.08 ERA) and sophomore Tom Jacquez (10-4, 3.06 ERA) provided one of the nation's most powerful 1-2 punches. The left-handed Zamora performed best down the stretch, finishing with a 6-2 overall mark. Junior Jake Meyer tallied eight saves, and freshman Rob Henkel recorded 49 strikeouts in 41.2 innings as UCLA's primary setup reliever. UCLA earned its first No. 1 ranking by Collegiate Baseball since 1979 and captured its first-ever No. 1 ranking by Baseball America after winning all three contests at the Hormel Foods Classic on March 2.

1998 – 24-33, 11-19 Pac-10 (5th Place)

The 1998 Bruins welcomed the top-ranked incoming class, as rated by Collegiate Baseball. Freshman pitchers accounted for 67 percent (328.2 IP) of the team's total innings, as the Bruins' weekend rotation (Ryan Carter, Chad Cislak and Paul Diaz) and the team's closer (Bobby Roe) consisted exclusively of freshmen. While the Bruins welcomed back seniors Eric Byrnes and Nick Theodorou, both key contributors to UCLA's run to the 1997 College World Series, the team managed to win just 11 of its first 33 games. Among the season's highlights included junior Eric Valent capturing Pac-10 Player of the Year honors. Valent also secured first-team All-America acclaim from four publications, totaling a team-leading 30 home runs and batting .336. Freshmen Garrett Atkins and Chase Utley each had sensation rookie campaigns in Westwood. Atkins set a school record with a 33-game hitting streak, and his .383 batting average was the highest-ever by a freshman at UCLA. Utley set the school's freshman season record with 15 home runs, and left-hander Bobby Roe set a UCLA freshman season record with seven saves.

1999 – 31-31, 13-11 Pac-10 (Tie – 3rd Place)

The Bruins' 1999 campaign began with several milestones, as head coach Gary Adams recorded his 800th career victory on Feb. 6 and his 1,000th career win on March 13. Other highlights included sophomore right-hander Jon Brandt striking out 17 batters in a loss to McNeese State (Feb. 12) and sophomore left fielder Bill Scott setting school records with four homers, 11 RBI and 17 total bases at Washington (March 30). UCLA's tide turned after the team suffered its eight straight loss at California (April 2). The next day, the Bruins won 13-10, scoring nine runs in the top of the ninth. Consecutive wins at No. 10 Arkansas (April 6, 7) and sweeps of Arizona State (April 16-18), for the first time since 1986, and Washington State (April 23-25), helped propel UCLA within striking distance of an NCAA Tournament berth.

UCLA finished the regular season tied for third place in the Pac-10, earning a berth in the NCAA Wichita Regional (first year of Super Regional format). Freshman right-hander Josh Karp pitched brilliantly in his playoff debut, and Scott homered for the seventh consecutive game (school record and tie for Pac-10 reecord) as UCLA beat Oklahoma State, 12-6. The next day, injured ace Jon Brandt went the distance in a 4-2 loss to host Wichita State. Forced to rematch Oklahoma State later that day, the Bruins fell to the eventual regional champs, 17-10, despite Scott's two home runs. Scott finished the season leading UCLA with a .380 batting average, 28 home runs, 86 RBI and a staggering .806 slugging percentage. Karp went 8-3 on the season with a 4.26 ERA, collecting 109 strikeouts in 107.1 innings.

THE 2000s – 298-298 (.500)

2000 – 38-26, 17-7 Pac-10 (Three-way tie – 1st Place)

In the spring of 2000, UCLA captured its first Pac-10 title since 1986 and advanced to the NCAA Super Regionals in the second year of college baseball's new postseason format. Led by All-America selections Garrett Atkins, Bill Scott, Chase Utley and Forrest Johnson, the Bruins began their 2000 campaign in grand style, as first baseman Eric Reece became the first UCLA ballplayer to hit for the cycle on Opening Day. UCLA won six of its first seven games and was ranked as high as No. 2 in the national polls.

After a slump that saw UCLA lose nine of 10 contests, the Bruins fought back to win 20 of their next 25 games. In that 25-game span, left-hander Rob Henkel set a UCLA record by striking out 16 batters in consecutive appearances (against Bradley and Harvard) to earn National Player of the Week honors. Henkel fanned a school-record 18 batters in the team's Pac-10 opener against Washington, capturing National Player of the Week honors again. The Huskies snapped UCLA's eight-game win streak, but the Bruins continued to cruise with wins in nine of their next 11 games.

UCLA continued its Pac-10 slate with a three-game series victory against USC, salvaging the second and third contests at home. In game two, UCLA routed the Trojans, 15-5, on national television (April 8). Karp pitched a three-hitter, notching a career-high 12 strikeouts. Against Arizona State (April 22), he limited the heavy-hitting Sun Devils to two hits through 7.1 innings. Utley hit two home runs to lead the Bruins, 13-3, in their only win over Arizona State. Scott drove in a team-high eight RBI against Washington State (April 30), going 4-for-6 with two homers and one triple in a 14-1 rout. UCLA belted six round-trippers against California (May 6).

After sweeping Arizona (may 13-15), UCLA secured a share of the Pac-10 title on May 19, defeating Stanford, 10-9 before a record crowd at Sunken Diamond. The Bruins scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh, tying the game (9-9) on home runs by Utley and Jim Hemming. Scott scored the game-winning run on a bases loaded wild pitch in the ninth. UCLA registered a 17-7 Pac-10 record and a share of the conference title with Stanford and Arizona State.

In postseason play, UCLA swept the Oklahoma City Regional, defeating Delaware, 13-12, in the opening game, before routing Oklahoma on back-to-back days. LSU awaited the Bruins at the NCAA Super Regionals in Baton Rouge, La., and the Tigers silenced UCLA's offense. In game one, LSU blanked the Bruins, 10-0. In the elimination game, the Bruins rallied from a 10-0 deficit, clawing to within four runs (12-8). LSU advanced to Omaha with an eventual 14-8 victory. Scott and Utley both secured first-team All-America honors, and five Bruins were named to the All-Pac-10 Team.

2001 – 30-27, 9-15 Pac-10 (7th Place)

UCLA shook off an 0-2 start in 2001 to reel off eight consecutive wins, highlighted by a 4-3 victory over No. 1 USC (Feb. 16). Before a regional television audience, junior Adam Berry smashed a game-winning, three-run home run to left with UCLA down to its final strike. The Bruins rolled through their non-conference schedule, then knocked off top-ranked Stanford at Sunken Diamond in the first game of a Pac-10 series to improve to 21-9 overall. A series win at home against Washington (April 12-14) brought UCLA back to .500 in Pac-10 play and pushed the team's overall record to 25-12. The season's turning point came in the opening game of a road trip at No. 1 Cal State Fullerton (April 18). UCLA let an eight-run lead slip away, before Cal State Fullerton claimed an 11-10 win in 14 innings. The Bruins went 0-8 on the road trip, having been swept by Kansas State and USC. UCLA broke its mid-season skid by winning the rematch with Cal State Fullerton (May 9), by a 9-3 margin for the team's third victory over a No. 1-ranked team that year. Senior Brian Baron registered a school-record .443 batting average and collected 105 hits, earning first-team

All-America honors from Baseball Weekly, Collegiate Baseball and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers' Association. Junior Josh Karp led the pitching staff in victories (5), innings (80.0) and strikeouts (92), before being selected sixth overall in the first round of the 2001 MLB Draft. Sophomore Kevin Jerkens topped the Pac-10 with 31 relief appearances.

2002 – 26-35, 9-15 Pac-10 (Tie – 7th Place)

UCLA opened its 2002 season with a loss to UC Irvine's reinstated baseball program before winning two of three contests each against Gonzaga and Florida Atlantic. The series with Florida Atlantic began a five-game winning streak, including a three-game sweep at Hawaii-Hilo. UCLA won six of nine games through the first two weeks of March, including two wins at 2001 College World Series participant Tulane. Having hovered near the .500 plateau through the first 25 games, the Bruins entered a six-game skid from which they never recovered. UCLA pulled its record to 25-29 with two weeks to go in the season before closing the year 26-35. Outfielder Adam Berry and first baseman Wes Whisler led the Pac-10 with 18 home runs. In fact, Whisler set the school record for home runs in a season by a freshman. Berry was named a semifinalist for the Dick Howser Award, an honor awarded to the nation's top collegiate baseball player. A standout at the plate and on the mound in 2002, Whisler earned Pac-10 Freshman of the Year accolades and was named to Baseball America and Collegiate Baseball's All-Freshman teams. Ben Francisco (.368, 6 HR, 37 RBI) and Rashad Parker (.286, 4 HR, 14 RBI) were both selected in the 2002 MLB Draft.

2003 – 28-31, 11-13 Pac-10 (Tie – 5th Place)

Similar to 2002, the Bruins had trouble putting together wins on a consistent basis, reaching a three-game win streak just once. After opening the year with a 17-16 mark through, UCLA never again kept its record over the .500 plateau. At the Dominos Pizza Aggie Baseball Classic, UCLA went 3-3 with a second-place finish behind host institution Texas A&M. Playing at the Kia Baseball Bash at Cal State Fullerton one week later, UCLA defeated defending national champion Texas, 13-2, before routing Tulane, 12-2, the following day. A seven-game losing streak dropped UCLA out of reach of the Pac-10 title during the first two weeks in April. The Bruins ended their skid at No. 4 Arizona State, rattling off consecutive extra-inning wins to hand the Sun Devils a Pac-10 series loss on their turf. UCLA concluded the season on a high note, as Brandon Averill hit for the cycle in the final game of the season at Washington State (May 25). Sophomore two-way player Wes Whisler earned first-team All-Pac-10 honors for the second consecutive season and was named a third-team All-America by CollegeBaseballInsider.com. Brett McMillan was honored as a Freshman All-American by Collegiate Baseball.

2004 – 35-29, 14-10 Pac-10 (Tied – 3rd Place)

UCLA earned a trip to the NCAA Tournament in 2004, the final year of head coach Gary Adams' 30-year tenure as the Bruins' skipper. The road to the postseason began with a 4-1 season-opening victory against UC Riverside before the Bruins took the first two of three games against Fresno State. The Bruins motored to an 11-3 record before opening a stretch of six straight games against ranked opponents on March 5. A series-opening win against No. 14 Texas A&M handed UCLA its seventh consecutive win before the Bruins dropped two games to the Aggies and one game each to UC Irvine and Long Beach State. In the Pac-10 season-opening series against Stanford (April 2-4), the Cardinal overpowered UCLA in the first two games, before the Bruins answered with a walk-off home run from Preston Griffin in the series finale to win, 6-5. UCLA notched non-conference victories against Pepperdine and Long Beach State and a series win at Arizona. After outscoring Washington State, 26-11, in a three-game home series and winning two of three on the road at Washington, UCLA concluded its conference slate with two road wins at Oregon State. UCLA won its final two of three games against Oregon State to close the regular season. The late-season surge pushed UCLA into the NCAA Regionals at Oklahoma City. The No. 3-seed Bruins won their first regional game, 9-1, backed by Casey Janssen's eight shutout innings (two hits, seven strikeouts) against Oklahoma on June 4. After a heartbreaking 4-3 loss to Florida, the Bruins pounded Oklahoma, 17-7, in a critical rematch on June 5. The following day, Florida ended UCLA's season with an 11-0 shutout.

2005 – 15-41, 4-20 Pac-10 (8th Place)

The 2005 season marked the start of a new era for UCLA baseball, as John Savage took over as the Bruins' head coach after spending the previous three seasons as head coach at UC Irvine. Savage replaced the retired Gary Adams, who completed his 30-year career as the Bruins' head coach with an NCAA Regional berth in 2004. Savage began to build the foundation of his program by signing the nation's fifth-best recruiting class (Nov. 2004), as ranked by Baseball America. The Bruins struggled in 2005, opening the season with a 7-4 record before losing 19 consecutive games. UCLA managed just eight wins the rest of the way. Junior Brett McMillan earned team MVP honors, batting .257 with seven home runs and 33 RBI in 56 games. Sophomore Hector Ambriz had a strong season, returning from an injury that had severly limited his opportunities in 2004. At the plate, he batted .338 with 14 doubles, 19 runs and 18 RBI in 51 games. On the mound, Ambriz led UCLA with a 3.94 ERA in 18 games (team-high 16 starts), striking out 84 batters in 105.0 innings. Sophomore Brian Schroeder led the Bruins' pitching staff with 31 appearances, totaling 48 strikeouts in 71.2 innings.

2006 – 33-25, 13-10 Pac-10 (3rd Place)

Led by junior pitchers David Huff and Hector Ambriz and aided by an influx of standout freshmen, UCLA made its second NCAA Regional appearance in three seasons. In his second year as head coach, John Savage engineered a strong turnaround as UCLA posted a 27-12 record in its final 39 regular-season contests. For the first time since 1987, UCLA won each of its home series against Pac-10 opponents. In addition, the Bruins tied a program record as 12 players were selected in the MLB Draft. After opening the year 6-9, UCLA sparked its season with a road sweep at N.C. State (March 3-5), outscoring the Wolfpack by a 22-6 margin in three games. UCLA posted one of its most dramatic victories of the season with an 11-10, extra-inning home victory against Arizona State (April 23). Trailing 8-7 in the bottom of the ninth, the Bruins tied the contest, 8-8, to force extra innings. Facing a two-run deficit in the bottom of the 10th, freshman Cody Decker slugged a two-run double and freshman Ryan Babineau clubbed the game-winning single. After dropping the series opener to USC, 8-3, at Jackie Robinson Stadium (May 12), UCLA rebounded to win the next two games and capture the season series. In the team's final home game, UCLA secured a series victory against Stanford when junior Tim Stewart belted a ninth-inning, two-out walk-off solo home run, snapping a 7-7 tie.

UCLA advanced to the NCAA Regional at Pepperdine as the No. 2 seed after having been pegged to finish eighth in the Pac-10 preseason coaches' poll. UCLA won its first game, downing UC Irvine, 3-2, before losing consecutive games to Pepperdine and Missouri on back-to-back days. In UCLA's elimination loss to Missouri, junior Tyson Brummett struck out six batters in 6.2 innings, limiting the Tigers to just two runs and five hits. Huff was selected 39th overall by the Cleveland Indians in the MLB Draft (supplemental first round selection), finishing the year 7-4 with a 2.98 ERA and 100 strikeouts in 129.2 innings. Also atop the draft boards, two-way player Josh Roenicke was selected in the 10th round of the MLB Draft by the Cincinnati Reds.

2007 – 33-28, 14-10 Pac-10 (3rd Place)

UCLA's 2007 ballclub reached the NCAA Super Regionals for the first time since 2000 after having opened Pac-10 play with its best conference start since 1924. The Bruins won just eight of their first 22 games before catching fire midway through the season. A school-record 14-run eighth inning against Pacific on March 25 not only helped UCLA overcome an 8-0 deficit, but also saw the Bruins jump start their season. Jermaine Curtis returned to the Bruins' lineup at third base the following weekend at Stanford, helping spark UCLA to an 8-1 victory in the team's Pac-10 opener. Including that win, UCLA won 17 of its first 21 games with Curtis patroling the hot corner, including the team's first series sweep of Stanford at Sunken Diamond since 1991 – snapping a streak of 71 consecutive three-game series in which Stanford had not been swept at home (since 1997, versus Arizona State). After a home series win against Washington, UCLA recorded its first-ever three-game series sweep at USC (April 13-15). The Bruins rolled to an 8-1 Pac-10 mark by mid-April, the program's best conference start since finishing the 1924 season with a 10-0 conference record.

UCLA rolled into the postseason as the No. 2 seed at the NCAA Long Beach Regional, sweeping three games in as many days against Pepperdine, Illinois-Chicago and host Long Beach State. The pitching rotation featuring senior Tyson Brummett, sophomore Tim Murphy and freshman Gavin Brooks was electric at the Long Beach Regional, with Brummett pitching into the ninth inning on Friday and Murphy and Brooks throwing back-to-back complete games. Playing in the NCAA Super Regionals for the first time since 2000, UCLA dropped both games at Cal State Fullerton. The Bruins lost the first game, 12-2, but stepped up behind a herculean performance from Brooks in the elimination game the next night. The left-handed freshman totaled a career-high 12 strikeouts against the Titans, surrendering two runs and seven hits in eight innings. The Bruins' offense in 2007 was keyed by talented infielders Brandon Crawford, Alden Carrithers and Curtis, along with Pac-10 Freshman of the Year Gabe Cohen and the versatile Cody Decker.



Third baseman Jermaine Curtis (2006-08) helped lead UCLA to three straight postseasons for the first time in school history.

2008 – 33-27, 13-11 Pac-10 (3rd Place)

UCLA earned its third consecutive postseason berth in 2008, becoming the first baseball team in school history to advance to three straight postseasons. The Bruins overcame a slow Pac-10 start to secure the No. 2 seed at the NCAA Fullerton Regional. Senior Alden Carrithers emerged as one of the Pac-10's best hitters, leading the Bruins with a .377 batting average and .484 on-base percentage. Junior Tim Murphy capped a strong three-year career as a left-handed pitcher and outfielder, leading UCLA's pitching staff with a 3.34 ERA and 111 strikeouts in 102.1 innings. The Bruins began the year ranked No. 1 in Baseball America's preseason poll. Among the season's most exciting weekends came during the first series of Pac-10 play, a three-game set at Arizona (March 27-29). The Bruins snapped a four-game skid with a 4-3 win in 10 innings in the series opener. The following night, sophomore Casey Haerther ignited his season and helped UCLA rout Arizona, 20-8, with a 7-for-7 effort. Haerther's seven hits established new Pac-10 and UCLA single-game records. After consecutive series losses to USC and Stanford, the Bruins won the final two of three games at Washington (April 25-27) to even its Pac-10 mark at 6-6. UCLA's conference record slipped to 8-10, its overall record to 25-23, after winning one game against Arizona State at home and one at Oregon State (May 9-11), leaving many pundits to question whether the Bruins' postseason chances had all but evaporated.

The Bruins responded by winning a non-conference game at UC Irvine before sweeping Washington State (May 16-18) in three games at Jackie Robinson

Stadium, putting the Bruins at 29-23 with four games to play. After dropping a midweek contest at Cal State Fullerton, UCLA entered the season's final weekend at California needing to win at least two games to secure a postseason berth. Murphy hurled a complete game on Friday afternoon, striking out 10 batters in an 8-0 victory. The following day, sophomore Charles Brewer and freshman Rob Rasmussen combined to shut out California, 7-0. UCLA lost the series opener, 7-6, in heartbreaking fashion in 10 innings. Yet the series victory at California helped seal UCLA's postseason berth, as the Bruins earned a No. 2 seed at the NCAA Fullerton Regional. Murphy pitched well in the Bruins' opening regional contest, allowing two runs in 7.2 innings, as the Bruins earned a 3-2 victory in walk-off fashion in the bottom of the ninth inning over No. 3-seed Virginia. Brewer stepped up the next night, earning his team-leading ninth win as UCLA downed No. 1-seed Cal State Fullerton, 11-4. The host Titans responded with an 11-8 victory Sunday, forcing a winner-take-all contest Monday evening. In a closely-contested game, Cal State Fullerton edged the Bruins, 5-4, as UCLA stranded Murphy aboard third base in the ninth inning. Five players were selected in June's Major League Draft, highlighted by three draft selections in the first five rounds (Murphy, Crawford and Jermaine Curtis).

2009 – 27-29, 15-12 Pac-10 (Tie – 3rd Place)

UCLA finished third in the Pac-10 for the fourth straight year, but could not win enough games late in the spring to overcome a 10-game losing streak in early March. The 2009 team featured the emergence of freshman right-handers Trevor Bauer and Gerrit Cole and the resurgence of power-hitting first baseman Cody Decker. Bauer went 9-3 with a 2.99 ERA before earning National Freshman Pitcher of the Year honors from Collegiate Baseball. On a team fueled largely by its pitching, Decker provided a major spark in UCLA's lineup. He led the Pac-10 with 21 home runs, finishing his senior season as UCLA's leader in RBI (53), runs (55), slugging percentage (.683), walks (36) and total bases (136). After opening the season with a 2-10 record, UCLA was able to climb back to the .500 plateau by May 3, evening its record at 22-22. UCLA entered the final week of the season with a 26-26 record, looking to finish above the .500 plateau to stand a chance at postseason eligibility. The Bruins went 1-4 that week, finished their campaign 26-29, and missed the postseason for the first time since 2005. Decker became UCLA's first two-time all-conference team selection since Wes Whisler (2002, 2003). Meanwhile, Bauer and Cole were two of the conference's three freshmen to earn All-Pac-10 Team acclaim. UCLA had eight players selected in the 2009 MLB Draft, led by fifth-round selection Casey Haerther.

THE 2010s – 134-57 (.702)

2010 – 51-17, 18-9 Pac-10 (2nd Place) – CWS RUNNER-UP

UCLA set the school record for wins in 2010 (going 51-17) advancing to the finals of the College World Series for the first time in program history. Making their third trip to the College World Series, UCLA established a program record with 43 regular-season wins and hosted postseason action for the first time since 1986. UCLA opened the 2010 season with a school-record 22-game winning streak, anchored by talented sophomore right-handers Gerrit Cole and Trevor Bauer. UCLA was firing on all cylinders throughout the first half of the season, losing their first weekend series to Oregon the weekend of April 16-18. Two weeks later in a critical three-game home series against Arizona State, the Bruins were swept. UCLA responded over the following three weeks by sweeping their next three Pac-10 series, winning 13 of their final 16 regular-season games.

Among the most memorable highlights came in the series finale against USC. With two outs in the ninth inning, Brett Krill drew a two-out walk before Cody Keefer belted a walk-off home run to right field, helping UCLA secure its second series sweep of USC since 2007. UCLA advanced to the postseason as the host of the NCAA Los Angeles Regional and the No. 6-overall national seed. The Bruins swept their NCAA Regional field with consecutive wins against Kent State, defending national champion LSU and UC Irvine, advancing to the NCAA Super Regionals for the first time since 2007. UCLA dropped Game 1 at home to Cal State Fullerton, 4-3, but responded in thrilling fashion the next night. Trailing 6-5 as the designated visiting team with two outs and nobody on base in the top of the ninth, Blair Dunlap drew a walk before Tyler Rahmatulla drilled a two-run homer to left-center field, giving UCLA a 7-6 lead. The Titans tied the game, 7-7, in the ninth inning before UCLA added four runs in the 10th and held on for the win. Rob Rasmussen threw a complete game the following night, leading UCLA to an 8-1 win and the program's first berth in the College World Series since 1997.



UCLA defeated Cal State Fullerton, 8-1, on June 13, 2010, to advance to the College World Series.

UCLA entered the College World Series as one of just three remaining national seeds to qualify for the final eight-team field. Bauer helped the Bruins defeated No. 4-national seed Florida, 11-3, in UCLA's opening CWS game. The sophomore surrendered three runs and six hits in seven innings, totaling 11 strikeouts, to help UCLA record its first-ever win at the College World Series. Two nights later, Cole registered 13 strikeouts in a 6-3 win over TCU. In that victory, UCLA received home runs from freshmen Cody Regis and Jeff Gelalich in the third inning to open a 5-0 cushion. TCU inched closer with a two-out, bases-clearing triple by Taylor Featherston, but Cole kept the Horned Frogs at bay, striking out Aaron Schultz to end the seventh inning and adding two more strikeouts in the eighth. UCLA's 2-0 start at the College World Series gave the team three days off before their next game. TCU left-hander Matt Purke stifled UCLA on June 25, leading the Horned Frogs past the Bruins, 6-2. Bauer stepped up for UCLA on an extremely hot afternoon the next day, helping UCLA outlast TCU by a 10-3 margin and advance to the College World Series finals (best of three series). Bauer struck out 13 batters and walked two in eight innings.



A three-year starter in center field for UCLA (2010-12), Beau Amaral batted .333 in 24 career postseason games, scoring 20 runs while going 33-for-99 at the plate.

The Bruins fell short in the best-of-three championship series against South Carolina. UCLA's offense produced one run and three hits in a 7-1 loss in Game 1 on June 28. Cole allowed six runs (four earned) and 11 hits in seven innings and was tagged with the loss. The next night, UCLA lost to South Carolina, 2-1, in 11 innings. The Bruins led 1-0 through seven frames before the Gamecocks tied the ballgame, 1-1, in the bottom of the eighth. UCLA manufactured baserunners in the ninth and 10th innings, but could not cross the plate. South Carolina's Whit Merrifield lined a game-winning, walk-off single to right field in the bottom of the 11th, as the Gamecocks captured their first-ever baseball national championship. Bauer, Regis and Beau Amaral were named to the All-Tournament Team. Sporting a 51-17 final record, UCLA had finished its season 34 games over .500, the highest total over the .500 plateau in school history. The Bruins had established school and Pac-10 records for single-season strikeouts with 700 in 618.1 innings. UCLA's pitching staff led the nation in strikeouts per nine innings (10.2), as three pitchers ranked in the top 30 in that category.

2011 – 35-24, 18-9 Pac-10 (1st Place)

UCLA secured its first outright conference title in 2011 for the first time since 1986 and witnessed the continued rise of two of its top pitchers in program history. Trevor Bauer became the first UCLA ballplayer to earn the Golden Spikes Award, and Gerrit Cole was the school's first-ever No. 1 selection in the MLB Draft (chosen by the Pittsburgh Pirates). Bauer followed Cole's selection as the No. 3 pick by the Arizona Diamondbacks. In addition, Bauer was named the National Player of the Year by both Baseball America and Louisville Slugger/Collegiate Baseball. He was unanimous first-team All-America selection and the Pac-10 Pitcher of the Year (13-2, 1.25 ERA, 203 strikeouts, 136.2 innings).

The Bruins opened the 2011 season ranked in the top five in virtually every major preseason ranking. UCLA opened its Pac-10 slate at USC the final weekend of March and won its first four conference series (USC, Washington, Washington State and Arizona). After dropping consecutive weekend series against Stanford and Oregon State, UCLA got on a roll and worked toward winning the Pac-10 Championship despite having to gain ground in the standings. During the first weekend of May, the Bruins swept a three-game series at Oregon. The Bruins won two of three games each of the next two Pac-10 weekends against California and Arizona State. In fact, UCLA traveled to Arizona State on the final weekend of the regular season trailing Oregon State by one game in the standings. The Bruins won the first two games of the series, losing on Sunday, and Oregon State was swept on the road at Oregon. UCLA had captured a one-game lead in the conference standings, won the Pac-10 title in outright fashion and was awarded a Regional host the same day.

UCLA hosted the NCAA Los Angeles Regional for the second straight season. The Bruins were upset by San Francisco, 3-0, in their Regional opener on June 3, putting the team in less than familiar territory. The following day, Bauer struck out 14 batters in his ninth consecutive complete game of the season, helping UCLA defeat No. 2-seed Fresno State, 3-1. Adam Plutko led the charge the next afternoon, scattering one hit in 7.2 scoreless innings to pick up the win as UCLA knocked off San Francisco, 4-1. That evening, the Bruins took a 3-0 lead against UC Irvine in the fifth inning before the Anteaters rallied back with two runs in the fifth and two more in the ninth. UC Irvine won the

NCAA Los Angeles Regional, ending the Bruins' season at Jackie Robinson Stadium. Feeling mixed emotions, the following day (June 6) produced positive headlines for the Bruins' program, as Cole and Bauer were selected No. 1 and No. 3, respectively, in the first round MLB Draft. Cole was chosen by the Pittsburgh Pirates and Bauer was taken by the Arizona Diamondbacks. In all, UCLA had 11 players chosen in that season's draft.

2012 – 48-16, 20-10 Pac-12 (t-1st Place) – CWS APPEARANCE

For the second time in three seasons, the UCLA baseball team reached the College World Series after securing its second consecutive Pac-12 championship in 2012. UCLA tied with Arizona at 20-10 in conference games and earned back-to-back conference titles for the first time in school history after winning the Pac-12 championship outright in 2011. The Bruins also posted a 48-16 overall record, logging their third-highest single-season win total in program history.

The Bruins came into the season ranked in the top 20 in every major preseason ranking and boasted a plethora of experience, returning all three starting outfielders and three starting infielders. Despite the preseason hype, UCLA started slow out of the gate, dropping three of its first five games. The Bruins won their next seven games though as they headed east to Athens, Ga. to take on the ninth-ranked Georgia Bulldogs. In the first matchup on March 9, sophomore right-hander Adam Plutko threw the second complete game of his career, leading UCLA to a 2-0 shutout win over the Bulldogs. Plutko struck out 11 batters with no walks in a dominating performance. The Bruins took the next two contests and left Georgia riding a wave of momentum.

After defeating crosstown rivals USC, 7-2, in the 2012 Dodgertown Classic, the Bruins entered conference play riding an 11-game winning streak. The Pac-12 opener would prove to be a tough one for the Bruins as 11th-ranked Arizona State came to Jackie Robinson Stadium for a three-game series. In the series opener on March 16, UCLA overcame a five-run deficit to the Sun Devils and in the bottom of the ninth, got a two-out walk-off home run from Kevin Williams to defeat the Sun Devils, 6-5. Despite dropping the next game, UCLA bounced back and took home a crucial series victory over Arizona State with a 4-2 win in the second game of a doubleheader on March 18. Freshman Grant Watson limited the Sun Devils to two runs and four hits in six-plus innings of work to earn the win.

As April turned to May, UCLA continued its stellar play, taking series victories over No. 13 Purdue, Washington and California. Heading into the final series of the regular season against USC on May 25, the Bruins found themselves trailing Oregon by two games for the Pac-12 lead and Arizona by one game for second place. After defeating the Trojans 3-1 in the opener, the Bruins came back on Saturday and won again by a score of 6-5 after junior Cody Regis drew a walk-off walk in the ninth inning. Entering the final day of the season, UCLA, Oregon and Arizona all found themselves tied atop the Pac-12 standings. With Oregon losing to Oregon State and Arizona defeating Arizona State in the regular season finales, the Bruins needed a win to clinch a share of the Pac-12 Championship. UCLA would indeed find that win, defeating the Trojans, 7-6, to earn their second consecutive conference championship. Junior closer Scott Griggs picked up the victory after throwing 1.1 innings in relief.

2013 – 49-17, 21-9 Pac-12 (3rd Place) – NCAA CHAMPIONS

The Bruins won their first-ever NCAA baseball title in 2013, going a perfect 10-0 in the postseason. In his ninth season as UCLA's head coach, John Savage directed the Bruins to the College World Series for the third time in four seasons. Along the way, the Bruins set numerous individual and team records en route to the program's most historic finish in school history. UCLA posted a 49-17 overall record, marking the Bruins' second-highest single-season win total. Guided by a dynamic one-two punch on the mound with junior right-handers Adam Plutko and Nick Vander Tuig, the Bruins used a methodic, disciplined offense to advance to the finals of the College World Series, where they won two consecutive games in a best-of-three series against Mississippi State.

UCLA entered the 2013 season with preseason rankings as high as No. 2, nationally. Keyed by veteran pitchers Adam Plutko, Nick Vander Tuig, Zack Weiss and David Berg, the Bruins won 15 of their first 18 games. Heading into conference play, the Bruins won two of three games in each of their first two Pac-12 weekends. After dropping consecutive series to Arizona State and Oregon State, the Bruins went on a tear in Pac-12 action, winning their next five conference series. UCLA lost two of its final three regular-season games to Stanford, entering postseason play with a 39-17 record. For the fourth consecutive season, UCLA hosted NCAA Regional action at Jackie Robinson Stadium. Berg, a sophomore right-handed reliever, became the first ever relief pitcher to win Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year honors. In addition, shortstop Pat Valaika was chosen as the conference's Defensive Player of the Year, while Plutko and Vander Tuig also captured All-Pac-12 Team acclaim.

The Bruins won three games in as many days at the NCAA Los Angeles Regional, advancing to a best-of-three NCAA Super Regional at Cal State Fullerton. Following NCAA Regional action, the Bruins had seven players selected in the MLB Draft, with Vander Tuig, Weiss and Valaika each being selected in the top 10 rounds. Playing at Cal State Fullerton in the NCAA Super Regional round, UCLA earned a dramatic 5-3 victory in 10 innings in Game 1, with Plutko throwing seven strong innings and allowing one unearned run. Berg secured the victory in relief, pitching three innings. The following evening, UCLA used a three-run first inning to secure a 3-0 cushion and never looked back. Vander Tuig held Cal State Fullerton scoreless for 6.1 innings and UCLA won Game 2, 3-0, advancing to the College World Series for the second consecutive year and for the third time in four seasons.

Eight days after shutting out Cal State Fullerton at Goodwin Field, UCLA was back in action at the College World Series against No. 4-national seed LSU and faced one of the nation's premier pitchers in right-hander Aaron Nola. With strong pitching and timely hitting, UCLA edged LSU by a 2-1 margin, advancing to a winner's bracket game against N.C. State. Against the Tigers, UCLA capitalized on two LSU errors, while Plutko limited the opposition to one run in seven innings. In the Bruins' game against N.C. State, Vander Tuig struck out six batters in seven innings, and Berg followed with two scoreless innings to lead UCLA to a 2-1 win. Needing just one victory to advance to the CWS finals, the Bruins turned to sophomore left-hander Grant Watson, who pitched six scoreless innings as UCLA cruised to a 4-1 victory.

UCLA entered the finals of the College World Series for the second time in four seasons, facing Mississippi State. Plutko and Vander Tuig led the Bruins to the national championship with very strong efforts. The talented duo combined for 14 innings, allowing one run against the Bulldogs. In Game 1, Plutko scattered one run and four hits through six innings. James Kaprielian, Weiss and Berg combined for three shutout innings in a 3-1 win. Valaika and Eric Filia each totaled two hits for the victorious Bruins, who moved one game away from winning the national title. In Game 2, Vander Tuig limited Mississippi State to five hits through eight scoreless innings, recording six strikeouts and one walk. Filia went 2-for-3 with a season-high five RBI, Berg pitched a scoreless ninth inning, and the Bruins claimed the NCAA Championship with an 8-0 shutout.

2014 – 25-30-1, 12-18 Pac-12 (9th Place)

The Bruins fought through a challenging 2014 campaign, unable to overcome several season-long injuries after having won the NCAA Championship the previous summer. Backed by staff ace James Kaprielian, an All-Pac-12 Team selection, UCLA opened its season with 16 wins in its first 24 games. After opening Pac-12 action with consecutive weekend series victories against California and Washington State, the Bruins won two Pac-12 weekend series the rest of the way (at Utah and at Washington). Kaprielian was among the bright spots for UCLA in 2014, going 7-6 with a Pac-12-leading 108 strikeouts in a team-leading 106 innings. Kaprielian, along with catcher Shane Zeile and veteran relief pitcher David Berg captured All-Pac-12 Team honors at the end of the regular season. UCLA had four players, including Zeile and Berg, who were selected in the 2014 MLB Draft. Left-handed reliever Max Schuh, a seventh-round draft selection by the Baltimore Orioles, led UCLA with 37 pitching appearances. UCLA's 2014 campaign featured the nation's fourth-most difficult strength of schedule (as rated by Boyd's World), marking the ninth consecutive year in which UCLA faced a "top five" strength of schedule. Zeile led UCLA's offense with a .324 batting average and 28 RBI.

2015 – 45-16, 22-8 Pac-12 (1st Place)

After missing the postseason in 2014, the UCLA Baseball team came storming back in 2015 to win the Pac-12 Conference crown and earn the school's first ever number one overall seed in the NCAA Tournament. The Bruins went 45-16 and set a new school-record for conference wins, going 22-8 in Pac-12 play. Despite being eliminated from the postseason in the Los Angeles Regional, it was a successful campaign for John Savage who earned his first ever Pac-12 Coach of the Year award. Senior closer David Berg had another record setting season, capturing his second NCBWA Stopper of the Year award and second Pac-12 Pitcher of the Year award. Berg's 0.68 ERA was a single-season school record and his 43 appearances pushed his career total to 175, an NCAA career record.

UCLA began the season ranked as high as four in the national rankings and proved it belonged by going 11-1 over its first 12 contests, including two road victories over North Carolina. After the 2-1 series victory over the top-15 ranked Tar Heels, the Bruins returned home and took care of business on their home field, reeling off five-straight victories leading in to the annual Dodger Stadium College Baseball Classic.

The Bruins would get a rude awakening in the Dodger Stadium College Baseball Classic in March, dropping all three contests to Vanderbilt, TCU and cross-town rival USC. After starting the season hot, the team confidence was seemingly in doubt after a tough weekend on the national stage. UCLA bounced back to win two of its next three and a crucial Trent Chatterton sacrifice-fly in the 13th inning sparked a run. The sac-fly earned the Bruins a 5-4 win in the series finale with Washington and began a season-high eight game win streak heading into April.

Once April arrived, UCLA continued to play consistent baseball, taking two of three from California, Oregon State, Stanford and USC, further solidifying its hold on first place in the conference. The Bruins would sprinkle in a few midweek wins and found themselves with a strong 31-10 record heading into the final month of the season.

UCLA won three of its next four and headed to Arizona State for an exciting three-game set. After taking game one, the Bruins and Sun Devils played a marathon 17-inning contest which saw UCLA come out on top, 11-5. The Bruins continued to play strong baseball from there, but dropped two of three to Oregon on the road in the final series of the regular season.

The Bruins earned the number one overall seed in the NCAA Tournament and hosted the Los Angeles Regional which also featured (2) Ole Miss, (3) Maryland and (4) Cal State Bakersfield. Despite a spectacular regular season, the Bruins quest to reach Omaha ended early after they fell to the Maryland Terrapins in the fifth and final game of the Regional. UCLA moved a runner to third base with two outs in the ninth down by just one run, but a strikeout closed the door on the 2015 season.

2016 – 25-31, 12-18 Pac-12 (10th Place)

The Bruins missed the postseason for just the third time in the past 11 seasons in 2016, finishing with an overall mark of 25-31. However, it was a year full of milestones for Savage who recorded both his 400th career win at UCLA and 500th career win as a Division I head coach. Savage's 400th win in Westwood came in dramatic fashion as UCLA topped crosstown rival USC in Dodger Stadium in a 14 inning thriller. Individually, first-year pitcher Kyle Molnar was named a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American, after finishing second in the Pac-12 among freshman in strikeouts, and senior outfielder Eric Filia earned All-Pac-12 honors. Additionally, five Bruins were selected in the MLB Draft, highlighted by Grant Dyer (227th pick, eighth round) who became the 30th player under Savage to be selected in the first 10 rounds.