



ADAM WRIGHT

Head Coach
Ninth Season at UCLA
206-33 (.862)
UCLA '01

Adam Wright begins his ninth season as UCLA's head men's water polo coach in 2017 with an overall record of 206-33 (.862) and an MPSF mark of 50-10 (.833). His teams earned perfect APR (Academic Progress Rate) scores of 1,000 in 2014 and 2015 while winning the school's 112th and 113th NCAA Championships.

In 2016, the Bruins completed a stellar season (25-3) that saw the squad set NCAA, UCLA and MPSF records for consecutive victories that dated back to the 2014 campaign. On Oct. 8, 2016, the Bruins set a UCLA record and tied the NCAA record with 51 consecutive wins with a 9-5 win at No. 4 Pacific. The next day (Oct. 9) the Bruins made history again, posting a 15-8 victory at No. 11 UC Davis to break the NCAA all-time record for consecutive victories in men's water polo at 51 straight wins. Before it was all said and done, the Bruins ran their record-setting winning streak to 57 games while also setting a UCLA and MPSF all-time league winning streak to 26 games.

He was named the 2015 ACWPC Division I Coach of the Year for the second consecutive season after guiding UCLA to its 10th NCAA Championship in school history (113th overall at UCLA) with a 10-7 win over USC. The Bruins ended the year with a 30-0 record and went a perfect 9-0 in the MPSF for its second-consecutive undefeated league season. UCLA also went 4-0 on the year against USC. The undefeated overall season was the first for UCLA since the 1969 team went 19-0, marking the fourth undefeated season all-time in NCAA men's water polo's modern history.

Under Wright's guidance, 52 Bruins have secured ACWPC All-America honors, including 14 first team honorees. He has also produced two Olympians for Team USA in 2016 in Josh Samuels and Alex Roelse. Under his tutelage, goalkeeper Garrett Danner was UCLA's first player to be named MPSF Newcomer of the Year in 2013 and in 2016 became just the



UCLA Head Coach Adam Wright poses with the 2014 and 2015 NCAA Championship trophies.

second Bruin to win the Cutino Award and the third overall winner as UCLA's Sean Kern won the first two awards in 1998 and 1999. Wright has produced three MPSF Players of the Year, including Danner in 2015 and again in 2016 and Scott Davidson in 2009, who became the first Bruin to secure MPSF Player of the Year honors since 2000 (Sean Kern).

Wright was also named the 2014 ACWPC Division I Coach of the Year after guiding UCLA to its ninth NCAA Championship in (112th overall at UCLA) with a 9-8 win over USC. The Bruins were 29-3 overall and went 8-0 in the MPSF for the first time since 2004, the last previous national title year.

A former standout in the pool at UCLA, Wright competed in his third Olympics for the USA Men's Water Polo Team in July of 2012 in London.

Named UCLA's fourth head coach in program history on June 3, 2009, Wright has guided the Bruins to three MPSF Tournament titles (2009, 2011 and 2015), two NCAA titles (2014 and 2015) and three runner-up finishes at the NCAA Tournament in his previous eight seasons at the helm of the UCLA program.

UCLA won MPSF Tournament titles in 2009 and 2011 and advanced to the title match of the NCAA Tournament both seasons. In 2010, the Bruins finished in a tie for second place in the MPSF regular-season standings and posted a fourth-place finish at the MPSF Tournament. In 2012, the Bruins fell to USC in the national championship game 11-10.

Wright was named MPSF Coach of the Year in 2011 after having led UCLA to the MPSF Tournament title and a runner-up finish at the NCAA Tournament.

THE WRIGHT FILE

Coaching Highlights

- Guided the men's water polo team to NCAA Championships in 2014 and 2015
- Led the Bruins to MPSF Tournament titles in 2009, 2011 and 2015
- Set UCLA and NCAA all-time winning streaks (57 games) in 2016
- Named ACWPC Coach of the Year in 2014 and 2015
- Named MPSF Coach of the Year in 2011
- Helped lead the women's water polo program to its fifth straight NCAA title in 2009
- Coached the Wilson High School boy's water polo program to four CIF Championships

Team USA Highlights

- Led Team USA to the silver medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing
- Scored four goals and registered a team-high nine assists at the 2008 Olympics
- Played in three Olympic Games – 2004 (Athens), 2008 (Beijing) & 2012 (London)
- Led Team USA with five goals in six games at the 2003 World Championships

Playing Highlights (at UCLA)

- Led UCLA to back-to-back NCAA titles in 1999 and 2000
- Finished four-year career having accumulated 128 goals, playing from 1997-2000
- Named a second-team All-America selection in 1998, third-team selection in 1999
- Graduated from UCLA in 2001 with degrees in history and sociology

International Competition Highlights

- 2012 Olympic Games, 8th Place (London, England)
- 2010 FINA World Championships, 4th Place (Oradea, Romania)
- 2009 FINA World Championships, 4th Place (Rome, Italy)
- 2009 FINA World League Super Final, 4th Place (Podgorica, Montenegro)
- 2008 Olympic Games, 2nd Place (Beijing, China)
- 2008 FINA World League Super Final, 2nd Place (Genoa, Italy)
- 2007 FINA World League Super Final, 5th Place (Berlin, Germany)
- 2007 Pan American Games, 1st Place (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)
- 2007 FINA World Championships, 9th Place (Melbourne, Australia)
- 2006 FINA World League Super Final, 5th Place (Athens, Greece)
- 2005 ASUA Cup, 1st Place (Mexico City, Mexico)
- 2004 Olympic Games, 7th Place (Athens, Greece)
- 2004 Torneo di Napoli, 3rd Place (Naples, Italy)
- 2003 FINA World League Super Final, 3rd Place (New York, N.Y.)
- 2003 U.S. Cup, 2nd Place (Stanford, Calif.)
- 2002 FINA World Cup, 7th Place (Belgrade, Yugoslavia)
- 2001 FINA World Championships, 7th Place (Fukuoka, Japan)
- 2000 UPS Cup, 6th Place (Los Alamitos, Calif. - USA "B")
- 1999 World University Games, 4th Place (Palma de Mallorca, Spain)

COACHING STAFF

In 2013, Wright guided the Bruins to the nation's best record in the country at 28-4. UCLA also defeated six-time defending champion USC two out of three times that season and lost all four games during the season by a combined total of five goals. But the Bruins lost their last two games of the MPSF Tournament, an 11-10 setback to Stanford in the semifinals and a 10-9 defeat to Pacific in the third-place game, and were not selected to the NCAA Tournament.

The Bruins produced another great season under Wright in 2012, going 28-5 with a 7-1 mark in MPSF play. UCLA also had a solid season in 2011, going 24-5 with a 6-2 record in conference action. UCLA entered the MPSF Tournament with a 20-4 record, before recording three consecutive overtime wins, all by one goal, to win the tournament title. UCLA edged USC, 10-9, in sudden victory overtime in the championship match before a standing room only crowd at the Bruins' Spieker Aquatics Center.

UCLA advanced to the 2011 NCAA Tournament championship match with a 10-1 win over UC San Diego, its best defensive effort in any NCAA Tournament match since 1971. The Bruins lost a 7-4 decision to crosstown rival USC in the championship match.

In 2009, UCLA's path to the NCAA Tournament came as a result of hard work, discipline and a strong finish at the MPSF Tournament, culminating in the Bruins' first conference tournament title since 2000. After opening MPSF play with consecutive losses in October, Wright knew that the Bruins would have to win the MPSF Tournament to have any chance at playing for a national title. He adjusted the team's practice and conditioning regimen, preparing the Bruins for the three-day tournament setting.

After finishing fourth in the MPSF regular-season standings, UCLA surged in the conference tournament. The Bruins opened with an 8-5 win over No. 5-seed Pepperdine and downed No. 1-seed and tournament host USC, 10-6, the following day. UCLA claimed the tournament title with a 10-7 win over No. 3-seed California, which was fresh off an upset of No. 2-seed Stanford.

Prior to his tenure as head coach, Wright was a four-year letterwinner at UCLA from 1997-2000, helping lead the Bruins to back-to-back NCAA titles in 1999 and 2000. Following his collegiate career, he served as a key member on the USA National Team, participating in the 2004 and 2008 Olympic Games. He helped lead Team USA to a seventh-place finish in 2004 (Athens) and to a silver medal in 2008 (Beijing).

Wright continued training with the USA National Team while serving as UCLA's head coach and retired as a player after competing at the 2012 Olympics in London.

Wright served as an assistant coach with the UCLA men's and women's water polo teams during the 2008-09 school year. He helped guide the women's program to an unprecedented

fifth consecutive NCAA championship in May 2009. Following the 2008 men's water polo season, Wright played an integral role in securing the top men's recruiting class in the nation.

Wright got his coaching start as an assistant coach with the varsity boy's and girl's water polo teams at Wilson High School (Long Beach, Calif.) from 2001-04. He helped coach the boy's program to four consecutive CIF Division I championships and Moore League titles. Wright coached the girl's team to two Moore League titles.

As a senior at UCLA in 2000, Wright scored 39 goals before earning honorable mention All-America acclaim and second-team All-MPSF honors. In 1999, he secured third-team All-America and second-team All-MPSF honors. That season, Wright led UCLA in assists (27) and was second in total points (48) and steals (39).

In his first two seasons, he scored 43 goals - 26 as a freshman and 27 as a sophomore. He gained second-team All-America honors in 1998 and was an honorable mention All-America and All-MPSF selection as a freshman in 1997.

Wright graduated from UCLA in 2001 with degrees in history and sociology.

Following his collegiate career, Wright competed in the European League (Italy and Russia) for Bissolati Cremona, Civitavecchia SNC, Nuoto Catania and Dynamo Moscow from 2004-08. He has competed for the U.S. National Team in all major tournaments from 2001-11, helping lead Team USA to the gold medal at the 2003 and 2007 Pan American Games as well as the 2005 ASUA Cup (Mexico City).

Wright, 40, is married to Kerry Norris, a former UCLA women's soccer player. He and his wife reside with their daughter, Rome, and son, Zsolt, in Los Angeles.

Wright's Career Coaching Record

Year	Overall Record	MPSF Record/Finish	Postseason History	
			MPSF	NCAA
2009	23-7	5-3/4th	Champion	2nd
2010	19-6	6-2/T-2nd	4th	—
2011	24-5	6-2/3rd	Champion	2nd
2012	28-5	7-1/2nd	3rd	2nd
2013	28-4	7-1/T-1st	4th	—
2014	29-3	8-0/1st	3rd	Champion
2015	30-0	9-0/1st	Champion	Champion
2016	25-3	2-1/2nd	2nd	T-3rd
Totals (8 yrs)	206-33 (.862)	50-10 (.833)	3 Titles	2 Titles



The Bruins celebrate with a dip in the pool following a 10-7 win over USC, capping a 30-0 season in 2015 with the program's 10th NCAA Championship and UCLA's 113th.



JASON FALITZ

Associate Head Coach
Third Season
L.A. Valley College '06

Jason Falitz enters his third year with the men's water polo program at UCLA in 2017, and his first as the Associate Head Coach. He reported to the post of Assistant Coach in May of 2015, replacing Dustin Litvak, who assumed the head coaching duties for the boy's water polo program at Agoura High School. He was promoted on August 16, 2017 after Head Coach Adam Wright was also named the Head Coach of the UCLA women's water polo program on July 20, 2017.

Falitz won an NCAA title with the Bruins in his first year as UCLA went 30-0, defeating USC, 10-7, in the national championship game.

In addition to his duties at UCLA, Falitz is the Head Boy's Coach and the 16U Coach for the Rose Bowl Water Polo Club, positions he has held since 2012. His 16U team had a top five finish at the National Junior Olympics in 2012 and was top four in 2013. The 16U team also finished second at the 2013 Ironman League Superfinals. In 2014, he earned the Bill Barnett Distinguished Men's Coaching Award from the USA Water Polo Assembly.

He also served as the Head Boy's Water Polo Coach at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, Calif., from 2012-14. He grew the program from 20 players to 50 in his three seasons and won the program's first CIF Division I playoff victory in 2014.

Falitz has also coached in the collegiate world, serving as an assistant coach at Los Angeles Valley College from 2007-14, helping guide the Monarchs to the Western State Conference Championship in 2014.

He served one season (2012) as a volunteer assistant for UCLA Head Coach Adam Wright, coaching the Bruins' Water Polo Club at the 2012 Fisher Cup. Most recently, he served in the same capacity for UC Davis Head Coach and former Bruin assistant, Daniel Leyson, during the 2014 campaign.

He spent five years (2007-11) as the Boy's 18U Head Coach at the Rose Bowl Water Polo Club. He guided the team to back-to-back-to-back gold medals at the South Florida International Tournament (2009-11) and also guided them to a first place finish at the United State Club Championships in 2010.

Falitz had an extensive playing career, which began at John Burroughs High School. A four-year varsity starter, he was Burroughs' single season record holder for goals (202) and was the school's all-time career scoring leader with 455 goals. A two-time All-American and three-time All-CIF selection, he was named the Almont League MVP in 1999 and that same year was the Los Angeles Times and Daily News All-Area Player of the Year. He played club ball at Harvard Water Polo Foundation from 1997-2000 under former Olympic Coach Rich Corso.

He then went on to play at Long Beach State from 2000-02, redshirting the 2000 season. He would later play at Los Angeles Valley College in 2006 where he was named a two-time First Team All-American and the 2006 Western State Conference Player of the Year and the 2006 Los Angeles Valley College Male Athlete of the Year.



UCLA Assistant Coach Jason Falitz celebrates after the 2015 NCAA Championship.



RYDER ROBERTS

Assistant Coach
First Season
UCLA '17

The UCLA men's water polo team hired Bruin standout Ryder Roberts to the post of assistant coach, head coach Adam Wright announced on Aug. 16, 2017.

Roberts has spent the past two years as an assistant boy's coach at Harvard-Westlake.

An attacker from Vista, Calif., and Vista High School, he was a member of the UCLA men's water polo team from 2013-16, winning two NCAA titles (2014 and 2015) and finished his collegiate career ranking seventh on the UCLA charts in scoring with 158 goals. A three-time All-American and a three-time All-MPSF selection, Roberts was named the 2015 Most Valuable Player of the NCAA Championship as the Bruins went 30-0.

During his four years as a Bruin, he helped lead his teams to arguably the best and most dominant seasons in UCLA men's water polo history. His senior class left UCLA as the all-time winningest class by percentage at 91.8% with an overall record of 112-10. The 112 career wins is the second-most in UCLA history -- only two behind the 2015 class, which had 114 career victories.

He was a part of three teams that finished No. 1, No. 2 and tied for No. 3 in single season wins (30 in 2015; 29 in 2014 and 28 in 2013 and 2016). He also made three straight NCAA Final Four appearances, winning back-to-back NCAA Championships in 2014 and 2015. His teams won the 2015 MPSF Tournament title and three of four MPSF regular season titles (2013-14-15). They also won the NorCal Championship all four years (2013-14-15-16) and the win in 2013 was the first for the Bruins since 2004. Additionally the Bruins won the SoCal Championship in 2015.

His graduating class went 35-3 (92.1%) at home during its collegiate span, which included hosting one NCAA Tournament, one MPSF Tournament and one SoCal Tournament. Impressively, his teams were a combined 26-2 (92.9%) in the MPSF and won an MPSF and UCLA record 26 straight league games from 2013 to 2016. His teams also set UCLA and NCAA all-time longest winning streaks in men's water polo at 57 games, which is also the second-longest streak in any sport in the history of UCLA.

His teams also had a winning record against every team in the country, including going 10-4 vs. USC, 10-1 vs. California and 6-3 vs. Stanford.

In 2015, the Bruins became one of only seven teams in the history of the sport to go undefeated (30-0), and since the MPSF started in 1992, the Bruins were one of only three teams to go undefeated.

"Ryder obviously was a very special player for our men's program," coach Wright said. "He helped to set the standard of how we approach the game as well as helped build upon the special culture of our UCLA men's water polo program. The impact he had on our program was so much more than the championships he won. His legacy shows today's and future Bruins who we strive to be. Over the course of his career, I learned that he was one of the special players who invested everything he could into becoming a student of the game."

I said at our year-end banquet that I hoped Ryder would go into coaching as he would undoubtedly have a bright future. Little did I know that I would be adding him to our staff eight months later. He will have a positive effect on our program as a coach and will continue to enhance our culture here at UCLA, this time from the pool deck. I am excited to see the legacy he will now leave behind as a coach."

RYDER ROBERTS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP/GS	G	ATT	PCT	AST	STL	BLK	EE
2013	31/23	36	72	.500	43	36	8	4
2014	25/19	30	59	.508	37	27	17	7
2015	27/26	57	121	.471	41	29	19	21
2016	23/20	35	87	.402	29	38	15	12
Totals	106/88	158	339	.466	150	130	59	44



UCLA's Ryder Roberts was named the MVP of the 2015 NCAA Championship.



Ryder Roberts graduated with 158 career goals (7th in UCLA history) and a 10-4 record vs. USC.