



# CALIFORNIA

## 2008 Men's Water Polo



NCAA-record 13 National Championships ■ 13 National Players of the Year ■ 183 All-Americans ■ 25 Olympians

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## No. 1 Cal Opens MPSF Play at No. 5 Pepperdine

### 2008 Cal Men's Water Polo Schedule

6-2 Overall, 0-0 MPSF

9/6	No. 1 Cal vs. Bucknell%	W 18-6
9/6	No. 1 Cal at 10 Navy%	W 13-4
9/7	No. 1 Cal vs. 12 St. Francis%	W 10-6
9/7	No. 1 Cal vs. Johns Hopkins%	W 18-4
9/20	No. 1 Cal vs. 20 Cal Baptist^	W 11-4
9/20	No. 1 Cal vs. 8 Long Beach State^	W 8-4
9/21	No. 1 Cal vs. 4 UCLA^	L 6-4
9/21	No. 1 Cal vs. 3 Stanford^	L 11-10 SDOT
9/27	at Pepperdine*	12 p.m.
10/4	<b>Pacific</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
10/4	<b>Alumni</b>	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>
10/11-12	at SoCal Open - Los Angeles, Calif.	
10/18	at UC Davis	12 p.m.
10/25	<b>UCLA*</b>	<b>TBA</b>
10/26	<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>12 p.m.</b>
10/26	<b>UC Santa Cruz</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
11/1	<b>UC Santa Barbara*</b>	<b>TBA</b>
11/8	at USC*	2:30 p.m.
11/9	at Pomona College	TBA
11/15	at Long Beach State*	12 p.m.
11/16	at UC Irvine*	12 p.m.
11/22	<b>Stanford</b>	<b>TBA</b>
11/23	at Pacific*	12 p.m.
11/28-30	at MPSF Tourn. - Los Angeles, Calif.	TBA
12/6-7	at NCAA Champ. - Stanford, Calif.	TBA

\*MPSF match; %Navy Open; ^NorCal Open;  
#SoCal Open; %MPSF Tourn.: @NCAA Tourn.

### Head Coach Kirk Everist

Everist (146-42, .777, 7th year) led the Bears to a 28-4 mark and the program's 13th NCAA crown in 2007. In 2006, he also led Cal to the NCAA title, and in 2002 was MPSF Coach of the Year after the Bears made their first NCAA appearance since 1995. A 1990 Cal graduate, Everist led the Bears to NCAA titles in 1987 and 1988, earning All-America honors from 1986-88 and NCAA Player of the Year in 1988. He was on the USA National Team for nine years (1988-96), competing in the 1992 and 1996 Olympics. Everist's staff includes associate head coach **Boyd Lachance** (seventh year), and **Sean Nolan** (fourth year), a 2000 USA Olympian who was a three-time All-American at Cal, helping lead the Bears to the 1991 and 1992 NCAA titles.



Sat., Sept. 27 at Pepperdine, Raleigh Runnels Memorial Pool Malibu, Calif. 12 p.m.

### Bear Bites

The No. 1-ranked Cal men's water polo team (6-2), the defending 2006 and 2007 national champions, will look to get back on the winning track when the Golden Bears open Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play Saturday, Sept. 27 at 12 p.m. at No. 5-ranked Pepperdine (6-3). Cal returns to action after its fourth-place finish at the NorCal Open Sept. 21 in Stockton where the Bears dropped a 6-4 decision to No. 4 UCLA and a 11-10 sudden death overtime defeat to No. 3 Stanford. It was the first time Cal had lost two straight matches since 2004, and it broke the Bears' nine-match winning streak carrying over from last season. A positive note for Cal was the play of freshman **Ivan Rackov** (Belgrade, Serbia), who just arrived to the Bears' program last week after competing at the European Championships for his native Serbia, and led Cal with eight goals in the four matches. The 6-0, 185-pound attacker also paced Cal with five assists and had five steals. Junior All-American **Spencer Warden** added five goals and a team-high seven steals, while sophomore **Zach White** had seven ejections earned.

### Cal at the NorCal Open

Trying to win the NorCal Open for the first time since 2003, the Bears seemed on their way to the competing in the finals by defeating Cal Baptist, 11-4, and Long Beach State, 8-4, on Saturday. However, Cal struggled on Sunday with the 6-4 semifinal loss to UCLA and the 11-10 sudden death overtime loss to Stanford in the third place match. Despite the losses, the Bears had a balanced offense with 11 different players scoring. Newcomer Rackov was the leading scorer in three of the four matches, while fellow Serbian freshman **Luka Saponjic** (6-4, 201) joined White with a team-high three goals against Stanford. Other notables at the Nor Cal Open were redshirt freshman **Cory Nasoff** with seven steals and senior captain **Trent Calder** notching five field blocks, including three field blocks against Long Beach State. Sophomore goalie **Jacob McIntosh** competed in all 132 minutes of tournament action, finishing with 34 saves, including 12 saves against the Cardinal. Cal outscored its opponents, 33-25, during the tournament and had 47 steals, 27 assists, 26 ejections earned and nine field blocks.

### Bear Honorees

Senior captain **Frank Reynolds** was this season's (Sept. 8) first MPSF Co-Player of the Week after leading the team with 11 goals, and adding four assists, three steals, three ejections earned and two field blocks at the Sept. 6-7 Navy Open. This year's Cal squad will attempt to be the first men's water polo squad to win three straight NCAA titles since the 1990-92 teams accomplished the feat. **Kirk Everist's** troops will feature several key returnees, including **Calder** and Reynolds, juniors Warden and **Thomas Pearson**, and sophomore **Brian Dudley**. Calder, Warden, Pearson and Dudley all scored against USC in the '07 NCAA title match, accounting for four of the team's eight goals during the 8-6 victory. Warden garnered 2007 third-team All-America honors after notching 27 goals and leading the Bears with 51 steals, while Calder is Cal's top returning scorer, notching 33 goals in 29 matches with a team-high 20 field blocks.

### Noting Pepperdine

No. 5-ranked Pepperdine (6-3, 0-0) is coached by **Jack Kocur** (second year) and last defeated UC Irvine, 12-10, in the 2008 NorCal Open seventh place match. Earlier at the NorCal Open the Waves defeated UC Davis, 15-7, before falling to UCLA, 8-3, and Long Beach State, 15-11. Pepperdine's scoring leader is senior **Grant Miller** with 21 goals. Last season, Cal topped the Waves, 6-4, in an MPSF match at Spieker Aquatics Complex.

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**2008 GOLDEN BEARS MEN'S WATER POLO STATISTICS 9-22-08**

<b>NAME (Matches)</b>	<b>GOALS</b>
Frank Reynolds (8)	13
Spencer Warden (8)	11
Trent Calder (8)	9
Ivan Rackov (4)	8
Zach White (8)	8
Brian Dudley (8)	6
Thomas Pearson (7)	6
Zach Greenwood (8)	5
Cory Nasoff (8)	5
Charlie Steffens (8)	5
Mike Sample (8)	4
Scott Cruikshank (8)	3
Luka Saponjic (2)	3
Brian Roach (8)	2
Jack Stampfl (6)	2
Sandy French (4)	1
Travis Read (4)	1
<b>CALIFORNIA TOTALS</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>OPPONENT TOTALS</b>	<b>45</b>

<b>GOALKEEPER</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>MINS</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>SAVES</b>	<b>AG</b>
Jacob McIntosh	7	231	41	68	5.68
Wil Toppen	1	32	4	9	4.00
<b>CAL TOTALS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>5.47</b>

**(6-2 Overall; 0-0 MPSF; 0-0 Home; 1-0 Road; 5-2 Neutral)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Streak</b>	<b>Scorers</b>
Sept. 6	vs. Bucknell%	W	18-6	WON 1	Pearson 3, Reynolds 3, Dudley 3, Warden 2, Sample, Nasoff, Calder, White, Steffens, Greenwood, French
Sept. 6	at Navy%	W	13-4	WON 2	Reynolds 2, Warden 2, Calder 2, White 2, Greenwood 2, Cruikshank, Steffens, Nasoff
Sept. 7	vs. St. Francis%	W	10-6	WON 3	Reynolds 3, Calder 2, Cruikshank 2, Sample, Warden, Steffens
Sept. 7	vs. Johns Hopkins%	W	18-4	WON 4	Calder 4, Dudley 3, Reynolds 3, Greenwood 2, Warden, Nasoff, White, Roach, Steffens, Read
Sept. 20	vs. Cal Baptist^	W	11-4	WON 5	Rackov 3, Warden 2, Nasoff 2, Sample, Pearson, Steffens, Stampfl
Sept. 20	vs. Long Beach State^	W	8-4	WON 6	Rackov 2, Warden 2, Reynolds, White, Pearson, Stampfl
Sept. 21	vs. UCLA^	L	6-4	LOST 1	Rackov, Sample, Reynolds, Warden
Sept. 21	vs. Stanford^	L	11-10 (SDOT)	LOST 2	Saponjic 3, White 3, Rackov 2, Pearson, Roach

**Caps indicates home match at Spieker Aquatics Complex**

\*indicates MPSF Match, %indicates Navy Open, Annapolis, MD; ^indicates NorCal Open, Stockton, Calif.; #indicates SoCal Open, Los Angeles, Calif., &indicates MPSF Tournament, Los Angeles, Calif., @indicates NCAA Championship, Stanford, Calif.

**2008 GOLDEN BEARS MEN'S WATER POLO MISCELLANOUS STATISTICS 9-22-08**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>Assists</b>	<b>Steals</b>	<b>Eject. Earned</b>	<b>Field Blocks</b>
Trent Calder	6	5	0	6
Adam Cline	0	0	0	1
Scott Cruikshank	2	9	1	0
Brian Dudley	2	7	2	1
Zach Greenwood	0	1	5	0
Sandy French	2	4	0	0
Jacob McIntosh	7	5	0	0
Cory Nasoff	5	11	4	0
Daniel Orloff	2	2	0	0
Joe Ouadah	2	2	0	1
Thomas Pearson	1	2	6	0
Ivan Rackov	5	5	1	0
Travis Read	1	1	0	0
Frank Reynolds	8	7	5	2
Brian Roach	3	5	6	0
Spencer Rodman	2	2	1	5
Mike Sample	11	5	5	1
Luka Saponjic	3	3	1	0
Jack Stampfl	0	1	1	1
Charlie Steffens	8	7	2	1
Wil Toppen	3	1	0	0
Spencer Warden	10	20	5	1
Zach White	1	4	10	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>21</b>