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UCLA Receives No.2 Seed in West for Regional Championship

Bruins looking for their third regional title in seven years.

2008 UCLA Men's Golf Quick Facts

National Ranking: 3rd Coaches
4th *GolfWeek*, GolfStat

Upcoming Events: NCAA West Regional Championship at Gold Mountain Golf Club, Bremerton, WA, May. 15-17, Par 72, Yardage: 7,111 yards

Recent Results (Gold Team): 2nd, 1,439 (+19) at the Pac-10 Championship, Apr. 28-30 at The Meadow Club, Fairfax, Calif.

UCLA's 2008 NCAA Lineup

Kevin Chappell, 6-0, Sr., Fresno, CA
Philip Francis, 5-11, Fr., Scottsdale, AZ
Erik Flores, 5-11, Jr., Grass Valley, CA
Lucas Lee, 5-8, Jr., Torrance, CA
Craig Leslie, 5-10, Sr., Spokane, WA
UCLA website: www.uclabruins.com

Third-ranked UCLA travels to Bremerton, Wash. to compete in the NCAA West Regional Championship at Gold Mountain Golf Club, May 15-17.

The Bruins received the No.2 seed in the West region and will begin play on May 15 with top-seeded USC and No. 3 seed Florida State. Overall, eight Pac-10 schools are among the 27 teams in the West Regional. Following 54 holes of stroke play, the top 10 teams, plus the top two individuals not affiliated with those teams will advance to the NCAA Championship, May 28-31 at Purdue.

Head Coach Derek Freeman said the Bruins were happy with their position in the regional.

"Our team has played at Gold Mountain," he said. "It's long, it's difficult and the greens are good. The question mark, as always, is the weather. At this point, all the teams competing are quality teams so we'll have to be on top of our game to contend for the title."

In the previous five years of the regional tournament, the Bruins have finished no worse than seventh with victories in 2003 and '04. This season marks the 15th time in 16 years that UCLA has remained in the West Region. In 2006, they finished seventh in the East Regional and Kevin Chappell, then a sophomore, won the tournament.

Freeman has enjoyed an outstanding maiden season, his first at the Division I level. In 2007-08, the Bruins have won four tournaments, including the Collegiate Match Play Championship in October. They also have recorded six podium finishes and two other Top 10 results. Four players have won individual tournament titles and one —Chappell — tied for the conference title after 72 holes before falling in a playoff.

Chappell has enjoyed an outstanding season, earning selection to the U.S. Palmer Cup Team and acclaim as the Pac-10 Golfer of the Year. In addition, he established a new 54-hole UCLA scoring record of 198 (-15) and won four matches in leading the Bruins to the match play title. Plus, he earned Pac-10 Player of the Month honors twice. Finally, he is on the Watch Lists for the Hogan and Nicklaus Awards.

"Kevin certainly has been one of the most consistent players in the country this season," said Freeman. "His experience and work ethic have motivated our players to perform at their best."

Chappell's stroke average of 70.9 is on pace to break the single season mark of 71.2 held by Travis Johnson in 2004. He has played 27 rounds this season in 15-under par. He also boasts 15 rounds under par, 10 below 70. In seven of his nine starts, he has finished among the Top 10.

His record in regional competition is even more impressive. In three previous regional starts, he boasts a victory and a pair of runner-up results with a scoring average of 68.7 in nine rounds.

UCLA Player Notes

(updated 5/6/08)

Kevin Chappell • Senior • Fresno, Calif. • Stroke Avg.: 70.9 • Career Tournament Victories: 4

- Ranked third nationally by *GolfWeek* (5/4)
- Named to the Hogan and Nicklaus Award Watch Lists
- Named to the Palmer Cup Team
- Leads the team in scoring average (70.9) and Top 10 finishes (7); tied in rounds under par (15) and rounds under 70 (10)
- 15-under par in 27 rounds this season
- Two-time Pac-10 Golfer of the Month in 2007-08
- Three-time All-Pac-10 and two-time All-American
- 2008 Pac-10 Golfer of the Year
- NCAA Regional stroke average: 68.7; Best finish: 1st (2006), three starts

Craig Leslie • Senior • Spokane, Wash. • Stroke Avg.: 73.1 • Tournament Victories: 1

- Ranked 112th by *GolfWeek* (5/4)
- Best season stroke average of his career
- Finished second at the CS Bakersfield event with a 54-hole score of 207 (-9), including a final round 68 (-4)
- T16 at Pac-10s was a career best finish at the conference tournament
- Member of the Director's Honor Roll (3.0 gpa) for Winter Quarter
- Making his first start in the NCAA Regional.

Erik Flores • Junior • Grass Valley, Calif. • Stroke Avg.: 72.2 • Career Tournament Victories: 1

- Ranked 44th by *GolfWeek* (5/4)
- 2008 1st Team All-Pac-10 selection
- Won the CS Bakersfield tournament with a 54-hole score of 206 (-10)
- Second on the team in rounds under par (13) and rounds under 70 (9)
- 2006 GCAA 2nd Team All-American and 1st Team All-Pac-10 selection
- NCAA Regional stroke average: 71.0; Best finish: T18th (2006), two starts

Lucas Lee • Junior • Torrance, Calif. • Stroke Avg.: 72.4 • Career Tournament Victories: 5

- Ranked 61st by *GolfWeek* (5/4)
- 2008 2nd Team All-Pac-10 selection
- Averaging 71.2 in his last 14 rounds and is even par
- Won the Augusta State Invitational with a 36-hole total of 134 (-10)
- 2007 GCAA All-American and 2nd Team All-Pac-10 selection
- Total of five career tournament titles leads the team and ranks fourth on the Bruins' all-time list
- NCAA Regional stroke average: 73.1; Best finish: T36 (2007), two starts

Philip Francis • Freshman • Scottsdale, Ariz. • Stroke Avg.: 73.1 • Career Tournament Victories: none

- Ranked 95th by *GolfWeek* (5/4)
- Earned Honorable Mention All-Pac-10 honors in 2008
- Best result was a T7 at the Cal Poly event where he finished with a score of 217 (+1) after playing the final 36 holes in three-under par
- T16 at Pac-10 Championship with scores of 70 (-1) in the first and final rounds
- Making his first start in a Pac-10 Championship

2007-08 UCLA Men's Golf Individual Statistics and Results

Tournament Date/Course (Par)	Kevin Chappell	Erik Flores	Lucas Lee	Craig Leslie	Philip Francis	
B10/P10 Challenge	72	69 (I)	80	70	73 (I)	
Oct. 21-22	67	78	73	72	78	
Chambers Bay (72)	76 2 nd	69 T3	72 T16	74 T3	73 T13	
CordeValle Coll.	72	74	70	77	72	
Nov. 5-7	71	76	76	69	74	
CordeValle CC (72)	69 T4 th	69 T25	78 T40	71 T16	70 T13	
PING/Arizona	67	74 (I)	74	79	71	
Jan. 28-29	67	79	73	71	76	
Arizona National (71)	64 1 st	74 T69	72 T31	72 T45	70 T23	
Cougar Invite		72				
Feb. 11-12		71				
San Luis Rey Downs (72)		69 3 rd				
John Hayt	76		77	74	75	
Feb. 17-19	70		72	77	74	
Sawgrass CC (72)	73 T12		78 T54	75 T38	73 T21	
CS Bakersfield Invite		68	72 (I)	69 (I)		
Feb. 25-26		69	69	70		
Seven Oaks CC (72)		69 1 st	68 5 th	68 2 nd		
USC Collegiate			78			
Mar. 3-4			68			
North Ranch CC (71)			DQ			
So. Highlands Coll.	77	70		74	72	
Mar. 7-9	78	70		74	77	
Southern Highlands (72)	71 T36	74 T4		77 T31	75 T27	
U.S. Coll. Champs	69	75	73	73	*76 (I)	
Mar. 24-26	75	72	72	80	*71	
TGC of Georgia (72)	74 T10	72 T13	75 T21	73 T40	*70 T7	
Augusta St. Invite	70	71	69	79	74	
Apr. 4-6	68 T3	67 T3	65 1 st	68 T47	70 T23	
Champ. Retreat (72)						
U.S. Intercollegiate	69	69	72	72 (I)	74	
Apr. 19-20	71	77	68	76	74	
Stanford GC (70)	68 T2	71 T25	70 T7	71 T29	74 T38	
Pac-10 Champs	70	72	67	71	70	
Apr. 28-30	68	76	73	73	73	
The Meadow Club	71	76	76	74	75	
Par 71	72 2 nd	75 T47	71 T13	70 T16	70 T16	
Total Strokes/Rounds	1915/27	2167/30	2101/29	2193/30	1974/27	
Scoring Average	70.9	72.2	72.4	73.1	73.1	
(To par)	(-15)	(+20)	(+30)	(+46)	(+43)	
Team Statistics						
	Chappell	Flores	L. Lee	Leslie	Francis	Totals
Tournament Wins	1	1	1	0	0	4
Top 10 Finishes	7	5	3	2	1	22
Top 20 Finishes	8	6	5	4	4	38
Rounds Under Par	15	13	8	8	7	68
Rounds Under 70	10	9	7	4	0	39
Counter Pct.	25/27 (92%)	24/27 (88%)	22/27 (81%)	19/24 (79%)	19/21 (90%)	—

*indicates rounds played at the Cal Poly SLO Tournament, Mar. 27-28; Par 72.

Totals on this page also include those statistics from the five players on the Blue Team, which are not shown.

2007-08 UCLA Men's Golf Team Results

Date	Tournament (Host)	UCLA Score /Finish	Top UCLA Individual
Oct. 21-22	Big Ten/ Pac-10 Challenge (Oregon)	879 (+15), 1 st	Chappell, 2 nd (215, -1)
Oct. 28-30	Collegiate Match Play Championship (GCAA)	1 st , 4-0-0	Chappell, Francis, 4-0-0
Nov. 5-7	CordeValle Collegiate (UCLA)*	1,068 (-12), 1 st	J. Lee, T1st (211, -5)
Jan. 28-29	PING/Arizona Intercollegiate (Arizona)	847 (-5), 3 rd	Chappell, 1 st (198, -15)
Feb. 11-12	Cougar Invitational (CS San Marcos)†	887 (+23), 3 rd	Flores, 3 rd (212, -4)
Feb. 17-19	John Hayt Collegiate (Univ. North Florida)	877 (+13), 2 nd	Kang, 2 nd (214, -2)
Feb. 25-26	CS Bakersfield Invitational†	847 (-16), 2 nd	Flores, 1 st (206, -10)
Mar. 3-4	USC Collegiate†	932 (+80), 10 th	Choe, Driscoll T56th (234, +21)
Mar. 7-9	Southern Highlands Collegiate (UNLV)	881 (+17), 5 th	Flores, T4th (214, -2)
Mar. 24-26	U.S. Collegiate Championship (Georgia Tech)	882 (+18), 7 th	Chappell, T10th (218, +2)
Mar. 27-28	Cal Poly SLO Intercollegiate	individuals	Francis, T7th (217 +1)
Mar. 28	UCLA-Coastal Carolina Dual Match	5.0-5.0	Chappell, Flores: 2-0
Apr. 4-6	Administaff Augusta State Invitational‡	552 (-24), 1 st	Lucas Lee, 1 st (134, -10)
Apr. 7-8	Wyoming Cowboy Classic (Wyoming)†	individuals	Kang, T2nd (203, -7)
Apr. 19-20	U.S. Intercollegiate (Stanford)	857 (+17), T3 rd	Chappell, T2 nd (208, -2)
Apr. 28-30	Pac-10 Championships (Cal)*	1,439 (+19), 2 nd	Chappell, 2 nd (281, -3)

Total Strokes (to par)/Number of Rounds (Gold Team) 5775/20 (+51)

Total Strokes (to par)/Gold Team 8282 (+58)

Average Strokes Per Round (Gold Team) 288.75

Total Strokes (to par)/Number of Rounds (Blue Team)..... 2666/9 (+87)

Average Strokes Per Round (Blue Team) 296.2

†Blue Team events. (I)—player competed as an individual competitor.

*indicates six-player, count five format; not included in team stroke average.

DQ—by Lucas Lee for signing an incorrect scorecard

‡ Tournament shortened due to inclement weather