



UCLA Men's Volleyball

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Bruins to Host Cal St. Northridge, UCSB in MPSF Matches

#3 UCLA plays Matadors on Wednesday night, Gauchos on Friday.

2012 UCLA Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Jan. 6	vs. Cal State Northridge [^]	W 3-1
	vs. Ohio State [^]	W 3-0
Jan. 7	vs. UC Irvine [^]	L 3-1
Jan. 12	vs. Lewis&	W 3-1
Jan. 13	vs. Springfield College&	W 3-0
Jan. 14	at Hawai'i&	W 3-0
Jan. 20	STANFORD*	W 3-0
Jan. 21	PACIFIC*	W 3-0
Jan. 25	CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE*	7:00 pm
Jan. 27	UC SANTA BARBARA*	7:00 pm
Feb. 1	at Pepperdine*	7:00 pm
Feb. 3	at USC*	7:00 pm
Feb. 10	at UC Santa Barbara*	7:00 pm
Feb. 14	at Long Beach State*	7:00 pm
Feb. 17	at Hawai'i*	9:00 pm
Feb. 18	at Hawai'i*	9:00 pm
Feb. 24	CAL BAPTIST	7:00 pm
Feb. 29	LONG BEACH STATE*	7:00 pm
Mar. 2	at Cal State Northridge*	7:00 pm
Mar. 8	UC SAN DIEGO*	7:00 pm
Mar. 10	UC IRVINE*	7:00 pm
Mar. 14	USC*	7:00 pm
Mar. 16	PEPPERDINE**	7:00 pm
Mar. 30	at UC San Diego*	7:00 pm
Mar. 31	at UC Irvine*	7:00 pm
Apr. 6	BYU*	7:00 pm
Apr. 7	BYU*	7:00 pm
Apr. 13	at Pacific*	7:00 pm
Apr. 14	at Stanford*	7:00 pm
Apr. 21	MPSF Quarterfinals	TBD
Apr. 26	MPSF Semifinals	TBD
Apr. 28	MPSF Finals	TBD
May 3	NCAA Semifinals (USC)	TBD
May 5	NCAA Championship (USC)	TBD

Home matches in bold

[^] - UCSB/asics Invitational in Santa Barbara, Calif.

& - Outrigger Hotels Invitational in Honolulu, Hawai'i

* - MPSF Conference Match

** - Kilgour Cup

All home matches played at the John Wooden Center unless otherwise indicated. All times listed are Pacific Time

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This Week— The third ranked UCLA men's volleyball team continues conference play this week, as they play host to the Cal State Northridge Matadors on Wed., Jan. 25 at 7 pm and the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos on Fri., Jan. 27 at 7 pm. Both matches will be played at the John Wooden Center.

Live Coverage— Fans can follow both matches on the internet via a live audio and video broadcast at uclabruins.com. Darren Preston, Mike Sondheimer and Connor Reeves will have the call. Fans can also follow the games via Gametracker. Links are available at uclabruins.com on the events calendar on the front page.

In The Rankings— This week, the Bruins remained at No. 3 in the AVCA poll behind BYU and UC Irvine after sweeping both Stanford and Pacific. Cal State Northridge is ranked No. 9 by the AVCA with a 2-4 record while UC Santa Barbara came in at No. 15 after falling to Stanford and Pacific over the weekend.

Scouting The Matadors— Cal State Northridge is off to a 2-4 (1-2 MPSF) start this year after returning all but two starters off of last year's team and is coming off of a five-set victory over Long Beach State. Freshman Julius Hoefer leads the team in kills (79), points (97) and total blocks (20) while senior Matt Stork is second to Hoefer in kills and blocks. Sophomore Greg Faulkner is also a key member of the Matadors after earning All-MPSF freshman honors in 2011. Currently Faulkner has 17 kills and 14 total blocks on the season. Finally, Jeff Campbell is in his 15th season as head coach of the Matadors and has amassed over 220 victories as head coach of his alma mater.

The Series With Cal State Northridge— The Bruins lead the overall series with Cal State Northridge 59-12 and won both matches against the Matadors in 2011. In their first meeting at Pauley Pavilion, Gonzalo Quiroga and Thomas Amberg had 10 kills each to lead the Bruins to a 3-1 victory. In the rematch at Northridge, UCLA swept the Matadors 3-0 behind a game-high 11 kills from Kyle Caldwell and 10 kills from Weston Dunlap. Earlier this season the two teams met at the UCSB/Asics Invitational in Santa Barbara, Calif. where the Bruins again beat the Matadors 3-1. Dunlap led UCLA with 15 kills on a .789 hitting percentage while Jack Polales added 13 kills of his own. Caldwell set the Bruins to a .397 hitting percentage overall and fell just three assists short of his career-high with 49 assists in the match.

Scouting The Gauchos— UC Santa Barbara has only one returning starter from last year's 2011 squad that ran the table in the MPSF playoffs and made it all the way to the NCAA Championship game. The Gauchos currently have a record of 2-4 (0-2 MPSF) and are coming off back-to-back home losses to Stanford and Pacific. UC Santa Barbara is led by junior outside hitter Miles Evans, who leads the team with 80 kills in 20 sets and sole returning starter Dylan Davis, who leads the team with 19 total blocks. Evans entered this week ranked fifth in the MPSF in both points per set (4.57) and kills per set (3.96).

The Series With UC Santa Barbara— UCLA leads the all-time series with the Gauchos 116-32 but Santa Barbara has won the last three in the series, all coming in 2011. Last year, the two sides first met at the Santa Barbara Invitational where Weston Dunlap led the Bruins with 12 kills in the Bruins' 3-1 loss to the Gauchos. Jack Polales was the only other UCLA player with double-digit kills, registering 11 in the match. In their next match, Kyle Caldwell had 16 kills and 21.5 points in another 3-1 loss at Pauley Pavilion. That same weekend, the Gauchos and Bruins played their final match of the season in Santa Barbara, where the Bruins lost again 3-1 behind an 18 kill performance from Santa Barbara outside hitter Jeff Menzel.

Recapping the Weekend— The Bruins got off to a great start in MPSF play, defeating both Stanford and Pacific over the weekend by scores of 3-0. On Friday against Stanford, UCLA picked up their first victory over the Cardinal since 2010 behind Gonzalo Quiroga's 16 kills and 18 points. Quiroga also hit .538 in the match on 26 attempts. Kyle Caldwell again was big in the setter position, recording 31 set assists while also setting the Bruins to a .376 hitting percentage. In addition, Caldwell played well at the net, registering one solo block and four block assists. Finally, Jeremy Casebeer had a career-high 11 digs in the sweep of the Cardinal. On Saturday, the Bruins dispatched of Pacific in three sets after hitting an outstanding .442 in the match. Senior Thomas Amberg hit an amazing .909 in the match, which set the school record for single game hitting percentage (min. 10 attempts). UCLA also had no reception errors in the match and served six aces against the Tigers, three of which came from Quiroga.

Top of the Charts— Several UCLA players find themselves at the top or near the top of the leaderboard in numerous MPSF statistical categories. Seniors Thomas Amberg and Weston Dunlap are number one and two respectively in hitting percentage, with Amberg leading the conference at .585 and Dunlap just

behind him at .553. Sophomore Gonzalo Quiroga is tied for eighth in service aces per game at 0.38 while setter Kyle Caldwell is ninth in assists per game at 10.04. Sophomore libero Evan Mottram is second in the MPSF in digs per game with 2.48. Finally, UCLA as a team is leading the MPSF conference in opponent hitting percentage, holding opponents to just a .218 hitting percentage, and kills per game, averaging 14.48 per set.

AI Scates Enters Final Season as Head Coach — UCLA head coach AI Scates is entering his 50th and final season as head coach of the UCLA men's volleyball team as he will retire following the 2012 season. Scates has compiled a nation-best 1,224 victories in his time at UCLA and leaves behind an unmatched legacy of success, longevity and influence in collegiate men's volleyball. To date, Coach Scates has captured 19 NCAA championships, 21 overall national championships and 24 conference titles. In addition, Scates has coached 52 different first-team NCAA All-Americans, 44 U.S. National Team members, 27 Olympians, 26 USVBA All-Americans and seven collegiate Players of the Year over his 49 year tenure. "AI Scates stands alone in his contributions to the sport of men's volleyball," said Athletic Director Dan Guerrero. "His dedication, passion, and stewardship of the game ushered UCLA into an era of widespread achievement in Olympic sports and broadened athletic opportunities for collegiate men across the country. While bittersweet, Coach Scates' final year at the helm of Bruin volleyball will be a well-deserved season-long celebration for an individual whose lifetime achievements are truly remarkable. AI is among the greatest coaches in the history of college sports and a legend in the annals of UCLA Athletics. He is a Bruin in every sense of the word and we are so thankful for his 50 years of service to the University."

Three Bruins Earn Off the Block Preseason All-America Acclaim — Seniors Weston Dunlap and Kyle Caldwell, and sophomore Gonzalo Quiroga were each named to the Off the Block Preseason All-America Team earlier this year. Dunlap earned first-team honors while Quiroga and Caldwell were named to the second team. Other receiving votes included seniors Nick Vogel and Thomas Amberg and sophomore Robart Page. In 2011, Dunlap and Quiroga were voted 2nd Team All-MPSF and Amberg earned honorable mention acclaim. Quiroga also earned MPSF All-Freshman Team honors.

A Look At The Bruins — After coming off of a 16-15 campaign in 2011, the Bruins are poised to make some noise this year as they return all but one starter in 2012. Sophomore libero Evan Mottram is a transfer from UC Santa Barbara and will look to fill the shoes of 2011 senior Tom Hastings. Senior quick hitters Weston Dunlap and Thomas Amberg will be strong in the middle after Dunlap led the nation in hitting percentage in 2011 and Amberg earned honorable mention All-MPSF honors. Senior Kyle Caldwell has moved over to setter full-time now after the departure of Alex Scattareggia. Sophomore Gonzalo Quiroga is back after leading the team in kills and points last season while senior Jeremy Casebeer, sophomore Matt Hanley and freshman Robart Page look to get time at the position as well. Finally, senior quick hitter Jack Polales, senior outside hitter Ryal Jagd, senior opposite Nick Vogel and sophomore opposite Spencer Rowe will look to make big contributions for the Bruins this season as well.

Coming Up — The Bruins will hit the road next week as they travel to Malibu, Calif. to take on the Pepperdine Waves on Wed., Feb. 1 at 7 pm. UCLA will then head downtown to the Galen Center to face crosstown rivals USC on Fri., Feb. 3 at 7 pm.

AVCA Poll (Jan. 23) 2012 MPSF Leaders

- BYU (6-1)
- UC Irvine (5-2)
- UCLA (7-1)**
- Stanford (4-1)
- USC (3-2)
- Pepperdine (5-1)
- Lewis (4-2)
- Penn State (2-1)
- Cal St. Northridge (2-4)
- Ohio State (5-3)
- Long Beach State (2-4)
- Pacific (3-3)
- Hawai'i (2-5)
- Loyola-Chicago (3-5)
- UC Santa Barbara (2-4)

Hitting Percentage	
Thomas Amberg, UCLA:	.585
Kill Avg./G	
Taylor Sander, BYU:	4.90
Assists Avg./G	
Michah Christenson, USC:	12.24
Service Ace Avg./G	
Steven Irvin, STAN:	0.56
Block Avg./G	
Robert Feathers, USC:	1.87
Dig Avg./G	
Erik Shoji, STAN:	2.94
Points Avg./G	
Taylor Sander, BYU:	5.79

2012 MPSF Standings

School	Overall Rec.	Conf. Rec.	Pct.
BYU	6-1	4-0	.857
Pepperdine	5-1	4-0	.833
UCLA	7-1	2-0	.875
Stanford	4-1	2-1	.800
USC	3-2	2-2	.600
UC Irvine	5-2	1-2	.714
Pacific	3-3	1-2	.500
Cal St. Northridge	2-4	1-2	.333
UC San Diego	2-4	1-2	.333
Hawai'i	2-5	1-3	.286
UC Santa Barbara	2-4	0-2	.333
Long Beach St.	2-4	0-3	.333

UCLA Career-Highs

Name	K	D	TB	SA	Pts
Thomas Amberg	23	4	10	4	25.5
Jonathan Bridgeman	11	3	4	2	13
Kyle Caldwell (A: 52)	21	14	7	2	23.5
Jeremy Casebeer	16	11	7	2	19
Weston Dunlap	16	8	8	2	20
Matt Hanley	11	8	2	2	11.5
Kene Izuchukwu	6	2	1	0	7
Ryal Jagd	10	6	3	3	12
Robart Page	14	5	4	4	15
Jack Polales	25	10	8	3	25.5
Gonzalo Quiroga	20	17	4	6	22.5
Spencer Rowe	5	4	1	1	5
Nick Vogel	21	6	11	3	22.5

Name	K	D	TB	A	Pts
Connor Bannan (SA: 0)	0	0	1	57	0.5
Jamey Ker	1	16	0	1	1
Evan Mottram	0	14	0	4	0
Scott Vegas (SA: 1)	1	1	1	4	1.5

2012 UCLA Men's Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)	Notes
1	Jamey Ker	L	6-0	165	RJr.	Valencia, CA (Valencia HS)	Averaged 2.04 digs per set in 2009
3	Kristian Kuld	L	6-2	205	RJr.	Toronto, Ontario (Crescent School)	2-time bronze medalist at U-18 Nationals for Beach Volleyball
4	Matt Hanley	OH	6-2	175	RSO.	Pacific Palisades, CA (Palisades Charter HS)	Played in 22 matches with 4 starts in 2011
6	Weston Dunlap	Q	6-8	200	RSr.	Newport Beach, CA (Newport Harbor HS)	Led nation in hitting pct. at .446 in 2011
7	Nick Vogel	Opp	6-9	200	Sr.	El Cajon, CA (Valhalla HS)	Led the team in blocking avg. in 2010 at 1.1 bps
8	Kyle Caldwell	S	6-9	225	Sr.	Newport Beach, CA (Newport Harbor HS)	2011 Preseason Off the Block All-American
10	Connor Bannan	S	6-5	185	RSO.	Newport Beach, CA (Corona Del Mar HS)	Had career-high 57 assists against Penn St. on 3/9/11
12	Evan Mottram	L	6-1	170	RSO.	Leona Valley, CA (UC Santa Barbara)	Transfer from UCSB, played in 6 matches in 2011
14	Jack Polales	Q	6-7	190	RSr.	Winnetka, IL (New Trier HS)	2nd on the team in kills in 2010 with 378
15	Robart Page	OH	7-0	230	So.	Rochester, NY (Victor HS)	103 kills in 22 matches in 2011
16	Dane Worley	OH	6-2	170	RSO.	Tustin, CA (Foothill HS)	Gold medalist on OC Riptides Volleyball Club in 2009 Jr. Olympics
17	Spencer Rowe	Opp	6-6	220	So.	Trabuco Canyon, CA (Mission Viejo HS)	Recorded 12 kills in 5 matches played in 2011
18	Thomas Amberg	Q	6-7	220	Sr.	El Cajon, CA (Valhalla HS)	Honorable mention All-MPSF in 2011
19	Scott Vegas	S	6-6	200	RJr.	Pacific Palisades, CA (Palisades Charter HS)	Played in 6 matches with 1 start last season
23	Gonzalo Quiroga	OH	6-4	185	So.	San Juan, Argentina (Medalla Milagrosa)	Team leader in kills and points in 2011
26	Max Greer	Q	6-11	220	RJr.	San Jose, CA (Archbishop Mitty HS)	Played in Jr. Olympics for Central Coast Volleyball Club
27	Ryal Jagd	OH	6-4	190	RSr.	Palos Verdes, CA (Palos Verdes HS)	Had 16 kills and 17 digs in 16 matches last year
28	Kene Izuchukwu	OH	6-0	170	RFr.	Ladera Heights, CA (Palisades Charter HS)	Voted 2010 Division I L.A. City Section Player of the Year
30	Jeremy Casebeer	OH	6-4	205	RSr.	Santa Barbara, CA (Santa Barbara HS)	Had career-highs of 16 kills and 19 points vs. Lewis on Jan. 12
36	Jonathan Bridgeman	Opp	6-7	225	Jr.	Solvang, CA (Santa Ynez Valley Union HS)	Made 2 starts in 2011, scoring 29.5 points in 11 matches

Head Coach: AI Scates, 50th year

Assistant Coaches: Brian Rofer, J.T. Wenger, Greg Harasymowycz

UCLA Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 23, 2012)
All matches

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	7-1	2-0	1-0	4-1
CONFERENCE	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	5-1	0-0	1-0	4-1

#	Player	sp	Attack				pct	Set		Serve			re	Dig		Blocking					points	
			k	k/s	e	ta		a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s		dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be		bhe
6	Weston Dunlap	27	78	2.89	10	123	.553	5	0.19	2	11	0.07	0	12	0.44	1	27	28	1.04	0	0	94.5
18	Thomas Amberg	27	71	2.63	9	106	.585	0	0.00	5	26	0.19	0	8	0.30	1	34	35	1.30	7	0	94.0
30	Jeremy Casebeer	25	77	3.08	22	173	.318	10	0.40	2	18	0.08	5	35	1.40	1	13	14	0.56	1	0	86.5
23	Gonzalo Quiroga	24	68	2.83	24	150	.293	10	0.42	9	27	0.38	11	31	1.29	2	13	15	0.62	2	0	85.5
8	Kyle Caldwell	27	32	1.19	10	58	.379	271	10.04	5	19	0.19	0	35	1.30	1	24	25	0.93	2	0	50.0
7	Nick Vogel	15	24	1.60	11	50	.260	3	0.20	1	15	0.07	0	21	1.40	3	10	13	0.87	0	0	33.0
14	Jack Polales	12	25	2.08	11	67	.209	1	0.08	2	3	0.17	0	13	1.08	0	8	8	0.67	1	1	31.0
4	Matt Hanley	6	7	1.17	5	14	.143	1	0.17	0	4	0.00	2	0	0.00	0	1	1	0.17	0	0	7.5
28	Kene Izuchukwu	4	6	1.50	2	10	.400	3	0.75	0	3	0.00	2	3	0.75	0	2	2	0.50	0	0	7.0
17	Spencer Rowe	4	2	0.50	3	13	-.077	2	0.50	2	3	0.50	0	7	1.75	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4.0
15	Robart Page	1	1	1.00	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
19	Scott Vegas	8	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	1	2	0.12	0	2	0.25	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
12	Evan Mottram	27	0	0.00	2	3	-.667	20	0.74	0	0	0.00	7	67	2.48	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
3	Kristian Kuld	4	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
	TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	UCLA	27	391	14.48	109	768	.367	326	12.07	29	132	1.07	30	234	8.67	9	132	75.0	2.78	13	1	495.0
	Opponents	27	296	10.96	138	725	.218	260	9.63	30	106	1.11	29	226	8.37	11	58	40.0	1.48	10	2	366.0

Team Statistics	UCLA	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	391	296
Errors	109	138
Total Attacks	768	725
Attack Pct	.367	.218
Kills/Set	11.2	8.5
SET		
Assists	326	260
Attempts	676	647
Assist Pct	.482	.402
Assists/Set	9.3	7.4
SERVE		
Aces	29	30
Errors	132	106
Attempts	662	582
Serve Pct	.801	.818
Aces/Set	0.8	0.9
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	30	29
Errors/Set	0.9	0.8
Attempts	477	507
Reception Pct	.937	.943
DEFENSE		
Digs	234	226
Digs/Set	6.7	6.5
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	9	11
Block Assist	132	58
Total Blocks	75.0	40.0
Blocks Per Game	2.1	1.1
Block Errors	13	10
Ball handling errors	1	2
ATTENDANCE		
Total	1482	3481
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/741	1/3481
Neutral site #/Avg	5/1363	
Current win streak	5	-
Home win streak	4	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
#Jan 06	vs Northridge	W 3-1	25-19,25-23,24-26,25-17	450
Jan. 6	vs Ohio State	W 3-0	25-16,25-19,25-16	350
Jan 07	vs UC Irvine	L 1-3	25-23,21-25,33-35,18-25	360
Jan 12	vs Lewis	W 3-1	27-25,23-25,25-15,25-18	2782
Jan 13	vs Springfield	W 3-0	25-20,25-21,25-22	2873
Jan 14	at Hawai'i	W 3-0	25-22,25-23,25-23	3481
*Jan 20	STANFORD	W 3-0	25-23,25-22,25-17	1064
*Jan 21	PACIFIC	W 3-0	25-17,25-18,25-20	418

Record in 3-set matches: 5-0
Record in 4-set matches: 2-1
Record in 5-set matches: 0-0