

California

CAL MEN'S WATER POLO

GOLDEN BEARS

18-2
OVERALL

#2
RANK

2-1
MPSF

Kirk Everist
HEAD COACH

Cal VS

MPSF CHAMPIONSHIPS



18-3
OVERALL

Ucla

18-3
OVERALL



22-3
OVERALL



6-12
OVERALL



DATES

Nov. 17-19



LOCATION

Avery Aquatic Center



BROADCAST

Pac-12 Networks



LIVE STREAM

Pac-12.com



LIVE STATS

n/a

SCHEDULE

Overall: 18-2 • MPSF: 2-1
Home: 8-0 • Away: 4-1 • Neutral: 6-1

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME/RESULT
Sept. 2	Loyola Marymount [^]	W 16-1
Sept. 2	at UC San Diego [^]	W 12-7
Sept. 3	Long Beach State [^]	W 14-7
Sept. 3	UC Santa Barbara [^]	W 8-7
Sept. 6	UC Davis (P12N)	W 15-10
Sept. 9	Pacific	W 15-11
Sept. 15	Pepperdine	W 8-6
Sept. 16	UC San Diego	W 20-10
Sept. 22	Air Force!	W 24-7
Sept. 23	Pepperdine!	W 12-10
Sept. 23	UCLA!	L 9-8
Sept. 24	Stanford!	W 11-9
Sept. 30	at UC Santa Barbara	W 12-9
Oct. 4	Santa Clara (P12N)	W 21-9
Oct. 14	UC Irvine	W 18-8
Oct. 15	San Jose State	W 20-6
Oct. 21	at UCLA* (P12N)	W 12-9
Oct. 22	at Long Beach State	W 14-8
Nov. 4	USC* (P12N)	W 6-3
Nov. 9	at Stanford* (P12N)	L 11-10
Nov. 17	vs. UCLA#	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 18-19	at MPSF Championships#	TBA
Dec. 2-3	at NCAA Championships\$	TBA

[^] Triton Invitational, San Diego
[!] MPSF Invitational, Los Angeles
[#] MPSF Championships, Stanford

FAST FACTS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Kirk Everist (16th season) California, 1989
Asst. Coach	Jeff Tyrrell (2nd season) California, 2007
Student Asst. Coach	Lazar Andric (1st season)

TEAM INFORMATION

2016 Overall Record	23-4
2016 MPSF Record (finish)	1-2 (3rd)
Lettermen Returning	18
Newcomers	10

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Location:	Berkeley, Calif.
Nickname:	Golden Bears
Enrollment:	40,173

THE WEEK AHEAD

The 2017 postseason gets underway this weekend as the Cal men's water polo team heads back to Stanford to compete in the MPSF Championships at Avery Aquatic Center. The Bears enter the tournament as the No. 2 seed and will open play against No. 3 UCLA at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday. The winner of that match will advance to Sunday's championship game while the loser will return to action on Saturday at noon against the third-place team from a group that includes No. 1 seed Stanford, No. 4 USC and No. 5 Penn State Behrend. The winner of Saturday's match will compete for third place on Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday's matches will be televised live by Pac-12 Networks with Jim Watson and Greg Mescall calling the action.

Cal wrapped up the regular season with another close contest against the Cardinal but this time the Bears couldn't come back from a three-goal deficit in the fourth period and fell 11-10 in the 2017 Big Splash. Despite that result, Cal finished the regular season with an 18-2 overall record and carries a No. 2 national ranking into the postseason.

BEAR NECESSITIES

GETTING DEFENSIVE

While Cal's offense has been in high gear throughout the season, the Bears have leaned on their defense to carry them in key situations. A win over USC on Nov. 4 saw Cal hold the Trojans to their lowest goal output since 2015 in a 6-3 Golden Bear victory. Goalkeeper Kevin Le Vine has been a huge part of that effort and the senior from El Cajon, Calif. is averaging 12.36 saves per game entering the postseason.

NEXT UP

The field for the 2017 NCAA Championships will be announced Sunday night with the top two national seeds advancing directly to the four-team tournament that begins Dec. 2 at USC. Four other teams will be selected to compete in play-in matches with the two winners also advancing to Los Angeles. Sites and times for those matches have yet to be announced.

A SEASON TO REMEMBER

The 2016 season ended in celebration at Spieker Aquatics Complex as an 11-8 overtime victory over USC clinched the 14th national title in Cal men's water polo

history. Goalkeeper Lazar Andric was named tournament MVP, Luca Cupido, Johnny Hooper and Odysseas Masmanidis were named first team all-tournament and Conor Neumann was named second team. Cal's road to the title included a NCAA play-in win over Pomona-Pitzer and a thrilling 9-8 victory over UCLA in the national semifinals.

BEARS AGE WELL

Cal certainly won't lack in the experience category in 2017 thanks in large part to a group of six seniors that can call on plenty of experience and talent in its final season in Berkeley. Kevin Le Vine, Pedro Stellet, Luca Cupido, Nicholas Carniglia, Connor Reid and Conor Neumann will each play a key role for the Bears and the duo of Cupido and Stellet will serve as team captains.

SUMMER HOMEWORK

Cal men's water polo players spent the summer all over the world as several Bears were chosen to represent their respective countries. Nicholas Carniglia, Luca Cupido and Johnny Hooper competed for Team USA at the FINA World Championships while Pedro Stellet represented Brazil. At the FINA Junior

2017 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Last School)
1	Kevin Le Vine	G	6-2	182	Sr.	El Cajon, Calif. (Granite Hills HS)
1	Spencer Tagg	G	6-5	190	So.	Orinda, Calif. (Campolindo HS)
1	Bernardo Carelli	G	6-3	198	So.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Escola Alema Corcovado)
2	Pedro Stellet	C	6-0	202	Sr.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
3	Spencer Farrar	A	6-3	185	So.	Malibu, Calif. (Agoura HS/UCLA)
4	Vassilis Tzavaras	A	6-0	165	Jr.	Athens, Greece
5	Safak Simsek	A	5-11	180	So.	Istanbul, Turkey (German School of Istanbul)
6	Luca Cupido	A	6-4	210	Sr.	Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy (Newport Harbor HS)
7	Nicholas Carniglia	D/U	6-3	205	Sr.	Lodi, Calif. (Lodi HS)
8	Mikey Williams	D	6-4	200	So.	Danville, Calif. (San Ramon Valley HS)
9	Nick Bisconti	C	6-7	205	So.	Atherton, Calif. (Menlo School)
10	Ethan Wojciechowski	A	6-2	190	Fr.	Huntington Beach, Calif. (Huntington Beach HS)
11	Cameron Wright	A	6-0	180	Fr.	Davis, Calif. (Davis HS)
12	Connor Reid	A	6-1	164	Sr.	Lafayette, Calif. (Acalanes HS)
13	Nikos Delagrammatikas	D	6-5	205	Fr.	Athens, Greece
14	Ryan Hurst	D	6-3	220	Fr.	Costa Mesa, Calif. (Huntington Beach HS)
15	Jordan Hoover	A	6-2	200	So.	Moraga, Calif. (Miramonte HS)
16	Timothy Simenc	A	6-5	225	Jr.	Dallas, Texas (St. Mark's HS)
17	Johnny Hooper	A	6-1	182	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Harvard-Westlake HS)
18	Chase Hamming	U	6-2	185	So.	San Clemente, Calif. (San Clemente HS)
19	Conor Neumann	A	6-3	214	Sr.	Danville, Calif. (San Ramon Valley HS)
20	Cade Kruse	A	6-0	180	rFr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola HS)
21	Odysseas Masmanidis	U	6-1	228	Jr.	Athens, Greece
22	Jack Pickard	A	6-2	209	So.	Santa Cruz, Calif. (Soquel HS)
23	Gianni Taranto	A	6-0	185	So.	Sydney, NSW, Australia (Saint Ignatius College HS)
24	Garrett Felix	A	6-2	190	So.	Moraga, Calif. (Campolindo HS)
25	Jackson Hettler	D	6-4	193	rFr.	Mill Valley, Calif. (Tamalpais HS)
	Tamir Avital	C	6-6	225	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar HS)
	Ethan Barnhart	U	6-1	215	Fr.	Lemoore, Calif. (Lemoore HS)
	David Feingold	D	6-2	215	Fr.	Palos Verdes, Calif. (Palos Verdes HS)
	Kellan Grant	G	6-3	200	Fr.	Claremont, Calif. (Claremont HS)
	Miles O'Brien-Schridde	A	6-2	180	Fr.	Burbank, Calif. (Loyola HS)

Head Coach: Kirk Everist, 16th year (California, '90)

Assistant Coach: Jeff Tyrrell **Student Assistant Coach:** Lazar Andric **Team Manager:** Colton Hamming

World Championships, Hooper, Nick Bisconti and Ethan Wojciechowski donned the Stars and Stripes while Odysseas Masmanidis and Nikos Delagrammatikas played for a Greece team that won gold. The summer concluded at the World University Games in Taiwan where Carniglia and Conor Neumann each played for Team USA and Gianni Taranto represented Australia. Cal coach Jeff Tyrrell also served as an assistant for the U.S.

SHOOTING HOOPS

Johnny Hooper returns for his junior season already entrenched as one of the elite goal scorers in college water polo. After scoring 74 goals as a true freshman in 2015, the Los Angeles native poured in 75 more as a sophomore in 2016. A two-time All-American, Hooper carried that success onto the international scene in the summer of 2016 as he was named to the FINA Junior World Championships Media All-Star team after leading Team USA with 19 goals.

NEW FACES IN NEW PLACES

Though the Bears have plenty of experience to call on, they'll also welcome a talented bunch of newcomers to the fray in 2017. Incoming freshmen Ethan Wojciechowski (USA) and

Nikos Delagrammatikas (Greece) each competed at the FINA Junior World Championships with Delagrammatikas helping Greece win gold. Both he and freshman Ryan Hurst will get a chance to plug an immediate hole for Cal on defense, a position where the Bears graduated three important contributors in Thomas Carroll, Farrel South and Chandler Jarrels.

GREECE LIGHTNING

Though Cal water polo attracts players from all over the world, a trio of Greek imports stands to play a particularly important role for the Bears. Redshirt junior Vassilis Tzavaras and junior Odysseas Masmanidis were both key contributors in 2016 with Masmanidis earning first team All-America honors. They are joined in 2017 by incoming freshman Nikos Delagrammatikas and all three hail from Athens.

LEADING FROM THE FRONT

A vote of MPSF coaches placed Cal as the co-favorite to win the 2017 conference title as the Bears and USC tied at the top of the preseason poll with 13 points apiece. Stanford ranked third with 11 points while UCLA received nine and Penn State Behrend got four. Cal and Stanford each received two first-place votes while USC got one.

CWPA TOP 20

Week 10 - Nov. 8

1. Stanford
2. Cal
3. UCLA
4. USC
5. Pacific
6. Long Beach State
7. UC Irvine
- t8. UC Davis
- t8. UC Santa Barbara
10. Pepperdine
11. San Jose State
12. UC San Diego
13. Princeton
14. Brown
15. Harvard
16. Bucknell
17. Cal Baptist
18. St. Francis-Brooklyn
19. Pomona-Pitzer Colleges
20. Fordham

1	<p><u>KEVIN LE VINE</u> SR • G • 6-2 • 182 El Cajon, Calif. Granite Hills HS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earned second MPSF Player of the Week nod on Nov. 6 after making 18 saves in 6-3 win over No. 1 USC. Also named POW on Oct. 2 after win over UCSB. • Has the second-most saves in a match (19 vs. UCI) in the MPSF in 2017. • First-year starter ranks 2nd in MPSF with 12.36 saves per game. • Appeared in three matches for the Bears in 2016. • Five-time club All-American from 2009-13.
2	<p><u>PEDRO STELLET</u> SR • C • 6-0 • 202 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Named MPSF Player of the Week on Sept. 4 after scoring 7 goals at Triton Inv. • Serving (with Luca Cupido) as team captain for second year in a row in 2017. • Important presence at center scored 18 goals in 2016, including a pair in Cal's NCAA play-in victory over Pomona-Pitzer. • Member of the Brazilian National Team competed for his country at the 2017 FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary.
6	<p><u>LUCA CUPIDO</u> SR • A • 6-4 • 210 Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy Newport Harbor HS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads Bears in scoring with 50 goals (6 vs. No. 6 UC Irvine). • Three-time All-American earned MPSF Player of the Week honors on Oct. 16 after scoring 11 goals combined in wins over UC Irvine and San Jose State. • Scored 30 goals in 2016, 16 of which came in the final month of the season. • A mainstay for Team USA after starting every game at the '16 Olympics. Competed for the U.S. at the 2017 FINA World Championships.
7	<p><u>NICHOLAS CARNIGLIA</u> SR • D/U • 6-3 • 205 Lodi, Calif. Lodi HS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Another Team USA mainstay. Competed for his country at the 2017 FINA World Championships as well as the 2017 World University Games and the 2017 FINA World League Super Final. • Showcased his versatility in 2016 and finished sixth on the team in scoring with a career-high 21 goals. • Spent the spring of 2016 training with Team USA.
17	<p><u>JOHNNY HOOPER</u> JR • A • 6-1 • 182 Los Angeles, Calif. Harvard-Westlake HS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two-time All-American ranks third in MPSF with 2.44 goals/game thru 11/11. • Prolific scorer has 149 career goals in just two seasons at Cal (entering '17). • Named MPSF Newcomer of the Year in 2015. • Emerged as a key contributor for Team USA during the summer of 2017, leading the Americans in scoring at a number of international competitions. Named to the Media All-Star Team at Junior Worlds after scoring 19 goals.
19	<p><u>CONOR NEUMANN</u> SR • A • 6-3 • 214 Danville, Calif. San Ramon Valley HS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standout left-hander earned All-America and All-MPSF honorable mention in 2016. • Produced one of Cal's most memorable goals in 2016 with a cross-cage game-winner in OT as the Bears beat UCLA 9-8 in the national semis. • Scored 18 goals in 2016 and has 66 career goals at Cal. • Competed for Team USA at the 2017 World University Games.
21	<p><u>ODYSSEAS MASMANIDIS</u> JR • U • 6-1 • 228 Athens, Greece</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Named MPSF POW on Oct. 23 after pair of hat tricks in wins vs. UCLA/LBSU. • Two-time All-American scored 32 goals (third on team) in 2016 despite missing the first eight games due to international competition. • Scored 64 goals as a freshman in 2015. • Helped lead Greece to the gold medal at the 2017 FINA Junior World Championships in Serbia.

**2017 GOLDEN BEAR MEN'S WATER POLO STATISTICS**

NAME	GOALS
Luca Cupido	50
Johnny Hooper	39
Odysseas Masmanidis	37
Spencer Farrar	25
Vassilis Tzavaras	18
Nicholas Carniglia	17
Pedro Stellet	15
Safak Simsek	15
Conor Neumann	14
Cameron Wright	10
Nikos Delagrammatikas	9
Jordan Hoover	6
Connor Reid	5
Ethan Wojciechowski	5
Mikey Williams	3
Ryan Hurst	2
Gianni Taranto	2
Cade Kruse	2
Chase Hamming	2
CALIFORNIA TOTALS	276
OPPONENT TOTALS	157

GOALKEEPER	G	QP	GA	SAVES	SV/GM	AG
Kevin Le Vine	14.5625	58.25	111	180	12.36	7.62
Spencer Tagg	5.625	22.5	46	62	11.02	8.18

(18-2 Overall; 2-1 MPSF; 8-0 Home; 4-1 Road; 6-1 Neutral)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Streak	Scorers
Sept. 2	vs. LMU@	W	16-1	WON 1	Farrar 4, Wright 4, Cupido 4, Hoover, Stellet, Tzavaras, Kruse
Sept. 2	at UC San Diego@	W	12-7	WON 2	Simsek 2, Carniglia 2, Masmanidis 2, Stellet 2, Farrar, Tzavaras, Cupido, Delagrammatikas
Sept. 3	vs. Long Beach State@	W	14-7	WON 3	Cupido 3, Masmanidis 3, Simsek 2, Neumann 2, Tzavaras 2, Stellet, Williams
Sept. 3	vs. UC Santa Barbara@	W	8-7	WON 4	Stellet 3, Tzavaras 2, Masmanidis 2, Reid
Sept. 6	UC Davis	W	15-10	WON 5	Hooper 4, Cupido 3, Masmanidis 3, Neumann 2, Stellet, Carniglia, Farrar
Sept. 9	Pacific	W	15-11	WON 6	Cupido 4, Masmanidis 3, Hooper 2, Neumann 2, Stellet, Farrar, Carniglia, Delagrammatikas
Sept. 15	Pepperdine	W	8-6	WON 7	Stellet, Farrar, Tzavaras, Simsek, Cupido, Carniglia, Hooper, Masmanidis
Sept. 16	UC San Diego	W	20-10	WON 8	Hooper 3, Masmanidis 3, Cupido 3, Simsek 2, Wojciechowski 2, Farrar, Tzavaras, Carniglia, Wright, Reid, Hurst, Hoover
Sept. 22	Air Force!	W	24-7	WON 9	Hooper 5, Carniglia 4, Wright 3, Farrar 2, Wojciechowski 2, Delagrammatikas 2, Hoover 2, Stellet, Tzavaras, Simsek, Masmanidis
Sept. 23	Pepperdine!	W	12-10	WON 10	Masmanidis 4, Hooper 2, Simsek 2, Cupido 2, Tzavaras, Carniglia
Sept. 23	UCLA!	L	9-8	LOST 1	Cupido 4, Tzavaras 2, Hooper, Masmanidis
Sept. 24	Stanford!	W	11-9	WON 1	Hooper 4, Cupido 3, Carniglia, Wojciechowski, Delagrammatikas, Masmanidis
Sept. 30	at UC Santa Barbara	W	12-9	WON 2	Cupido 2, Carniglia 2, Farrar 2, Hooper 2, Masmanidis, Tzavaras, Wright
Oct. 4	Santa Clara	W	21-9	WON 3	Cupido 3, Hooper 3, Farrar 3, Reid 3, Simsek 2, Stellet, Tzavaras, Williams, Wright, Hurst, Neumann, Masmanidis
Oct. 14	UC Irvine	W	18-8	WON 4	Cupido 6, Hooper 2, Stellet 2, Carniglia 2, Masmanidis 2, Farrar, Simsek, Hamming, Neumann
Oct. 15	San Jose State	W	20-6	WON 5	Cupido 5, Farrar 3, Hooper 2, Tzavaras 2, Taranto 2, Stellet, Williams, Hamming, Hoover, Kruse, Masmanidis
Oct. 21	at UCLA*	W	12-9	WON 6	Masmanidis 3, Cupido 2, Delagrammatikas 2, Neumann 2, Farrar, Simsek, Hooper

Oct. 22	at Long Beach State	W	14-8	WON 7	Cupido 4, Masmanidis 3, Hooper 2,
Nov. 4	USC*	W	6-3	WON 8	Delagrammatikas 2, Farrar, Hoover, Simsek
Nov. 9	at Stanford*	L	11-10	LOST 1	Farrar 2, Neumann 2, Hooper, Masmanidis
					Hooper 4, Tzavaras 2, Neumann 2, Farrar, Carniglia

Bold indicates home match at Spieker Aquatics Complex

*MPSF Match; @Triton Invitational, San Diego, Calif.; ! Mountain Pacific Invitational, Los Angeles



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	MPSF						OVERALL						
	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Stanford	2	1	.667	2-0	0-1	W2	18	3	.857	8-0	5-2	5-1	W12
California	2	1	.667	1-0	1-1	L1	18	2	.900	8-0	4-1	6-1	L1
UCLA	1	2	.333	1-1	0-1	W1	18	3	.857	6-1	5-2	6-0	W1
USC	1	2	.333	1-0	0-2	L2	22	3	.880	7-1	7-2	8-0	L1
Penn State Behrend	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	6	12	.333	0-2	1-4	5-6	L1

MPSF Champion and NCAA Automatic Qualifier determined at conference tournament, hosted by Stanford, Nov. 17-19

MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Host: Stanford; Avery Aquatics Center
Friday-Sunday, November 17-19, 2017

Ticket Information:

<https://gostanford.venue.net/cgi-bin/ncommerce3/SEGetEventList?groupCode=MWP&linkID=stanford&shopperContext=&caller=&appCode=>

Friday, November 17

Game 1: A4 (4 seed USC) v A5 (5 seed Penn St. Behrend) 10:00 am
Game 2: A1 (1 seed Stanford) v A4 (4 seed USC) 3:00 pm
Game 3: B2 (2 seed California) v B3 (3 seed UCLA) 4:30 pm
Game 4: A1 (1 seed Stanford) v A5 (5 seed Penn St. Behrend) 6:00 pm

Saturday, November 18

Game 5: 3rd-Place "A" Team vs. 2nd-Place "B" Team TBA
(winner advances to 3rd place game)

Sunday, November 19

Game 6 (3rd-Place): Game 5 Winner vs. 2nd-Place "A" 11:00 am
Game 7 (Championship): Game 3 Winner vs. 1st-Place "A" 1:00 pm

RECENT RESULTS

Saturday, November 11

*# UCLA 12, Usc 11 (SV-OT)
STANFORD 18, Santa Clara 3

Thursday, November 9

*# STANFORD 11, California 10

Sunday, November 5

Usc 11, PACIFIC 7
Ucla 14, SAN JOSE STATE 6

Saturday, November 4

*# CALIFORNIA 6, Usc 3
*# STANFORD 7, Ucla 5

SCHEDULE/RESULTS NOTES

*MPSF Conference Game
TV: Pac-12 Networks
Home Team in CAPS; All Times Local