



Adam Wright begins his eighth season as UCLA's head men's water polo coach in 2016 with an overall record of 181-30 (.858) and an MPSF mark of 48-9 (.842). His teams in 2015 and 2014 both earned perfect APR (Academic Progress Rate) scores of 1,000.

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. The Bruins enter 2016 with a 33-game winning streak (second-longest in school history) and a 24-game winning streak in the MPSF.

Under Wright's guidance, 45 Bruins have secured ACWPC All-America honors, including 13 first team honorees. He has also produced two Olympians for Team USA in 2016 in Josh Samuels and Alex Roelse. Under his tutelage, redshirt freshman goalkeeper Garrett Danner was UCLA's first player to be named MPSF Newcomer of the Year in 2013 and in 2016 became just the 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 two MPSF Players of the Year, including Danner 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 and three runner-up finishes at the NCAA Tournament in his seven seasons at the helm.

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.

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 the silver medal in 2008 (Beijing).

Wright has continued training with the USA National Team while serving as UCLA's head coach and competed 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.

In addition, Wright served as an assistant coach with the varsity boys and girls water polo programs at Wilson High School (Long Beach, Calif.) from 2001-04. He helped coach the boys program to four consecutive CIF Division I championships and Moore League titles. Wright coached the girls team to two Moore League titles and two CIF Division I quarterfinal playoff appearances.

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, 39, 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.

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**Coaching Highlights**

- Guided the men's water polo team to NCAA Championships 2014 and 2015
- Led the Bruins to the MPSF Tournament title in 2009, 2011 and 2015
- 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
- Helped guide the Wilson High School girl's water polo program to two league titles

**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)



Jason Falitz enters his second year as an assistant men's water polo coach at UCLA in 2016. He reported to his new post in May of 2015, replacing Dustin Litvak, who assumed the head coaching duties for the boy's water polo program at Agoura High School. 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 serving as an assistant coach 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.



Daniel McClintick will serve as an undergraduate assistant coach during the 2016 season after a stellar playing career for the Bruins from 2012-15.

**2015**

Played in 28 matches, making 26 starts ... was named a Second Team All-American and a Second Team All-MPSF in 2015 ... earned 2015 NCAA Championship First Team All-Tournament ... secured 2015 ACWPC All-Academic "Excellent" honors ... picked up his third straight MPSF All-Academic honor ... tied for 10th in UCLA all-time career goals (142) ... was 6th on the team in scoring with 26 goals on 87 attempts, converting at a 29.9 percent rate ... scored a season-high three goals in a 12-8 win at No. 4 Stanford (Oct. 17), in a 11-4 win at No. 8 Long Beach State (Nov. 8), in a 6-3 win at No. 4 USC (Nov. 21), and in a 17-4 win over No. 10 UC San Diego in the 2015 NCAA National Championship semi-finals (Dec. 5) ... he scored half of the team's total points in the win over USC at the 2015 MPSF Tournament (Nov. 21) ... he tallied at least one goal in 15 of 28 games he played, including seven multiple goal games ... also had 37 assists (2nd on the team), 16 steals (6th on the team), 16 field blocks (2nd on the team) and four earned exclusions.

**2014**

Played in 30 of the 32 matches, making 15 starts ... was named honorable mention All-American and MPSF All-Academic ... also named the MVP of the NCAA Tournament after scoring a game-high four goals in the 9-8 championship win over USC (Dec. 7) ... picked up his first career MPSF/Kap7 Player of the Week honors on Sept. 29 after scoring a game-high four goals and adding two assists to lead the top-ranked Bruins to a 17-9 win over No. 9 UC Irvine ... he scored the eventual game-winning goal with 5:17 left in the third period and drew the defensive assignment on MPSF scoring leader Lovre Milos (4.67 gpg), holding him to two goals ... scored 41 goals (4th on the team) on 101 attempts, converting at a 40.6 percent rate ... his 1.41 goals per game average ranked 22nd in the MPSF ... scored at least one goal in 18 matches, scoring multiple goals 12 times ... had a season- and career-high six goals in a victory over Redlands (Sept. 6) ... led the team in assists with 39 and was second in field blocks with 11 ... also had 14 steals and drew five exclusions.

**2013**

Played in all 32 matches, one of only three Bruins to accomplish that feat, making 30 starts ... was named third team All-American, honorable mention All-MPSF and MPSF All-Academic ... scored 38 goals (2nd on the team) on 120 attempts, converting at a 31.7 percent rate ... scored at least one goal in 23 matches, scoring multiple goals 11 times ... had a season-high four goals in a victory over Whittier (Sept. 14) ... led the team in assists with 62 and was second in field blocks with 15 ... also sixth on the squad with 24 steals.

**2012**

Played in all 33 matches, one of only three Bruins to accomplish that feat, making 16 starts ... scored 37 goals (4th on the team) on 89 attempts, converting at a 41.6 percent rate ... scored at least one goal in 22 matches, scoring multiple goals 10 times ... scored at least one goal in the first nine games of his collegiate career ... had a season-high four goals in a victory over Chapman (Sept. 2) ... was third on the team in field blocks with 17 and also registered 19 assists and 16 steals while earning six exclusions.

**Team USA**

2015: McClintick was injured in a car accident during the offseason and was unable to play at the World University Games (July 2-14) in Gwangju, South Korea, but traveled with the team and served as Team USA's social media coordinator. 2013: Played in all eight games (182 minutes) for Team USA at the 2013 World University Games in Kazan, Russia (July 6-17) ... he scored six goals on 16 shots, converting at a 37.5 percent rate ... also led the team in assists (12) and field blocks (seven) while tallying three steals as the United States captured fifth place at the World University Games ... he also helped the USA to a fifth-place finish at the 2013 FINA Men's Junior World Championships in Szombathely, Hungary (Aug. 12-18) ... the Americans went 5-2 at the Junior Worlds ... he played in seven games and tallied two goals.

**High School**

Four-year (2008-11) varsity water polo letterwinner at Agoura High School under head coach Dustin Litvak (current UCLA assistant coach) ... also lettered four times (2009-12) in swimming for coach Peter Schiavelli ... a four-year starter, McClintick was named second team All-Marmonte League and third team All-CIF as a freshman in 2008 ... was named first team All-Marmonte and second team All-CIF in 2009 ... as a junior in 2010, he was named first team All-League and All-CIF as the Chargers were the CIF Division IV Champions with McClintick setting a school record for assists ... as a senior in 2011, he was named first team All-Marmonte and League MVP while the Chargers repeated as CIF champions with McClintick being named CIF Division IV Player of the Year ... he also was named L.A. Daily News and Ventura County Star Player of the Year in 2011 while setting an AHS record for field blocks.

**Personal**

Full name: Daniel John McClintick ... Oct. 29, 1994 in La Jolla, Calif. ... his parents are John and Peggy McClintick ... has one younger brother, Will ... competed with the Los Angeles Water Polo Club ... placed second at the Junior Olympics in 2011 while being named a first team All-American ... the LAWPC won the U.S. Club Championship in 2010 ... lists winning his second consecutive CIF Championship as the biggest athletic thrill of his career ... has also competed with Youth and Junior National Training Teams (2010-12), traveling to Sicily, Italy, and Szombathely, Hungary for competition ... lists the Oklahoma City Thunder's Kevin Durant as the athlete he most admires ... majoring in political science.

**Daniel McClintick's Career Statistics**

Year	GP/GS	G	ATT	PCT	AST	STL	BLK	EE
2012	33/16	37	89	.416	19	16	17	6
2013	32/30	38	120	.317	62	24	15	5
2014	29/15	41	101	.406	39	14	11	5
2015	28/26	26	87	.299	37	16	16	4
Totals	122/87	142	397	.358	157	70	59	20