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Quick Facts

U.S. Men's Water Polo

Head Coach – Dejan Udovicic 10th year (Serbia)
Assistant Coach – Matt Ustaszewski
Assistant Coach – Gavin Arroyo
Assistant Coach – John McBride
Team Manager – Paulina Bui
Sports Medicine Manager – Chris Bates

Training Facility
Torrance Aquatic Center
2320 Crenshaw Blvd, Torrance, CA 90501

Olympic Appearances – 22

Best Olympic Finish – Gold Medal
(1904 St. Louis, Missouri)

Best World Championship Finish – 4th Place
(1986 Madrid, Spain, 1991 Perth, Australia, 2009 Rome, Italy)

Current World Ranking – 6th
Highest World Ranking – 2nd (2009)

Roster Breakdown
Goalkeeper - 3
Attacker - 14
Defender - 1
Center - 2
Utility - 1

U.S Women's Water Polo

Head Coach – Adam Krikorian 12th year
Assistant Coach – Molly Cahill
Assistant Coach – Chris Oeding
Team Manager – Ally Beck
Sports Medicine Manager – Larnie Boquieren

Long Beach City College
4901 E Carson St, Long Beach, CA 90808

Olympic Appearances – 5

Best Olympic Finish – Gold Medal 3x (2012 London, England/2016 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil/2020 Tokyo, Japan)

Best World Championship Finish – Gold Medal 7x
(Most recently 2022 Budapest, Hungary)

Current World Ranking – 1st (Since 2019)
Highest World Ranking – 1st (Multiple occasions)

Roster Breakdown
Goalkeeper - 4
Attacker - 10
Defender - 4
Center - 2
Utility - 3

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ABOUT USA WATER POLO

USA Water Polo, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation that serves as the national governing body for the sport of water polo in the United States under authority of the United States Olympic Committee.

Mission Statement

The Mission of USA Water Polo shall be to grow the sport of water polo throughout the United States and win medals in Olympic, World Championship, and Pan American Games.

Check out some great programs USA Water Polo is operating in communities all over the country. For more information visit www.usawaterpolo.org.

Splashball



Splashball is designed to introduce the sport of water polo to children 5-9 years old. The intent is to provide basic skills and understanding of the sport in a recreational format.

Although water polo is known for its toughness and endurance, Splashball harnesses all the fun, dynamic aspects of the game in a safe, easy to learn aquatic experience that will motivate kids to swim and stay fit. To find a Splashball program near you or to learn more visit www.splashballusa.org.



Masters Water Polo



USAWP supports and promotes competition and events among its members domestically and internationally. Membership in Masters Water Polo is available to

anyone age 19 and older. Each year dozens of tournaments are held throughout the US highlighted by the USA Water Polo Masters National Championships each June. Champions are crowned in 19+, 30+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+, 65+, and 70+ age categories for men. Women contest in the 19+, 30+, 40+, 50+, 55+, and 60+ age groups.

US Leagues



US Leagues is a program of USA Water Polo designed to provide a low cost, entry-level membership for water polo athletes and coaches all ages and skill levels. All US League athletes, coaches and referees will receive the basic benefits provided to all USA Water Polo Members for the duration of the league.

This program is a flexible platform for water polo groups throughout the country to provide safe, insured, supervised water polo programming for all ages and playing levels.

Olympic Development Program



The mission of USA Water Polo's (USAWP) Olympic Development Program is to unify the American system of play and increase the number of athletes, coaches and

referees in the system with an emphasis on long term improvement. The program serves as the entry into USAWP Olympic Development Pipeline and offers incentives for USAWP athletes, coaches and referees to compete for inclusion and advancement. Once accepted into the Olympic Development Program, athletes, coaches and referees will be taught the American System of Water Polo.



MEDIA INFORMATION

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 Youtube – www.youtube.com/usawp

 Instagram - www.instagram.com/usawp

 SnapChat - Search "USAWP"

www.usawaterpolo.org is the official website of USA Water Polo.

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MEN'S OUTLOOK & PREVIEW

2023 will be a busy year leading into the 2024 Paris Olympic Games. It could result in one of the biggest successes ever for the USA Men's National Team as the players and coaches seek the program's first medal at the World Championships since the tournament's existence in 1973. The USA Men finished in sixth place at the 2022 FINA (now World Aquatics) World Championships and second place at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final, and now they're back training and competing full-time as they seek their first ever World Championships medal.

This team is led by veterans and Olympians Ben Hallock, Alex Bowen, Luca Cupido, Hannes Daube, Drew Holland, Johnny Hooper, Max Irving, Ben Stevenson, Marko Vavic, and Dylan Woodhead. Most of these returning athletes spent time with international clubs throughout Europe in 2022-23.

Team USA finished sixth at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics in 2021. In 2022, Team USA finished in first place at the FINA Intercontinental Cup to claim the gold medal. The men went 6-1 in the tournament, avenging their only loss against Australia with a win against the Aussies in the gold medal game. The U.S. Men took sixth place at the 2022 FINA World Championships with a 4-3 record. The Americans defeated Kazakhstan, Australia, and South Africa before defeating the host nation of Hungary in a penalty shootout. Team USA claimed the silver medal at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final. After falling to France, the United States defeated Canada, Italy, and Australia prior to dispatching France in the semifinals.

A key piece of preparation for this edition of Team USA has been a heavy dose of professional club experience. Fourteen National Team athletes spent time training and competing with some of the top clubs in Europe. Many of the transfers were organized by USA Head Coach Dejan Udovicic, tapping into an extensive network in the international club scene, allowing for athletes to take part in high level competition.

Among the highlights, Ben Hallock, Hannes Daube, and Dylan Woodhead competed in the LEN Champions League. This competition is considered the biggest event in the club world and was a sign of the important experience Team USA athletes earned. Hallock became the first U.S. Man to win a

Champions League title in 2021, claiming top honors with Pro Recco, and repeated the feat in 2022 and 2023 to make it three straight championships.

Coach Udovicic once again will be joined on staff by two-time Olympian Gavin Arroyo and has added assistant coaches Matt Ustaszewski and John McBride, with manager Paulina Bui and sports medicine manager Chris Bates rounding out key staff roles.

The following are the athletes fighting for a spot on the Fukuoka roster:

GOALKEEPERS

Adrian Weinberg (Los Angeles, CA/California) earned a spot on this year's roster after helping California win back-to-back NCAA Championships. Weinberg was named to the All-MPSF first team and All-Tournament first team for the Bears this past season. He continued his development as a goalkeeper at the 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup, 2022 FINA World Championships, and the 2022 FINA World League Super Final.

2020 Olympian and former Stanford star **Drew Holland (Orinda, CA/Stanford/Peristeri)** returns to the cage. Holland was named top goalkeeper at the 2021 FINA World League Super Final and recorded 52 saves at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Recently, he notched 64 saves with Team USA at the 2022 FINA World Championships and ventured overseas for club competition in Greece.

The most inspiring story among the goalkeepers is **Jack Turner (Fremont, CA/UC San Diego/Matara)** who returns for another season with Team USA. Turner broke his back in August 2017 in a serious car accident just miles from his childhood home. The accident sidelined Turner from water polo for several months, including a missed season with the Tritons. Amazingly, he returned to cap up for the USA Men at the 2018 FINA World Cup and then went on to guide his college team to an NCAA Tournament semifinal berth. Fundamentally sound in goal with big blocking abilities, Turner is one of the hardest workers on the team. He recorded 23 saves at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final and recently traveled abroad to play for CN Matara in Spain.

CENTERS

Two-time Cutino Award winner **Ben Hallock (Westlake Village, CA/Stanford/Pro Recco)** has emerged as a force at the center position for Team USA. The two-time Olympian is a mainstay for Team USA and has gained even more experience with Italian greats Pro Recco over the past few seasons.

Former, Stanford Cardinal **Dylan Woodhead (San Anselmo, CA/Stanford/Vouliagmeni)** joined the

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USA ranks in 2018 and continues to play both center and center defender. Woodhead's versatility also extends beyond the perimeter where he can deliver an outside shot to help keep defenses off balance. Recently, Woodhead took part in the 2022 FINA World Championships and 2022 FINA World League Super Final before he gained valuable experience overseas while competing in LEN Champions League for Vouliagmeni.

George Avakian (Los Angeles, CA/California/The Olympic Club) has won two NCAA championships with the Bears through two years. After netting 19 goals for California this past season, Avakian capped up for The Olympic Club at the 2023 Fisher Cup.

DEFENDERS/UTILITIES

Marko Vavic (Rancho Palos Verdes, CA/USC/NYAC/Barcelona) played collegiately for USC where he helped lead the Trojans to the 2018 NCAA Championship. Most recently, Vavic has logged time in Spain with Barcelona. His teammate at USC, **Jake Ehrhardt (Camarillo, CA/USC/The Olympic Club)**, helped lead the team to four NCAA Championship games in as one of only three players in NCAA history to be a five-time All-American. Ehrhardt capped up for Team USA at the 2022 FINA World Championships and the 2022 FINA World League Super Final.

Another option in this group is **Kacper Langiewicz (San Marcos, CA/UC San Diego/NYAC/Kaposvari)**. The utility man was a force in center for the UC San Diego Tritons and went on to gain more experience while competing abroad in the Hungarian league.

Woodhead, as referenced previously, adds to this group of defenders in helping Team USA limit the abilities of the best countries in the water polo world.

ATTACKERS

The attackers group remains Team USA's deepest unit and includes several new options. Returning Olympian **Alex Bowen (Santee, CA/Stanford/Noisy-le-Sec)** anchors this unit as one of the most experienced members of the squad. Bowen's shot-making ability and high-speed release make him a target of defenses the world over. He continues to play professionally overseas, most recently for Noisy-le-Sec as he remains one of the top options

for Team USA on offense. Fellow SoCal natives **Max Irving (Long Beach, CA/UCLA/Telimar)** and **Johnny Hooper (Los Angeles, CA/California/Telimar)** have improved their craft in Europe in recent years, most recently competing for Telimar. They continue to find ways to up their game and have emerged as major scoring threats over the last few years.

An essential piece of USC's title run in 2018, **Hannes Daube (Long Beach, CA/USC/Marseille)** continues to showcase his scoring abilities in France with Marseille while competing in the LEN Champions League. **Ben Stevenson (Reno, NV/Pacific/Posillipo)** was a standout for the Pacific Tigers and Team USA at the 2022 FINA World Championships and 2022 FINA World League Super Final. Fresh off a professional season in Italy, Stevenson continues to fine tune his scoring to help bolster the USA attack. 2020 Olympian **Luca Cupido (Santa Margherita, Italy/California/Barcelona)** returns to Team USA after a season in Spain with Barcelona.

Thomas Dunstan (New Canaan, CT/USC/Aix-en-Provence) is a returning 2016 Olympian and left-hander joining the Team USA attack. Dunstan competed for Team USA at the 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup and for Aix-en-Provence in France.

Four options at attack join the list of Olympic hopefuls as **Tyler Abramson (Orinda, CA/Stanford/Posillipo)**, **Chase Dodd (Long Beach, CA/UCLA/USA Junior)**, **Ryder Dodd (Long Beach, CA/JSerra/USA Junior)**, **Thomas Gruwell (Phoenix, AZ/UCLA)**, and **Quinn Woodhead (San Anselmo, CA/Stanford/The Olympic Club)** join the team. All four have emerged as talents in the collegiate game. Abramson helped Stanford to the NCAA crown in 2019 while Gruwell was part of the Bruin squad that claimed the postponed 2020 title. Chase Dodd is coming off an impressive Sophomore season at UCLA and was named MVP of the 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup while his younger brother, Ryder, took home MVP honors the past two years at the Pan American U17 Championships. Woodhead was a member of the 2019 NCAA Championship team at Stanford before competing for The Olympic Club this year.



WOMEN'S OUTLOOK & PREVIEW

The USA Women look to win their fifth gold medal in a row this summer at the World Aquatics World Championships in Japan and continue their dynastic run.

The USA women have experienced great success at the World Championships ever since they earned their first gold medal in 2003. The women have gone on to win a gold medal six more times, winning back-to-back in 2007 and 2009, and most recently, they claimed gold in 2015, 2017, 2019, and 2022, making it four consecutive gold medals and seven overall.

Team USA remains consistent as they return 12 of the 13 players from the 2022 World Championships gold medal-winning squad for this year's push. This includes two-time Olympic MVP Maggie Steffens who is considered the face of women's water polo around the world. Then there's Ashleigh Johnson, one of the greatest goalkeepers to play the game. Also returning is veteran attacker Kaleigh Gilchrist. Maddie Musselman, the 2022 World Championships MVP, is back for another go as she has established herself as one of Team USA's top scoring threats.

Coach Adam Krikorian continues with his 15th summer in charge of Team USA and is joined by assistant coaches Molly Cahill and Chris Oeding. The team manager is Ally Beck and Sports Medicine Manager Larnie Boquiren returns to provide top treatment to the athletes.

An important year lies ahead for Team USA, here's a look at the athletes for 2023.

GOALKEEPERS

Ashleigh Johnson (Miami, FL/Princeton/Ethnikos) continues to be Team USA's top option in net. Considered the best goalkeeper in the world, the athletic Johnson moves with precision in the cage, turning away attempts other goalies cannot. Johnson was named the Top Goalkeeper at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and the 2022 FINA World Championships.

Cutino Award winner and NCAA champion at USC, **Amanda Longan (Moorpark, CA/USC/Santa Barbara 805)** finished a stellar four-year run in the land of Troy, emerging as one of the best keepers in the college game. She also has consistently served as Johnson's backup in

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major competitions over the last two years and will be pushing the incumbent for the starting spot all the way to Japan. In 2022, Longan led a team of high school age athletes to a bronze medal at the FINA Intercontinental Cup and then recorded 52 saves between the FINA World Championships and FINA World League Super Final.

Newcomers **Christine Carpenter (Yucaipa, CA/Stanford/CHAWP)** and **Lauren Steele (Orange, CA/Orange Lutheran)** have begun training with the Senior Team. Carpenter was named the Top Goalkeeper at the 2022 Pan American U17 Championships and also won a gold medal at the 2022 FINA Youth World Championships. Steele, also a member of both those squads, joins her in the goalkeeper ranks. Steele just won a CIF Open Division championship with Orange Lutheran and was named the OC Register's Player of the Year.

CENTERS

Tara Prentice (Temecula, CA/UC Irvine/Sant Andreu) was a first team All-American and Big West athlete of the year at UC Irvine. Prentice is beginning to establish herself on Team USA and spent this past season playing professionally in Spain with Sant Andreu.

Ava Johnson (Walnut Creek, CA/UCLA/SOCAL), a three-time All-American at UCLA, joins the squad after racking up 35 goals for the Bruins in 2023. **Jovana Sekulic (Belgrade, Serbia/**

Princeton) was named to the NCAA All-Tournament first team after she helped Princeton advance to its first NCAA National Semifinals in school history. Sekulic led the Tigers with 75 goals and 90 exclusions drawn.

DEFENDERS

The coaching staff is confident in the defender position with **Jordan Raney (Manhattan Beach, CA/Stanford)**. Raney operates using her athleticism and body positioning to stifle offensive efforts with strong field blocks and seemingly endless energy. She led Team USA with 12 goals and was named to the Media All-Star Team at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final. Two-time NCAA Champion **Denise Mammolito (Rancho Cucamonga, CA/USC/CHAWP)** joins Raney in defense. Mammolito capped up with Team USA at the 2022 FINA World Championships and 2022 FINA World League Super Final.

2023 NCAA Champion **Ella Woodhead (San Anselmo, CA/Stanford)** gained extensive experience last year at the 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup, the 2022 Pan American U17 Championships, the 2022 FINA Youth World Championships, and the 2022 FINA World League Super Final. Fellow 2M defender **Julia Bonaguidi (La Jolla, CA/Bishop's School)** joins Woodhead on the training roster after being part of Team USA at the 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup, 2022 Pan American U17 Championships, and 2022 FINA Youth World Championships.

ATTACKERS

When it comes time for coaches to decide a roster, the attackers may be the most difficult group to figure out given the squad's immense depth. The crew is led by two-time Olympic Games MVP and two-time FINA World player of the year **Maggie Steffens (Danville, CA/Stanford/CN Sabadell)**. The team captain can pretty much play any position and delivers when the team needs it. Sometimes that's a big offensive surge, such as her Olympic record-breaking seven goals against Hungary to open the 2012 Olympics. Other times it's a lockdown defensive effort, race for a loose ball, or whatever else this team needs to succeed.



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The depth continues with a host of returning Olympians, including **Rachel Fattal** (Seal Beach, CA/UCLA/SOCAL), **Maddie Musselman** (Newport Beach, CA/UCLA/CdM Aquatics), and **Kaleigh Gilchrist** (Newport Beach, CA/USC/NYAC). Fattal was a volleyball standout in high school, and her all-around athleticism shows as she can turn into instant offense for Team USA and is known to score goals in bunches.

Musselman has emerged as a top attack option as she earned MVP honors at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and 2022 FINA World Championships. Sporting a deft lob shot, she continues to keep defenses guessing. Musselman is the only person to ever be named the Total Water Polo Player of the Year twice after claiming back-to-back honors in 2021 and 2022.

Gilchrist is an excellent facilitator and brings good size to the attack position which bolsters her defensive efforts. A source of positive energy on the team, she's provided good vibes to the squad for the last several years and is always one to set up her teammates.

Ryann Neushul (Isla Vista, CA/Stanford) joins the team fresh off her third NCAA Championship with Stanford. She was a key part of the 2019, 2022, and 2023 NCAA Champions on The Farm and was recently named a finalist for the 2023 Cutino Award.

Emily Ausmus (Riverside, CA/USC/SOCAL), **Jenna Flynn** (San Jose, CA/Stanford/680), **Emma Lineback** (Laguna Beach, CA/UCLA), and **Jewel Roemer** (Martinez, CA/Stanford/680) round out the group of attackers. Ausmus made the leap to the Senior Team as a high schooler because of her water polo IQ. She was part of the 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup and the 2022 FINA World League Super Final while also being selected as the IE Varsity Girls Water Polo Player of the Year. Flynn won an NCAA title with Stanford and was named MPSF Newcomer of the Year after 49 goals for the Cardinal. Lineback led UCLA with 52 goals scored for the Bruins in 2023 while Roemer registered two goals and two



assists in the NCAA Championship game to earn her second NCAA crown in as many tries with Stanford.

UTILITY

Bayley Weber (Los Alamitos, CA/USC) played for Team USA at the 2022 FINA World Championships and the 2022 FINA World League Super Final before being named MPSF Player of the Year with 71 goals scored and 95 points earned for USC.

Anna Pearson (Irvine, CA/UCLA/SET) scored 45 goals for UCLA as a Freshman following a strong showing at the 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup. **Rachel Gazzaniga** (Tustin, CA/USC) was one of the best high school players in Orange County and has committed to USC after joining Team USA at the 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup, 2022 Pan American U17 Championships, and 2022 FINA Youth World Championships.



MEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

SCHEDULE



Kazakhstan / July 16 (SUN) / 8PM ET/5PM PT / Fukuoka, Japan



Australia / July 19 (WED) / 9:30AM ET/6:30AM PT / Fukuoka, Japan



Greece / July 20 (THU) / 12:30AM ET/9:30PM PT (JUL 20 - PT, JUL 21 - ET) /
Fukuoka, Japan

TBD / July 23 (SUN) / TBD / Fukuoka, Japan

TBD / July 25 (TUE) / TBD / Fukuoka, Japan

TBD / July 27 (THU) / TBD / Fukuoka, Japan

TBD / July 29 (SAT) / TBD / Fukuoka, Japan



WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

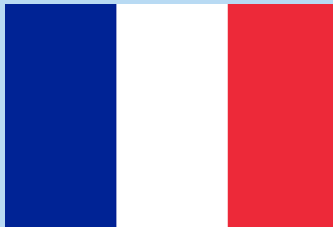
SCHEDULE



China / July 15 (SAT) / 8PM ET/5PM PT / Fukuoka, Japan



Australia / July 18 (TUE) / 4:30AM ET/1:30AM PT / Fukuoka, Japan



France / July 20 (THU) / 3AM ET/12AM PT / Fukuoka, Japan

TBD / July 22 (SAT) / TBD / Fukuoka, Japan

TBD / July 24 (MON) / TBD / Fukuoka, Japan

TBD / July 26 (WED) / TBD / Fukuoka, Japan

TBD / July 28 (FRI) / TBD / Fukuoka, Japan



MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

AT A GLANCE

- Silver medal at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Strasbourg, France
- Sixth place at the 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary
- Gold Medal at 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup in Lima, Peru
- Currently ranked sixth in the world
- Sixth place at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan
- Second place at the 2021 FINA World League Super Final in Tbilisi, Georgia
- First place at the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru
- Ninth place at the 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea
- Sixth place at the 2018 FINA World Cup in Berlin, Germany
- Seventh place at the 2018 FINA World League Super Final in Budapest, Hungary
- Gold medal at the 2018 FINA Intercontinental Tournament in Auckland, New Zealand
- Thirteenth place at the 2017 FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary
- Fourth place at the 2017 FINA World League Super Final in Ruza, Russia
- Silver medal at the 2017 FINA Intercontinental Tournament in Gold Coast, Australia
- Tenth place at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Silver medal at the 2016 FINA World League Super Final in Huizhou, China
- Seventh place at the 2015 FINA World Championship in Kazan, Russia
- Gold medal at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Canada
- Fourth place at the 2014 FINA World Cup in Almaty, Kazakhstan
- Fifth place at the 2014 FINA World League Super Final in Dubai, UAE
- Fourth place at 2013 FINA World League Super Final in Chelyabinsk, Russia
- Eighth place at 2012 Olympic Games in London, England
- Fourth place at 2012 World League Super Final in Almaty, Kazakhstan
- Gold medal at the 2011 Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico
- Fourth place at the 2010 FINA World Cup in Oradea, Romania
- Fourth place at the 2009 FINA World Championships in Rome, Italy
- Silver medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China
- Silver medal at the 2008 FINA World League Super Final in Genoa, Italy
- Gold medal at the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Ninth place at the 2009 FINA World Championships in Melbourne, Australia
- Seventh place at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece
- Sixth place at 2003 World Championships in Barcelona, Spain
- Bronze medal at 2003 FINA World League Super Finals in New York, N.Y.
- Gold medal at 2003 Pan American Games in Santo Domingo
- Seventh place at 2002 World Cup in Belgrade, Yugoslavia
- Seventh place at 2001 World Championships in Fukuoka, Japan
- Sixth place at 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia
- Sixth place at 1999 FINA World Cup in Sydney, Australia
- Gold medal place at 1999 Pan American Games in Winnipeg, Canada
- Silver medal at 1984, 1988 and 2008 Olympic Games
- Bronze medal at 1924, 1932 and 1972 Olympic Games



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AT A GLANCE

- Bronze medal at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain
- Gold medal at the 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary
- Bronze Medal at 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup in Lima, Peru
- Currently ranked first in the world
- Gold Medal at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan
- Gold Medal at the 2019 Pan American Games in Lima, Peru
- Gold medal at the 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea
- Gold medal at the 2019 FINA World League Super Final in Budapest, Hungary
- Gold medal at the 2018 FINA World Cup in Surgut, Russia
- Gold medal at the 2018 FINA World League Super Final in Kunshan, China
- Gold medal at the 2017 FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary
- Gold medal at the 2017 FINA World League Super Final in Shanghai, China
- Gold medal at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Gold medal at the 2016 FINA World League Super Final in Shanghai, China
- Gold medal at the 2016 Olympic Qualification Tournament in Gouda, Netherlands
- Gold medal at the 2015 FINA World Championships in Kazan, Russia
- Gold medal at the 2015 Pan American Games in Toronto, Canada
- Gold medal at the 2015 FINA World League Super Final in Shanghai, China
- Gold medal at the 2014 FINA World Cup in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia
- Gold medal at the 2014 FINA World League Super Final in Kunshan, China
- Bronze medal at the 2013 FINA World League Super Final in Beijing, China
- Gold medal at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, England
- Gold medal at the 2012 FINA World League Super Final in Changshu, China
- Gold medal at the 2011 Pan American Games in Guadalajara, Mexico
- Gold medal at the 2010 FINA World Cup in Christchurch, New Zealand
- Gold medal at the 2010 FINA World League Super Final in La Jolla, CA
- Only women's water polo nation to win six World Championships
- Gold medal at the 2009 FINA World Championships in Rome, Italy
- Gold medal at the 2009 FINA World League Super Final in Kirishi, Russia
- Silver medal at the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing, China
- Silver medal at the 2008 FINA World League Super Final in Tenerife, Spain
- Only team in women's water polo worldwide to win medals at the 2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, and 2016 Olympic Games
- First women's water polo nation to repeat as Olympic champions (2012, 2016)
- In 2005, became the country with the most overall medals in women's water polo (FINA Junior and Senior events)
- Gold medal at the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
- Gold medal at the 2007 World League Super Final in Montreal, Canada
- Gold medal at the 2007 World Championships in Melbourne, Australia
- Gold medal at the 2006 Holiday Cup in Los Alamitos, CA, sixth consecutive year
- Gold medal at the 2006 World League in Cosenza, Italy
- Silver medal at the 2005 World Championships in Montreal, Canada
- Gold medal at the 2005 Junior World Championships in Perth, Australia
- Bronze medal at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece
- Gold medal at the 2004 World League in Long Beach, CA
- Silver medal at the 2003 Junior World Championships in Calgary, Canada
- Gold medal at the 2003 Pan American Games in Santa Domingo, Dominican Republic
- Gold medal at the 2003 World Championships in Barcelona, Spain
- Silver medal at 2002 World Cup in Perth, Australia
- Gold medal at the 2001 Junior World Championships in Perth, Australia
- Silver medal at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, the first Olympics to feature women's water polo as an official sport
- Gold medal at the first-ever World Cup in 1979



ALL TIME FINISHES

AND ROSTERS



USA Men's Olympic Game Finishes

1904 St. Louis, Missouri.....	1st
1920 Antwerp, Belgium.....	4th
1924 Paris, France.....	3rd
1928 Amsterdam, Netherlands.....	7th
1932 Los Angeles, California.....	3rd
1936 Berlin, Germany.....	9th
1940.....	CANCELLED WWII
1944.....	CANCELLED WWII
1948 London, England.....	11th
1952 Helsinki, Finland.....	4th
1956 Melbourne, Australia.....	5th
1960 Rome, Italy.....	7th
1964 Tokyo, Japan.....	9th
1968 Mexico City, Mexico.....	7th
1972 Munich, Germany.....	3rd
1976.....	DID NOT QUALIFY
1980.....	BOYCOTT
1984 Los Angeles, California.....	2nd
1988 Seoul, South Korea.....	2nd
1992 Barcelona, Spain.....	4th
1996 Atlanta, Georgia.....	7th
2000 Sydney, Australia.....	6th
2004 Athens, Greece.....	7th
2008 Beijing, China.....	2nd
2012 London, England.....	8th
2016 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.....	10th
2020 Tokyo, Japan.....	6th

USA Men's World Championship Finishes

1973 Belgrade, Yugoslavia.....	5th
1975 Cali, Colombia.....	8th
1978 Berlin, West Germany.....	5th
1982 Guayaquil, Ecuador.....	6th
1986 Madrid, Spain.....	4th
1991 Perth, Australia.....	4th
1994 Rome, Italy.....	6th
1998 Perth, Australia.....	7th
2001 Fukuoka, Japan.....	7th
2003 Barcelona, Spain.....	6th

2005 Montreal, Canada.....	11th
2007 Melbourne, Australia.....	9th
2009 Rome, Italy.....	4th
2011 Shanghai, China.....	6th
2013 Barcelona, Spain.....	9th
2015 Kazan, Russia.....	7th
2017 Budapest, Hungary.....	13th
2019 Gwangju, South Korea.....	9th
2022 Budapest, Hungary.....	6th

USA Men's World Cup Finishes

1979 Belgrade & Rijeka, Yugoslavia.....	2nd
1981 Long Beach, CA, USA.....	4th
1983 Malibu, CA, USA.....	4th
1985 Duisberg, Federal Republic of Germany.....	2nd
1987 Thessalonika, Greece.....	4th
1989 West Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany.....	8th
1991 Barcelona, Spain.....	1st
1993 Athens, Greece.....	4th
1995 Atlanta, GA, USA.....	4th
1997 Athens, Greece.....	1st
1999 Sydney, Australia.....	6th
2002 Belgrade, Yugoslavia.....	7th
2010 Oradea, Romania.....	4th
2014 Almaty, Kazakhstan.....	4th
2018 Berlin, Germany.....	6th

USA Men's World League Super Final Finishes

2003 New York, NY.....	3rd
2004 Long Beach, CA.....	5th
2006 Athens, Greece.....	5th
2007 Berlin, Germany.....	5th
2008 Genoa, Italy.....	2nd
2009 Podgorica, Montenegro.....	4th
2010 Nis, Serbia.....	5th
2011 Florence, Italy.....	4th
2012 Almaty, Kazakhstan.....	4th
2013 Chelyabinsk, Russia.....	4th
2014 Dubai, United Arab Emirates.....	5th
2015 Bergamo, Italy.....	4th
2016 Huizhou, China.....	2nd

2017 Ruza, Russia.....	4th
2018 Budapest, Hungary.....	7th
2021 Tbilisi, Georgia.....	2nd
2022 Strasbourg, France.....	2nd

USA Men's Olympians

Almquist, Dave.....	AMC 1988
Amr, Omar.....	2004
Antley, Guy.....	1976
Arroyo, Gavin.....	1996, 2000
Asch, Peter G.....	1972, 1976
Ashleigh, David M.....	1964, 1968
Austin, Arthur.....	1924
Avery, Stewart P.....	1904 (CAA)
Azevedo, Ricardo.....	AMC 1996,
	AMC 2000, AMC 2004
Azevedo, Tony.....	2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016
Bailey, Ryan.....	2000, 2004, 2008, 2012
Baker, Guy.....	AMC 1992
Barclay, David.....	1932
Barnett, Bill.....	HMC 1988, HMC 1992
Barnett, Steven W.....	1968, 1972
Barnhart, Troy.....	1996
Baron, McQuin.....	2016
Beach, Rex E.....	1904 (CAA)
Beaubien, Layne.....	2004, 2008, 2012
Beauchamp, RH.....	1920
Beck, Kenny.....	1936, 1948
Becсахazy, Paul.....	1976
Belfonti, Thomas.....	1976
Bergeson, Jamie.....	1988
Bisbey, Harry A.....	1952
Bittick, Chuck G.....	1960
Blake, Harold.....	1904 (MAC)
Bonanni, Bret.....	2016
Bowen, Alex.....	2016, 2020
Boyer, Greg.....	1988
Bradley, Bruce M.....	1968, 1972
Bratton, David.....	1904 (NYAC)
Bra, Rutledge "Bob".....	1948
Brooks, Brandon.....	2004, 2008
Brown, Ryan.....	AMC 2008
Browne, Clement.....	1920

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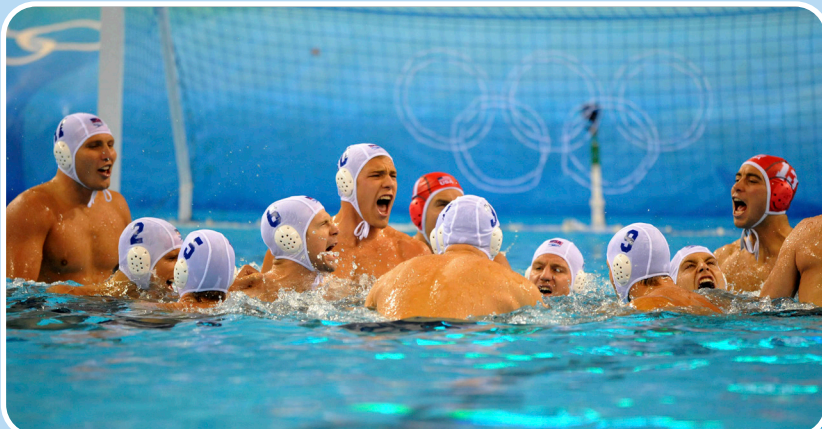
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Buckner, Shea.....	2012
Budelman, Ralph N.....	1948
Burke, Andy.....	MGR 1964
Burke, Doug.....	1984
Burns, Marvin "Ace" D.....	1952, 1960
Campbell, Jeff.....	1988, 1992
Campbell, Jody.....	1984, 1988
Campbell, Peter.....	1984, 1988
Cann, Telford.....	1924
Carson, James G.....	1920
Case, Lemoine S.....	1948
Cattus, John C.....	1928
Christensen Devere W.....	1948
Clapp, Austin R.....	1932, 1936, Coach 1948
Cohn, Charles.....	1904 (MAC)
Cohn, Edward.....	1904 (MAC)
Cole, Stan C.....	1964, 1968, 1972
Collett, Elmer C.....	1924
Corso, Richard.....	HMC 1996,
	AMC 1984, AMC 2000, AMC 2004
Crawford, Ronald E.....	1960, 1964, 1968
Cupido, Luca.....	2016, 2020
Curren, John J.....	1924, MGR 1948, MGR 1952
Daniels, Harry E.....	1928
Dash, Harold N.....	1948
Daube, Hannes.....	2020
Daubenspeck, Phillip B.....	1932, 1936
Dornblaser, N "Bill" W.....	1952
Dorst, Chris.....	1980, 1984
Driggs, Ogden E.....	1928
Drown, Dan H.....	1964
Dunne, JE.....	1920
Dunstan, Thomas.....	2016
Duplanty, Chris.....	1988, 1992, 1996
Evans, Gwynne.....	1904 (MAC)
Evans, Mike.....	1988, 1992, 1996
Everist, Kirk.....	1992, 1996
Farley, Joseph P.....	1928
Ferguson, James M.....	1972, 1976
Figueroa, Gary.....	1980, 1984
Finn, Charles T.....	1932, 1936
Fischer, Erich.....	1992
Fiske, Dixon.....	1936, 1948
Fosdick, Dennis.....	MGR 1988
Frojen, R Bob C.....	1956
Gaughran, Jim A.....	1956
Giebel, Leo E.....	1920
Gilman, JK.....	1920
Goessling, August M.....	1904 (MAC)
Goetz, Hugo.....	1904 (CAA)
Good, Donald J.....	1956
Goodwin, Leo Budd.....	1904 (NYAC)
Graham, Frank E.....	1932
Greenberg, Richard J.....	1928
Greller, Sam J.....	1928, MGR 1956



Hackett, Dan.....	1996, 2000
Hahn, Kenneth A.....	1956
Hall, Gordie R.....	1960
Hallock, Ben.....	2016, 2020
Hamann, Steve.....	1976, 1980
Hammond, David T.....	1904 (Ca
Hancock, L.....	1904 (MAC)
Handley, L De B.....	1904 (NYAC)
Handy, H Jamison.....	1924
Harris, Charlie.....	1992
Harrison, Reginald.....	1928
Healy, Charles L.....	1904 (CAA)
Heaston, Steve.....	AMC 1988
Hebner, Harry J.....	1920, HMC 1924
Helmeick, Robert H.....	MGR 1972
Hesser, David.....	1904 (NYAC)
Holland, Drew.....	2020
Hooper, Johnny.....	2020
Horn, Bob M.....	1956, 1960
Horn, Oliver H.....	1924
Hughes, R Bob E.....	1952, 1956
Humbert, Chris.....	1992, 1996, 2000
Hudnut, Peter.....	2008, 2012
Hutten, Tim.....	2008, 2012
Irving, Max.....	2020
Jaworski, Edward L.....	1952
Jensen, Sophus e.....	1920
Kahanamoku, Duke P.....	1932
Kalbus, Barbara.....	MGR 2004
Kane, GK.....	1920
Kelly, William E.....	1936
Kelsey, Jim W.....	1960
Kelsoe, Frank.....	1904 (CAA)
Kern, Sean.....	2000
Kerr, Genai.....	2004

Kimball, Doug.....	1988, 1992
Klass, Craig.....	1988, 1992
Klatt, Daniel.....	2004
Knox, Eddie.....	1936, 1948
Kocur, Jack.....	AMC 2016
Koehler, Robert E.....	1952
Kohlhase, Neill W.....	HMC 1956, MC 1960
Kooistra, Bill A.....	1952, 1956
Kooistra, Sam G.....	1956
Kopp, Kyle.....	1996, 2000
Kredell, Chi.....	2000
Kruger, Harold H.....	1920, 1924
Krumpholtz, JW.....	2008
Kruse, James.....	1976
Lake, Norman.....	1952
Lambert, Art.....	HMC 1968, HMC 1972
Lapin, Chay.....	2012
Laster, Jeremy.....	1996
Lauer, Frederick.....	1924, 1928, 1932, 1936
Leyson, Dan.....	AMC 2004
Lindgren, Ken.....	AMC 1984
Lindroth, Eric.....	1972, 1976, 1980
Loughlin, Mike.....	1976
Lynn, Robert.....	2000, AMC 2008, 2012
Mann, John.....	2012, 2016
McCallister, e Harold.....	1932, 1936
Mcdermott, M "Turk" J.....	1920
McDonald, Andrew.....	1980, 1984
McGillivray, Perry.....	1920, HMC 1928
McIlroy, C "Chick" R.....	1960, 1964
McIlroy, Ned L.....	1964
McIlroy, Paul R.....	1964
McKee, Rick.....	MGR 2008, 2012, 2016
McNair, Rick.....	1996
Meffert, Alex.....	HMC 1904



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THE 1980 U.S. OLYMPIC TEAM



CHRIS
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STEVE
HAMANN



ERIC
LINDROTH



DREW
MCDONALD



KEVIN
ROBERTSON



PETER
SCHNUGG



TERRY
SCHROEDER



JOHN
SIMAN



JON
SVENDSEN



JOE
VARGAS



Merlo, Rick.....2008	Saari, Robert P.....1964	Thorne, Raymond C.....1904 (CAA)
Meyers, John.....1904 (MAC)	Saari, Urho.....HMC 1952, HMC 1960,	Tierney, Donald J.....1948
Miller, John J.....1936, 1948	HMC 1964	Tissue, Fred E.....1960
Mitchell, George E.....1924, 1928	Sampson, Paul.....1928	Toepfen, Manfred.....1904 (MAC)
Mouchawar, Alan.....1988	Samuels, Josh.....1916	Topp, Herbert R.....1928
Moses, Merrill.....2008, 2012, 2018	Saying, Terry.....MGR 1984	Tuttle, William J.....1904 (CAA)
Nitzkowski, Monte.....HMC 1968,	Schumacher, Bradley.....2000	Udovicic, Dejan.....HMC 2016
HMC 1972, HMC 1984, AMC 2000	Schnugg, Peter.....1976, 1980	Van Cleef, George W.....1904 (NYAC)
Nolan, Sean.....2000	Schreiner, Fred.....1904 (MAC)	Van Dorp, Anton.....1964, 1968
Norris, James.....1952	Schroeder, Terry.....1980, 1984,	Varellas, Peter.....2008, 2012
Norton, John.....1924	1988, 1992, HMC 2008, 2012	Vargas, Joe.....1980, 1984
Obert, Alex.....2016, 2020	Schroth, George E.....1924, 1928	Vargas, John.....1992, AMC 1996, HMC 2000
O'Connor, Wallace.....1924, 1928, 1932, 1936	Segesman, Christopher R.....2004	Vavic, Marko.....2020
O'Connor, William.....1932	Severa, Ron D.....1956, 1960	Vollmer, Hal.....1920, 1924
Oeding, Chris.....1996, 2000	Shaw, Timothy.....1984	Vollmer, Ron L.....1960
Ormsby, Brett.....2004	Sheerer, Gary P.....1968, 1972	Von Hemert, Theodore.....1932
Orthwein, WR.....1904 (MAC)	Siegel, Hugh.....1904 (MAC)	Vosburgh, William R Jr.....1920
Palazzo, Marco.....AMC 2012	Siman, John.....1980, 1984	Wahle, Otto.....Coach 1920
Parker, John.....1968, 1972	Slatton, Jim W.....1972	Walton, Frank E.....1948
Powers, Jeffery.....2004, 2008, 2012	Smith, Jesse.....2004, 2008, 2012, 2016, 2020	Webb, Russ I.....1968, 1972
Quimby, FC.....1920	Spargo, Jack A.....1952	Weissmuller, Johnny.....1924, 1928
Ranger, Sumner	Stange, Pete J.....1952	Weitzenberg, C Barry.....1968, 1972
Reyburn, Amad.....1904 (MAC)	Steen, Jim.....1904 (NYAC)	Whitney, Ralph J.....1964
Rivas, Frank.....HMC 1932	Steiger, Preston M.....1920	Wiget, Ted.....1932
Robertson, Kevin.....1980, 1984, 1988	Steever, Jerome.....1904 (CAA)	Wigo, Wolf.....1996, 2000, 2004
Rodriguez, Alex.....AMC 2016	Stevenson, Ben.....2020	Vollmer, Herbert H.....1932, 1936
Roelse, Alex.....2016	Stransky, George C.....1964	Willeford, Dean L.....1968
Ross, Norman.....1920	Sundstrum, Gus.....HMC 1904	Wilson, Craig.....1984, 1988, 1992
Ross, W "Bill" D.....1956	Sutton, Mike.....MGR 1992	Wolf, Alex.....2020
Rousseau, Alex.....1992, 1996	Svendsen, Jon.....1976, 1980, 1984	Wolf, Wally P.....1956, 1960
Ruddy, Joe Sr.....1904 (NYAC)	Swatke, Edwin.....1904 (CAA)	Wong, Terry.....MGR 1996
Ruddy, Ray.....1932	Swendsen, Clyde A.....1920, HMC 1936	Woodhead, Dylan.....2020
Ruddy, Steve.....1920	Tanner, John.....AMC 1992, AMC 2000	Wright, Adam.....2004, 2008, 2012
Rudic, Ratko.....HMC 2004	Taylor, G Albert.....1920	Young, David.....1928

KEY

AMC - Assistant Men's Coach, HMC - Head Men's Coach, AWC - Assistant Women's Coach, HWC - Head Women's Coach, MGR - Manager, NYAC - New York Athletic Club Mac - Missouri Athletic Club, CAA - Chicago Athletic Association
 NOTE: though teams were recognized, the 1976 team did not qualify for the olympics and the 1980 team did not compete due to the U.S. boycott.
 The source for olympic rosters from 1904-1976 is Water Polo in the Olympic Games by James Smith. The source for the 1980 team is the U.S. Olympic Committee's official olympic roster. For 1984-present, official start sheets from the games are used as source. In 1904, three american teams

entered the water polo competition, the New York Athletic Club (NYAC), the Chicago Athletic Association (CAA) and the Missouri Athletic Club (MAC). Athletes from all three of these clubs are listed here.

ALL TIME FINISHES

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USA Women's Olympic Game Finishes

2000 Sydney, Australia.....	2nd
2004 Athens, Greece.....	3rd
2008 Beijing, China.....	2nd
2012 London, England.....	1st
2016 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.....	1st
2020 Tokyo, Japan.....	1st

USA Women's World Championship Finishes

1986 Madrid, Spain.....	3rd
1991 Perth, Australia.....	3rd
1994 Rome, Italy.....	4th
1998 Perth, Australia.....	8th
2001 Fukuoka, Japan.....	4th
2003 Barcelona, Spain.....	1st
2005 Montreal, Canada.....	2nd
2007 Melbourne, Australia.....	1st
2009 Rome, Italy.....	1st
2011 Shanghai, China.....	6th
2013 Barcelona, Spain.....	5th
2015 Kazan, Russia.....	1st
2017 Budapest, Hungary.....	1st
2019 Gwangju, South Korea.....	1st
2022 Budapest, Hungary.....	1st

USA Women's World Cup Finishes

1979 Merced, CA, USA.....	1st
1980 Breda, Netherlands.....	2nd
1981 Brisbane, Australia.....	4th
1983 Sainte Foy, Canada.....	2nd
1984 Irvine, CA, USA.....	2nd
1988 Christchurch, New Zealand.....	4th
1989 Eindhoven, Netherlands.....	2nd
1991 Long Beach, CA, USA.....	3rd
1993 Catania, Italy.....	5th
1995 Sydney, Australia.....	6th
1997 Nancy, France.....	7th
1999 Winnipeg, Canada.....	6th
2002 Perth, Australia.....	2nd
2006 Tianjin, China.....	4th
2010 Christchurch, New Zealand.....	1st
2014 Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia.....	1st
2018 Surgut, Russia.....	1st

USA Women's World League Super Final Finishes

2004 Long Beach, CA, USA.....	1st
2005 Kirishi, Russia.....	5th
2006 Cosenza, Italy.....	1st
2007 Montreal, Canada.....	1st
2008 Tenerife, Spain.....	2nd



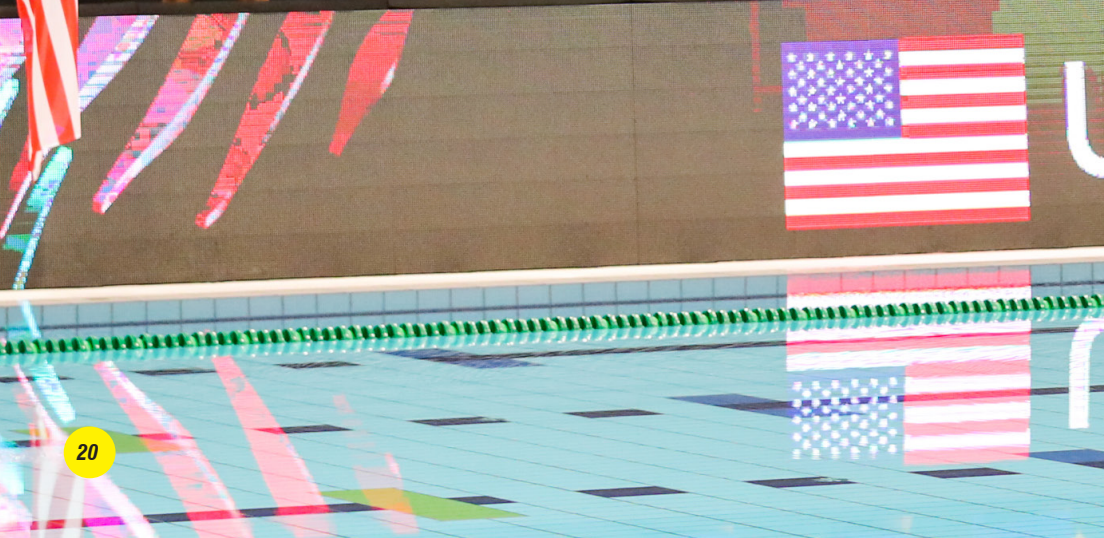
2009 Kirishi, Russia.....	1st
2010 La Jolla, CA, USA.....	1st
2011 Tianjin, China.....	1st
2012 Changshu, China.....	1st
2013 Beijing, China.....	3rd
2014 Kunshan, China.....	1st
2015 Shanghai, China.....	1st
2016 Shanghai, China.....	1st
2017 Shanghai, China.....	1st
2018 Kunshan, China.....	1st
2019 Budapest, Hungary.....	1st
2021 Athens, Greece.....	1st
2022 Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain.....	3rd

USA Women's Olympians

Adams, Jen.....	MGR 2012, 2016
Anae, Turnua.....	.....2012
Armstrong, Betsy.....	.....2008,2012
Baker, Guy.....	HWC 2000, 2004, 2008
Beauregard, Robin.....	2000, 2004
Cardenas, Patty.....	.....2008
Clark, KK.....	.....2016
Craig, Kami.....	2008, 2012, 2016
Dingeldein, Margaret.....	.....2004
Dries, Annika.....	.....2012
Duplanty, Chris.....	AWC 2000
Estes, Ellen.....	2000, 2004
Fattal, Rachel.....	2016, 2020
Fischer, Aria.....	2016, 2020
Fischer, Makenzie.....	2016, 2020
Frank, Jacqueline.....	.....2004
Gilchrist, Kaleigh.....	2016, 2020
Golda, Natalie.....	2004, 2008
Gregorka, Alison.....	.....2008
Haralabidis, Stephanila.....	.....2020
Hauschild, Paige.....	.....2020

Hayes, Brittany.....	.....2008
Hill, Sami.....	.....2016
Hipp (Korner), Jamie.....	.....2008
Johnson, Ashleigh.....	2016, 2020
Johnson, Courtney.....	.....2000
Klatt, Dan.....	AWC 2012, 2016
Kopp, Kyle.....	AWC 2004, AWC 2008
Krikorian, Adam.....	HWC 2012, 2016
Lindgren, Ken.....	AWC 2000
Longan, Amanda.....	.....2020
Lorenz, Erica.....	2000, 2004
Mathewson, Courtney.....	2012, 2016
Moody, Heather.....	2000, 2004, AWC 2008, 2012
Munro, Thalia.....	.....2004
Musselman, Maddie.....	2016, 2020
Neustul, Jamie.....	.....2020
Neustul, Kiley.....	.....2016
Oeding, Chris.....	AWC 2016
Orwig, Bernice.....	2000, Mgr 2008
O'Toole, Maureen.....	.....2000
Payne, Nicole.....	2000, 2004
Petri, Heather.....	2000, 2004, 2008, 2012
Pickering, Michelle.....	MGR 2000, 2004
Rulon, Kelly.....	.....2004, 2012
Scott, Rachel.....	AWC 2004
Seidemann, Melissa.....	2012, 2016, 2020
Sheehy, Kathy.....	.....2000
Simmons, Coralie.....	.....2000
Stachowski, Amber.....	.....2004
Steffens, Maggie.....	2012, 2016, 2020
Steffens, Jessica.....	2008, 2012
Swaill, Julie.....	.....2000
van Norman, Moriah.....	.....2008
Villa, Brenda.....	2000, 2004, 2008, 2012
Wenger, Lauren.....	2008, 2012
Williams, Alys.....2020
Winds, Elsie.....2008, 2012





MEN



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USA MEN'S COACHING STAFF

Dejan Udovicic

Head Coach

Dejan Udovicic was named head coach of the USA Water Polo Men's Senior National Team on May 7, 2013. Udovicic—former head coach of the Serbian national team—joined USA Water Polo after leading Serbia to a Bronze Medal at the 2012 London Olympic Games, the 16th medal for his teams in the last 17 major championship events. Udovicic has helped rebuild the USA Men to compete among the top ranked teams in international water polo. Udovicic led Team USA to Gold at the 2019 Pan American Games, which also earned the squad qualification for the 2020 Olympic Games. In 2016, the USA Men won their first medal at a major FINA competition in eight years—Silver at the FINA World League Super Final, a mark Team USA has matched in 2021 and 2022. They followed that with a 10th place finish at the 2016 Olympic Games and a 6th place finish at the 2020 Olympic Games. Team USA routinely medals at the FINA Intercontinental Tournament and took home Gold at the 2022 tournament in Lima, Peru.



The most successful coach in Serbian team sports, Udovicic amassed nearly 500 victories while winning more than 80 percent of all his matches. He led the Radnicki Water Polo Club to a Euro Cup title and an appearance in the Serbian National Championship final in the team's first year of competition.

Udovicic was named head coach of the Serbian National Team in June 2006 following the separation of Serbia and Montenegro. In the six years that followed he built Serbia into a water polo powerhouse. Included in his run was a FINA World Championship in 2009, two FINA World Cup titles in 2006 and 2010, two European Championships in 2006 and 2012, two Bronze Medals at the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games, and five FINA World League Super Final titles.

In addition to his duties with the Serbian national team, Udovicic also was the longtime coach of VK Partizan, one of Serbia's top water polo clubs. From 2000-2009 he led the club to four national championships, four national cups, and an appearance in the Euroleague final four. No stranger to the club, Udovicic played for Partizan along with neighboring VK Beograd, in a playing career that spanned more than 10 years.



USA MEN'S COACHING STAFF

Matt Ustaszewski

Assistant Coach

Matt Ustaszewski is entering his first year as assistant coach with the Men's Senior National Team. Ustaszewski served as the video coach for Team USA at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Prior to the Games, he helped lead the Americans to a silver medal in the 2021 FINA World League Super Final in Tbilisi, Georgia. He was the video coordinator at both the 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju, South Korea and the 2019 China Wenjiang International Water Polo Tournament in Chengdu, China. In addition, Ustaszewski closed out 2019 as the video coordinator for Team USA in a series of exhibition games against Serbia.

Ustaszewski was recently promoted to head coach of the University of California San Diego men's water polo team following Denny Harper's retirement. Ustaszewski just completed his eighth season as associate head coach and 12th season overall on the UCSD men's water polo staff in 2021. After four years as an assistant at his alma mater, Ustaszewski was promoted to associate head coach in January of 2013.

During his 11 years on staff, Ustaszewski has helped lead the Tritons to five WWPA championships and automatic berths to the NCAA Championship. He has recruited and coached 25 All-Americans, including two WWPA Players of the Year and five WWPA Tournament Most Valuable Players. Between 2011-19, the Tritons appeared in nine straight WWPA championship games, a run which includes consecutive titles from 2013-15.

Ustaszewski returned to UC San Diego in 2010 after a very successful stint at Southwestern College in Chula Vista. He served as the Jaguars' men's water polo head coach for four years (2006-09), while also instructing health and exercise science courses. Ustaszewski was named the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 2007 and 2009. Prior to taking over the water polo program, Ustaszewski spent time as the men's and women's swimming and diving head coach at Southwestern, while also assisting with



both the men's and women's water polo teams.

Ustaszewski is no stranger to the La Jolla campus. He was a co-captain of the fifth-ranked Triton water polo team as a senior in 2003 for current head coach Denny Harper. He graduated in 2004, completing his bachelor's degree in history (Europe emphasis) with a 3.5 grade-point average. Ustaszewski earned his teaching credential in social studies from San Diego State University in 2007, and his master's degree in physical education at Azusa Pacific University in 2011. Before attending UC San Diego, Ustaszewski was an All-American at Sierra College and Rocklin High School, both located in his native Rocklin. He still holds career records in goals scored at each school.

In addition to serving as associate head coach at UC San Diego, Ustaszewski is the head coach for the Sunset San Diego water polo club team. He coached the Sunset 40's to four straight USA Water Polo (USAWP) Masters Nationals Championships (2011-14). He is also the USAWP Olympic Development Program (ODP) head coach for the Pacific Southwest Zone Youth Men's Team, and was honored as the USAWP ODP Top Coach in 2014.

Ustaszewski resides in Scripps Ranch with his wife, Heather (Szafraniec) Ustaszewski, herself a former UC San Diego standout scholar-athlete in her own right as a four-year starting center back and two-year captain in the women's soccer program from 2002-05. The couple welcomed their first child, son Jordan, in October of 2016.



Gavin Arroyo

Assistant Coach

Gavin Arroyo is in his fourth year as assistant coach with the Men's Senior National Team after serving as the head coach of the Men's Junior National Team. He also was an assistant coach with the Men's Senior National Team in 2005.



He also recently completed his 14th season as head coach for the men's water polo team at Long Beach State—and his 8th season as the school's head coach for the women's water polo team.

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During his time at LBSU he's compiled a 201-167 record with the men. Under his guidance, the Beach has posted a winning record in six of the last seven seasons. In 2019, Arroyo led the Beach to an 18-13 overall record and a 2-3 mark in the Golden Coast Conference. The Beach were ranked No. 7 in the season's final CWPA poll. Arroyo is a three-time MPSF Coach of the Year, earning the honors in 2007, 2012, and 2014. During the 2014 season he led the Beach to a 22-7 overall record and a 7-3 conference record. Long Beach State earned a No. 4 national ranking that season—matching the team's final ranking in 2001 as the highest in program history.

With the women, LBSU's 2013 season went down as the best in program history under Arroyo's leadership. Arroyo guided the Beach to a program-best 25-7 record and a third-place finish in the Big West Tournament.

Arroyo is a two-time member of the U.S. Men's Olympic Water Polo team (1996, 2000) and spent two years as an assistant coach at California.

A 1994 graduate of UC Berkeley with a degree in political science, Arroyo was a first-team All-American in 1993. He also was a part of three NCAA Championship squads at Berkeley (1990, 1991, 1992).

Arroyo competed on the U.S. National Team for eight years (1993-2000), helping lead the squad to numerous championships. The U.S. Men's Team won World Championships in 1994 and 1998, the 1997 FINA Cup, and the 1995 and 1999 Pan American Games. He also competed on the U.S. Men's Team at the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games.

Arroyo competed overseas for seven years, playing professional water polo in Greece and Spain with five different clubs (Vouliagmeni, Glyfada, CN Barcelona, Olympiakos, and CN Barceloneta). He was a member of the 1998 Greek League championship team and was runner-up in 1997 and 1998 at the European Cup.

Arroyo is a native of southern California. He grew up in Orange and attended Villa Park High School where he earned 1990 Swimmer of the Year and High School Player of the Year honors from the Orange County Register.

Arroyo and his wife, Erene, have two daughters, Angeliki and Mikaela.

John McBride Assistant Coach

John McBride is in his first year as an assistant coach with the Senior Men's National Team. McBride has been the head men's and women's water polo coach at Bucknell since 2011 and also has an extensive background with the U.S. National Team, serving as head coach of the men's Northeast Zone Olympic Development Team since 2009.

Nine years into his Bucknell tenure, McBride has guided the Bison programs for 18 total seasons and been a part of 306 victories. He has led the men's team to nine consecutive above-.500 records, a 2012 Southern Championships title and the program's first Eastern Championship title game appearance in nearly 20 years. In 2019, McBride led the program to one of its finest seasons in program history after winning its second MAWPC Championship in four years. The team went on to beat undefeated Harvard in Cambridge in the NCAA Tournament Play-In game, before bowing out to USC in the national quarterfinals. The win for the Bison in the NCAA Tournament was the first for the program since the 1985 season.

On the women's side, McBride has led Bucknell to 123 victories the last eight springs while playing extremely challenging schedules that have featured numerous ranked foes. In 2015, McBride led the women to their first .500 record since 2010 as the squad saw its win total rise for the second consecutive year. The Bison improved even more in 2016 as the win total soared to 18, the highest number for Bucknell since 2009. The Bison finished in fifth place at the CWPA Championship, their best showing since 2010. McBride was named the CWPA Coach of the Year following the regular season, making him the first Bison coach to be named Coach of the Year since 2010. In 2019, McBride led the team to 25 wins, one shy of the school record, and a third-place finish at the CWPA Championship, the highest finish in team history.



USA MEN'S COACHING STAFF

While at Brown, McBride helped guide the Bears to unprecedented success. The men's squad captured the 2009 Collegiate Water Polo Association Northern Division title, its first conference crown in nearly 25 years. Additionally, the team went undefeated in regular-season conference play in 2008 and finished as high as fourth at the Eastern Championship. On the women's side, McBride led the Bears to back-to-back ECAC Championship titles in 2009 and 2010 and a fourth-place finish at the Eastern Championship, the best showing at Brown since 2001.

Among his many responsibilities with the National Teams, McBride evaluates and coaches the top 16 men from the East Coast to compete for spots on the U.S. National Team. He has also coached regional teams comprised of the best Northern California collegiate players and helps the U.S. Junior National Team Coaches bring the best players to represent the U.S. in international competitions.

An accomplished goalie during his playing days at Rhode Island, McBride was a three-time First Team All-New England selection and was twice a First Team All-East honoree.

Christopher Bates Sports Medicine Manager

Chris is a proud husband and father who has passionately practiced within the professions of human performance and movement for well over a decade, both as a Certified

Athletic Trainer (ATC) and a Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist (CSCS*D). Currently, Chris serves as the Men's Sports Medicine Manager and Head Athletic Trainer for USA Water Polo where he provides primary medical support and care for the Men's National Senior Team and assists with the oversight of medical support and care for the Olympic Development Teams. Prior to his roles with USA Water Polo, Chris led the charge in creating and developing the Lancers' Athletic Performance Development program at California



Baptist University, which was the school's first legitimate strength and conditioning program for its Athletics department and is still thriving more than a decade later.

A graduate of Cal State Fullerton's Athletic Training Education program and California Baptist University's Sports Management program, Chris currently is pursuing a doctoral degree in Positive Developmental Psychology.

Beyond service to his family and employer, Chris exists to address the human potential in all whom he encounters, helping them manage and navigate the risks and severities of injury that life brings while optimizing overall wellness.

Paulina Bui Team Manager

Paulina Bui joins USA Water Polo after stints working in youth, collegiate, and professional soccer. Paulina has just finished an operations and sales internship for the professional women's soccer team, NJ/NY Gotham FC. She also has

experience in coaching youth sports from the ages of 5-18 primarily focusing on providing a free soccer team for refugee and immigrant children during her time Yalla SD. While at Yalla SD, Paulina focused on writing grants to fund the academic and soccer side of the nonprofit. Paulina then left to grow her fundraising skills working at UCSD's School of Global Policy and Strategy.

Prior to her time in California, Paulina was a Division 1 athlete on Oregon State University's rowing team. After graduating with a BA in Political Science, Paulina took a job with the Oregon State Athletics department working as the Project Manager for the Athletic Director and Deputy Athletic Directors. During this time, she was also a director of operations for the Oregon State Women's Soccer team. Currently, Paulina is a master's student at Georgetown University studying Sports Industry Management.

Paulina enjoys all water sports and usually competes on a sailing or canoeing team.



USA MEN'S ROSTER

Name	Position	Hgt	Wgt	Hometown	College/Club
Tyler Abramson	Attacker	6'2"	230	Orinda, CA	Stanford '21/Posillipo
George Avakian	Center	6'2"	250	Los Angeles, CA	California '24/The Olympic Club
Alex Bowen	Attacker	6'5"	220	Santee, CA	Stanford '15/Noisy-le-Sec
Luca Cupido	Attacker	6'3"	220	Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy	California '18/Barcelona
Hannes Daube	Attacker	6'4"	225	Long Beach, CA	USC '22/Marseille
Chase Dodd	Attacker	6'3"	210	Long Beach, CA	UCLA '25/Vanguard
Ryder Dodd	Attacker			Long Beach, CA	USC '28/Mission WPC
Thomas Dunstan	Attacker	6'4"	212	New Canaan, CT	USC '20/Aix-en-Provence
Jake Ehrhardt	Attacker	6'6"	225	Camarillo, CA	USC '23/The Olympic Club
Tommy Gruwell	Attacker	6'5"		Phoenix, AZ	UCLA '23/LAWPC
Ben Hallock	Center	6'6"	245	Westlake Village, CA	Stanford '20/Pro Recco
Drew Holland	Goalkeeper	6'5"	195	Orinda, CA	Stanford '17/Peristeri
Johnny Hooper	Attacker	6'1"	195	Los Angeles, CA	California '19/Telimar



USA MEN'S ROSTER

Name	Position	Hgt	Wgt	Hometown	College/Club
Max Irving	Attacker	6'1"	185	Long Beach, CA	UCLA '17/Telimar
Kacper Langiewicz	Utility	6'4"	225	San Marcos, CA	UCSD '19/Kaposvari
Ben Stevenson	Attacker	6'4"	200	Reno, NV	Pacific '18/Posillipo
Jack Turner	Goalkeeper	6'7"	200	Fremont, CA	UCSD '19/Mataro
Marko Vavic	Attacker	6'5"	210	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	USC '21/Barcelona
Adrian Weinberg	Goalkeeper	6'5"	200	Los Angeles, CA	California '23/Pride WPC
Dylan Woodhead	Defender	6'7"	235	San Anselmo, CA	Stanford '19/Vouliagmeni
Quinn Woodhead	Attacker	6'4"	220	San Anselmo, CA	Stanford '23/The Olympic Club

Coaches:

Head Coach: **Dejan Udovicic**

Asst. Coaches: **Gavin Arroyo, John McBride and Matt Ustaszewski**

Team Manager: **Paulina Bui**

Sports Medicine Manager: **Chris Bates**





BEN HALLOCK

CENTER

@bennyhallock

Hometown: Westlake Village, CA

College: Stanford '20 **Height / Weight:** 6-6 / 245

Position: Center **Birthdate:** 11/22/1997 **Club:** Pro Recco

One of the top centers in the country, he played at Stanford where he was a two-time All-American, winner of the 2018 Cutino Award, and 2018 National Player of the Year...Made his Olympic debut in 2016. A physical force at two meters who can dominate in front of the cage.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Notched 9 goals scored at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Strasbourg...Second on Team USA with 14 goals scored at the 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest... Scored 12 goals at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo...Third on the team with 8 goals at 2021 FINA World League Super Final...Tallied 17 goals at 2019 Pan American Games in Lima... Finished tied for second on Team USA with 13 goals at the 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju...Scored 7 goals at 2018 FINA World Cup in Berlin...Recorded 5 goals at 2018 FINA Intercontinental Tournament in Auckland...Second on Team USA with 9 goals scored at 2018 FINA World League Super Final in Budapest...Notched 2 goals at 2017 FINA World Championships in Budapest...

Recorded 5 goals at 2017 FINA World League Super Final on way to fourth-place finish...One of the youngest members of Team USA at 2016 Olympic Games...Added 5 goals in 2016 FINA World League Super Final...Scored 4 goals for Team USA in third-place finish at 2015 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Competed in 2015 Volvo Cup...Played in 2014-15 Senior Team Games against Australia and Italy...Helped team to second-place finish in 2012 Junior Pan American Games... Participated in 2011 Youth Pan American Games en route to Silver medal.

PROFESSIONAL

Competes for Pro Recco in Italy... Three time winner of the LEN Champions League.

COLLEGE

Attended Stanford University, red-shirted the 2016 season...2017 and 2018 1st Team All-American...2017 MPSF Newcomer of the Year...2017

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 2ND PLACE
- 2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 6TH PLACE
- 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES, TOKYO, JAPAN, 6TH PLACE (Took place in 2021 due to Covid-19 Pandemic)
- 2021 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, ATHENS, GREECE, 2ND PLACE
- 2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, LIMA, PERU, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, GWANGJU, SOUTH KOREA, 9TH PLACE
- 2018 FINA WORLD CUP, BERLIN, GERMANY, 6TH PLACE
- 2018 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, 1ST PLACE
- 2018 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 7TH PLACE
- 2017 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 13TH PLACE
- 2017 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, RUZA, RUSSIA, 4TH PLACE
- 2016 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, HUIZHOU, CHINA, 2ND PLACE
- 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, 10TH PLACE
- 2015 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, BERGAMO, ITALY 4TH PLACE
- 2015 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, CORONA DEL MAR, CA, US, 3RD PLACE



OLYMPIAN

and 2018 1st Team All-MPSF...Led Stanford with 56 goals in 2017 and 65 goals in 2018...2018 National Player of the Year...2018 MPSF Player of the Year...2018 Cutino Award Winner...Led Stanford with 73 goals in 2019...2019 NCAA Champion...NCAA All-Tournament MVP...2019 MPSF Player of the Year...2019 National Player of the Year...2019 Cutino Award Winner.

HIGH SCHOOL

Led Harvard Westlake to CIF-Southern Section Division 1 title in 2013 and 2014, reached title match in 2015...Honored as 2014 Co-D.1 Player of the Year and led team to win 2014 CIF D1 Championship...Helped team to 2013 CIF D1 Championship.

FUN FACTS

Twitter: @ben_hallock

Pregame Ritual: Listening to loud music

Favorite Quote: "Age is no barrier. It's a limitation you put on your mind." —

Jackie Joyner-Kersey

Favorite Ice Cream: Mint Chocolate Chip

Favorite Chain Restaurant: Waffle House

Favorite Reality TV Show: *Duck Dynasty*

Where Do You See Yourself 10 Years From Now?: In the midst of a successful water polo career.

If You Couldn't Play Water Polo, What Sport Would You Play?: Football

Role Model: My Father

Athletic Inspiration: Muhammad Ali



PLAYERS

HALLOCK



ALEX BOWEN

ATTACKER



Hometown: Santee, CA

College: Stanford '15 **Height / Weight:** 6-5 / 220 **Position:** Attacker

Birthdate: 09/04/1993 **Club:** Noisy-le-Sec

Considered one of the best shooters on Team USA, he scored over 200 goals while at Stanford and was named a 1st Team All-American all four years. Currently plays professionally in France. One of the hardest shots on the team, continues to improve every year with extensive experience abroad in recent years.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Led Team USA with 15 goals at 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Strasbourg...Top Scorer at 2022 FINA World Championships with 21 goals...Named to media All-Star team for 2022 FINA World Championships...Scored 18 goals at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo...Recorded 6 goals at 2021 FINA World League Super Final...Second on Team USA with 18 goals at 2019 Pan American Games in Lima...Scored 11 goals at the 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju...Led Team USA with 10 goals at 2018 FINA World Cup in Berlin...Led Team USA with 11 goals at 2018 FINA World League Super Final in Budapest...Tied for team lead in goals scored

with 11 at 2018 Final Intercontinental Tournament...Finished second in scoring for Team USA with 8 goals and 4 assists at 2017 FINA World Championships...Tied for team lead in goals scored with 8 at 2017 FINA World League Super Final... Scored three times in 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil...Dropped 8 goals in 2016 FINA World League Super Final...Logged 6 goals in 2016 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Scored 4 goals in 2015 FINA World Championships... Added 8 goals in Team USA's Gold-medal finish during 2015 Pan American Games...Led Team USA to third-place finish with 14 goals in 2015 FINA Intercontinental tournament...Tallied 11 goals in helping Team USA to fourth-place finish at 2014 FINA World Cup...Led Team USA in scoring with 13 goals on way to fifth-place finish at 2014 FINA World League Super Final...Scored 11 goals in Gold-medal effort at 2014 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Posted 7 goals during 2013 FINA World Cup Qualifiers...Helped United States to fifth-place mark at 2013 FINA Junior World Championships... Scored 7 goals at 2013 FINA World Championships...Tallied 7 goals in helping Team USA to fourth place at 2013 FINA World League Super Final... Added 5 goals to power United States to second place and a World Championship berth at 2013 UANA World Aquatic Championship Qualification Tournament...Member of Junior National Team that took ninth place at 2011 FINA Junior World Championships.

PROFESSIONAL

Currently competes for Noisy-le-Sec in France...Competed for Partizan in Serbia...Competed for Apollon in Greece...Competed for Miskolci VLC in Hungary from 2016 through 2019... Competed for Mladost Zagreb in Croatia from 2019-20...2019 Adriatic League Champion...Scored 49 goals.

COLLEGE

Attended Stanford where he scored over 200 goals...2015 Cutino Award finalist...2014 1st Team All-American...NCAA 1st Team All-Tournament...1st Team All-MPSF...MPSF Tournament MVP... Second on team with 65 goals...2013 1st Team All-American...1st Team All-MPSF...Second on team with 71 goals...2012 1st Team All-Ameri-

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 2ND PLACE

2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 6TH PLACE

2020 OLYMPIC GAMES, TOKYO, JAPAN, 6TH PLACE (Took place in 2021 due to Covid-19 Pandemic)

2021 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, ATHENS, GREECE, 2ND PLACE

2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, LIMA, PERU, 1ST PLACE

2019 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, GWANGJU, SOUTH KOREA, 9TH PLACE

2018 FINA WORLD CUP, BERLIN, GERMANY, 6TH PLACE

2018 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, 1ST PLACE

2018 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 7TH PLACE

2017 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 13TH PLACE

2017 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, RUZA, RUSSIA, 4TH PLACE

2016 OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, 10TH PLACE

2016 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, HUIZHOU, CHINA, 2ND PLACE

2016 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, 1ST PLACE

2015 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, KAZAN, RUSSIA, 7TH PLACE

2015 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, TORONTO, CANADA, 1ST PLACE

2015 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, BERGAMO, ITALY 4TH PLACE

2015 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, CORONA DEL MAR, CA, US, 3RD PLACE

2014 FINA WORLD CUP, ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN, 4TH PLACE

2014 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, DUBAI, UAE, 5TH PLACE

2014 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, SHANGHAI, CHINA, 1ST PLACE

2013 FINA MEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, SZOMBATHELY, HUNGARY, 5TH PLACE

2013 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BARCELONA, SPAIN, 9TH PLACE

2013 FINA WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS, SANTA ANA, CA, 1ST PLACE



can... 1st Team All-MPSF... Second on team with 64 goals... 2011 1st Team All-American... MPSF Newcomer of the Year... Led team with 53 goals, including 11 hat tricks.

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Santana High School in Santee, CA... Played water polo and competed on swim team all four years... Captained water polo team as a junior and senior and swim team as a junior... Helped lead Santana to Grossmont North League titles in 2007 and 2008, and to Grossmont Valley League titles in 2009 and 2010... Holds CIF San Diego Section career goals scored record with 547... Named CIF San Diego Section Player of the Year as a senior... Earned section 1st Team nods in 2009 and 2010, selected to 2nd Team in 2008... Grossmont North/Valley League MVP in 2008, 2009, 2010... Made league's 1st Team all four years... 2010 NISCA 2nd Team All-American... All-California/Hawaii 6th Team in 2009 and 1st Team in 2010... Played club water polo for San Diego Shores... Helped team to third-place finish at 2010 Junior Olympics and fourth-place finish in 2011... Named Junior Olympics All-American from 2008 through 2011.

PERSONAL

Born in San Diego, CA... Parents are Rod and Barbara... has one younger brother, Eric.

Etc.

I would like to thank my mom for being there and supporting me through the stressful times. I would like to thank my dad for getting me started in the sport and helping me become who I am today. I would like to thank my brother, Eric, for being a great friend. Thank you John Vargas, Jon Barnea, Leah Mauer for elevating my play and my character at Stanford. Thank you Doug Peabody and the rest of the San Diego Shores organization for pushing me. I'm also thankful for all the friendships I've made along the way through the sport.

FUN FACTS

Twitter: @Amazing_Brick

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? I always wanted to get the most out of the sport I loved. At a young age I thought I would like to, but it was much later, around high school that I thought it was a real possibility.

What is your hidden talent? I can't think of one.

What is your favorite karaoke song? I've never done karaoke, probably never will. But if I absolutely had to, I'd sing "Mr. Jones" by Counting Crows.

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games, what would it be and why? Volleyball. I had a lot of friends at Stanford who played, and I liked their team culture.

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? Melatonin.

Biggest superstition if you have one? "I'm not superstitious, but I am a little stitious"—Michael Scott

What is your biggest fear? Being buried alive.

What causes are most dear to your heart? Climate change and ocean acidification.

What are two truths and a lie about you? I was homecoming king in high school. I'm a surfer. I've had to flee a riot.

Do you have a nickname? How did you get it? Brick (that's why all my social media handles use Brick in some form or another). I was quiet my freshman year in college, and one of the upper classmen asked a "would you rather" question to the rest of the team—"Would you rather be friends with Bowen or a Brick?" All of them said a brick, and the nickname stuck.

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "The Distance" by Cake.

What advice would you give your younger self, and what would you remind your older self? Any feeling is better than "what if?"

PLAYERS



BOWEN



LUCA CUPIDO

ATTACKER

Hometown: Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy
College: California '18 **Height / Weight:** 6-3 / 220
Position: Attacker **Club:** Barcelona



A four-time All-American and winner of the 2018 Cutino Award, he helped lead Cal to the 2016 NCAA Championship and has become one of the top goal scorers for Team USA. Recently trained with club Pro Recco in Italy. One of Team USA's most clutch athlete with multiple buzzer-beaters on his resume. Not afraid of the big moment.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Netted 7 goals at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo...Tallied 2 goals at 2021 FINA World League Super Final...Scored 8 goals at 2019 Pan American Games in Lima...Notched six goals at the 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju...Tied for second on Team USA with 9 goals at 2018 FINA World Cup in Berlin...Recorded 9 goals at 2018 FINA World League Super Final in Budapest...Led Team USA with 11 goals and 6 assists at 2017 FINA World Championships...Posted 4 goals in 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil...Tallied 8 goals in 2016 FINA World League Super Final...Scored 11 goals in 2016 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Recorded 8 goals during 2015 FINA World Championships...Second highest scorer for Team USA's Gold-medal finish at 2015 Pan American Games with 16...Tournament MVP while helping Team USA to Bronze at 2015 FINA Men's Intercontinental Tournament...Made USA Water Polo National Team debut at 2014 FINA World Cup and scored 6 goals en route to fourth-place finish...Previously competed for Italian National Team winning Gold at 2013 LEN European Junior Championship and 2013 FINA Junior World Championship...As member of Italian Team, competed in 2013 International Tournament Acreale (Italy); won best player of Italian team...Participated in 2011 and 2012 Vikelas Cup (Greece)... Helped lead team to Silver medal at European Championship 17 & under at Rijeka, Croatia, in 2011...Played in 2011 Montenegro Cup...Led team to Gold medal in 2010 Bayer Cup held in Germany; top scorer of tournament...MVP at 2009 International tournament...Competed in 2009 and 2010 International Tournament Darko Cukic Memorial, Serbia.



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES, TOKYO, JAPAN, 6TH PLACE (TOOK PLACE IN 2021 DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC)
- 2021 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, ATHENS, GREECE, 2ND PLACE
- 2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, LIMA, PERU, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, GWANGJU, SOUTH KOREA, 9TH PLACE
- 2018 FINA WORD CUP, BERLIN, GERMANY, 6TH PLACE
- 2018 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 7TH PLACE
- 2017 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 13TH PLACE
- 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, 10TH PLACE
- 2016 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, HUZHOU, CHINA, 2ND PLACE
- 2016 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, YOKOHAMA, JAPAN, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, KAZAN, RUSSIA, 7TH PLACE
- 2015 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, TORONTO, CANADA, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, BERGAMO, ITALY, 4TH PLACE
- 2015 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, CORONA DEL MAR, CA, US, 3RDPLACE
- 2014 FINA WORLD CUP, ALMATY, KAZAKHSTAN, 4TH PLACE
- 2013 FINA JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, SZOMBATHELY, HUNGARY, 1ST PLACE
- 2012 FINA WORLD YOUTH WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP, PERTH, AUSTRALIA, 1ST PLACE
- 2012 LEN JUNIOR EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, CANETEN ROUSSILLON, FRANCE, 1ST PLACE



OLYMPIAN

PROFESSIONAL

Currently competes for Barcelona in Spain...Previously trained and competed for Pro Recco in Italy and Camogli in Serie A2.

COLLEGE

Attended UC Berkeley...2018 Cutino Award Winner...Four-time All-American...2014 MPSF Newcomer of the Year...Top Rookie at NorCal and SoCal tournaments in 2014...Scored 42 goals in 2014...Scored 43 goals in 2015...Scored 30 goals in 2016...2016 NCAA Champion...Scored an MPSF leading 58 goals in 2017...2017 National Player of the Year...2017 MPSF Player of the Year.

FUN FACTS

Twitter: @lucacupido95

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? As a kid after watching the Opening Ceremony, I knew I wanted to compete in the Olympics and wanted to make my family proud by representing team USA.

What is your hidden talent? Good dance moves.

What is your favorite karaoke song? "Sugar" by Maroon 5.

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games, what would it be and why? Anything that doesn't involve running because I can't run.

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? Perfectly organized toiletry kit.

Biggest superstition if you have one? Never predict a score.

What is your biggest fear? Health of people I care about.

What causes are most dear to your heart? Keeping the oceans clean.

What are two truths and a lie about you? I have a bulldog named Big Mac. I dressed as a girl for Halloween. I won the under-age-15 annual pasta and focaccia all-you-can-eat challenge in Santa Margherita, Italy.

Do you have a nickname? How did you get it? Nano from my parents when I was a kid.

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "Viva la Vida" by Coldplay.

What advice would you give your younger self, and what would you remind your older self? For my older self: keep working hard and be polite and nice to others.

PLAYERS



CUPIDO





HANNES DAUBE

ATTACKER



Hometown: Long Beach, CA
College: USC '22 **Height / Weight:** 6-4 / 225
Position: Attacker **Birthdate:** 1/5/00 **Club:** Marseille

An up-and-coming young star for Team USA, he helped lead USC to the 2018 NCAA Championship and was named a 1st Team All-American in his freshman season. High powered attacker who can score goals in bunches. Quick release on his perimeter shots.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Recorded 12 goals at 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Strasbourg...Finished with 12 goals scored at 2022 FINA World Championships...Netted 8 goals at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo...Scored 15 goals to lead Team USA to the silver medal at 2021 FINA World League Super Final...Scored 13 goals at 2019 Pan American Games in Lima...Finished tied for second on Team USA with 13 goals at the 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju...Tallied 7 goals at 2018 FINA World League Super Final...Scored 9 goals at 2018 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Part of Silver-medal effort at 2017 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Competed with senior national team in 2015 exhibition action in Japan...Previously competed for Junior National Team.

with senior national team in 2015 exhibition action in Japan...Previously competed for Junior National Team.

PROFESSIONAL

Currently competes for Marseille in France...Competed for Olympiacos in the 2020-21 A1 Ethniki League in Greece...2020 Greek Super Cup Champion.

COLLEGE

Attended USC...2018 1st Team All-American...2018 NCAA Champion...2018 MPSF Newcomer of the Year...2018 1st Team All-MPSF...Second leading scorer with 58 goals in 2018...2019 NCAA All-American Second Team...First Team All-MPSF...Finished fourth on the team with 36 goals.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 2ND PLACE

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2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, LIMA, PERU, 1ST PLACE

2019 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, GWANGJU, SOUTH KOREA, 9TH PLACE

2018 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 7TH PLACE

2017 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA, 2ND PLACE

2018 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, 1ST PLACE



OLYMPIAN

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Orange Lutheran High School...CIF Division 1 Champion...1st Team All-America selection and 1st Team All-Trinity League.

PERSONAL

Majored in Economics at USC... Sister Eike also competed for the Trojans, winning an NCAA title in 2013.

FUN FACTS

Twitter: @DaubeHannes

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? I knew I wanted to represent my country at the age of 9 after one year of playing water polo.

What is your favorite karaoke song? "Sweet Caroline"

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games, what would it be and why? Basketball because it's already a hobby of mine.

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? Headphones.

What is your biggest fear? A tsunami.

What causes are most dear to your heart? Family, friends, and water polo.

What are two truths and a lie about you? I have a dog. My middle name is Peter. I played baseball.

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "Proud of Me (ft. Young Thug)" by Lil Keed.

What advice would you give your younger self, and what would you remind your older self? I would tell my older self to stay positive and remind my younger self, family first.



PLAYERS

DAUBE



THOMAS DUNSTAN

ATTACKER



Hometown: New Canaan, CT
College: USC '20 **Height / Weight:** 6-4 / 212
Position: Attacker **Birthdate:** 09/29/97 **Club:** Aix-en-Provence

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

A 2016 Olympian with Team USA in Rio de Janeiro...Helped Team USA to a second-place finish at the 2016 FINA World League Super Final...Led the USA Youth Team to gold at the 2014 UANA Junior Pan American Championship...Scored two goals in helping Team USA to gold at the 2014 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Recently competed with Team USA at the 2017 FINA World Championships.

PROFESSIONAL

Currently competes for Aix-en-Provence in France...Trained with Partizan in Serbia in 2022.

COLLEGE

Competed at USC for two seasons...Scored 20 goals as a sophomore...Scored in 14 games with five multiple-goal outings...Matched career high with a hat trick vs. Pomona-Pitzer...A member of the NCAA Tournament roster...Scored 25 goals as a freshman...Scored in 17 games with seven multiple-goal outings...First career goals came in a two-goal outing in USC's season-opening win over UC Irvine...Set career high with a hat trick in the NCAA Semifinal win over Harvard.

HIGH SCHOOL

Dunstan was a member of Mater Dei High's 2015 CIF Southern Section Championship team...Played one season at Mater Dei in Santa Ana, Calif., earning 2015 All-CIF First Team honors...Prior to Mater Dei, attended New Canaan High in Connecticut, which did not have a water polo program...Played club for Greenwich Aquatics and Regency.

PERSONAL

Parents are Tom and Amy...Has three siblings, Kieran, Taylor, and Erin...His sister Taylor played water polo at Princeton...Enjoys hanging out with his teammates in his free time...Lists Michael Phelps as his biggest sports hero...Has always wanted to skydive...Hopes to travel to Australia...Born Sept. 29, 1997.



OLYMPIAN



PLAYERS



DUNSTAN



DREW HOLLAND

GOALKEEPER

 @drew_holland

Hometown: Orinda, CA

College: Stanford '17 **Height / Weight:** 6-5 / 195

Position: Goalkeeper **Birthdate:** 04/11/1995 **Club:** Peristeri

He played at Stanford where he holds the all-time save record with 925 and is a four-time All-American.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Recorded 64 saves at the 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest...Tallied 52 saves at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo...Named top goalkeeper at 2021 FINA World League Super Final recording 41 saves in a silver medal effort...Notched 11 saves at the 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju...Recorded 23 saves for Team USA at 2018 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Tallied three saves for Team USA at 2017 FINA World Championships...Competed for Team USA at 2017 FINA World League Super Final, recording 11 saves and contributing to fourth-place finish.

PROFESSIONAL

Competes for Peristeri in Greece...Competed for Chios in Greece...Competed 2018-19 season for Caballa in Spain.

COLLEGE

Competed for Stanford University...2017 3rd Team All-American...2nd Team All-MPSF...Stanford's all-time save leader with 925...2015 Honorable Mention All-American...2014 3rd Team All-American...2nd Team All-MPSF...MPSF All-Tournament Team...2013 Honorable Mention All-American.

HIGH SCHOOL

A 2013 graduate of Miramonte High School in Orinda, CA...Played two years of water polo and swam...Helped lead

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 6TH PLACE

2020 OLYMPIC GAMES, TOKYO, JAPAN, 6TH PLACE (Took place in 2021 due to Covid-19 Pandemic)

2021 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, ATHENS, GREECE, 2ND PLACE

2019 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, GWANGJU, SOUTH KOREA, 9TH PLACE

2018 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, 1ST PLACE

2017 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 13TH PLACE

2017 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, RUZA, RUSSIA, 4TH PLACE



OLYMPIAN

MHS to CIF North Coast Section titles in 2009, 2011, and 2012 as well as to DFAL titles from 2011-12...Named the 2012 DFAL Most Outstanding Goalie...Earned spot on California-Hawaii All-America Second Team as senior and junior... Named to NCS First Team in 2011 and 2012, as well as to All-DFAL First Team... NCS Scholar-Athlete in 2009, 2011, and 2012...Played club for Lamorinda Water Polo Club from 2009-13...Helped club to Junior Olympics titles from 2011-12 and U.S. Club Championships title in 2011... Two-time Junior Olympics All-American 2011-12 and U.S. Club Championships MVP in 2011.

PERSONAL

Born in Berkeley, CA...Parents are Jeff and Alison...Has two older brothers, Kent and John...Kent played water polo at Brown while John played for Claremont McKenna College...Enjoys playing pickup basketball...Eagle Scout.

FUN FACTS

Facebook: Drew Holland

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? Watching my first senior national team game at Soda Aquatic center in the East Bay. I was 11 and remember that being the first time I considered it possible to play water polo for Team USA. But before that I wanted to play basketball.

What is your hidden talent? Sleeping!

What is your favorite karaoke song? "Proud of Me (ft. Young Thug)" by Lil Keed. If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games, what would it be and why? Basketball. I love the sport and could be friends with Klay Thompson.

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? My New Balances.

Biggest superstition if you have one? I re-tie my cap between each quarter. Not sure why I do it, I guess to give myself the feeling of a fresh start.

What is your biggest fear? Heights.

What causes are most dear to your heart? Water polo, family, and friends.

Do you have a nickname? How did you get it? Drewpops, randomly from my brothers.

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "Scarlett Begonias" by the Grateful Dead.

What advice would you give your younger self, and what would you remind your older self? Water polo is so fun—enjoy it! Re-apply sunscreen.

PLAYERS



HOLLAND





JOHNNY HOOPER

ATTACKER

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA

College: California '19 **Height / Weight:** 6-1 / 195

Position: Attacker **Club:** Telimar



The four-time All-American played water polo at Cal where he finished as one of the school's all-time leading scorers with 245 goals and helped lead the squad to the 2016 NCAA Championship. A crafty scorer with tremendous leg strength that delivers highlight moments.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Recorded 10 goals at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo...Scored 6 goals at 2021 FINA World League Super Final in Athens...Led Team USA with 24 goal at 2019 Pan American Games in Lima...Led Team USA with 14 goals at the 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju...Tallied 5 goals at 2018 FINA World Cup in Berlin...Recorded 8 goals at 2018 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Scored 5 goals at 2018 FINA World League Super Final...Tallied 5 goals at 2017 FINA World Championships...Tied for team lead in goals scored for Team USA with 8 at 2017 FINA World League Super Final...Part of a Silver-medal effort at 2017 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Played for Premier Water Polo Club and named 1stTeam All-Junior Olympics performer at every age level played. Helped Premier win Junior Olympics at 18, 16, 14, and 12-under levels.

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PROFESSIONAL

Currently competes for Telimar in Italy...Competed for Palaio Faliro in the A1 Ethniki League in Greece.

COLLEGE

Attended UC Berkeley...2018 Cutino Award finalist...Finished Cal career as one of the all-time great scorers in program history as his 245 career goals ranked second to only Chris Humbert (296) on the Bears' all-time list...2018

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES, TOKYO, JAPAN, 6TH PLACE (TOOK PLACE IN 2021 DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC)
- 2021 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, ATHENS, GREECE, 2ND PLACE
- 2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, LIMA, PERU, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, GWANGJU, SOUTH KOREA, 9TH PLACE
- 2018 FINA WORLD CUP, BERLIN, GERMANY, 6TH PLACE
- 2018 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, 1ST PLACE
- 2018 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 7TH PLACE
- 2017 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 13TH PLACE
- 2017 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, RUZA, RUSSIA, 4TH PLACE
- 2017 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA, 2ND PLACE



OLYMPIAN

1st Team All-American...1st Team All-MPSF...2017 1st Team All-American, 2nd Team All-MPSF and All-NCAA Tournament Team...2016 NCAA Champion...2016 All-American, All-MPSF, All-NCAA Tournament, and All-MPSF Tournament honors...Led MPSF in scoring with 75 goals in 2016.

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Harvard-Westlake High School in Los Angeles, CA...Four-time All-American...2015 CIF Division I player of the year...Helped Harvard-Westlake win back-to-back CIF Southern Section Division I championships...Undeclared as a senior...Named 2014 co-player of the year by Los Angeles Daily News...Two-time Mission League MVP.

PERSONAL

Parents are Gary and Mimi...Gary is member of the CBVA Hall of Fame...Attended Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley...Ambassador for the Ocean Recovery Alliance...Born in Los Angeles.

FUN FACTS

Twitter: johnnyxhooper

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? I competed in almost every sport growing up, but I knew I wanted to be a professional athlete at a very young age. The Olympic Games have always been a dream of mine, so hard work and preparation have consistently been a part of the process.

What is your hidden talent? Recognizing up-and-coming artists in the music industry.

What is your favorite karaoke song? "Erase Me" by Kid Cudi

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games what would it be and why? Surfing. I've always loved the ocean and the culture surrounding the sport.

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? Noise cancelling headphones.

Biggest superstition if you have one? Not a believer in superstition. Make it happen on your own.

What is your biggest fear? Spiders.

Do you have a nickname? How did you get it? Hoopstar or Buckets. Hoopstar started with my high school coach as a joke. Buckets was started by my teammates on the national team for scoring goals.

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "Mr. Jones" By Counting Crows

What advice would you give your younger self and what would you remind your older self? If your dreams don't scare you, they aren't big enough. Remember perseverance when things get tough.

PLAYERS



HOOPER





MAX IRVING

ATTACKER

@maxwellbruceirving

Hometown: Long Beach, CA
College: UCLA '17 **Height / Weight:** 6-1 / 185
Position: Attacker **Birthdate:** 05/21/1995 **Club:** Telimar

A three time All-American, he played at UCLA where he helped lead the team to the 2017 NCAA Championship...Went on to play professionally at Hydroiakos and Olympiacos in Greece and at Telimar in Italy...Went from redshirt at UCLA to National Team in three years.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Recorded 14 goals scored at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Strasbourg... Notched 13 goals at the 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest...Racked up 8 goals at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo...Second on Team USA with 9 goals at 2021 FINA World League Super Final in Athens...Scored 9 goals at 2019 Pan American Games in Lima...Tallied 8 goals at the 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju...Scored nine goals at 2018 FINA World Cup in Berlin...Tied for first with 11 goals at 2018 FINA Intercontinental Tournament... Racked up 6 goals at 2018 FINA World League Super Final...Tallied 6 goals at 2017 FINA World Championships...Scored 2 goals in helping Team USA to fourth-place finish at 2017 FINA World League Super Final...Part of Silver medal run at 2017 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Played all eight games (220 minutes), making seven starts for Team USA at 2015 World University Games in Gwangju, South Korea...Scored 9 goals on 24 shots, converting at a 37.5 percent rate...Scored at least 1 goal in five matches including 3 (on three shots) in 12-8 win over China in pool play...Tallied six assists, four field blocks and two steals as the United States captured Bronze at World University Games.



PROFESSIONAL

Competes for Telimar in Italy...Competed for Olympiacos in the A1 Ethniki League in Greece...2020 Greek Super Cup Champion...Competed for Hydraikos in Athens, Greece...Placed 6th in the Greek Championship.

COLLEGE

Competed for the UCLA men's water polo team...2017 NCAA Champion...2017 1st Team All-American, NCAA All-Tournament Team and 2nd Team All-MPSF... In 2016, played in 24 matches, making 20 starts...Named 3rd Team All-American and earned 2nd Team All-MPSF acclaim... Third on team and 17th in league in scoring with 30 goals on 81 attempts, converting at a 37 percent rate... Scored season-high 3 goals in 13-6 win over No. 9 UC San Diego, a 20-8 win over John Hopkins, a 16-5 win over St. Francis Brooklyn, a 10-7 win over No. 3 California in the championship game of the Mountain Pacific Invitational, and 9-5 win over Pacific... Scored at least 1 goal in

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

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- 2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 6TH PLACE
- 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES, TOKYO, JAPAN, 6TH PLACE (TOOK PLACE IN 2021 DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC)
- 2021 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, ATHENS, GREECE, 2ND PLACE
- 2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, LIMA, PERU, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, GWANGJU, SOUTH KOREA, 9TH PLACE
- 2018 FINA WORLD CUP, BERLIN, GERMANY, 6TH PLACE
- 2018 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, 1ST PLACE
- 2018 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 7TH PLACE
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- 2017 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA, 2ND PLACE



24 of 30 games he played, including 15 multiple-goal games...He scored at least 1 goal in 16 of 24 games he played in, also tallying a team high 5 hat tricks in 2016... Had 37 assists (led team), 25 steals (third on team), 12 field blocks (second on team) and six earned exclusions...Tied for first on team in sprints won with 17... In 2015, played in 30 matches, making 26 starts...Named 3rd Team All-American and Honorable Mention All-MPSF... Second on team and 18th in league in scoring with 47 goals on 104 attempts, converting at 45.2 percent rate...Scored a season and career-high 4 goals in win at Redlands, in win over Chapman, and in win at No. 7 UC Irvine...Scored at least 1 goal in 12 consecutive outings, a personal best and a team high...Also had 31 assists (third on team), 30 steals (second on team), eight field blocks (tied for fifth on team), and four earned exclusions...Third on team in sprints won with three...In 2014, played in 25 matches, making 12 starts...Scored 16 goals on 32 attempts, converting at 50 percent rate...Scored season-high 3 goals in win over Claremont-Mudd-Scripps...Scored at least 1 goal in 11 matches, including multiple goals four times...Had 23 steals (fourth on team), 10 assists, eight field blocks (fifth on team), and 11 sprints won (fourth on team).

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Long Beach Wilson High School in Long Beach, Calif...Three-year varsity water polo letter winner under head coach Tony Martinho...Three-year varsity swimming letter winner for head coach Eric Berg...Team captain in 2012...Advanced to CIF D-I finals before falling to Mater Dei...1st Team All-CIF in 2011 and 2012 and 1st Team All-American in 2012...Wilson won CIF D-II title with 7-6 win over Corona del Mar.

PERSONAL

Parents are Michael and Kelly...Has three siblings, Aaron, Quincy, and Savannah...Born in Long Beach, CA...Enjoys surfing, golf, and basketball.

FUN FACTS

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? I was always a fan of the Summer Olympics, and it was an event that would bring my family together as we all shared a common interest in watching the best athletes in the world compete for their countries. I've been playing water polo from a very young age and began playing for a club in Long Beach which has produced many Olympians, so it was always a goal of mine and something I dreamed of.

What is your hidden talent? I would consider myself an exceptional ice skater.

What is your favorite karaoke song? "1,000 Miles" by Vanessa Carlton. It's a great song that really gets people going.

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games what would it be and why? It would have to be ice hockey. Besides a few fundamental details I really believe there are a lot of similarities between the two sports. The level of energy and intensity brought to international hockey is special and is something I would love to experience.

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? A good playlist downloaded and my headphones.

Biggest superstition if you have one? I am not very superstitious, but I like to do the same pregame warm up in the water.

What is your biggest fear? Seeing a shark while swimming in the ocean.

What causes are most dear to your heart? Sustainability, as we only have one planet and need to take care of it. We're not the owners of Earth but merely inhabitants.

What are two truths and a lie about you? I practiced archery as a kid. I have only had one dog in my life. My first name is Maximilliano.

Do you have a nickname? How did you get it? N/A. Max. It is short for Maxwell.

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "Around the World" by Daft Punk. An absolute classic.

What advice would you give your younger self, and what would you remind your older self? I would encourage my younger self to continue to focus and push to be the best I can be. I would remind my older self to enjoy the moment and embrace every situation without stress.

PLAYERS



IRVING





BEN STEVENSON

ATTACKER

@ben_dutch_

Hometown: Reno, NV
College: Pacific '18 **Height / Weight:** 6-4 / 200
Position: Attacker **Club:** Posillipo

A three-time All-American, he played for the University of Pacific and made his Senior National Team debut at the 2018 FINA World Cup where he scored 7 goals...Hails from Reno, Nevada outside of the typical water polo hotbeds.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Scored 9 goals at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Strasbourg...Notched 8 goals at the 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest...Tallied 5 goals at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo...Contributed 3 goals at 2021 FINA World League Super Final in Athens... Scored 7 goals at the 2018 FINA World Cup in Berlin.

PROFESSIONAL

Competes for CN Posillipo in Italy...Competed for Olympic Nice in France...Competed for Glyfada in Greece...Scored 22 goals in a shortened season for C.E. Mediterrani...Scored 54 goals in 2019 for Navarra...Previously competed for the Sydney Uni Lions from January to May 2018...2018 Australian Water Polo National Champions.

COLLEGE

Competed for the University of the Pacific men's water polo team...2017 All-American, 2nd Team All-Gold Coast Conference, and All-Gold Coast Conference Tournament...Scored 47 goals, made 42 assists, and tallied 89 total points...Redshirted in 2016...2015 2nd Team All-American, 2nd Team All-MPSF, and MPSF All-Academic Team member... Scored 58 goals with 31 assists to lead Pacific in scoring...2014 All-American and Honorable Mention All-MPSF...Led Pacific with 54 goals in 26 games...Scored in all but two games with 16 multi-goal games...In 2013 scored 15 goals in 28 games as a freshman...Recorded two multi-goal games, including a pair of scores in the MPSF semifinals against USC and a 2-goal game against Navy... Netted his first collegiate goal in a win over Santa Clara in the season opener.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played water polo at both Reno High School and Coronado High School in Henderson, NV...Invited to train with the USA Junior National Team and played in the 2012 UANA Junior Pan American Championships in Montreal, Canada, leading the team to a runner-up finish.

PERSONAL

Parents are Marshall and Paige... Has a younger sister Lizzy...Majoring in business at the University of the Pacific.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

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2021 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, ATHENS, GREECE, 2ND PLACE

2018 FINA WORLD CUP, BERLIN, GERMANY, 6TH PLACE

FUN FACTS

Twitter: @ben_dutch_

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? Watching Michael Phelps dominate the Olympics when I was growing up started the dream of competing at the Games. I really only worked toward that goal through water polo.

What is your hidden talent? I like to play guitar.

What is your favorite karaoke song? "Sweet Caroline"

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games, what would it be and why? Definitely basketball. I played a lot of basketball growing and still love the game!

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? A pillow.

Biggest superstition if you have one? I have to end every practice with a made shot.

What is your biggest fear? Snakes.

Do you have a nickname? How did you get it? My Spanish teammates would always call me Benito.

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "Everything's Gonna Be Alright" by Bob Marley.



OLYMPIAN



PLAYERS



STEVENSON



MARKO VAVIC

ATTACKER

Hometown: Rancho Palos Verdes, CA

College: USC '21 **Height / Weight:** 6-5 / 210

Position: Attacker **Birthdate:** 4/25/1999 **Club:** Barcelona



The two-time All-American played collegiately at USC where he helped lead the team to the 2018 NCAA Championship and made his Senior National Team debut at the 2017 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...A versatile player that can compete at multiple positions.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Notched 5 goals at the 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest...Netted 3 goals at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo...Contributed 5 goals at 2021 FINA World League Super Final in Athens...Scored 10 goals at 2019 Pan American Games in Lima...Tallied two goals at the 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju...Notched 2 goals at 2018 FINA World League Super Final...Scored 7 goals at 2018 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...As a member of USA Men's National team, scored 2 goals at 2017 FINA World Championships in Budapest, and registered hat tricks against Kazakhstan and China in the FINA Men's Intercontinental Tournament in Australia... Finished with Silver medal... Competed for USA Youth National Team at Youth World Championship in 2016 and was second-leading scorer on team... 1st Team All-American selection in 2016... Silver medal finish at 2015 UANA Youth Pan American Championship in 2015... Competes for Trojan Water Polo Club.

PROFESSIONAL

Currently competes for Barcelona in Spain and New York Athletic Club in National League...Competed for Partizan in Serbia...Competed for Roma Nuoto in the 2020-21 Serie A1 League in Italy.



OLYMPIAN

COLLEGE

Competed for the USC Trojans...2018 NCAA Champion...Finished 3rd on team in scoring with 57 goals in 2018...2018 2nd Team All-MPSF...2018 2nd Team All-American...2018 All-NCAA Tournament Team...Led team in scoring with 51 goals in 2017...2017 2nd Team All-American...1st Team NCAA All-Tournament...Honorable Mention All-MPSF.

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Loyola High School in Los Angeles, CA...1st Team CIF Division 1 as junior and senior; team reached semifinals both years...CIF Division 1 champion in swimming as a junior, runner up as senior.

PERSONAL

Parents are Jovan and Lisa...has three siblings, Monica, Nikola, and Stefan. His brother Nikola holds USC's record for single-season goals (83) and single-game goals (9) and ranks second in career goals (254) while winning four NCAA titles...Sister Monica won a Junior World Championship with Team USA and was named 2013 MPSF Player of the Year while competing for USC.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

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PLAYERS



VAVIC





DYLAN WOODHEAD

DEFENDER

Hometown: San Anselmo, CA

College: Stanford '19 **Height / Weight:** 6-7 / 235

Position: Defender **Club:** Vouliagmeni



Regarded as one of the top recent water polo players from Northern California, 3-year starter and All-American from Stanford University leading his team to a NCAA Championship in 2019...Made his Senior National Team debut at the 2018 FINA World Cup...Versatile talent with a strong outside shot.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Notched 4 goals scored at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Strasbourg...Tallied 4 goals at the 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest...Scored 3 goals at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo...Contributed 3 goals at 2021 FINA World

League Super Final in Athens...Made his Senior National Team debut at the 2018 FINA World Cup in Berlin, Germany scoring 2 goals against Croatia...Competed at the 2017 FINA Junior World Championships and the Captained the USA team competing at the 2016 FINA Youth World Championships...Played for Sleepy Hollow Aquatics (SHAQ) club team from 2009-2016...2015 1st Team U16 Junior Olympic All-American.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

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- 2019 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT, SAU PAULO, BRAZIL, 2ND PLACE
- 2018 FINA WORLD CUP, BERLIN, GERMANY, 6TH PLACE
- 2017 FINA MENS JUNIOR WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP, BELGRADE, SERBIA 2016 FINA YOUTH WORLD WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS, MONTENEGRO, CAPTAIN



COLLEGE

Competed for Stanford University...2019 NCAA Champion...2019 Honorable Mention All-American...All-MPSF Honorable Mention...2019 Stanford Senior Award...2018 and 2019 MPSF Champions...Finished fourth on the team his senior year with 32 goals...4-time ACWPC All-Academic honors and 3-time MPSF All-Academic Scholar Athlete.

PROFESSIONAL

Competes for Vouliagmeni in Greece...Played for ANOG (Athletic Nautical Club of Glyfada) in the Greek Water Polo League in 2019-20.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played water polo at Sir Francis Drake High School in San Anselmo, CA... Led team to 29-1 record behind a team-best 70 goals and 38 assists in his senior season...2015 1st Team California-Hawaii All-American...2015-16 NISCA/Speedo Boys Water Polo 1st Team All-American...2015 CIF NCS Division 1 Player of the Year...2014 and 2015 1st Team All-CIF NCS...2015 Marin County Athletic League Player of the Year...2013 and 2015 Marin County Athletic League Champions.

PERSONAL

Parents are Laura and Jeff...has two siblings; brother Quinn and sister Ella... Majoring in mechanical engineering.

FUN FACTS

Twitter: @dwoodhead10

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? The moment I knew was watching the 2008 Men's 400 Freestyle Relay final where Jason Lezak (who gave a clinic for my USA swim team years earlier) erased a body-length-plus lead against the French to win Gold (and keep Michael Phelps' hopes of 8 Golds alive). One of the greatest comebacks in Olympic history and one that definitely inspired my hopes to represent my country one day.

What is your hidden talent? I love building things. I've made everything from a barbeque to an amphibious robot, a foosball table, and a go-kart—all thanks to my dad, one of the best handymen I know.

What is your favorite karaoke song? "Run-Around" by Blues Traveler.

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games what would it be and why? Indoor or beach volleyball—a super fun sport.

Biggest superstition if you have one? I don't have superstitions as much as I have a rhythm. I'll get into a certain warm-up, and I'll do that warm-up for a couple months. Trying to stay in a rhythm or a groove where I do the same thing every time is definitely something that keeps me comfortable.

What is your biggest fear? Seeing a Great White shark swimming toward me while I'm in the ocean bodysurfing. I'm pretty sure that's not a comfortable situation for anyone though.

What causes are most dear to your heart? My family and friends are obviously people who are very dear to my heart; I wouldn't be who I am without them, and without all the things they've taught me. I would say I'm also very mindful of the environment in terms of human waste and pollution.

What are two truths and a lie about you? I've swam from Alcatraz. I've never read a Harry Potter book. I'm a rated chess player.

Do you have a nickname? How did you get it? My nickname is "Woody" stemming from my last name. I also had a poster of Woody from *Toy Story* in my room which is now hanging in our garage.

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? The whole *Guardians of the Galaxy* soundtrack would fit (only because I love it all). One of my favorites, though, is "Mr. Blue Sky" by ELO.

What advice would you give your younger self, and what would you remind your older self? To my old self I would say to keep doing what you're doing but eat way more. I would remind my future self to be spontaneous, continue to set goals and go for them, and to "make it a good day."

PLAYERS



WOODHEAD





TYLER ABRAMSON

ATTACKER

@tyler_abramson

Hometown: Orinda, CA
College: Stanford '21 **Height / Weight:** 6-2 / 230
Position: Attacker **Birthdate:** 1/5/00 **Club:** Posillipo

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Scored 5 goals at 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Strasbourg...Senior National Team debut against Serbia in December 2019...2019 World University Games, Silver Medal... Team goal leader with 20 goals...2017 Junior World Championships, ninth place...2016 UANA Pan Am Games, Silver Medal...Tournament goal leader...Junior National Team 2018, 2017... Youth National Team 2016... Cadet National Team 2015, 2014...Development National Team 2013.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 2ND PLACE

FUN FACTS

Twitter: @abramson_tyler

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? The moment that I realized I wanted to represent my country in the Olympic games was when I watched Michael Phelps and that legendary 400 meter freestyle relay in the 2008 Olympic Games. Seeing the passion and the amazing performance inspired me. That same Olympics I watched the USA Men's Water Polo team win silver! Peter Varellas was raised in my community playing water polo in the same leagues I played in. Watching Peter and his teammates win silver helped me realize that it was possible for a Northern California player to make the Olympic team. I knew that I wanted to represent my country as a Water Polo player and in 2008 I made that my personal mission.

What is your hidden talent? My hidden talent is foil surfing. I learned in Lake Tahoe and can foil behind a boat, without holding onto a rope, from one end of the lake to the other.

What is your favorite karaoke song? My favorite karaoke song is "Dancing in the Moonlight" by King Harvest.

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games what would it be and why? Skiing was the first sport that I became really competitive in. I love skiing and it is by far my favorite thing to do when I have time away from the pool (and permission from my coach).

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? The one thing that I always make sure to have with me when I travel is my recovery bag. This may seem obvious but I always bring things like a lacrosse ball and icy hot to make sure that I can take care of my body even when I am on the road.

Biggest superstition if you have one? I am not very superstitious, but I do listen to the same songs from the same playlist before every game.

What is your biggest fear? My biggest fear is getting injured and not able to help my teammates.

What causes are most dear to your heart? Preservation of our oceans and environment are the causes most dear to me.

What are two truths and a lie about you? 1: I can do a 360 on Snow, Land, and Water; 2: I am fluent in 2 different languages; 3: My fastest 50 freestyle is 20.85 seconds

Do you have a nickname? How did you get it? My nickname at home has always been T-Bone. My parents started calling me this when I was little. At first it was only something I heard at home, but then it caught on and others started using it.
What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? *Even If it Breaks Your Heart* by Eli Young Band.

What advice would you give your younger self and what would you remind your older self? The advice that I would give my younger self is to make sure that you focus on the little things. The little things means taking extra time to work on flexibility and minor movements on both offense and defense. Little things = big things. The advice I would give to my future self is to enjoy the moment. There are so many things that I want to do, and I want to be present and enjoy every single one.

PROFESSIONAL

Competes for C.N. Posillipo in Italy.

COLLEGE

Stanford University; Team Captain 2020...NCAA Champion 2019; NCAA runner-up 2018...NCAA...First Team All American 2020, 2019; Honorable Mention 2018...NCAA All Tournament Team 2020, 2019...NCAA Academic All American 2020, 2019, 2018...MPSF Champion 2020, 2019, 2018...MPSF All Tournament Team 2020, 2019, 2018...MPSF All League Team 2020, 2019, 2018...MPSF Player of the week 2/22/2021.

HIGH SCHOOL

Miramonte High School...CIF NCS Division 1 Champion 2016, 2014...All American 2016, 2015, 2014...First Team All-CIF NCS 2016, 2015; Second team 2014 CIF NCS All-Star 2016.

PERSONAL

Born in Manhattan Beach, CA, raised in Orinda, CA...Parents are Larry and Julie...Younger sister is Ashley...Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout, Troop 237, Orinda; Boy Scouts of America, Order of the Arrow, National Honorary Society.



GEORGE AVAKIAN

CENTER

Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
College: California '24 **Height / Weight:** 6-2 / 250
Position: Center **Club:** The Olympic Club

 @george_avakian

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Played for Team USA at the 2021 FINA Junior World Championship... Member of the USA Water Polo 15U Cadet Team & 18U Youth National Team... Was an alternate for the Men's Junior National Team that competed in the 2019 FINA Men's Junior World Championship in Kuwait City, Kuwait... Member of Team USA's gold medal-winning roster at the 2019 UANA Youth Pan American Championship in Couva, Trinidad & Tobago... Led the USA Cadet Team to a gold medal at the 2017 Darko Cucik Memorial Tournament in Belgrade, Serbia... Scored a team-high three goals in the championship match victory over Croatia.

COLLEGE

2022...Netted 19 goals for California...NCAA Champion...2021... Scored a goal in the Bears' 13-12 win over USC in the NCAA Championship...Registered seven goals and five field blocks...2020...Second on the team with 19 drawn exclusions...Tied for fifth on the team with 11 goals...Tied for fourth in the MPSF with four field blocks.

HIGH SCHOOL

Graduated from Harvard-Westlake School in 2020...Earned 2019 High School All-American First Team honors as a senior...Helped lead top-seeded Harvard-Westlake to the 2019 CIF SoCal Regional Division I title...Scored the game-winning goal for the Wolverines in their regional semifinal win over Huntington Beach...Los Angeles Daily News 2019 All-Area First Team selection...Played key role in Harvard-Westlake's run to the 2018 CIF SoCal Division I runner-up finish...Played club for L.A. Premier Water Polo.



PLAYERS



ABRAMSON / AVAKIAN



CHASE DODD

ATTACKER



Hometown: Long Beach, CA
College: UCLA '25 **Height / Weight:** 6-3 / 210
Position: Attacker **Club:** Vanguard

Well-established in the United States national team pipeline system and was on the U.S. Development National Team in 2016 and 2017 and the U.S. Cadet National Team in 2018... also on the U.S. Academy Team (National League) in 2019 and 2020 as well as the U.S. Water Polo Youth Team in 2019 and 2020...named to the U.S. All-Academic Team in 2019 and 2020...placed third at the Darko Cukic Cup (Serbia) in 2018 and finished as UANA Champions (Trinidad and Tobago) in 2019...was a JO 18U runner-up in 2021 and finished third at the Futures Finals 18U in 2021 and at JO 16U in 2019.

INTERNATIONAL

Notched 5 goals at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Strasbourg, France...Tallied 13 goals at the 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary...Scored 17 goals at the 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup in Lima, Peru...Named MVP of the Gold Medal match at the 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup.

COLLEGE

2022...Scored 39 goals for the Bruins (third on the team)...Season-high four goals in a 10-6 win at No. 1 Stanford...2021...Played in all 24 games...tied for second on the team in scoring with 31 goals on 63 attempts, converting at a 49.2 percent rate...tied for second on the team in total points (47) with 16 assists (third on the team)...scored at least one goal in 20 of the 24 games he played, including eight multiple goal games, and three games with a hat trick...fifth on the team in steals (15) and tied for fourth in field blocks (six)...also drew 15 exclusions (sixth on the team).

HIGH SCHOOL

Was a four-year varsity letterwinner in water polo and swimming at Huntington Beach High School in Huntington Beach, Calif. for head coach Sasa Branislavjevic...competed in distance freestyle and backstroke in swimming... water polo honors include being named first-team D1 All-CIF-SS in 2019, first team All-Sunset League in 2020 and 2019 and Sunset League Co-MVP in 2020, Orange County Player of the Year in 2020, and Daily Pilot Water Polo Dream Team in 2019...swimming honors include being named an All-American in 2018 and 2021, third team D1 All-CIF-SS in 2021, All-Sunset League MVP in 2021, 100-yard backstroke school record holder (2021), 4x50 medley relay school record holder (backstroke) in 2021, first team All-Sunset League in 2018 and 2019...played his club ball for Vanguard Aquatics (Huntington Beach).

PERSONAL

Born in Long Beach, CA...his parents are Janet and Steve Dodd...has a younger brother, Ryder...says he chose UCLA because, "it provides a world-class educational experience along with a top tier Division I sports opportunity"... says he used to sail competitively before he took up the sport of water polo...lists Michael Phelps and off-road rally racer Ricky Brabec as the athletes he admires most...lists his greatest athletic thrill as coming from, "The 2019 UANA Podium Ceremony. Nothing beats standing on the top step of the podium, listening to the United States national anthem, and celebrating a successful tournament"...lists hiking, mountain biking, exploring, off-roading, car racing, and hanging with family as his hobbies...has yet to declare a major.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 2ND PLACE

2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 6TH PLACE

2022 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL CUP LIMA, PERU, 1ST PLACE





RYDER DODD

ATTACKER

Hometown: Long Beach, CA
College: USC '28
Position: Attacker **Club:** Mission WPC



INTERNATIONAL

Named MVP at 2023 Pan American U17 Championships in Bauru, Brazil...2022 FINA Youth World Championship in Belgrade, Serbia...Awarded MVP honors at the 2022 Pan American U17 Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana.

CLUB

2023 USA Water Polo Fisher Cup champion with USA Junior Team...Top scorer in 2023 USA Water Polo Fisher Cup.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2023 PAN AMERICAN U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS, BAURU, BRAZIL, 1ST PLACE
- 2022 FINA YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BELGRADE, SERBIA, 9TH PLACE
- 2022 PAN AMERICAN U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, 2ND PLACE

HIGH SCHOOL

Plays water polo at JSerra High School in San Juan Capistrano, CA.



PLAYERS



DODD / DODD



JAKE EHRHARDT

ATTACKER

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Hometown: Camarillo, CA
College: USC '23 **Height / Weight:** 6-6 / 225
Position: Attacker **Club:** The Olympic Club

As a freshman at USC he helped lead the team to the 2018 NCAA Championship and jumped to the Senior National Team at the 2017 FINA Intercontinental Cup...Capped up for Team USA at the 2019 World University Games, 2022 World Championships, and 2022 World League Super Final.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Recorded five goals scored at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Strasbourg, France...Notched five goals scored at the 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary...Scored 13 goals at the 2019 Summer University Games in Naples, Italy...Made his Senior Team debut at 2017 FINA Intercontinental Cup...Competed at 2017 FINA Junior World Championships and 2016 Youth World Championships...Also competed at FINA Youth Pan-American Games in 2015.

COLLEGE

Attended USC...2022 Cutino Award finalist...Sixth All-Time leading scorer in USC history with 179 goals...5x All-American (one of three players in NCAA history)...Played in four National Championship games...2018 NCAA Champion...Finished with 31 goals in 2018, including the game-clinching goal in NCAA Championship game...Finished fourth on the team with 30 goals in 2019...Leading scorer with 28 goals in a shortened season in 2020...Poured in 35 goals in another limited season of games in 2021.

HIGH SCHOOL

Three-time Ventura County Player of the Year and two-time CIF Player of the Year at Oaks Christian High School in Westlake Village, CA...Named 2017 Los Angeles Player of the Year...Four-time league MVP and two-time Los Angeles Daily News Player of the Year...Named to 1st Team All-CIF all three years at Oaks Christian...Attended Rio Mesa High as a freshman, winning a CIF title and league championship.

PERSONAL

Parents are Chip and Kristina...Has two brothers, Jaden and Josh...Majored in Psychology...Enjoys surfing, listening to music, and golfing...Biggest sports heroes are Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods...Will relocate to Europe after graduation to play professionally.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 2ND PLACE
- 2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 6TH PLACE
- 2019 FISU SUMMER UNIVERSITY GAMES, NAPLES, ITALY, 2ND PLACE
- 2017 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA, 2ND PLACE





TOMMY GRUWELL

ATTACKER



Hometown: Phoenix, AZ
College: UCLA '23 **Height:** 6-5
Position: Attacker **Club:** LAWPC

INTERNATIONAL

Notched one goal at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Strasbourg, France...Tallied three goals at the 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary...Scored four goals at the 2019 World University Summer Games in Naples, Italy.

PROFESSIONAL

Briefly competed for Chios in the 2020-21 A1 Ethniki League in Greece.

COLLEGE

Attended UCLA...2020 NCAA Champion...3x ACWPC All-American (Second Team 2021, Third Team 2019, Honorable Mention 2020)...3x All-MPSF (Second Team 2021, Third Team 2019, Honorable Mention 2020)...NCAA All-Tournament Team (Second Team 2020)...MPSF All-Tournament Team (2020-21).

Team 2020-21, Honorable Mention 2019)...NCAA All-Tournament Team (Second Team 2020)...MPSF All-Tournament Team (First Team 2021)...2x ACWPC All-Academic Honors (Excellent 2019-20)...2x MPSF All-Academic Team (2020-21).

HIGH SCHOOL

Was a four-year letterwinner for the Dons in water polo for head coaches Brett Ormsby, Bojan Hriec, and Jake Hodgins at Cathedral Catholic High School...led CCHS to the 2018 CIF San Diego Section Open Division Championship, scoring a hat trick in the title game, an 11-7 win over The Bishop's School...the Dons (20-7) fell to Loyola, 16-14, in the quarterfinals of the 2018 CIF SoCal Division I Boy's Water Polo Championship...the CIFSDS title marked the first Open Division title for the Dons since 2015, when CCHS (18-10) beat Coronado 11-6. In 2016, the Dons fell to Vista, 12-11, in overtime in the finals of the CIFSDS Open Division...in 2017, CCHS lost in the quarterfinals of the CIFSDS Open Division to La Jolla, 8-7...the Dons finished first or tied for first in the City Western League standings in three of his four seasons (2015-18)...was named 1st Team All-CIF San Diego Section and 1st Team All-San Diego City (Western) in both the 2017 and 2018 seasons.

PERSONAL

Born in Scottsdale, AZ...his parents are Mark and Ellen Gruwell...has one older brother, Ty, and one younger sister, Tally...describes his greatest athletic thrill when, "We won CIF my senior year"...lists Bruin Russell Westbrook as the athlete he most admires...lists surfing, spearfishing, wakesurfing and going off-roading as his favorite hobbies.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 2ND PLACE

2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 6TH PLACE

2019 FISU SUMMER UNIVERSITY GAMES, NAPLES, ITALY, 2ND PLACE



PLAYERS

EHRHARDT / GRUWELL





KACPER LANGIEWICZ

UTILITY



Hometown: San Marcos, CA
College: UC San Diego '19 **Height / Weight:** 6-4 / 225
Position: Utility **Club:** Kaposvari

INTERNATIONAL

Competed at the World University Games in Naples, Italy, July 2-14.

COLLEGE

Competed for UC San Diego...Team Captain in 2019...2018 NCAA All-Tournament 2nd Team...All-WWPA 2nd Team...Ranked second on the team with 35 goals...Led the Tritons with 53 drawn exclusions...Had eight steals...In 2017 scored seven goals on the season...Drew 25 exclusions, which were second most on the team...Scored 10 goals in 2015.

PROFESSIONAL

Competes for Kaposvari in Hungary.

HIGH SCHOOL

A 2015 graduate of Mission Hills High...2014 CIF Division III Player of the Year...All-League 1st Team in 2014...All-CIF San Diego Section 2nd Team in 2014...Led the Grizzlies to a runner-up finish in the 2014 CIF Division III Championship...Also swam for MHHS...Competed for the North San Diego Stars.

PERSONAL

Born March 6 in Ottawa...Parents are Jolanta and Leszek Langiewicz...Has two older siblings Ania and Magda.



JACK TURNER

GOALKEEPER

@jack_w_turner

Hometown: Fremont, CA
College: UC San Diego '19 **Height / Weight:** 6-7 / 200
Position: Goalkeeper **Club:** Mataro

He played for UC San Diego where he was named 2018 Division II Player of the Year...He made his Senior Team debut at the 2018 FINA World Cup... Recovered from a broken back following a car accident in 2017 to compete for Team USA in 2018.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Recorded 23 saves at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Strasbourg...Played for The Olympic Club and won the Fisher Cup in 2022... Completed at the 2019 World University Summer Games in Naples...Racked

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 2ND PLACE

2019 FISU SUMMER UNIVERSITY GAMES, NAPLES, ITALY, 2ND PLACE

2018 FINA WORLD CUP, BERLIN, GERMANY, 6TH PLACE

up 8 saves in his debut at the 2018 FINA World Cup in Berlin.

PROFESSIONAL

Competes for CN Mataro in Spain... Competed on VK-JUG's practice squad in Croatia.

COLLEGE

Competed for the UC San Diego men's water polo team...2019 All-WWPA 1st Team...Finished season with 239 saves, 18 steals, and 10 assists...2018 ACWPC Division II All-America Player of the Year, 1st Team All-American, All-Academic, WWPA Tournament MVP...Finished season with 237 saves, 20 steals and 16 assists...2016 Honorable Mention All-WWPA... 2nd Team WWPA All-Tournament...Finished season with 248 saves, 30 steals, and 14 assists...2015 1st Team Division II All-American...WWPA 1st Team All-Tournament...Finished season with 248 saves, 35 steals, and seven assists.

HIGH SCHOOL

A 2014 graduate of Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose...1st Team All-West Catholic Athletic League (WCAL) and 1st Team All-CIF Central Coast Section (CCS) honoree...Named CCS MVP.

PERSONAL

Born in Mountain View, CA...Parents are Nick Turner and Mary Ann Little...Has older sister Delany, older brother Nick, and younger sister Carly...Aerospace engineering major at Revelle College.

FUN FACTS

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? I remember watching the 2012 London Olympics and being amazed at the speed of the game and how physical it was, and I knew I wanted to compete at that level. I wasn't very good at water polo at the time, so I thought I would play basketball or another sport. It wasn't until my junior or senior year of high school that I realized I had the potential to go to the Olympics for water polo.

What is your hidden talent? Ping pong.

What is your favorite karaoke song? "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen.

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games what would it be and why? Basketball. I've always loved the sport and both of my parents played it.

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? A good book.

Biggest superstition if you have one? Knocking on wood deters potential bad luck, without a doubt.

What is your biggest fear? The really deep ocean.

What causes are most dear to your heart? Climate Change, the homeless, and neglected pets.

What are two truths and a lie about you? I'm an Eagle Scout. I love black licorice. I once ate 32 ounces of steak at one dinner.

Do you have a nickname? How did you get it? I don't have a nickname.

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "For What It's Worth" by Buffalo Springfield.

What advice would you give your younger self and what would you remind your older self? I would tell my younger self to keep working hard, it will all pay off soon. And to my older self, I would say to make sure you're having fun, and if you aren't, change something until you are.



PLAYERS



LANGIEWICZ / TURNER



ADRIAN WEINBERG

GOALKEEPER



Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
College: California '23 **Height / Weight:** 6-5 / 200
Position: Goalkeeper **Club:** Pride WPC

INTERNATIONAL

Notched 40 saves at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Strasbourg...Recorded 26 saves at the 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest...Selected to the 2019 USA Men's Junior National Team for the FINA Junior World Championships in Kuwait City, Kuwait... Member of USA Development Team & USA Youth National Team that traveled to Jamaica in 2015...Member of USA Cadet National Team that traveled to Budapest, Hungary & Edmonton, Canada in 2016.

COLLEGE

2022 (Sr)...NCAA Champion...Notched 12 saves, 2 steals, and 2 assists in the NCAA Championship win over USC...Registered 204 saves in 22 games...2021 (Jr)...NCAA Champion...ACWPC Second Team All-American...All-MPSF Second Team selection...Named to the NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team...Led the MPSF with 230 saves...Registered 20 saves in a 7-6 win over No. 1 USC - just the 14th MPSF goalie ever to have a 20-save game...2020 (So)...Led the MPSF with 10.3 saves per game...Ranked third in the conference in save percentage (.496) and fourth in goals-against average (10.15)...All-MPSF Second Team selection...Named to the MPSF All-Academic Team...Reached double-digits in saves in each of the first six games of the season...2019 (Fr)...Established himself as one of the nation's top young goalkeepers during an impressive freshman season...Named an All-American Honorable Mention by the ACWPC...Earned an All-MPSF Honorable Mention after starting 22 of the 23 games he played in...Posted an 11-11 record, 217 total saves & a .503 save percentage...Added eight assists & 14 steals...Totaled 11 matches with 10 or more saves, including a pair of three-match streaks on Sept. 8-15 & Oct. 5-27...Recorded a season-best 17 saves vs. UC Davis (Sept. 14) & followed it up with a 16-save effort the following day vs. Pacific (Sept. 15)...Was named the MPSF Newcomer of the Week on Oct. 7 following his 12-save effort vs. San Jose State (Oct. 5)...Had a signature 13-save performance in an upset of top-seeded USC in the MPSF Championship semifinals (Nov. 23)...Won Cal's starting goalkeeper job during preseason camp, beating out senior and former All-American Bernardo Carelli.



HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Graduated from Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village, CA) in 2019... Four-year letterman in water polo under head coach Jack Kocur...Named an All-American First Team selection, was the Elite 8 MVP & Division 3 co-player of the year...Made 22 saves in signature performance against Mater Dei HS in 2018 quarterfinals...Named the Ventura County Star Water Polo Player of the Year...Led Oaks Christian School to 2016 Division 3 title & 2017 Division 1 runner-up finish...Played for Pride Water Polo Academy under head coach Richard Corso.

PERSONAL

Born on Nov. 25, 2001 in Los Angeles, CA...Son of Jon Weinberg & Matilde Perez...Majoring in Economics...Has one sibling, Carolina.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 2ND PLACE

2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 6TH PLACE





QUINN WOODHEAD

ATTACKER

@quinnwoodyy

Hometown: San Anselmo, CA
College: Stanford '23 **Height / Weight:** 6-4 / 220
Position: Attacker **Club:** The Olympic Club

INTERNATIONAL

Member of the United States Youth, Junior, and Senior National Teams... Helped the U.S. capture a bronze medal at the World Cup in 2023, a gold medal at the Pan American Games in Peru in 2022, a silver at the World University Games in 2019, and gold at the Youth Pan American Games in 2017.

COLLEGE

Competed for Stanford University...2019 NCAA Champion...3x MPSF Champion (2018-20)...4x ACWPC All-American (2019-22)...2x NCAA All-Tournament Team (2019-20)...4x All-MPSF (2019-22)...2020 MPSF All-Tournament Team...5x ACWPC All-Academic (2018-22)...3x MPSF All-Academic Scholar-Athlete (2019-21)...2x Pac-12 Academic Honor Roll (2020-21).

PROFESSIONAL

Competes for The Olympic Club.

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

2018 graduate from Sir Francis Drake High School...3x USA Water Polo Academic All-American (2016-18)...Led Sir Francis Drake to three Marin County Athletic League titles...Pirates captured CIF NorCal Division I championships (first in school history) and the North Coast Section Division I Championship his senior season in 2017...2x Marin County Athletic League Player of the Year (2016-17)...2x California-Hawaii All-America selection in water polo...2x National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association All-American pick.

PERSONAL

Parents are Laura and Jeff...has two siblings; brother Dylan and sister Ella.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, STRASBOURG, FRANCE, 2ND PLACE

2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 6TH PLACE

2020 OLYMPIC GAMES, TOKYO, JAPAN, 6TH PLACE (TOOK PLACE IN 2021 DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC)

2021 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, ATHENS, GREECE, 2ND PLACE

2019 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT, SAU PAULO, BRAZIL, 2ND PLACE

2018 FINA WORLD CUP, BERLIN, GERMANY, 6TH PLACE

2017 FINA MENS JUNIOR WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIP, BELGRADE, SERBIA

2016 FINA YOUTH WORLD WATER POLO CHAMPIONSHIPS, MONTENEGRO, CAPTAIN



PLAYERS

WEINBERG / WOODHEAD





WOMEN



USA WOMEN'S COACHING STAFF

Adam Krikorian Head Coach

Since taking over the Women's Senior National Team, Adam Krikorian has been just about perfect. After his arrival in 2009, Team USA has competed in 24 major FINA Championships and has come away with Gold in 20 of them. This includes the 2012, 2016, and 2020 Olympic Games, as well as the 2009, 2015, 2017, 2019, and 2022 FINA World Championships, the 2010, 2014, and 2018 FINA World Cups, and 10 FINA World League Super Final crowns—not to mention the 2016 Olympic Qualification Tournament. He's helped the United States maintain a number-one world ranking for the majority of his tenure and was honored in 2013 with the USOC National Coach of Year Award, only the second water polo coach to receive the honor. In October 2013, Adam was named the Jack Kelly Fair Play Award recipient by the USOC for his accountability and composure during the 2012 Olympic Games' semifinal match.



Following the 2016 Games, Krikorian was named Coach of the Games by the USOC at the Team USA Awards. In early 2017, Krikorian was also honored by the Los Angeles Sports Council and the LA Sports Awards, receiving the first-ever "Extraordinary Achievement in Olympic Sport" honors.

Krikorian was named head coach of the USA Water Polo Women's Senior National Team on March 27, 2009. He had been head coach of the UCLA men's and women's programs for 10 years prior.

A standout player at UCLA from 1992 to 1995, Krikorian captained the squad in his final year, leading UCLA to the 1995 Men's NCAA Championship, the school's first title in 23 years.

Krikorian has earned National Women's Water Polo Coach of the Year honors five times: in 2001 and from 2005 through 2008. He also received National Men's Coach of the Year honors in 2004 after leading the UCLA men's program to its eighth

overall NCAA championship. He has guided the women's team to seven national championships, six sanctioned by the NCAA, including a string of five consecutive titles. In addition, he's piloted the men's program to three NCAA titles; two of the three came as he served as co-head coach with Guy Baker.

Krikorian graduated from UCLA with a psychology degree and a business administration emphasis in June 1997. In May 2001 Krikorian married Anicia Mendez, a four-year Bruin letter-winner in varsity tennis who completed her MBA at UCLA. Adam and Anicia reside in Manhattan Beach, CA, with their son, Jack (born July 2006) and daughter Annabel (born June 2009).

Molly Cahill Assistant Coach

Molly Cahill – a veteran coach at the national team, collegiate and club levels – is entering her second year as an assistant coach with the Women's Senior National Team. Cahill was part of the USA Water Polo Mountain Zone where she coached in the Olympic Development Program while also serving on the Women's Junior National Team staff. Previously part of the UCLA Women's Water Polo staff from 2008-2017, Cahill helped guide the Bruins to 12 NCAA Tournament appearances including an NCAA Championship.



A standout player at UCLA, Cahill was part of three NCAA Championship teams in Westwood before embarking on a coaching career that saw her mentor six Olympians. No stranger to club water polo, Cahill coached age-group squads with Los Angeles Water Polo Club, Bruin Stars & Stripes, and most recently Colorado Pirates Water Polo Club.

Cahill resides in Seal Beach with her husband Cooper O'Connor and three children, Oliver (born June 2016), Arlo (born August 2018), and Archer (born June 2021).



USA WOMEN'S COACHING STAFF

Chris Oeding Assistant Coach

Chris Oeding was named an assistant coach of the Women's Senior National Team in the Spring of 2013.

A two-time Olympian and captain of the U.S. Olympic Men's Water Polo Team at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, Chris is also head coach of the men's and women's water polo teams at Long Beach (CA) City College, as well as the swimming and diving teams at the school.

In 15 seasons at LBCC, he's piled up more than 300 victories and seven state championships with both the men's and women's teams.

Chris also was the men's water polo head coach at Orange Coast (CA) College for five seasons and also coached women's water polo and both swim teams there. While at OCC he was twice named Orange Empire Conference Coach of the Year (1998, 1999) and led his team to conference titles in 1997 and 1999.

His standout credentials also include his playing career. Chris was a three-time All-American while at Corona Del Mar (CA) High School and in 1988 was named CIF Player of the Year. He went on to play at Cal (Berkeley) where he was a three-time All-American and helped lead the Golden Bears to three straight NCAA championships. In 1992, Chris was named NCAA Co-Player of the Year. He was recently selected for the Cal Golden Bears Hall of Fame.

From 1993 to 2000, Chris was a member of the U.S. National Water Polo Team and was named captain in 1997. He competed in two Olympics and helped the U.S. finish seventh at the 1996 Atlanta Games and sixth at the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Chris received his bachelor's degree from Cal in 1994 and earned his master's from Azusa Pacific.



and recovery methods to the U.S. Women's National Team players. As a traveling member of the staff, her daily duties include administering pre-practice treatments, monitoring practice, rehabilitation, and post-practice treatments, and providing recovery treatments.

Prior to USA Water Polo, Boquiren served as the head athletic trainer at the Crossroads School (Santa Monica, CA) where she worked with its middle school and high school athletic programs from August 2008 until October 2015. She also served as a seasonal assistant athletic trainer for USA Volleyball for five seasons.

She earned her undergraduate degree in kinesiology with an emphasis in athletic training from Cal State Fullerton in 2004. She completed her master's degree in sports health care from Arizona School of Health Sciences, A.T. Still University. Following graduate school, Boquiren completed a fellowship program with the New Hampshire Musculoskeletal Institute.

Boquiren also has advanced training in manual therapy techniques and orthopedic assessment.

Ally Beck Team Manager

Ally Beck joined USA Water Polo in 2023 as the Women's Senior National Team Operations Manager. Her responsibilities include working with the head coach, assistant coaches, and athletes, ensuring that calendaring, travel

arrangements, pool schedules, events, sponsorship, fundraising, and day-to-day training needs are met.

Ally has been an athlete, coach, and club administrator in the water polo community for over 15 years. Most recently, Ally was the head coach for SET Water Polo Club 16U Girls from 2020-22 and assistant coach for the Laguna Beach High School Girls Water Polo team from 2020-22. While returning to water polo full-time, she received her Master's in Athletic Administration from Concordia University Irvine. Ally's professional resume includes licensing, brand management, marketing, and business operations for Southern California-based Incipio Group and KAP7 International. Ally competed as an NCAA student-athlete at the University of Maryland, College Park. Outside work, she enjoys hiking and outdoor activities, volunteering, attending sporting events, spending time with friends and family, and traveling.



Larnie Boquiren Sports Medicine Manager

Larnie Boquiren joined USA Water Polo in October 2016 as the full-time athletic Trainer of USA Women's Water Polo. Boquiren is in charge of evaluating and assessing injuries, designing and implementing treatment and rehabilitation plans, and providing injury prevention



USA WOMEN'S ROSTER

Name	Position	Hgt	Hometown	College/Club
Emily Ausmus	Attacker		Riverside, CA	USC '27/SOCAL
Julia Bonaguidi	Attacker		La Jolla, CA	California '27/San Diego Shores
Christine Carpenter	Goalkeeper		Yucaipa, CA	Stanford '27/CHAWP
Rachel Fattal	Attacker	5'8"	Seal Beach, CA	UCLA '16/NYAC
Jenna Flynn	Attacker	5'8"	San Jose, CA	Stanford '26/680 WPC
Rachel Gazzaniga	Utility		North Tustin, CA	USC '27/SOCAL
Kaleigh Gilchrist	Attacker	5'9"	Newport Beach, CA	USC '14/NYAC
Ashleigh Johnson	Goalkeeper	6'1"	Miami, FL	Princeton '18/NYAC
Ava Johnson	Center	5'9"	Walnut Creek, CA	UCLA '23/680 WPC
Emma Lineback	Attacker	5'6"	Laguna Beach, CA	UCLA '25/SET
Amanda Longan	Goalkeeper	6'1"	Moorpark, CA	USC '19/NYAC
Denise Mammolito	Defender	6'1"	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	USC '21/CHAWP
Maddie Musselman	Attacker	5'11"	Newport Beach, CA	UCLA '20/NYAC
Ryann Neushul	Attacker	5'7"	Isla Vista, CA	Stanford '23/Santa Barbara 805



USA WOMEN'S ROSTER

Name	Position	Hgt	Hometown	College/Club
Anna Pearson	Utility	5'11"	Irvine, CA	UCLA '26/SET
Tara Prentice	Center	6'0"	Temecula, CA	UC Irvine '20/Sant Andreu
Jordan Raney	Defender	5'10"	Manhattan Beach, CA	Stanford '18/NYAC
Jewel Roemer	Attacker	5'6"	Martinez, CA	Stanford '24/680 WPC
Jovana Sekulic	Center		Belgrade, Serbia	Princeton '25
Lauren Steele	Goalkeeper	6'0"	Orange, CA	UCLA '28/SET
Maggie Steffens	Attacker	5'9"	Danville, CA	Stanford '17/Sabadell
Bayley Weber	Utility	5'10"	Los Alamitos, CA	USC '23/Los Al
Ella Woodhead	Defender	5'10"	San Anselmo, CA	Stanford '26

Coaches

Head Coach: **Adam Krikorian**

Asst. Coaches: **Molly Cahill** and **Chris Oeding**

Team Manager: **Ally Beck**

Sports Medicine Manager: **Larnie Boquiren**





MAGGIE STEFFENS

ATTACKER



Hometown: Danville, CA
College: Stanford '17 **Height:** 5-9 **Position:** Attacker
Birthdate: 06/04/1993 **Club:** Sabadell

Considered one of the best in the world, the three-time Olympic Gold medalist and two-time MVP is the USA Captain and a Stanford graduate...She burst onto the scene as a 19-year-old at the 2012 Olympic Games in London, England, as she tied the record for most goals in an Olympics with 21...Hails from a massive water polo playing family and was joined on the 2012 team by older sister, Jessica.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Team captain...Netted 8 goals at 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest...Scored 18 goals at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo to become the all-time leading scorer in Olympic Women's Water Polo history with 56 goals...

Second on Team USA with 16 goals at 2021 FINA World League Super Final in Athens...Tallied 14 goals at 2019 Pan American Games in Lima...Scored seven goals at 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju...Second on Team USA with 10 goals at 2019 FINA World League Super Final...Recorded 9 goals at 2019 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Finished second on team with 10 goals on way to Gold for Team USA at 2018 FINA World Cup...Scored 7 goals at 2018 FINA World League Super Final...Tallied 11 goals and 14 assists on way to Gold for Team USA at 2017 FINA World Championships...Scored 7 goals as Team USA claimed Gold at 2017 FINA World League Super Final...Led Team USA with 17 goals in 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil...Logged 10 goals in 2016 FINA World League Super Final...Scored 17 goals in Team USA's qualification for 2016 Olympic Games...Added 11 goals to help lead team to Gold-medal win at 2016 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Tallied 13 goals during 2015 FINA World Championship to assist with team Gold...Led Team USA to Gold-medal finish with 15 goals at 2015 Pan American Games...Posted 12 goals helping Team USA earn second-consecutive FINA World Cup crown in 2014...Second on team in scoring with 11 goals in Gold-medal effort at 2014 FINA World League Super Final...Added 5 goals during 2013 FINA World Cup Qualifiers...Tallied 5 goals in 2013 Holiday Cup...Scored 11 goals in 2013 FINA World Championships...Led team with 9 goals en route to third-place finish at 2013 FINA World League Super Final...Led team to Gold medal at 2012 Olympic Games in London, England, with 21



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

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- 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES, TOKYO, JAPAN, 1ST PLACE (TOOK PLACE IN 2021 DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC)
- 2021 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, ATHENS, GREECE, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 HOLIDAY CUP, PRINCETON, NJ, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 CANADA CUP, MONTREAL, CANADA, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, LIMA, PERU, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, GWANGJU, SOUTH KOREA, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, PERTH, AUSTRALIA, 1ST PLACE
- 2018 FINA WORLD CUP, SURGUT, RUSSIA, 1ST PLACE
- 2018 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, KUNSHAN, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2017 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1ST PLACE
- 2017 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SHANGHAI, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, 1ST PLACE
- 2016 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SHANGHAI, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2016 OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT, GOUDA, NETHERLANDS, 1ST PLACE
- 2016 FINA WOMEN'S INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, LEWISVILLE, TX, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, KAZAN, RUSSIA, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, TORONTO, CANADA, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SHANGHAI, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2014 FINA WORLD CUP, KHANTY-MANSYISK, RUSSIA, 1ST PLACE
- 2014 FINA LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, KUNSHAN, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2013 FINA WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS, SANTA ANA, CA, 1ST PLACE
- 2013 HOLIDAY CUP, SANTA ANA, CA, 1ST PLACE
- 2013 CANADA CUP, GATINEAU, CANADA, 1ST PLACE
- 2013 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BARCELONA, SPAIN, 5TH PLACE
- 2013 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, BEIJING, CHINA, 3RD PLACE
- 2012 OLYMPICS, LONDON, ENGLAND, 1ST PLACE
- 2012 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, CHANGSHU, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2011 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, GUADALAJARA, MEXICO, 1ST PLACE
- 2011 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, SHANGHAI, CHINA, 6TH PLACE
- 2011 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, TIANJIN, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2010 FINA WORLD CUP, CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND, 1ST PLACE
- 2010 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, LA JOLLA, CA, 1ST PLACE
- 2009 HOLIDAY CUP, NEWPORT BEACH, CA, 2ND PLACE
- 2009 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, KHANTY-MANSYISK, RUSSIA, 3RD PLACE
- 2009 CANADA CUP, MONTREAL, CANADA, 1ST PLACE

OLYMPIAN

goals...Named MVP at 2012 Olympics... Tied Olympic record with most goals in single game, scoring 7 in win over Hungary, which set a record for an Olympic Games debut match...Led team with 11 goals at 2012 FINA World League Super Final...Posted 6 goals on way to Gold medal and Olympic qualification at 2011 Pan American Games...Scored winning goal in 20thround of epic shootout to defeat Canada for Gold medal at 2011 Pan American Games...Scored 5 times en route to sixth-place finish at 2011 FINA World Championships... Registered 5 goals during Gold medal run at 2011 FINA World League Super Final in Tianjin, China...Added 4 goals to help Team USA take home Gold at 2010 FINA World Cup...Scored 5 goals, including winning goal against Australia in final match at 2010 FINA World League Super Final...Scored 2 goals at 2009 Holiday Cup...Club Championship winner with Diabolo...Three-time Junior Olympic champion...Three-time Junior Olympic Co-MVP...Florida International Tournament champion.

FUN FACTS

Twitter: @maggiesteffens

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? When I learned it was a possibility: At my pre-school mock Olympic Games Day...and I wanted to be the next Mia Hamm. Soccer was my dream sport!

What is your hidden talent? Is it Christmas? Because I can recite 'Twas the Night Before Christmas for you.

What is your favorite karaoke song? "Ain't No Mountain"

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games what would it be and why? Soccer. It would fulfill my childhood dream!

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? My passport! (And some photos from home in my wallet or journal.)

Biggest superstition if you have one? Being superstitious.

What is your biggest fear? Not a fan of heights, like standing on edges...I'm good over here.

What causes are most dear to your heart? Team KC, Swim Across America (Cancer), Women's Sports Foundation, Boys & Girls Club.

What are two truths and a lie about you? I had a dog named Speedo. I was born in Puerto Rico. My sister & I have the key to our city.

Do you have a nickname? How did you get it? Marge. My cousin Annie Loughlin started calling me that when I was a kid, and it just stuck—mainly with cousins or very close friends, thank goodness!

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "Maggie May"

What advice would you give your younger self and what would you remind your older self? Follow your dreams.

PROFESSIONAL

Competes for C.N. Sabadell in Spain...2023 La Liga (Spanish League) Champion...2019 European Champion (Final 4) & La Liga Champion... Competed for UVSE in Budapest, Hungary for 2017-2018 season...Fourth in Europe with UVSE in 2018 & Hungarian League Champion.

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Monte Vista High School...League Champion (2007-2009)...NCS Champion (2007-2010)...Undeclared in 2008...Top-100 athlete 2007-2009... Scholar-athlete award 2009 and 2010...NCS MVP 2010...Water Polo Player of the Year 2009...Monte Vista Rookie of the Year 2007...Monte Vista Offensive Player of the Year 2009.

COLLEGE

Competed for Stanford University where she helped team to NCAA Championships in 2014, 2015, and 2017... Named NCAA Tournament MVP in 2017...Multiple time finalist for Cutino Award...Helped Stanford reach NCAA Tournament Final in 2013...2017 ACWPC Player of the Year...MPSF Player of the Year...MPSF All-Tournament Team...Led team with 65 goals...2015 ACWPC Player of the Year...2015 NCAA Tournament MVP...MPSF Player of the Year... Third on team with 53 goals...2014 1st Team All-American...1st Team All-MPSF...MPSF All-Tournament Team... Tied for team lead with 51 goals...2013 1st Team All-American...1st Team All-NCAA Tournament...1st Team All-MPSF... MPSF All-Newcomer Team...MPSF All-Tournament Team...Second on team with 60 goals.

PERSONAL

Stanford B.S. in Science, Technology, & Society and a Stanford M.S. in Management, Science, and Engineering... Co-Founder of 6-8 Sports...Dad, Carlos, played on Puerto Rican national team...Competed on Senior National Team with her older sister, Jessica (2008 Silver medalist, 2012 Gold medalist, & Hall of Fame class 2019)...Proud Schnugg family member (nearly 45 cousins) which is full of water polo players.

Etc.

Dream big, play big! Always strive to be among the best and surround yourself with those who support you and your passion!



PLAYERS



STEFFENS



RACHEL FATTAL

ATTACKER



Hometown: Seal Beach, CA
College: UCLA '16 **Height:** 5-8 **Position:** Attacker
Birthdate: 12/10/1993 **Club:** NYAC

The 2020 & 2016 Olympic Gold medalist is a UCLA graduate and four-time 1st Team All-American....Joined the Senior National Team following her MVP performance at the 2013 FINA Junior World Championships...Has played professionally in Australia since her graduation from UCLA...One of the strongest attackers, has a terrific outside shot.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Scored 6 goals at 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Santa Cruz de Tenerife...Tallied 6 goals at 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest...Recorded 9 goals at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo...Scored 15 goals at 2021 FINA World League Super Final in Athens...Racked up 9 goals at 2019 Pan American Games in Lima...Scored 6 goals at the 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju...

Tallied 7 goals at 2019 FINA World League Super Final...Scored 7 goals at 2019 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Recorded 7 goals at 2018 FINA World Cup...Led team in scoring with 9 goals on way to Gold at 2018 FINA World League Super Final...Scored 9 goals at 2018 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Finished second in scoring with 14 goals and 10 assists and named to All-Star team in a Gold-medal effort for Team USA at 2017 FINA World Championships...Scored 6 goals, including a hat trick, against Australia on way to Gold at 2017 FINA World League Super Final...Tallied 4 goals in 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil...Dropped 7 goals in 2016 FINA World League Super Final...Posted 6 goals en route to Team USA's qualification for 2016 Olympic Games...Scored 8 goals at 2016 FINA Intercontinental Tournament helping team to Gold medal...Named 2015 FINA World Championship Most Valuable Player by leading Team USA to Gold with 18 goals...Recorded 9 goals during Team USA's Gold win at 2015 Pan American Games...Tallied 10 goals on way to Gold medal at 2014 FINA World Cup...Scored 9 goals in helping Team USA to Gold at 2014 FINA World League Super Final...Totalled 3 goals during 2013 FINA World Cup Qualifiers...Racked up 6 goals in 2013 Holiday Cup...Named MVP of 2013 FINA World Junior Championships in Volos, Greece...Scored 7 times in 2013 FINA World Championship...Alternate for 2013 FINA World League Super Final...Member of Women's Junior National Team, taking



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

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- 2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1ST PLACE
- 2020 OLYMPIC GAMES, TOKYO, JAPAN, 1ST PLACE (TOOK PLACE IN 2021 DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC)
- 2021 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, ATHENS, GREECE, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 HOLIDAY CUP, PRINCETON, NJ, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 CANADA CUP, MONTREAL, CANADA, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, LIMA, PERU, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, GWANGJU, SOUTH KOREA, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1ST PLACE
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- 2018 FINA WORLD CUP, SURGUT, RUSSIA, 1ST PLACE
- 2018 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, KUNSHAN, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
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- 2017 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1ST PLACE
- 2017 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SHANGHAI, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, 1ST PLACE
- 2016 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SHANGHAI, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
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- 2015 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, TORONTO, CANADA, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SHANGHAI, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2014 FINA WORLD CUP, KHANTY-MANSIYSK, RUSSIA 1ST PLACE
- 2014 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, KUNSHAN, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2013 FINA JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, VOLOS, GREECE, 1ST PLACE
- 2013 FINA WORLD CUP QUALIFIERS, SANTA ANA, CA, 1ST PLACE
- 2013 HOLIDAY CUP, SANTA ANA, CA, 1ST PLACE
- 2013 CANADA CUP, GATINEAU, CANADA, 1ST PLACE
- 2013 FINA WOMEN'S JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, VOLOS, GREECE, 1ST PLACE
- 2013 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BARCELONA, SPAIN, 5TH PLACE
- 2011 FINA JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, TRIESTE, ITALY, 8TH PLACE

eighth place at 2011 FINA Junior World Championship.

PROFESSIONAL

Competes for Hunter Hurricanes in Australia.

COLLEGE

Competed for UCLA Bruins women's water polo team...2017 Cutino Award finalist...1st Team All-American...1st Team All-MPSF...1st Team All-NCAA Tournament...MPSF Tournament MVP...Scored 50 goals helping Bruins to NCAA title match...2015 1st Team All-American...1st Team All-MPSF...Led team with 56 goals...2014 1st Team All-American...1st Team All-MPSF...Second on team with 46 goals...2013 1st Team All-American...MPSF Newcomer of the Year...Red-shirted 2016 season to train for Olympic Games.

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Los Alamitos High School... Four-year varsity water polo under Head Coach Dave Carlson...Four-year varsity swimming and volleyball letter winner...2012 CIF Division I Player of the Year...2011-12 Sunset League Female Athlete of the Year and 2011-12 Press Telegram Player of the Year...In volleyball, helped lead Los Alamitos to 2012 CIF Division I Championship...Sunset League Co-Champions with Newport Harbor...Trained with the 2012 Olympic Team in Los Alamitos.

PERSONAL

Parents are Ron and Maria Fattal...has one brother, Ryan.

FUN FACTS

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? Watching gymnastics in the 2004 Olympics. When I was younger I wanted to be a gymnast, then I wanted to play volleyball—then water polo became my life.

What is your hidden talent? Baking.

What is your favorite karaoke song? "Dancing Queen" by ABBA.

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games what would it be and why? Volleyball.

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? Bose headphones.

Biggest superstition if you have one? I don't wear my own cap number in practice. I don't remember when I started it, but it just stuck!

What is your biggest fear? Drowning!

What causes are most dear to your heart? Global warming.

What are two truths and a lie about you? I have an older brother. I hate Disneyland. I don't have a pet.

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "Follow the Sun" by Xavier Rudd.

What advice would you give your younger self, and what would you remind your older self? I would tell my younger self to always dream big and work hard! And I would remind my older self to remember to have fun and enjoy the process.

PLAYERS



FATTAL

Etc.

Rachel says the best thing about water polo is the people you meet and friends you make...She got into water polo because when she was young her swim coach used to throw balls in the pool after practice, and she picked it up...She keeps playing water polo because she loves it.





KALEIGH GILCHRIST

ATTACKER



Hometown: Newport Beach, CA
College: USC '14 **Height:** 5-9 **Position:** Attacker
Birthdate: 05/16/1992 **Club:** NYAC

The 2020 & 2016 Olympic Gold medalist attended USC where she was a member of the 2013 NCAA Championship team... In addition to water polo she's also a two-time U.S. surfing champion, winning the title in 2009 and 2010... Versatile talent in the pool, took time away from Team USA in 2017 to resume professional surfing career.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Recorded 4 goals at 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest...Posted 7 goals at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo...Notched 2 goals at 2021 FINA World League Super Final in Athens...Tallied 8 goals at 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju...Scored 2 goals at 2019 FINA World League Super Final...Recorded 6 goals at 2019 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Scored 9 goals at 2018

FINA World Cup...Tallied 5 goals at 2018 FINA World League Super Final...Scored 9 goals at 2018 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Tallied 6 goals at 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil...Dropped 4 goals in 2016 FINA World League Super Final...Added 5 goals to help Team USA qualify for 2016 Olympic Games...Scored 6 goals to help team to Gold-medal win at 2016 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Posted 2 goals during 2015 FINA World Championship, assisting Team USA to Gold...Tallied 8 goals during Team USA's win at 2015 Pan American Games...Recorded 7 goals for Team USA's run for Gold at 2015 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...Tallied 7 goals in helping Team USA to Gold at 2014 FINA World Cup...Scored 6 goals in Gold Medal effort at 2014 FINA World League Super Final...Led team in scoring with 13 goals on way to Silver Medal at 2014 FINA Intercontinental Tournament.

COLLEGE

Attended USC from 2010-2014 where she majored in communications and minored in occupational science... NCAA Championship in 2013...2nd Team ACWPC All-American in 2014... 2nd Team NCAA All-Tournament...1st Team All-MPSF...2013 3rd Team



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

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- 2018 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, KUNSHAN, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
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- 2016 OLYMPIC GAMES, RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL, 1ST PLACE
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- 2016 OLYMPIC QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENT, GOUDA, NETHERLANDS, 1ST PLACE
- 2016 FINA WOMEN'S INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, LEWISVILLE, TX, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, KAZAN, RUSSIA, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, TORONTO, CANADA, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SHANGHAI, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, 1ST PLACE
- 2014 FINA WORLD CUP, KHANTY-MANSIYSK, RUSSIA, 1ST PLACE
- 2014 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, KUNSHAN, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2014 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, RIVERSIDE, CA, 2ND PLACE



All-American...2nd Team All-MPSF...1st Team NCAA All-Tournament...2012 2nd Team All-American...2nd Team All-MPSF.

HIGH SCHOOL

CIF Championship with Newport Harbor in 2008...1st Team All-CIF in 2009 and 2010... Orange County Register Athlete of the Year and Water Polo Player of the Year in 2010... U.S. Surfing Championship in 2009 and 2010...Four-year member of USA Surf Team...Honor student...Played club for Newport Harbor.

PERSONAL

Lists her CIF water polo and U.S. surfing championships as her most thrilling sports moments...Also competes on World Surf League Qualifying Series... Enjoys surfing and traveling in her free time...Won NSSA National Surfing Title a month later in 2013...A member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority...Father Sandy was member of USC swim team from 1964-68 and swam in 1964 & 1968 Olympics.

FUN FACTS

Twitter: @KGilchrist15

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? I must have been about 10 years old. I knew a little about the Games because of my dad, and that was just about the time I really started falling in love with water polo.

What is your hidden talent? I can catch grapes in my mouth from long distances.

What is your favorite karaoke song? "Man, I Feel Like A Woman" by Shania Twain.
If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games what would it be and why? Surfing.

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? I just started bringing a film camera on every trip.

Biggest superstition if you have one? I have to be capped by Makenzie and give Rachel a little slap on the booty before games.

What is your biggest fear? Drowning from a big wave.

What are two truths and a lie about you? I can do the worm. I can do the splits. I speak four languages.

Do you have a nickname? How did you get it? KG, Kales, Barrel. The first two are from my real name, and the third is courtesy of Coach Barnett from high school.

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "Sweet Caroline"

What advice would you give your younger self, and what would you remind your older self? I would tell my younger self to not be scared to dream big and pave my own path. I would remind my older self to be kind to everyone who crosses my path, be grateful, and enjoy the journey.

PLAYERS



Etc.

Thank you to the sport of water polo for giving me such an amazing opportunity. Thanks to all my past and present teammates and coaches. You all have pushed me to become a better water polo player and a better person every single day. And, of course, thanks to my amazing family for their endless love and support throughout the years.



GILCHRIST



ASHLEIGH JOHNSON

GOALKEEPER

 @ashleighjohnson

Hometown: Miami, FL
College: Princeton '18 **Height:** 6-1 **Position:** Goalkeeper
Birthdate: 09/12/1994 **Club:** NYAC

Considered one of the best goalkeepers in the world, she helped lead Team USA to the Gold Medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics & 2016 Rio Olympics and is the all-time career saves leader at Princeton University...In 2016 became the first African-American woman to make a U.S. Olympic Women's Water Polo Team...Supports learn to swim and water polo programs in her hometown of Miami.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Recorded 31 saves at 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Santa Cruz de Tenerife... Named Top Goalkeeper while notching 38 saves at 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest...Named to media All-Star team at 2022 FINA World Championships...Named Top Goalkeeper with 80 saves at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo...Named Top Goalkeeper while recording 37 saves at 2021 FINA World League Super Final...Led Team USA with 42 saves

and contributed 3 goals at 2019 Pan American Games...Named MVP while recording 43 saves to lead Team USA to the gold medal at 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju...Racked up 28 saves in three games at 2019 FINA World League Super Final...Recorded 42 saves at 2018 FINA World Cup...Racked up 32 saves at 2018 FINA World League Super Final...Logged 51 saves in 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil...Dropped 45 saves in 2016 FINA World League Super Final...Posted 54 saves allowing Team USA to qualify for 2016 Olympic Games...Recorded 62 saves contributing to Gold-medal win at 2016 FINA Intercontinental Tournament...2015 FINA World Championship Top Goalkeeper and Gold Medal Match MVP...Tallied 66 saves in Team USA's pursuit of Gold at 2015 FINA World Championship...Recorded 17 saves as Team USA's won 2015 Pan American Games...Split time in net, recording 27 saves en route to Gold at 2014 FINA World Cup...Named Top Goalkeeper at 2014 FINA World Cup...Won Gold at 2013 FINA Junior World Championship where she was named top goalkeeper of tournament.

PROFESSIONAL

Competes for Ethnikos in Greece... Competed for NC Vouliagmeni 2018-19 in Greece...Finished third in Final Four of European League Championships... Finished second in Greek league... Competed for Ekiye Orizzonte in Sicily 2017-18...Finished third in Final Four of European League...Finished second in Italian League.

COLLEGE

Competed for Princeton University...2017 1st Team CWPA All-Conference... 2017 1st Team CWPA

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, SPAIN, 3RD PLACE
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- 2019 CANADA CUP, MONTREAL, CANADA, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, LIMA, PERU, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, GWANGJU, SOUTH KOREA, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, PERTH, AUSTRALIA, 1ST PLACE
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- 2014 FINA WORLD CUP, KHANTY-MANSIYSK, RUSSIA 1ST PLACE
- 2013 FINA JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, VOLOS, GREECE, 1ST PLACE



OLYMPIAN

Championships All-Tournament... Finishes career as Princeton's all-time leader in saves (1,362) and compiled 100 career victories... CWPA Defensive Player of the Week 19 times in her career... Went 22-4 in 2016-17 with .693 save percentage... Collected 300 saves, the fourth highest in a single season in program history... Four-time CWPA Defensive Player of the Week.

HIGH SCHOOL

2012 graduate of Ransom Everglades High School... Four-year letter winner and starter... Helped Raiders to three consecutive Florida state championships... All-Dade honors throughout career... Also competed in swimming, earning All-County honors twice... Took individual state championship in 50 Free her sophomore year... Team took state championship during her sophomore season.

PERSONAL

Graduated from Princeton University with a bachelor's degree in psychology... Her sister, Chelsea, also competed for and graduated from Princeton in 2018 and now studies law at the University of Miami.

FUN FACTS

Twitter: @theAshJohnson

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? There was no single moment that I knew that I wanted to do this. It took a lot of little moments of me believing in my ability and support from the people who believed in me, as well. Getting to the point where I really had the confidence to set as a goal to represent the U.S. in my sport was a journey and a half.

What is your hidden talent? I can do a back walkover, and I'm halfway to a back handspring.

What is your favorite karaoke song? "Too Good at Goodbyes" by Sam Smith.

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games what would it be and why? Biathlon, but there's no real reason; it just seems like an interesting sport. Once I learn to ski and shoot, it's over for everyone else.

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? My Beats!

Biggest superstition if you have one? I'm not superstitious, but I am a littlestitious.

What is your biggest fear? That one day when I least expect it, someone will push my head while I'm drinking from a water fountain and all my teeth will break... or clowns. I don't know which is worse.

What causes are most dear to your heart? Teaching swimming to underserved populations. Equity and equality in education.

What are two truths and a lie about you? My favorite movie of all time is "The Green Mile." I've always wanted to be a celebrity chef, but I can't cook. I believe the correct way to say center defender is "D-hole."

Do you have a nickname? How did you get it? My nickname on the team is Ayay. My teammates gave it to me!

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "I Can" by Nas.

What advice would you give your younger self, and what would you remind your older self? Don't let fear be the reason you don't try something, let it be the reason you do.

PLAYERS



JOHNSON





AMANDA LONGAN

GOALKEEPER



Hometown: Moorpark, CA
College: USC '19 **Height:** 6-1 **Position:** Goalkeeper
Birthdate: 01/16/1997 **Club:** NYAC

2020 Olympic Gold Medalist and rising star behind the pipes for Team USA, she helped guide USC to the 2016 and 2018 NCAA Championships and won the Cutino Award in 2018... She jumped to the National Team radar after being named top goalkeeper at the 2015 Junior World Championships...Brings tremendous energy and emotion to the cage.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Recorded 22 saves as backup at 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Santa Cruz de Tenerife...Notched 30 saves as backup at 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest...Tallied 4 saves as backup at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo...Recorded 17 saves as backup at 2021 FINA World League Super Final in Athens...Notched 16 saves as backup at 2019 FINA World Championships...Tallied 19 saves in two games at 2019 FINA World League Super Final...Recorded 18 saves as backup at 2018 FINA World Cup...Tallied 7 saves for Team USA

at 2017 FINA World Championships...Competed for Team USA at 2015 Junior World Championships earning a Gold medal and top goalkeeper honors.

COLLEGE

Competed for USC...Nominated for Cutino Award in 2019...1st Team All-American...2018 NCAA Champion...2018 MPSF Player of the Year...MPSF All-Tournament team...Record 18 saves vs Cal...1st Team All-American...2018 Cutino Award Winner...Third place overall in MPSF in 2017...MPSF All-Tournament team and 2nd Team All-MPSF in 2017...Averaged 10.4 saves and 4.7 goals-against per game as a true freshman in 2016...2016 NCAA Champion...Appeared in 18 games, collecting a total of 145 saves on the year...1st Team All-American...1st Team All-MPSF and MPSF All-Newcomer Team...MPSF Tournament MVP after making 22 saves in two games...Notched 12 saves in MPSF Championship game...Compiled 24 saves in three games at NCAA Tournament, with



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- 2015 FINA JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, VOLOS, GREECE, 1ST PLACE



OLYMPIAN

nine in semifinals and final...Set career high with 17 saves at Stanford on April 16... Had eight games with double-digit saves...Five-time MPSF Newcomer of the Week.

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Oaks Christian High School in Westlake Village, Calif... League Player of the Year as junior...Helped her team win Tri-Valley League Championship for first time in school history in 2014...Set school record with 31 saves in a single game...Three-time 1st Team All-League selection...Ventura County Star Most Valuable Goalie as senior and 1st Team selection...Three-time 2nd Team Ventura County Star honoree...Played club for 805 Santa Barbara.

PERSONAL

Parents are Jon and Kim...two sisters, Andi and Shelby.

FUN FACTS

Twitter: @LonganAmanda

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? After I watched the women's senior team win Gold in 2012, that was it; I knew exactly what my dream was.

What is your hidden talent? Dancing and singing. I don't know if it's a talent, but I do enjoy getting my groove on.

What is your favorite karaoke song? "Lady Marmalade" by Christina Aguilera, Pink, Mya, Lil' Kim.

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games what would it be and why? Sand volleyball or tennis.

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? Headphones.

Biggest superstition if you have one? None.

What is your biggest fear? Getting trapped in space.

What are two truths and a lie about you? I love to ride ATVs and motorcycles. I can do the splits. I started water polo in high school.

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "Brandy" by Looking Glass.

What advice would you give your younger self and what would you remind your older self? Be your most authentic self in times of struggle and in times of success. Always wear your heart on your sleeve. Always be humble and kind.

Etc.

I'm thankful for my parents, family, friends, teammates, all the coaches who have worked with me, and to everyone who has supported my water polo career.



PLAYERS



LONGAN



MADDIE MUSSELMAN

ATTACKER

 @maddiemusselman

Hometown: Newport Beach, CA
College: UCLA '20 **Height:** 5-11 **Position:** Attacker
Birthdate: 06/16/1998 **Club:** NYAC

The 2020 & 2016 Olympic Gold medalist was a three-time All-American at UCLA and is a star on Team USA as she was named the MVP at the 2022 FINA World Championships and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Great movement without the ball and brings a wide variety of moves to the offensive end.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Led Team USA with 20 goals scored at 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest... Named Gold Medal match MVP and media All-Star team member at 2022 FINA World Championships... Named Tournament MVP while scoring 18 goals at 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo... Named Tournament MVP as she led team with 18 goals in gold medal performance at 2021 FINA World League Super Final in Athens... Scored 13 goals at 2019 Pan American Games in Lima... Led Team USA with 13 goals at 2019 FINA World Championships in Gwangju...

Named Tournament MVP as she led team with 14 goals on way to Gold at 2019 FINA World League Super Final... Led team in scoring with 16 goals and named Tournament MVP in Gold-medal effort at 2017 FINA World Championships...

Tied for second on team in scoring with 8 goals on way to Gold at 2017 FINA World League Super Final... Dropped 12 goals in 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil... Logged 11 goals in 2016 FINA World League Super Final... Scored 13 goals to help Team USA qualify for 2016 Olympic Games... Tallied 9 goals to help team to Gold-medal finish at 2016 FINA Intercontinental Tournament... Posted 5 goals to assist Team USA to a Gold medal win at 2015 FINA World Championship... Recorded 9 goals at 2015 Pan American Games, in which Team USA won Gold... Added 6 goals in Team USA's run to Gold in 2015 FINA Intercontinental Tournament... Helped Team USA to Gold at 2014 FINA Youth World Championship... Scored 5 goals on way to Silver at FINA Intercontinental Tournament.

COLLEGE

Attended UCLA... 2022 Cutino Award finalist... 2019 1st Team All-American... Led team with 61 goals... 1st Team All-MPSF... 2018 1st Team All-MPSF... Led team in scoring with 53 goals in 2018... 1st Team All-American... MPSF All-Tournament Team... 2017 MPSF Newcomer of the Year in freshman season tallying team-high and UCLA freshman record 69 goals... 1st Team All-American; helped UCLA to NCAA title match... 1st Team All-MPSF... MPSF All-Newcomer Team.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

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- 2015 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, KAZAN, RUSSIA, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 PAN AMERICAN GAMES, TORONTO, CANADA, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SHANGHAI, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, 1ST PLACE
- 2014 FINA YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, MADRID, SPAIN, 1ST PLACE
- 2014 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, RIVERSIDE, CA, 2ND PLACE
- 2013 UANA JUNIOR PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, 1ST PLACE



OLYMPIAN

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Corona del Mar High School from her freshman through junior years...2014 Pacific Coast League MVP... Newport-Mesa Player of the Year...CIF-SS Division 1 Championship in 2013... Attended senior year at Laurel Springs Academy and graduated in 2016.

PERSONAL

Continuing her education at Temple University in the College of Science and Technology (CST) Pre-Health Post Baccalaureate Program [Advanced Core in Health Science Program (ACHS)]... Majored in physiological science at UCLA... Older sister Alex graduated from UCLA in 2016, worked in New York City for two years at Rosenberg and Estis, and now is getting her MA in Strategic Public Relations at USC Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism... Younger sister Ella is a senior at Corona Del Mar High School and works summer lifeguarding at Newport Beach Country Club, she's growing up too fast but is still cute as ever... Parents, Jeff and Karen, were both born and raised on east coast, got married in 1988, and moved to California in 1992. Jeff is a former professional baseball player (Toronto Blue Jays 1986-1989 and New York Mets 1989-1990) and is vice president of Boras Corporation... Karen works at The Hood Kitchen and loves walks around Balboa Island during all times of the day... When everyone is home, the family favorite Penny gets the most attention with lots of treats and snuggles.

FUN FACTS

Twitter: @maddiemusselman

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? After watching the 2008 Olympic Games with my swim team coaches when I was 10 years old, I had a dream of being an Olympian. I remember my dream of being an Olympic water polo player specifically becoming a goal of mine when I started the Olympic Development Program that next summer.

What is your hidden talent? I can wiggle my ears.

What is your favorite karaoke song? "Defying Gravity" from the musical *Wicked*.

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games what would it be and why? Beach volleyball.

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? It's a secret.

Biggest superstition if you have one? Knock on wood.

What is your biggest fear? The dark.

What causes are most dear to your heart? "Skip a Straw, Save a Turtle."

I support anything that benefits sea turtles!

What are two truths and a lie about you? I did Girl Scouts. I have never broken a bone. I eat with my left hand but write with my right hand.

Do you have a nickname? How did you get it? My family calls me Maddie-Cakes/Cakers. Teammates call me Mussels.

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "My Wish" by Rascal Flatts.

What advice would you give your younger self, and what would you remind your older self? Be open minded and keep it simple.

Etc.

So thankful for my family and friends for their unconditional love and support.



PLAYERS



MUSSELMAN



EMILY AUSMUS

ATTACKER

Hometown: Riverside, CA
College: USC '27
Position: Attacker **Club:** SOCAL

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INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Scored 3 goals at 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain...
Netted 16 goals at 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup in Lima, Peru.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played water polo at Martin Luther King High School in Riverside, CA.

PERSONAL

Parents are Shan and Shawn...Committed to USC...Has an older brother, Evan, who plays water polo at USC...Her cousin, Michelle Han, also attended USC...First started playing water polo at eight years old in Riverside, CA.



INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, SPAIN,
3RD PLACE

2022 FINA YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, BELGRADE, SERBIA, 1ST PLACE

2022 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL CUP, LIMA, PERU, 3RD PLACE



JULIA BONAGUIDI

ATTACKER

Hometown: La Jolla, CA

College: California '27

Position: Attacker **Club:** San Diego Shores

 @juliabonaguidi

INTERNATIONAL

Helped U.S. Women's Youth Team finish first at 2022 FINA Youth World Championship in Belgrade, Serbia... Won gold at 2022 Pan American U17 Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana... Played with U.S. Women's Senior Team at 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup in Lima, Peru.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played water polo at Bishop's School in La Jolla, CA.

PERSONAL

Parents are Heather and Mike... Has an older sister, Alex, who plays water polo at USC and a brother, Drake... First started playing water polo at eight years old.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, BELGRADE, SERBIA, 1ST PLACE

2022 PAN AMERICAN U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, 1ST PLACE

2022 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL CUP, LIMA, PERU, 3RD PLACE

PLAYERS



AUSMUS / BONAGUIDI





CHRISTINE CARPENTER

GOALKEEPER

Hometown: Yucaipa, CA
College: Stanford '27
Position: Goalkeeper **Club:** CHAWP



INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Helped U.S. Women's Youth Team claim gold at 2022 FINA Youth World Championship in Belgrade, Serbia...Top Goalkeeper at 2022 Pan American U17 Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana...Capped up with U.S. Women's Senior Team at 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup in Lima, Peru.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played water polo at Yucaipa High School in Yucaipa, CA...CIF Southern Section record holder for most saves in a season...2022 Division 2 CIF Southern Section Champions and MVP.

PERSONAL

Committed to Stanford University...Coaches goalkeepers and 12U for Sand Canyon Water Polo Club...

Involved in Fellowship of Christian Athletes at her school, helping plan meetings and organize events...Loves anything that allows her to be competitive...Enjoys reading dystopian novels in her spare time.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2022 FINA YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, BELGRADE, SERBIA, 1ST PLACE
- 2022 PAN AMERICAN U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, 1ST PLACE
- 2022 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL CUP, LIMA, PERU, 3RD PLACE





JENNA FLYNN

ATTACKER

@jjennaflynn

Hometown: San Jose, CA
College: Stanford '26 **Height:** 5-8
Position: Attacker **Club:** 680 WPC

INTERNATIONAL

Bronze medal at 2022 FINA Intercontinental Tournament in Lima, Peru... Top goal scorer (29) at 2022 FINA Youth World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia... MVP and top goal scorer (14) at 2022 Pythia Cup in Itea, Greece... MVP and top goal scorer (38) at 2019 Youth Pan American Games in Couva, Trinidad and Tobago... Bronze medal at 2018 Youth Pan American Games in Clearwater, Florida... Gold medal at 2017 Youth Pan American Games in Lima, Peru.

COLLEGE

2023 NCAA Champion... Scored one goal and dished out one assist in the NCAA Championship win over USC... 2023 All-MPSF Second Team... Recorded 60 goals and 19 assists on the season... Two games with a career-high five goals

scored, both coming against No. 2 USC.

HIGH SCHOOL

2022 graduate of Leland High School... 4x All-American... 4x Blossom Valley Athletic League Player of the Year... 2x Central Coast Section Player of the Year... Member of 2021 18U Junior Olympic 3rd Place team and 2019 18U 1st Place team with 680 Water Polo Club... 6x Junior Olympic All-American.

PERSONAL

Born in San Jose, CA... Daughter of Joe and Jacqueline Flynn... Has two older sisters, Shanna and Nina, and one younger sister, Christina... Sister, Nina, plays water polo at UC Irvine.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

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2022 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL CUP, LIMA, PERU, 3RD PLACE

2019 FINA YOUTH PAN AMERICAN GAMES, COUVA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, 1ST PLACE

2018 FINA YOUTH PAN AMERICAN GAMES, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA, 3RD PLACE

2017 FINA YOUTH PAN AMERICAN GAMES, LIMA, PERU, 1ST PLACE



PLAYERS

CARPENTER / FLYNN



RACHEL GAZZANIGA

UTILITY



Hometown: North Tustin, CA
College: USC '27
Position: Utility **Club:** SOCAL

INTERNATIONAL

Member of the U.S. Women's Youth Team that won gold at 2022 FINA Youth World Championship in Belgrade, Serbia... Claimed first place at 2022 Pan American U17 Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana... Played with U.S. Women's Senior Team at 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup in Lima, Peru.

HIGH SCHOOL

Played water polo at Foothill High School in Santa Ana, CA.

PERSONAL

Committed to USC.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

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2022 PAN AMERICAN U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, 1ST PLACE

2022 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL CUP, LIMA, PERU, 3RD PLACE



AVA JOHNSON

CENTER

 @avajohnson13

Hometown: Walnut Creek, CA
College: UCLA '23 **Height:** 5-9
Position: Center **Club:** 680 WPC

INTERNATIONAL

Recorded 1 assist at 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Santa Cruz de Tenerife...Scored 3 goals at 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest.

COLLEGE

Competed for UCLA women's water polo team...Scored 35 goals for the Bruins in 2023...3x ACWPC All-American (Honorable Mention 2020, First Team 2021, Second Team 2022)...NCAA All-Tournament First Team (2021)...All-MPSF First Team (2021)...All-MPSF Second Team (2022)...MPSF All-Newcomer Team (2019)...MPSF/KAP7 All-Tournament Team (2021)...4x ACWPC All-Academic Team.

HIGH SCHOOL

Coached by Ryan Sevilla at Las Lomas High School in Walnut Creek, Calif., where she was a four-year letterwinner in both swimming and water polo...named First Team All-Diablo Athletic League in 2016, 2017, and 2018 and earned 2nd Team honors in 2015...was a Third Team NISCA All-American in 2018 and a Fifth Team pick in 2016...was a Third Team KAI-Sports All-American in 2018, a Fourth Team selection in 2016 and a Fifth Team pick in 2017...earned Rookie of the Year award in 2015...named First Team All-East Bay in 2016...earned Academic All-American USA Water Polo accolades from 2016-18 and earned North Coast Section, CIF Scholar-Athlete honors all eight high school semesters (2014-18).

PERSONAL

Daughter of Erinn and Jeffery Johnson...has one younger brother, Cade...decided to attend UCLA because it was the best fit, felt the most like home, and offered a highly ranked D1 water polo program...describes her greatest athletic thrill to date as taking first place in three major water polo tournaments in the same year: 2017 Cal Cup State Finals, U.S. Club Championships, and the Junior Olympics...admires Coralie Simmons and Natalie Benson...hobbies and interests include going to concerts, traveling to remote national parks, third world countries, and exotic island beaches, skiing, water skiing, tubing, and hiking...majoring in public affairs.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, SPAIN,
3RD PLACE

2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1ST PLACE

PLAYERS



GAZZANIGA / JOHNSON





EMMA LINEBACK

ATTACKER

 @emmalineback

Hometown: Laguna Beach, CA
College: UCLA '25 **Height:** 5-6
Position: Attacker **Club:** SET

COLLEGE

2023...Led the Bruins with 52 goals scored...2022...Was second on the team in scoring with 66 points...totaled 40 goals (2nd on the team) and 26 assists (2nd on the team)...also had 17 steals (T-3rd on the team), five field blocks (T-6th on the team), five exclusions drawn, and was .333 on sprints (1-2) on the year...scored a season-high three goals eight times... scored at least one goal in a season-best six consecutive games (which included three straight games with a hat trick) on the year...scored at least one goal in 21-of-30 games and dished out at least one assist in 14-of-30 games on the season...had 11 multiple-goal games including eight hat tricks.

HIGH SCHOOL

3x Varsity letter winner at Laguna Beach High School...2021 co-MVP of the Surf League...2020 Orange County Register Player of the Year...3x First-Team All-CIF-SS (2019-21) and a 2x First-Team All-Surf League selection (2020-21)...registered 236 career points

in 76 prep games with 137 goals, 99 assists, and 75 steals...had 39 goals, 25 assists, 29 steals, and 46 exclusions drawn in 2019...had 80 goals, 59 assists, 32 steals, and 32 exclusions drawn in 2020...had 18 goals, 11 assists, and 14 steals in a COVID-shortened 2021 season...second-team All-Sunset League in 2019...third-team all-county in 2019 and first-team in 2020-21... played club at Saddleback El Toro (SET Black)...2017 14U Junior Olympic champion and 2018 and 2019 16U Junior Olympic champion...2019 16U First-Team All-American...2017 14U second-team All-American.

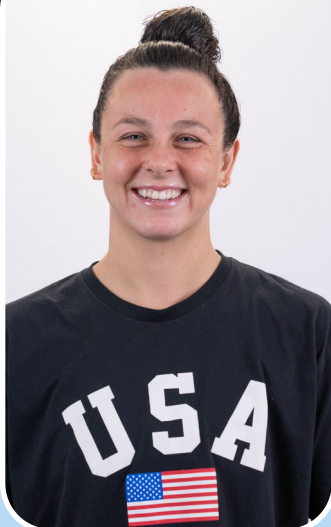
INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2019 FINA YOUTH PAN AMERICAN GAMES, COUVA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO,
1ST PLACE

PERSONAL

Born in Fullerton, CA...parents are Daniel and Tracy...lists her greatest athletic thrill as, "When I competed at the 2019 UANA Youth Pan American Games as a member of USA Water Polo's Youth National Team. It was such a cool experience to compete at such a high level and it's an experience that I'll never forget"...lists Mia Hamm, Simone Biles, and Larry Bird as the athletes she most admires...enjoys pottery, going to the beach, and watching movies...wants to work with people with special needs or disabilities...intends to major in psychology.





DENISE MAMMOLITO

DEFENDER



Hometown: Rancho Cucamonga, CA
College: USC '21 **Height:** 6-1
Position: Defender **Club:** CHAWP

INTERNATIONAL

Netted 2 goals at 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Santa Cruz de Tenerife...Scored 7 goals at 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest.

COLLEGE

Competed for USC women's water polo team...2021 NCAA Champion... Captain and top scorer...Led USC with 51 goals scored and 13 multiple-goal outings...Cracked the USC career top-10 goals scored list with 174 career goals as a Trojan...2019 NCAA All-Tournament Second Team...2018 NCAA Champion...Four-time All-American...Two-time All-MPSF First Team selection...2017 MPSF All-Newcomer Team.

HIGH SCHOOL

Two-time all-county selection and three-time all-league selection at Rancho Cucamonga HS... Also spent four years on the varsity swim team...An honor student...Played for CHAWP Water Polo Club.

PERSONAL

Majoring in health and human sciences with hopes of becoming a physical therapist in the future...Parents are Louis and Kym Mammolito...Has four siblings: Dominick, Katy, Jerome, and Lyndsey...Lists watching the USC women's water polo team win the 2016 NCAA Championship as her most thrilling moment in sports...Enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing with her dogs, and watching movies in her free time...Favorite foods include spaghetti and mashed potatoes...Favorite TV shows include Grey's Anatomy and Criminal Minds...Has always wanted to pet a giraffe...Hopes to travel to Italy and Greece...Born on Sept. 12, 1998.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, SPAIN, 3RD PLACE

2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1ST PLACE

PLAYERS



LINEBACK / MAMMOLITO





RYANN NEUSHUL

ATTACKER



Hometown: Isla Vista, CA
College: Stanford '23 **Height:** 5-7
Position: Attacker **Club:** Santa Barbara 805

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Scored 7 goals at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Santa Cruz de Tenerife... Tallied 13 goals at the 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest, Hungary...Recorded five goals at the 2018 FINA Intercontinental Tournament in Auckland, New Zealand...Scored 18 goals at the 2019 FINA Junior World Championships in Funchal, Portugal...Led Team USA with 15 goals at the 2017 FINA Junior World Championships in Volos, Greece...Made her Senior Team debut at the 2017 FINA Intercontinental Tournament in Davis, California.

COLLEGE

Competes for Stanford University...2023 NCAA Champion...Registered two goals, two assists, and one steal in the NCAA Championship win over USC...All-MPSF First Team...Scored 64 goals on the season...2022 NCAA Champion...ACWPC All-American Second Team...NCAA All-Tournament Second Team...MPSF All-Tournament Team...All-MPSF First Team... Ranked second on team in goals (69) and points (102) and was third in assists (33) and shots (106)...Produced 22 multi-goal games and 15 hat tricks...Totaled nine goals, four assists, 13 points and 14 shots in three NCAA Championship matches...2019 NCAA Champion...3rd Team All-American...All NCAA Tournament First Team...MPSF Newcomer of the Year...All-MPSF Honorable Mention...Fifth on the team in scoring with 35 goals...Scored back-to-back game winners in the NCAA semifinals against UCLA and championship against USC.

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Dos Pueblos High School in Santa Barbara, CA... Lettered four years in water polo and served as team captain as a junior and senior...2018 CIF Southern Section Player of the Year...Channel League MVP...Three time All-CIF First Team (2016, 2017 and 2018), Three time All-Channel League First Team (2016, 2017 and 2018)...Also 2018 Channel League Champion in the 100 Breaststroke.

PERSONAL

Born in Goleta, CA...Parents are Cathy and Peter...Older sisters Kiley and Jamie also played on the National Team and at Stanford...Both parents played water polo at UC Santa Barbara.





ANNA PEARSON

UTILITY

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Hometown: Irvine, CA
College: UCLA '26 **Height:** 5-11
Position: Utility **Club:** SET

INTERNATIONAL

Capped up with the U.S. Women's Senior Team at 2022 FINA Intercontinental Cup in Lima, Peru.

COLLEGE

Competes for UCLA...Scored 45 goals for the Bruins in her freshman season (second on the team).

HIGH SCHOOL

Four-year letter winner in both water polo and swimming at Orange Lutheran High School...named First Team All-CIF-Southern Section as a senior in 2022 and as a sophomore in 2020...As a junior, named team MVP, Trinity League first-team, and Junior Olympic first-team All-American...Sophomore year was named All-County and MVP of Trinity League

and Orange Lutheran's team...Named the Offensive Player of the Year for Orange Lutheran as a freshman, helping her team to the CIF SS Regional Division 1 championship...Played club at SET, earning Junior Olympic first-team All-America honors.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:
2022 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL CUP, LIMA, PERU, 3RD PLACE

PERSONAL

Born in New York, NY...Parents are Jacquelyn and Keir...Has an older sister, Samantha, and a younger brother, Alex...Athlete she admires most is Abby Wambach...Enjoys going to the beach and spending time with friends...Her sister Samantha swims at Stanford... Mother swam at Brown...Father rowed crew at Harvard...Has not yet declared a major.



PLAYERS

NEUSHUL / PEARSON



TARA PRENTICE

CENTER



Hometown: Temecula, CA
College: UC Irvine '20 **Height:** 6-0
Position: Center **Club:** Sant Andreu

INTERNATIONAL

Recorded 1 steal at 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Santa Cruz de Tenerife... Scored 5 goals at 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest.

COLLEGE

Attended UC Irvine...2020 1st Team All-American...Big West School Athlete of the Year... Led the team with 57 goals scored and 16 steals during the shortened season...Also had nine assists...2019 3rd Team All-American...1st Team All-Big West ...Was the top team scorer with 70 goals, second most in program history in a single season...Recorded 24 steals and 11 assists...Led the team in scoring on 14 occasions...2018 2nd Team All-American...1st Team All-Big West...Led UCI in shot attempts, goals scored (41), assists (25), & steals (40).

HIGH SCHOOL

Played water polo at Murrieta Valley High School...2016 DII CIF Champion...2016 18U Junior Olympics Champion.

PERSONAL

Graduated in 2020 with a double major in political science & criminology, law, and society.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, SPAIN, 3RD PLACE
- 2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1ST PLACE





JORDAN RANEY

DEFENDER

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Hometown: Manhattan Beach, CA
College: Stanford '18 **Height:** 5-10 **Position:** Defender
Birthdate: 06/02/1996 **Club:** NYAC

The four-time All-American played water polo at Stanford where she helped lead the Cardinal to NCAA Championships in 2015 and 2017...She made her Senior National Team debut in 2017.

INTERNATIONAL/CLUB

Led Team USA with 12 goals scored and named to the Media All-Star Team at 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Santa Cruz de Tenerife...Tallied 5 goals at 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest...Scored 3 goals at 2021 FINA World League Super Final in Athens...Notched 3 goals at 2019 FINA World League Super Final...Tallied 6 goals at 2019 FINA Intercontinental Tournament... Scored 7 goals at 2018 FINA World Cup...Notched five goals on way to Gold for Team USA at 2017 FINA World Championships...Tallied 5 goals, including two in

title match during Gold medal effort at 2017 FINA World League Super Final...Scored 6 goals and won Gold at FINA Junior World Championships in Volos, Greece, in August 2015...Team USA went a perfect 6-0 and outscored opponents 106-46...In group play, scored once against Mexico, twice against Ukraine, and one against Spain...Scored once in 12-9 quarterfinal win over Brazil...Netted another goal in 13-11 victory in semifinals against Russia...Stanford represented United States and finished fifth at 2015 World University Games in Gwangju, South Korea...Played 153 minutes in 7 games, scored 7 goals, had 7 assists, 1 steal, and 5 field blocks... In 2014, won Gold with U.S. Women's Youth National Team at both UANA Junior Pan American Championships and FINA World Youth Championships...Scored 13 goals over six games at UANA Junior Pan American Championships in Riverside, CA, highlighted by four in 19-4 victory over Brazil...U.S. was a perfect 6-0 and defeated Mexico, Canada, Puerto Rico twice, and Brazil twice by a combined score of 107-18...Scored four times at FINA World Youth Championships in Madrid, Spain, including 3 goals in opener against Hungary, a 14-9 U.S. win... Raney and Team USA swept their way to title...U.S. beat Hungary, South Africa, Germany, Netherlands, Greece, and Canada...Underwent common training with Team Japan in southern California... In 2013 was part of U.S. Women's Youth National Team that underwent common training with Team Australia in Southern California...Competed at Futures 50 Classic at Foothill High School in Santa Ana, CA... In 2012, was part of the U.S. Women's Cadet National Team that underwent common training with Team Canada

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, SPAIN, 3RD PLACE
- 2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1ST PLACE
- 2021 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, ATHENS, GREECE, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 HOLIDAY CUP, PRINCETON, NJ, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 CANADA CUP, MONTREAL, CANADA, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1ST PLACE
- 2019 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, PERTH, AUSTRALIA, 1ST PLACE
- 2018 FINA WORLD CUP, SURGUT, RUSSIA, 1ST PLACE
- 2018 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, KUNSHAN, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2017 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1ST PLACE
- 2017 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SHANGHAI, CHINA, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 FINA JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, VOLOS, GREECE, 1ST PLACE
- 2015 WORLD UNIVERSITY GAMES, GWANGJU, SOUTH KOREA, 5TH PLACE
- 2014 FINA YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, MADRID, SPAIN, 1ST PLACE
- 2014 UANA YOUTH PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP, RIVERSIDE, CA, 1ST PLACE
- 2011 UANA YOUTH PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, PUERTO RICO, 1ST PLACE



PLAYERS

PRENTICE / RANEY



JORDAN RANEY

in Southern California... Made U.S. debut with Silver-medal winning Cadet Women's National Team in 2011 at UANA Youth Pan American Championships in Puerto Rico.

PROFESSIONAL

Competes for Olympiacos in Greece.

COLLEGE

Competed for Stanford water polo team...2018 1st Team All-American... All NCAA Tournament...1st Team All-MPSF...2017 NCAA Champions...2nd Team All-NCAA Tournament...Honorable Mention All-MPSF... Honorable Mention All-American...MPSF/Kap7 Player of the Week...2016 2nd Team ACWPC All-American, ACWPC All-Academic—Excellent, 2nd Team All-NCAA Tournament, 1st Team All-MPSF, MPSF All-Tournament Team, MPSF All-Academic... Scored 21 goals in 15 games, had five multi-goal efforts, and one hat trick... 2015 NCAA Champion... Honorable Mention ACWPC All-American, ACWPC All-Academic—Superior...MPSF Newcomer of the Year, MPSF All-Newcomer Team, Five-time MPSF/Kap7 Newcomer of the Week... Scored 25 goals in 18 games, had seven multi-goal efforts, and one hat trick.

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Mira Costa High School in Manhattan Beach, CA... Lettered four years in water polo... Team captain as a senior in 2014... Won outright Bay League Championship in 2014 and was co-champion in 2011, 2012, and 2013... Advanced to CIF-SS Division III finals in 2014, quarterfinals in 2013, and CIF-SS Division I first round in 2011 and 2012... League MVP, Area MVP, CIF MVP, All-SoCal, and an All-American in 2014... League MVP, All-Area, All-CIF, All-SoCal, and All-American in 2013.

PERSONAL

Parents are Kris and Tina... has one brother, Jack... Mother was an All-American swimmer at UCLA and father played water polo at Pomona College... Born in Santa Monica, CA... Has a brown belt in karate.

FUN FACTS

What was the moment you knew you wanted to represent your country in the Olympic Games? Was it always in the sport of water polo? There was not a moment necessarily where I knew I wanted to represent the U.S. or go to the Olympic Games. It was a gradual desire. I started playing when I was 13, and my first coach was Moriah Van Norman for Trojan water polo. She was a 2008 Olympian and always talked to the team about her experiences at the Olympics. She held the girls to a very high standard and wanted us to reach our fullest potential in the sport and in life. Natalia Golda Benson was my second coach for Huntington Beach. She was a 2004 and 2008 Olympian. She also held the same values and goals for her players: To be the best we can be in and out of the water. Having two incredible role models as my first coaches really set the expectations for myself in the sport. They knew my potential before I did and set the tone for my water polo career and will continue to do so until I stop playing. I want to follow in their footsteps and make them proud.

What is your hidden talent? I enjoy singing!

What is your favorite karaoke song? I've never sung this song in Karaoke, but I love "Someone That You Love" by Jarreau Vandal.

If you could compete in another sport during the Olympic Games what would it be and why? I would compete in handball. I think it's pretty similar to water polo, only on land and a lot more scoring. It's a super cool, fast-paced game. Even though running isn't my favorite thing to do, the court doesn't look long on TV, so I think I would be okay.

What is one thing you have to have with you when you travel? There isn't anything interesting or special I have to bring with me when I travel. But if I forgot my toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, face wash, etc.), I would be annoyed with myself for sure.

Biggest superstition if you have one? Wearing my grey hair tie before games.

What is your biggest fear? Looking back on my life and feeling a sense of regret. I want to live my life to the fullest every day and not be afraid of doing something because I might fail. It's better to say you did something and fail than to say you were too afraid to do it at all. NO REGRETS.

What causes are most dear to your heart? Sustainability and how we can prolong the Earth's existence in the universe. I don't know much about the topic, but it's a fascinating and pressing issue for our immediate and future societies and needs to be addressed. There are many subsections of sustainability, such as energy sources, environmental protection (animals and land), resources, businesses, etc. How do we not just survive, but thrive?

What are two truths and a lie about you? My favorite coffee place is called Tanto. My grandma ran over my foot with her car by accident. I love spicy foods.

Do you have a nickname? How did you get it? Jordan is kind of a hard name to say when you're playing in the water. Jo has been used mostly in my water polo career because it's easier to say than my full name. I apologize that it isn't a more interesting story of the nickname's creation. It also isn't a very original nickname, but I like it anyway.

What song would be included on your life's soundtrack? "Hyperparadise (Flume remix)" by Hermitude. It never fails to pump me up.

What advice would you give your younger self and what would you remind your older self? Just this: Don't care about what other people think of you. Just be yourself!





JEWEL ROEMER

ATTACKER

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Hometown: Martinez, CA
College: Stanford '24 **Height:** 5-6
Position: Attacker **Club:** 680 WPC

INTERNATIONAL

Recorded 10 goals at the 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Santa Cruz de Tenerife...Scored four goals at the 2019 FINA Intercontinental Tournament in Perth Australia...Second on Team USA with 15 goals at the 2019 FINA Junior World Championships in Funchal, Portugal...Notched two goals at the 2018 FINA Intercontinental Tournament in Auckland, New Zealand...Tallied five goals at the 2017 FINA Intercontinental Tournament in Davis, California.

COLLEGE

Competes for Stanford University...2023 NCAA Champion...Notched two goals and two assists in the NCAA Championship win over USC...All-MPSF Honorable Mention...Scored 61 goals on the season...2022 NCAA Champion...All-MPSF

Second Team...NCAA All-Tournament Second Team...2021 ACWPC All-American First Team...All-MPSF Second Team...NCAA All-Tournament Second Team...MPSF Newcomer Team.

HIGH SCHOOL

Attended Acalanes High School... Four-year letterwinner and senior season team captain in water polo...Three-time first-team All-American (2018-20)... Two-time North Coast Section MVP (2019-20)...CIF Northern Division MVP (2020)...Three-time first-team All-Conference (2018-20)...Team went undefeated in back-to-back seasons, winning North Coast Section championships...Two-time Junior Olympics MVP with 680 Water Polo Club

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, SPAIN, 3RD PLACE

2019 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, PERTH, AUSTRALIA, 1ST PLACE

2019 FINA JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, FUNCHAL, PORTUGAL, 6TH PLACE

2018 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, 1ST PLACE

2017 FINA JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, VOLOS, GREECE, 5TH PLACE

2017 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL TOURNAMENT, DAVIS, CALIFORNIA, 2ND PLACE

PERSONAL

Parents are Paula and John...Has three older brothers, Mikael, Kyle and Paul...Father John played water polo and swam at Cal...Mother Paula swam at Pacific.



PLAYERS

RANEY / ROEMER



JOVANA SEKULIC

CENTER

Hometown: Belgrade, Serbia
College: Princeton '25
Position: Center



COLLEGE

2023...Helped Princeton advance to the NCAA National Semifinals for the first time in school history...NCAA All-Tournament First Team...Led the Tigers with 75 goals scored and 90 ejections drawn...2022...ACWPC Third Team All-America...CWPA Rookie of the Year (First Team)...CWPA Rookie of the Tournament (First Team)...Scored 74 goals, swiped 31 steals, and drew 70 ejections...Had six goals in her first collegiate game vs. California Baptist (Jan. 21)...Tallied 21 multi-goal games...Recorded 18 games with two or more ejections.

HIGH SCHOOL

Episcopal Academy: First Team All-Eastern and Eastern MVP twice...Named 2x Main Line Times Athlete of the Week...Member of the Women's Youth National Team...Squad won the Eastern title three times...Lettered in swimming and track as well as water polo.

PERSONAL

Parents are Sladana and Goran...Has two brothers, Matej and Luka...Brother, Matej, plays on the Princeton Men's Water Polo team.





LAUREN STEELE

GOALKEEPER

Hometown: Orange, CA
College: UCLA '28 **Height:** 6-0
Position: Goalkeeper **Club:** SET

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INTERNATIONAL

Helped the U.S. Women's Youth Team earn first place at 2022 FINA Youth World Championship in Belgrade, Serbia... Won gold medal at 2022 Pan American U17 Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana.

HIGH SCHOOL

Plays water polo at Orange Lutheran in Orange, CA... 2023 CIF Open Division Champion... Named 2023 OC Register's Player of the Year.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP, BELGRADE, SERBIA, 1ST PLACE

2022 PAN AMERICAN U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA,
1ST PLACE



PLAYERS

SEKULIC / STEELE



BAYLEY WEBER

UTILITY



Hometown: Los Alamitos, CA
College: USC '23 **Height:** 5-10
Position: Utility **Club:** Los Al

INTERNATIONAL

Notched 2 goals at 2022 FINA World League Super Final in Santa Cruz de Tenerife... Scored 5 goals at 2022 FINA World Championships in Budapest.

COLLEGE

Competed for USC...2023...Named MPSF Player of the Year and All-MPSF First Team... Led the Trojans with 71 goals scored and 95 points earned...2022...Named to All-America Second Team and All-MPSF Second Team as a senior...USC's second leading scorer with 53 goals...2021...Named to the All-America Second Team and earned All-MPSF Honorable Mention as a junior...2020...Earned All-America and All-MPSF Second Team honors as a sophomore...2019...Named to MPSF All-Newcomer Team as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL

Named Orange County Water Polo Player of the Year as a senior at Los Alamitos High... Scored 125 goals and helped win the 2018 league title...A two-time league MVP at Los Alamitos High...Played two years at Rosary High, scoring 86 goals as a sophomore and 90 goals as a freshman...Played club for SET, SoCal, and Los Al Water polo.

PERSONAL

Majoring in sociology and minoring in political science and forensics & criminology and hopes to pursue a career as a detective...Parents are Elliot and Braidie...Has one brother, Max, who played water polo at UCLA...Her grandfather, Robert Johnson, played at Long Beach State...Lists her biggest sports hero as USA Water Polo Olympian Natalie (Golda) Benson...Favorite foods are watermelon and peanut butter...Hopes to visit Costa Rica and play water polo in a different country...Born on June 27, 2000.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE, SPAIN, 3RD PLACE

2022 FINA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BUDAPEST, HUNGARY, 1ST PLACE





ELLA WOODHEAD

DEFENDER

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Hometown: San Anselmo, CA
College: Stanford '26 **Height:** 5-10
Position: Defender

COLLEGE

2023 NCAA Champion...Recorded one goal and one steal in the NCAA Championship win over USC...Notched 10 goals and nine assists on the season... All-MPSF All-Freshman Team.

HIGH SCHOOL

2022 graduate of Sacred Heart Prep High School...2019 Central Coast Section Open Division champion...2019 NISCA second-team All-American...2019 First-Team All-CCS and All-League selection.

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS:

- 2022 FINA WORLD LEAGUE SUPER FINAL, TENERIFE, SPAIN, 3RD PLACE
- 2022 FINA YOUTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS, BELGRADE, SERBIA, 1ST PLACE
- 2022 PAN AMERICAN U17 CHAMPIONSHIPS, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, 1ST PLACE
- 2022 FINA INTERCONTINENTAL CUP, LIMA, PERU, 3RD PLACE

PERSONAL

Parents are Jeff and Laura...Brothers, Dylan and Quinn, played water polo at Stanford...Completed senior honors independent research project focused on the history of pools in America and how segregation and other government policies influenced access to pools for people of color and communities of lower socioeconomic class...Organized open-water Alcatraz swim in 2020 that raised over \$5K for the Equal Justice Initiative...Volunteer swim instructor since 2015 for USA Swimming Foundation Make-a-Splash program in Marin County.

PLAYERS



WEBER / WOODHEAD

INTRODUCTION TO WATER POLO

BY DEFINITION

No other team sport combines as many diverse physical and tactical elements as water polo—often described as a combination of swimming, soccer, basketball, hockey, rugby, and wrestling. The game is fast paced and vigorous, requiring its players to be strong, quick, and extremely accurate.

WATER POLO HISTORY

During the mid 1800s, as swimming became a popular recreation in England, several water sports emerged, bridging the gap between land and water sports. Among them were water football, water rugby, water handball, and water polo.

As the game developed and European rules were adopted, the sport quickly spread to several countries by 1900, including Hungary, Austria, Germany, France, and Belgium. Water polo had its official start in the USA in 1888. By 1900, water polo had become so popular that it earned the distinction of becoming the first team sport added to the Olympic program.

THE GAME

A team consists of six field players and one goalkeeper. The object of the game is similar to that of soccer — to score as many goals as possible — by throwing the ball into the team's goal net while preventing the opposition from doing so at the other end of the pool.

TIME CLOCKS

As in basketball, two clocks are used to time a water polo game. One indicates the time remaining in the quarter, and the other, called the possession (shot) clock, indicates how much time remains for the offensive team to shoot the ball.

STARTING

Each quarter is started with the teams lined up on opposite goal lines. On a signal (whistle) from the referee, the teams sprint toward the center pool for the ball. The team gaining possession of the ball advances it toward its offensive end of the pool by swimming, dribbling, or passing the ball.

FOULS

There are three types of fouls in water polo. Ordinary fouls account for approximately 80% of the whistles during the game and personal fouls (exclusion and penalty fouls) the remainder. Ordinary fouls include: touching the ball with two hands; taking the ball under water when tackled; impeding an opponent in possession of the ball who is not holding the ball; pushing off of an opponent; and, stalling (failing to advance the ball into a better scoring opportunity). Major fouls include exclusion and penalty fouls. Exclusion fouls include: kicking or striking; deliberate splashing in the face; an ordinary foul committed by the defense; interfering with a free throw; misconduct or disrespect to the referee; holding, sinking, or pulling back an opponent not holding the ball. A player who receives three major foul is excluded for the remainder of the game with substitution.



UNDERSTANDING WATER POLO

Water polo can be a confusing game for spectators. The whistle is constantly blowing and the play never stops, even when someone is excluded. In addition, there are several misconceptions about the game, including how the players keep their horses swimming. Well hang in there, because the following information should help to make the picture much clearer.

The standard course for an international water polo match is generally 30x20 meters for men and 25x20 meters for women but can vary depending on the competition and rules decided for a specific event. The pool should be all deep, with championship games played in a minimum depth of two meters. Goals are positioned at each end of the course.

Each team has seven players. Six are field players and one goalkeeper, who guards a 0.9 meter high by 3 meter wide (approximately three feet by 10 feet) goal at the end of the field of play.

The object of the game is to throw a ball into the opponent's goal and prevent members of the opposing team from scoring on your goal.

The ball is advanced by throwing it or swimming with it. The major restrictions are that a player cannot touch the ball with both hands at the same time (the goalkeeper is an exception to this rule) or strike the ball with a closed fist.

Each contest consists of four eight-minute quarters. The offensive team has 30 seconds of actual playing time to take a shot at the goal, or else it loses possession of the ball.

Possession (shot) clocks indicate the number of seconds remaining before a team can lose possession.

The TWO-METER LINE, visible on each side of the pool, delineates the distance from the goal. The offensive team may not pass this line unless preceded by or accompanied by the ball.

A free throw shall be taken at the spot of the ball, except (a) if the foul is committed by a defending player within the defender's 2-meter area, the free throw shall be taken on or outside the 2-meter line and, (b) where otherwise provided for in the rules.

Beyond the two-meter line is the five-meter and six-meter line.

If a foul is awarded outside of 6 meters, the player may (a) shoot immediately (b) fake and then shoot (after putting the ball in play) (c) dribble and then shoot (after putting the ball in play). Both, the ball and the foul, must be outside of 6 meters. The referee will also point downward at the line to signal when this shot is allowed. Penalty shots are taken from the five meter line.

The shot clock will be reset to 20 when a corner throw is awarded, after a shot is taken that does not change possession, and in the event of an exclusion with less than 20 seconds remaining on the shot clock. If there is more than 20 seconds remaining on the shot clock at the time of the exclusion, the greater time will remain with no new reset.

A player taking a corner throw may shoot directly, swim and shoot without passing (after putting the ball in play) or pass to another player.

The goalkeeper is allowed to move beyond and touch the ball past the half distance line. They are allowed to shoot from anywhere and can participate as a shooter in a penalty shot or shootout.

The CENTER LINE mark indicates the center of the field of play. To start each quarter, the ball is placed on the center line and the teams race from their respective goal lines for possession.

After a goal, the teams line up on the center line, each in their respective sides, to restart play.

ORDINARY FOULS ARE ASSESSED FOR:

- impeding the progress of an opponent in possession of the ball who is not holding the ball
- pushing off an opponent

Possession FOULS ARE ASSESSED FOR:

- touching the ball with two hands (field players outside of five meters)
- taking the ball under water when tackled
- failing to shoot at the goal within 30 seconds of gaining possession or failure to advance the ball (also called stalling)

FOULS play an important part in the strategy of water polo. Much of a team's effort will often go into inducing its opponents to commit fouls. There are three kinds of fouls: ordinary, exclusion, and penalty.

For ordinary fouls, the opposing team receives the ball at the point of the foul or at the spot of the ball or from the location of the ball if it is further from the defending team's goal. If the foul was committed inside the two-meter line, the free throw must be taken from the two-meter line. The player taking the free throw has approximately three seconds to put the ball into play. If the ball is not put in play within three seconds, the team may be charged with delay of game and the opposing team may be awarded the ball.



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EXCLUSION FOULS ARE ASSESSED FOR:

- interfering with a free throw
- impeding or pushing off of an opponent before a free throw, goal throw, corner throw, or penalty throw is taken
- committing an act of misconduct by using foul language or violent or persistent foul play that is unacceptable within the spirit of the rules and that is likely to bring the game into disrepute
- intentionally splashing an opponent
- refusing obedience or showing disrespect to an official or referee
- holding, sinking, or pulling back an opponent not holding the ball
- committing an overly aggressive ordinary foul
- committing an act of brutality, such as intentional kicking or striking an opponent or making disproportionate movements with that intent

An exclusion foul is punished by the award of a free throw to the opposing team and the exclusion of the player who committed the foul. The excluded player must move to the re-entry area, located out of bounds nearest to the player's own goal line (near the team bench side of the pool), without leaving the pool or interfering with play. The excluded player, or a substitution, shall be permitted to return after 20 seconds of actual playing time, from the time of the foul, after a goal has been scored, or after a change of possession, whichever is shortest. A player is removed for the remainder of the game with substitution after committing three exclusion fouls.

An act of brutality is defined as kicking or striking or attempting to strike or kick an opponent or official with malicious intent. The offending player is removed from the remainder of the game (with substitution after four minutes), leaving the team of the offending player with one less player than the opponent (for those four minutes).

An exclusion leaves one team short-handed, seven players to six. Many goals are scored during exclusions. The game strategy of most teams is to induce the defensive team to commit exclusion fouls. Rather than

taking shots on the goal, some teams will patiently work for an exclusion, so as to be able to attack the goal with a one-man advantage. When that happens, most teams will go into a "zone defense," whereby each player covers a pre-assigned section of water rather than a particular offensive player.

A penalty foul is punished by awarding a penalty throw to the offended team. A penalty throw is a direct shot at the goal and shall be taken by any player of the team to which it is awarded, except the goalkeeper, from any point on the opponent's five-meter line. Much of the action in front of the goal consists of the offensive team passing the ball to the center forward, who plays a position between the two goal posts and the opponents two and five-meter lines. The object is to draw exclusion fouls that will give the offensive team a six-on-five advantage. Most goals in water polo are scored in this situation.

PENALTY FOULS ARE ASSESSED FOR:

- a defending player committing any foul within the five-meter area but for which a goal would probably have resulted
- a defending player committing an act of brutality within the five-meter area
- an excluded player intentionally interfering with play
- an excluded player or a substitute reentering improperly during the last minute of the game
- the coach of the team not in possession of the ball requesting a time out

A "counterattack" occurs when a team receives the ball and sprints down the pool at top speed, hoping to score before the defenders can get organized and set up their front court defense. Counterattacks also tend to produce exclusion fouls.

When facing an advantage or a scoring threat, many defenders will simply pull back the offensive player by the legs or swimsuit.

Goals are scored when the ball completely passes between the front of the goal posts. It need not slam into the back of the net, although the usual shot sails into the goal at tremendous speeds, sometimes exceeding 60 mph.



GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ADVANTAGE RULE:

A rule permitting the referee to refrain from declaring a foul if, in his/her judgment, such a declaration would give the advantage to the defending team.

CENTER:

The area in front of the goal between the two- and four-meter lines. Thus the center forward who plays in this position is generally called the center. The defender is called the guard.

COUNTERATTACK:

A term used to describe fast-break transition play. Generally it's used to set up a half-court offense or exploit a man advantage over the opponent's defense for a high percentage shot.

CORNER THROW:

A corner throw is awarded to the offense when a defending goalkeeper is the last to touch the ball before it goes out of bounds at either end of the pool. The offensive player puts the ball into play at the two-meter mark on the side nearest to where the ball went out.

DRIBBLE:

The method a player uses to swim with the ball.

DRIVER /ATTACKER:

A player who normally tries to get away from his defender in the front court by quick, explosive swimming. Drivers are field players who specialize in driving skills and fast shooting techniques. Drivers must be extremely quick swimmers and have above average hand-eye coordination. They also are responsible for considerable defensive pressure.

DRY PASS:

A pass made from one player to another where the ball is caught without touching the water.

EGG BEATER:

The alternating leg kick that enables players to lift themselves vertically out of the water.

EXCLUSION (EJECTION):

A foul that results with an offending player being excluded from the game for 20 seconds.

FREE THROW:

When a player is fouled by a defender, he/she receives a free throw. This is a pass that the defender may not block or interfere with in any manner. The player receiving a free throw must put the ball in play, either by passing to a teammate, dribbling the ball, or tossing it in the air to himself/herself.

FRONT COURT:

The area of the pool in front of the goal.

GAME CLOCK:

The clock that displays the time remaining in the period.

GOALKEEPER (GOALIE):

A player whose primary responsibility is to defend the goal. He/she may use two hands inside five-meters to defend against shots by the opposing team.

IMPEDING:

It is an ordinary foul to push, push off from, or hamper the free limb movement of, or to impede in any way, an opponent who hasn't gained an offensive advantage and who isn't holding the ball.

INSIDE WATER:

An offensive advantage that exists when an offensive player is positioned between the goal he/she is attacking and the defender. A penalty foul should be called if the offensive player is held, sunk, or pulled back when he/she is in control of the ball and is on or inside the five-meter line. It is a major foul if the offensive player is held, sunk or pulled back when he/she has inside water outside the five-meter line whether in control of the ball or not.

LOB SHOT:

A deceptive, high-arching shot intended to pass over the goalie's hands and under the crossbar.

MAN-DOWN (ALSO PLAYER-DOWN):

The time of play in which a defending team has one player fewer, normally due to an exclusion.

MAN-UP (ALSO PLAYER-UP):

The time of play in which the offensive team has a player advantage, most often a six-on-five situation following a defensive player's exclusion (also called 6 on 5).



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NEUTRAL THROW:

A “jump ball” awarded by the referee. Neutral throws generally occur when two players commit a foul at the same time. The referee will award a neutral throw by requiring two players from opposing teams to face each other, at which point he/she blows the whistle and throws the ball into the air between them.

PERSONAL FOUL:

A foul that results in an exclusion and/or a penalty shot. Any player committing three personal fouls is excluded from the remainder of the game.

PENALTY SHOT:

A shot awarded to the offense when a defender commits a major foul within five meters of his/her own goal. Any offensive field player in the pool may take a free shot at the goal when the referee blows the whistle. The selected player may shoot from no closer than five meters and may NOT fake or delay. The defending goalkeeper may not move to block the shot until the referee blows the whistle.

PICK:

Much like basketball the method an offensive player uses to free himself/herself momentarily from his/her defender. This is accomplished by swimming so close to another offensive player that the defender swims into the offensive teammate by mistake, allowing the attacking player to be open for an instant.

POSSESSION (SHOT) CLOCK:

The clock that displays the time of possession in which a team must take a shot (also called shot clock or 30-second clock).

PRESS:

A type of defense in which everyone is covered tightly.

RED:

The period of time immediately prior to the expiration of the shot/possession clock or game clock. Some teams yell “RED” when either of these clocks indicates 10 seconds or less.

RE-ENTRY AREA (PENALTY AREA):

The location of the pool behind each goal line, where a penalized player must await re-entry after an exclusion.

SKIP SHOT:

A shot designed to skip off the water into the goal. Because of water turbulence, the angle of the shot is somewhat unpredictable and difficult to stop by the goalkeeper.

SLOUGH (ALSO DROP):

The action taken by a defender when he/she moves away from his/her opponent to help defend in another area.

SPRINT:

The manner in which a water polo game begins each quarter. Each team lines up at the end line or at the two-meter line to start. When the referee blows his whistle, the two players closest to the referee sprint toward the ball, which is dropped on the halfway line. When possible, the ball will be placed in a pull-start ring at the center of the pool, for two players to sprint toward.

STRONG SIDE:

The side of the pool in which the ball is located.

TACKLING:

Holding, sinking, grabbing, or pulling back a player who is “holding the ball” is not a foul as long as it is NOT done in a manner likely to injure the offensive player. The focus of the defender must be the ball.

TWO-METER PLAYER:

A name given to the player is located on or about the two meter line in front of the opposing team’s goal. This individual is also called a center or center forward.

WEAK SIDE:

The side of the pool opposite of where the ball is located.

WET PASS:

A pass from one player to another that lands on the water, within the reach of the receiving player.

WET SHOT:

A shot that originates with the ball on the water.

ZONE DEFENSE:

A type of defense in which players are assigned an area to defend. Defensive players must assume responsibility for covering any offensive player entering that particular zone or area.



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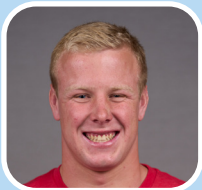
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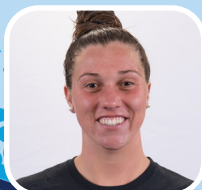
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