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## Cal Travels to 2012 MPSF Tournament at USC

### 2012 Cal Men's Water Polo Schedule

15-7 Overall, 5-3 MPSF

9/7	vs. 20 St. Francis\$	W 16-3
9/7	at 13 Princeton\$, ESPNU	W 16-4
9/8	vs. Bucknell\$	W 20-3
9/8	vs. Harvard\$	W 13-7
9/9	vs. MIT\$	W 17-4
9/15	vs. 16 Air Force^	W 19-2
9/15	vs. 6 UC Irvine^	W 14-7
9/16	vs. 2 UCLA^	L 11-10 OT
9/16	at 4 Stanford^	L 9-8
9/23	at 1 USC*, ESPNU	L 7-6
9/29	vs. 14 Air Force#	W 22-4
9/29	vs. 5 UC Irvine#	L 13-11
9/30	vs. 8 Pacific#	L 10-9 OT
9/30	vs. 7 Pepperdine#	W 12-9
10/6	3 UCLA*, Pac-12 Net.L	10-9 SD OT
10/20	4 Stanford*, Pac-12 Net.	W 14-8
10/27	9 Long Beach State*	L 11-10
11/1	at 9 UC Irvine*, Irvine, Calif.	W 12-10
11/2	at 4 Pepperdine*, Malibu, Calif.	W 12-9
11/10	18 Santa Clara	W 15-8
11/11	4 UC Santa Barbara*	W 13-9
11/18	at 5 Pacific*, Stockton, Calif.	W 11-9

11/23-25 at MPSF Tourn., Los Angeles, Calif. %TBA

12/1-2 at NCAA Championship@ TBA

Home matches in **BOLD** Spiker Aquatics \*MPSF match;

!Golden Bear Invitational; \$Princeton Invitational;

^NorCal Open; #SoCal Open; %MPSF Tournament; @

NCAA Tournament

### Head Coach Kirk Everist

A 2004 inductee into the Cal Athletic Hall of Fame, **Kirk Everist** is in his 11th year with a 242-70 mark (.776), leading the Bears to NCAA titles in 2006 and 2007, and MPSF crowns in 2002 and 2006. He was the 2006 NCAA Coach of the Year and 2002 MPSF Coach of the Year. A 1990 Cal graduate, Everist led the Bears to NCAA titles in 1987 and 1988, earning All-American status three straight seasons (1986-88) and NCAA Player of the Year honors in 1988. He played for the USA National Team for nine years (1988-96) and competed in the 1992 and 1996 Olympic Games.



Fri.-Sun., Nov. 23-25 at MPSF Tournament, McDonald's Swim Stadium, Los Angeles, Calif.

**Bear Bites:** Cal (15-7, 5-3) enters the 2012 MPSF Tournament as the No. 3-seeded team and will be playing No. 6-seed Pepperdine (11-10, 3-5) in the first round Friday at 1:30 p.m. at USC's McDonald's Swim Stadium. **Kirk Everist's** squad, which has won five matches in a row and is 2-0 this season against the Waves (12-9 wins Sept. 30 and Nov. 2), will need to capture the MPSF Tournament in order to advance to the 2012 NCAA championship Dec. 1-2 at USC. The Bears, featuring 2012 Olympian **Aleksa Saponjic** and leading scorer and assist man **Collin Smith** (58 goals, 30 assists), are outscoring opponents, 289-167, this season despite losing seven matches. Smith has earned the MPSF POW honors twice this year, Oct. 22 after scoring six goals in an MPSF win over Stanford and Sept. 10 after scoring 19 goals in Cal's five victories at the Princeton Invite. He joins Saponjic as a returning All-Americans from the 2011 squad that finished 22-4 overall and 7-1 in the MPSF. Saponjic was honorable mention All-America as a freshman with 30 goals, 22 assists and 18 steals, while Smith was honorable mention All-America as a sophomore with 26 goals, 20 steals and 28 assists. In the Bears' last match against Pepperdine, Nov. 2 in Malibu, Smith paced Cal with five goals, while in the Bears' victory over the Waves Sept. 30 at the SoCal Invitational in Santa Barbara, Saponjic had a team-high four goals.

**About the 2012 MPSF Tournament:** The 2012 MPSF Tournament features the top eight teams in the MPSF standings. Other Friday matches include No. 1-seed USC (24-0, 8-0) versus No. 8-seed UCSB (15-10, 1-7) at 10 a.m., No. 2-seed UCLA (25-3, 7-1) versus No. 7-seed Pacific (12-10, 3-5) at 11:30 a.m. and No. 4-seed Stanford (15-5, 5-3) versus No. 5-seed Long Beach State (22-7, 4-4) at 3 p.m. If the Bears win Friday, they would play the winner of UCLA-Pacific at 3 p.m. Saturday. If Cal wins its semifinal, it would play for the MPSF title at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25. The Bears last captured the 2006 MPSF title when they upset No. 1 USC, 6-5, in Irvine. Cal also won the 2002, 1995, 1993 and 1992 MPSF Tournaments (second-most in the MPSF behind USC's seven titles). For ticket information and complete bracket/results of the 2012 MPSF Tournament go to the 2012 MPSF Tournament Page <http://www.usctrojans.com/sports/m-wpolo/spec-rel/2012-m-wpolo-mpsf-champ.html>.

**Close Encounters:** The Bears have been stung by six one-goal losses this season (three in overtime), including a 10-9 sudden death overtime loss to UCLA Oct. 6. However, Cal rebounded with a 14-8 win over Stanford Oct. 20 to capture the Steve Heaston Trophy (named after the former Cal coach who passed away in 1999) and is now on a four-match winning streak. Saponjic is second behind Smith with 41 goals, while senior captain **Marin Balarin** is third with 38 goals and leads the squad with 41 ejections earned. Sophomore goalie **Jon Sibley** has 81 saves in nine matches (9.0 spg). Other top players for the Bears include junior **Hunter Gettlefinger** with a team-high 39 steals and sophomore **Luka Ivanovic** with a team-best 12 field blocks.

**Saponjic's Olympic Experience:** **Aleksa Saponjic** helped Serbia to a 12-11 victory over Montenegro in the bronze medal match of the London Olympics on Aug. 12. Saponjic became the first Bear to win an Olympic medal in men's water polo since Kevin Robertson and assistant coach Steve Heaston were members of the USA team that won a silver medal at the 1988 Olympics. In the bronze medal match, Saponjic, the second youngest player for Serbia at 20, had a steal and won the sprint in the second and third quarters. He finished the Olympics with a goal in a 21-7 win over Great Britain, and won seven sprints during the tournament with four steals, two block shots and one assist.



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### CAL'S NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY - 58-15 (.794) OVERALL

1969 - Second Place  
1973 - NCAA Champions  
1974 - NCAA Champions  
1975 - NCAA Champions  
1977 - NCAA Champions  
1978 - Second Place  
1979 - Fourth Place  
1980 - Second Place  
1981 - Third Place  
1982 - Fourth Place  
1983 - NCAA Champions  
1984 - NCAA Champions  
1986 - Second Place  
1987 - NCAA Champions  
1988 - NCAA Champions  
1989 - Second Place  
1990 - NCAA Champions  
1991 - NCAA Champions  
1992 - NCAA Champions  
1993 - Third Place  
1994 - Third Place  
1995 - Second Place  
2002 - Second Place  
2006 - NCAA Champions  
2007 - NCAA Champions  
2010 - Second Place

### 2012 MPSF STANDINGS (11-19-12)

USC 24-0, 8-0  
UCLA 25-3, 7-1  
California 15-7, 5-3  
Stanford 15-5, 5-3  
Long Beach State 22-7, 4-4  
Pepperdine 11-10, 3-5  
Pacific 12-10, 3-5  
UC Santa Barbara 15-10, 1-7  
UC Irvine 14-12, 0-8



### INDIVIDUAL CAL PLAYER NOTES:

**12 Thomas Agramonte:** Redshirt freshman attacker has 18 goals in 22 matches with 19 assists, 20 steals, eight ejections earned and four field blocks...had two goals in last match Nov. 11 versus UCSB...had a goal versus Long Beach State Oct. 27 and UCLA Oct. 6...notched four goals and had five assists at the SoCal Invite...scored three goals at the NorCal Invitational...had seven goals at Princeton Invite with four assists, three steals and an ejection earned...led the Bears with four goals Sept. 8 versus Harvard.

**8 Marin Balarin:** Senior attacker and team captain is third on the team with 38 goals in 22 matches (1.73 gpg) with a team-high 41 ejections earned, along with 20 assists, 22 steals and seven field blocks...had three goals in last match at Pacific, two goals Oct. 20 versus Stanford and led Cal with three goals Oct. 6 versus UCLA...had 10 ejections earned, eight steals with four goals at the SoCal Invite and five goals at the NorCal Invite...had a team-high four goals Sept. 8 against Bucknell...scored 19 goals in 25 matches last season with 28 ejections earned...was the recipient of the Peter J. Cutino Award as the team's most improved player and was 2011 ACWPC and MPSF All-Academic...scored goals against UC Irvine and Stanford in the 2011 MPSF Tournament...has 65 career goals.

**1 Michael Boggan:** Junior goalie has 108 saves in 14 matches (364 minutes of action)...had 44 saves in four matches at the SoCal Invite, including a career-high 12 saves versus Pacific...gathered 39 saves at the NorCal Invite, including 11 saves in the semifinal match versus UCLA...has 119 career saves.

**4 Mason Cox:** Senior attacker has 14 goals in 22 matches with 28 assists (second on the team), 16 steals, nine field blocks and four ejections earned...scored a goal against UCSB in his final home match at Spieker Aquatics...had four goals at the NorCal Invite and five goals in five matches at the Princeton Invite...also tallied a team-high eight assists at Princeton Sept. 7...has 30 career goals.

**14 Giacomo Cupido:** Junior defender/utility has 12 goals in 20 matches with 25 assists, 21 steals, eight field blocks and two ejections earned...had in last match at Pacific, two goals Oct. 20 versus Stanford and a goal Oct. 6 versus UCLA...notched six goals at the SoCal Invite with five assists and four steals...last season played in 25 matches with 36 steals, 25 assists, 10 goals, eight field blocks and five ejections earned...was 2011 ACWPC and MPSF All-Academic...had a goal against UCLA and two goals against Stanford in the 2011 MPSF Tournament...is from Santa Margherita Ligure, Genova, Italy...has 31 career goals.

**9 Hunter Gettelfinger:** Junior attacker has 18 goals in 22 matches with a team-high 39 steals along with 23 assists, six ejections earned and 11 field blocks...led Cal with four goals Nov. 1 at UC Irvine...had a goal and four steals Oct. 6 versus UCLA...had four goals seven assists and six steals at the SoCal Invite and a goal at USC Sept. 23...last season had 28 steals, 16 assists, eight ejections earned a team-high 10 field blocks and 12 goals...was 2011 ACWPC and MPSF All-Academic...has 44 career goals.

**16 Mitchell Hamilton:** True freshman attacker has 11 goals in 17 matches...also has 13 steals, eight assists, four ejections earned and four field blocks...had four goals in both the SoCal and NorCal Invitationals...notched two goals in the Bears' Sept. 15 victory over UC Irvine and two goals in the Sept. 30 win over Pepperdine.

**13 Luka Ivanovic:** Sophomore attacker has scored six goals in 22 matches with a team-high 12 field blocks along with 17 steals, eight assists and two ejections earned...in 2011 had seven goals in 25 matches with 15 steals, two assists and six field blocks...was 2011 ACWPC All-Academic...is from Podgorica, Montenegro...has 13 career goals.

**2 Blake Kelly:** Sophomore defender/utility has scored six goals in 17 matches with 10 assists, six ejections earned, three field blocks and 16 steals...notched two goals Nov. 2 at Pepperdine...last season played in 25 matches with 20 steals, four assists, 11 goals, five field blocks and five ejections earned...was 2011 ACWPC and MPSF All-Academic...had a goal against UC Irvine in the first round of the 2011 MPSF Tournament...has 17 career goals.

**10 Colin Mulcahy:** Redshirt freshman attacker has 24 goals in 22 matches, including a pair of first half goals at No. 1-ranked USC Sept. 23...notched two goals Oct. 27 versus Long Beach State...also is third on the team with 27 ejections earned, and has 18 assists, 16 steals and seven field blocks...had four goals at the SoCal Invite and six goals at the NorCal Invite, including a team-high three goals Sept. 15 versus Air Force...had six goals in five matches at the Princeton Invitational.

**6 Matt Russell:** Sophomore center has 15 goals in 22 matches with 18 ejections earned, 11 steals, eight assists and a field block...scored Nov. 2 at Pepperdine and Oct. 20 versus Stanford...notched a goal at USC Sept. 23...scored two goals at the SoCal Invite and five goals at the NorCal Invite...had four goals in five matches at the Princeton Invitational...has 18 career goals.

**11 Aleksa Saponjic:** Sophomore attacker has 41 goals in 19 matches (2.16 gpg) with 27 assists, 17 steals, 11 ejections earned and five field blocks...had three goals in last match at Pacific, notched a team-high five goals Oct. 27 versus Long Beach State and two goals Oct. 6 versus UCLA...tallied nine goals with five assists and five steals at the SoCal Invite, including four goals versus Pepperdine...had two goals at No. 1-ranked USC Sept. 23 and eight goals at the NorCal Invite, including three goals Sept. 16 versus UCLA...was third on the 2011 squad with 30 goals in 22 matches with 22 assists, 18 steals, nine ejections earned and six field blocks...earned 2011 honorable mention All-America honors as a freshman and helped Serbia to a bronze medal at the 2012 London Olympics...was also a 2011 ACWPC All-Academic selection...scored in all eight MPSF matches last season...won a gold medal at the World University Games in the summer of 2011 along with older brother Luka, a standout at Cal from 2008-11...has 71 career goals.

**15 Max Schell:** True freshman center has nine goals in 22 matches with 29 ejections earned (second on team), 15 steals, 10 assists and five field blocks...had three goals in five matches and a team-high eight ejections earned at the Princeton Invite.

**1 Jon Sibley:** Sophomore goalie was outstanding Sept. 23 at No. 1-ranked USC in his first collegiate match, recording 12 saves with a steal and an assist...had 11 saves Oct. 27 versus Long Beach State and currently has 81 saves in nine matches (9.0 spg).

**7 Collin Smith:** Junior attacker leads the Bears with 58 goals in 22 matches (2.64 gpg)...also has a team-high 30 assists, with 30 steals, 10 field blocks and 10 ejections earned...had five goals Nov. 2 at Pepperdine and six goals Oct. 20 versus Stanford, earning MPSF POWV honors...scored 10 goals at both the SoCal and NorCal Invites...was Sept. 10 MPSF POWV after 19 goals in five matches with eight assists, seven steals and three field blocks at the Princeton Invite...last season had 26 goals, 20 steals, 28 assists, nine ejections earned and four field blocks in 22 matches, earning 2011 honorable mention All-America honors...scored three goals during the 2011 MPSF Tournament...nailed match-winning goals in 2011 MPSF victories at UC Santa Barbara and versus Pacific...has 100 career goals.

# 2012 GOLDEN BEAR MEN'S WATER POLO STATISTICS 11-19-12

NAME (Matches)	GOALS
Collin Smith (22)	58
Aleksa Saponjic (19)	41
Marin Balarin (22)	38
Colin Mulcahy (22)	24
Thomas Agramonte (22)	18
Hunter Gettelfinger (22)	18
Matt Russell (22)	15
Mason Cox (22)	14
Giacomo Cupido (20)	12
Mitchell Hamilton (17)	11
Max Schell (22)	9
Luka Ivanovic (22)	6
Blake Kelly (17)	6
Perry Short (5)	6
Graham Nesbit (7)	5
Max Bergeson (4)	3
Tommy Gilfillan (5)	2
Chris Daniel (1)	1
Miguel Martin de Bustamante (11)	1
Andrew Schnugg (1)	1
<b>CALIFORNIA TOTALS</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>OPPONENT TOTALS</b>	<b>167</b>

GOALKEEPER	G	MINS	GA	SAVES	AG
Michael Boggan	14	364	83	108	7.30
Justin Parsons	4	88	11	31	4.00
Jon Sibley	9	272	73	81	8.59
<b>CAL TOTALS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>7.38</b>

(15-7 Overall; 5-3 MPSF; 3-2 Home; 4-2 Road; 8-3 Neutral)

Date	Opponent	Result	Score	Streak	Scorers
Sept. 7	vs. St. Francis@	W	16-3	WON 1	Smith 4, Balarin 3, Saponjic 2, Short 2, Bergeson, Cox, Mulcahy, Schell, Gilfillan
Sept. 7	at Princeton@	W	16-4	WON 2	Smith 4, Balarin 3, Cox 2, Bergeson, Mulcahy, Saponjic, Schell, Gilfillan, Russell, Gettelfinger
Sept. 8	vs. Bucknell@	W	20-3	WON 3	Balarin 4, Smith 3, Agramonte 3, Mulcahy 2, Gettelfinger 2, Short 2, Cox, Kelly, Ivanovic, Schell
Sept. 8	vs. Harvard@	W	13-7	WON 4	Agramonte 4, Short 2, Smith 2, Balarin 2, Mulcahy, Cox, Ivanovic
Sept. 9	vs. MIT@	W	17-4	WON 5	Smith 6, Russell 3, Balarin 2, Kelly, Mulcahy, Ivanovic, Bergeson, Gettelfinger, Martin de Bustamante
Sept. 15	vs. Air Force#	W	19-2	WON 6	Mulcahy 3, Saponjic 3, Smith 3, Agramonte 2, Balarin 2, Russell 2, Cox, Gettelfinger, Hamilton, Schell
Sept. 15	vs. UC Irvine#	W	14-7	WON 7	Balarin 2, Mulcahy 2, Russell 2, Smith 2, Saponjic 2, Hamilton 2, Cox, Schell
Sept. 16	vs. UCLA#	L	11-10 OT	LOST 1	Saponjic 3, Gettelfinger 2, Agramonte, Balarin, Cox, Mulcahy, Smith
Sept. 16	at Stanford#	L	9-8	LOST 2	Smith 4, Cox, Hamilton, Ivanovic, Russell
Sept. 23	at USC*	L	7-6	LOST 3	Saponjic 2, Mulcahy 2, Russell Gettelfinger
Sept. 29	vs. Air Force\$	W	22-4	WON 1	Saponjic 4, Mulcahy 3, Nesbit 2, Agramonte 2, Gettelfinger 2, Balarin 2, Smith 2, Cupido 2, Russell, Schell Hamilton
Sept. 29	vs. UC Irvine\$	L	13-11	LOST 1	Smith 3, Agramonte 2, Gettelfinger, Mulcahy, Saponjic, Ivanovic, Cupido, Hamilton
Sept. 30	vs. Pacific\$	L	10-9 OT	LOST 2	Smith 3, Balarin 2, Cupido, Gettelfinger, Russell, Schell
Sept. 30	vs. Pepperdine\$	W	12-9	WON 1	Saponjic 4, Cox 2, Cupido 2, Hamilton 2, Smith 2
Oct. 6	UCLA*	L	10-9 SDOT	LOST 1	Balarin 3, Saponjic 2, Cupido, Agramonte, Smith, Gettelfinger
Oct. 20	STANFORD*	W	14-8	WON 1	Smith 6, Balarin 2, Cupido 2, Saponjic, Russell, Cox, Kelly

Oct. 27	LONG BEACH STATE*	L	11-10	LOST 1	Saponjic 5, Mulcahy 2, Balarin, Russell, Agramonte
Nov. 1	at UC Irvine*	W	12-10	WON 1	Gettelfinger 4, Saponjic 3, Balarin 2, Smith 2, Mulcahy
Nov. 2	at Pepperdine*	W	12-9	WON 2	Smith 5, Kelly 2, Balarin, Mulcahy, Cupido, Russell, Hamilton
Nov. 10	SANTA CLARA	W	15-8	WON 3	Nesbit 3, Balarin 2, Saponjic 2, Hamilton 2, Schell 2, Mulcahy, Smith, Daniel, Schnugg
Nov. 11	UC SANTA BARBARA*	W	13-9	WON 4	Smith 3, Saponjic 3, Agramonte 2, Balarin, Cox, Gettelfinger, Mulcahy, Ivanovic
Nov. 18	at Pacific*	W	11-9	WON 5	Balarin 3, Saponjic 3, Cupido 2, Smith, Cox, Kelly

**Caps indicates home match at Spieker Aquatics Complex**

\*MPSF Match, @Princeton Invitational, Princeton, N.J.; #NorCal Invitational, Stanford, Calif.; \$SoCal Invitational, Santa Barbara, Calif.; %MPSF Tournament, Los Angeles, Calif.; NCAA Tournament, Los Angeles, Calif.

NAME	Assists	Steals	Eject. Earned	Field Blocks
Thomas Agramonte	19	20	8	4
Marin Balarin	20	22	41	7
Max Bergeson	3	2	0	2
Michael Boggan	12	7	0	0
Mason Cox	28	16	4	9
Giacomo Cupido	25	21	2	8
Hunter Gettelfinger	23	39	6	11
Tommy Gilfillan	4	6	1	0
Mitchell Hamilton	8	13	4	4
Luka Ivanovic	8	17	2	12
Blake Kelly	10	16	6	3
Robert Leiter	2	0	0	0
M. Martin de Bustamante	3	3	5	0
Colin Mulcahy	18	16	27	7
Graham Nesbit	2	6	3	0
Matt Russell	8	11	18	1
Aleksa Saponjic	27	17	11	5
Max Schell	10	15	29	5
Andrew Schnugg	1	0	1	0
Perry Short	6	7	0	2
Jon Sibley	5	5	0	0
Collin Smith	30	30	10	10
Evin Weiser	0	1	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>91</b>