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**WOMEN'S WATER POLO**

**No. 4 Cal Returns Home to Play Three**

**THIS WEEK:** Thursday, April 4 Loyola Marymount Spieker Aquatics Complex, Berkeley, Calif. 7:00 p.m.  
 Friday, April 5 Cal State-Northridge (MPSF Match) Spieker Aquatics Complex, Berkeley, Calif. 4:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, April 6 Long Beach State (MPSF Match) Spieker Aquatics Complex, Berkeley, Calif. Noon

**2002 Cal Scoreboard**  
 11-6 overall, 5-2 MPSF

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
2/9-10	Stanford Tournament	Fourth Place
2/9	vs. San Jose State#	W, 7-6
2/9	vs. UCLA#	L, 5-4
2/10	vs. UMass#	W, 19-6
2/10	vs. USC#	L, 7-5
2/16	UC Davis	W, 11-3
2/23-24	UCSB Tournament	Fourth Place
2/23	vs. UC Irvine!	W, 12-4
2/23	vs. San Jose State!	W, 9-6
2/24	vs. Stanford!	L, 9-4
2/24	vs. USC!	L, 9-4
3/1	Hawaii*	W, 12-4
3/2	USC*	L, 11-7
3/8	UC Irvine*	W, 13-5
3/9	San Diego State*	W, 14-3
3/16	at San Jose State*	W, 11-7
3/23	at UC Santa Cruz	W, 21-4
3/29	at UC Santa Barbara*	W, 9-5
3/30	at UCLA*	L, 8-4
4/4	Loyola Marymount	7:00 p.m.
4/5	CS Northridge*	4:00 p.m.
4/6	Long Beach State*	Noon
4/12	at Stanford	7:00 p.m.
4/13	San Jose State	Noon
4/20	at Pacific	Noon
4/26-28	at MPSF Championship	All Day
5/3-5	at Natl. Select Tournament	All Day
5/11-12	at NCAA Championship	TBA
<b>HOME matches in BOLD</b>		*MPSF Match
#denotes Stanford Invitational		
! denotes UCSB Invitational		

**HEAD COACH**

Peter Asch enters his fourth full season as the head coach of the California women's water polo program. He has led the Golden Bears to an impressive 88-30 (.746) record during his tenure, including a second-place national finish in 1998 and fourth-place finishes in 1999 and 2000. Asch also helped lead Cal to its first ever Mountain Pacific Sports Federation title in '99 and was named MPSF Coach of the Year in 2000 after leading the Bears to a 28-7 mark.

One of the greatest players in United States water polo history and a member of the Cal Athletic Hall of Fame, Asch was named head coach of Cal's women's water polo team in August of 1998 and is also the Bears head men's water polo coach.



**BACK IN BERKELEY:** The Bears are back in Berkeley for the first time in nearly a month this weekend, following a 3-1 road trip in which Cal took on some of the nations premier collegiate water polo teams. Most recently, the Bears split a SoCal road trip, nearly doubling up UC Santa Barbara, 9-5 before falling to No. 2 UCLA, 8-4. This week, three teams will challenge Cal's near-perfect record at Spieker Aquatics Complex, with Loyola Marymount, Cal State-Northridge and Long Beach State paying a visit to Berkeley. The latter two matches will count towards the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation standings, which become increasingly important as the regular season enters its final month.

**ABOUT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT:** The 14-3 Lions are ranked No. 6 in the nation entering this week of competition. Loyola Marymount recently had its seven-match winning streak snapped by No. 5 San Jose State in a 7-5 thriller at home. The Lions are led on offense by Ludy Windes, who is averaging nearly two goals a game with a grand total of 33 scores this season. Devon Courtney holds down the fort in the net, having saved 136 shots versus allowing 78 scores in 2002. The last time that Cal and Loyola Marymount faced each other, Brenna Fleener scored a hat-trick, leading the Bears to a 9-3 victory at the UC Santa Barbara tournament last year.

**ABOUT CAL STATE-NORTHRIDGE:** The Matadors are 3-13 (0-7) in their first-ever season of women's water polo play. CSUN is led by Melissa Hall and Katie Roth, who have score 16 and 11 goals, respectively, in their team's inaugural campaign. This is the first meeting between the Bears and Cal State-Northridge.

**ABOUT LONG BEACH STATE:** The seventh-ranked 49ers are coming off a huge upset victory over the No. 5 San Jose State squad, and boast a 10-7 (3-3 MPSF) record entering the week. Roberta Stewart paces LBS on offense, having netted 33 scores in the team's 17 matches this season. Defending the net for the 49ers is a rotation of Amanda Wightman and Bri Hawkins, who have combined for 107 saves, while only allowing 86 goals. The last time that the 49ers and Bears met, Brenna Fleener came up big for Cal, dropping four goals on Long Beach, leading the Bears to a 11-2 trouncing of the 49ers.

**LAST WEEK AGAINST UC SANTA BARBARA:** California opened the game with a goal 16 seconds into the match, which instigated a 4-0 run by the Bears. At the end of the first half the Bears were ahead 5-2. The second half began much as the first, as the Gauchos was unable to stop the Bears. UCSB was down 8-3 at the end of the third period, as Cal scored three goals in the third. Cal's Ericka Lorenz, Julie Arnold, Cara Chlebicki, and Julia Cesnik all scored twice, and Lindy Spieker add one more. Mary Blumberg netted two goals for the Gauchos, while Ricks, Teresa Gorbett, and Lezak all recorded a single score in the losing effort for the Gauchos.

**LAST WEEK AGAINST UCLA:** On Saturday, the Bears lost their first match out of their last six, falling to UCLA, 8-4. For Cal, Brenna Fleener, Jodie Needles, Julia Cesnik and Ericka Lorenz each netted a goal. Lauren Dennis had 11 saves for Cal in the losing effort. The two teams hung close in the first half, with Cal emerging with a 3-2 lead in the second quarter. The second half showed a much different story however, as the Bruins were able to capitalize on six goals, to the Bears solo score. Cal was overpowered by a balanced offense which featured six goal scorers, much like the Bears' own scoring efforts.

2002 GOLDEN BEAR WATER POLO STATISTICS

NAME	GOALS
Ericka Lorenz	26
Brenna Fleener	22
Julia Cesnik	21
Jodie Needles	17
Cara Chlebicki	16
Julie Arnold	14
Lindy Spieker	10
Tia Lachowicz	7
Courtney Devenish	5
Ashley Miller	5
Marissa Muller	5
Laura Graham	4
Sarah Howell	4
Natalie Nelson	4
Chris Lane	3
Meika Mosby	2
Cristen Razzari	2
Courtney Louderback	1
<b>CALIFORNIA TOTALS</b>	<b>166</b>
<b>OPPONENT TOTALS</b>	<b>88</b>

GOALKEEPER	G	MINS	GA	SAVES	AG
Lauren Dennis	17	434	79	90	5.10
Christina Quintanilla	6	42	9	14	6.00
<b>CAL TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>5.18</b>

**(11-6 Overall; 5-2 MPSF; 3-1 Home; 4-1 Road; 4-4 Neutral)**

Date	Opponent	Result/Time	Score	Streak	Leading Scorers
Feb. 9-10	Stanford Tournament	Fourth Place			
Feb. 9	vs. San Jose State#	W	7-6	WON 1	Lorenz 3
Feb. 9	vs. UCLA#	L	5-4	LOSS 1	Four with 1
Feb. 10	vs. Umass#	W	19-6	WON 1	Fleener 3
Feb. 10	vs. USC#	L	7-5	LOSS 1	Cesnik 2
Feb. 16	vs. UC Davis @ Solano JC	W	11-3	WON 1	Arnold, Lorenz 2
Feb. 23-24	UCSB Tournament	Fourth Place			
Feb. 23	vs. UC Irvine!	W	12-4	WON 2	Chelbicki 2
Feb. 23	vs. San Jose State!	W	9-6	WON 3	Four with 2
Feb. 24	vs. Stanford!	L	9-4	LOSS 1	Spieker 3
Feb. 24	vs. USC	L	9-4	LOSS 2	Lorenz 3
<b>Mar. 1</b>	<b>Hawaii*</b>	W	12-4	WON 1	Three with 2
<b>Mar. 2</b>	<b>USC*</b>	L	11-7	LOSS 1	Three with 2
<b>Mar. 8</b>	<b>UC Irvine*</b>	W	13-5	WON 1	Needles 3
<b>Mar. 9</b>	<b>San Diego State*</b>	W	14-3	WON 2	Fleener 4
Mar. 16	at San Jose State*	W	11-7	WON 3	Arnold 3
Mar. 23	at UC Santa Cruz	W	21-4	WON 4	Chelbicki 4
Mar. 29	at UC Santa Barbara*	W	9-5	WON 5	Four with 2
Mar. 30	at UCLA*	L	8-4	LOSS 1	Four with 1
<b>Apr. 4</b>	<b>Loyola Marymount</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>			
<b>Apr. 5</b>	<b>Cal State Northridge*</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>			
<b>Apr. 6</b>	<b>Long Beach State*</b>	<b>Noon</b>			
Apr. 12	at Stanford	7:00 p.m.			
<b>Apr. 13</b>	<b>San Jose State</b>	<b>Noon</b>			
Apr. 20	at Pacific	Noon			
Apr. 26-28	MPSF Tournament	All Day			
May 4-6	Nat'l Select Tournament	All Day			
May 11-12	NCAA Tournament	All Day			

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