

# UAB SYNCHRONIZED SWIMMING

FEBRUARY 6, 2006



## Blazers Head to Palo Alto to Compete at Stanford Invitational

**UAB Hits Road to Compete Against Stanford:** The UAB synchronized swimming team heads to Palo, Alto Calif., to compete in the Stanford Invitational. The Blazers competed against the Cardinal twice last season, falling both times to their Pac-10 counterparts.

**Blazers Open Season with Win over Georgia:** The UAB synchronized swimming team defeated the Georgia Bulldogs by a score of 88-41 on Saturday afternoon at Bell Aquatics Center. The Blazers captured first place in each of the four different events during the meet.

The meet kicked off with the trio event where UAB's Frances Halloran, Megan Kelly and Hallie Todd took the top spot with a score of 82.000. Georgia's Kim Haga, Emily Merwin and Lauren Davey swam to a score of 60.833.

In the duet competition, Halloran and Todd combined to post a score of 85.833 to capture first place, while Morgan Clarke and Sara Petrov scored 85.333 to place second. Rebecca Johnson and Casey Lord compiled a 78.167 score, good enough for third place.

In the solo event, UAB's Petrov took first place with a score of 86.333, edging out her teammate Maria Vargas, who compiled a score of 84.833.

The meet concluded with the team competition where the Blazers squad of Clarke, Andrea Dash, Vanessa Dash, Halloran, Petrov, Kelly, Todd, Vargas, Johnson and Lord took first place with a score of 87.333.

**UAB Places Fifth at U.S. Nationals:** The Blazer squad of Amanda Haeuser, Stacey Jackson, Stephanie Jackson, Megan Kelly, Stacy Leiker, Kara Morgan, Sara Petrov and Hallie Todd posted an overall score of 93.400. The U.S. Nationals represent the top synchronized swimming programs from all levels of competition. More than 140 athletes were vying for national titles in the solo, duet and team events at the meet.

**Blazers Take Third Place at Collegiate Championships:** For the third consecutive season, UAB notched a third-place finish at the U.S. Collegiate Synchronized Swimming Championships held at the University of Michigan's Canham Natatorium on March 27. Ohio State and Stanford finished first and second, respectively. Sara Petrov grabbed a second-place finish in the solo event and UAB finished third in the team event with a score of 95.500.

**A Short, But Proud Past:** Although UAB has only been competing in synchronized swimming for six seasons, the Blazers have a list of impressive accomplishments in that short span of time. UAB has made appearances each season at the U.S. Collegiate Synchronized Swimming Championships and the U.S. National Synchronized Swimming Championships. The Blazers own three third-place finishes and two fourth-place finishes at the Collegiate Championships. UAB also has a fourth and two fifth-place finishes at the U.S. Nationals.

### 2005-06 SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Feb. 4	GEORGIA	BIRMINGHAM
Feb. 11	at Stanford Invitational	Palo Alto, Calif.
Feb. 18	at Florida	Gainesville, Fla.
Feb. 25-26	at Southern Regionals	Williamsburg, Va.
Mar. 4	at Georgia Invitational	Athens, Ga.
Mar. 11-12	Canisius	BIRMINGHAM
Mar. 18	SPRING EXHIBITION	BIRMINGHAM
Mar. 23-25	at Collegiate Nationals	Palo Alto, Calif.
Apr. 28-30	at U.S. Nationals	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

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### 2005-06 ROSTER

<u>Name</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Morgan Clarke	Fr.	Unionville, Ontario, Canada
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Andrea Dash	Jr.	Oakville, Ontario, Canada
Vanessa Dash	Jr.	Oakville, Ontario, Canada
Meryl Grandia	Fr.	Riverside, Calif.
Frances Halloran	So.	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Rebecca Johnson	So.	Richmond, Va.
Megan Kelly	Jr.	Corona, Calif.
Casey Lord	Fr.	Colgate, Wisc.
Sara Petrov	Jr.	Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Hallie Todd	Jr.	Portland, Ore.
Maria Cecilia Vargas	So.	Valencia, Venezuela
Mariana Vigneron	Fr.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Head Coach: Lisa Riddell

Assistant Coach: Rossy Renna