



# NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

## 1989

### Virginia 1, Santa Clara 1 (OT)

*Teams declared co-champions*

**December 4, 1989 • New Brunswick, N.J.**

Santa Clara	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	—	1
Virginia	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	1

**Scoring:** UVA—Fallon (Williams, Yorks) 26:48; SC—Baicher (Smith) 83:37.

**Shots:** SC 12 (Holocher 4, Bravo 2, Baicher 2, Broughton, Rast, Robertson, Barreras), UVA 10 (Fallon 4, Williams 2, Onalfo, J. Agoos, Kelderman, Yorks); **Saves:** SC 4 (Yamamoto 4), UVA 5 (Meola 5); **Corner Kicks:** SC 5, UVA 4; **Fouls:** SC 30, UVA 27; **Offsides:** SC 3, UVA 7; **Attendance:** 3,889; **Records:** SC 20-0-3, UVA 21-2-2.

The 1989 season opened with promise, as the Cavaliers won their first 11 games of the year. Despite losing to Duke in the ACC Tournament, UVA advanced in the NCAAAs with a 4-1 win over Philadelphia Textile and a 1-0 triumph against South Carolina.

The Cavaliers moved on to the national semifinals, where they would play at Rutgers. UVA dispatched the Scarlet Knights 3-0 before 7,836 fans as John Maessner scored two goals, while Tim Kunihiro added a goal and freshman Brad Agoos equaled his season total with two timely assists.

The championship game was played two days later in sub-zero wind chill at Rutgers Stadium. Virginia would share the title with Santa Clara after a 1-1 draw at the end of regulation and 60 minutes of scoreless overtime. The coaches association had decided against a shootout in the NCAA title game and thus the Cavaliers and Broncos were declared co-champs.

UVA struck first in the title game, when Lyle Yorks sent a corner kick to Richie Williams, who headed the ball to Drew Fallon five yards from the goal. Fallon then beat Santa Clara goalkeeper Eric Yamamoto to give the Cavaliers a 1-0 lead at 26:48. UVA maintained the edge until late in the second half, when a pass intended for Tony Meola was intercepted. Jeff Baicher caught Meola going the wrong way for the equalizer, with just 6:23 remaining in regulation.

Neither team was able to score again in the worsening conditions, as the game went through the two regulation 15 minute overtime periods and then two 15 minute sudden-death overtimes. The game ended as the second-longest in NCAA Tournament history and yielded the first co-champions since 1968, when Maryland and Michigan State tied. Meola was named the tournament's Most Valuable Defensive Player, as he guarded against 12 shots, seven coming in the four overtimes.

## 1991

### Virginia 0, Santa Clara 0 (OT)

*UVA won 3-1 on penalty kicks*

**December 8, 1991 • Tampa, Fla.**

Santa Clara	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0 (1)
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	0 (3)

**Shots:** SC 10 (Broughton 2, Schmidt 2, Cochran, Hampton, Rast, Arya, Cruz, Stiles), UVA 16 (Wood 5, Reyna 4, Crawley 3, Williams, Imler, Bates, Champ); **Saves:** SC 6 (Rueda 6), UVA 5 (Causey 5); **Corner Kicks:** SC 8, UVA 9; **Fouls:** SC 34, UVA 30; **Attendance:** 3,912; **Records:** SC 20-1-2, UVA 19-1-2.

Combining a blend of youthful rookies and veterans, Virginia capped off another successful season in 1991 by capturing the NCAA title for the second time in three years.

The Cavaliers suffered a 2-0 loss to Wake Forest early in the season, despite outshooting the Demon Deacons 15-2, but would not lose another game the rest of the year while posting a 19-1-2 record.

After gaining revenge against Wake Forest with a 3-1 victory in the ACC title game, the Cavaliers moved on to the NCAA Tournament. UVA defeated Hartford 2-1 in overtime on a goal by A.J. Wood, then downed Yale 2-0 to make it back to the semifinals.

With the final four taking place at the University of South Florida, UVA trailed Saint Louis 2-1 late in the game and the Cavaliers' title hopes were in jeopardy. Virginia applied intense offensive pressure toward the end of regulation and it paid off when Ben Crawley headed in a pass from Mike Huwiler to send the game into overtime. After no one scored in the first two extra sessions, Crawley headed in a cross from Lyle Yorks at 121:50 to put UVA into the title game.

The opponent in the final was a familiar one, as UVA once again faced Santa Clara. As was the case two years earlier, the game was a close one, and neither team scored during regulation. The match would not go to overtime without some controversy however, as Scott Champ headed in a cross from Richie Williams just as the final second ticked away, but the goal was not allowed.

The teams played for 60 more minutes, but both sides remained unable to find the net. Unlike two years earlier, the game now moved on to a penalty-kick shootout, and Bruce Arena opted to use rested backup goalkeeper Tom Henske in the net. Henske would stop two of Santa Clara's first three shots, while Huwiler, Crawley and Erik Imler all converted to put the Cavaliers up 3-1. Henske then clinched the title by swatting away a low shot from Bruce Broughton.

## 1992

### Virginia 2, San Diego 0

**December 6, 1992 • Davidson, N.C.**

Virginia	0	2	—	2
San Diego	0	0	—	0

**Scoring:** UVA—Friends 69:31; UVA—Imler (B. Agoos, Reyna) 77:33.

**Shots:** UVA 17 (Wood 8, Bates 2, Reyna 2, B. Agoos, Peay, Imler, Crawley, Friends), USD 5 (Lindquist, Arthur, Streicek, Beall, Jara); **Saves:** UVA 3 (Causey 3), USD 6 (Garlick 6); **Corner Kicks:** UVA 5, USD 6; **Fouls:** UVA 16, USD 25; **Offsides:** UVA 4, USD 3; **Attendance:** 8,150; **Records:** UVA 21-2-1, USD 19-5-0.

The Cavaliers began the 1992 season by unveiling the premier facility in collegiate soccer, Klöckner Stadium. In the inaugural game, an exhibition contest against Santa Clara, Virginia posted a 1-0 win in front of 6,142 fans. Playing two-3rds of its games at home, UVA went on to win its first 14 contests of the season and push its unbeaten streak to an ACC record 32 games.

Despite two losses late in the regular season, the Cavaliers went on to win the ACC title and defeat both Penn State (4-1) and Dartmouth (3-0) to move on to the NCAA semifinals. Virginia went to Davidson, N.C., looking to become the first team to repeat as NCAA champions since Indiana took the title in 1982 and 1983.

ACC rival Duke was waiting in the semifinals but goalkeeper Jeff Causey and the UVA defense posted a shutout, with midfielder Tain Nix providing a clear off the goal line early in the second half. Ben Crawley, who had dedicated the postseason to the memory of his mother, Linda, scored the game winner against the Blue Devils, knocking home a one-hop pass from Nix at 59:53. The Cavaliers then broke the game open, as A.J. Wood and Brian Bates both scored to give UVA a 3-0 win.

The Cavaliers' opponent in the title game was the University of San Diego, who had beaten perennial powers UCLA and Indiana, and downed local favorite Davidson in the semifinals (3-2 in OT). The championship game was scoreless until Nate Friends broke the tie at the 69:31 mark. Brad Agoos sent the ball into the box and Friends knocked an off-balance shot off goalkeeper Scott Garlick, but claimed the rebound and lofted the ball into the goal to give Virginia a 1-0 lead.

Claudio Reyna controlled the action for the majority of the time remaining. Reyna's pass down the right wing in the 77th minute found Agoos, who crossed the ball into a crowded box. Erik Imler came flying in near the left post for an easy header and the clinching 2-0 lead. Reyna was named the tournament's Offensive MVP for the second straight season.



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## 1993

### Virginia 2, South Carolina 0

December 5, 1993 • Davidson, N.C.

Virginia	1	1	—	2
South Carolina	0	0	—	0

**Scoring:** UVA—Friends (Fisher) 39:54; UVA—Friends (Fisher) 85:59.

**Shots:** UVA 7 (Reyna 2, Friends 2, Fisher, Silvera, Slivinski), USC 6 (Baumhoff 2, Smith, Faklaris, Pier, Scheving); **Saves:** UVA 6 (Causey 6), USC 3 (Turner 3); **Corner Kicks:** UVA 6, USC 4; **Fouls:** UVA 12, USC 8; **Offsides:** UVA 1, USC 3; **Attendance:** 10,549; **Records:** UVA 22-3-0, USC 16-4-4.

Riding the momentum of the 1992 championship, UVA won its first 11 games and extended its winning streak to a record 17. Clemson would bring the streak to end, as the Cavaliers dropped a tough 2-1 game with the Tigers scoring in the final seconds. UVA later gained revenge against Clemson with a 2-1 win in the ACC title game.

In the NAACAs, the Cavaliers defeated both William & Mary and Loyola by scores of 2-1, then dominated Wisconsin in a 3-0 game which placed UVA in the semifinals for the 3rd year in a row. It also put the Cavaliers in position to win an unprecedented 3rd consecutive NCAA title.

Returning to Davidson for the semifinals, UVA faced Princeton and former UVA assistant Bob Bradley. The Tigers' zone gave Claudio Reyna room to control the ball and time to set up Nate Friends, who would go on a two-game tear. Friends opened the scoring at 3:14 off a long feed from A.J. Wood, then added another goal in the 34th minute when he put in a deflection off a shot by Wood. Three minutes prior to halftime, Friends would complete the hat trick, knocking home a rebound off a shot by Damian Silvera.

South Carolina outlasted Cal State Fullerton 1-0 in the other semifinal to extend its winning streak to 14 games and advance to its first-ever title game. But UVA had postseason experience in its favor . . . and it also had Friends.

UVA managed only seven shots in the title game, but Friends scored twice to give the Cavaliers a 2-0 win. Friends broke a scoreless tie at 39:54 when he headed home a corner kick from Mike Fisher. Later, at 85:59, Friends volleyed in a Fisher free kick to conclude the scoring. The Gamecocks had a chance to score midway through the second half, when Steve Pier broke free for a one-on-one chance against Jeff Causey, who saved the both the initial shot and a rebound try. Minutes later, Brandon Pollard knocked away a ball at the goal line to preserve the shutout.

Friends was named Offensive MVP after scoring all five of UVA's goals in the final two games, while Brian Bates was chosen as the tournament's Defensive MVP. In addition, Causey concluded his career with a 3rd straight shutout in the NCAA finals.

## 1994

### Virginia 1, Indiana 0

December 11, 1994 • Davidson, N.C.

Indiana	0	0	—	0
Virginia	1	0	—	1

**Scoring:** UVA—Wood (Pollard, Nix) 20:06.

**Shots:** IU 11 (Keller 3, Clark 2, Maisonneuve 2, Yeagley, Ward, Ginsberg, Weiss), UVA 9 (Wood 4, Friends 2, Silvera, Fitzmaurice, Nix); **Saves:** IU 4 (Coufal 4), UVA 3 (Peters 3); **Corner Kicks:** IU 8, UVA 6; **Fouls:** IU 18, UVA 28; **Offsides:** IU 2, UVA 1; **Attendance:** 12,035; **Records:** IU 23-3-0, UVA 22-3-1.

Heading into the 1994 season, the UVA senior class knew it could become the first in NCAA history to graduate with a championship in every year. But things would not come easy. The season opened with a 3-2 loss to Boston University, and also included a 5-1 loss at North Carolina, UVA's largest margin of defeat since 1975.

Two weeks later, in what may have been the turning point of the season, the Cavaliers rallied from a 4-1 halftime deficit to post a 6-4 win at Clemson. Virginia would go on to win the ACC Tournament for the fourth straight season, but had to battle through a 2-2 tie with Clemson in the semifinals for a victory on penalty kicks. UVA then opened NCAA Tournament play with wins over UNC Greensboro (3-0) and Maryland (2-1). Against James Madison in the quarterfinals, A.J. Wood recorded a hat trick in a 4-1 Cavalier victory as UVA advanced to the final four once again.

The semifinal opponent was Rutgers, which had lost at home to UVA in the memorably cold 1989 semifinals. The Knights' Kevin O'Connell scored in the ninth minute, but the lead would be short-lived as Damian Silvera hit the net off an assist from Tain Nix. Billy Walsh would knock home the game winner at 53:42, when he put in a cross from Brandon Pollard to seal the victory.

A crowd of over 12,000 turned out for the title game, which saw the Cavaliers face Indiana, a 4-1 victor over UCLA in the other semifinal. UVA jumped ahead in the 21st minute, on a play where Nix started the run up the left flank, crossed midfield and slid a pass to Pollard on the left flank. Pollard beat his man and used his speed to gain room down the side before sending a cross into the box. A.J. Wood knocked the ball off his chest and to his left foot before slipping it past goalkeeper Scott Coufal for the score.

Late in the first half, Indiana's Brian Maisonneuve blasted a direct kick toward the right corner, but Walsh was at the post and headed it away. Goalkeeper Mark Peters—the tournament's Defensive MVP—made two big saves in the final 10 minutes. Silvera took Offensive MVP honors and the senior class of Wood, Nix, Clint Peay and Nate Friends stood at midfield holding their fourth NCAA trophy, their names forever a part of NCAA history.



# NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

## 2009

### Virginia 0, Akron 0

*UVA won 3-2 on Penalty Kicks*

**December 13, 2009 • Cary, N.C.**

Akron	0	0	0	0	—	0 (2)
Virginia	0	0	0	0	—	0 (3)

#### Shootout Summary

UVA. Tony Tchani (goal); Akron. Zarek Valentin (save); UVA. Ari Dimas (goal); Akron. Ben Zemanski (goal); UVA. Sean Hiller (goal); Akron. Kofi Sarkodie (post); UVA. Jonathan Villanueva (save); Akron. Scott Caldwell (goal); UVA. Greg Monaco (save); Akron. Blair Gavin (high)

**Shots:** Akron 12 (Bunbury 4, Speas 3, Sarkodie, Gavin, Ampaipitakwong, Zemanski, Korb), UVA 10 (Tchani 4, Bates 2, Ownby 2, Barry, Villanueva); **Saves:** Akron 3 (Meves 3), UVA 3 (Restrepo 3); **Corner Kicks:** Akron 6, UVA 4; **Fouls:** Akron 10, UVA 22; **Offsides:** Akron 2, UVA 1; **Attendance:** 5,679; **Records:** Akron 23-1-1, UVA 19-3-3

The 2009 NCAA title was the sixth for the Cavaliers in program history, having won the championship in 1989 and from 1991-94. The victory also gave the Virginia its 19th team National Championship in school history, the first since men's lacrosse in 2006.

Early in the game, the Cavaliers had a golden chance to take an early lead in the fifth minute, but Will Bates' point-blank header rattled off the post. In the 14th minute, Akron had its first scoring chance, but Diego Restrepo made a save on a shot by Anthony Ampaipitakwong. Virginia had another chance in the 27th minute as Tony Tchani headed a cross just over the bar. The Cavaliers had a 6-5 shot advantage over the first 45 minutes, but the teams remained scoreless at the half.

Akron (23-1-1) had the first scoring chance of the second half when Teal Bunbury headed a cross wide in the 54th minute. Later in the half, both teams had crosses go through the area, but neither side could get on the end of those passes and the game went to overtime scoreless.

In the overtime periods, neither side could find a game-winning goal, so the champion would be determined by a shootout. In round four with UVA leading 3-1, Jonathan Villanueva had a chance to clinch the title, but Akron keeper David Meves made a save and the Zips' Scott Caldwell converted the ensuing attempt to keep Akron alive.

Greg Monaco had Virginia's second attempt for a championship, but Meves once again made a save. Blair Gavin had the fifth attempt for Akron and needed to convert to force extra kicks, but his shot sailed over the bar to give Virginia the national championship.

Villanueva, who had two assists in the Cavaliers' semifinal win over Wake Forest was named the College Cup's Most Outstanding Offensive Player, while Restrepo, who posted his school record extending 16th shutout of the season in the final, was named the College Cup's Most Outstanding Defensive Player. Joining those players on the All-Tournament team were Brian Ownby, Mike Volk and Tchani.

## 2014

### Virginia 0, UCLA 0

*UVA won 4-2 on Penalty Kicks*

**December 14, 2014 • Cary, N.C.**

Virginia	0	0	0	0	—	0 (4)
UCLA	0	0	0	0	—	0 (3)

#### Shootout Summary

UVA. Todd Wharton (goal); UCLA. Brian Iloski (goal); UVA. Scott Thomsen (save); UCLA. Gage Zerboni (crossbar); UVA. Sam Hayward (goal); UCLA. Willie Raygoza (crossbar); UVA. Patrick Foss (goal); UCLA. Larry Ndjock (goal); UVA. Riggs Lennon (goal)

**Shots:** UCLA 15 (Stolz 5, Danladi 3, Ndjock 2, Gasper 2, Tusaaazemajja, Contreras, Simmons), UVA 9 (Bird 2, Thomsen 2, Wharton 2, Madison, Corriveau, Rozhansky); **Saves:** UCLA 3 (Edwards Jr. 3), UVA 3 (Brown 3); **Corner Kicks:** UCLA 7, UVA 5; **Fouls:** UCLA 19, UVA 16; **Offsides:** UCLA 1, UVA 0; **Attendance:** 8,015; **Records:** UCLA 14-5-5, UVA 14-6-3

Virginia earned its seventh NCAA championship following a penalty-kick shootout against UCLA in front of 8,015 fans at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, N.C. After the teams played 110 scoreless minutes, Virginia won the shootout, 4-2, to earn the program's seventh national championship.

Virginia was the No. 16 seed in the field, while UCLA (14-5-5) was seeded No. 2. The Cavaliers also ousted top-seeded Notre Dame (round of 16) and eighth-seeded Georgetown (quarterfinals) on the road on their road to the championship. UVA matches the second-lowest seed to ever win a championship since the NCAA started seeding 16 teams in 2003, joining No. 16 seed Indiana in 2012. Unseeded UC Santa Barbara won the title in 2006.

Virginia converted on four of its five penalty-kick opportunities in winning the title.

Patrick Foss converted his kick, but Larry Ndjock scored on the ensuing kick to pull the Bruins within 3-2. Riggs Lennon then went right down the middle to bury the Cavaliers' fifth attempt and clinch the championship.

The teams played through a scoreless first half that was devoid of many scoring opportunities, with each side putting one shot on target.

UCLA created a pair of quality scoring chances early in the second half. Ndjock was on the receiving end of both; his short shot from just outside the six was stopped by Brown, and minutes later his header to the near post sailed just wide. UVA absorbed the UCLA pressure throughout the match and particularly in the second half when the Cavaliers were out-shot, 10-3.

Virginia earned a free kick just outside the box in the 84th minute when Pablo Aguilar was tackled just prior to entering the box. Thomsen put the left-footed free kick on target, but it was stopped by Edwards Jr.

Following a set piece from 35 yards out in the 96th minute, UCLA's Abu Danladi had a point-blank shot from eight yards but Brown made a splendid save to keep the Cavaliers in it.