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Brandon Brooks by the numbers

At 6-foot-7 and 235-pounds, Brandon Brooks is a formidable figure as the top goalie for the United States men's water polo team with an 82-inch wingspan. But his athletic background shows that he is much more than just a water polo player. Here are some of his accomplishments:

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At Punahou High School in Honolulu, Hawaii:

-- Because the basketball team bettered foes by such a wide margin during a 29-2 campaign in 1998-99, Brooks only played 15-24 minutes per contest, but still averaged 16.7 points, 7.7 rebounds, 3.3 steals, 2.4 assists and 1.9 blocks a game.

-- Averaged 17.7 points, 7.7 rebounds and 5.3 steals in the state tournament, earning him the state tourney MVP honors. In March, 1999, the senior stalwart who was an all-state basketball selection his last three years of high school was heralded as Mr. Basketball in Hawaii. The second-seeded Punahou team, nicknamed the Buffanblu, notched the state title with a 51-47 overtime victory against No. 1-ranked Kalaheo in his senior season.

-- Lettered three years in water polo, garnering all-state accolades all three years he played. Punahou never lost a game en route to claiming three state titles. Honored as the team MVP his senior season, Brooks guided Punahou to a 50-0 mark. As a senior, was recognized as a first team All-American.

-- Lettered four times in track (running distance events, did the discus and shot put) in leading Punahou to four state team track titles.

-- Lettered one year as a football wide receiver.

-- Named "freshman athlete of the year" and "senior athlete of the year" at Punahou.

-- Was named the Honolulu Advertiser Athlete of the Year as a senior.

At UCLA:

-- Bruins repeated NCAA men's water polo team title in Dec., 2000, Brooks' sophomore season when he was a first-team All-American.

-- Second-team All-American as a junior en route to four straight All-America honors.

-- UCLA men's water polo's career save leader with 701, allowing opponents just 6.45 goals a game as a senior when he was a first-team All-American.

-- Played basketball as a freshman, and helped the Bruins advance to the Sweet 16 of the 2000 NCAA tournament.

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