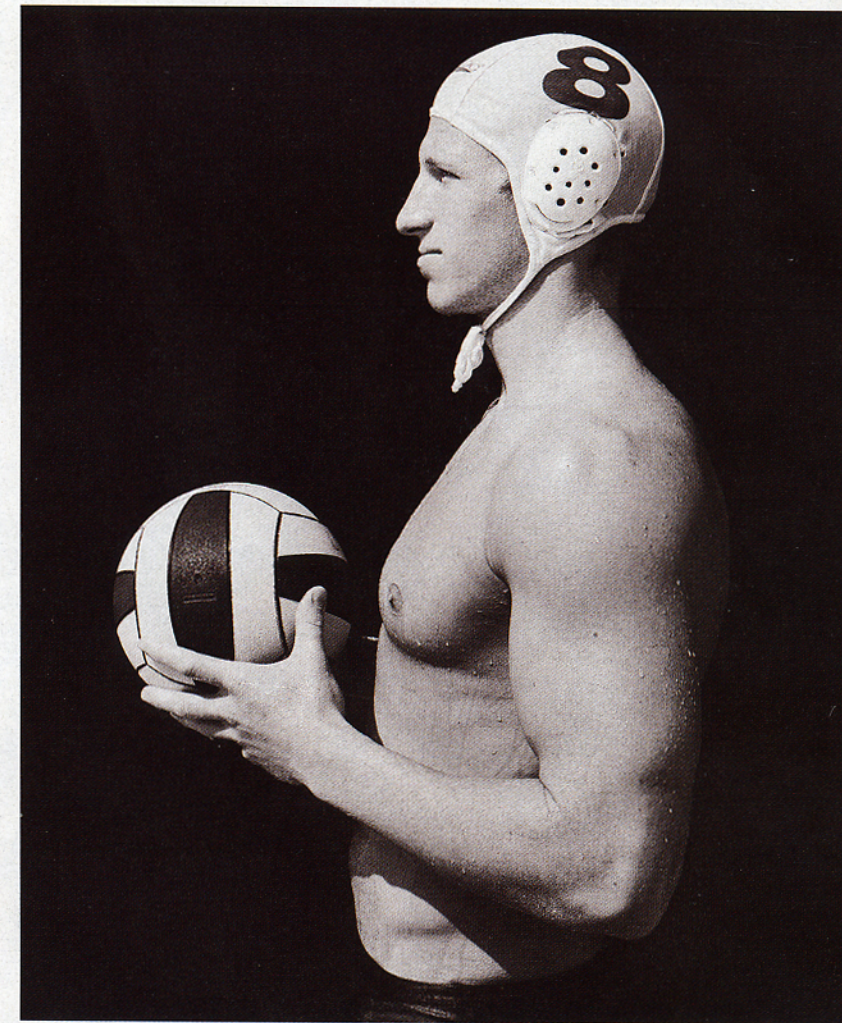


U.S. Olympic Water Polo Team hopefuls, from left:  
RICK MERLO, BRANDON BROOKS, TIM HUTTEN, BRIAN ALEXANDER, MERRILL MOSES, AND JOHN MANN



Swimsuits, \$34, and team  
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# TOUGH GUYS, ROUGH WATERS

WATER POLO MAY BE CONSIDERED A CIVILIZED SPORT PLAYED BY PREPPY CALIFORNIA BOYS, BUT BENEATH THE SURFACE THINGS CAN GET A BIT MORE BRUTAL. HERE, THE U.S. NATIONAL TEAM PUTS THIS SUMMER'S BEST NEW ATHLETIC SWIMWEAR TO THE TEST.

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