

# California



## CAL BEACH VOLLEYBALL

### GOLDEN BEARS

**14-3**  
RECORD

**12**  
RANK

**Meagan Owusu**  
HEAD COACH

**Cal** VS



**16-3**  
OVERALL

**Ucla**

**21-0**  
OVERALL

**W**

**6-6**  
OVERALL



**8-10**  
OVERALL



APRIL 6-7



Stanford Beach Volleyball Stadium,  
Stanford, Calif.

## SCHEDULE

Overall: 14-3

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
FEB. 23	SANTA CLARA	W 5-0
FEB. 23	USF	W 5-0
Mar. 2	vs. Washington!	W 4-1
Mar. 2	vs. Arizona State!	W 5-0
Mar. 3	vs. No. 1 UCLA!	L 5-0
MAR. 7	UTAH	W 3-1
Mar. 9	vs. UC Davis	W 5-0
Mar. 9	at No. 13 Stanford	W 3-2
Mar. 16	at No. 6 Hawai'i@	L 3-2
Mar. 16	vs. Nebraska@	W 5-0
Mar. 16	vs. Boise State@	W 4-1
Mar. 17	vs. Boise State@	W 5-0
Mar. 17	at No. 6 Hawai'i@	L 3-2
MAR. 23	NO. 18 SAINT MARY'S	W 5-0
MAR. 23	UC DAVIS	W 5-0
Mar. 27	at No. 18 Saint Mary's	W 3-2
MAR. 29	SAN JOSE STATE	W 4-1
April 6	vs. No. 2 USC\$	11 a.m.
April 6	vs. No. 1 UCLA\$	3 p.m.
April 7	vs. Washington\$	3 p.m.
April 7	vs. No. 19 Stanford\$	5 p.m.
April 12	at No. 9 Long Beach State	11:30 a.m.
April 13	vs. No. 7 Cal Poly%	11 a.m.
April 13	at No. 5 Pepperdine	12 p.m.
April 20	vs. No. 7 Cal Poly	2:30 p.m.
April 20	at No. 19 Stanford	4 p.m.
April 25-27	Pac-12 Championships+	TBA

!-Pac-12 South Tournament, Tucson, Ariz.  
@-Hawai'i Invitational, Honolulu, HI  
\$-Pac-12 North Tournament, Stanford, Calif.  
%-Pepperdine Invitational, Malibu, Calif.  
+-Los Angeles, Calif.  
&-Pac-12 Networks broadcast  
Home games in **BOLD**  
All times listed PT and subject to change

## FAST FACTS

### COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach** Meagan Owusu (Fourth season)  
**Associate Head Coach** Derek Olson (Second season)  
**Volunteer Asst. Coach** Paul Araiza (First season)

### TEAM INFORMATION

**2018 Overall Record** 24-8  
**Returns** 14  
**Newcomers** 5  
**Facility** Clark Kerr Sand Courts

After celebrating Senior Day with a victory over San Jose State, No. 12 Cal beach volleyball now prepares to take on the top two teams in the country, No. 1 UCLA and No. 2 USC at the Pac-12 North Tournament. During the tournament, Cal will also face No. 19 Stanford and Washington. A strong showing in these upcoming duals will go a long way in deciding if Cal will get an NCAA tournament bid.



## BEAR NECESSITIES

### CAL TO FACE TOP TWO TEAMS IN THE COUNTRY

The Bears will have their work cut out for them on Day 1 of the Pac-12 North Tournament as they prepare to take on the top two teams in the country, No. 2 USC and No. 1 UCLA. The Trojans and Bruins have gone a combined 37-3 on the season and represent Cal's stiffest challenge to date. A win against either opponent would vault the Bears up the national rankings and situate them well for an NCAA tournament bid.

### BEARS TO BATTLE ARCHRIVAL NO. 19 STANFORD

The Big Spike is back! Cal will again get to prove itself against the Cardinal on Day 2 of the Pac-12 North Tournament. The Cardinal will be looking for vengeance after the Bears won the teams' last meeting at Stanford, 3-2. Before the Bears can take on Stanford, they will have to get past a talented Washington squad. Cal took down the Huskies earlier this year, 4-1.

### CAL DEFEATED SAN JOSE STATE ON EMOTIONAL SENIOR DAY

The Bears celebrated their three graduating seniors, Grace Campbell, Mia Merino, and Karina Langii last Friday in an emotional pre-match ceremony. The three seniors had been with the program since their freshman year and watched as the team transitioned into the powerhouse it is today. After the Senior Day festivities, Cal defeated visiting San Jose State 4-1. Jaqueline Rieberio and Chloe Luyties, made their season debut, winning the No. 5 match 21-15, 21-9.

### NEW BEACH COURTS PLANNED FOR 2020

Cal beach volleyball will soon have a new facility to call home under a plan announced by Chancellor Christ in the summer of 2018. Construction is expected to begin this June and be completed by the end of the calendar year, allowing the Golden Bears to compete on the new courts for the 2020 season. The beach volleyball facility will remain on the Clark Kerr Campus, moving to a new location near the intersection of Sports Lane and Dwight Way. It will feature four sand courts, as well as permanent spectator seating, restrooms and a scoreboard.

# ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Last School
1	Mia Merino	5-7	Sr.	Tustin, Calif./Foothill
2	Iya Lindahl	5-8	Jr.	San Diego, Calif./Patrick Henry
3	Harper Goldfarb	5-9	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif./N.D-Sherman Oaks
4	Andreea Paduraru	6-0	Fr.	Pleasanton, Calif./Foothill
5	Abby Waldburger	5-10	Jr.	La Jolla, Calif./La Jolla
10	Camille Stepanof	5-4	Jr.	San Diego, Calif./The Bishop's School
11	Grace Campbell	6-0	Sr.	Manhattan Beach, Calif./Marymount
13	Francesca Gettings	6-2	Fr.	Calabasas, Calif./Malibu
14	Jordan Polo	5-11	Fr.	Danville, Calif./Monte Vista
15	Madison Dueck	5-7	Jr.	Santa Cruz, Calif./Aptos
20	Chloe Luyties	5-9	Jr.	San Diego, Calif./Hawai'i
21	Jacqueline Ribeiro	5-11	RFR.	Austin, Texas/Vandergrift
22	Karina Langli	5-10	Sr.	Encinatas, Calif./San Dieguito Academy
24	Bridget Gustafson	5-8	Jr.	Naperville, Ill./Naperville North
32	Alexia Inman	6-1	So.	Manhattan Beach, Calif./Mira Costa
33	Maddie Micheletti	5-9	So.	Manhattan Beach, Calif./Mira Costa
34	Mima Mirkovic	5-11	So.	Irvine, Calif./Woodbridge
41	Caroline Schafer	6-0	So.	Orinda, Calif./Miramonte
44	Cassidy Drury-Pullen	5-7	So.	Santa Barbara, Calif./San Marcos

**Head Coach:** Meagan Owusu, 4th season  
**Associate Head Coach:** Derek Olson, 2nd season  
**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Paul Araiza, 1st season

### AVCA TOP 20

WEEK 6

1. UCLA	11. South Carolina
2. USC	12. <b>California</b>
3. Florida State	13. Loyola Marymount
4. LSU	14. Arizona
5. Pepperdine	15. Grand Canyon
6. Hawai'i	16. Florida Atlantic
7. Cal Poly	17. Georgia State
8. Florida International	18. Saint Mary's
9. Long Beach State	19. Stanford
10. Stetson	20. TCU

**Others Receiving Votes:** Arizona State, Tulane, College of Charleston, Washington, Santa Clara, UAB, Stevenson, North Florida

### DIG MAGAZINE POLL

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### ABOUT NO. 2 USC

**TROJANS (16-3)**

- The Trojans have been consistently ranked as the No. 2 team by both AVCA and DiG Magazine.
- Cal and USC played four times last year, with USC taking the season series, 3-1. This will be the first time the teams meet this season.
- USC won the 2017 NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship but lost in the 2018 tournament to UCLA.

### ABOUT NO. 1 UCLA

**BRUINS (21-0)**

- The undefeated Bruins have claimed the top spot on the AVCA and DiG Magazine polls every week this year.
- UCLA defeated Cal 5-0 in their only meeting this year.
- The reigning national champions are riding a 25-dual undefeated streak dating back to May, 2018.
- UCLA's No. 1 pair are made up of Canadian twin sisters, Megan and Nicole McNamara.

### ABOUT WASHINGTON

**HUSKIES (6-6)**

- The Huskies are coming off a pair of losses to No. 14 Arizona and have yet to defeat a ranked team.
- Earlier this year, the Bears defeated Washington, 4-1, in what was just the Bears 3rd dual of the season.
- Washington received votes for the AVCA and DiG magazine polls.

### ABOUT NO. 19 STANFORD

**CARDINAL (8-10)**

- This marks the second of three trips the Bears will make to the Stanford Beach Volleyball Stadium. Cal will return to Stanford on April 19th.
- Cal defeated host Stanford earlier this year in an emotional 3-2 victory, with the match being decided in the third set of a pivotal No. 4 dual.
- Cal and Stanford have met seven times in the programs' histories, with the Bears holding a modest 4-3 advantage.

## HEAD COACH MEAGAN OWUSU

Meagan Owusu is in her fourth season as Cal's head coach after serving one year as associate head coach. She already has the Golden Bears among the nation's elite, ending each of the last three seasons nationally ranked. The Bears had their best season to date, going 24-8 and finishing 3rd in the Pac-12. Cal begins this year ranked No. 12 in the country in the AVCA preseason poll and No. 11 by DiG magazine. Last year, Owusu was named to the AVCA "Thirty under 30" list, which honors up-and-coming volleyball coaches under the age of 30. She was the only coach from an NCAA Division I beach program on this year's list. Owusu played defensive specialist for Cal's indoor team from 2007-10 and helped the Bears reach the only two Final Fours in school history. Owusu is married to former Cal football player Ernest Owusu, who played for the Bears from 2008-11.

