

# California

## CAL VOLLEYBALL

<b>7-17</b> OVERALL  <b>Sam Crosson</b> HEAD COACH	<b>0-14</b> PAC-12		<b>13-10</b> OVERALL  <b>Michael Sealy</b> HEAD COACH	<b>7-7</b> PAC-12
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### SCHEDULE

Overall: 7-17 • Pac-12: 0-14

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 26	Army #	W, 3-1
Aug. 26	San Diego State #	W, 3-0
Aug. 27	UC San Diego #	, 2-3
Sept. 1	Utah Valley %	L, 1-3
Sept. 2	Northern Arizona %	W, 3-0
<b>SEPT. 9</b>	<b>UTAH TECH ~</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
<b>SEPT. 9</b>	<b>TENNESSEE STATE ~</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
<b>SEPT. 10</b>	<b>NEVADA ~</b>	<b>L, 1-3</b>
Sept. 15	Saint Mary's	W, 3-0
<b>SEPT. 16</b>	<b>UC DAVIS</b>	<b>W, 3-2</b>
<b>SEPT. 21</b>	<b>STANFORD*^</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
Sept. 23	Oregon State*^	L, 2-3
<b>SEPT. 30</b>	<b>WASHINGTON STATE*</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
<b>OCT. 2</b>	<b>WASHINGTON*^</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
Oct. 7	Utah*	L, 0-3
Oct. 9	Colorado*	L, 0-3
Oct. 14	Arizona State*	L, 0-3
Oct. 16	Arizona*^	L, 0-3
<b>OCT. 21</b>	<b>USC*</b>	<b>L, 1-3</b>
<b>OCT. 23</b>	<b>UCLA*^</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
Oct. 28	Washington*	L, 0-3
Oct. 30	Washington State*	L, 0-3
<b>NOV. 4</b>	<b>COLORADO*</b>	<b>L, 1-3</b>
<b>NOV. 6</b>	<b>UTAH*</b>	<b>L, 2-3</b>
Nov. 10	UCLA*	7 p.m.
Nov. 12	USC*	1 p.m.
<b>NOV. 17</b>	<b>ARIZONA*</b>	<b>7 P.M.</b>
<b>NOV. 20</b>	<b>ARIZONA STATE*^</b>	<b>12 P.M.</b>
<b>NOV. 23</b>	<b>OREGON*^</b>	<b>12 P.M.</b>
Nov. 25	Stanford*	TBD

\* Pac-12 match

^ Pac-12 Network

# San Diego State Tournament, San Diego, Calif.

% Utah Valley Tournament, Orem, Utah

~ Cal Tournament, Berkeley, Calif.

Home matches in **BOLD** at Haas Pavilion

All times listed PT and subject to change

### QUICK FACTS

#### COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach** .....Sam Crosson (4th season)

**Assoc. Head Coach** ..... Jennifer Dorr (4th season)

**Asst. Coach**.....Otavio Souza (3rd season)

**Dir. Operations**..... Andrew Fischer (2nd season)

#### TEAM INFORMATION

**2021 Overall Record**..... 7-24

**2021 Pac-12 Record (finish)** ..... 0-20 (12th)

**Facility**.....Haas Pavilion (11,877)

	<b>18-7</b> OVERALL  <b>Brad Keller</b> HEAD COACH	<b>10-4</b> PAC-12
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NOV. 10, 12



Pauley Pavilion,  
Galen Center



LIVE STREAM  
Pac-12.com



LIVE STATS  
CalBears.com

### THIS WEEK

California volleyball looks to recover from Sunday's five-set heartbreaker against Utah with its final full road trip of the season, taking on UCLA on Thursday Night and USC on Saturday afternoon.

The Bruins currently hold the advantage in the all-time series between the two teams, 71-9, Cal has not fared much better historically against the Trojans, who own the series by a margin of 67-12.

The Bears are still looking for their first Pac-12 win this year, which would also be their first since the 2021 spring season.

### BEAR NECESSITIES (AS OF NOV. 7, 2022)

#### TEAM LEADERS

Junior Tara DeSa currently ranks fourth in the Pac-12 in both total digs (340) and digs per set (3.95), while classmate Lydia Grote leads the Bears in both kills (298) and points (349.5). Both players are posting the best seasons of their careers, pacing Cal with a strong presence on the stat chart and in the locker room. Freshman Mikayla Hayden has also made an impressive impact in her Golden Bear debut, leading the team with 88.0 total blocks (6th-most in the Pac-12) and 1.06 blocks per set (19th-best freshman in the NCAA).

#### USA VOLLEYBALL TAKES NOTICE

Juniors Lydia Grote and Leah Schmidt participated in the 2022 USA Volleyball National Team Open Program on Feb. 25-27, scoring invitations after stellar sophomore seasons. Grote's 2021 campaign included a 21-kill game (vs. Utah, Oct. 17) and a 15-kill, .344-hitting percentage outing against Washington State (Nov. 11). Schmidt, meanwhile, was named to the 2021 All-Tulane Tournament team and subsequently posted the third-most kills on the team (200) during the season as one of Cal's most prolific players.

#### MAEDER'S MARK

With 626 total assists and 8 double-doubles on the 2022 season thus far, sophomore Annalea Maeder is on pace to surpass her stellar freshman campaign, in which she led the Bears with 701 assists and 8 double-doubles. Early in the 2022 season, she recorded a career-high 52 assists and 14 digs in the Bears' Sept. 2 win over Northern Arizona, as well as a 51-assist, 14-dig outing against UC Davis on Sept. 17 that put her over 300 assists on the season and 1,000 in her collegiate career. More recently, Maeder posted 50 assists and 14 digs against Oregon State (Sept. 23), thus bringing her 2022 assists total to 400. Cal volleyball's lone international student-athlete is also a star in the classroom, majoring in molecular environmental biology, and participates in a student-run business consulting club whose clients include various Fortune 500 companies nationwide.

#### FRESHMAN FOUR

This year, Cal brings in four highly-touted prospects from around the country to help bolster its squad. Middle blocker Mikayla Hayden (Buford, Ga.) was one of the best high school players in the state of Georgia, posting over 1,000 kills in her career in addition to 2 state championships and several All-Region and All-County nods. Fellow middle blocker Sophie Scott (Portland, Ore.) earned her way onto

## BEAR NECESSITIES

multiple State and All-League teams, while outside hitter Peyton DeJardin (Pasadena, Calif.) reached Third Team All-American status in 2021. Setter Natalie Lau (San Francisco) rounds out the group, coming off a season where she earned a spot on the All-America Watch List and the All-WCAL First Team.



Top: L-R: Freshman Mikayla Hayden; sophomore Ava Mehrten; senior Sydney Lilomaiava; sophomore Ellie Hamm; freshman Sophie Scott; junior Leah Schmidt; junior Lydia Grote; sophomore Annalea Maeder. Bottom: L-R: Freshman Peyton DeJardin; sophomore Sarah Schrag; junior Kendall Jensen; junior Tara DeSa; freshman Natalie Lau; junior Sam Taumoepeau.

## ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown/Prev. School
5	Leah Schmidt	OH	6-3	Jr.	1V	Westlake, Ohio./Utah
6	Natalie Lau	S	6-0	Fr.	HS	San Francisco, Calif./St. Ignatius
7	Mikayla Hayden	MB	6-1	Fr.	HS	Buford, Ga./Buford
9	Ellie Hamm	MB	6-4	So.	1V	Merced, Calif./Merced
10	Sarah Schrag	L	5-9	So.	1V	San Diego, Calif./The Bishop's School
11	Kendall Jensen	S	5-8	Jr.	2V	Burbank, Calif./Village Christian
12	Lydia Grote	OPP	6-2	Jr.	2V	Burbank, Calif./John Burroughs
13	Tara DeSa	L	5-5	Jr.	2V	Mililani, Hawai'i/Kamehameha
16	Sam Taumoepeau	OH	6-0	Jr.	2V	San Diego, Calif./Mt. Carmel
17	Annalea Maeder	S	6-1	So.	1V	Basel, Switzerland/Gymnasium Baumlihof
22	Ava Mehrten	OPP	6-1	So.	1V	Alamo, Calif./Carondelet
24	Sydney Lilomaiaava	OPP	6-3	Sr.	3V	Orange, Calif./Villa Park
42	Sophie Scott	MB	6-3	Fr.	HS	Portland, Ore./The Catlin Gabel School
55	Peyton DeJardin	OH	6-1	Fr.	HS	Pasadena, Calif./Flintridge Sacred Heart

## SCOUTING REPORTS

## UCLA

- The Bruins are currently riding a 3-game win streak, but are just 3-5 at home this season. They are currently 29th in the NCAA with 12.88 assists per set.
- Sophomore Francesca Alupei leads the conference with 1.53 blocks per set - 6th-best in the nation - while senior Matti McKissock currently ranks 35th in the NCAA with 10.57 assists per set.
- LAST MEETING:** UCLA swept Cal, 3-0, on Oct. 23, 2022 in Berkeley.

## USC

- The Trojans boast a record of 12-1 at home and are one of the nation's top teams in hitting percentage (.284 - 14th NCAA) and kills per set (13.97 - 23rd NCAA).
- Sophomore Mia Tuaniga leads the Pac-12 in assists (1059 - 11th NCAA), aces (47 - 13th NCAA), assists per set (11.27 - 9th NCAA) and aces per set (0.50 - 17th NCAA). Senior Skylar Fields ranks 6th in the nation with 460 kills and 5.11 kills per set.
- LAST MEETING:** USC defeated Cal, 3-1, at Haas Pavilion on Oct. 21, 2022.

## AVCA TOP 25

WEEK 11 - NOVEMBER 7, 2022

RANK	TEAM	LAST	POINTS
1	Texas (54)	1	1574
2	San Diego (5)	2	1469
3	Wisconsin (3)	3	1444
4	Nebraska (1)	4	1418
5	Louisville (1)	5	1372
6	Ohio State	6	1275
7	Pittsburgh	7	1243
8	Stanford	8	1210
9	Minnesota	9	1058
10	Baylor	11	917
11	Florida	12	877
12	Creighton	13	798
13	Georgia Tech	10	786
14	Oregon	16	720
15	Purdue	14	704
16	Penn State	15	670
17	Marquette	17	583
18	BYU	18	561
19	Kentucky	20	503
20	Washington	19	419
21	Rice	21	379
22	Western Kentucky	22	280
23	Houston	23	219
24	UCF	24	157
25	Washington State	NR	39

**Others Receiving Votes:** Towson 18; Pepperdine 17; USC 16; Iowa State 12; Northwestern 11; Arkansas 9; Michigan 9; Loyola Marymount 6; Colorado 5

## PRESEASON PAC-12 POLL

(First place votes in parentheses)

PLACE	TEAM	POINTS
1	Washington (8)	117
2	Stanford (2)	107
3	UCLA	98
4	Oregon (1)	93
5	USC	87
6	Washington State	68
7	Utah	50
8	Arizona State	49
9	Colorado	46
10	Arizona	45
11	Oregon State	20
12	California	12

## 2022 CAL STATISTICS

### 2022 California Volleyball Overall Statistics (as of Nov 6, 2022)

**Overall Record: 7-17 Conf: 0-14 Home: 3-8 Away: 2-8 Neutral: 2-1**

#	Player	SP	Attack					Set		Serve			RE	Dig		Block					PTS	
			K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	A	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S		DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	BLK	BLK/S	BE		BHE
5	Schmidt, Leah	86	216	2.51	118	707	.139	23	0.27	25	21	0.29	47	137	1.59	5	40	45.0	0.52	4	1	266.0
6	Lau, Natalie	45	0	0.00	0	0	0	6	0.13	8	0	0.18	0	12	0.27	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	8.0
7	Hayden, Mikayla	83	131	1.58	48	299	.278	1	0.01	8	13	0.10	1	31	0.37	10	78	88.0	1.06	4	0	188.0
9	Hamm, Ellie	4	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	1	2.0	0.50	0	1	1.5
10	Schrag, Sarah	29	0	0.00	0	2	.000	2	0.07	0	5	0.00	5	38	1.31	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	0
11	Jensen, Kendall	49	3	0.06	0	10	.300	162	3.31	11	14	0.22	0	69	1.41	0	4	4.0	0.08	0	3	16.0
12	Grote, Lydia	86	298	3.47	143	849	.183	15	0.17	20	23	0.23	5	140	1.63	4	55	59.0	0.69	6	0	349.5
13	DeSa, Tara	86	0	0.00	2	8	-.250	97	1.13	13	21	0.15	17	340	3.95	0	0	0	0.00	0	4	13.0
16	Taumoepeau, Sam	50	120	2.40	62	329	.176	8	0.16	4	12	0.08	28	93	1.86	1	17	18.0	0.36	2	1	133.5
17	Maeder, Annalea	82	28	0.34	13	90	.167	626	7.63	28	12	0.34	3	215	2.62	1	18	19.0	0.23	4	16	66.0
22	Mehrten, Ava	2	1	0.50	0	4	.250	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
24	Lilomaiaava, Sydney	31	44	1.42	22	134	.164	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	11	0.35	0	17	17.0	0.55	2	0	52.5
42	Scott, Sophie	85	79	0.93	24	190	.289	2	0.02	1	3	0.01	1	28	0.33	8	75	83.0	0.98	15	0	125.5
55	DeJardin, Peyton	49	78	1.59	36	229	.183	2	0.04	8	10	0.16	25	52	1.06	0	9	9.0	0.18	2	1	90.5
TM	Team	74	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	10	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>998</b>	<b>11.60</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>2853</b>	<b>.185</b>	<b>944</b>	<b>10.98</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>1.47</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>1166</b>	<b>13.56</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>187.0</b>	<b>2.17</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1,311.0</b>
	<b>Opponents</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>1148</b>	<b>13.35</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>2948</b>	<b>.240</b>	<b>1041</b>	<b>12.10</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>1192</b>	<b>13.86</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>217.5</b>	<b>2.53</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1,507.5</b>

### CAL BEARS INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

STAT	ACES	ASSISTS	BLOCKS	DIGS	KILLS	HITTING %	POINTS
NAME	MAEDER, A.	MAEDER, A.	HAYDEN, M.	DESA, T.	GROTE, L.	HAYDEN, M.	GROTE, L.
AMOUNT	28	626	88.0	340	298	.278	349.5
NCAA RANK	NR	NR	NR	185TH	NR	NR	NR
PAC-12 RANK	9TH	11TH	6TH	4TH	10TH	22ND	9TH

### CAL BEARS TEAM STATS

STAT	ACES	ASSISTS	BLOCKS	DIGS	KILLS	HITTING %	OPP. HITTING %
AMOUNT	126	944	187.0	1166	998	.185	.240
NCAA RANK	230TH	289TH	200TH	271ST	296TH	239TH	297TH
PAC-12 RANK	8TH	12TH	10TH	9TH	12TH	11TH	10TH

## PLAYER BIOS

	5	<p><b><u>LEAH SCHMIDT</u></b>            JR • OH • 6-3            Westlake, Ohio            Utah</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the only Bear to have started all 24 matches and have more service aces (25) than service errors (21)</li> <li>• Posted a career-high 24 kills against UC Davis, more than any current Bear's single-game high</li> </ul>
	6	<p><b><u>NATALIE LAU</u></b>            FR • S • 6-0            San Francisco, Calif.            St. Ignatius</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boasts a perfect 8-0 service ace-to-service error ratio</li> <li>• First Team All-WCAL (2021)</li> <li>• Margi Beima Trophy winner (2021)</li> <li>• 2021 AVCA All-America Watch List</li> </ul>
	7	<p><b><u>MIKAYLA HAYDEN</u></b>            FR • MB • 6-3            Buford, Ga.            Buford</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leads the team with 88.0 total blocks and 1.06 blocks per set</li> <li>• Ranked No. 6 overall Pac-12 in total blocks</li> <li>• 2022 All-Cal Tournament Team</li> <li>• Posted 11 kills against NAU (Sept. 2, 2022)</li> </ul>
	9	<p><b><u>ELLIE HAMM</u></b>            SO • MB • 6-4            Merced, Calif.            Merced</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Made her 2022 debut on Sept. 30 against WSU</li> <li>• Appeared in 101 sets and 30 matches in 2021</li> <li>• Totaled 76 blocks in 2021, 13 of them solo</li> <li>• Posted 54 kills in 2021</li> </ul>
	10	<p><b><u>SARAH SCHRAG</u></b>            SO • L • 5-9            San Diego, Calif.            The Bishop's School</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key reserve who has appeared in 29 sets (2022)</li> <li>• Played in 28 matches and 79 total sets in 2021</li> <li>• Posted 14 service aces in 2021, 3rd-most on the team</li> <li>• Reached a season-high 21 digs at Pacific (Sept.</li> </ul>
	11	<p><b><u>KENDALL JENSEN</u></b>            JR • S • 5-8            Burbank, Calif.            Village Christian</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Second on the team with 162 assists (3.31 assists per set)</li> <li>• Has surpassed her 2021 total with 11 service aces on the 2022 season</li> <li>• Compiled 200 assists and 86 digs in 2021</li> </ul>
	12	<p><b><u>LYDIA GROTE</u></b>  <i>Groht</i>            JR • OPP • 6-2            Burbank, Calif.            John Burroughs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leads the Bears with 298 kills and 349.5 points</li> <li>• Third on the team with 20 service aces, 140 digs and 59.0 blocks</li> <li>• Reached a career-high 22 kills against UC San Diego (Aug. 27, 2022)</li> </ul>

## PLAYER BIOS



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**TARA DESA***DEE-sah*

JR • L • 5-5

Mililani, Hawai'i  
Kamehameha

- Ranks 4th in the Pac-12 with 3.95 digs per set and 340 total digs
- Posted a career-high 28 digs against UC Davis (Sept. 17, 2022)
- 2022 All-Cal Tournament, All-UVU Tournament



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**SAM TAUMOEPEAU***Tao-mo-AY-pay-ow*

JR • OH • 6-0

San Diego, Calif.  
Mt. Carmel

- Reached a new career high of 14 kills against Nevada (Sept. 10, 2022) and later tied that mark at Oregon State (Sept. 23)
- Took just 14 games to surpass her 2021 kill total
- 2021 Pac-12 Fall Academic Honor Roll



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**ANNALEA MAEDER***Aw-nah-lay-ah MAY-der*

SO • S • 6-1

Basel, Switzerland  
Gymnasium Baumlihof

- Leads the team with eight double-doubles
- Crossed 1000 career assists against UC Davis (Sept. 17, 2022)
- Posted a career-high 52 assists against NAU (Sept. 2, 2022) and had 51 against UC Davis



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**AVA MEHRTEN**

SO • OPP • 6-1

Alamo, Calif.  
Carondelet

- Made her Golden Bear debut on Sept. 10, 2022, in which she scored the winning kill against Tennessee State
- 2019 Division I State qualifier
- 2018 Division II State semifinalist



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**SYDNEY LILOMAIIVA***Lee-lo-my-AH-vuh*

SR • OPP • 6-3

Orange, Calif.  
Villa Park

- Key reserve player for the Bears who has appeared in 31 sets this season
- Posted a career-high 15 kills against Colorado
- Posted 41 blocks, third-most on the team in 2021



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**SOPHIE SCOTT**

FR • MB • 6-3

Portland, Ore.  
The Catlin Gabel School

- Pac-12's 8th-ranked player with 83.0 total blocks
- Posted career highs in blocks (9.0) and kills (9) against Oregon State (Sept. 23)
- 2022 All-Cal Tournament Team



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**PEYTON DEJARDIN***Day-JAR-din*

FR • OH • 6-1

Pasadena, Calif.  
Flintridge Sacred Heart

- Totaled a career-high 15 kills against Utah (Nov. 6) after posting 14 kills against Colorado 2 days prior
- 2021 AVCA High School Third Team All-American
- 2021 AVCA Best and Brightest Award-winner