LONG BEACH STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

2025 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Overall Record: 27-2 Big West Record: 8-2
Home: 14-1 Away: 10-1 Neutral: 3-0

Date	Day	Opponent	Time/Result
Jan. 10	**Fri.**	**Saint Francis (Pa.)**	**W, 3-0**
Jan. 15	Wed.	at Lindenwood	W, 3-0
Jan. 16	Thurs.	at McKendree	W, 3-0
Jan. 18	Sat.	at #12 Lewis	W, 3-1
Jan. 24	**Fri.**	**Concordia**	**W, 3-0**
Jan. 26	Sun.	at #10 Pepperdine	W, 3-2
Jan. 31	Fri.	vs. Fort Valley State^	W, 3-0
Feb. 1	Sat.	vs. Belmont Abbey^	W, 3-0
Feb. 7	**Fri.**	**#3 UCLA**	**W, 3-1**
Feb. 12	Wed.	at #3 UCLA	W, 3-0
Feb. 14	**Fri.**	**Vangard**	**W, 3-0**
Feb. 21	**Fri.**	**#8 Grand Canyon**	**W, 3-0**
Feb. 22	**Sat.**	**Barton**	**W, 3-0**
Feb. 23	**Sun.**	**Barton**	**W, 3-0**
March 5	Wed.	at #7 CSUN•	W, 3-0
March 7	**Fri.**	**Sacred Heart**	**W, 3-0**
March 14	**Fri.**	**#7 CSUN•**	**W, 3-0**
March 15	**Sat.**	**#19 Princeton**	**W, 3-0**
March 21	**Fri.**	**NJIT**	**W, 3-1**
March 22	**Sat.**	**NJIT**	**W, 3-0**
March 28	**Fri.**	**#5 UC Irvine•**	**L, 3-0**
March 29	Sat.	at #5 UC Irvine•	W, 3-0
April 3	Thur.	at #16 UC Santa Barbara•	W, 3-1
April 4	**Fri.**	**#16 UC Santa Barbara•**	**W, 3-0**
April 11	Fri.	at #4 Hawaii•	W, 3-1
April 12	Sat.	at #4 Hawaii•	L, 3-2
April 18	Fri.	at #10 UC San Diego•	W, 3-0
April 19	**Sat.**	**#10 UC San Diego•**	**W, 3-0**
April 25	Fri.	vs. (4) UC San Diego!	W, 3-0
April 26	Sat.	vs. (2) Hawaii!	10:00 p.m.
May 6	Tues.	NCAA Tournament$	TBD
May 8	Thurs.	NCAA Tournament$	TBD
May 10	Sat.	NCAA Tournament$	TBD

^ Silver State Showcase (Reno, Nev.)
! Big West Championship (Honolulu, Hawaii)
$ NCAA Tournament (Columbus, Ohio)
* Big West match
All Home Matches in **Bold**
All Times Pacific

2025 BIG WEST STANDINGS

(as of April 26, 2025)

	BWC		OVERALL		
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.	Streak
Long Beach State	**8-2**	**.800**	**27-2**	**.931**	**W3**
Hawai'i	7-3	.700	25-5	.833	W1
UC Irvine	6-4	.600	21-7	.750	L1
UC San Diego	3-7	.300	18-12	.600	L1
UC Santa Barbara	3-7	.300	12-16	.429	L1
CSUN	3-7	.300	18-11	.621	L3

THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS PRESENTS THE 2025 OUTRIGGER BIG WEST MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

First Round - Thursday, April 24
No. 4 seed UC San Diego 3,. No. 5 seed UC Santa Barbara 2
No. 3 seed UC Irvine 3, No. 6 seed CSUN 2

Semifinals - Friday, April 25
No. 1 seed Long Beach State 3, No. 4 seed UC San Diego 0
No. 2 seed Hawai'i vs. No. 3 UC Irvine 1

Final - Saturday, April 26
No. 1 seed Long Beach State vs. No. 2 seed Hawai'i - 10:00 p.m. (PT) / 7:00 p.m. (HT)

THE BEACH AND THE RAINBOW WARRIORS BATTLE FOR THE BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIP

No. 1 ranked and top-seeded Long Beach State men's volleyball team will face No. 3 Hawaii, which is the No. 2 seed in the Hawaiian Islands presents the 2025 Outrigger Big West Men's Volleyball Championship. The Beach and the Rainbow Warriors will square off on Saturday, April 26 at 7 p.m. (HT)/10 p.m. (PT) at SimpliFi Arena at the Stan Sheriff Center. The winner will earn the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

CATCH ALL THE ACTION

The Big West Championship match will be broadcast live on ESPN+ on the mainland and on Spectrum Sports on the islands. Fans can also follow all the action via live stats at BigWest.org/sidearmstats/mvball1.

STAYING SOCIAL

Follow Long Beach State Men's Volleyball on Twitter and Instagram at @LBSUMVB. You can also stay up-to-date on all things Long Beach State by following @LBSUAthletics on X. Be sure to "like" us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram at @LBSU. And don't forget our hashtag #GoBeach.

IN THE RANKINGS

• Long Beach State has been ranked No. 1 in the AVCA National Collegiate Men's Volleyball Poll for 13 consecutive weeks. The Beach garnered 460 total points and all 23 first-place votes after boasting a 27-2 overall record.
• Hawaii is the No. 3 ranked program in the country as the Rainbow Warriors own a 25-5 record on the year.
• The Big West is one of the most competitive Division I Men's Volleyball conferences as all six Big West schools are nationally ranked, with three of them sitting in the Top 5.
• The season, Long Beach State has faced 10 nationally ranked opponents and will face No. 3 Hawaii in the Hawaiian Islands presents the 2025 Outrigger Big West Men's Volleyball Championship. Overall, the Beach own a 15-2 record against nationally ranked opponents this season.

THE BEACH IN THE POSTSEASON

• Top-ranked Long Beach State goes into The Big West Championship as the No. 1 seed after capturing their fourth-consecutive regular season title on April 19 with a 3-0 sweep of No. 10 UC San Diego.
• The Beach will face No. 3 Hawaii in the championship match, marking the fourth time the two teams will meet in The Big West Tournament. Overall, the Bows lead the Big West postseason series 2-1.
• In all, the Beach is making its seventh Big West postseason appearance as LBSU owns a tournament record of 8-4.
• Since its creation in 2018, Long Beach State has been the regular season Big West Champion in six of seven seasons (2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025) as there was not a postseason tournament held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
• The Beach previously won The Big West Championship in 2018 and 2024 as they look for their third tournament title.
• Prior to The Big West, Long Beach State was part of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF). In the MPSF, LBSU owned a tournament record of 18-21.
• In all, Long Beach State is 26-25 in conference tournaments.
• Should LBSU advance to the NCAA Tournament, it will be the Beach's 15th Final Four appearance.
• At the NCAA Tournament, Long Beach State is 16-11 with three National Championships (1991, 2018, and 2019).

ABOUT THE BEACH

• No. 1 Long Beach State has put together one of its most successful seasons to date as the Beach own a 27-2 overall record and won The Big West Regular Season Title with an 8-2 mark.
• Earlier this season, the Beach strung together 20-straight victories marking the team's fourth-longest winning streak in program history.
• With 21 straight set wins this season, the 2025 Long Beach State team has set a new program record for most 3-0 sweeps

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location ..... Long Beach, Calif.
Founded 1949
Enrollment 41,300
Nickname ..... Beach
Colors ..... Black & Gold
National Affiliation ..... NCAA Division I
Conference ..... Big West
President ..... Dr. Jane Close Conoley
Executive Director of Athletics ..... Bobby Smitheran
Arena ..... Walter Pyramid (4,200)
Arena Floor Surface ..... Taraflex
Ticket Office Phone 562-985-4949

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach ..... Alan Knipe (LBSU, 1992), 22nd season
Record at LBSU ..... 446-170 (22 years)
Overall NCAA Division I Record ..... 446-170 (22 years)
Overall Conference Record ..... 248-124 (22 years)
Associate Head Coach ..... Nick MacRae
Assistant Coach ..... McKay Smith
Volunteer Assistant Coach ..... Andy Read
Volleyball Technical Coordinator ..... Jon Parry

PROGRAM HISTORY

Inaugural Season 1970
All-Time Record ..... 982-497 (.664)
NCAA Tournament Appearances 14
(1970, 1973, 1990-91, 1999, 2004, 2008, 2016-19, 2022, 2023, 2024)
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance 2024
National Championships 3 (1991, 2018, 2019)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Instagram ..... @LBSUMVB
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MEDIA AVAILABILITY

Interviews will take place after Monday's practice (approximately 1:30 p.m.). To set up an interview, please contact Lindy Zamora at least 24 hours in advance.

CREDENTIALS

Seating in the Walter Pyramid press areas are solely for credentialed media. To request a credential, please call or email Lindy Zamora. A request does not guarantee a credential and will be approved on a case-by-case basis. Members of the media covering LBSU on the road should request a credential through LBSU athletic communications. All credential requests must be made at least 24 hours in advance.

POST-GAME PROCEDURE

LBSU's locker room is closed to the media. Following a brief cooling off period, Head Coach Alan Knipe and select players will be brought to the Media Room (red stairs) for a postgame press conference where they will be available to the media to answer questions.

2025 LONG BEACH STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown / High School (Last School)
1	Moni Nikolov	S	6-10	Fr.	HS	Sofia, Bulgaria / Vasil Levski Sport School
2	Sebastian Rodriguez	OH	6-5	RS Sr.	3V	Hermosa Beach, Calif. / Redondo Union HS
3	Lazar Bouchkov	MB	6-6	So.	1V	Sofia, Bulgaria / Vasil Levski Sport School
4	Skyler Varga	OPP	6-7	RS Jr.	2V	Muenster, Saskatchewan / Muenster (Saskatchewan)
5	Isaiah Preuitt	S	6-3	Fr.	HS	Happy Valley, Ore. / Central Catholic HS
6	Ben Braun	MB	6-11	Jr.	1V	Rancho Mirage, Calif. / Palm Desert HS (Ohio State)
8	Sotiris Siapanis	OH	6-3	Sr.	2V	Limassol, Cyprus / The Grammar School (Ohio State)
9	Sebastiano Sani	OH	6-8	So.	1V	Bethesda, Md. / Walter Johnson HS
10	Connor Bloom	OH/OPP	6-5	RS Jr.	2V	Huntington Beach, Calif. / Orange Lutheran HS
11	Kellen Larson	L	5-10	Fr.	HS	Irvine, Calif. / Woodbridge HS
12	Alex Kandev	OH	6-7	Fr.	HS	Sofia, Bulgaria / Vasil Levski Sport School
13	Island Doty	S	6-5	Jr.	2V	Colorado Springs, Colo. / Doherty HS
16	Nico Lietz	OPP	6-10	RS So.	RS	Auckland, New Zealand / Rangitoto College
17	Dane Hillis	OH	6-3	RS Jr.	2V	San Clemente, Calif. / San Clemente HS
18	Nato Dickinson	OPP	6-7	RS Sr.	3V	Corona Del Mar, Calif. / Corona Del Mar HS
19	DiAeris McRaven	MB	6-5	Sr.	2V	Honolulu, Hawaii / Moanalua HS (Orange Coast College)
20	Georgi Binev	OPP/OH	6-4	So.	TR	Varna, Bulgaria / High School of Mathematics (LBCC)
24	Noah Robin	MB	6-7	RS Sr.	1V	Huntington Beach, Calif. / Huntington Beach HS
25	Ryan Peluso	S/OPP	6-2	RS So.	2V	Orlando, Fla. / Winter Park HS
26	Jake Pazanti	MB	6-7	Fr.	HS	Huntington Beach, Calif. / Huntington Beach HS
28	Chris Connelly	L	5-10	RS So.	1V	Naples, Fla. / Gulf Coast HS
31	Daniil Hershtynovich	OPP	6-9	So.	1V	Toronto, Canada / Hodan Nalayeh
34	Nate Baddeley	OH	6-5	RS Fr.	RS	Seal Beach, Calif. / Los Alamitos HS
40	Ford Harman	L/S	6-1	Fr.	HS	Santa Barbara, Calif. / Santa Barbara HS

Head Coach: Alan Knipe (Long Beach State, 1992), 22nd year
Associate Head Coach: Nick MacRae (Long Beach State, 2012), 13th year
Assistant Coach: McKay Smith (Long Beach State, 2014), 8th year
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Andy Read (Biola, 1981), 28th year
Volleyball Technical Coordinator: Jon Parry, 11th year

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#1 Moni Nikolov ..... MOE-NEE
#3 Lazar Bouchkov ..... LAH-zer BOOCH-kov
#8 Sotiris Siapanis ..... So-TIER-iss SHEO-PAHN-eese
#13 Island Doty ..... DOUGH-ty
#16 Nico Lietz ..... NEE-co LEE-tz
#18 Nato Dickinson ..... NAY-toe
#19 DiAeris McRaven ..... DE-AIR-iss
#20 Georgi Biven ..... YOR-gee BYE-nev
#31 Daniil Hershtynovich ..... DUH-NEEL HERSH-te-no-VICH
#34 Nate Baddeley ..... Badly

PROBABLE STARTERS

NO.	NAME	YR.	POS.	HT.	HOMETOWN	K/S	PCT.	A/S	SA/S	D/S	B/S
1	Moni Nikolov	Fr.	S	6-10	Sofia, Bulgaria	1.52	.393	9.92	0.94	1.50	0.78
4	Skyler Varga	RS Jr.	OPP	6-7	Muenster, Saskatchewan	2.85	.390	0.65	0.34	1.18	0.78
6	Ben Braun	So.	MB	6-11	Rancho Mirage, Calif.	1.36	.573	0.05	0.04	0.25	1.36
11	Kellen Larson	Fr.	L	5-10	Irvine, Calif.	0.01	.333	0.30	0.00	0.77	0.00
12	Alex Kandev	Fr.	OH	6-7	Sofia, Bulgaria	3.16	.476	0.27	0.35	1.02	0.51
18	Nato Dickinson	Sr.	OPP	6-7	Corona Del Mar, Calif.	1.43	.273	0.26	0.13	0.37	0.78
19	DiAeris McRaven	Sr.	MB	6-5	Honolulu, Hawaii	1.24	.470	0.07	0.01	0.17	0.98
28	Chris Connelly	RS So.	L	5-10	Naples, Fla.	0.00	.000	0.06	0.00	0.03	0.00

in a single season.
• In addition to setting the single-season record for most sweeps, the 2025 Beach team has served up a total of 213 which is also a new program single-season record.
• Individually, freshman setter Moni Nikolov has been superb this season from the service line. He set the Long Beach State program record earlier this season, and just last night, set The Big West single-season record as he now has 90 aces on the year. He is just 10 away from tying the NCAA record.
• This season, Long Beach State went on an impressive 20-match winning streak that began with the season opener on January 10 with a sweep over Saint Francis (Pa.) and came to an end on March 28 with a straight-set loss to UC Irvine. That 20-match winning streak is good for fourth in program history. The 2025 team will go down in the annals behind the record holding 2018 team which strung together 24-consecutive wins. From 2018-19, LBSU won 23-straight matches and from 1991-92 the Beach put together a 22-match winning streak to round out the top three.
• The Big West announced the all-conference selections on Wednesday and Long Beach State boasted four players on the First Team, one Honorable Mention selection, and a pair on the All-Freshman Team.
• Earning All-Big West First Team accolades were Alex Kandev, DiAeris McRaven, Moni Nikolov, and Skyler Varga. Meanwhile, Daniil Hershtynovich claimed Honorable Mention status. Kandev and Nikolov also made the All-Freshman squad.
• Offensively, LBSU is led by Daniil Hershtynovich and Alex Kandev. Hershtynovich leads the way with 3.18 kills per set, while Kandev is hot on his heels with 3.16. Both rank in The Big West Top 10.
• Kandev is the team leader in hitting percentage as the true freshman is hitting .467 (161-31-273) on the year to come in second in the conference.
• Hershtynovich ranks in The Big West top 10 in three statistical categories. He is fifth in kills per set (3.18), and sixth in hitting percentage (.354) and points per set (3.77)
• Leading the Beach to a nation-leading .399 attack percentage is freshman setter Moni Nikolov. The product out of Sofia, Bulgaria has been on-point this season distributing 9.92 assists per set, while also helping out on the offensive attack with 1.52 kills per set. If that weren't enough, Nikolov also leads the nation with 0.94 aces per set. He is currently at 90 aces on the year which is a new LBSU and Big West single-season record. His 90 service aces are just 10 shy of tying the NCAA All-Eras single-season mark (100).
• At the net, middles Ben Braun and DiAeris McRaven have patrolled the net leading the Beach to a 2.71 blocks per set average. That mark leads The Big West and is good for second in the country.
• Braun, a 6-11 junior from Rancho Mirage, Calif., is averaging 1.36 blocks per set after totaling 75 over 55 sets. His 1.36 blocks per set are tops in The Big West.
• McRaven, meanwhile has put up a team-leading 81 blocks to average 0.98 blocks per set. He is ranked fifth in the conference and in the Top 25 in the nation in blocks per set.
• In his 22nd season at the helm, Long Beach State Head Coach Alan Knipe is the winningest coach in LBSU Men's Volleyball program history, Knipe owns a career record of 446-170 for a winning percentage of 724.
• Knipe's staff of Associate Head Coach Nick MacRae, Assistant Coach McKay Smith, Volunteer Assistant Coach Andy Read, and Technical Coordinator Jon Parry are also back for the Beach. The seasoned quartet have worked together for the last eight seasons helping Long Beach State capture two NCAA National Titles, two Big West Championships, and have led the Beach to six NCAA Tournament appearances.

SCOUTING HAWAI'I

• No. 3 Hawaii comes into The Big West Championship as the No. 2 seed with a 25-5 overall record and a 7-3 Big West mark.
• The Rainbow Warriors are coming off of a Big West Semifinal win over UC Irvine, 3-1, last night. The hard-fought battle with the Anteaters culminated with Hawaii advancing to the championship match to face long time foe, top-seeded Long Beach State.
• The Bows are averaging 13.25 kills per set on a .341 attack percentage. Additionally, UH adds 7.92 digs per set and 2.40 blocks per set to go along with 1.75 aces per set.
• Kristian Titriyski is the Bows' leading scorer with 4.24 kills per set on a .325 clip. He also chips in 1.11 digs and 0.63 blocks per set.
• At setter, Tread Rosenthal has dished out 10.66 assists per set to pace the Bows. His efficient passing has led to Hawaii hitting .341 on the year. He is also second on the squad with 1.58 digs per set. Rosenthal is also the team's leader at the service line as he has served up a team-best 37 aces this season to average 0.35 per set.
• In the backrow, 'Eleu Choy anchors the defense with 1.72 digs per set.
• At the net, Kurt Nusterer has posted a team-leading 103 blocks to average 1.06 per set. He also adds 1.25 kills per set on a .449 attack percentage.

THE SERIES: THE BEACH VS. THE RAINBOW WARRIORS

Long Beach State and Hawaii will face each other for the 102nd time in program history. Overall, the Beach lead the all-time series 53-48. Earlier this season, the two teams split the series. Long Beach State defeated Hawaii, 3-1, on Friday, then the Bows handed the Beach a five-set loss on Saturday on the islands. When playing each other at UH, the Bows lead the series 28-19. This is the fourth time the conference foes will face each other in The Big West Championships and Hawaii holds the edge, 2-1.

LAST TIME OUT: LBSU VS. UCSD

Led by freshman setter Moni Nikolov, top-ranked Long Beach State cruised to a 3-0 [25-18, 25-23, 25-17] sweep of No. 10 UC San Diego in The Hawaiian Islands presents the 2025 Outrigger Big West Men's Volleyball Championship on Friday night at SimpliFi Arena at the Stan Sheriff Center.

With the win, the Beach (27-2) advances to the Big West Championship match which will take place on Saturday, April 26 at 10 p.m. (PT) / 7 p.m. (HT). LBSU will play the winner of the No. 3 Hawaii/No. 4 UC Irvine match.

UC San Diego, which was a No. 4 seed in the tournament, concludes its season with an 18-11 overall record.

Nikolov was excellent as he served up four aces in the match to bring his career total to 90, which is a new Big West single-season record. With 90 career aces, Nikolov is just 10 shy of the NCAA single-season record which was set in 2011 by Curtis Abraham at Emmanuel. With Nikolov leading the way, Long Beach State finished the night with six aces as the squad now has 213 aces on the year, which is a new program record.

In addition to his hot serving, Nikolov paced the Beach to a .400 hitting percentage after distributing 35 assists. He helped the team out on both sides of the ball knocking down four kills on an .800 clip (4-0-5), while adding five digs and one block assist.

Freshman outside hitter Alex Kandev was on point as he led the team with 14 kills on a .600 attack percentage (14-2-20). He also was the team leader in digs with eight, while adding two blocks and two assists.

Adding to LBSU's offensive attack were Nato Dickinson and Skyler Varga who posted eight and seven, kills respectively. Junior middle blocker Ben Braun had a solid night in which he posted five blocks, five kills, and a .571 attack percentage (5-1-7).

Long Beach State took a quick 2-0 lead to start the match, thanks to back-to-back kills from Dickinson. From there, the Beach controlled the set, never trailing, as they hit .520 to UCSD's .214. Three-consecutive kills from Kandev gave LBSU a 7-3 edge, before an ace from Dickinson made it a 15-11 game at the media timeout. The Beach sent the game to set point after tallying four-straight points (24-17), before taking the first set, 25-18.

The Beach started the second set much like the first, with an early 2-0 lead as Braun opened the frame with a kill and Nikolov served up ace No. 87 to tie the conference record. However, the Tritons would not go away quietly. The conference foes battled each other through 11 ties and four lead changes over the next several points. With the game tied at 18-all, Nikolov served ace No. 88 to set a new Big West record and put LBSU on top, 19-18. After three more ties, a Kandev kill put Long Beach State ahead for good (23-22), before he knocked down another kill to give LBSU the 25-23 win.

The third set began close as the two teams traded points early on. However, a kill from Varga broke a 7-7 tie. The Beach got back-to-back aces from Nikolov as he brought his career total to 90 while give Long Beach State a 13-9 edge. With LBSU in control, the top-seeded Beach finished the set and match on a 6-1 run as they cruised to a 25-17 win to complete the sweep and advance to the championship match.

A GLANCE AT THE BEACH

Overall Record	**27-2**
Non-Conference	**19-0**
Big West	**8-2**
Home	**14-1**
Away	**10-1**
Neutral	**3-0**
Current Streak	**W3**
Last Win	**3-0 vs. #10 UC San Diego (4/25/25)**
Last Loss	**3-2 at #4 Hawaii (4/12/25)**
Longest Win Streak	**W20**
Longest Losing Streak	**L1**
Current Home Streak	**W2**
Last Win	3-0 vs. #10 UC San Diego (4/19/25)
Last Loss	3-0 vs. #5 UC Irvine (3/28/25)
Current Road Streak	**W1**
Last Win	3-0 at #10 UC San Diego (4/18/25)
Last Loss	3-2 at #4 Hawaii (4/12/25)
Current Neutral Streak	**W3**
Last Win	3-0 vs. #10 UC San Diego (4/25/25)
Last Loss	

LBSU'S RECORD WHEN...

Playing a night match	24-2
Playing a day match (Before 5 p.m.)	3-0
Winning Set 1	26-1
Losing Set 1	1-1
Winning First Two Sets	24-0
Losing First Two Sets	0-1
Splitting First Two Sets	3-1
Three-Set Decisions	21-1
Four-Set Decisions	5-0
Five-Set Decisions	1-1
More Kills	25-2
Fewer Kills	1-0
Same Kills	1-0
Better Hitting Percentage	26-1
Worse Hitting Percentage	1-1
Same Hitting Percentage	0-0
More Digs	25-0
Fewer Digs	2-2
Same Digs	0-0
More Blocks	26-1
Fewer Blocks	1-1
Same Blocks	0-0
Hitting .300 or Better	26-1
Hitting Below .300	1-1
vs. Conference Carolinas	3-0
vs. EIVA	4-0
vs. MIVA	2-0
vs. MPSF	5-0
vs. NEC	6-0
vs. SIAC	1-0
vs. Ranked Opponents	15-2
vs. Unranked Opponents	12-0
vs. Top 5 Opponents	4-2
in January	6-0
in February	8-0
in March	7-1
in April	6-1
in May	0-0
Playing on Monday	0-0
Playing on Tuesday	0-0
Playing on Wednesday	2-0
Playing on Thursday	1-0
Playing on Friday	13-1
Playing on Saturday	9-1
Playing on Sunday	2-0

UC San Diego hit .253, with 33 kills on 31 assists. The Tritons had three players in Sebastian ¬Lara, Josh Schellinger, and Peter Selcho score seven kills. Schellinger also added three blocks and a pair of digs. Setter Bryce Dvorak concluded the match with 29 assists and three digs.

ALL-BIG WEST

The Big West announced the 2025 Men's Volleyball All-Conference teams on Wednesday afternoon and Long Beach State garnered five selections. Alex Kandev, DiAeris McRaven, Moni Nikolov, and Skyler Varga each claimed First Team honors, while Daniil Hershtynovich collected Honorable Mention status. Kandev and Nikolov were also named to the All-Freshman Team.

Kandev, a true freshman from Sofia, Bulgaria, earned All-First Team and All-Freshman Team accolades after putting together a solid rookie season. In 48 sets, the 6-foot-7 outside hitter has averaged 3.06 kills per set to rank second on the team, while hitting .466 (147-29-253) on the year. He has also logged 0.92 digs per set to go along with 0.50 blocks per set and 18 aces. He has led the Beach in kills on seven separate occasions and has recorded double-figure kills nine times thus far. Kandev registered a career-high 16 kills at Hawaii on April 12. He served up a career-best five aces against Sacred Heart on March 7, and just last weekend, tied his career-high with four blocks against UC San Diego (4/19).

McRaven collected his first All-Big West First Team selection after turning in an impressive senior season. The 6-foot-5 middle blocker leads the team, while ranking third in the conference and 20th in the nation, with 1.00 blocks per set. Additionally, McRaven contributes 1.25 kills per set on a .463 clip (100-25-162). This season, he has led LBSU in blocks nine times. Earlier this season, he set a career-high of eight kills against NJIT (3/21), while tallying a season-high six kills twice this year.

Nikolov joined Kandev on both the All-Big West First Team and All-Freshman Team. The 6-foot-10 setter has had a spectacular freshman campaign thus far. He leads the nation with 0.93 aces per set, while ranking 18th in the country with 9.36 assists per set. He set the LBSU single-season record with 86 aces, which is just one shy of The Big West record and third in the NCAA All-Eras single-season record book. The seven-time Big West Freshman of the Week honoree and three-time Big West Setter of the Week selection led the Beach to 2.23 aces per set and a .399 team hitting percentage, both marks that lead the NCAA. This season, Nikolov has recorded three double-doubles, registered a career-high 51 assists at Lewis (1/18), 10 kills at UC Irvine (3/29), eight aces versus Pepperdine (1/26), and seven blocks on two separate occasions. His eight aces rank him second in the LBSU single-match record book.

Varga earned his second All-Big West honor of his career after collecting Honorable Mention status a year ago. This season, the junior outside hitter garnered First Team accolades after leading The Big West and ranking 14th in the nation with a .387 attack percentage (235-51-476). The 6-foot-7 native of Muenster, Saskatchewan ranks in the top 10 in the conference in aces per set (0.35 – 7th), blocks per set (0.77 – 8th), and kills per set (2.87 – 10th). Varga has recorded 13 double-figure kill performances and has led Long Beach State in kills 11 times. Earlier this season, he registered a season-high 18 kills against Pepperdine (1/26) and eight blocks versus NJIT (3/21).

Hershtynovich rounds out the Beach's All-Conference selections with an Honorable Mention nod. The 6-foot-9 opposite out of Toronto, Ontario ranks in The Big West top 10 with a .354 hitting percentage (4th), 3.18 kills per set (5th), 3.77 points per set (6th), and 0.74 blocks per set (10th). Earlier this year, he posted a career-high 20 kills at Lewis (1/18), then put up a career-best six blocks against NJIT (3/21). Hershtynovich has registered 12 double-figure kill showings thus far, and has led Long Beach State in kills on eight separate occasions.

ACING THE COMPETITION

Freshman Moni Nikolov is leading a charge against numerous serving records at Long Beach State, The Big West and the NCAA. With what is believed to be the fastest recorded serve in NCAA history, Nikolov has set a new program single-season record with 90 service aces thus far. That mark is also a new Big West record, and currently is second in NCAA history across all eras. Long Beach State has made 213 in total as a team, another program single-season record. As a team, Long Beach State has an opportunity to reach three other elite serving teams with different records; the Big West record holders of Hawai'i with 224 aces in 2022, the 25-point rally scoring record set last year by Saint Francis (Pa.) of 237, and the all-time record set in 2007 by Stevens of 289.

AMONG THE NATION'S BEST

Long Beach State is ranked in the Top 5 in in the country in five different statistical categories this season. The Beach lead the nation in hitting percentage (.399) and aces per set (2.22). The team ranks second in blocks (2.71), third in kills (13.21), and fourth in assists per set (12.09).

Individually, the Beach boasts four players who rank in the Top 50 in the nation in their respective disciplines. Leading the way, setter Moni Nikolov leads the nation in aces per set (0.94), and is ranked 17th in assists per set (9.92). DiAeris McRaven comes in 24th in the nation with a 0.98 block per set average, while Skyler Varga leads the way with a .390 hitting percentage which is good for 12th in the country. Rounding out the Fab Four, is Daniil Hershtynovich who is ranked in the NCAA Top 50 in three different statistical categories. His .354 clip is good for 20th in the nation, while his kills per set (3.18) and points per set (3.77) averages rank him 47th and 42nd in the country, respectively.

THE BIG TOE

Senior opposite Nato Dickinson had a career weekend to close the regular season. The product out of Corona Del Mar, Calif., kicked off the week with a career-best 16 kills at UC San Diego (4/18). The next night in the Walter Pyramid against the Tritons, Dickinson did it again. He set a pair of new career-high with three digs and two aces. On the year, Dickinson is averaging 1.43 kills per set on a .273 attack percentage, while adding 0.78 blocks per set.

BIG WEST PRESEASON FAVORITE

The Big West released the 2025 Preseason Coaches' Poll and Team on Thursday, December 19, and Long Beach State was chosen as the preseason favorite. Additionally, the Beach led the way with the most Preseason Coaches' Team selections as Sotiris Siapanis, Skyler Varga, and Moni Nikolov earned the nod.

Siapanis earned the preseason honor for the second-straight year after a productive junior year which earned him AVCA All-America First Team accolades. The two-time All-American and Big West All-Conference selection finished the year ranked in the Top 10 in the league in kills (3.18), hitting percentage (.342), and points per set (3.80). The senior outside hitter led the Beach with 19 double-figure kill performances, while recording three double-doubles. Siapanis led Long Beach State in kills on 11 separate occasions.

Varga was named to the Preseason Coaches' Team for the first time in his career. The junior opposite is coming off of an impressive sophomore campaign which culminated in

AVCA Honorable Mention status. He led the Beach in aces per set (0.36), while ranking in the Top 10 in the conference in blocks per set (0.92). He finished the year averaging 2.98 kills per set on a .263 clip. Varga tallied 16 double-figure kill showings, while boasting a career-high 20-kill performance against Grand Canyon on May 2.

Nikolov is a freshman setter who comes to Long Beach State from Sofia, Bulgaria where he was a nine-time national champion in his age group. A member of the Bulgarian National Team, Nikolov also played with the U19 squad and helped the team win the European Championship Bronze Medal. One of the top setters in the world, Nikolov has volleyball in his genes as his father, Vladmir played professionally overseas until 2016, and his brother Alex is currently playing professionally and on the Bulgarian National Team after playing at LBSU and becoming the first-ever men's volleyball player to be named AVCA National Player of the Year as a freshman in 2022.

The trio headline a talent-filled roster that looks to return to the NCAA National Championship and bring home the program's fourth National Title.

Long Beach State was chosen to finish first after garnering 24 total points and four first-place votes. UC Irvine was picked to finish second with 21 points and two first-place votes. Hawaii's 18 points put them in third place, while UC Santa Barbara slid into fourth place with 12 points. Rounding out the bottom of the poll were CSUN (8 points) and UC San Diego (7 points) which were chosen to place fifth and sixth, respectively.

NORTH AMERICAN CHALLENGE

Long Beach State hosted the North American Challenge, a preseason exhibition tournament which featured a total of six teams from the United States and Canada.

The took place from Friday, Jan. 3 - Saturday, Jan. 4 with five matches played on day one and four on day two. The tournament was held in both the Walter Pyramid and the Gold Mine.

The participating teams include some of the top talent in North America such as No. 2 Trinity Western, No. 6 Saskatchewan, Calgary, No. 10 Pepperdine, No. 18 UC San Diego, and host, No. 2 Long Beach State.

The United States won the tournament after sweeping all nine matches over two days for a total of 24 points.

The Beach were led by freshman setter Moni Nikolov who was named MVP of the All-Tournament Team. Also selected to the All-Tournament Team were Skyler Varga and Sotiris Siapanis.

WALL OF HONOR

The Long Beach State Men's Volleyball program will be inducting five new members into the Wall of Honor as TJ DeFalco, Kyle Ensing, Josh Tuaniga, as well as longtime supporters Mike and Therese Butler will join the prestigious group.

The quintet of inductees will be forever enshrined in the Wall of Honor at the annual Randy Sandefur Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, June 9, 2025.

The major criteria for the Wall of Honor, as outlined by the committee, are as follows: the person must have represented the Long Beach State Men's Volleyball program with unparalleled success or achievement and truly embodied the passion, commitment, and loyalty that defines the true meaning of a 49er.

The five inductees have done just that as they have demonstrated a commitment to the Long Beach State Men's Volleyball program that has far exceeded expectations. These five have proudly represented the Black and Gold and helped the Beach establish itself as one of the perennial powerhouses in the nation over the last several decades.

"This particular group of young men played all four years together at Long Beach State and are the embodiment of the winning culture of head coach Alan Knipe," said Wall of Honor Co-Chairs Harold Noriega and Mike D'Alessandro. "Their hard work and dedication not only contributed to two National Championship titles for the university but has created fine and outstanding young men and citizens.

"In addition, this year we are honoring longtime supporters of the program, Therese and Mike Butler. Team Butler has supported the program long before their son Matt played his four years of volleyball at Long Beach State, and they still continue today with their support of the program. We are excited to welcome these five new Legends into the Wall of Honor."

The trio of players were part of one of the most decorated classes in Long Beach State Men's Volleyball history as they put together a record of 108-15 (.878) from 2016-19. During that span, DeFalco, Ensing, and Tuaniga led LBSU to two NCAA National Championships, four-straight NCAA Final Four appearances, three regular season conference titles, two conference tournament championships, and set a program record 43-consecutive home victories inside the Walter Pyramid.

A three-time National Player of the Year (2017-19) and four-time AVCA First Team All-American (2016-19), DeFalco finished his Long Beach State career as the program's all-time service aces leader (183), is ranked fifth all-time with 1,661 career kills, and comes in seventh in career digs (773).

DeFalco kicked off his collegiate career as the 2016 MPSF Freshman of the Year and went on to win the 2017 MPSF and 2018 Big West Player of the Year awards, respectively. He was a four-time All-Conference First Team selection as he earned the honors twice in both the MPSF and The Big West. He was named to the NCAA Tournament Teams in 2016 and 2018, and was named the NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player in 2019.

Following his graduation from Long Beach State, DeFalco has made a name for himself playing professionally in Italy, Poland, and Japan. He also has been an integral part of the USA Men's National Team, representing the United States in the 2021 Tokyo Olympics and in the 2024 Paris Olympics where he won a Bronze Medal.

Ensing is a two-time AVCA First Team All-American and the 2019 Big West Player of the Year. He concluded his career at Long Beach State with 1,421 kills to rank 10th all-time at the Beach. In his senior year, he set the LBSU single-match record for most aces in an NCAA Tournament match after he served up six aces against Pepperdine in the 2019 Final Four. The three-time First Team All-Conference selection and 2018 NCAA All-Tournament Team selection registered 140 service aces in his career to rank third all-time at Long Beach State.

The 6-foot-7 Ensing has played professionally overseas in Germany, Israel, and France since graduating from Long Beach State in 2019. Earlier this season, he helped Saint Nazaire win the French League Championship.

A member of the U.S. Men's National Team since 2017, Ensing competed in the 2021 Tokyo Olympic Games and served as an alternate at the 2024 Paris Olympics. In 2023,

CAREER ACES - LBSU

1.	183	TJ DeFalco	2016-19
2.	158	Scott Touzinsky	2001-04
3.	140	Kyle Ensing	2016-19
4.	135	Paul Lotman	2005-08
5.	130	Dean Bittner	2007-10
6.	121	Brent Hilliard	1990-93
7.	119	Dan Alexander	2007-10
8.	108	Josh Tuaniga	2016-19
9.	95	Jim Baughman	2009-12
10.	91	Jim Polster	1998-01
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	90	***Moni Nikolov***	***2025-present***
	82	***Sotiris Siapanis***	***2022-present***

SINGLE SEASON ACES - LBSU

1.	**90**	**Moni Nikolov**	**2025**
2.	60	Paul Lotman	2008
3.	59	Alex Nikolov	2022
4.	57	TJ DeFalco	2019
5.	55	Kyle Ensing	2019

SINGLE SEASON ACES - BIG WEST

1.	**90**	**Moni Nikolov, LBSU**	**2025**
2.	87	Hilir Henno, UCI	2023
3.	61	Jakob Thelle, UH	2022
4.	59	Alex Nikolov, LBSU	2022
5.	57	TJ DeFalco, LBSU	2019

SINGLE SEASON ACES - NCAA ALL-ERAS

1.	100	Curtis Abraham, Emmanuel (MA)	2011
2.	**90**	**Moni Nikolov, Long Beach State**	**2025**
3.	87	Hilir Henno, UC Irvine	2023
4.	83	Chris Bock, Stevens	2003
	83	Javier Placer, Springfield	1993
	83	Javier Placer, Springfield	1994
7.	79	Max Holt, Penn State	2009
8.	77	Braley Peters, Lees-McRae	2023
9.	75	Jake Moore, SUNY New Paltz	2019
	75	Nicolas Serzen, Ohio State	2017

SINGLE SEASON ACES - LBSU TEAM

1.	**213**	**Long Beach State**	**2025**
2.	210	Long Beach State	2008
3.	204	Long Beach State	2019
4.	183	Long Beach State	1991
5.	180	Long Beach State	2018

SINGLE SEASON ACES - NCAA RECORDS

All Eras	289	Stevens	2007
Rally (25)	237	Saint Francis (PA)	2024
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	213	***Long Beach State***	***2025***

he helped lead Team USA to Gold in the Olympic Qualifier, after earning Silver in the 2023 Volleyball Nations League.

Tuaniga wrapped up his career at Long Beach State as the 2018 AVCA National Player of the Year and was a three-time AVCA All-American. He was named to both the 2018 and 2019 All-Tournament Teams earning the Most Outstanding Player distinction in 2018. Known for running one of the most efficient offenses in collegiate volleyball from 2016-19, Tuaniga distributed 4,607 career assists to rank fourth at the Beach. He is just one of five players in Long Beach State program history to record at least 4,000 career assists.

The 2019 graduate of Long Beach State University went on to play professionally in Poland. A member of the U.S. Men's National Team since 2016, Tuaniga earned Silver at the 2022 FIVB Volleyball Nations League Final Round, took Bronze at the 2019 FIVB World Cup, and won Gold at the 2016 NORCECA Continental Championship where he was named MVP and Best Setter.

"This is a very special class for many reasons, but mainly because these three players will always be attached at the hip when you talk about that era," said Long Beach State Head Men's Volleyball Coach and Wall of Honor member Alan Knipe. "They all started as freshmen, went to four Final Fours, won two National Championships, three National Player of the Year awards, and three conference player of the year awards. The accolades speak to what they were able to do for us.

"Post Long Beach, they've gone on to have national careers playing professionally and in the Olympic Games. All three are great examples of what the Wall of Honor means. They are fully committed, all in, and bleed Black & Gold."

Rounding out the Wall of Honor selections are Mike and Therese Butler who have long been associated with the Long Beach State Men's Volleyball program. The couple have supported the Beach as fans, donors, and parents, as well as part of the stats crew on gamedays. They have organized fundraisers and socials over the years, often behind the scenes, quietly dedicating their lives to LBSU Men's Volleyball. Both alumni of Long Beach State University, Mike and Therese have been part of the Beach family for decades.

"Mike and Therese have been invaluable supporters of our program from well before I was even a player," said Knipe. "Their commitment, love, and generosity are unmatched. Our program would not be what it is today without their help."

These five extraordinary individuals will have their names added to the Wall of Honor, which is located in the Hall of Champions in the Volleyball Suite of the Walter Pyramid.

UP NEXT

Should the Beach win the Hawaiian Islands presents the 2025 Outrigger Big West Men's Volleyball Championship, they will earn the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament.

Long Beach State looks to repeat as champions. Since The Big West began sponsoring Men's Volleyball in 2018, Long Beach State has captured the title in 2018 and 2024.

The NCAA Tournament will begin on Thursday, May 8, with the Final Four taking place on Saturday, May 10, and the championship match being played on Monday, May 12 at the Covelli Center in Columbus, Ohio.

The 2025 NC Men's Volleyball Championship Selection Show will air live on Sunday, April 27 at 1 p.m. (PT) on NCAA.com.

AVCA NATIONAL COLLEGIATE MVB POLL

(April 21, 2025)

Rk.	Team (1st Place Votes)	Points	Record	Prev.
1	**Long Beach State [23]**	**460**	**26-2**	**1**
2	**UCLA**	**425**	**20-5**	**2**
3	**Hawai'i**	**403**	**24-5**	**3**
4	**UC Irvine**	**397**	**20-6**	**4**
5	USC	381	20-6	5
6	Loyola Chicago	336	23-3	6
7	BYU	318	19-9	8
8	**Pepperdine**	**292**	**17-9**	**7**
9	**CSUN**	**277**	**18-10**	**9**
10	**UC San Diego**	**240**	**17-11**	**10**
11	**Grand Canyon**	**225**	**17-9**	**13**
12	**McKendree**	**205**	**20-7**	**12**
13	Stanford	191	11-14	11
14	**Lewis**	**171**	**22-8**	**14**
15	Ohio State	146	17-10	15
16	Lincoln Memorial	116	24-1	16
17	**UC Santa Barbara**	**85**	**12-15**	**18**
18	Ball State	77	17-13	17
19	**Princeton**	**53**	**14-10**	**19**
20	Mount Olive	27	19-3	20

Others Receiving Votes & listed on 2 or more ballots: None.

4 teams mentioned on only one ballot for 5 points.

Dropped Out: None.

2025 Opponents in **bold**

2025 AVCA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Date	Player (Yr.)	Pos.	School
Jan. 14	Daniel Fabikovicv (Sr.)	OH	Loyola
Jan. 21	Jalen Phillips (So.)	OPP	CSUN
Jan. 28	Deklan Wingo (Sr.)	OH	Tusculum
Feb. 4	Dillon Klein (Jr.)	OH	USC
Feb. 11	Parker Van Buren (Sr.)	OH	Loyola
Feb. 18	Nolan Flexen (Sr.)	OH	UC Irvine
Feb. 25	Cameron Thorne (Jr.)	MB	UCLA
March 4	Kristian Titryski (Fr.)	OPP	Hawaii
March 11	Cooper Robinson (Jr.)	OH	UCLA
March 18	Dillon Klein (Jr.)	OH	USC
March 25	Kory Grant (Jr.)	OH	Mt. Olive
April 1	Hilir Henno (Sr.)	OH	UC Irvine
April 8	Shane Wetzel (Jr.)	OPP	Ohio State
April 15	Theo Snoey (Jr.)	OH	Stanford
April 22	Isaiah Fedd (Jr.)	OH	Fort Valley St.
April 29			
May 6			

2025 NCAA STATISTICAL RANKINGS

LONG BEACH STATE TEAM RANKINGS - TOP 50

(as of 4/25/25)

Category	Rank	Conf. Rank	Avg/Set
Aces	1st	1st	2.22
Assists	4th	2nd	12.09
Blocks	2nd	1st	2.71
Digs			7.29
Hitting Pct.	1st	1st	.399
Kills	3rd	2nd	13.21
Opp. Hitting Pct.	10th	1st	.201

LBSU INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS - ALL GAMES (TOP 50)

(as of 4/25/25)

Category	Player	Rank	Avg/Set
Aces	Moni Nikolov	1st	0.94
Assists	Moni Nikolov	17th	9.92
Blocks	DiAeris McRaven	24th	0.98
Digs			
Hitting Pct.	Skyler Varga	12th	.390
	Daniil Hershtynovich	20th	.354
Kills	Daniil Hershtynovich	47th	3.18
Points	Daniil Hershtynovich	42nd	3.77

LBSU VS. UH

Series: LBSU leads 53-48
Streak: UH won 1
Last Meeting: UH 3, LBSU 2
[25-21, 20-25, 25-18, 19-25, 13-15]
April 12, 2025
Honolulu, Hawaii

SERIES BY THE NUMBERS

Record at LBSU	31-17
Record at UH	19-28
Record at Neutral	4-4
Record in 3-Set Matches	17-22
Record in 4-Set Matches	23-16
Record in 5-Set Matches	14-11
Longest LBSU Win Streak	W6
Longest UH Win Streak	W10
Current Streak	UH won 1

COMPARATIVE TEAM STATS

LBSU		UH
27-2	Overall Record	25-5
8-2	Conference Record	7-3
1st	National Ranking	3rd
13.21	Kills Per Set	13.25
.399	Attack Pct.	.341
12.09	Assists Per Set	12.34
2.22	Service Aces Per Set	1.75
7.29	Digs Per Set	7.92
2.71	Blocks Per Set	2.40

2025 BIG WEST STATISTICAL RANKINGS

LONG BEACH STATE TEAM RANKINGS - ALL MATCHES (TOP 10)
(as of 4/20/25)

Category	Rank	Total	Avg/Set
Hitting Pct.	1st		.399
Opp. Hitting Pct.	1st		.199
Assists	2nd	1122	12.06
Kills	2nd	1227	13.19
Blocks	1st	252.5	2.71
Service Aces	1st	207	2.23
Digs	6th	677	7.28

LBSU INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS - ALL MATCHES (TOP 10)
(as of 4/20/25)

Category	Player	Rank	Avg/Set
Hitting Pct.	Alex Kandev	2nd	.466
	Skyler Varga	3rd	.387
	Daniil Hershtynovich	6th	.354
Kills	Daniil Hershtynovich	5th	3.18
	Alex Kandev	9th	3.06
Assists	Moni Nikolov	4th	9.86
	Skyler Varga	8th	0.65
Service Aces	Moni Nikolov	1st	0.92
	Alex Kandev	7th	0.38
	Skyler Varga	8th	0.35
Blocks	Ben Braun	1st	1.35
	DiAeris McRaven	T5th	1.00
Digs	Moni Nikolov	8th	1.49
Points	Daniil Hershtynovich	6th	3.77
	Alex Kandev	7th	3.71
	Skyler Varga	9th	3.63

2025 BIG WEST STATISTICAL RANKINGS

LONG BEACH STATE TEAM RANKINGS - CONFERENCE MATCHES
(as of 4/20/25)

Category	Rank	Total	Avg/Set
Hitting Pct.	1st		.393
Opp. Hitting Pct.	1st		.216
Assists	1st	413	12.15
Kills	1st	443	13.03
Blocks	1st	87.0	2.56
Service Aces	1st	61	1.79
Digs	6th	231	6.79

LBSU INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS - CONFERENCE MATCHES (TOP 10)
(as of 4/20/25)

Category	Player	Rank	Avg/Set
Hitting Pct.	Alex Kandev	2nd	.424
	Skyler Varga	4th	.380
	Daniil Hershtynovich	7th	.328
Kills	Alex Kandev	5th	3.44
	Daniil Hershtynovich	8th	3.25
Assists	Moni Nikolov	2nd	10.29
	Skyler Varga	9th	0.76
Service Aces	Moni Nikolov	2nd	0.65
	Skyler Varga	3rd	0.47
Blocks	Ben Braun	1st	1.24
	DiAeris McRaven	2nd	1.06
	Moni Nikolov	7th	0.76
Digs	Kellen Larson	6th	1.53
Points	Alex Kandev	5th	3.94
	Daniil Hershtynovich	7th	3.66

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

30+ KILL MATCHES

Player	2025	Career

20+ KILL MATCHES

Player	2025	Career
Daniil Hershtynovich	1	1
Skyler Varga		1

10+ KILL MATCHES

Player	2025	Career
Skyler Varga	13	29
Daniil Hershtynovich	12	12
Alex Kandev	10	10
Sotiris Siapanis	2	37
Sebastiano Sani	2	3
Nato Dickinson	1	1
Moni Nikolov	1	1
Ben Braun	1	1

10+ DIG MATCHES

Player	2025	Career
Moni Nikolov	2	2
Sotiris Siapanis		7
Skyler Varga		1

10+ BLOCK MATCHES

Player	2025	Career
Lazar Bouchkov		2

DOUBLE-DOUBLES

Player	2025	Career
Moni Nikolov	3	3
Sotiris Siapanis		7
Skyler Varga		1

LED TEAM IN KILLS (Includes Co-Leaders)

Player	2025	Career
Skyler Varga	11	17
Daniil Hershtynovich	8	8
Alex Kandev	8	8
Sebastiano Sani	2	3
Sotiris Siapanis	1	26
Nato Dickinson	1	1

LED TEAM IN DIGS (Includes Co-Leaders)

Player	2025	Career
Moni Nikolov	9	9
Kellen Larson	6	6
Skyler Varga	4	6
Daniil Hershtynovich	4	4
Sebastian Rodriguez	4	4
Ford Harman	3	3
Alex Kandev	2	2
Sebastiano Sani	2	2
Sotiris Siapanis	1	12
Nato Dickinson		1

LED TEAM IN BLOCKS (Includes Co-Leaders)

Player	2025	Career
DiAeris McRaven	9	14
Ben Braun	8	10
Nato Dickinson	5	5
Moni Nikolov	3	3
Lazar Bouchkov	2	9
Skyler Varga	1	5
Sotiris Siapanis	1	4
Sebastiano Sani	1	1
Daniil Hershtynovich	1	1
Connor Bloom		1
Noah Robin		1

2025 SEASON SUPERLATIVES

LBSU TEAM HIGHS

Kills ..... 63 at Lewis (1/18/25)
Attempts ..... 127 at Lews (1/18/25)
Pct. ..... .630 vs. Saint Francis (1/10/25)
Assists ..... 59 at Lewis (1/18/25)
Aces ..... 14 vs. Barton (2/23/25)
Digs ..... 50 at Lewis (1/18/25)
Solo Blocks ..... 8 at Pepperdine (1/26/25)
Block Assists ..... 42 vs. NJIT (3/21/25)
Total Blocks ..... 22.0 vs. NJIT (3/21/25)

OPPONENT TEAM HIGHS

Kills ..... 51, Hawaii (4/11/25)
Attempts ..... 120, Lewis (1/18/25)
Pct. ..... .472, UC Irvine (3/28/25)
Assists ..... 51, Hawaii (4/11/25)
Aces ..... 8, UC Irvine (3/28/25)
Digs ..... 41, Lewis (1/18/25)
Solo Blocks ..... 5, Hawaii (4/12/25)
Block Assists ..... 13, Twice, Last, UC Irvine (3/28/25)
Total Blocks ..... 10.5, Hawaii (4/12/25)

LBSU TEAM LOWS

Kills ..... 33 vs. CSUN (3/14/25)
Attempts ..... 46 vs. Saint Francis (1/10/25)
Pct. ..... .274 vs. UC Irvine (3/28/25)
Assists ..... 30 vs. Sacred Heart (3/7/25)
Aces ..... 2 vs. Lindenwood (1/15/25)
Digs ..... 16 at CSUN (3/5/25)
Solo Blocks ..... 0, 12 times, Last at UC San Diego (4/18/25)
Block Assists ..... 0 vs. UC Irvine (3/28/25)
Total Blocks ..... 0 vs. UC Irvine (3/28/25)

OPPONENT TEAM LOWS

Kills ..... 17, Barton (2/22/25)
Attempts ..... 53, UC Irvine (3/28/25)
Pct. ..... .000, Twice, Last, Barton (2/22/25)
Assists ..... 17, Barton (2/22/25)
Aces ..... 0, 4 Times, Last, UC Santa Barbara (4/4/25)
Digs ..... 4, Saint Francis (1/10/25)
Solo Blocks ..... 0, 10 Times, Last, UC San Diego (4/25/25)
Block Assists ..... 0, 4 Times, Last, UC San Diego (4/19/25)
Total Blocks ..... 0.0, UC San Diego (4/19/25)

LBSU INDIVIDUAL MATCH HIGHS

Kills ..... 20, Daniil Hershtynovich at Lewis (1/18/25)
Attempts ..... 36, Daniil Hershtynovich at Lewis (1/18/25)
..... 36, Skyler Varga at Pepperdine (1/26/25)
Pct. (Min. 12 kills) ..737(14-0-19), Hershtynovich vs. CSUN (3/5/25)
Points ..... 23.0, Daniil Hershtynovich at Lewis (1/18/25)
Assists ..... 51, Moni Nikolov at Lewis (1/18/25)
Aces ..... 8, Moni Nikolov at Pepperdine (1/26/25)
Digs ..... 16, Moni Nikolov at Lewis (1/18/25)
Solo Blocks ..... 3, Moni Nikolov at Pepperdine (1/26/25)
Block Assists ..... 8, Ben Braun vs. NJIT (3/22/25)
..... 8, DiAeris McRaven vs. NJIT (3/21/25)
Total Blocks ..... 8, Ben Braun vs. NJIT (3/22/25)
..... 8, DiAeris McRaven vs. NJIT (3/21/25)
..... 8, Skyler Varga vs. NJIT (3/21/25)

2025 BIG WEST ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

ALL-BIG WEST FIRST TEAM

Anthony Cherfan	UC San Diego
Donovan Constable	CSUN
Stilian Delibosov	CSUN
Bryce Dvorak	UC San Diego
Nolan Flexen	UC Irvine
Max Grigoriev	UC Irvine
Hilir Henno	UC Irvine
Alex Kandev	**Long Beach State**
DiAeris McRaven	**Long Beach State**
Moni Nikolov	Long Beach State
Jalen Phillips	CSUN
Tread Rosenthal	Hawai'i
Adrien Roure	Hawai'i
Kristian Titriyski	Hawai'i
Skyler Varga	**Long Beach State**

HONORABLE MENTION

George Bruening	UC Santa Barbara
'Eleu Choy	Hawai'i
William D'Arcy	UC Irvine
Daniil Hershtynovich	**Long Beach State**
Kurt Nusterer	Hawai'i
Josh Schellinger	UC San Diego

BIG WEST ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

George Bruening	UC Santa Barbara
Stilian Delibosov	CSUN
Micha Goss	UC Irvine
Riggs Guy	UC Santa Barbara
Akex Kandev	**Long Beach State**
Moni Nikolov	**Long Beach State**
Adrien Roure	Hawai'i
Kristian Titriyski	Hawai'i

2025 BIG WEST WEEKLY AWARDS

BIG WEST OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Date	Player	Year	Pos.	School
January 6	Adrien Roure	Fr.	Outside Hitter	Hawai'i
January 13	Hilir Henno	Sr.	Outside Hitter	UC Irvine
January 20	Jalen Phillips	So.	Opposite Hitter	CSUN
January 27	Nolan Flexen	Jr.	Opposite Hitter	UC Irvine
February 3	Hilir Henno	Sr.	Outside Hitter	UC Irvine
February 10	Kristian Titriyski	Fr.	Opposite	Hawai'i
February 17	Nolan Flexen	Jr.	Opposite Hitter	UC Irvine
February 24	Jalen Phillips	So.	Opposite Hitter	CSUN
March 3	Kristian Titriyski	Fr.	Opposite	Hawai'i
March 10	Hilir Henno	Sr.	Outside Hitter	UC Irvine
March 17	**Skyler Varga**	**Jr.**	**Opposite Hitter**	**Long Beach State**
March 24	Hilir Henno	Sr.	Outside Hitter	UC Irvine
March 31	Louis Sakanoko	So.	Outside Hitter	Hawai'i
April 7	Anthony Cherfan	Sr.	Opposite	UC San Diego
April 14	Jalen Phillips	So.	Opposite Hitter	CSUN
April 21	Hilir Henno	Sr.	Outside Hitter	UC Irvine

BIG WEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Date	Player	Year	Pos.	School
January 6	Anthony Cherfan	Sr.	Opposite	UC San Diego
January 13	Stilian Delibosov	Fr.	Middle Blocker	CSUN
January 20	Jim Garrison	Jr.	Middle Blocker	UC San Diego
January 27	Micah Goss	Fr.	Middle Blocker	UC Irvine
February 3	Kurt Nusterer	Jr.	Midlle Blocker	Hawai'i
February 10	**Daniil Hershtynovich**	**Jr.**	**Opposite**	**Long Beach State**
February 17	Maxim Grigoriev	Jr.	Middle Blocker	UC Irvine
February 24	Eleu Choy	Sr.	Libero	Hawai'i
March 3	Eleu Choy	Sr.	Libero	Hawai'i
March 10	Nick Rigo	Sr.	Middle Blocker	UC San Diego
March 17	**Nato Dickinson**	**Sr.**	**Opposite Hitter**	**Long Beach State**
March 24	**Skyler Varga**	**Jr.**	**Opposite Hitter**	**Long Beach State**
March 31	Josh Aruya	So.	Middle Blocker	UC Santa Barbara
April 7	**Kellen Larson**	**Fr.**	**Libero**	**Long Beach State**
April 14	Shane Aitken	Fr.	Libero	UC Irvine
April 21	Micah Goss	Fr.	Middle Blocker	UC Irvine

BIG WEST SETTER OF THE WEEK

Date	Player	Year	Pos.	School
January 6	Tread Rosenthal	So.	Setter	Hawai'i
January 13	Donovan Constable	Sr.	Setter	CSUN
January 20	Donovan Constable	Sr.	Setter	CSUN
January 27	Joe Karlous	Gr.	Setter	UC Irvine
February 3	Joe Karlous	Gr.	Setter	UC Irvine
February 10	Donovan Constable	Sr.	Setter	CSUN
February 17	**Moni Nikolov**	**Fr.**	**Setter**	**Long Beach State**
February 24	Tread Rosenthal	So.	Setter	Hawai'i
March 3	Tread Rosenthal	So.	Setter	Hawai'i
March 10	Tread Rosenthal	So.	Setter	Hawai'i
March 17	**Moni Nikolov**	**Fr.**	**Setter**	**Long Beach State**
March 24	**Moni Nikolov**	**Fr.**	**Setter**	**Long Beach State**
March 31	Tread Rosenthal	So.	Setter	Hawai'i
April 7	Bryce Dvorak	Gr.	Setter	UC San Diego
April 14	Donovan Constable	Sr.	Setter	CSUN
April 21	Joe Karlous	Gr.	Setter	UC Irvine

BIG WEST FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

Date	Player	Year	Pos.	School
January 6	Adrien Roure	Fr.	Outside Hitter	Hawai'i
January 13	Stilian Delibosov	Fr.	Middle Blocker	CSUN
January 20	**Moni Nikolov**	**Fr.**	**Setter**	**Long Beach**
January 27	Micah Goss	Fr.	Middle Blocker	UCI
February 3	Kristian Titryiski	Fr.	Opposite	Hawai'i
February 10	**Moni Nikolov**	**Fr.**	**Setter**	**Long Beach**
February 17	**Moni Nikolov**	**Fr.**	**Setter**	**Long Beach**
February 24	Kristian Titryiski	Fr.	Opposite	Hawai'i
March 3	Kristian Titryiski	Fr.	Opposite	Hawai'i
March 10	Kristian Titryiski	Fr.	Opposite	Hawa'i
March 17	**Moni Nikolov**	**Fr.**	**Setter**	**Long Beach State**
March 24	**Moni Nikolov**	**Fr.**	**Setter**	**Long Beach State**
March 31	Riggs Guy	Fr.	Outside Hitter	UC Santa Barbara
April 7	**Moni Nikolov**	**Fr.**	**Setter**	**Long Beach State**
April 14	Finn Kearney	Fr.	Opposite	Hawai'i
April 21	**Moni Nikolov**	**Fr.**	**Setter**	**Long Beach State**

2025 LONG BEACH STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL
MATCH-BY-MATCH HIGHS

Overall Record: 27-2 • Big West: 8-2

Home: 14-1 • Away: 10-1 • Neutral: 3-0

Date		Opponent	W/L	Score	Kills	Assists	Digs	Blocks	Att.
Jan. 10		Saint Francis	W	3-0	Varga & Hershtynovich, 7	Moni Nikolov, 26	4 Tied at 3	Ben Braun, 7	1,281
Jan. 15		at Lindenwood	W	3-0	Daniil Hershtyonovich, 15	Moni Nikolov, 30	Sotiris Siapinis, 8	Ben Braun, 3	612
Jan. 16		at McKendree	W	3-0	Skyler Varga, 12	Moni Nikolov, 28	Moni Nikolov, 11	DiAeris McRaven, 4	350
Jan. 18		at #12 Lewis	W	3-1	Daniil Hershtyonovich, 20	Moni Nikolov, 51	Moni Nikolov, 16	DiAeris McRaven, 5	1,400
Jan. 24		Concordia	W	3-0	Daniil Hershtyonovich, 14	Moni Nikolov, 32	Sotiris Siapinis, 8	Siapanis/Hershtynovich, 4	1,625
Jan. 25		at #10 Pepperdine	W	3-2	Skyler Varga, 18	Moni Nikolov, 41	Sotiris Siapinis, 9	Skyler Varga, 4	630
Jan. 31	^	vs. Fort Valley State	W	3-0	Sotiris Siapanis, 8	Moni Nikolov, 27	Moni Nikolov, 8	Isaiah Preuitt, 2	100
Feb. 1	^	vs. Belmont Abbey	W	3-0	Alex Kandev, 11	Moni Nikolov, 23	Moni Nikolov, 9	Nato Dickinson, 4	150
Feb. 7		#3 UCLA	W	3-1	Skyler Varga, 12	Moni Nikolov, 35	Sotiris Siapanis, 7	Lazar Bouchkov, 3	4,420
Feb. 12		at #3 UCLA	W	3-0	Daniil Hershtyonovich, 11	Moni Nikolov, 35	Sebastian Rodriguez, 4	Moni Nikolov, 3	4,248
Feb. 14		Vanguard	W	3-0	Sebastiano Sani, 10	Moni Nikolov, 25	Sebastiano Sani, 5	Sani/Hershtynovich, 3	1,763
Feb. 21		#8 Grand Canyon	W	3-0	Skyler Varga, 13	Moni Nikolov, 38	Daniil Hershtyonovich, 6	DiAeris McRaven, 5	2,450
Feb. 22		Barton	W	3-0	Alex Kandev, 11	Moni Nikolov, 29	Ford Harman, 8	Nato Dickinson, 4	1,508
Feb. 23		Barton	W	3-0	Kandev & Sani, 12	Moni Nikolov, 31	Nikolov & Preuitt, 4	Ben Braun, 4	1,338
March 5	•	at #7 CSUN	W	3-0	Daniil Hershtyonovich,14	Moni Nikolov, 23	Moni Nikolov, 7	DiAeris McRaven, 4	1,107
March 7		Sacred Heart	W	3-0	Skyler Varga, 12	Moni Nikolov, 24	Alex Kandev, 7	DiAeris McRaven, 3	1,927
March 14	•	#7 CSUN	W	3-0	Daniil Hershtyonovich, 12	Moni Nikolov, 30	Rodriguez & Sani, 4	DiAeris McRaven, 5	3,165
March 15		#19 Princeton	W	3-0	Skyler Varga, 11	Moni Nikolov, 30	Skyler Varga, 5	Nato Dickinson, 7	2,278
March 21		NJIT	W	3-1	Varga & Hershtynovich, 10	Moni Nikolov, 35	Rodriguez & Varga, 8	DiAeris McRaven, 8	1,890
March 22		NJIT	W	3-0	Skyler Varga, 10	Moni Nikolov, 28	Rodriguez & Hershtynovich, 6	Ben Braun, 8	1,572
March 28	•	#5 UC Irvine	L	3-0	Skyler Varga,13	Moni Nikolov, 32	Moni Nikolov 5	N/A	4,676
March 29	•	at #5 UC Irvine	W	3-0	Alex Kandev, 15	Moni Nikolov, 35	Moni Nikolov, 6	Ben Braun, 6	4,758
April 4	•	at #16 UC Santa Barbara	W	3-1	Alex Kandev, 13	Moni Nikolov, 43	Kellen Larson, 8	DiAeris McRaven, 6	2,243
April 5	•	#16 UC Santa Barbara	W	3-0	Alex Kandev, 11	Moni Nikolov, 27	Kellen Larson, 9	Ben Braun, 6	2,921
April 11	•	at #4 Hawaii	W	3-1	Daniil Hershtynovich, 17	Moni Nikolov, 38	Nikolov & Larson, 7	Nikolov & Braun, 5	10,300
April 12	•	at #4 Hawaii	L	3-2	Alex Kandev, 16	Moni Nikolov, 49	Nikolov & Larson, 6	Nikolov & Braun, 6	10,300
April 18	•	at #10 UC San Diego	W	3-0	Nato Dickinson, 16	Moni Nikolov, 38	Kellen Larson, 7	Varga, Braun & Dickinson, 3	4,000
April 19	•	#10 UC San Diego	W	3-0	Skyler Varga, 12	Moni Nikolov,35	Kellen Larson, 8	Nato Dickinson, 6	4,364
April 25	!	(4) UC San Diego	W	3-0	Alex Kandev, 14	Moni Nikolov, 35	Alex Kandev, 8	Ben Braun, 5	7,209
April 26	!	(2) Hawaii							

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2025 LONG BEACH STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL
STARTING LINEUPS

Overall Record: 27-2 • Big West: 8-2

Home: 14-1 • Away: 10-1 • Neutral 3-0

Date	Opponent	OH	OH	OPP	MB	MB	S	L
Jan. 10	Saint Francis	Sotiris Siapanis	Daniil Hershtynovich	Skyler Varga	Ben Braun	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Harman
Jan. 15	at Lindenwood	Sotiris Siapanis	Daniil Hershtynovich	Skyler Varga	Ben Braun	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Harman
Jan. 16	at McKendree	Sotiris Siapanis	Daniil Hershtynovich	Skyler Varga	Lazar Bouchkov	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Harman
Jan. 18	at #12 Lewis	Sotiris Siapanis	Daniil Hershtynovich	Skyler Varga	Lazar Bouchkov	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Harman
Jan. 24	Concordia	Sotiris Siapanis	Daniil Hershtynovich	Skyler Varga	Lazar Bouchkov	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Rodriguez
Jan. 25	at #10 Pepperdine	Nato Dickinson	Daniil Hershtynovich	Skyler Varga	Lazar Bouchkov	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Harman
Jan. 31	^ vs. Fort Valley State	Sotiris Siapanis	Daniil Hershtynovich	Sebastiano Sani	Isaiah Preuitt	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Kellen Larson
Feb. 1	^ vs. Belmont Abbey	Alex Kandev	Daniil Hershtynovich	Skyler Varga	Lazar Bouchkov	Nato Dickinson	Moni Nikolov	Connelly/Harman
Feb. 7	#3 UCLA	Sotiris Siapanis	Daniil Hershtynovich	Skyler Varga	Lazar Bouchkov	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Rodriguez
Feb. 12	at #3 UCLA	Sotiris Siapanis	Daniil Hershtynovich	Skyler Varga	Lazar Bouchkov	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Rodriguez
Feb. 14	Vanguard	Sotiris Siapanis	Daniil Hershtynovich	Nato Dickinson	Ben Braun	Sebastiano Sani	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Harman
Feb. 21	#8 Grand Canyon	Sotiris Siapanis	Daniil Hershtynovich	Skyler Varga	Lazar Bouchkov	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Rodriguez
Feb. 22	Barton	Connor Bloom	Sebastiano Sani	Skyler Varga	Nato Dickinson	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Rodriguez
Feb. 23	Barton	Alex Kandev	Connor Bloom	Sebastiano Sani	Ben Braun	Isaiah Preuitt	Moni Nikolov	Connelly/Larson
March 5	• at #7 CSUN	Sotiris Siapanis	Daniil Hershtynovich	Skyler Varga	Nato Dickinson	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Rodriguez
March 7	Sacred Heart	Skyler Varga	Alex Kandev	Connor Bloom	Nato Dickinson	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Rodriguez
March 14	• #7 CSUN	Skyler Varga	Sebastiano Sani	Daniil Hershtynovich	Nato Dickinson	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Rodriguez
March 15	#19 Princeton	Skyler Varga	Sebastiano Sani	Daniil Hershtynovich	Nato Dickinson	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Rodriguez
March 21	NJIT	Skyler Varga	Sebastiano Sani	Daniil Hershtynovich	Ben Braun	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Rodriguez
March 22	NJIT	Skyler Varga	Sebastiano Sani	Daniil Hershtynovich	Ben Braun	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Rodriguez
March 28	• #5 UC Irvine	Sklyer Varga	Sebastiano Sani	Daniil Hershtynovich	Nato Dickinson	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Larson/Rodriguez
March 29	• at #5 UC Irvine	Sklyer Varga	Connor Bloom	Daniil Hershtynovich	Ben Braun	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolov	Connelly/Larson
April 4	• at #16 UCSB	Skyler Varga	Alex Kandev	Daniil Hershtynovich	Ben Braun	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolo	Larson/Connelly
April 5	• #16 UCSB	Skyler Varga	Alex Kandev	Daniil Hershtynovich	Ben Braun	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolo	Larson/Connelly
April 11	• at #4 Hawaii	Skyler Varga	Alex Kandev	Daniil Hershtynovich	Ben Braun	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolo	Larson/Connelly
April 12	• at #4 Hawaii	Skyler Varga	Alex Kandev	Daniil Hershtynovich	Ben Braun	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolo	Larson/Connelly
April 18	• at #10 UC San Diego	Skyler Varga	Alex Kandev	Nato Dickinson	Ben Braun	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolo	Larson/Connelly
April 19	• #10 UC San Diego	Skyler Varga	Alex Kandev	Nato Dickiinson	Ben Braun	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolo	Larson/Connelly
April 25	! (4) UC San Diego	Skyler Varga	Alex Kandev	Nato Dickiinson	Ben Braun	DiAeris McRaven	Moni Nikolo	Larson/Connelly
April 26	! (2) Hawaii							

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2025 LONG BEACH STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL OVERALL STATISTICS

Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
27 - 2	8 - 2	14 - 1	10 - 1	3 - 0

Team Box Score

			Attack					Set		Serve				Dig		Blocking						
##	Player	SP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S	RE	DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	TOT/S	BLK/S	BE	BHE	PTS
1	Nikolov, Moni	96	146	1.52	41	267	.393	952	9.92	90	110	0.94	0	144	1.50	8	67	75	0.78	5	0	277.5
2	Rodriguez, Sebastian	40	0	0.00	0	0	.000	4	0.10	1	1	0.03	1	48	1.20	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
3	Bouchkov, Lazar	20	26	1.30	9	51	.333	1	0.05	3	8	0.15	0	3	0.15	1	12	13	0.65	0	0	36.0
4	Varga, Skyler	85	242	2.85	52	487	.390	55	0.65	29	78	0.34	11	100	1.18	6	60	66	0.78	4	1	307.0
5	Preuitt, Isaiah	14	13	0.93	2	20	.550	0	0.00	1	5	0.07	0	1	0.07	0	10	10	0.71	2	0	19.0
6	Braun, Ben	55	75	1.36	8	117	.573	3	0.05	2	8	0.04	0	14	0.25	2	73	75	1.36	7	0	115.5
8	Siapanis, Sotiris	40	84	2.10	19	162	.401	27	0.68	15	18	0.38	2	56	1.40	2	16	18	0.45	1	1	109.0
9	Sani, Sebastiano	48	73	1.52	21	137	.380	6	0.13	8	28	0.17	11	28	0.58	1	22	23	0.48	1	1	93.0
10	Bloom, Connor	55	26	0.47	7	55	.345	3	0.05	10	17	0.18	0	11	0.20	0	3	3	0.05	0	0	37.5
11	Larson, Kellen	93	1	0.01	0	3	.333	28	0.30	0	0	0.00	19	72	0.77	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
12	Kandev, Alex	51	161	3.16	31	273	.476	14	0.27	18	47	0.35	6	52	1.02	2	24	26	0.51	2	0	193.0
13	Doty, Island	11	0	0.00	0	1	.000	31	2.82	0	0	0.00	0	3	0.27	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
16	Lietz, Nico	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
17	Hillis, Dane	33	2	0.06	1	6	.167	0	0.00	2	9	0.06	0	4	0.12	0	1	1	0.03	0	0	4.5
18	Dickinson, Nato	46	66	1.43	28	139	.273	12	0.26	6	30	0.13	2	17	0.37	2	34	36	0.78	0	0	91.0
19	McRaven, DiAeris	83	103	1.24	25	166	.470	6	0.07	1	20	0.01	1	14	0.17	8	73	81	0.98	3	0	148.5
20	Binev, Georgi	60	0	0.00	1	1	-1.000	0	0.00	6	21	0.10	0	7	0.12	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	6.0
24	Robin, Noah	1	1	1.00	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	1	1.00	0	0	1.5
25	Peluso, Ryan	23	0	0.00	0	0	.000	5	0.22	6	4	0.26	0	4	0.17	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	6.0
28	Connelly, Chris	34	0	0.00	0	0	.000	2	0.06	0	1	0.00	0	1	0.03	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
31	Hershtynovich, Daniil	77	245	3.18	80	466	.354	10	0.13	15	74	0.19	4	87	1.13	4	53	57	0.74	4	0	290.5
34	Baddeley, Nate	3	4	1.33	2	7	.286	0	0.00	0	2	0.00	0	1	0.33	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4.0
40	Harman, Ford	26	0	0.00	0	0	.000	2	0.08	0	0	0.00	0	33	1.27	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
LONG BEACH ST.		**96**	**1268**	**13.21**	**327**	**2359**	**.399**	**1161**	**12.09**	**213**	**481**	**2.22**	**64**	**700**	**7.29**	**36**	**449**	**260.5**	**2.71**	**29**	**3**	**1,741.5**
Opponents		**96**	**922**	**9.60**	**465**	**2279**	**.201**	**858**	**8.94**	**63**	**372**	**0.66**	**213**	**581**	**6.05**	**33**	**168**	**117**	**1.22**	**41**	**1**	**1,102.0**

Team statistics

	LBSU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	1268	922
Errors	327	465
Total Attacks	2359	2279
Attack Pct	.399	.201
Kills/Set	13.21	9.60
SET		
Assists	1161	858
Attempts	2256	2229
Assist Pct	.515	.385
Assists/Set	12.09	8.94
SERVE		
Aces	213	63
Errors	481	372
Attempts	2305	1841
Serve Pct	.791	.798
Aces/Set	2.22	0.66
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	64	213
Errors/Set	0.67	2.22
Attempts	1469	1824
Reception Pct	.956	.999
DEFENSE		
Digs	700	581
Digs/Set	7.29	6.05
BLOCKING		
Block solo	36	33
Block Assist	449	168
Total Blocks	260.5	117
Blocks/Set	2.71	1.22
Block Errors	29	41
Ball handling errors	3	1
ATTENDANCE		
Total	37178	39798
Dates/Avg Per Date	15/2479	11/3618
Neutral Site #/Avg	3/83	-
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Score-by-set	Att.
	01/10/2025	Saint Francis	W	3-0	25-13,25-15,25-12	1281
	01/15/2025	at Lindenwood	W	3-0	25-23,25-22,25-21	612
	01/16/2025	at McKendree	W	3-0	25-14,25-16,25-19	350
	01/18/2025	at Lewis	W	3-1	20-25,27-25,25-16,25-23	1400
	01/24/2025	CUI	W	3-0	25-22,25-19,25-15	1625
	01/26/2025	at Pepperdine	W	3-2	25-14,24-26,18-25,25-17,15-7	630
	01/31/2025	vs Fort Valley St.	W	3-0	25-19,25-17,25-20	100
	02/01/2025	vs Belmont Abbey	W	3-0	25-17,25-14,25-20	150
	02/07/2025	UCLA	W	3-1	25-21,20-25,25-16,25-22	4420
	02/12/2025	at UCLA	W	3-0	25-23,25-19,25-23	4248
	02/14/2025	Vanguard	W	3-0	25-15,25-11,25-22	1763
	02/21/2025	Grand Canyon	W	3-0	25-18,27-25,25-18	2450
	02/22/2025	Barton	W	3-0	25-14,25-14,25-16	1508
	02/23/2025	Barton	W	3-0	25-14,25-13,25-20	1338
*	03/05/2025	at CSUN	W	3-0	25-22,25-15,25-20	1107
	03/07/2025	Sacred Heart	W	3-0	25-18,25-16,25-20	1927
*	03/14/2025	CSUN	W	3-0	25-17,25-14,25-18	3165
	03/15/2025	Princeton	W	3-0	25-19,25-22,25-19	2278
	03/21/2025	NJIT	W	3-1	25-9,25-14,23-25,25-19	1890
	03/22/2025	NJIT	W	3-0	25-18,25-13,25-20	1572
*	03/28/2025	UC Irvine	L	0-3	25-27,19-25,19-25	4676
*	03/29/2025	at UC Irvine	W	3-0	25-23,25-19,29-27	4758
*	04/03/2025	at UC Santa Barbara	W	3-1	25-23,25-16,19-25,25-19	2243
*	04/04/2025	UC Santa Barbara	W	3-0	25-14,25-20,25-17	2921
*	04/11/2025	at Hawaii	W	3-1	25-21,25-18,18-25,25-21	10300
*	04/12/2025	at Hawaii	L	2-3	25-21,20-25,25-18,19-25,13-15	10300
*	04/18/2025	at UC San Diego	W	3-0	25-23,25-10,25-22	3850
*	04/19/2025	UC San Diego	W	3-0	25-12,25-21,25-18	4364
	04/25/2025	vs UC San Diego	W	3-0	25-18,25-23,25-17	0

2025 LONG BEACH STATE MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CONFERENCE STATISTICS

Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
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Team Box Score

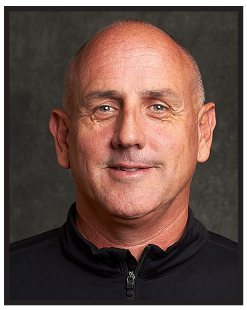
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##	Player	SP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S	RE	DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	TOT/S	BLK/S	BE	BHE	PTS
1	Nikolov, Moni	34	46	1.35	13	90	.367	350	10.29	22	41	0.65	0	50	1.47	3	23	26	0.76	3	0	82.5
2	Rodriguez, Sebastian	9	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	6	0.67	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
4	Varga, Skyler	34	82	2.41	17	171	.380	26	0.76	16	36	0.47	6	38	1.12	1	23	24	0.71	2	1	110.5
6	Braun, Ben	25	37	1.48	3	61	.557	0	0.00	0	6	0.00	0	7	0.28	0	31	31	1.24	5	0	52.5
8	Siapanis, Sotiris	3	0	0.00	0	0	.000	3	1.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
9	Sani, Sebastiano	10	15	1.50	9	41	.146	3	0.30	3	7	0.30	5	6	0.60	0	4	4	0.40	0	0	20.0
10	Bloom, Connor	23	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	1	5	0.04	0	1	0.04	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
11	Larson, Kellen	34	1	0.03	0	1	1.000	11	0.32	0	0	0.00	13	52	1.53	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
12	Kandev, Alex	27	93	3.44	23	165	.424	10	0.37	6	32	0.22	3	23	0.85	0	15	15	0.56	2	0	106.5
17	Hillis, Dane	12	0	0.00	0	1	.000	0	0.00	0	3	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
18	Dickinson, Nato	15	36	2.40	9	69	.391	7	0.47	3	12	0.20	1	7	0.47	0	13	13	0.87	0	0	45.5
19	McRaven, DiAeris	34	41	1.21	6	61	.574	1	0.03	1	7	0.03	1	5	0.15	5	31	36	1.06	2	0	62.5
20	Binev, Georgi	27	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	3	9	0.11	0	3	0.11	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
24	Robin, Noah	1	1	1.00	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	1	1.00	0	0	1.5
25	Peluso, Ryan	13	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	2	3	0.15	0	2	0.15	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0
28	Connelly, Chris	21	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
31	Hershtynovich, Daniil	28	91	3.25	33	177	.328	2	0.07	4	21	0.14	1	31	1.11	0	15	15	0.54	1	0	102.5
LONG BEACH ST.		**34**	**443**	**13.03**	**113**	**840**	**.393**	**413**	**12.15**	**61**	**182**	**1.79**	**32**	**231**	**6.79**	**9**	**156**	**87**	**2.56**	**15**	**1**	**591.0**
Opponents		**34**	**346**	**10.18**	**169**	**820**	**.216**	**330**	**9.71**	**32**	**130**	**0.94**	**61**	**222**	**6.53**	**14**	**65**	**46.5**	**1.37**	**14**	**0**	**424.5**

Team statistics

	LBSU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	443	346
Errors	113	169
Total Attacks	840	820
Attack Pct	.393	.216
Kills/Set	13.03	10.18
SET		
Assists	413	330
Attempts	809	805
Assist Pct	.511	.410
Assists/Set	12.15	9.71
SERVE		
Aces	61	32
Errors	182	130
Attempts	800	687
Serve Pct	.773	.811
Aces/Set	1.79	0.94
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	32	61
Errors/Set	0.94	1.79
Attempts	557	618
Reception Pct	.943	.997
DEFENSE		
Digs	231	222
Digs/Set	6.79	6.53
BLOCKING		
Block solo	9	14
Block Assist	156	65
Total Blocks	87	46.5
Blocks/Set	2.56	1.37
Block Errors	15	14
Ball handling errors	1	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	15126	32558
Dates/Avg Per Date	4/3782	6/5426
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	-
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Score-by-set	Att.
*	03/05/2025	at CSUN	W	3-0	25-22,25-15,25-20	1107
*	03/14/2025	CSUN	W	3-0	25-17,25-14,25-18	3165
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*	04/04/2025	UC Santa Barbara	W	3-0	25-14,25-20,25-17	2921
*	04/11/2025	at Hawaii	W	3-1	25-21,25-18,18-25,25-21	10300
*	04/12/2025	at Hawaii	L	2-3	25-21,20-25,25-18,19-25,13-15	10300
*	04/18/2025	at UC San Diego	W	3-0	25-23,25-10,25-22	3850
*	04/19/2025	UC San Diego	W	3-0	25-12,25-21,25-18	4364



ALAN KNIPE

Head Coach | 22nd Year | 446-170 (.724)

Three-time AVCA National Coach of the Year Alan Knipe has created a winning culture at Long Beach State. A living part of Long Beach State men's volleyball history, Knipe is the only person in program history to have been a part of all three LBSU National Championships. Knipe was a player on the 1991 squad that captured the program's first-ever National Title, before coming back to his alma mater as a head coach and leading the Beach to the school's first-ever back-to-back NCAA National Championships in 2018 and 2019.

In 20 seasons at the helm of the Long Beach State men's volleyball program, Knipe has guided the Beach to eight NCAA Final Fours – six in the last seven seasons – a pair of conference tournament championships, 13 MPSF tournament appearances, five Big West Tournament appearances, and three NCAA Championships.

Under Knipe's tutelage, Long Beach State has posted a 392-165 record as Knipe boasts a .704 winning percentage. In conference action, the Beach is 232-121 (.657) with Knipe on the bench. He has served as head coach of the Beach since 2001, with a brief hiatus from 2010-12 in which he coached the U.S. Men's National Team.

As head coach of the Beach, Knipe has coached six National Players of the Year in Alex Nikolov (AVCA, 2022), Josh Tuaniga (AVCA, 2018), TJ DeFalco, (AVCA, 2017 & 2019) Taylor Crabb (AVCA, 2013), Paul Lotman (AVCA, 2008) and Tyler Hildebrand (Volleyball Magazine, 2006). Additionally, Knipe has coached 70 All-America selections, 32 All-Big West Conference selections, and 58 All-MPSF selections.

During his tenure as head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team, Knipe guided the Americans to the quarterfinals of the 2012 Olympic Games in London as they advanced to the knockout round after finishing first in Pool B, which also featured Brazil and Russia, who were ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the world, respectively.

With Knipe at the helm, the United States also qualified for the World League Finals on three occasions (2009, 2011 and 2012). In 2012, they claimed the FIVB World League silver medal, marking their second-best finish since the World League began in 1990. Additionally, the U.S. won the gold medal at the 2012 NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualification Tournament, securing their eighth consecutive berth to the Olympics.

Knipe played three years (1990-92) at Long Beach State under Ray Ratelle, where he was a key member of the 1991 National Championship team. In the 1991 title match, Knipe racked up 16 kills, nine digs, eight blocks and hit .636 (16-2-22) as LBSU topped USC, 3-1.

As a student-athlete at LBSU, Knipe received numerous honors including all-conference (First Team, 1992), All-American (First Team, 1992; Second Team, 1991) and All-NCAA Tournament (1991) accolades. He also helped the Beach advance to the 1990 NCAA Finals.

Knipe continued his playing career following his graduation from Long Beach State as he was a member of the United States National Team from 1992-93. He also played on the Bud Light 4-Man Pro Beach Volleyball Tour and won seven USVB National Open Championships with Team Paul Mitchell. In 1993, he was named the United States Volleyball Association Player of the Year. Two years later, Knipe played overseas for Spoleto in the Italian Pro League and played for the Zellik Club in Belgium the following year.

In October 2006, Knipe was inducted into the inaugural Long Beach State Men's Volleyball Wall of Honor which recognizes former players who represented Long Beach State men's volleyball with unparalleled success or achievement. He was also inducted into the Long Beach State Athletics Hall of Fame in 2011.

Knipe graduated from Marina High School in Huntington Beach, Calif., and spent one year at Orange Coast College before transferring to Long Beach State, where he received his bachelor's degree in speech communications in 1992.

Knipe and his wife, Jennifer, have two sons, Aidan and Evan.

KNIPE'S HEAD COACHING LEDGER
(NCAA Only)

Season	School	Overall Record	Conference Record	Postseason
2001	Long Beach State	18-7	12-5 (T1st)	MPSF Semifinals
2002	Long Beach State	13-18	9-13 (7th)	MPSF Quarterfinals
2003	Long Beach State	17-13	11-11 (8th)	MPSF Quarterfinals
2004	Long Beach State	28-7	18-4 (2nd)	NCAA Finals
				MPSF Finals
2005	Long Beach State	22-10	14-8 (5th)	MPSF Finals
2006	Long Beach State	23-10	14-8 (T4th)	MPSF Finals
2007	Long Beach State	11-17	6-16 (10th)	None
2008	Long Beach State	23-7	18-4 (T1st)	NCAA Semfinals
				MPSF Semifinals
2009	Long Beach State	14-14	11-11 (7th)	MPSF Quarterfinals
2013	Long Beach State	24-8	18-6 (T2nd)	MPSF Finals
2014	Long Beach State	18-10	15-9 (T5th)	MPSF Quarterfinals
2015	Long Beach State	15-13	11-11 (7th)	MPSF Quarterfinals
2016	Long Beach State	25-8	17-5 (T2nd)	NCAA Semifinals
				MPSF Semifinals
2017	Long Beach State	27-4	16-2 (T1st)	NCAA Semifinals
				MPSF Champions
2018	Long Beach State	28-1	9-1 (1st)	Big West Champions
				NCAA National Champions
2019	Long Beach State	28-2	10-0 (1st)	Big West Finals
				NCAA National Champions
2020	Long Beach State	10-1	N/A - Abbreviated season due to COVID-19	
2021	Long Beach State	7-5	6-4 (3rd)	Big West Semifinals
2022	Long Beach State	20-5	8-2 (1st)	Big West Semifinals
				NCAA Finalists
2023	Long Beach State	21-5	9-1 (T1st)	Big West Semifinals
				NCAA Semifinals
2024	Long Beach State	27-3	9-1 (1st)	Big West Champions
				NCAA Finalists
2025	Long Beach State	27-2	8-2	Big West Finals
	22 YEARS	**446-170**	**248-124**	**12 NCAA Appearances**
				13 MPSF Tournaments
				7 Big West Tournaments
				2 National Championships



KNIPE AT THE BEACH

12 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCES

2024 - NCAA Finals (Head Coach)

2023 - NCAA Semifinalists (Head Coach)

2022 - NCAA Finalists (Head Coach)

2019 - NCAA Champions (Head Coach)

2018 - NCAA Champions (Head Coach)

2017 - NCAA Semifinalists (Head Coach)

2016 - NCAA Semifinalists (Head Coach)

2008 - NCAA Semifinalists (Head Coach)

2004 - NCAA Finalists (Head Coach)

1999 - NCAA Finalists (Assistant Coach)

1991 - NCAA Champions (Player)

1990 - NCAA Finalists (Player)

6 NATIONAL PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

2022 AVCA National Player of the Year
Alex Nikolov

2019 AVCA National Player of the Year
TJ DeFalco

2018 AVCA National Player of the Year
Josh Tuaniga

2017 AVCA National Player of the Year
TJ DeFalco

2013 AVCA National Player of the Year
Taylor Crabb

2008 AVCA National Player of the Year
Paul Lotman

2006 *Volleyball Mag* National Player of the Year
Tyler Hildebrand

U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM COACH

2012 London Olympics

- Quarterfinalists
- Finished 1st in Pool B
  - Pool included #1 Brazil and #2 Russia

3 World League Finals

- 2012 (Silver Medalists), 2011, 2009

NORCECA Continental Olympic Qualification

- 2012 Gold Medalists

LONG BEACH STATE COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

- 2019 NCAA National Champions
- 2018 NCAA National Champions
- 2004, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2024 NCAA National Championship appearances
- 2004, 2008, 2016-19, 2022-24 NCAA Final Four appearances
- 2018, 2019, 2024 Big West Coach of the Year
- 2008, 2017 MPSF Coach of the Year
- 2018 *VolleyMob* Coach of the Year
- 2004, 2017, 2018 AVCA National Coach of the Year
- 2 Big West Tournament Championships
- 1 MPSF Tournament Championship
- 7 Big West Conference Tournament Appearances
- 13 MPSF Tournament Appearances
- 6 National Players of the Year
- 2 AVCA Newcomers of the Year
- 76 All-America Selections
- 43 All-Big West Selections
- 58 All-MPSF Selections

PLAYING HIGHLIGHTS

Long Beach State (1990-92)

- 1991 National Champions
- 1990 NCAA Finalists

U.S. Men's National Team (1992-93)

Bud Light 4-Man Pro Beach Tour (1993-96)

- 7 USVBA National Open Championships
- USVBA Player of the Year (1993)

#1 | Moni Nikolov | S | 6-10 | Fr.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills	10, at UC Irvine, 3/29/25	10, at UC Irvine, 3/29/25
Attempts	15, vs. Pepperdine, 1/26/25	15, vs. Pepperdine, 1/26/25
Assists	51, at Lewis, 1/18/25	51, at Lewis, 1/18/25
Aces	8, vs. Pepperdine, 1/26/25	8, vs. Pepperdine, 1/26/25
Digs	16, at Lewis, 1/18/25	16, at Lewis, 1/18/25
Blocks	7, Twice, Last vs. NJIT, 3/21/25	7, Twice, Last vs. NJIT, 3/21/25

#2 | Sebastian Rodriguez | OH | 6-5 | Sr.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills		4, vs. Edward Waters, 2/17/24
Attempts		5, vs. Edward Waters, 2/16/24
Assists	2, vs. UCLA, 2/7/25	2, vs. UCLA, 2/7/25
Aces	1, at McKendree, 1/16/25	1, 5x, last at McKendree, 1/16/25
Digs	8, vs. NJIT, 3/21/25	8, vs. NJIT, 3/21/25
Blocks		

#3 | Lazar Bouchkov | MB | 6-6 | So.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills	6, 2x, last at UCLA, 2/12/25	9, at UC Santa Barbara, 3/9/24
Attempts	9, at Lewis, 1/18/25	13, at UC Santa Barbara, 3/9/24
Assists	1, vs. Pepperdine, 1/26/25	1, 4x, last vs. Lewis, 2/23/24
Aces	2, at UCLA, 2/12/25	2, at UCLA, 2/12/25
Digs	1, 3x, last at GCU	2, at UCLA, 2/10/24
Blocks	3, vs. UCLA, 2/7/25	11, at NJIT, 1/20/24

#4 | Skyler Varga | OPP | 6-7 | Jr.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills	18, vs. Pepperdine, 1/26/25	20, vs. Grand Canyon, 5/2/24
Attempts	36, vs. Pepperdine, 1/26/25	46, at UC Santa Barbara, 3/9/24
Assists	5, vs. CSUN, 3/5/25	5, vs. CSUN, 3/5/25
Aces	4, vs. CSUN 3/14/25	5, vs. Penn State, 3/1/24
Digs	8, 2x, last vs. NJIT, 3/21/25	10, vs. Penn State, 3/1/24
Blocks	8, vs. NJIT, 3/21/25	9, at NJIT, 1/20/24

#5 | Isaiah Preuitt | MB | 6-7 | Fr.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills	7, vs. Fort Valley St. 1/31/25	7, vs. Fort Valley St. 1/31/25
Attempts	2, at McKendree, 1/16/25	2, at McKendree, 1/16/25
Assists		
Aces	1, vs. Barton, 2/23/25	1, vs. Barton, 2/23/25
Digs	1, vs. Barton, 2/23/25	1, vs. Barton, 2/23/25
Blocks	3, vs. Barton, 2/23/25	3, vs. Barton, 2/23/25

#6 | Ben Braun | MB | 6-11 | Jr.



Category	Season High	Career High (*at Ohio State)
Kills	11, at UC Santa Barbara, 4/3/25	11, at UC Santa Barbara, 4/3/25
Attempts	12, at UC Santa Barbara, 4/3/25	12, at UC Santa Barbara, 4/3/25
Assists	1, 2x, last vs. NJIT, 3/22/25	1, 5x, last at Lewis, 1/18/25
Aces	1, 2x, last vs. Barton, 2/23/25	2, vs. Edward Waters, 2/17/24
Digs	2, 5x Last at UC San Diego, 4/18/25	2, 8x, Last at UC San Diego, 4/18/25
Blocks	8, vs. NJIT, 3/22/25	8, vs. NJIT, 3/22/25

#8 | Sotiris Siapanis | OH | 6-3 | Sr.



Category	Season High	Career High (*at Ohio State)
Kills	16, at Lewis, 1/18/25	25, at Ball State, 4/10/21*
Attempts	29, at Lewis, 1/18/25	52, at Ball State, 4/10/21*
Assists	5, at UCLA, 2/12/25	5, at UCLA, 2/12/25
Aces	4, 2x, last vs. Fort Valley St. 1/31/25	8, vs. Long Island, 1/20/23
Digs	8, at Lewis, 1/18/25	12, vs. Ball State, 3/3/23
Blocks	4, 2x, last vs. Pepperdine, 1/26/25	6, vs. King, 2/3/24

#9 | Sebastiano Sani | OH | 6-8 | So.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills	12, vs. Barton, 2/23/25	12, vs. Barton, 2/23/25
Attempts	4, vs. CUI, 1/24/25	17, vs. King, 2/3/24
Assists	2, 2x last at UC Irvine, 3/28/25	2, 2x last at UC Irvine, 3/28/25
Aces	2, vs. CSUN, 3/14/25	3, vs. Edward Waters, 2/17/24
Digs	5, vs. Vanguard, 2/14/25	5, 2x, last vs. Vanguard, 2/14/25
Blocks	4, vs. NJIT, 3/21/25	4, vs. NJIT, 3/21/25

#10 | Connor Bloom | OH/OPP | 6-5 | Jr.



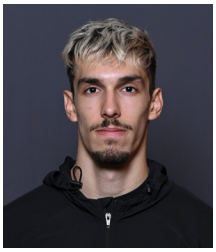
Category	Season High	Career High
Kills	9, vs. Barton, 2/23/25	9, vs. Barton, 2/23/25
Attempts	4, vs. Barton, 2/23/25	8, vs. Central State, 2/16/24
Assists	1, 2x, last vs. NJIT, 3/21/25	1, 2x, last vs. NJIT, 3/21/25
Aces	3, vs. Barton, 2/23/25	3, vs. Barton, 2/23/25
Digs	3, 3x, last vs. NJIT, 3/21/25	3, 3x, last vs. NJIT, 3/21/25
Blocks	1, 2x, last vs. NJIT, 3/21/25	5, vs. Central State, 2/16/24

#11 | Kellen Larson | L | 5-10 | Fr.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills	1 vs. UC Santa Barbara, 4/4/25	1 vs. UC Santa Barbara, 4/4/25
Attempts	1, Twice, Last vs. UC Santa Barbara, 4/4/25	1, Twice, Last vs. UC Santa Barbara, 4/4/25
Assists	3, 3x, last at UC Irvine, 3/29/25	3, 3x, last at UC Irvine, 3/29/25
Aces		
Digs	9 vs. UC Santa Barbara, 4/4/25	9 vs. UC Santa Barbara, 4/4/25
Blocks		

#12 | Alex Kandev | OH | 6-7 | Fr.



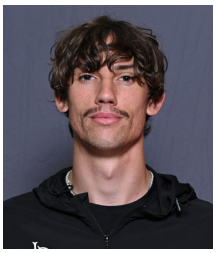
Category	Season High	Career High
Kills	16 at Hawaii, 4/12/25	16 at Hawaii, 4/12/25
Attempts	34 at Hawaii, 4/12/25	34 at Hawaii, 4/12/25
Assists	4, at UC Irvine, 3/29/25	4, at UC Irvine, 3/29/25
Aces	5, vs. Sacred Heart, 3/7/25	5, vs. Sacred Heart, 3/7/25
Digs	8, vs. UC San Diego, 4/25/25	8, vs. UC San Diego, 4/25/25
Blocks	4, Twice, Last vs. UC SanDiego, 4/19/25	4, Twice, Last vs. UC SanDiego, 4/19/25

#13 | Island Doty | S | 6-5 | Jr.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills		3, 2x, last at Merrimack, 1/17/24
Attempts		4, at UC San Diego, 3/31/23
Assists	14, vs. Belmont Abbey, 2/1/25	21, vs. Edward Waters, 2/17/24
Aces		
Digs	2, vs. Vanguard, 2/14/25	6, vs. Central State, 2/16/24
Blocks		4, at UC San Diego, 3/31/23

#16 | Nico Lietz | OPP | 6-10 | So.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills		
Attempts		
Assists		
Aces		
Digs		
Blocks		

#17 | Dane Hillis | OH | 6-3 | Jr.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills	1, 2x, last vs. NJIT, 3/21/25	2, vs. Edward Waters, 2/17/24
Attempts	2 vs. Belmont Abbey, 2/1/25	6, vs. Edward Waters, 2/17/24
Assists		1, 4x, last vs. Edward Waters, 2/17/24
Aces	1, Twice, Last, vs. UC San Diego, 4/25/25	1,3x, Last vs. UC San Diego, 4/25/25
Digs	2, vs. Barton, 2/22/25	2, 2x, last vs. Barton, 2/22/25
Blocks	1, vs. Belmont Abbey, 2/1/25	1, 3x, last vs. Belmont Abbey, 2/1/25

#18 | Nato Dickinson | OPP | 6-7 | Sr.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills	16 at UC San Diego, 4/18/25	16 at UC San Diego, 4/18/25
Attempts	26 at UC San Diego, 4/18/25	26 at UC San Diego, 4/18/25
Assists	3, 3x, last at UC Irvine, 3/28/25	3, 3x, last at UC Irvine, 3/28/25
Aces	2 vs. UC San Diego, 4/19/25	2, Twice, Last, vs. UC San Diego, 4/19/25
Digs	4 vs. UC San Diego, 4/25/25	4 vs. UC San Diego, 4/25/25
Blocks	7, vs. Princeton, 3/15/25	7, vs. Princeton, 3/15/25

#19 | DiAeris McRaven | MB | 6-5 | Sr.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills	6, 2x, last at UC Irvine, 3/29/25	9, vs. Grand Canyon, 5/2/24
Attempts	10, at Lewis, 1/18/25	12, 2x, last vs. GCU, 5/2/24
Assists	1, 3x, last vs. CSUN, 3/14/25	1, 6x, last vs. CSUN, 3/14/25
Aces	1 at UC Santa Barbara, 4/3/25	1, vs. UC Irvine, 4/13/24
Digs	3, at UC Santa Barbara, 4/3/25	2, 5x, last vs. St. Francis, 1/10/25
Blocks	8, vs. NJIT, 3/21/25	8, 2x, last vs. NJIT, 3/21/25

#20 | Georgi Binev | OPP/OH | 6-4 | So.



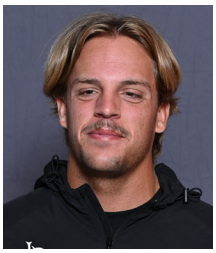
Category	Season High	Career High
Kills		
Attempts		
Assists		
Aces	2 at Hawaii, 4/12/25	2 at Hawaii, 4/12/25
Digs	3, at Lewis, 1/18/25	3, at Lewis, 1/18/25
Blocks		

#24 | Noah Robin | MB | 6-7 | Sr.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills	1 vs. UC San Diego, 4/19/25	2, vs. Edward Waters, 2/17/24
Attempts	1 vs. UC San Diego, 4/19/25	5, vs. Edward Waters, 2/17/24
Assists		
Aces		
Digs		
Blocks	1 vs. UC San Diego, 4/19/25	4, vs. Edward Waters, 2/17/24

#25 | Ryan Peluso | S/OPP | 6-2 | So.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills		
Attempts		1, vs. Long Island, 1/20/23
Assists	1, 2x, last vs. Barton, 2/22/25	1, 3x, last vs. Barton, 2/22/25
Aces	2, 2x, last vs. Sacred Heart, 3/7/25	2, last vs. Sacred Heart, 3/7/25
Digs	1, 3x, Last at Hawaii, 4/12/25	1, 5x, Last at Hawaii, 4/12/25
Blocks		

#26 | Jake Pazanti | S | 6-3 | Fr.



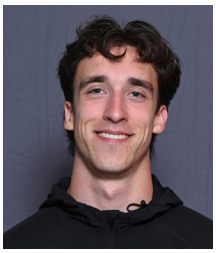
Category	Season High	Career High
Kills		
Attempts		
Assists		
Aces		
Digs		
Blocks		

#28 | Chris Connelly | L | 5-10 | So.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills		
Attempts		
Assists	2, vs. Barton, 2/23/25	2, vs. Barton, 2/23/25
Aces		
Digs	1, vs. Belmont Abbey, 2/1/25	2, vs. Edward Waters, 2/17/24
Blocks		

#31 | Daniil Hershtynovich | OPP | 6-9 | So.



Category	Season High	Career High
Kills	20, at Lewis, 1/18/25	20, at Lewis, 1/18/25
Attempts	36, at Lewis, 1/18/25	36, at Lewis, 1/18/25
Assists	4, at McKendree, 1/16/25	4, at McKendree, 1/16/25
Aces	2, 4x, last at UC Santa Barbara, 4/3/25	2, 6x, last at UC Santa Barbara, 4/3/25
Digs	6, 6x, last vs. UC Santa Barbara 4/4/25	6, 6x, last vs. UC Santa Barbara 4/4/25
Blocks	6, vs. NJIT, 3/21/25	6, vs. NJIT, 3/21/25

#34 | Nate Baddeley | OH | 6-5 | R-Fr.

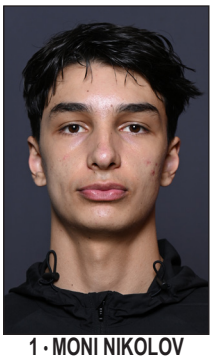


Category	Season High	Career High
Kills	4, vs. Vanguard, 2/14/25	4, vs. Vanguard, 2/14/25
Attempts		
Assists		
Aces		
Digs	1, vs. Belmont Abbey, 2/1/25	1, vs. Belmont Abbey, 2/1/25
Blocks		

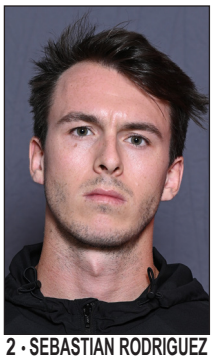
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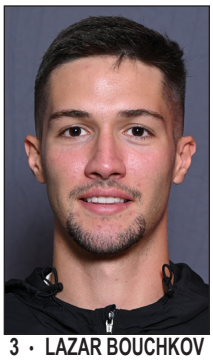
Category	Season High	Career High
Kills		
Attempts		
Assists	1, 2x, at Pepperdine, 1/26/25	1, 2x, at Pepperdine, 1/26/25
Aces		
Digs	8, vs. Barton, 2/22/25	8, vs. Barton, 2/22/25
Blocks		



1 · MONI NIKOLOV
6-8 • Fr. • S



2 · SEBASTIAN RODRIGUEZ
6-5 • RS Sr. • OH



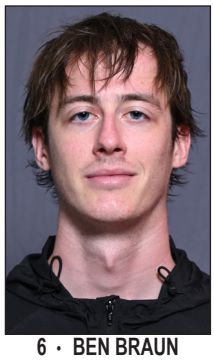
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5 · ISAIAH PREUITT
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6 · BEN BRAUN
6-11 • Jr. • MB



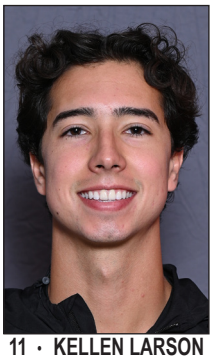
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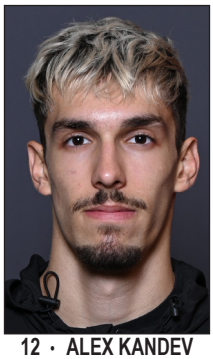
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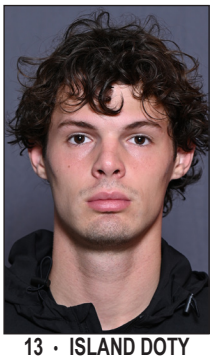
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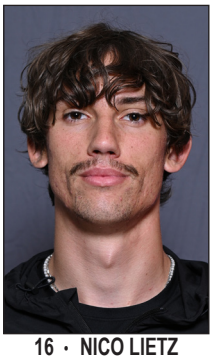
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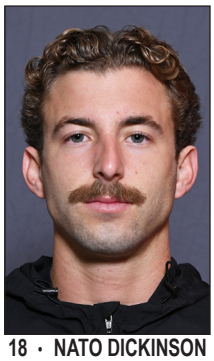
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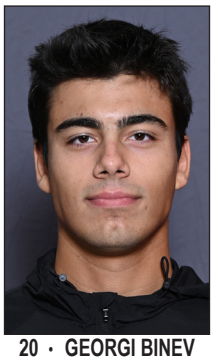
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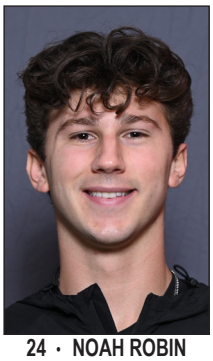
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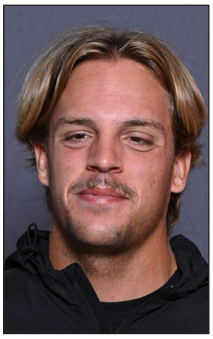
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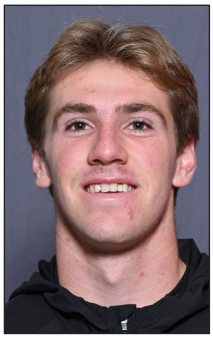
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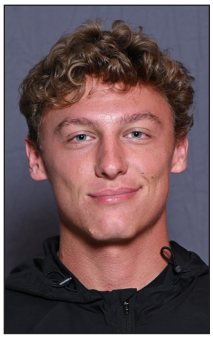
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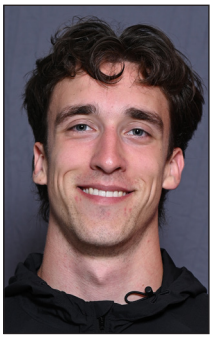
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26 · JAKE PAZANTI
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28 · CHRIS CONNELLY
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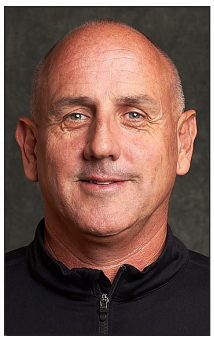
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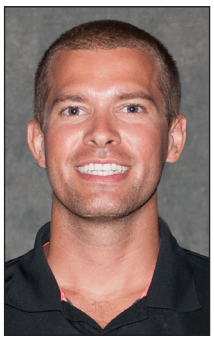
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