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## USC QUICK FACTS

### UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: ..... Los Angeles, Calif.  
Founded: ..... 1880  
Enrollment: ..... 30,000  
Size:..... 150 Acres  
President: ..... Dr. Steven Sample  
Athletic Director:..... Mike Garrett  
National Affiliation:..... NCAA Division I  
Conference: ..... Pacific-10  
Nickname: ..... Trojans / Women of Troy / Troy  
Fight Song:..... "Fight On"  
Colors: ..... Cardinal and Gold  
Home Court: ..... Lyon Center  
Capacity: ..... 1,304  
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### VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach: ..... Mick Haley (4th/28th season)  
Alma Mater: ..... Ball State '65  
Haley's Record at USC: ..... 91-5 (.948), 3 yrs.  
Haley's Career Record: 864-193-1 (.817), 27 yrs.  
Haley's NCAA Record:..... 613-142 (.812), 20 yrs.  
Haley's Pac-10 Record:..... 51-3 (.944)  
Haley's Career Conf. Record: ..... 201-13 (.939)  
Asst. Coach: ..... Liz Towne-Gilbert (1st yr.)  
Asst. Coach: ..... Rob Machan (5th yr.)  
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### 2004 TEAM INFORMATION

Letterwinners Returning / Lost: ..... 8 / 5  
Starters Returning / Lost:..... 3 / 3 (+libero)  
Newcomers:..... 8

### VOLLEYBALL HISTORY

First Season of Volleyball\*: ..... 1976  
All-Time Record:..... 688-242-4 (.740)  
All-Time Conference Record: ..... 309-126 (.710)  
All-Time NCAA Record: ..... 45-18 (.714)  
National Titles: ..... 6 ('76, '77, '80, '81, '02, '03)  
Conf. Titles:..... 6 ('76, '77, '80, '00, '02, '03)  
NCAA Appearances: ..... 20  
AIAW Appearances: ..... 4  
\*First season volleyball scholarships were awarded at USC.

2003 Record: ..... 35-0 / 18-0 (1st)  
Home Record:..... 16-1  
Away Record: ..... 12-0  
Neutral Site Record:..... 7-0  
Final Ranking:..... No. 1  
Postseason Finish: ..... NCAA CHAMPIONS  
Longest Win Streak:..... 47 matches\*\* (11/2/02-)  
Longest Losing Streak: ..... none  
Current Streak:..... 47 wins  
\*\* NCAA Record

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## 2004 SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
<i>at NACWAA Volleyball Classic - Fort Collins, Colo. (USC, Colorado State, Georgia Tech, Minnesota)</i>				
Aug. 27	Friday	vs. Georgia Tech	Fort Collins, Colo.	5 p.m. MDT
Aug. 28	Saturday	Consolation Match	Fort Collins, Colo.	5 p.m. MDT
		Championship Match (ESPN2)		7 p.m. MDT
<b>Sept. 1</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Alumni Match (Banner Night)</b>	<b>Lyon Center</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sept. 3</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Univ. of British Columbia (exh.)</b>	<b>Lyon Center</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sept. 4</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>Lyon Center</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
Sept. 5	Sunday	at Pepperdine (CSTV)	Malibu, Calif.	3 p.m.
<i>at State Farm Illini Volleyball Classic - Champaign, Ill. (USC, Illinois, Miami-Ohio, American)</i>				
Sept. 10	Friday	vs. American	Champaign, Ill.	5 p.m. CDT
Sept. 11	Saturday	Consolation Match	Champaign, Ill.	4:30 p.m. CDT
		Championship Match		7 p.m. CDT
<i>at South Carolina Invitational - Columbia, S.C. (USC, South Carolina, Notre Dame, Michigan State)</i>				
Sept. 17	Friday	at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	7 p.m. EDT
Sept. 18	Saturday	vs. Notre Dame	Columbia, S.C.	3 p.m. EDT
Sept. 19	Sunday	vs. Michigan State	Columbia, S.C.	11:30 a.m. EDT
<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>*Washington State</b>	<b>Lyon Center</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>*Washington</b>	<b>Lyon Center</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Oct. 1	Friday	*at Arizona State	Tempe, Ariz.	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	Saturday	*at Arizona	Tucson, Ariz.	7 p.m.
<b>Oct. 8</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>*Stanford (FSN 10/9)</b>	<b>Lyon Center</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 9</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>*California</b>	<b>Lyon Center</b>	<b>TBA**</b>
<b>Oct. 15</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>*UCLA</b>	<b>Lyon Center</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Oct. 21	Thursday	*at Oregon State	Corvallis, Ore.	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	Friday	*at Oregon	Eugene, Ore.	7 p.m.
<b>Oct. 29</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>*Arizona</b>	<b>Lyon Center</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 30</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>*Arizona State</b>	<b>Lyon Center</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Nov. 4	Thursday	*at California (FSN 11/5)	Berkeley, Calif.	7 p.m.
Nov. 5	Friday	*at Stanford	Stanford, Calif.	7 p.m.
Nov. 12	Friday	*at UCLA	Westwood, Calif.	7 p.m.
<b>Nov. 19</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>*Oregon</b>	<b>Lyon Center</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Nov. 20</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>*Oregon State (Senior Salute)</b>	<b>Lyon Center</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Nov. 26	Friday	*at Washington (FSN 11/27)	Seattle, Wash.	7 p.m.
Nov. 27	Saturday	*at Washington State	Pullman, Wash.	7 p.m.
<i>NCAA Championships</i>				
Dec. 2-5	Thurs.-Sun.	First and Second Rounds	TBA	TBA
Dec. 9-12	Thurs.-Sun.	Regionals	TBA	TBA
Dec. 16	Thursday	Semifinals	Long Beach, Calif. (LB Arena)	TBA
Dec. 18	Saturday	Finals	Long Beach, Calif. (LB Arena)	TBA

\* Pacific-10 Conference match

\*\* TBA following announcement of USC-Cal football game time.

FSN - Tape Delayed on Fox Sports Net.

All times are local to match site.

**BOLD** indicates home matches.

CSTV - Televised live on College Sports TV.



## www.USCTrojans.com

The official website of the University of Southern California Athletic Department

For the most up-to-date coverage of USC women's volleyball on the world wide web, go to [www.USCTrojans.com](http://www.USCTrojans.com), the official website of the University of Southern California Athletic Department.

Fans can follow all Women of Troy home volleyball matches, and selected road matches, live on the web with live stats and web broadcasts. Go to the Multimedia page to find the audio link for each broadcast.

In addition to the live broadcasts, updated results, statistics and match recaps, you can find photos, player biographies, an up-to-date schedule, roster and weekly releases on Women of Troy volleyball.

USCTrojans.com provides similar information for all 18 of its varsity sports.

In addition to the USC site, other websites also provide information about Division I women's volleyball:

[www.pac-10.org](http://www.pac-10.org)  
[www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)  
[www.ncaasports.com](http://www.ncaasports.com)

[www.avca.org](http://www.avca.org)  
[www.usatoday.com](http://www.usatoday.com)  
[www.richkern.com](http://www.richkern.com)  
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[www.cvu.com](http://www.cvu.com)  
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## USC AND UCLA BATTLE FOR FOURTH ANNUAL LEXUS GAUNTLET TROPHY

Presented by the Southern California Lexus Dealer Association, the battle for the Lexus Gauntlet is a year-long all-sports competition between historic crosstown rivals USC and UCLA.

Years ago, knights challenged one another by throwing one of their armored gauntlets to the ground. If a rival picked up the gauntlet the two of them would enter a fearless battle.

The term "throwing down the gauntlet" has come to symbolize the ultimate call to challenge. This is what the Lexus Gauntlet is all about - champion rivals competing in a wide range of sports for the ultimate title of number one. The gauntlet was first thrown at the start of the 2000-01 season and USC and UCLA will challenge for the fourth-annual trophy this season.

The Trojans and Bruins compete against each other in 18 sports. Five points are awarded (10 points are awarded in football, men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball) to the winner of each sport's season series or, for those sports that do not meet head-to-head (cross country, men's and women's golf), the team that placed higher in the conference championship.

In just its first three years, the battle for the Lexus Gauntlet has been true to the long-standing competitive rivalry between USC and UCLA. While the Trojans captured the inaugural trophy in 2002, the Bruins took the 2003 trophy and USC won it back in 2004. All three seasons were decided in the final weeks of competition.

The annual winner is presented with a 150-pound pewter-gilded trophy. Currently on display in Heritage Hall, the trophy features a gauntlet and is engraved with each year's winner.

The Southern California Lexus Dealer Association is the title sponsor of every USC-UCLA athletic competition. This is the first time the two universities have partnered with a corporate entity for complete rivalry sponsorship. In the fall of 2001, the schools signed a four-year contract of undisclosed terms with Lexus, America's best-selling luxury automotive manufacturer.



For recaps of the year-long Lexus Gauntlet competition, visit [www.gauntlettrophy.com](http://www.gauntlettrophy.com)



Two legendary teams.  
 One legendary challenge.



## 2004 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP DATES AND SITES

### First & Second Rounds (16)

To be determined (on campus sites)  
 Dec. 2-5

### Regionals (4)

Dec. 9-12

Ky. International Convention Ctr. • Louisville, Ky.  
 Host: Louisville

Sports Pavilion • Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Host: Minnesota-Twin Cities

Bank of America Arena • Seattle, Wash.  
 Host: Washington

Resch Center • Green Bay, Wisc.  
 Host: Wisconsin

### Finals

Dec. 16 & 18

Long Beach Arena • Long Beach, Calif.  
 Host: Long Beach State

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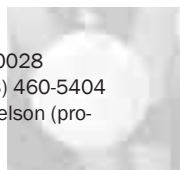
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## CREDENTIALS

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## FACILITIES / PARKING

All matches this season will be played at the Lyon Center located on the University Park Campus. Media should enter campus at Gate 5 off of McClintock and Jefferson. Please present parking attendant with media identification to park for free. Non-media guests will be charged \$6 to park on campus (\$3 with volleyball game ticket).

## LYON CENTER DIRECTIONS

**From the 110 Harbor North/South:** Take the Exposition exit. (From Northbound... go through the 36th Street light, keep left and go under freeway bridge.) Cross Flower Street and at the light turn right onto Fugueroa. Turn left at Jefferson Blvd. Turn left at McClintock onto the USC campus. The Lyon Center is located on the right immediately past Gate #5. The parking attendant at Gate #5 will instruct guests where to park.

**From the 10 East/West:** Exit Vermont and go south (left/right). Turn left on Jefferson Blvd. Turn right on McClintock onto the USC campus. The Lyon Center is located on the right immediately past Gate #5. The parking attendant at Gate #5 will instruct guests where to park.

## TELEPHONES

For radio broadcast, please contact Vicky Hammond at least one week in advance. There will be two phone lines available for radio use only at the Lyon Center. There are no courtside phones available for filing stories. Phones will be made available to media on the entrance level of the Lyon Center (gym is on the second floor) or in the Sports Information Office (Heritage Hall) following the matches, unless other arrangements are made.



*Keao Burdine responds to questions at post-match press conference.*

## INTERVIEW POLICY

To arrange an interview with coaches or athletes, please contact Vicky Hammond at least one day in advance. Check with the USC Sports Information Office regarding the team practice schedule. Players can be made available after practice sessions and at scheduled times. The head coach is generally available by phone. If you would like to reach a member of the team on the road, please contact the Sports Information Office at least two days in advance.

## POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

After the 10-minute "cooling-off" period, both head coaches and selected athletes will be available outside the team's locker rooms. Please submit your postgame interview requests to Vicky Hammond.

## BROADCASTING ARRANGEMENTS

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## IT'S NOT 'SOUTHERN CAL'

In editorial references to athletic teams of the University of Southern California, the following are preferred: USC, Southern California, So. California, Troy and Trojans for men's and women's teams, and Women of Troy for women's teams. PLEASE do not use Southern Cal. (It's like calling San Francisco "Frisco" or North Carolina "North Car."). The usage of "Southern Cal" on licensed apparel and merchandise is limited in scope and necessary to protect federal trademark rights.

## TROJANS ON THE WEB

Current women's volleyball information, as well as news, features and updated statistics can be found on the web at: [www.usctrojans.com](http://www.usctrojans.com)

Get all the latest updates on Pac-10 conference schools and teams at [www.pac-10.org](http://www.pac-10.org).



*Bibiana Candelas signs autographs at NCAA Championships.*

## INTERNET BROADCASTS

You can listen to the following Women of Troy matches by logging on to...

### WWW.USCTROJANS.COM

- Friday, Sept. 3, vs. British Columbia
- Saturday, Sept. 4, vs. Georgia
- Sunday, Sept. 5, at Pepperdine
- Friday, Sept. 24, vs. Washington State
- Saturday, Sept. 25, vs. Washington
- Friday, Oct. 8, vs. Stanford
- Saturday, Oct. 9, vs. California
- Friday, Oct. 15, vs. UCLA
- Friday, Oct. 29, vs. Arizona
- Saturday, Oct. 30, vs. Arizona State
- Friday, Nov. 19, vs. Oregon
- Saturday, Nov. 20, vs. Oregon State
- All postseason matches.



## TELEVISION BROADCASTS

Aug. 28 - ESPN2  
NACWAA Championship Match

Sept. 5 - CSTV  
USC at Pepperdine

Oct. 8 - Fox Sports Net/Net2  
Stanford at USC

Nov. 4 - Fox Sports Net/Net2  
USC at California

Nov. 26 - Fox Sports Net/Net2  
USC at Washington

\* FSN matches will be aired on a tape-delay basis on the Saturday following each match at 9:30 or 10 a.m.

(Oct. 10 - Stanford, Nov. 6 - California, Nov. 17 - Washington).

Check local listings for times.



## 2004 USC WOMEN OF TROY VOLLEYBALL

## CHASING HISTORY

It has been the No. 1 goal for more than four years. Tucked away in a file labeled "2000 Team Goals" it simply states:

**Win One;  
Win Two;**

Then do what no other women's collegiate volleyball team has ever done before...

**Win Three In A Row.**

The 2004 USC women's volleyball team has now reached that point and, after two consecutive national championships, is looking to garner a third-straight.

A third trophy has proven to be the most elusive for some of the greatest teams in the sport of women's volleyball. The USC teams of 1976, 1977, 1980 and 1981 put together two-year streaks, but were never able to grab the third. Hawai'i won back-to-back titles in 1982-83, Pacific did so in 1985-86, UCLA in 1990-91 and Stanford in 1996-97, but no one has claimed the threepeat.

"This is the culmination of our plan and a part of the goals we set for ourselves when I first joined the USC staff," said head coach Mick Haley, who enters his fourth season at the helm of the Trojan volleyball program. "We wanted to make history and now we have the opportunity. We are obligated to try and see if we can repeat our championship performances of the past two years."

With returning starters such as two-time All-American middle blocker **Emily Adams** (Phoenix, Ariz.), All-American middle blocker **Bibiana**

**Candelas** (Torreón, Mexico) and two-time NCAA Championship MVP outside hitter **Keao Burdine** (Pico Rivera, Calif.), it may seem as if the Women of Troy are in good shape.

"We do have some strong and experienced players back in our lineup, but it will take a lot of hard work and a little bit of luck," said Haley. "We have to focus on short-term goals, like figuring out a starting lineup and making sure that the players start to learn and develop the basics of a new team. This will take time and we will have to stay very focused and be very patient."

Among all the challenges that the Women of Troy may face this season, the toughest may be having to deal with the pressure that comes with such a lofty goal. Not only is USC attempting to defend its NCAA crown, but the Trojans are also riding an NCAA-record 47-match win streak.

USC entered 2003 as the preseason No. 1 and heavy favorite to repeat thanks to a starting lineup that remained completely intact. With arguably the nation's toughest schedule, the Trojans were challenged each and every night, including 17 matches against ranked opponents and 13 opponents in the top 10. In the end, the Women of Troy captured their second consecutive NCAA Championship (the program's sixth title overall) in thrilling fashion.

Led by a talented group of upperclassmen, who were considered by many as one of the greatest of all time, the Women of Troy successfully defended their national and conference crowns with a perfect 35-0 record and 18-0 mark in the Pac-10. The Trojans became only the fourth team to go undefeated en route to a title, and the only team to ever do so as a repeat champion.

The championship marked the sixth for Haley in his 27-year career. He was named the 2003 AVCA Division I National Coach of the Year and became the first-ever Trojan coach to garner the honor.

An unprecedented four USC players were named to the AVCA All-America first and second teams, and a record eight earned all-conference accolades (including five first team selections).

Five seniors - April Ross (the 2003 Pac-10 Player of the Year and Honda Award Winner), Katie Olsovsky, Toni Anderson, Nicole Davis and Kelli Lantz - completed their USC careers among the best of all time. In four years, these five players guided the Women of Troy to two national championships, three conference titles, four top-5 rankings and a combined 119-8 record for a 93.7 win percentage.

But their time is over. This season the Trojans must learn to build a new team under the senior leadership of co-captains Adams and **Alicia Robinson** (Phoenix, Ariz.), and Burdine - three players who could easily surpass the accomplishments of last year's senior class.



**EMILY ADAMS**



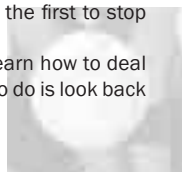
**BIBIANA CANDELAS**



**KEAO BURDINE**

Opponents will be looking to be the first to stop USC on its incredible run.

But if the team needs to learn how to deal with the pressure, all they have to do is look back to last season.



Combined, Adams, Burdine and Robinson boast two national championships, two Pac-10 titles and a 91-5 (.948) overall record.

"The majority of the responsibility this season does lie in our seniors who have been through this before," said Haley, who owns an 864-193-1 (.817) record in his 27 years as a collegiate head coach. "For us to really have a chance at a shot at a third championship, they have to be really good and give more than is usually expected. If they are willing to do that, and if they provide solid leadership for our younger players, then I believe we can get back to the Final Four."

In order to do so, the Women of Troy will have to fill some important gaps left behind by last year's lineup.

"We have to replace the hitting and passing of Ross, in addition to her overall leadership," said Haley. "We have to find someone who can match the blocking of Olsovsky, the setting of Anderson and the defense of Davis, who played all six rotations of every game and every match."

Ross, who averaged 3.65 kills, 0.52 service aces and 3.15 digs per game, accounted for more than a fourth of USC's offense in 2003. Olsovsky contributed 2.5 kills and nearly a block a game, Anderson led with 10.73 assists per outing and Davis guided the team with 4.25 digs per game.

Despite the strength of their numbers, the returners also did their fair share.

Adams and Candelas led the nation with .431 and .434 attack percentages, respectively, in addition to ranking among the nation's top five with 1.39 and 1.24 blocks apiece. Adams contributed 3.36 kills per game, while Candelas added an average of 3.05.

"These are undoubtedly two of the best players in the country," said Haley. "We will need them to continue to dominate at the net and I look forward to another great campaign from each of them."

Burdine nearly matched Ross' offensive and defensive outputs with 3.47 kills and 3.01 digs per game.

"Keao has been a workhorse for us for three years and I know that she is more than prepared for this season," said Haley. "She really gives us strength on the left side and she has not even reached her limit. She has an amazing ability to bump her game up another notch at any given time."

In addition to these three standouts, the team also returns two players who have been waiting in the wings for their shot at a starting position.

Robinson, a 6-foot-2 outside hitter, shined as a freshman, but has since been hampered by injuries that have limited her playing time. After undergoing her first foot surgery in May 2003, Robinson was not fully recovered by the start of last season. She played a limited role, but still managed to contribute 1.48 kills per game in 29

"Staci came a long way last year in a more consistent substitution role," said Haley. "We will need her to be even more dynamic for us this season and we want to see her get more playing time. She could certainly strengthen our ability to score."

Setter **Kimi Freeburg** (New Castle, Ind.), libero/defensive specialist **Debora Seilhamer** (Ponce, Puerto Rico) and defensive specialist **Anne Montgomery** (Menlo Park, Calif.) round out the set of returners who make up the 2004 squad.

Freeburg split time at setter with Anderson last season in the Trojans' 6-2 offense. She played in all 35 matches, including the NCAAs, and averaged 4.50 assists per game. Seilhamer served as Davis' backup at libero and contributed at defensive specialist for the Women of Troy. She played in 32 matches, mainly as a substitute server, and averaged 1.01 digs per game. Montgomery also served as a substitute server and made 14 appearances.

"In reality, all eight of our returners have had some kind of playing experience and that puts us in a great position," said Haley. "To have eight athletes back who have all played, including players like Kimi and Debora who even saw time in the championship matches, that would make most coaches feel pretty comfortable."

**Alex Dunphy** (Malibu, Calif.), a 6-0 setter, redshirted the 2003 campaign due to injuries and enters her redshirt freshman season this year.

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

### Returning Starters (3)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yrs. Started	Att. Pct.	Kpg	Dpg	Bpg	Ppg
Emily Adams	MB	6-6	2	.431	3.36	0.81	1.39	4.45
Bibiana Candelas	MB	6-5	1	.434	3.05	0.66	1.24	3.97
Keao Burdine	OH	6-1	3	.280	3.47	3.01	0.40	3.99

### Other Returning Letterwinners (5)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Att. Pct.	Kpg	Dpg	Bpg	Ppg
Kimi Freeburg	S	5-9		4.50 assists per game			
Anne Montgomery	DS	5-7	-	-	0.38	-	-
Alicia Robinson	OH	6-2	.237	1.48	0.57	0.37	1.73
Debora Seilhamer	DS/L	5-5	-	-	1.01	-	-
Staci Venski	MB	6-3	.364	1.32	0.29	0.45	1.58

### Newcomers (8)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Name	Pos.	Ht.
Katelyn Bishop	MB	6-2	Sarah Florian	OH	6-1
Diane Copenhagen	MB/OPP	6-2	Kathleen Gilmour	S/OPP	6-1
Allison Dillon (So.)	S	5-7	Jessica Gysin	OH	6-1
Alex Dunphy (RS)	S	6-0	Nena Siljegovic (Jr.)	S	5-10

### Letterwinners Lost (5)

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yrs. Played	Att. Pct.	Kpg	Dpg	Bpg	Ppg
Toni Anderson	S	5-10	4		10.73 assists per game			
Nicole Davis	L	5-6	4	-	-	4.25	-	-
Kelli Lantz	OH	6-3	4	.476	1.41	0.18	0.29	1.56
Katie Olsovsky	MB	6-3	4	.317	2.50	1.22	0.98	3.07
April Ross	OH	6-1	4	.296	3.65	3.15	0.70	4.64

appearances. Prior to USC's NCAA Regional Final, Robinson reinjured her foot and was sidelined for the remaining three matches. In January, she underwent a second surgery and has been working hard to prepare for the start of her final year.

"Alicia is a real question mark for us," said Haley, whose career has included seven successful years at Kellogg (Battle Creek, Mich.) Community College, 17 years at Texas and four years with the USA Women's National Team. "We could really use her in our lineup, but we have to wait and see how she has rehabilitated. She has worked so hard to make her body stronger this summer. If she is ready, we know that she can provide 10-15 kills a night, and that would be bad news for opponents."

Next in line is 6-foot-3 junior middle blocker **Staci Venski** (California City, Calif.), who took a much more active role in 2003. Coming off the bench, Venski accounted for 1.31 kills and 0.40 blocks per game, in addition to hitting at a .383 clip.

## Flashback to 2000

The Women of Troy may have lost one of the best classes to ever walk the halls of Heritage Hall, but the coaching staff did a pretty good job in finding comparable replacements. This season, USC welcomes what has been considered by most as the No. 1 recruiting class in the country.

Topping the list are four *Volleyball Magazine* Fab 50 selections, including 6-foot-2 middle blocker **Katelyn Bishop** (Terre Haute, Ind.), 6-foot-2 middle blocker/opposite hitter **Diane Copenhagen** (Mountain View, Calif.) and a pair of 6-foot-1 outside hitters **Sarah Florian** (Toledo, Ohio) and **Jessica Gysin** (Mountain View, Calif.).

"Even though they are both extremely talented groups of athletes (referring to the 2000 and 2004 freshman classes), I don't think you can compare them to each other," said Haley,

under whose direction USC has signed three No. 1-ranked recruiting classes since 2000. "This group may not match the other players in size, but they are extremely quick, they have great ball control and they possess a lot more domestic and international playing experience."

These four impact players all enjoyed great success at the high school level, as well as on the USA Youth and Junior national teams.

Copenhagen and Gysin led St. Francis High in Mountain View, Calif., to four-straight CIF state championships, including the 2002 mythical national championship, during their prep careers. As a four-time state championship all-tournament selection and 2002 MVP, Copenhagen also led her club teams to two Junior National Championships. Gysin, a two-time CIF state championship MVP and four-time all-tournament pick, was also a four-time Junior Olympic All-American.

A graduate of St. Ursula Academy in Toledo, Ohio, Florian helped lead her prep team to an impressive 106-7 record, four league championships and four state semifinal appearances. She was honored to the Junior Olympic all-tournament team in 2003.

Bishop prepped at Terre Haute (Ind.) South Vigo High where she helped lead her prep team to two state regional finals. She was honored as the 2003 Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year.

Additionally, Copenhagen, Florian and Bishop were members of the USA Youth and Junior National squads that captured the 2002 NORCECA gold medal and finished fourth at the 2003 World Championship in Poland.

Setter/opposite hitter **Kathleen Gilmour** (Manhattan Beach, Calif.) is the fifth member of this heralded freshman class. At 6-foot-1, she played for both Mira Costa (Manhattan Beach) and Santa Ynez (Calif.) Valley Union High, and enjoyed great success on the club volleyball level where she helped Hotshots to high finishes at the 2004 and 2003 Junior Olympics.

"This is definitely a talented group of freshmen who will challenge for positions this season," said Haley. "Not only are they experienced, but they will also benefit from the strong set of returners and upperclassmen who will show them the way at this level."

## A Tale Of Five Setters

Thanks to the addition of two transfer players, USC will not lack depth at the setting position this season.

In addition to Freeburg, Dunphy and Gilmour (who may likely redshirt this season), the Women of Troy welcome 5-foot-10 **Nena Siljegovic** of Simi Valley, Calif., and 5-foot-7 **Allison Dillon** of Long Beach, Calif. Siljegovic is a junior transfer from Moorpark (Calif.) Community College, while Dillon enters her sophomore year after spending the 2003 season at San Jose State.

"We think we have come up with great replacements for Anderson among this group of setters," said Haley, who himself was a setter at Ball State. "Our 6-2 offense gives us the ability to maximize our talent and we plan to continue with that style so that we may utilize our depth to the best of our ability.

"All of our setters are going to have to work very hard to connect with our hitters. They will not be competing against each other. The ones who make the hitters the most successful are the ones who will play."

Siljegovic has already experienced national attention while attending Moorpark. After leading MCC to a No. 6 national ranking and a Western State North Division title last season, she was hon-

not get down on ourselves, if we can work hard and serve as good role models for the freshmen, then I think we have a chance to be as good as last year's team... or certainly approach that level."

## The Schedule

No one can argue that USC has not been tested en route to its back-to-back championships. Playing in the Pacific-10 Conference, in addition to facing a consistently strong nonconference schedule, has provided the Women of Troy with only the toughest competition. In 2003, USC faced nearly every opponent that spent any time at all in the top 10, and this year should be no different.

USC will make a return trip to the NACWAA Volleyball Classic to start the 2004 season. The Women of Troy, who captured the tournament title last year by sweeping both Hawai'i and Florida, will again face top-level opponents. Taking place in Fort Collins, Colo., the two-day tournament will feature 2003 NCAA semifinalist Minnesota, regional finalist Georgia Tech and regional semifinalist Colorado State. The Trojans will face the Yellow Jackets in the first round on Aug. 27, with the consolation and championship matches to be played on Aug. 28.

Following a home match against Georgia on Sept. 4, and a match at likely top-10-ranked Pepperdine on Sept. 5, the Women of Troy will hit the road again for two additional tournaments. USC will face American, Miami (Ohio) and Illinois at the State Farm Illini Volleyball Classic, Sept. 10-11, then travel to Columbia, S.C., for the South Carolina Invitational, Sept. 17-19, to face Notre Dame, Michigan State and South Carolina.

The Pac-10 conference season begins Sept. 24 and 25, when the Women of Troy host Washington State and Washington.

"I think that the Pac-10 is the most challenging conference in the country this year," said Haley. "I have looked through the conferences, and, as far as top 10 or top 20 teams go, it looks to me that we have six or seven of those teams right here.

"The only problem is that many of our teams won't stay among the top rankings because we have to face each other in conference play. We'll just beat each other up, but I think it will all pay off in the postseason."

The season concludes with the NCAA Tournament, which begins with the first and second rounds to be held at 16 home sites, Dec. 2-5. Regionals will take place Dec. 9-12 at four pre-determined sites, Louisville, Ky., Minneapolis, Minn., Seattle, Wash., and Green Bay, Wisc. The NCAA Final Four will take place Dec. 16 and 18 at the Long Beach (Calif.) Arena.



ored as the 2003 AVCA Two-Year College National Player of the Year. Born in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, Siljegovic has proven to be a physical and dynamic player in a short four years since immigrating to the United States.

Dillon enters this season as the most experienced of the incoming setters, having already spent one season playing Division I volleyball. As a freshman at San Jose State, she earned a starting role and led the squad with 12.26 assists per game.

"The goal this season is to be as good of a team as we can be by the end of the year," said Haley, who will be looking for his seventh national championship this year. "If we can be patient and

