



# University of Southern California 2017 MEN'S WATER POLO

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2017 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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## Trojans Take Aim At 10th National Championship This Week At Uytengsu

USC hosts the 2017 NCAA Tournament at Uytengsu Aquatics Center.

### 2017 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

USC record: 25-3 (1-2 MPSF)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
<i>UCLA Mini Invitational</i>		
Sept. 2	Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	W 27-3
	Pomona-Pitzer	W 24-3
<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>#3 STANFORD*</b> [P12N][P12LA][P12BA]	<b>W 8-6</b>
<i>Inland Empire Classic (hosted by Redlands)</i>		
Sept. 10	~Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	W 20-1
	~at Redlands	W 16-5
<i>Aggie Roundup (hosted by UC Davis)</i>		
Sept. 16	@#15 Cal Baptist	W 16-3
	@MIT	W 25-5
Sept. 17	@Santa Clara	W 20-3
	@#6 Long Beach State	W 13-5
<b>Sept. 21</b>	<b>#13 UC SAN DIEGO</b>	<b>W 15-2</b>
<i>Mountain Pacific Invitational (hosted by USC &amp; LMU)</i>		
<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>\$\$SAN JOSÉ STATE</b>	<b>W 18-9</b>
<b>Sept. 23</b>	<b>\$#10 UC IRVINE</b>	<b>W 10-9</b>
	<b>\$\$#3 STANFORD</b>	<b>W 11-10</b>
<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>\$\$#4 UCLA</b>	<b>L 13-11</b>
<i>Lancer Joust (hosted by Cal Baptist)</i>		
Sept. 29	^at #15 Cal Baptist	W 16-6
	^vs. Fresno Pacific	W 24-3
Sept. 30	at #9 Pepperdine	W 11-5
<b>Oct. 5</b>	<b>#7 LONG BEACH STATE</b>	<b>W 11-9 (ot)</b>
Oct. 8	at #8 UC Santa Barbara	W 6-3
<b>Oct. 14</b>	<b>ALUMNI DAY</b>	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 21</b>	<b>#6 UC IRVINE</b>	<b>W 13-8</b>
Oct. 27	at Concordia	W 25-3
<b>Oct. 28</b>	<b>#11 SAN JOSÉ STATE</b>	<b>W 24-8</b>
Nov. 4	at #2 California* [P12LA][P12BA]	L 6-3
Nov. 5	at #5 Pacific	W 11-7
Nov. 11	at UCLA* [P12LA]	L 12-11 (SD)
<i>MPSF Tournament (hosted by Stanford)</i>		
Nov. 17	8[5] Penn State Behrend	W 17-2
Nov. 17	8[1] Stanford	W 10-5
Nov. 19	8[3] UCLA [P12]	W 7-5
<i>NCAA Tournament (hosted by USC)</i>		
<b>Nov. 30</b>	<b>!UC Davis vs. Pacific</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
	<b>!USC vs. Harvard</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>!Semifinal - UCLA vs. TBD</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
	<b>!Semifinal - Cal vs. TBD</b>	<b>5:15 p.m.</b>
<b>Dec. 3</b>	<b>!Championship</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>

Home games in **BOLD CAPS** [at Uytengsu Aquatics Center]

\* MPSF game @ Aggie Roundup - Davis, Calif.

~ Inland Empire Classic - Redlands, Calif.

\$ Mountain Pacific Invitational - Uytengsu Aquatics Center & LMU

^ Lancer Invitational - Riverside, Calif. MPSF Tournament - Palo Alto, Calif.

! NCAA Champs - Uytengsu Aquatics Center [P12] = televised by Pac-12 Networks

### 2017 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Uytengsu Aquatics Center (Los Angeles, Calif.)



#### OPENING ROUNDS | Thursday (Nov. 30)

5 p.m. - UC Davis vs. Pacific

7 p.m. - **USC** vs. Harvard

STREAM: [pac-12.com/live/usc](http://pac-12.com/live/usc)

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#### SEMIFINALS | Saturday (Dec. 2)

3 p.m. - UCLA vs. UC Davis/Pacific

5:15 p.m. - California vs. **USC**/Harvard

STREAM: [ncaa.com/live](http://ncaa.com/live)

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#### CHAMPIONSHIP | Sunday (Dec. 3)

3 p.m. - Championship Game

STREAM: [ncaa.com/live](http://ncaa.com/live)

#### THIS WEEK

USC settles back into home waters for the final push toward a 10th national championship this week, as the Trojans host the 2017 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championships at Uytengsu Aquatics Center. The last time USC hosted the event, the Trojans wound up holding up their fifth straight NCAA trophy. This year, USC enters the 2017 tournament as the No. 3 seed, set up with an Opening Round clash against Harvard at 7 p.m. on Thursday (Nov. 30). UC Davis and Pacific will face off in the other Opening Round matchup at 5 p.m. that day. The NCAA Semifinals will take place on Saturday (Dec. 2), with top-seeded UCLA awaiting the winner of the UC Davis-Pacific game for a 3 p.m. semifinal. At 5:15 p.m., No. 2 seed California will face either USC or Harvard. The semifinal winners will turn to battle for the 2017 NCAA Championship at 3 p.m. on Sunday (Dec. 3).

#### NCAA TOURNAMENT CENTRAL

<http://usctrojans.com/sports/2017/11/23/2017-ncaa-tournament-central.aspx>

### USC BY THE NUMBERS

**32nd** - NCAA appearance all-time

**10th** - consecutive 20-win season

**13th** - consecutive NCAA appearance

**7** - NCAA titles won in past 12 years

**12** - consecutive NCAA title matches reached

**4** - Active Trojans with 100+ career goals

**9** - total national championships won

**2013** - last NCAA Championship won

#### RANKINGS

USC started its 2017 journey at No. 2 in the preseason national rankings. The Trojans wrapped 2016 at No. 2 in the land after reaching the NCAA final for the 12th consecutive season. After standing at No. 2 for the first five weeks of 2017 competition, USC climbed to No. 1 in the nation on Oct. 4. The Trojans dropped out of the top spot on Nov. 8, and moved to No. 4 for a week before popping back into the No. 1 spot in the latest set of national rankings (Nov. 22).

#### NCAA NOTES

The NCAA title winners in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013, the Trojans are making their 13th consecutive and 32nd overall appearance in the national tournament. With seven crowns claimed in the past 12 seasons, USC made history in 2012 as the first collegiate men's water polo team to make eight consecutive appearances and then added to their historic efforts in becoming the first collegiate water polo team ever to win six straight NCAA titles in 2013. USC has made 12 consecutive trips to the NCAA final entering this 2017 campaign.

#### THE CONTENDERS

The 2017 National Collegiate Championships involves an eight-team field, with two at-

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large teams and six automatic qualifiers as conference champions. The top two seeds – at-large recipients UCLA and Cal – earned a place in the semifinal round, where they await winners of play-in games. USC captured the No. 3 seed after picking up an automatic bid as the MPSF Tournament Champion. The rest of the field is comprised of conference champions Harvard (Northeast Water Polo Conference), George Washington (Collegiate Water Polo Association), UC Davis (Western Water Polo Association), Pomona-Pitzer (Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) and Pacific (Golden Coast Conference). In the first two Opening Round games on Nov. 25, Pacific beat Pomona-Pitzer 16-2, and Harvard beat George Washington 15-13 in overtime to advance to the Nov. 30 Opening Round games at USC. The Trojans (25-3) are making their 13th consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament; UCLA (19-4) is making its fourth consecutive appearance; and defending champion Cal (20-3) is making its third straight trip. Harvard (24-7) and UC Davis (22-6) are both making their second straight NCAA appearances. Pacific (20-5) is in the NCAA mix for the second time in five seasons.

#### THE MATCHUPS

##### USC vs. California

All-time: ----- 60-57-2  
 This season: -----0-1  
 Last: ----- L 3-6 (Nov. 4, 2017)  
 Last in NCAA Tourn.: - L 11-8 (OT) (2016 final)

##### USC vs. Harvard

All-time: ----- 2-0  
 This season: ----- None  
 Last: ----- W 19-4 (2016 NCAA semifinals)  
 Last in NCAA Tourn.: W 19-4 (2016 semifinals)

##### USC vs. UCLA

All-time: ----- 68-56-1  
 This season: -----1-2  
 Last: ----- W 7-5 (2017 MPSF final)  
 Last in NCAA Tourn.: ----- L 10-7 (2015 final)

##### USC vs. Pacific

All-time: ----- 51-9  
 This season: ----- 1-0  
 Last: -----W 11-7 (Nov. 5, 2017)  
 Last in NCAA Tourn.: W 12-11 (OT) (2013 final)

##### USC vs. UC Davis

All-time: -----15-0  
 This season: ----- None  
 Last: ----- W 19-3 (Sept. 6, 2014)  
 Last in NCAA Tourn.: ----- None

#### THIS TIME LAST YEAR

In 2016, USC carried a 23-1 overall record into the NCAA Tournament after winning the Trojans' ninth MPSF Tournament championship to secure an automatic bid. Top-seeded USC held a 15-game win streak on the way into the 2017 tourney. Offensively, USC was averaging 14.96 goals per game at this point last season. Defensively, USC averaged 4.13 goals-against per game. The offense was led by junior **Blake Edwards** with 40 goals, topping a tightly knit

group of junior scorers. **Matteo Morelli** was next in line with 36 goals, followed by **Lachlan Edwards** with 34 and **Grant Stein** with 31. USC had outscored opponents 359-99. Defensively, USC had held opponents scoreless in 40 periods of regulation play. Junior goalie **McQuin Baron** had capped up in the cage for 22 games and was averaging 11.33 saves and 4.31 goals-against per game. In the 2016 NCAA semifinal, USC topped Harvard 19-4 to launch the Trojans into the NCAA final for the 12th consecutive season. In the title match, tournament host Cal was able to fend off the Trojans in overtime, claiming the title with an 11-8 OT decision. At tournament's end, USC would have five players earn All-Tournament honors. Blake Edwards and Lachlan Edwards were named to the All-Tournament First Team, with McQuin Baron, Nick Bell and Marin Dasic picking up Second Team honors.

#### AND NOW...

USC totes a 25-3 overall record entering its 2017 National Collegiate Opening Round game, marking the Trojans' 10th consecutive 20-win season. USC is the No. 3 seed as an automatic qualifier after a powerful performance at the MPSF Tournament, where the Trojans beat Penn State Behrend 17-2 before upsetting top-seeded host Stanford 10-5 in the semifinals. In the final, USC controlled things in a 7-5 win over rival UCLA to win the Trojan's 10th MPSF Tournament crown. Entering NCAA action, freshman **Marko Vavic** stands as the most prolific Trojan to date with 47 goals, followed by senior **Blake Edwards** with 44, senior **Matt Morelli** with 34 and fellow seniors **Grant Stein** and **Lachlan Edwards** with 31 each. Defensively, three goalies have capped up in the cage. **McQuin Baron** has appeared in 27 games, with double-digit saves in 11 games. He's averaging 10.7 saves and 5.48 goals-against per game. **Will Rubschlager** and **Simon Wu** have shared time in backup roles to Baron, combining for 45 saves. In all, USC has outscored opponents 423-159. As a team, USC ranks No. 1 in the MPSF in offense (15.11 gpg) and in defense (5.68 gagg). The USC defense has silenced opponents in 32 total periods to date.

#### RECORD-BREAKING BARON

On Sept. 16 in USC's first-ever meeting with MIT, senior goalie **McQuin Baron** broke USC's all-time career saves record with his fifth save of the game. That notched Baron's 856th save to edge out previous leader Joel Dennerley, who had set the USC record during his senior season on Sept. 18, 2011 – almost exactly six years earlier. Baron already held the USC record for single-season saves, set his freshman year with 288 saves collected in 2014. Now with 1,055 career saves to his name, Baron has become just the second MPSF goalie to break the 1,000-save barrier in his career. As he continues to set his sights on anchoring the Trojans to a national championship, Baron also is hot on the trail of Pacific's Alex Malkis, who holds the MPSF record with 1,057 career saves from 2010-13. Entering the 2017 NCAA Tournament, Baron needs just three more saves to take over

as the MPSF all-time career saves leader.

#### CLIMB ON

While **McQuin Baron** tops the saves leaderboard at USC with his 1,055 career stops, a set of All-American senior sharpshooters are charging up the scoring charts. **Blake Edwards** has cracked the No. 10 all-time with 154 career goals. He's followed by **Matteo Morelli** at No. 13 with 144 goals – eight shy of the top-10. **Grant Stein** is next at No. 16 with 141 apiece. Just steps behind is **Lachlan Edwards** at No. 17 in USC history with 139. Fellow senior **James Walters**, meanwhile, has built his career count up to 93 goals, putting him in striking distance of the century mark as a Trojan.

#### ALL-AMERICAN EDGE

With eight All-Americans back in the water for 2017, USC head coach **Jovan Vavic** has more All-American talent than he has room for in his starting lineup. In that core group of decorated All-Americans, seven are seniors. Two of them are repeat team captains – **James Walters** and returning top scorer **Blake Edwards** – both two-time All-Americans. One is Cutino Award winner **McQuin Baron**, who will soon be taking over as USC's all-time saves leader. Three more Trojan All-Americans – **Matteo Morelli**, **Lachlan Edwards** and **Grant Stein** – accumulated over 100 combined goals last year. The seventh – standing out as the brains of the group – is NCAA Elite 90 Award winner **Mihajlo Milicevic**, who stars as a stingy defender for the Trojan cause. The only first-time All-American in the crew is on his way in to his second season at USC, as sophomore **Matt Maier** returns to the pool as the 2016 MPSF Newcomer of the Year.

#### DEPTH CHARGE

As valuable as USC's sizeable senior class is, **Jovan Vavic** has his eyes on a few other returners as linchpins in this season's efforts. Now sophomores, Olympian **Thomas Dunstan**, MPSF Newcomer of the Year **Matt Maier** and FINA Junior World Championship silver medalist **Marin Dasic** are even more prepared to be impact players for the Trojans. Junior **Zach D'Sa** and redshirt sophomore **Daniel Leong** both had breakout seasons last year and are primed for major playing time in 2017. Redshirt junior **Tim Leong** has also maneuvered his way into an increased role, while redshirt sophomore **Sam Slobodien**, too, made major strides last season and during the summer, lining himself up for extra duty at the two-meter mark along with fellow centers Maier, **James Walters** and **Lachlan Edwards**. In all, the Trojans return 90 percent of their scoring production from last season as well as their entire goalkeeping corps.

#### NEW CREW

Among the talented Trojan youth movement, Vavic taps redshirt freshmen **Luke Wyatt**, **Chas Hornecker** and **Luka Karaman** and true freshmen **Marko Vavic** and **Christian Hockenbury** as the brightest stars who are seeing the benefits of their hard work and skills developed in the run-up to this 2017 campaign. At 6-foot-6

## 2017 COLLEGIATE WATER POLO ASSOCIATION POLL

(Week 12 • Nov. 22)

Rank	School	Previous	Points
1t.	USC	4	96
1t.	UCLA	3	96
3.	California	2	91
4.	Stanford	1	88
5.	Pacific	5	80
6.	UC Irvine	7	74
7.	Long Beach State	6	70
8.	UC Davis	8 (T)	64
9.	Pepperdine	10	61
10.	UC Santa Barbara	8 (T)	55
11.	San Jose State	11	49
12t.	Harvard	15	43
12t.	UC San Diego	12	43
14.	Princeton	13	35
15.	Brown	14	28
16.	Cal Baptist	17	17
17t.	George Washington	RV	16
17t.	Pomona-Pitzer	19	16
19.	Saint Francis Brooklyn	18	11
20.	Bucknell	16	7

## 2017 AWARDS

### All-MPSF First Team

Lachlan Edwards  
McQuin Baron

### All-MPSF Second Team

Blake Edwards  
Matteo Morelli

### All-MPSF Honorable Mention

Matt Maier  
Marko Vavic  
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### MPSF All-Tournament Team

McQuin Baron (MVP)  
Lachlan Edwards  
Matteo Morelli  
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### MPSF Player of the Week:

McQuin Baron (Sept. 1 & Oct. 9)

### MPSF Newcomer of the Week:

Marko Vavic (Sept. 25, Oct. 2 & Oct. 30)

## SINGLE-SEASON GOALIE SAVES

(since 1983)

1.	McQuin Baron	2014	288
2.	McQuin Baron	2015	282
3.	Andrew Tinseth	1993	268
4.	James Clark	2013	263
5.	Kevin Stringer	1986	253
6.	Andrew Tinseth	1992	247
	McQuin Baron	2016	247
8.	Richard McEvoy	1999	246
9.	McQuin Baron	2017	238
10.	Brent Kimball	1988	231

## USC CAREER SCORING LEADERS

(since 1983)

1.	Kostas Genidounias	2011-2014	261
2.	Nikola Vavic	2010-2013	254
3.	Juraj Zatovic	2002-05	220
4.	Robert Lynn	1985-88	190
5.	Hrvoje Cizmic	1994-96	179
6.	Danny Leyson	1989-92	167
7.	Giacomo Rossi	1985-89	162
8.	Zoltan Berty	1986-88	161
9.	Blake Edwards	2015-present	154
10.	Marko Zagar	1994-96	152
11.	Jose Santiago	1989-93	151
12.	Rob Carver	1984-88	150
13.	Matteo Morelli	2014-present	144
14.	Juan Delgadillo	2003-06	143
15.	Peter Kurzeka	2008-11	142
16.	Grant Stein	2014-present	141
17.	Lachlan Edwards	2014-present	139
18.	J.W. Krumpholz	2006-09	138
19.	Thomas Hale	2003-06	134
20.	Mateo Juric	1995-97	132
21.	Jeremy Davie	2010-13	129
22.	Matt Sagehorn	2006-09	127
23.	Predrag Damjanov	2000-03	124
24.	Mace Rapsey	2010-13	123
25.	James Castle	1996-99	122

and with U.S. National Team experience, Vavic stands to be a quick and powerful fit into his father's gameplan. Marko is the third of head coach Jovan Vavic's children to cap up at USC, following in the footsteps of older brother Nikola and sister Monica, who won a combined five NCAA Championships as Trojans.

### OPENING DAY

Twenty-one Trojans got on the scoresheets in USC's season-opening action at the UCLA Mini Invitational. Fifteen Trojans logged goals in each game as USC posted a 27-3 win over Claremont-Mudd-Scripps followed by a 24-3 win over Pomona-Pitzer. Along the way, five Trojans – **Marko Vavic, Troy Furniss, Christian Emerson, Christian Hockenbury and Chas Hornecker** – registered their first career goals at USC.

### TROJAN TRAVELS

In July, the Trojans took a trip through international waters, soaking up some sun while splashing down in seas, pools and rivers across France, Italy, Croatia and Montenegro. The Trojans set up camp in Nice (France), Recco (Italy), Split (Croatia) and Herceg Novi (Montenegro) while scrimmaging local teams and training for the upcoming 2017 season back in the USA. That European adventure brought the entire USC squad together as a team, offering up invaluable opportunities to gel in the water and out. In fact, the last three USC teams to take a similar summer training trip to Europe came back to the USA and won the national championship that same year. It's a theme that bodes well for the 2017 Trojans, who boast a senior class that is 13 Trojans strong and who have 11 redshirt freshmen and newcomers lined up for their first official action this season.

### AND NOW, THIS

Now in his 23rd year at the helm of the USC water polo program, **Jovan Vavic** has guided the Trojans to the NCAA title match every season for the past 12 years. He's captured seven championships during that stretch. Last season, USC manufactured a 24-2 overall record, losing just one road game during the regular season, winning the MPSF Championship and then falling in a frustrating NCAA final that went to overtime in its opponent's home pool. This year, the Trojans are lined up as host of the 2017 NCAA Tournament, set for Dec. 2-3 at USC's own Uytengsu Aquatics Center. The last time the Trojans hosted the national championship, they capped it off by hoisting the 2012 championship trophy. This year, USC aims to once again successfully defend the Trojans' home waters while adding a 10th NCAA trophy to the men's collection of championships.

## USC CAREER GOALIE SAVES

(since 1984)

1.	McQuin Baron	2014-present	1055
2.	Joel Dennerley	2008-11	855
3.	Kevin Stringer	1985-87	675
4.	Richard McEvoy	1996-99	638
5.	Andrew Tinseth	1991-94	629

## MPSF CAREER SAVES LEADERS

1.	Alex Malkis (Pacific, 2010-13)	1057
2.	McQuin Baron (USC, 2014-17)	1055
3.	Garrett Danner (UCLA, 2013-16)	932
4.	Chris Whitelegge (UC Santa Barbara, 2012-15)	895
5.	Bence Valics (Pepperdine, 2010-13)	889
6.	Joel Dennerley (USC, 2008-11)	855

# 2017 USC SCHEDULE/RESULTS

[25-3 overall • 1-2 MPSF | MPSF TOURNAMENT CHAMPION]

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	SCORE	SCORERS	SAVES
Sept. 2	UCLA Mini Invitational Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	W	27-3	Slobodien 4, Stein 4, B. Edwards 3, L. Edwards 3, Vavic 2, Morelli 2, Emerson, Hoerman, Maier, Walters, Embrey, Pasuljevic, Furniss, T. Murphy Slater.	Baron 4, Rubschlager 5
Sept. 2	Pomona-Pitzer	W	24-3	Dunstan 3, Walters 3, Vavic 2, Milicevic 2, Hoerman 2, Stein 2, Morelli 2, Dasic, D'Sa, Maier, L. Edwards, Pasuljevic, Emerson, Hockenbury, Hornecker.	Baron 4, Wu 3
<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>#3 STANFORD*</b> (P12N/P12LA/P12BA)	<b>W</b>	<b>8-6</b>	<b>Vavic 2, B. Edwards 2, Morelli 2, Maier, Dasic.</b>	<b>Baron 12</b>
Sept. 10	Inland Empire Classic (hosted by Redlands) ~Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	W	20-1	D'Sa 3, Morelli 3, B. Edwards 2, Maier 2, Hoerman 2, Dunstan, Stein, Pasuljevic, Slater, Dasic, L. Edwards, Slobodien, Hockenbury.	Baron 5, Rubschlager 3
Sept. 10	~at Redlands	W	16-5	Vavic 3, D'Sa 3, Morelli 2, B. Edwards 2, Dasic 2, Walters, Stein, Hoerman, L. Edwards.	Baron 2, Wu 4
Sept. 16	Aggie Roundup (hosted by UC Davis) @ #15 Cal Baptist	W	16-3	Vavic 2, Hoerman 2, Stein 2, Maier 2, Dunstan 2, D. Leong 2, B. Edwards, Pasuljevic, Morelli, Dasic.	Baron 7
Sept. 16	@MIT	W	25-5	L. Edwards 5, D. Leong 4, Walters 3, Slobodien 2, Maier 2, Stein 2, B. Edwards, Pasuljevic, Dasic, Hoerman, T. Leong, Milicevic, Morelli.	Baron 5, Rubschlager 5
Sept. 17	@Santa Clara	W	20-3	Stein 2, Dunstan 2, Maier 2, B. Edwards 2, L. Edwards 2, T. Leong 2, Dasic 2, Vavic 2, Morelli, D'Sa, Milicevic, D. Leong.	Rubschlager 7
Sept. 17	@ #6 Long Beach State	W	13-5	Maier 3, D'Sa 2, L. Edwards 2, Dasic 2, Milicevic, Vavic, Stein, D. Leong.	Baron 12
<b>Sept. 21</b>	<b>#13 UC SAN DIEGO</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>15-2</b>	<b>Pasuljevic 2, B. Edwards 2, Slobodien 2, Maier, Dunstan, Hoerman, L. Edwards, Walters, D. Leong, Hockenbury, Embrey, Wyatt.</b>	<b>Baron 10</b>
Sept. 22	Mountain Pacific Invitational (hosted by USC & LMU) \$San José State	W	18-9	Stein 2, Dasic 2, Slobodien 2, Hoerman 2, D. Leong 2, T. Leong 2, Vavic, Pasuljevic, B. Edwards, Milicevic, Karaman, Hornecker.	Baron 3, Rubschlager 5
Sept. 23	#\$10 UC Irvine	W	10-9	Morelli 2, Stein 2, Vavic 2, D'Sa, Hoerman, B. Edwards, Maier.	Baron 9
Sept. 23	#\$3 Stanford	W	11-10	Maier 2, B. Edwards 2, Dunstan 2, Milicevic, Hoerman, Vavic, L. Edwards, Morelli.	Baron 10
Sept. 24	#\$4 UCLA	L	13-11	Stein 3, D'Sa 2, B. Edwards, Hoerman, Milicevic, Dasic, L. Edwards, Vavic.	Baron 9
Sept. 29	Lancer Invitational (hosted by Cal Baptist) ^at #15 Cal Baptist	W	16-6	Vavic 4, B. Edwards 3, T. Leong 2, Slater 2, D. Leong, Stein, D'Sa, Morelli, Slobodien.	Baron 10
	^Fresno Pacific	W	24-3	B. Edwards 7, Slobodien 6, Vavic 4, D. Leong 2, Pasuljevic, Dunstan, T. Leong, Stein, Hockenbury.	Wu 3, Rubschlager 6
Sept. 30	at #9 Pepperdine	W	11-5	Vavic 2, Maier 2, Morelli 2, Dunstan, D'Sa, Dasic, L. Edwards, Hoerman.	Baron 10
<b>Oct. 5</b>	<b>#7 LONG BEACH STATE</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>11-9 (OT)</b>	<b>Maier 2, Walters 2, Dasic 2, Hoerman, B. Edwards, L. Edwards, Vavic, Stein.</b>	<b>Baron 18</b>
Oct. 8	at #8 UC Santa Barbara	W	6-3	B. Edwards 2, L. Edwards 2, Morelli, Walters.	Baron 14, Rubschlager 0
<b>Oct. 21</b>	<b>#6 UC IRVINE</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>13-8</b>	<b>Vavic 3, Dunstan 2, D'Sa 2, B. Edwards, Morelli, Milicevic, Walters, Slobodien, Hockenbury.</b>	<b>Baron 6, Rubschlager 0</b>
Oct. 27	at Concordia	W	25-3	Morelli 5, Pasuljevic 3, Vavic 3, Slobodien 3, Walters 2, B. Edwards 2, Stein, Milicevic, Embrey, T. Leong, Dunstan, Dasic, Emerson.	Baron 9, Rubschlager 0
<b>Oct. 28</b>	<b>#11 SAN JOSÉ STATE</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>24-8</b>	<b>Walters 3, Vavic 3, Stein 3, Dasic 3, Maier, Morelli, Pasuljevic, Slater, T. Leong, Embrey, L. Edwards, B. Edwards, Slobodien, Dunstan, Wyatt, Hudnut.</b>	<b>Baron 7, Wu 1</b>
Nov. 4	at #2 California* (P12LA/P12BA)	L	6-3	Walters, Maier, D'Sa.	Baron 15
Nov. 5	at #5 Pacific	W	11-7	L. Edwards 2, Vavic 2, B. Edwards 2, Walters, Dunstan, Dasic, Morelli, Stein.	Baron 16
Nov. 11	at #4 UCLA* (P12LA)	L	12-11 (SD)	Vavic 2, D'Sa 2, L. Edwards 2, B. Edwards 2, Walters, Pasuljevic, Morelli.	Baron 8
Nov. 17	MPSF Tournament (hosted by Stanford) & Penn State Behrend	W	17-2	Slobodien 4, Dasic 2, Hoerman 2, L. Edwards 2, Vavic, D'Sa, Maier, Walters, B. Edwards, Morelli, Pasuljevic.	Baron 5, Rubschlager 4
Nov. 17	& at Stanford	W	10-5	Vavic 3, Milicevic 2, D'Sa 2, Dasic, Morelli, L. Edwards.	Baron 16
Nov. 19	& UCLA	W	7-5	Morelli 2, B. Edwards 2, Walters, Stein, L. Edwards.	Baron 11
Nov. 30	NCAA Tournament (hosted by USC) !Harvard (Opening Round)		7 p.m.		
Dec. 2	!California (Semifinals)		5:15 p.m.		
Dec. 3	!Championship Game		3 p.m.		

Player	Goals
Marko Vavic	47
Blake Edwards	44
Matteo Morelli	34
Lachlan Edwards	31
Grant Stein	31
Sam Slobodien	27
Marin Dasic	25
Matt Maier	25
Zach D'Sa	23
James Walters	23
Bryce Hoerman	19
Thomas Dunstan	18
Lazar Pasuljevic	15
Danny Leong	14
Mihajlo Milicevic	12
Tim Leong	11
Christian Hockenbury	5
Murphy Slater	5
Mitch Embrey	4
Christian Emerson	3
Chas Hornecker	2
Luke Wyatt	2
Troy Furniss	1
Brock Hudnut	1
Luka Karaman	1
TOTAL	423

\* MPSF game

Home games in **BOLD CAPS** – Held at Uytengsu Aquatics Center  
 @ Triton Invitational – Hosted by UC San Diego  
 - Inland Empire Classic – La Verne, Calif.  
 \$ Mountain Pacific Invitational – Hosted by California  
 ^ Lancer Invitational – Riverside, Calif.  
 & MPSF Tournament – Hosted by UCLA  
 ! NCAA Tournament – Hosted by California

Goalie	Games/Pds	Saves	SPG	Goals Agst	GAPG					
McQuin Baron	27 / 89	238	10.7	122	5.48					
Will Rubschlager	10 / 17	35	8.24	21	4.94					
Simon Wu	5 / 8	14	7.0	16	8.0					
Totals	28 games	287	10.25	159	5.68					
<b>Goals by Period</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>OT1</b>	<b>OT2</b>	<b>SD1</b>	<b>SD2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Ave.</b>
USC	123	111	96	88	2	3	0	-	423	15.11
Opponents	31	40	37	47	1	2	1	-	159	5.68

Player	Games	Multi-Goal	Total Scored	Goals
Marko Vavic	22	16	47	47
Blake Edwards	23	14	44	44
Matteo Morelli	21	9	34	34
Lachlan Edwards	19	9	31	31
Grant Stein	18	9	31	31
Marin Dasic	17	7	25	25
Matt Maier	16	8	25	25
James Walters	15	5	23	23
Zach D'Sa	14	7	23	23
Bryce Hoerman	14	5	19	19
Thomas Dunstan	12	5	18	18
Lazar Pasuljevic	12	2	15	15
Sam Slobodien	11	7	27	27
Mihajlo Milicevic	10	2	12	12
Danny Leong	8	4	14	14
Tim Leong	8	3	11	11
Christian Hockenbury	5	0	5	5
Murphy Slater	4	1	5	5
Mitch Embrey	4	0	4	4
Christian Emerson	3	0	3	3
Chas Hornecker	2	0	2	2
Luke Wyatt	2	0	2	2
Troy Furniss	1	0	1	1
Brock Hudnut	1	0	1	1
Luka Karaman	1	0	1	1



## Year-by-Year Records & Finishes

Year	Overall Record	Year	Overall Record	NCAA* Finish	Conference Record	Conference Tournament Finish
1927	7-3	1969	9-9	6th		
1928	7-2	1970	9-9	5th		
1929	5-10	1971	12-6	—		
1930	9-6	1972	18-6	4th		
1931	8-3	1973	15-8	3rd		
1932	9-2	1974	10-8	—		
1933	7-1	1975	8-14	—		
1934	0-7	1976	7-16	—		
1935	1-6	1977	14-10	—		
1936	1-7	1978	16-8	—		
1937	2-13	1979	15-7	—	4-4 (Pac-10)	
1938	4-4-1	1980	18-10-3	5th	2-4	
1939	7-4	1981	8-16-1	—	0-6	
1940	4-4	1982	19-12-1	5th	0-6	
1941	7-4	1983	22-8-1	2nd	4-2	
1942	3-1	1984	24-7-1	3rd	3-3	
1943	4-1	1985	19-13	—	2-4	
1944	5-0	1986	18-12	5th	0-6	
1945	3-1	1987	22-8	2nd	3-3	
1946	5-4	1988	24-8	3rd	3-3	
1947	4-2	1989	12-16	—	1-5	
1948	10-1	1990	16-14	—	0-6	
1949	7-2	1991	14-15	—	1-5	
1950	11-3	1992	21-9	3rd	7-4 (MPSF)	Not held
1951	5-15	1993	19-9	2nd	4-4	2nd
1952	5-10	1994	19-7	2nd	6-2	2nd
1953	7-7	1995	20-5	—	5-3	3rd
1954	12-1	1996	23-3	2nd	7-1 \$	1st
1955	16-1	1997	21-7	2nd	5-3	1st
1956	6-4	1998	25-3	CHAMPION	8-0 \$	3rd
1957	7-4	1999	22-5	—	6-2	5th
1958	13-1	2000	23-5	3rd	7-1	5th
1959	15-3	2001	13-7	—	6-2	5th
1960	11-4	2002	20-8	—	5-3	5th
1961	16-1	2003	24-3	CHAMPION	7-1 \$	1st
1962	15-2	2004	22-5	—	5-3	3rd
1963	16-2	2005	26-1	CHAMPION	8-0 \$	1st
1964	13-5	2006	26-2	2nd	8-0 \$	2nd
1965	11-6	2007	19-3	2nd	6-2	1st
1966	15-3	2008	29-0	CHAMPION	8-0 \$	1st
1967	10-10	2009	26-2	CHAMPION	8-0 \$	3rd
1968	12-8	2010	28-2	CHAMPION	6-2	1st
		2011	24-3	CHAMPION	8-0 \$	2nd
		2012	29-0	CHAMPION	8-0 \$	1st
		2013	28-4	CHAMPION	5-3	1st
		2014	24-7	2nd	6-2	4th
		2015	22-7	2nd	6-3	3rd
		2016	24-2	2nd	3-0	1st
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1261-527-8</b>	<b>(.704)</b>		

\*NCAA Tournament began in 1969

^records of conference games begin in 1979

\$ indicates regular-season MPSF champion

## NCAA Tournament History

### 1969 (6th place)

UCLA 4, USC 3  
USC 13, Yale 3  
UC Irvine 3, USC 2

### 1970 (5th place)

UC Irvine 7, USC 4  
USC 7, Colorado State 6  
USC 10, Stanford 7

### 1972 (4th place)

USC 17, New Mexico 7  
San Jose State 19, USC 14 (OT)  
USC 15, UC Santa Barbara 10  
UC Irvine 12, USC 8

### 1973 (3rd place)

USC 7, San Jose State 5  
UC Irvine 9, USC 5  
USC 7, UCLA 5

### 1980 (5th place)

Pepperdine 9, USC 8  
USC 16, Loyola (Ill.) 3  
USC 11, UC Santa Barbara 4

### 1982 (5th place)

California 7, USC 6 (OT)  
USC 11, Brown 8  
USC 8, UC Santa Barbara 6

### 1983 (2nd place)

USC 12, Brown 4  
USC 9, UC Irvine 8  
California 10, USC 7

### 1984 (3rd place)

USC 12, Brown 11  
California 10, USC 9  
USC 13, Pepperdine 10

### 1986 (5th place)

Pepperdine 10, USC 9  
USC 13, Air Force 3  
USC 8, Navy 3

### 1987 (2nd place)

USC 17, Navy 5  
USC 12, UCLA 11 (OT)  
California 9, USC 8 (OT)

### 1988 (3rd place)

USC 13, UC Irvine 11  
UCLA 13, USC 10  
USC 10, Stanford 7

### 1992 (3rd place)

USC 16, UC San Diego 7  
Stanford 11, USC 7  
USC 11, UC Irvine 10

### 1993 (2nd place)

USC 16, UC San Diego 9  
USC 12, California 11 (OT)  
Stanford 11, USC 9

### 1994 (2nd place)

USC 15, Navy 5  
USC 11, California 6  
Stanford 14, USC 10

### 1996 (2nd place)

USC 21, Massachusetts 6  
UCLA 8, USC 7

### 1997 (2nd place)

USC 14, Queens College 6  
Pepperdine 8, USC 7 (OT)

### 1998 (1st place)

USC 12, Massachusetts 3  
USC 9, Stanford 8 (OT)

### 2000 (3rd place)

UC San Diego 9, USC 8  
USC 15, Navy 9

### 2003 (1st place)

USC 10, Navy 6  
USC 9, Stanford 7 (OT)

### 2005 (1st place)

USC 14, St. Francis 8  
USC 3, Stanford 2

### 2006 (2nd place)

USC 20, Navy 3  
California 7, USC 6

### 2007 (2nd place)

USC 8, LMU 4  
California 8, USC 6

### 2008 (1st place)

USC 14, Navy 9  
USC 7, Stanford 5

### 2009 (1st place)

USC 13, Princeton 3  
USC 7, UCLA 6

### 2010 (1st place)

USC 10, St. Francis 7  
USC 12, California 10 (OT)

### 2011 (1st place)

USC 17, Princeton 4  
USC 7, UCLA 4

### 2012 (1st place)

USC 18, Air Force 7  
USC 11, UCLA 10

### 2013 (1st place)

USC 10, St. Francis Brooklyn 3  
USC 12, Pacific 11 (OT)

### 2014 (2nd place)

Play-in: USC 19, Whittier 4  
Semi: USC 12, Stanford 11 (SD)  
UCLA 9, USC 8

### 2015 (2nd place)

Play-in: USC 20, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 5  
Semi: USC 9, California 6  
UCLA 10, USC 7

### 2016 (2nd place)

USC 19, Harvard 4  
California 11, USC 8 (OT)



	MPSF						OVERALL						
	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Stanford	2	1	.667	2-0	0-1	W2	19	5	.792	9-2	5-2	5-1	L1
California	2	1	.667	1-0	1-1	L1	20	3	.870	8-0	5-1	7-2	W2
UCLA	1	2	.333	1-1	0-1	W1	19	4	.857	7-1	5-2	6-0	W1
% USC	1	2	.333	1-0	0-2	L2	25	3	.880	7-1	7-2	8-0	L1
Penn State Behrend	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	6	15	.286	0-2	1-5	5-8	L4

*% USC MPSF Champion and NCAA Automatic Qualifier determined at conference tournament, hosted by Stanford, Nov. 17-19*

## 2017 MPSF MEN'S WATER POLO STATISTICS--NOV. 20

### INDIVIDUAL STATS

#### GOALS

*\*Must Appear In 50 % of Team Games*

ATHLETE	YEAR	SCHOOL	GAMES	GOALS	GOALS/GAME
1 Luca Cupido	SR	California	21	57	2.71
2 Johnny Hooper	JR	California	19	47	2.47
3 Ben Hallock	FR	Stanford	22	54	2.45
4 Nicolas Saveljic	FR	UCLA	22	42	1.91
5 Odysseas Masmanidis	JR	California	23	40	1.74
6 Grant Garcia	SO	Penn State Behrend	21	36	1.71
7 Marko Vavic	FR	USC	28	47	1.68
8 Max Irving	SR	UCLA	23	37	1.61
9 Blake Edwards	SR	USC	28	44	1.57
9 Blake Parrish	JR	Stanford	23	36	1.57
11 Cody Smith	SR	Stanford	24	35	1.46
12 Troy Valkusky	SR	Penn State Behrend	21	29	1.38
13 Alex Roelse	SR	UCLA	23	31	1.35
14 Jackson Kimbell	SR	Stanford	24	30	1.25
15 Spencer Farrar	SO	California	23	28	1.22
16 Matteo Morelli	SR	USC	28	34	1.21
16 Connor Stapleton	SR	Stanford	24	29	1.21
18 Matt Farmer	SR	UCLA	23	27	1.17
18 Bennett Williams	SO	Stanford	24	28	1.17
20 Lachlan Edwards	SR	USC	27	31	1.15
21 Chasen Travisano	FR	UCLA	23	26	1.13
22 Grant Stein	SR	USC	28	31	1.11
23 Matt Maier	SO	USC	23	24	1.04

#### GOALS-AGAINST

*\*Must Appear In 30 % of Team Quarters*

ATHLETE	YEAR	SCHOOL	QUARTERS	GA	GAA
1 McQuin Baron	SR	USC	88.75	122	5.50
2 Drew Holland	SR	Stanford	64	101	6.31
3 Alex Wolf	SO	UCLA	66.5	116	6.98
4 Kevin Le Vine	SR	California	67	128	7.64
5 Matt Olimski	FR	Penn State Behrend	69.5	218	12.55

#### CONFERENCE CHANGES

The Mountain Pacific Sports Federation took on a new look last season, as six teams departed the conference to start their own new league in 2016. The MPSF men's water polo field is now a five-team group that includes veterans Cal, Stanford, UCLA and USC after the foursome welcomed newcomer Penn State Behrend for the 2016 season.



# 2017 MPSF MEN'S WATER POLO STATISTICS--NOV. 20

## GOALKEEPER SAVES

*\*Must Appear In 30 % of Team Quarters*

ATHLETE	YEAR	SCHOOL	GAMES	SAVES	SAVES/GAME
1 Matt Olimski	FR	Penn State Behrend	17.375	246	<b>14.16</b>
2 Kevin Le Vine	SR	California	16.75	193	<b>11.52</b>
3 Drew Holland	SR	Stanford	16	173	<b>10.81</b>
4 McQuin Baron	SR	USC	22.19	238	<b>10.73</b>
5 Alex Wolf	SO	UCLA	16.625	178	<b>10.71</b>

## TEAM STATS

### TEAM GOALS

TEAM	GAMES	GOALS SCORED	GOALS/GAME
1 USC	28	423	<b>15.11</b>
2 California	23	317	<b>13.78</b>
3 Stanford	24	324	<b>13.50</b>
4 UCLA	23	274	<b>11.91</b>
5 Penn State Behrend	21	172	<b>8.19</b>

### TEAM DEFENSE

TEAM	GAMES	GOALS AGAINST	GOALS/GAME
1 USC	28	159	<b>5.68</b>
2 Stanford	24	138	<b>5.75</b>
3 UCLA	23	158	<b>6.87</b>
4 California	23	177	<b>7.70</b>
5 Penn State Behrend	21	279	<b>13.29</b>

### FIGHTING ON FOR JON

On Jan. 8, 2014, the Trojan Family lost a special member in the passing of USC freshman Jon Walters. At 19 years old, Walters was an NCAA Champion, beloved teammate and a Trojan warrior for the USC men's water polo team. His loss has touched the Trojan Family and the water polo world deeply, and the USC water polo program continues to play with Jon in their hearts. As a first-year freshman 2-meter man, Jon Walters was a key contributor on USC's 2013 NCAA championship men's water polo team that won a sixth consecutive NCAA title in December. He scored 17 goals on the year, including two in the NCAA semifinal game and another two in the MPSF championship game, despite missing the middle part of the season with an elbow injury. A native of Newport Beach, he attended Mater Dei High School, where he was an All-American and the 2012 CIF Player of the Year. Jon's younger brother James is now a senior at USC. A two-time All-American, James is a team captain. •



### 2017 NATIONAL PRESEASON POLL

*(Preseason • Aug. 30)*

Rank	School	2016 Final Rank	Points
1.	California	1	99
<b>2.</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>96</b>
3.	Stanford	5	88
4.	UCLA	3	87
5.	Pacific	4	79
6.	UC Santa Barbara	6	73
7.	Pepperdine	7	70
8.	Long Beach State	8	69
9.	UC Davis	10	53
10.	Harvard	9	47
11.	Princeton	13	46
12.	UC San Diego	14	41
13.	UC Irvine	19	39
14.	Bucknell	11	37
15.	Brown	12	32
16.	Cal Baptist	15 (T)	22
17.	Loyola Marymount	17	21
18.	George Washington	15 (T)	18
19t.	Pomona-Pitzer	18	12
19t.	St. Francis Brooklyn	20	12

### 2017 USA WATER POLO RANKINGS (FREEMAN RATINGS SYSTEM)

Rank	School	Overall W-L	<i>(Week 12 • Nov. 13)</i>		Schedule Strength	Rating
			Top 5 W-L	Top 25 W-L		
1	UC Berkeley	18-2	18-2	4-2	22.1	27.8
2	Stanford	18-3	18-3	3-3	21.1	27.1
3	UCLA	18-3	18-3	5-2	21.2	26.9
4	USC	22-3	22-3	3-3	20	26.8
5	Pacific	16-5	16-5	0-5	21.4	25.8
6	Long Beach St	14-10	14-10	0-9	22	23.8
7	UC Irvine	12-9	12-9	1-5	21.6	23.1
8	UC Davis	19-6	19-6	0-2	18.5	22.9
9	UC Santa Barbara	10-10	10-10	0-6	21.5	22.5
10	Pepperdine	17-12	17-12	0-7	20	21.7
11	Princeton	21-5	14-5	0-1	15.6	19.4
12	San Jose St	13-13	7-13	0-7	20.3	19.1
13	UC San Diego	9-13	1-0	0-4	20	18.8
14	Harvard	20-7	11-7	0-1	15.5	18.3
15	St. Francis	12-12	10-11	0-4	17.8	17.5
16	Cal Baptist	19-12	2-1	0-4	15.5	17.4
17	Bucknell	17-11	13-9	0-3	16.3	17.2
18	Brown	19-11	10-10	0-3	15.8	16.9
19	Pomona-Pitzer	21-10	16-1	0-3	14.2	16.4
20	George Washington	14-11	7-11	0-1	14.3	15.5

### 2017 MPSF COACHES PRESEASON POLL

Rank	Team	2016 Overall/MPSF	
		Points	Records
1t.	California\$	13 (2)	23-4/1-2
<b>1t.</b>	<b>USC^</b>	<b>13 (1)</b>	<b>24-2/3-0</b>
3.	Stanford	11 (2)	13-8/0-3
4.	UCLA	9	25-3/2-1
5.	Penn State Behrend	4	0-26/0-0

^ 2016 MPSF Tourn. Champ  
\$ 2016 NCAA Champ

# JOVAN VAVIC • 23rd season (518-84)

14 National Titles • 13-time National Coach of the Year • 12-time MPSF Coach of the Year

With 14 national championships won during his tenure at USC, Jovan Vavic has the most team titles of any USC head coach in history.

Also solidified as one of the top water polo coaches in the country, Vavic serves a dual role as the head coach of both the USC men's and women's teams. He now has led both to national championships four times in the same school year (1998-99, 2003-04, 2009-10 and 2012-13), and lifted USC to an unprecedented six consecutive men's national championships with the Trojans' run to the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 titles.

He holds 14 national championships (nine men's and five women's) and is a 13-time National Coach of the Year and 12-time MPSF Coach of the Year between the two programs. He also has seen his players win 13 Peter J. Cutino Awards.

Now in his 23rd season at the helm of the men's program, Vavic has improved his career coaching record on the men's side to 518-84 (.861). In his tenure as men's head coach, Vavic boasts a winning record against all opponents on the men's side of the game. He has accumulated a 350-82 (.810) record against current and former members of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, with only two losses coming to teams outside of that group since 1995.

In 2016, Vavic guided the Trojans back to the NCAA title match for the 12th straight season and finished up with a 24-2 overall record while claiming the 2016 MPSF Tournament championship. In 2015, USC went 22-7 with a repeat run to the NCAA final, and the previous year, Vavic's young 2014 Trojans were led by eventual Peter J. Cutino Award winner Kostas Genidounias, who became the program's all-time top scorer during his senior season. That year, USC would defy the odds and reach the NCAA title game for the 10th consecutive season, finishing as runners-up to close the year at 24-7 overall.

In 2013, USC pulled off a sixth consecutive NCAA crown – won in an overtime battle with Pacific. The experienced USC squad snatched the title from the Tigers and finished up with a 28-4 overall record. With a roster that would include six 2013 All-Americans, USC finished the year with seven straight wins in also claiming the MPSF Tournament title.

For the third time in four years, Vavic's 2012 team boasted a program-high nine All-Americans – including National Coach of the Year honors for Vavic and the National Player of the Year award for Vavic's son, Nikola – following USC's run to a perfect 29-0 season and the 2012 National Championship. In their home pool, the Trojans captured their fifth consecutive title with a heart-stopping 11-10 win over UCLA in the final. Vavic's 2013 women's team would go on to complete a dominating year for USC in winning the women's title.

In 2011, the USC men finished off a fourth straight national title run with a 24-3 overall record thanks to a 7-4 win over UCLA in the final. In the calendar year of 2010, Vavic swept both sides of the game, following 2010 National and MPSF Coach of the Year awards on the women's side with 2010 National and MPSF Coach of the Year with the men in leading the Trojan men to their third consecutive national championship.

The 2010 campaign saw Vavic's Trojans defy the national predictions of a fourth-place finish in the conference by instead forcing their way to successfully defending their NCAA crowns with a third straight national championship. A 12-10 overtime win over host Cal in the 2010 title match finished off a 28-2 record for the MPSF and NCAA champions. In 2009, Vavic had guided the Trojans to a 26-2 record en route to USC's second straight national championship. In the 2009 title match, the Trojans beat UCLA 7-6 to win USC's fifth NCAA championship. Soon after, Vavic was named the National Coach of the Year, and he would see his players sweep the Cutino Awards for the third time in his career, as J.W. Krumpholz and Kami Craig went back-to-back as the 2009 and 2010 Cutino Award winners following the USC women's run to the 2010 NCAA Championship.

In 2008, the USC men were unstoppable. The Trojans claimed the program's third MPSF Championship on the way to the best season in program history with a 29-0 undefeated mark that culminated in the 2008 NCAA Championship for USC's fourth national title. Vavic's 300th career men's win was notched on Oct. 12, 2008 in a 12-7 win over Cal 12-7 in the SoCal Tournament semifinals.

USC posted its first undefeated regular season in 2006, as its overall winning streak reached a program-record 44 straight victories. Vavic was named the MPSF Coach of the Year for the sixth time in his career, and the Trojans finished 2006 with a 26-2 overall record after a last-second loss in the NCAA final. It was USC's second straight trip to the final, as Vavic had guided the Trojans to their third-ever NCAA Championship and a program-best 26-1 record in 2005.

For his success in guiding USC to the NCAA crown in 2005, Vavic was named the National Men's Coach of the Year. His Trojans also claimed the 2005 MPSF Championship, and Vavic earned himself MPSF Coach of the Year honors as well. At 26-1, USC posted its most wins in history and broke another record by closing out the year on an 19-game winning streak.

Vavic came to USC in 1992 as an assistant coach, joined John Williams as co-head coach in 1995 and took over the men's head coaching reins in 1999 after Williams retired. He and Williams were named National Coaches of the Year in 1998 after leading USC to its first-ever national championship. They also were named MPSF Co-Coaches of the Year in 1996 after leading USC to the conference title.

In fact, in the 1998-99 season, Vavic did something no other coach has accomplished as his teams won three national championships. In addition to capturing the 1998 men's and 1999 women's titles, his 1999 men's club team won the Men's Senior National Club Championship. In 2003, Vavic pulled a coaching double sweep when he was named 2003 National and MPSF Coach of the Year for the men and 2004 National and MPSF Coach of the Year for the women.

Vavic has been with the USC women's program since its inception in 1995, and the 2004 women's team became the first team in NCAA Championship history to go undefeated (29-0) during the regular season. USC's 25-3 overall mark in 2010 culminated in the women's program's third national championship and 13th straight 20-win season. And in 2013, the Women of Troy played the longest NCAA women's final in history, beating Stanford in triple sudden-death overtime to win USC's fourth National Championship. In 2016, the USC women completed another perfect season, finishing up 26-0 and winning a fifth national title. Overall, Vavic's career record on the women's side stands at 545-146 (.789) in 23 seasons as head coach.

Vavic oversaw the women's water polo team's move from Division II in 1995 to Division I in 1996. In 1999, the USC women captured their first national championship. Since 1999 when the program was fully funded, Vavic's record is 402-69 (.854). He has swept as National and

MPSF Coach of the Year in 1999, 2004 and 2010. Vavic spent the 1990 season as an assistant men's coach at UCLA. Previously, he coached three seasons (1987-1990) at Palos Verdes High, with two undefeated league seasons (1987-89). Vavic served as a U.S. assistant coach at the 1995 World University Games, and was the head coach of the team in 2003. He also served as interim head coach for Team USA at the 2013 UANA World Aquatic Championship Qualification Tournament.

Vavic, a native of Yugoslavia, graduated from UCLA in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in history. He and his wife, Lisa, have four children: Nikola, Monica, Marko and Stefan.

USC MEN UNDER VAVIC				
YEAR	OVERALL	PCT.	MPSF	NCAA FINISH
2016	24-2	.923	3-0	2nd
2015	22-7	.759	6-3	2nd
2014	24-7	.774	6-2	2nd
2013	28-4	.875	5-3	CHAMPION
2012	29-0	1.000	8-0	CHAMPION
2011	24-3	.889	8-0	CHAMPION
2010	28-2	.933	6-2	CHAMPION
2009	26-2	.929	8-0	CHAMPION
2008	29-0	1.000	8-0	CHAMPION
2007	19-3	.864	6-2	2nd
2006	26-2	.929	8-0	2nd
2005	26-1	.963	8-0	CHAMPION
2004	22-5	.815	5-3	--
2003	24-3	.889	7-1	CHAMPION
2002	20-8	.714	5-3	--
2001	13-7	.650	6-2	--
2000	23-5	.821	7-1	3rd
1999	22-5	.815	6-2	--
1998	25-3	.893	8-0	CHAMPION
1997	21-7	.750	5-3	2nd
1996	23-3	.885	7-1	2nd
1995	20-5	.800	5-3	--
CAREER	518-84	.861	141-31	9 National Championships

## Jovan Vavic: Winning Records vs. All Opponents

(1995-2016)

Opponent	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Overall	(Pct.)
California	1-1	2-0	1-2	4-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	4-0	4-0	3-2	1-2	2-0	3-0	2-1	1-0	2-0	2-0	2-1	2-1	1-2	44-16	(.733)
Long Beach State	2-0	2-0	3-0	3-0	2-0	2-1	1-0	2-0	2-0	1-0	3-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	3-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	41-1	(.976)
Pacific	3-0	3-0	1-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	1-0	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	3-1	2-0	1-1	2-0	36-5	(.878)
Pepperdine	4-1	3-0	1-3	2-0	3-0	1-1	2-1	2-0	2-1	2-0	1-1	2-0	1-0	3-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	40-8	(.833)
Stanford	3-0	2-1	2-2	4-1	1-3	3-0	0-1	1-1	4-0	1-2	5-0	2-0	4-0	4-0	2-0	1-1	3-1	3-0	2-1	1-2	3-1	2-0	53-17	(.757)
UC Irvine	1-1	2-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	3-0	2-0	2-1	4-0	2-1	3-0	4-0	2-0	3-0	2-0	2-0	3-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	53-3	(.946)
UCLA	1-2	3-2	4-0	2-1	2-1	3-1	0-3	1-4	1-1	0-2	1-0	2-0	1-1	3-0	3-2	4-0	3-2	3-0	1-2	1-4	0-4	2-0	41-32	(.562)
UC Santa Barbara	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	3-0	1-0	2-0	1-0	2-0	3-0	1-0	2-0	2-0	2-0	3-0	1-0	3-0	1-0	3-0	1-0	3-0	2-0	42-0	(1.000)
All other teams	3-0	5-0	5-0	5-0	4-0	7-1	4-1	9-0	6-0	8-0	7-0	9-0	5-0	8-0	8-0	10-0	9-0	11-0	14-0	11-0	10-0	10-0	168-2	(.988)
OVERALL	20-5	23-3	21-7	25-3	22-5	23-5	13-7	20-8	24-3	22-5	26-1	26-2	19-3	29-0	26-2	28-2	24-3	29-0	28-4	24-7	22-7	24-2	518-84	(.861)



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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
1	McQuin Baron	Goalie	6-9	235	SR	North Tustin, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)
1	Simon Wu	Goalie	6-3	225	SO*	Vancouver, B.C., Canada (Point Grey Secondary)
1	Will Rubschlager	Goalie	6-3	200	SO	Altadena, Calif. (Loyola HS)
1	Matt Ambrose	Goalie	6-3	195	FR*	New Canaan, Conn. (Greenwich HS)
1	Matt Moran-Flores	Goalie	6-4	210	FR	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona del Mar HS)
2	Sam Slobodien	Two-Meter	6-4	220	SO*	Irvine, Calif. (Santa Margarita HS)
3	Marko Vavic	Driver	6-6	210	FR	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. (Loyola HS)
4	Marin Dasic	Driver	6-4	205	SO	Zagreb, Croatia (Sports Gymnasium Zagreb)
5	Mihajlo Milicevic	Utility	6-2	200	SR	Belgrade, Serbia (Belgrade Sports Gymnasium)
7	Thomas Dunstan	Driver	6-4	200	SO	New Canaan, Conn. (Mater Dei HS)
8	Zach D'Sa	Driver	6-0	175	JR	Seal Beach, Calif. (Wilson HS)
9	Bryce Hoerman	Utility	6-2	190	SR	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic HS)
10	Matt Maier	Two-Meter	6-3	200	SO	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Damien HS)
11	James Walters	Utility	6-2	220	SR	Newport Coast, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)
12	Blake Edwards	Driver	6-2	195	SR	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia (Melbourne HS/Deakin Univ.)
13	Luke Wyatt	Driver	6-1	185	FR*	Newport Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)
14	Lachlan Edwards	Two-Meter	6-5	250	SR	Melbourne, Victoria, Australia (Melbourne HS)
15	Grant Stein	Driver	6-6	175	SR	Palm Desert, Calif. (Palm Desert HS)
16	Mitch Embrey	Driver	6-3	205	SR*	Whittier, Calif. (La Serna HS)
17	Matteo Morelli	Driver	6-1	170	SR	Naples, Italy (Mercalli Scientific HS)
18	Lazar Pasuljevic	Driver	6-1	180	SR	Herceg Novi, Montenegro (Ivan Goran Kovacic Gymnasium)
19	Daniel Leong	Driver	5-10	155	SO*	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Iolani HS)
20	Tim Leong	Driver	6-0	175	JR*	Honolulu, Hawai'i (Iolani HS)
21	Luka Karaman	Utility	6-4	185	FR*	Aliso Viejo, Calif. (Marina HS)
22	Brock Hudnut	Driver	6-0	175	JR*	La Cañada, Calif. (Polytechnic School)
23	Chas Hornecker	Driver	6-0	165	FR*	Tustin, Calif. (Foothill HS)
24	Murphy Slater	Two-Meter	6-5	205	JR*	Long Beach, Calif. (Wilson HS)
25	Troy Furniss	Driver	6-0	160	FR*	Villa Park, Calif. (Villa Park HS)
26	Christian Hockenbury	Driver	6-4	185	FR	Newport Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)
27	Brendan Hack	Two-Meter	6-1	240	FR*	Corona del Mar, Calif. (Corona del Mar HS)
28	Christian Emerson	Utility	6-3	200	SO*	Roseville, Calif. (Woodcreek HS/Cuesta College)
29	Colin Porter	Driver	5-11	200	FR*	Lodi, Calif. (Lodi HS)

\* utilized redshirt season

**Head Coach:** Jovan Vavic

**Co-Head Coach:** Marko Pintaric

**Assistant Coach:** Milos Skaljic

**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Goran Grguric

**Director of Player Personnel:** Casey Moon

**Director of Operations:** James Shin

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

1 - Will **Rubschlager** (ROOB-shlog-er)

4 - Zach **D'Sa** (dih-SAW)

5 - **Mihajlo** (mih-HIGH-low) **Milicevic** (mill-EE-cha-vitch)

8 - **Marin** (MAR-inn) **Dasic** (DAH-sitch)

9 - Bryce **Hoerman** (HOAR-min)

10 - Matt **Maier** (MY-er)

12 - **Lachlan** (LOCK-lin) Edwards

18 - **Lazar** (LAH-zar) **Pasuljevic** (pah-SOOL-yah-vitch)

**Jovan** (YO-von) **Vavic** (VAH-vitch)

Marko **Pintaric** (PEEN-ta-ritch)

**Milos** (MEE-losh) **Skaljic** (skall-YETZ)

**Goran** (GORE-ahn) **Grguric** (GUR-gur-itch)

