



# TROJANS

## USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL



6 National Championships - 14 NCAA Appearances - 20 Olympians - 34 All-Americans - 7 College Players of Year

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### 2018 SCHEDULE (3-1 Overall, 0-0 MPSF)

DATE	OPPONENT (USC-Opp. Rank)	TIME/RES
Jan. 2	Princeton (12-NR)	W 3-1%
Jan. 4	#vs. Juniata (12-NR)	W 3-0
Jan. 5	#vs. Stevens Institute (12-NR)	W 3-1
Jan. 6	#at Hawaii (12-5)	L 3-0
Jan. 12	at UC Irvine (12-5)	7 p.m.
Jan. 13	UC Santa Barbara (12-NR)	7 p.m.
Jan. 18	\$vs. Ohio State	5 p.m.%
Jan. 20	\$vs. Penn State	11 a.m.%
Jan. 27	at Long Beach State	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	at Lewis	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Loyola-Chicago	7 p.m.
Feb. 8	*Stanford	7 p.m.%
Feb. 10	*BYU	7 p.m.
Feb. 14	*at UCLA	7 p.m.%
Feb. 17	*at Pepperdine	7 p.m.
Feb. 23	*Concordia	7 p.m.
Feb. 24	*Grand Canyon	7 p.m.
March 7	at UC San Diego	7 p.m.
March 11	Harvard	7 p.m.
March 15	*at BYU	7 p.m.
March 17	*at Stanford	7 p.m.%
March 24	UC Irvine	7 p.m.
March 29	*Pepperdine	7 p.m.
March 31	*UCLA	7 p.m.%
April 6	*at Grand Canyon	6 p.m.
April 7	*at Concordia	7 p.m.
April 14	MPSF Quarterfinals (at TBA)	7 p.m.
April 19	MPSF Semifinals (at TBA)	5 & 7 p.m.
April 21	MPSF Final (at TBA)	7 p.m.
April 28	NCAA Champ. Play-In (at UCLA)	TBA
May 1	NCAA Champ. Play-In (at UCLA)	TBA
May 3	NCAA Champ. Semis (at UCLA)	TBA
May 5	NCAA Champ. Final (at UCLA)	TBA

#Texaco Rainbow Warrior Classic at Hawaii  
\$Pac-12/Big Ten Challenge at UCLA  
\*Mountain Pacific Sports Federation match  
%Televised live on Pac-12 Network  
Home matches (in **bold**) played in Galen Center  
All times are local to match site

### USC QUICK FACTS

Location	Los Angeles, Calif., 90089
Enrollment	44,000 (19,000 undergraduates)
Colors	Cardinal and Gold
Nickname	Trojans
Home Court (Capacity)	Galen Center (10,258)
Conference	Mountain Pacific Sports Federation
Head Coach	Jeff Nygaard
USC/Career Record	24-34, Third Year
Assistants	Gary Sato, Todd Hollenbeck, Brian Schirripa
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### THIS WEEK IN USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL (3-1 overall, 0-0 MPSF, No. 12)

**At No. 5 UC Irvine (2-0) -- Fri., Jan. 12, 7 p.m. PT, Bren Center**

*Non-Conference match*

*Live Stats and Live Video on UCIrvineSports.com*

**Vs. UC Santa Barbara (2-1) -- Sat., Jan. 13, 7 p.m. PT, Galen Center**

*Live Stats and Live Video/Audio on USCTrojans.com*

### NO. 12 USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL FACES EX-MPSF FOES NO. 5 UCI, UCSB

#### THE FACTS

The No. 12-ranked USC men's volleyball team (3-0 overall, 0-0 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) faces former MPSF (and now Big West) foes No. 5 UC Irvine (2-0 overall) on Friday (Jan. 12) on the road at the Bren Center and then UC Santa Barbara (2-1 overall) on Saturday (Jan. 13) at home at the Galen Center. Both non-conference matches begin at 7 p.m. PT

#### FOLLOW THE TROJANS

All of USC's home matches are video- and audio-streamed live for free on USCTrojans.com and the TuneIn Radio app, except for matches televised live on Pac-12 Network (those matches only are audio-streamed). Some of USC's road matches are audiocast live on USCTrojans.com and the TuneIn Radio app. USC's online announcers are onetime Northeastern player/Winthrop assistant coach Paul Duchesne and ex-Trojan player Paul Yoder (one of 6 Yoders to have played volleyball at USC). Fans can also follow USC home matches through Live Stats at USCTrojans.com and all matches via Twitter (@USCmensvolley).

#### RANKINGS

USC is ranked No. 12 in the current AVCA Division I-II Top 15 poll. UC Irvine is fifth, while UC Santa Barbara is not ranked.

#### OPPONENTS

USC holds a 39-30 lead in its series with UC Irvine, including a win in its most recent meeting (3-1 last season at Irvine). The Anteaters play at UCLA on Wednesday (Jan. 10) before hosting USC. The Trojans are 55-54 all-time against UC Santa Barbara, with a victory in the latest meeting (3-0 at home last year). The Gauchos visit UCLA on Friday (Jan. 12) before playing at USC.

#### LAST WEEK

No. 12 USC—behind 20 kills from Jack Wyatt and 18 from Gianluca Grasso—opened its 2018 season with a 28-26, 25-22, 25-27, 25-22 non-conference win over Princeton on Jan. 2 in USC's Galen Center. It was the first-ever meeting between the schools. Wyatt, a redshirt junior, returned to the court as a Trojan for the first time since 2015 after a 2-year layoff from the sport. He added 9 digs. Grasso had a match-best 4 aces. Freshman Sam Lewis, making his Trojan debut, hit .786 with 11 kills on 14 attempts with no errors. Ryan Moss also had 11 kills for USC, while Matt Douglas had a match-leading 12 digs, Connor Inlow had a match-high 5 blocks and Gert Lisha had 9 digs. USC hit .286 to Princeton's .267. The Trojans served 8 aces and had more digs (45 to 37). Wyatt had a match-high 14 kills while hitting .684 to lead No. 12 USC to a 25-19, 25-9, 25-21 non-conference sweep over Juniata on Jan. 4 in the opening match of the 3-day Texaco Rainbow Warrior Classic in Honolulu, Hi. It was USC's first-ever meeting with Juniata, an NCAA Division III program. Wyatt and Douglas each had 5 digs, while Grasso added 8 kills and 2 aces. Jon Rivera came off the bench to get 7 kills and Lewis had 3 blocks. USC hit .386 in the match to Juniata's .057. The Trojans served 8 aces. Moss had a career-high and match-leading 21 kills to lead No. 12 USC to a 25-17, 27-25, 22-25, 25-18 non-conference win over Stevens Institute on Jan. 5 in the Trojans' second match of the 3-day Texaco Rainbow Warrior Classic in Honolulu, Hi. It was USC's first-ever match against Stevens Institute, an NCAA Division III program. Moss hit .409 and added 7 digs, 3 blocks and 3 aces. Wyatt had 15 kills for USC, while freshman Noah Franklin had 8 kills in his first career start, Lisha had 10 digs and 4 blocks and Douglas had 9 digs. USC hit .333 to the Ducks' .231. The Trojans had 13 blocks. No. 12 USC team fell to host No. 5 Hawaii, 25-17, 25-20, 25-22, on Jan. 6 on the third and final day of the Texaco Rainbow Warrior Classic in Honolulu, Hi. USC suffered its first loss of 2018. Grasso led USC with 13 kills, while Wyatt had 11 kills (hitting .304) and 3 blocks and Moss had 6 kills. USC faced Hawaii without Lewis, the 6-10 freshman starting middle blocker who injured his ankle early in the Stevens Institute match on Friday. Hawaii outhit USC, 479 to .207, and had more digs (24-17).



**2018 MPSF STANDINGS**

(Through Jan. 8)

	W	L	GB
BYU	0	0	--
Concordia	0	0	--
Grand Canyon	0	0	--
Pepperdine	0	0	--
Stanford	0	0	--
UCLA	0	0	--
<b>USC</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>--</b>

**2018 AVCA COACHES POLL**

(Jan. 8)

- Ohio State
  - Long Beach St.
  - UCLA
  - Hawaii
  - UC Irvine
  - BYU
  - Loyola-Chicago
  - CS Northridge
  - Penn State
  - Pepperdine
  - Lewis
  - USC**
  - Grand Canyon
  - Ball State
  - St. Francis
- Others: Stanford, UC Santa Barbara, Princeton, UC San Diego

**2018 MPSF COACHES POLL**

(Pre-Season)

- BYU
- UCLA
- Pepperdine
- Stanford
- USC**
- Grand Canyon
- Concordia

**2018 OFF THE BLOCK MEDIA POLL**

(Pre-Season)

TBA

**2018 FLOVOLLEYBALL POLL**

(Jan. 8)

- Long Beach St.
- Ohio State
- UCLA
- Hawaii
- UC Irvine
- Loyola-Chicago
- BYU
- Lewis
- Penn State
- Pepperdine
- CS Northridge
- USC**
- Stanford
- Ball State
- Grand Canyon

**2018 VOLLEYMOB POLL**

(Jan. 8)

- Long Beach St.
- UC Irvine
- Ohio State
- UCLA
- Loyola-Chicago
- BYU
- Hawaii
- CS Northridge
- Lewis
- Penn State
- Pepperdine
- Ball State
- USC**
- Grand Canyon
- St. Francis
- UC Santa Barbara
- Princeton
- Stanford
- UC San Diego
- George Mason

**NEW LOOK TO MPSF**

The Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, America's toughest men's volleyball conference, is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2018. The MPSF has been reconfigured this season into a 7-team league. Six schools departed for the Big West, leaving holdovers USC, UCLA, Stanford, Pepperdine and BYU along with new members Concordia and Grand Canyon.

**LISHA**

**Gert Lisha**, a 6-6 senior from Albania, returns as the starting setter. He started 12 matches in 2016 and 26 last year when he was second nationally in assists (10.85). He also was second among the Trojans in 2017 in digs (124), blocks (44) and aces (15). He is on the [2018 watch list for the OffTheBlock.com Lloy Ball Award](#) (nation's top setter).

**INLOW**

**Connor Inlow**, a 6-6 junior middle blocker and 2018 team co-captain, had 22 starts last year, hitting .409 with 93 kills, 27 blocks and 40 digs.

**GRASSO**

**Gianluca Grasso**, a 6-2 junior outside hitter from Brazil (his parents played for the country's national teams), joined USC in late January of last season as a junior college transfer and quickly earned a starting job. A 15-match starter, he posted 189 kills while hitting .268 and added 96 digs and 24 aces. A back injury could slow him early in the 2018 season. He is on the [2018 watch list for the OffTheBlock.com Karch Kiraly Award](#) (nation's top outside hitter).

**LOSSONE**

**Lucas Lossone**, a 6-8 sophomore whose mother played at USC, emerged as the starting opposite hitter midway through 2017 (earlier, he had come off the bench as a middle blocker). The 16-match starter had 139 kills (hitting .259), 61 digs and 31 blocks last year.

**DOUGLAS**

**Matt Douglas**, a 5-10 junior who started 26 times at libero in 2017, had a team-best 233 digs and only 37 reception errors in 590 attempts last season. He was a member of the 2017 USA Men's Junior National Training Team (after helping the 2016 squad to a gold medal at the NORCECA U21 Continental Championship). He is on the [2018 watch list for the OffTheBlock.com Erik Shoji Award](#) (nation's top libero).

**2018 USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER**

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
1	<b>Jon Rivera</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>OP</b>	<b>Sr.</b>	<b>San Juan, Puerto Rico (Colegio San Ignacio de Loyola)</b>
2	Mitch Haly	6-7	215	MB	Fr.	Corona del Mar (Corona del Mar)
3	<b>Cole Paxson</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Fr.</b>	<b>Laguna Beach (Laguna Beach)</b>
4	Michael Chang	5-8	165	L	Fr.*	Irvine (Beckman)
5	<b>Matt Douglas</b>	<b>5-10</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Pacific Palisades (Loyola)</b>
6	<b>Chris Hall</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Fr.</b>	<b>Sherman Oaks (Notre Dame)</b>
7	<b>Gert Lisha</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Sr.*</b>	<b>Naperville, IL (Naperville/Lewis)</b>
8	Matt Faraimo	6-3	180	S	So.	San Diego (Cathedral Catholic)
9	<b>Gianluca Grasso</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>DH</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Sao Paulo, Brazil (Andrews Osborne Academy/Orange Coast JC)</b>
11	Billy Fauntleroy	6-7	200	OH-OP	Fr.	Winnetka, IL (New Trier)
13	<b>Kyle Gear</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>MB-OP</b>	<b>Fr.</b>	<b>Rochester, NY (Gates Chili)</b>
14	<b>Noah Franklin</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>OH</b>	<b>Fr.</b>	<b>Huntington Beach (Huntington Beach)</b>
15	Clay Dickinson	6-7	190	OH	Fr.	Corona del Mar (Corona del Mar)
16	Tyler Resnick	6-8	225	MB	So.*	Newbury Park (Newbury Park)
17	Aaron Strange	6-4	180	OP	So.	San Clemente (San Clemente)
18	Christopher McBee	6-4	185	OH	Fr.	Palos Verdes Estates (Palos Verdes)
19#	<b>Connor Inlow</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>Jr.*</b>	<b>Manhattan Beach (Mira Costa)</b>
20#	<b>Jack Wyatt</b>	<b>6-5</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>DH</b>	<b>Jr.*</b>	<b>Laguna Beach (Laguna Beach)</b>
22	<b>Lucas Lossone</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>OP</b>	<b>So.</b>	<b>Redondo Beach (Redondo Union)</b>
23	<b>Sam Lewis</b>	<b>6-10</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>Fr.</b>	<b>Long Beach (Long Beach Poly)</b>
24	<b>Ryan Moss</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>DH</b>	<b>Jr.</b>	<b>Corona del Mar (Corona del Mar)</b>

\*Used up redshirt year

**Bold:** Likely travel roster**Bold italics:** Projected starter

#: Team Captain

Head Coach: Jeff Nygaard (third year)

Assistant Coaches: Gary Sato (third year), Todd Hollenbeck (third year)

Volunteer Coach: Brian Schirripa (second year)

Technical Coordinator: Justin Chang (first year)

Athletic Trainer: Lisa Noceti-DeWit

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Steve Novencido

Director of Operations: Ryan Plunkett



### USC IN 2018 NCAA/MPSF STATISTICAL RANKINGS

Individual*	NCAA/MPSF	AVG
<b>Aces</b>	--	--
<b>Assists</b>	--	--
<b>Blocks</b>	--	--
<b>Digs</b>	--	--
<b>Hitting Percentage</b>	--	--
<b>Kills</b>	--	--
<b>Points</b>	--	--
<i>*Top 50 NCAA/Top 20 MPSF</i>		
<b>Team</b>		
<b>Aces</b> USC	--	--
<b>Assists</b> USC	--	--
<b>Blocks</b> USC	--	--
<b>Digs</b> USC	--	--
<b>Hitting Percentage</b> USC	--	--
<b>Kills</b> USC	--	--
<b>Opponent Hitting Percentage</b> USC	--	--

### OTHER RETURNERS

Five other Trojans return with some starting experience to their names. There's 6-8 junior outside hitter **Ryan Moss** (he also can play opposite hitter and middle blocker), who has 13 career starts, including 6 times as a middle in 2017 when he hit .330 with 53 kills and 23 blocks; 6-6 senior opposite hitter **Jon Rivera** of Puerto Rico, who in his career has 22 starts (mostly in 2016), 212 kills, 93 digs, 37 blocks and 11 aces; 6-4 sophomore opposite hitter **Aaron Strange** (his sister starred on a pair of USC's national championship beach squads), who started 13 times in the first half of 2017 and ended with 95 kills, 65 digs and 27 digs; and 6-3 soph setter **Matt Faraimo**, who started twice last spring. USC also welcomes back 6-5 junior outside hitter **Jack Wyett**, who returned to the program after a 2-year absence (he started once in 2015) and is now a team co-captain. Wyett received [2018 Volleymob National Player of the Week honorable mention](#) notice (Jan. 9). Also back from last year are 2 players who have yet to see action at USC: a 6-8 sophomore middle blocker **Tyler Resnick** and 5-8 redshirt freshman libero **Michael Chang**. Resnick could be hampered by a shoulder injury in 2018.

### NEWCOMERS

USC brought in a large and talented class of 9 freshmen, including 2 players—6-10 middle blocker **Sam Lewis** of Long Beach (Calif.) Poly High (USC's second tallest player ever) and 6-2 setter **Chris Hall** of Notre Dame High in Sherman Oaks, Calif.—who were starters on the 2016 and 2017 USA Boys Youth National Teams, another—5-10 libero **Cole Paxson** of Laguna Beach (Calif.) High—who joined them on the 2016 USA Boys Youth National Team and another—6-4 outside hitter **Christopher McBee** of Palos Verdes High in Palos Verdes Estates, Calif.—who was an alternate on that 2016 USA Boys Youth National Team (his brother played on a pair of USC's NCAA champion water polo teams). Lewis and Hall were 2017 prep All-Americans and Hall was the All-CIF Division 2 Player of the Year. Lewis is on the [2018 watch list for the OffTheBlock.com Ryan Millar Award](#) (nation's top middle blocker). Two other newcomers can play multiple positions: 6-8 **Kyle Gear** of Gates Chili High in Rochester, N.Y., who is available at middle blocker and opposite hitter (his brother plays for Penn State), and 6-7 **Billy Fauntleroy** of New Trier High in Winnetka, Ill., a 2017 prep All-American who can be used at outside hitter and opposite hitter (he has 3 sisters who have played collegiately). **Mitch Haly**, a 6-7 middle blocker from Corona del Mar (Calif.) High, earned 2017 prep All-American honors and was the All-CIF Division 1 Player of the Year, but a back injury could slow him in 2018. Also a football and basketball player in high school, Haly has a brother who played volleyball at Stanford. Outside hitters **Clay Dickinson** of Corona del Mar (Calif.) High, who is 6-7, and 6-6 **Noah Franklin** of Huntington Beach (Calif.) High joined Lewis, Hall, Paxson, Fauntleroy and Haly on the Volleyballmag.com Feb 50 list last year.

### NYGAARD

**Jeff Nygaard**, a 3-time Olympian in indoor and beach volleyball and a 2-time collegiate MVP while playing on a pair of NCAA championship teams at UCLA, was named the head coach of the USC men's volleyball team prior to the 2016 season, after serving the previous 5 seasons as a Trojan assistant. In 2017, his second season at Troy, USC went 14-14 overall to double its win total from the previous year and it advanced to the MPSF Tournament after a year's hiatus. After dropping 7 of their first 9 matches, his Trojans finished strong by winning 8 of their last 10 contests. USC gave NCAA Tournament participant Long Beach State 1 of its 4 losses of 2017 and Troy also beat 4 other Top 10 teams. Lucas Yoder made All-American second team and All-MPSF first team, while Andy Benesh was an All-American honorable mention pick and All-MPSF second teamer in 2017. Nygaard's 2016 debut team went 7-19 overall, but did post 3 victories over Top 15-ranked teams. Nygaard, 45, coached USC's middle blockers in his 5 seasons (2011-15) as Bill Ferguson's lead assistant. During that span, Troy played in a pair of NCAA Final Fours, won 2 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation regular season titles and posted an 88-48 (64.7%) overall mark. In the summer of 2015, Nygaard was the head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team that competed in the Pan American Cup in Reno.

### ASSISTANTS

Former U.S. Men's National Team assistant and Japan head coach **Gary Sato** and 2015 AVCA Division III Coach of the Year **Todd Hollenbeck** from UC Santa Cruz joined Jeff Nygaard's staff in 2016. Volunteer assistant coach **Brian Schirripa**, who was on UCLA's 2006 NCAA championship team, came aboard in 2017.

### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF USC'S 1988 NCAA TITLE

The 2018 season marks the 30th anniversary of USC's 1988 NCAA title in men's volleyball. After being down two games to none in the NCAA Championship match, USC head coach Bob Yoder subbed outside hitter Lawrence Horn into the lineup...and Horn sparked one of the greatest comebacks in NCAA history as Troy won the next three games to defeat UC Santa Barbara, 15-17, 14-16, 15-10, 15-11, 15-9, en route to the school's third NCAA Championship (after three straight NCAA Championship runnerup seasons). The Trojans (34-4) were led by All-American first teamer and NCAA All-Tournament team MVP Jen-Kai Liu, All-American first teamer and College Player of the Year Tom Duke and College Freshman of the Year Bryan Ivie.



**RELATIVELY SPEAKING**

**Matt Douglas'** late grandfather, Jon Douglas, was a 2-sport star at Stanford, lettering at quarterback in 1956 to 1957 (he was the starter in 1957) and was the school's first All-American tennis player in 1957 and 1958 (he was the NCAA singles and doubles runner-up in 1958), then was ranked in the U.S. Top 10 from 1960 to 1962 and played on the 1958, 1961 and 1962 U.S. Davis Cup teams (he is a member of the Stanford Athletic Hall of Fame and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Hall of Fame)...

**Matt Faraimo** is related to Salo Faraimo, who played linebacker at USC in 2003, and Preston Faraimo, who played football at Hawaii (2000-01)...

**Billy Fauntleroy's** sister Katie was an outside hitter at Colgate (2012-14), his sister Haley is a senior middle hitter at Virginia and his twin sister Callie is a freshman middle blocker at George Washington...**Noah Franklin's** father, Paul, is the director of the videoboards at USC football, basketball and volleyball events...**Kyle Gear's** sister, Shelby, was an outside hitter at Lycoming (2010-13), while his brother, Kevin, is a senior middle blocker at Penn State...

**Gianluca Grasso's** father, Mauro, and mother, Rejane, played volleyball on Brazil's national teams (his father coaches professionally), while his brother, Marco, was a setter at Pacific (2013-14) and Ohio State (2015-16), including on the Buckeyes' 2016 NCAA champions, and his sister, Carol, played volleyball at Salt Lake Community College (2013-14) and Cal State Bakersfield (2015-16) and also beach volleyball at Cal State Bakersfield (2016-17)...**Mitch Haly's** brother, Spencer, played volleyball at Stanford (2012-15)...

**Sam Lewis'** brother, Cameron Jones, played basketball at Northern Arizona (2008-11) and then professionally in the NBA Development League (Fort Wayne and Santa Cruz) and in Russia, Israel and Greece, while his cousin, Landry Fields, played basketball at Stanford (2007-10) and then with the New York Knicks (2011-12) and Toronto Raptors (2013-15)...

**Gert Lisha's** parents, Besnik and Valbona, played professional volleyball in Albania (his father, Besnik, was on the Albanian national team), while his late grandfather was Albanian author Mentor Quku...

**Lucas Lossone's** mother, Cica Baccelli of Brazil, was an outside hitter at USC in 1991 and 1992, earning All-American second team and All-Pac-10 first team honors in 1992...

**Christopher McBee's** brother, Charlie, was a member of USC's 2012 and 2013 NCAA championship men's water polo teams, his sister, Molly, played water polo at Princeton, and his father, Cameron, played water polo at UC Santa Barbara, while his grandfather, grandmother, 2 aunts and an uncle attended USC (his grandfather was on the crew team)...

Assistant coach **Gary Sato's** son, Andrew, is a senior libero at Long Beach State, and his daughter, Katie, is a junior libero at Cal State Northridge, while his brother, Eric, won an Olympic gold medal with the U.S. men in 1988 and a bronze in 1992 (Gary was an assistant with those teams), his sister, Liane, won an Olympic bronze medal with the U.S. women in 1992 and also played on the 1988 Olympic team and his brothers, Scott (San Diego State), and Glenn, (Loyola Marymount), both played college volleyball and Glenn also was an assistant coach at USC from 1990 to 1996 (the Trojans won the 1990 NCAA title)...

Volunteer assistant coach **Brian Schirripa's** brother, Brent, played volleyball at Pepperdine (2006-10), including on the 2008 NCAA runners-up, while Brent's twin, Nick, played at Santa Monica College...

**Aaron Strange's** sister, Alexa, was a 2-time beach volleyball All-American first teamer on USC's 2015 and 2016 national championship teams (the 2016 squad won the first-ever NCAA title in the sport); she previously played indoors at Nebraska.

**ACADEMICS**

The USC men's volleyball team's 2017 NCAA Graduation Success Rate of 91% was just shy of its 2016 rate of 92%, which was an all-time program high and the third consecutive year that the program's score showed an increase. The 2017 Graduation Success Rate measures how many student-athletes in the classes of 2007 through 2010 graduated within 6 years of their enrollment. The USC athletic department's overall 2017 GSR of 86% marked the fourth straight year that it was at an all-time high. Five Trojans have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above: **Connor Inlow** (3.59, communication), **Jack Wyatt** (3.04, communication), **Billy Fauntleroy** (3.02, business administration), **Mitch Haly** (3.00, business administration) and **Michael Chang** (business administration major/computer science minor).

**VOLLEYBALL SCHOOL**

In its history, the USC men's volleyball program claims 4 NCAA titles (1977-80-88-90) among its 14 NCAA Final Four appearances, as well as 2 USVBA titles (1949-50). It has produced 20 Olympians, 34 All-American first teamers and seven College Players of the Year. Besides the crowns that USC's men have won, the Women of Troy have captured 6 national volleyball titles. USC's women won the AIAW trophy in 1976, 1977 and 1980, and the NCAA crown in 1981 before the 2002 and 2003 Women of Troy squads captured NCAA titles (the 2010 and 2011 teams made it to the NCAA Final Four). Also, USC's 3-time defending national champion women's beach volleyball program won titles in 2015 (AVCA), 2016 (first-ever NCAA beach crown) and 2017 (NCAA).

**2018 SIGNEES**

Two high school standouts—setter **Jameson McKibbin** of Punahou School in Honolulu (Hi.) and outside hitter **Brandon Browning** of Corona del Mar (Calif.) High School—signed letters of intent with the USC men's volleyball program and will join the Trojan program in the fall of 2018.

The 6-3 McKibbin, who has a USC volleyball lineage, earned 2017 FloVolleyball Boys' All-American second team and All-Interscholastic League of Honolulu Division I second team honors as a junior at Punahou. Punahou won the 2017 Hawaii Division I state championship and he made the All-Tournament Team. He was a member of the 2017 USA Volleyball High Performance Youth A1 Team. He helped the Spike & Serve Volleyball Club to a bronze medal at the 2016 (16 Open) and 2017 (17 Open) Junior Olympics, making the 16 Open All-Tournament team. He was a member of the Ka Ulukoa team that won a 14 Open gold medal at the 2014 Junior Olympics and the Outrigger Canoe Club team that won a silver at the 2013 Junior Olympics. He also played beach volleyball, helping Punahou to the 2016 and 2017 Hawaii state beach championships. He and Ryan Wilcox won the 2016 Hawaii state beach pairs title. He has 4 McKibbin relatives with USC volleyball roots: his brother, Riley, was a setter (2008-11) and led USC to a pair of NCAA Championship appearances (placing second in 2009 and tied for third in 2011); another brother, Maddison, was an outside hitter (2010-12, 2014) on a pair of Trojan teams that played in the NCAA Championships (runnerup in 2012 after tying for third in 2011); his uncle, Owen, lettered in 1983-84-86-87, as the Trojans finished second at the NCAA Championships his final 2 seasons; and his aunt, Claudia, was a letterwinner on the Women of Troy's 1980 national championship team. His mother, Diana McNerny McKibbin, played volleyball at Hawaii (1978-79) and on the beach.

The 6-6 Browning earned 2017 All-CIF Division 1 first team and All-Pacific League first team honors as a junior at Corona del Mar. He had 259 kills, 74 digs, 25 aces and 24 blocks in 2017. Corona del Mar was the 2017 CIF Division 1 champion and 2016 runnerup, as well as the 2016 state runnerup. He was the starting outside hitter on the USA Volleyball Boys Youth National Team that played in the 2017 FIVB U19 World Championship in Bahrain. He helped the USA Volleyball Boys Youth National Team win a silver medal at the 2016 NORCECA U19 Continental Championship in Havana, Cuba, and qualify for the 2017 FIVB Boys U19 World Championship. He helped the 949 Volleyball Club to gold medals at the 2015 (15 Open) and 2016 (16 Open) Junior Olympics, making the All-Tournament Team both years.



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**Jon Rivera -- #1**

Att: 15.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 Kills: 7.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 Pct.: .200.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 Ast.: 0.....  
 Aces: 0.....  
 Digs: 4.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 BS: 0.....  
 BA: 0.....  
 TB: 0.....

**Mitch Haly -- #2**

Att: 0.....  
 Kills: 0.....  
 Pct.: --.....  
 Ast.: 0.....  
 Aces: 0.....  
 Digs: 0.....  
 BS: 0.....  
 BA: 0.....  
 TB: 0.....

**Cole Paxson -- #3**

Att: 0.....  
 Kills: 0.....  
 Pct.: --.....  
 Ast.: 2.....[vs. Hawaii, 1/6]  
 Aces: 0.....  
 Digs: 3^.....[twice]  
 BS: 0.....  
 BA: 0.....  
 TB: 0.....

**Michael Chang -- #4**

Att: 0.....  
 Kills: 0.....  
 Pct.: --.....  
 Ast.: 0.....  
 Aces: 0.....  
 Digs: 0.....  
 BS: 0.....  
 BA: 0.....  
 TB: 0.....

**Matt Douglas -- #5**

Att: 1.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 Kills: 0.....  
 Pct.: --.....  
 Ast.: 3.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 Aces: 0.....  
 Digs: 12.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 BS: 0.....  
 BA: 0.....  
 TB: 0.....

**Chris Hall -- #6**

Att: 2.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 Kills: 0.....  
 Pct.: --.....  
 Ast.: 31.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 Aces: 1.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 Digs: 3^.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 BS: 0.....  
 BA: 0.....  
 TB: 0.....

**Gert Lisha -- #7**

Att: 3.....[twice]  
 Kills: 0.....  
 Pct.: --.....  
 Ast.: 58.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 Aces: 2.....[vs. Hawaii, 1/6]  
 Digs: 10.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 BS: 2.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 BA: 2.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 TB: 4.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]

**Matt Faraimo -- #8**

Att: 0.....  
 Kills: 0.....  
 Pct.: --.....  
 Ast.: 0.....  
 Aces: 0.....  
 Digs: 0.....  
 BS: 0.....  
 BA: 0.....  
 TB: 0.....

**Gianluca Grasso -- #9**

Att: 33.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 Kills: 18.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 Pct.: .333.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 Ast.: 0.....  
 Aces: 4.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 Digs: 6.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 BS: 0.....  
 BA: 1.....[twice]  
 TB: 1.....[twice]

**Billy Fautleroy -- #11**

Att: 0.....  
 Kills: 0.....  
 Pct.: --.....  
 Ast.: 0.....  
 Aces: 0.....  
 Digs: 0.....  
 BS: 0.....  
 BA: 0.....  
 TB: 0.....

**Kyle Gear -- #13**

Att: 5.....[vs. Hawaii, 1/6]  
 Kills: 3^.....[vs. Hawaii, 1/6]  
 Pct.: --.....  
 Ast.: 0.....  
 Aces: 1.....[3 times]  
 Digs: 1^.....[twice]  
 BS: 1.....[twice]  
 BA: 2.....[twice]  
 TB: 3^.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]

**Noah Franklin -- #14**

Att: 19.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 Kills: 8^.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 Pct.: .211.....  
 Ast.: 0.....  
 Aces: 1.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 Digs: 1^.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 BS: 1.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 BA: 1.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 TB: 1^.....[twice]

**Clay Dickinson -- #15**

Att: 0.....  
 Kills: 0.....  
 Pct.: --.....  
 Ast.: 0.....  
 Aces: 0.....  
 Digs: 0.....  
 BS: 0.....  
 BA: 0.....  
 TB: 0.....

**Tyler Resnick -- #16**

Att: 0.....  
 Kills: 0.....  
 Pct.: --.....  
 Ast.: 0.....  
 Aces: 0.....  
 Digs: 0.....  
 BS: 0.....  
 BA: 0.....  
 TB: 0.....

**Aaron Strange -- #17**

Att: 0.....  
 Kills: 0.....  
 Pct.: --.....  
 Ast.: 0.....  
 Aces: 0.....  
 Digs: 0.....  
 BS: 0.....  
 BA: 0.....  
 TB: 0.....

**Christopher McBee -- #18**

Att: 0.....  
 Kills: 0.....  
 Pct.: --.....  
 Ast.: 0.....  
 Aces: 0.....  
 Digs: 0.....  
 BS: 0.....  
 BA: 0.....  
 TB: 0.....

**Connor Inlow -- #19**

Att: 15.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 Kills: 7.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 Pct.: .267.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 Ast.: 1.....[3 times]  
 Aces: 1.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 Digs: 2.....[twice]  
 BS: 0.....  
 BA: 5.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 TB: 5^.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]

**Jack Wyatt -- #20**

Att: 50.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 Kills: 20^.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 Pct.: .684.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 Ast.: 1.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 Aces: 1.....[4 times]  
 Digs: 9^.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 BS: 1.....[vs. Hawaii, 1/6]  
 BA: 3.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 TB: 3^.....[twice]

**Lucas Lossone -- #22**

Att: 7.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 Kills: 3.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 Pct.: --.....  
 Ast.: 0.....  
 Aces: 0.....  
 Digs: 1.....[twice]  
 BS: 2.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 BA: 1.....[vs. Juniata, 1/4]  
 TB: 2.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/4]

**Sam Lewis -- #23**

Att: 14.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 Kills: 11^.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 Pct.: .786.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 Ast.: 1.....[twice]  
 Aces: 0.....  
 Digs: 1^.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 BS: 2.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 BA: 1.....[3 times]  
 TB: 3^.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]

**Ryan Moss -- #24**

Att: 44.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 Kills: 21^.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 Pct.: .409.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 Ast.: 1.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 Aces: 3.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 Digs: 7.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 BS: 2.....[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]  
 BA: 3.....[vs. Princeton, 1/2]  
 TB: 3.....[twice]

^USC Career High (listed for kills, digs, total blocks only)  
 [All Individual Hitting PCT: minimum 10 attempts]



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## USC Individual Highs

Att:	50	[Jack Wyatt, vs. Princeton, 1/2]
Kills:	20	[Jack Wyatt, vs. Princeton, 1/2]
Pct.:	.786	[Sam Lewis, vs. Princeton, 1/2]
Ast.:	58	[Gert Lisha, vs. Princeton, 1/2]
Aces:	4	[Gianluca Grasso, vs. Princeton, 1/2]
Digs:	12	[Matt Douglas, vs. Princeton, 1/2]
BS:	2	[Gert Lisha, vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]
	2	[Sam Lewis, vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]
	2	[Ryan Moss, vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]
	2	[Lucas Lossone, vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]
BA:	5	[Connor Inlow, vs. Princeton, 1/2]
TB:	5	[Connor Inlow, vs. Princeton, 1/2]

## USC Team Highs

Att:	140	[vs. Princeton, 1/2]
Kills:	67	[vs. Princeton, 1/2]
Pct.:	.386	[vs. Juniata, 1/4]
Ast.:	64	[vs. Princeton, 1/2]
Aces:	8	[vs. Princeton, 1/2]
	8	[vs. Juniata, 1/4]
Digs:	45	[vs. Princeton, 1/2]
BS:	9	[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]
BA:	13	[vs. Princeton, 1/2]
TB:	17	[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]

## USC Team Lows

Att:	70	[vs. Juniata, 1/4]
Kills:	34	[vs. Hawaii, 1/6]
Pct.:	.207	[vs. Hawaii, 1/6]
Ast.:	32	[vs. Hawaii, 1/6]
Aces:	4	[vs. Stevens Institute, 1/5]
Digs:	17	[vs. Hawaii, 1/6]
BS:	2	[vs. Princeton, 1/2]
BA:	6	[vs. Juniata, 1/4]
	6	[vs. Hawaii, 1/6]
TB:	9	[vs. Juniata, 1/4]
	9	[vs. Hawaii, 1/6]

## Opponent Team Highs

Att:	120	[Princeton, 1/2]
Kills:	51	[Stevens Institute, 1/5]
Pct.:	.479	[Hawaii, 1/6]
Ast.:	48	[Stevens Institute, 1/5]
Aces:	4	[Juniata, 1/4]
	4	[Stevens Institute, 1/5]
Digs:	37	[Princeton, 1/2]
	37	[Stevens Institute, 1/5]
BS:	2	[Princeton, 1/2]
BA:	15	[Stevens Institute, 1/5]
TB:	16	[Stevens Institute, 1/5]

## Opponent Team Lows

Att:	70	[Juniata, 1/4]
Kills:	24	[Juniata, 1/4]
Pct.:	.057	[Juniata, 1/4]
Ast.:	33	[Juniata, 1/4]
Aces:	3	[Princeton, 1/2]
	3	[Hawaii, 1/6]
Digs:	18	[Juniata, 1/4]
BS:	0	[Juniata, 1/4]
BA:	6	[Juniata, 1/4]
TB:	6	[Juniata, 1/4]

## Opponent Individual Highs

Att:	49	[George Huhmann, Princeton, 1/2]
Kills:	20	[George Huhmann, Princeton, 1/2]
Pct.:	.684	[Stijn van Tilburg, Hawaii, 1/6]
Ast.:	39	[Jacob Petterson, Stevens Institute, 1/5]
Aces:	2	[Mike Fuerst, Princeton, 1/2]
	2	[Dave Hibner, Juniata, 1/4]
	2	[Gabe Shankweiler, Stevens Institute, 1/5]
Digs:	8	[Joe Worsley, Hawaii, 1/6]
BS:	1	[George Huhmann, Princeton, 1/2]
	1	[Parker Dixon, Princeton, 1/2]
	1	[David Lehman, Stevens Institute, 1/5]
	1	[Dalton Solbrig, Hawaii, 1/6]
BA:	5	[Jacob Patterson, Stevens Institute, 1/5]
	5	[Cooper Diamond, Stevens Institute, 1/5]
TB:	5	[Jacob Patterson, Stevens Institute, 1/5]
	5	[Cooper Diamond, Stevens Institute, 1/5]

## 2018 USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CAREER HIGHS

## Jon Rivera -- #1

Kills:	23	[vs. Pepperdine, 2016]
Digs:	8	[vs. UC San Diego, 2016]
TB:	5	[vs. UCLA, 2015]

## Mitch Haly -- #2

Kills:	0	
Digs:	0	
TB:	0	

## Cole Paxson -- #3

Kills:	0	
Digs:	3	[vs. Juniata, 2018]
	3	[vs. Hawaii, 2018]
TB:	0	

## Michael Chang -- #4

Kills:	0	
Digs:	0	
TB:	0	

## Matt Douglas -- #5

Kills:	1	[vs. CS Northridge, 2017]
Digs:	18	[vs. Pepperdine, 2017]
TB:	0	

## Chris Hall -- #6

Kills:	0	
Digs:	3	[vs. Juniata, 2018]
TB:	0	

## Gert Lisha -- #7\*

Kills:	4	[vs. UC Irvine, 2016]
Digs:	12	[vs. UC San Diego, 2017]
TB:	5	[vs. UC San Diego, 2016]

\*Does not include statistics while at Lewis

## Matt Faraimo -- #8

Kills:	3	[vs. Sacred Heart, 2017]
Digs:	6	[vs. Hawaii, 2017]
	6	[vs. Sacred Heart, 2017]
TB:	2	[vs. Sacred Heart, 2017]

## Gianluca Grasso -- #9

Kills:	24	[vs. UC Irvine, 2017]
Digs:	10	[vs. Lewis, 2017]
	10	[vs. Harvard, 2017]
	10	[vs. Sacred Heart, 2017]
TB:	6	[vs. UC San Diego, 2017]

## Billy Fauntleroy -- #11

Kills:	0	
Digs:	0	
TB:	0	

## Kyle Gear -- #13

Kills:	3	[vs. Hawaii, 2018]
Digs:	1	[vs. Stevens Institute, 2018]
	1	[vs. Hawaii, 2018]
TB:	3	[vs. Stevens Institute, 2018]

## Noah Franklin -- #14

Kills:	8	[vs. Stevens Institute, 2018]
Digs:	1	[vs. Princeton, 2018]
TB:	1	[vs. Juniata, 2018]
	1	[vs. Stevens Institute, 2018]

## Clay Dickinson -- #15

Kills:	0	
Digs:	0	
TB:	0	

## Tyler Resnick -- #16

Kills:	0	
Digs:	0	
TB:	0	

## Aaron Strange -- #17

Kills:	14	[vs. UC Santa Barbara, 2017]
Digs:	17	[vs. UCLA, 2017]
TB:	4	[vs. Concordia, 2017]
	4	[vs. UCLA, 2017]

## Christopher McBee -- #18

Kills:	0	
Digs:	0	
TB:	0	

## Connor Inlow -- #19

Kills:	9	[vs. Long Beach State, 2017]
	9	[vs. Pepperdine, 2017]
	9	[vs. Long Beach State, 2017]
Digs:	5	[vs. Concordia, 2017]
TB:	5	[vs. Concordia, 2017]
	5	[vs. Princeton, 2018]

## Jack Wyatt -- #20

Kills:	20	[vs. Princeton, 2018]
Digs:	9	[vs. Princeton, 2018]
TB:	3	[vs. Concordia, 2015]
	3	[vs. Princeton, 2018]
	3	[vs. Hawaii, 2018]

## Lucas Lossone -- #22

Kills:	16	[vs. Pepperdine, 2017]
Digs:	7	[vs. BYU, 2017]
TB:	6	[vs. Cal State Northridge, 2017]

## Sam Lewis -- #23

Kills:	11	[vs. Princeton, 2018]
Digs:	1	[vs. Stevens Institute, 2018]
TB:	3	[vs. Stevens Institute, 2018]

## Ryan Moss -- #24

Kills:	21	[vs. Stevens Institute, 2018]
Digs:	10	[vs. Cal State Northridge, 2016]
TB:	5	[vs. Cal Baptist, 2016]
	5	[vs. Stanford, 2017]
	5	[vs. Sacred Heart, 2017]



**2018 STARTERS**

	<b>S</b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>OH</b>	<b>OH</b>	<b>OPP</b>	<b>L</b>
PRIN	Lisha	Inlow	Lewis	Grasso	Wyett	Moss	Douglas
JUN	Hall	Inlow	Lewis	Grasso	Wyett	Lossone	Douglas
STEV	Lisha	Inlow	Lewis	Franklin	Wyett	Moss	Douglas
HAW	Lisha	Inlow	Gear	Grasso	Wyett	Moss	Douglas
UCI							
UCSB							
OSU							
PSU							
LBSU							
LEW							
LOY							
STAN							
BYU							
UCLA							
PEPP							
CONC							
GCU							
UCSD							
HARV							
BYU							
STAN							
UCI							
PEPP							
UCLA							
GCU							
CONC							

**USC IN THE 2018  
AVCA/OFF THE BLOCK/  
FLOVOLLEYBALL/VOLLEYMOB  
POLLS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>AVCA/OTB/FV/VM</b>
Pre-season	12/NA/NA/NA
Jan. 8	12/NA/12/13

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

Matt Faraimo	fuh-RAY-moe	Lisa Noceti-DeWit	no-SET-ee duh-WIT
Billy Fauntleroy	FAWNT-luh-roy	Jeff Nygaard	NIE-gard
Kyle Gear	GEER	Cole Paxson	PACK-sun
Gianluca Grasso	jhee-on-LEW-ka GRAW-so	Tyler Resnick	REZ-nik
Mitch Haly	HEY-lee	Jon Rivera	ruh-VER-uh
Connor Inlow	IN-loe	Gary Sato	SAW-toe
Gert Lisha	GURT LEE-shuh	Brian Schirripa	shuh-RIP-uh
Lucas Lossone	luh-SOEN	Jack Wyett	WHY-ut



**2018 USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL MATCH RECAPS****#1 [1/2]--at No. 12 USC 3, Princeton 1**

No. 12 USC—behind 20 kills from Jack Wyett and 18 from Gianluca Grasso—opened its 2018 season with a 28-26, 25-22, 25-27, 25-22 non-conference win over Princeton on Jan. 2 in USC's Galen Center. It was the first-ever meeting between USC and Princeton. Wyett, a redshirt junior outside hitter, returned to the court as a Trojan for the first time since the 2015 season after a 2-year layoff from the sport. He added 9 digs. Grasso had a match-best 4 aces. Freshman Sam Lewis, a 6-10 middle blocker making his Trojan debut, hit .786 with 11 kills on 14 attempts with no errors. Ryan Moss also had 11 kills for USC, while Matt Douglas had a match-leading 12 digs, Connor Inlow had a match-high 5 blocks and Gert Lisha had 9 digs. USC hit .286 to Princeton's .267. The Trojans served 8 aces and had more digs (45 to 37). USC trailed in the first set 12-9 before going on a 7-2 run to build a 2-point lead, but the Tigers tied it at 24-24 before a Wyett kill and a Princeton hitting error ended the set. The Trojans scored the first 4 points of the second set, but Princeton caught up at 13-13 before USC went on a 4-0 run to move ahead at 18-14 and held off a late Tiger push. The third set was tight throughout before a Trojan serving error and hitting error gave the set to Princeton, which hit .481. In the fourth set, USC used a 6-0 run to forge a 10-7 lead and the Trojans steadily pulled away until the Tigers closed to 23-22 before a pair of Wyett kills ended the match.

**#2 [1/4]--No. 12 USC 3, Juniata 0 [at Texaco Rainbow Warrior Classic]**

Jack Wyett had a match-high 14 kills while hitting .684 to lead No. 12 USC to a 25-19, 25-9, 25-21 non-conference sweep over Juniata on Jan. 4 in the opening match of the 3-day Texaco Rainbow Warrior Classic in Honolulu, Hi. It was USC's first-ever meeting with Juniata, an NCAA Division III program. Wyett and Matt Douglas each had 5 digs, while Gianluca Grasso added 8 kills and 2 aces, Jon Rivera came off the bench to get 7 kills and Sam Lewis had 3 blocks. USC hit .386 in the match to Juniata's .057. The Trojans served 8 aces. USC went on a 7-0 run early in the opening set to go up 11-5 and maintained a lead the rest of the set while hitting .360. In the second set, the Trojans scored 10 quick unanswered points to build a 13-4 lead and were never threatened while hitting .474 and serving 4 aces. USC tallied 3 straight points to move out to a 20-16 lead in the third set and held off the Eagles while hitting .346.

**#3 [1/5]--No. 12 USC 3, Stevens Institute 1 [at Texaco Rainbow Warrior Classic]**

Ryan Moss had a career-high and match-leading 21 kills to lead No. 12 USC to a 25-17, 27-25, 22-25, 25-18 non-conference win over Stevens Institute on Jan. 5 in the Trojans' second match of the 3-day Texaco Rainbow Warrior Classic in Honolulu, Hi. It was USC's first-ever match against Stevens Institute, an NCAA Division III program. Moss hit .409 and added 7 digs, 3 blocks and 3 aces. Jack Wyett had 15 kills for USC, while freshman Noah Franklin had 8 kills in his first career start, Gert Lisha had 10 digs and 4 blocks and Matt Douglas had 9 digs. USC hit .333 to the Ducks' .231. The Trojans had 13 blocks. USC scored the first 5 points of the opening set and steadily pulled away while hitting .545 and getting 4 blocks. The second set, in which USC middle blocker Sam Lewis left midway through with an ankle injury, was tight until Stevens built a 21-17 lead, but the Trojans staved off match point at 24-22 before tying it at 24 all and then getting consecutive Wyett kills followed by a Stevens hitting error to capture the set. Stevens ran off 4 consecutive points early in the third set to go up 9-4 and the Ducks held off the Trojans the rest of the way. In the fourth set, USC tallied back-to-back points to move out to a 14-12 edge and added to its margin the rest of the way while hitting .579.

**#4 [1/6]--No. 5 Hawaii 3, No. 12 USC 0 [at Texaco Rainbow Warrior Classic]**

No. 12 USC team fell to host No. 5 Hawaii, 25-17, 25-20, 25-22, on Jan. 6 on the third and final day of the Texaco Rainbow Warrior Classic in Honolulu, Hi. USC suffered its first loss of 2018. Gianluca Grasso led USC with 13 kills, while Jack Wyett had 11 kills (hitting .304) and 3 blocks and Ryan Moss had 6 kills. USC faced Hawaii without 6-10 freshman starting middle blocker Sam Lewis, who injured his ankle early in the Stevens Institute match on Friday. Hawaii outhit USC, .479 to .207, and had more digs (24-17). USC scored the match's first 4 points, but Hawaii answered by scoring the next 6 points and the Rainbow Warriors never trailed the rest of the opening set as they hit .400 with 6 blocks. In the second set, Hawaii scored 5 unanswered

points to build a 15-10 lead and USC couldn't catch up as UH hit .591. The third set was tied at 20-20 before Hawaii scored back-to-back points, all the cushion it needed to close out the match while hitting .462 to USC's .414.



**The Automated ScoreBook**  
**USC Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 08, 2018)**  
**All matches**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	3-1	1-0	0-1	2-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-1	1-0	0-1	2-0

#	Player	sp	Attack				Set		Serve		re	Dig		Blocking				points					
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa		se	sa/s	dig	dig/s	bs	ba		total	blk/s	be	bhe	
23	Sam Lewis	8	14	1.75	1	21	.619	2	0.25	0	4	0.00	0	1	0.12	4	4	8	1.00	0	0	20.0	
13	Kyle Gear	8	4	0.50	1	7	.429	0	0.00	2	3	0.25	0	2	0.25	2	4	6	0.75	0	0	10.0	
20	Jack Wyatt	14	60	4.29	21	120	.325	1	0.07	4	9	0.29	6	20	1.43	1	6	7	0.50	0	0	68.0	
24	Ryan Moss	13	40	3.08	12	91	.308	1	0.08	6	4	0.46	1	14	1.08	3	4	7	0.54	0	0	51.0	
9	Gianluca Grasso	10	39	3.90	19	74	.270	0	0.00	7	8	0.70	1	12	1.20	0	2	2	0.20	1	0	47.0	
19	Connor Inlow	13	12	0.92	4	31	.258	3	0.23	1	3	0.08	0	5	0.38	0	8	8	0.62	2	0	17.0	
14	Noah Franklin	7	9	1.29	4	20	.250	0	0.00	1	5	0.14	2	1	0.14	1	1	2	0.29	0	0	11.5	
1	Jon Rivera	6	7	1.17	4	15	.200	0	0.00	0	2	0.00	0	4	0.67	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	7.0	
22	Lucas Lossone	3	5	1.67	3	11	.182	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	2	0.67	2	1	3	1.00	0	0	7.5	
3	Cole Paxson	4	0	0.00	0	0	.000	2	0.50	0	0	0.00	1	6	1.50	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.0	
7	Gert Lisha	10	0	0.00	0	7	.000	117	11.70	3	9	0.30	0	21	2.10	4	3	7	0.70	0	0	8.5	
5	Matt Douglas	11	0	0.00	0	1	.000	6	0.55	0	0	0.00	2	30	2.73	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.0	
6	Chris Hall	6	0	0.00	1	2	-.500	45	7.50	1	4	0.17	0	4	0.67	0	0	0	0.00	1	0	1.0	
TEAM		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
USC		14	190	13.57	70	400	.300	177	12.64	25	51	1.79	14	122	8.71	17	33	33.5	2.39	4	2	248.5	
Opponents		14	169	12.07	71	380	.258	156	11.14	14	44	1.00	25	116	8.29	4	44	26.0	1.86	7	4	209.0	

<b>Team Statistics</b>	<b>USC</b>	<b>OPP</b>
<b>ATTACK</b>		
Kills	190	169
Errors	70	71
Total Attacks	400	380
Attack Pct	.300	.258
Kills/Set	13.6	12.1
<b>SET</b>		
Assists	177	156
Attempts	388	377
Assist Pct	.456	.414
Assists/Set	12.6	11.1
<b>SERVE</b>		
Aces	25	14
Errors	51	44
Attempts	334	307
Serve Pct	.847	.857
Aces/Set	1.8	1.0
<b>SERVE RECEPTIONS</b>		
Errors	14	25
Errors/Set	1.0	1.8
Attempts	263	283
Reception Pct	.947	.912
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
Digs	122	116
Digs/Set	8.7	8.3
<b>BLOCKING</b>		
Block Solo	17	4
Block Assist	33	44
Total Blocks	33.5	26.0
Blocks/Set	2.4	1.9
Block Errors	4	7
Ball handling errors	2	4
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	250	3488
Dates/Avg Per Date	1/250	1/3488
Neutral site #/Avg	2/2722	
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	1	-

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Score by set</b>	<b>Att.</b>
Jan 02	PRINCETON	w 3-1	28-26,25-22,25-27,25-22	250
Jan 04	vs Juniata	w 3-0	25-19,25-9,25-21	2717
Jan 05	vs Stevens	w 3-1	25-17,27-25,22-25,25-18	2728
Jan 06	at #5 Hawaii	L 0-3	17-25,20-25,22-25	3488

Record in 3-set matches: 1-1  
Record in 4-set matches: 2-0  
Record in 5-set matches: 0-0

