



University of Southern California 2019 MEN'S WATER POLO

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No. 1 Trojans Cap Regular Season With Visit To No. 7 Cal

USC looks for some extra winning momentum to take into next week's MPSF Tournament – also in Berkeley.

2019 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

USC record: 12-4 (2-0 MPSF)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
<i>Inland Empire Classic ~</i>		
Sept. 14	at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	W 21-9
	vs. Whittier	W 15-9
Sept. 15	vs. #4 UC Santa Barbara	L 13-9
	vs. Concordia	W 27-3

Sept. 19 #9 LONG BEACH STATE W 13-6

SoCal Invitational\$

Sept. 27	\$vs. #14 Princeton	W 14-6
Sept. 28	\$vs. #4 Pacific	L 16-15
Sept. 28	\$vs. #8 Long Beach State	W 9-6
Sept. 29	\$vs. #7 California	W 13-12

Oct. 5 #13 UC IRVINE W 16-10

Oct. 6	at #4 UC Santa Barbara	W 10-9
Oct. 12	at #3 Pacific	L 12-11
Oct. 19	at #6 Pepperdine	L 13-12

Nov. 2 #1 STANFORD* W 9-8

Nov. 3 #12 SAN JOSÉ STATE W 17-9

Nov. 9 at #1 UCLA* (P12LA) W 10-7

Nov. 16 at #7 California* 1 p.m.

MPSF Tournament (hosted by California)

Nov. 23	GTBD (Semifinal)	11 a.m.
Nov. 24	GTBD	TBD

NCAA Tournament (hosted by Pacific)

Dec. 7	!Semifinals
Dec. 8	!Championship

Home games in **BOLD CAPS** (at Uytengsu Aquatics Center)

* MPSF game

~ Inland Empire Classic – Claremont & La Verne, Calif.

\$ Mountain Pacific Invitational – Westchester & Westwood, Calif.

GMPSF Tournament – Berkeley, Calif.

! NCAA Champs – Stockton, Calif. (P12) = televised by Pac-12 Networks

THIS WEEK

With the top seed already secured for the MPSF Tournament and now back on top at No. 1 in the nation, USC (12-4, 2-0 MPSF) turns to take a trip to Berkeley this weekend, facing No. 7 Cal (12-9, 0-2) in a final MPSF matchup at 1 p.m. on Saturday (Nov. 16).

RANKINGS

The defending NCAA champs opened up 2019 ranked No. 1 in the nation. An early loss sent the Trojans to No. 5 in the land on Sept. 18. USC climbed up to No. 4 in the Oct. 9 rankings before moving to No. 6 in the Oct. 23 rankings. The Trojans were ranked No. 7 in the Oct. 30 rankings, climbed to No. 4 on Nov. 6, and now are back where they began at No. 1 in the land this week (as of Nov. 13).

SCOUTING CAL

The No. 7 Golden Bears are 12-9 overall and 0-2 in MPSF play after falling to Stanford 15-8 and beating UC Irvine 10-7 last week. Safak Simsek leads Cal in scoring with 45 goals. Goalie Adrian Weinberg is averaging 10.0 saves and 10.0 goals against per game in 19 appearances. USC is 64-58-2 all-time against the Bears after a 13-12 win over Cal earlier this season in the third-place game of the SoCal Invitational. Last year, USC beat Cal 13-6 in the 2018 Mountain Pacific Invitational semifinals and 13-7 in MPSF play before a 10-9 loss to the Bears in the semis of the MPSF Tournament.

LAST ACTION

USC upended another top-ranked opponent in unleashing a 10-7 victory over No. 1 host and rival UCLA last weekend in Westwood. The Trojans never trailed and were up by four at one point en route to a key MPSF road win, which secured the No. 1 seed for USC in the coming MPSF Tournament. Senior Marin Dasic delivered his third consecutive hat trick to help the Trojans build out a hefty lead on the road. The Trojans clearly came to play in this one, turning away the Bruins defensively before Sam Slobodien earned and finished a USC 6-on-5 for the lead at 4:19 in the first. Jake Ehrhardt ripped one in next to take the Trojans ahead 2-0 before UCLA would get on the board with a power play finish of its own. Luke Wyatt and Ehrhardt would sandwich beautiful USC goals around another UCLA power play strike, and USC was up 4-2 after eight minutes of action. The Trojans would go one better than the Bruins in the second after breaking up a defensive stalemate. Dasic broke the silence with a skipper that netted a 5-2 USC lead at 2:55 in the second. UCLA answered, but could not stop super senior Slobodien 30 seconds later, with a rocket from Slobodien coming just 22 seconds from the halftime buzzer for a 6-3 USC lead at the break. The Trojans and Bruins would stay in stride the rest of the way, as USC maintained composure and control in keeping UCLA from getting any closer that two goals' distance. A UCLA power play in the third made it 6-4, but Dasic delivered again with a laser off a setup from Wyatt to make it 7-4 Trojans. Stingy USC defense kept that score intact entering the fourth, where Dasic drummed up his third of the day with a crossage catapult off a pass from Hannes Daube to go up 8-4 with 6:25 to go. The Bruins would manage back-to-back goals next, carving it down to a two-goal game, only to see Daube sling in a ridiculous shot to the upper-90 and steal back the momentum. Jacob Mercep zipped in a skipper two minutes later for USC to get the Trojans a 10-6 lead with 2:24 remaining. He'd then throw up a key defensive field block, and goalie Nic Porter hauled in his seventh clutch save of the game to leave UCLA flailing in the late stages. The Bruins would find one last 6-on-5 finish in the final minute, but the Trojans had things well in-hand and rounded out the 10-7 victory with one last exclamation point coming on a booming field block from Daube.

CENTURY CLUB

USC's newest card-carrying member of the 100-goal club is senior **Marin Dasic**. With his eighth of a final 10 goals scored at the Inland Empire Classic, Dasic drummed up the 100th goal of his USC career. Dasic now boasts 128 career goals to date to rank No. 22 all-time among career scorers at USC. Several fellow Trojans also are closing in on the club, with **Jacob Mercep** right on the borderline with 99 career goals. Seniors **Sam Slobodien** (97) **Matt Maier** (95) are the next Trojans in reach of hitting the century mark.

BY THE NUMBERS

Now 16 games into the season, USC has outscored opponents 221-148. The Trojan offense is generating 13.81 goals per game while the defense has allowed 9.25 goals-against per game. Leading the offensive charge so far are junior **Jacob Mercep** and **Marin Dasic** with 37 and 36 goals, respectively. Sophomore **Hannes Daube** is next with 26 goals, followed by senior **Sam Slobodien** and sophomore **Jake Ehrhardt** with 22 goals apiece. On the defensive end, USC has utilized three goalies. All-American sophomore **Nic Porter** has capped up in 11 games and averages 11.05 saves per game while giving up 9.47 goals per game. He also has the distinction of registering the most single-game saves by a Trojan goalie since at

#1 USC (12-4, 2-0) at #7 Cal (12-9, 0-2)

Saturday, Nov. 16 | 1 p.m.

Spieker Aquatics Complex



Series Record: USC leads 64-58-2 (W1)
STATS: thefosh.net/livestats.php?gameid=7682

2019 Men's Collegiate Top-10

(Week 10 • Nov. 13)

Rank	School	Last Week	Points
1t.	USC	4	96
1t.	Stanford	2	96
3.	UCLA	1	92
4.	Pacific	3	88
5.	UC Santa Barbara	5	80
6.	Pepperdine	6	74
7.	California	7	68
8.	Long Beach State	8	65
9.	Harvard	9	60
10.	UC Davis	11	58

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least 2005 with his 20-save performance vs. Stanford on Nov. 2. Junior **Vaios Vlahotasios** has appeared in seven games with a 9.67 saves-per-game effort and allowing 9.33 goals-against per game. **Jere Ashby** has also checked in for two periods of work, having collected nine saves and allowed just two goals in his appearances in the cage. In all, USC has had 16 different Trojans score to date, with five players tallying their first career goals. USC set a season high with 15 different scorers in USC's Sept. 15 win over Concordia.

SWEEPS WEEK

USC garnered its first MPSF awards sweep of the season on Nov. 4 with goalie **Nic Porter** named MPSF Player of the Week for the first time and freshman **Marcus Longton** nabbing USC's first MPSF Newcomer of the Week honor this season. The two first-time picks were instrumental in USC's upset win over No. 1 Stanford and a big victory over San José State in USC's final home games of the year. Nic Porter had a career-high 20 saves – the most single-game saves by a USC goalie since at least 2005 – to help the Trojans upset #1 Stanford 9-8 in an MPSF clash on Saturday. Porter broke his previous career high of 15 with his 16th save coming against a dangerous Stanford counterattack in the final minute of the third, preserving a two-goal USC lead. His 20th save came with 1:20 remaining to hold a crucial late two-goal USC lead. It was Porter's fifth straight game with double-digit saves and the most since setting a previous career high of 15 almost exactly a year ago. On Sunday, Porter tallied nine saves in a 17-9 USC win over visiting #12 San José State. Marcus Longton had his first career hat trick in USC's win over Stanford, then scored twice against San José State to help make it a winning weekend for the Trojans. Against the Cardinal, Longton scored twice in the first period, going back-to-back to give USC its first lead of the game. Longton added his third to get USC up 7-5 during the third period. Against SJSU, Longton scored in the second and third periods, then added an assist on USC's final goal of the game. Longton had been scoreless in USC's previous three games before the breakout hat trick vs. Stanford.

SUMMER SUCCESS

Capped up for competition around the globe, several Trojans went big in international waters during the summer of 2019. Captain of the USA's World University Games squad, **Jake Ehrhardt** helped Team USA to a silver medal at the event in Italy. Soon after, **Hannes Daube** and **Marko Vavic** were on-hand for the United States' push to Olympic qualification. Those two Trojans grabbed gold medals at the Pan American Games in Peru to secure the USA men's spot at the 2020 Olympic Games. Daube and Vavic also competed with Team USA at the FINA World Championships in South Korea, where the United States men placed ninth. Freshman **Chris Sturtevant** also got in on international action over the summer as a member of Great Britain's World University Games squad.

PINTA'S PROGRAM

Marko Pintaric, who has been part of 14 NCAA championships during his 18 years on the USC coaching staff, was named head coach of the USC men's and women's water polo teams on August 29, replacing former head coach Jovan Vavic. An All-American and 1998 NCAA champion as a player at USC, Pintaric served as co-head coach for the USC men for the past three seasons (2016-18), most recently helping the Trojans to the 2018 NCAA Championship. His USC coaching career began as an assistant coach to both the USC men and women in 2001. Pintaric stayed in a dual coaching role until NCAA rules for coaching staff sizes changed in 2015-16, prompting a move to a scouting director role with the women while his assistant coaching role continued with the men for the next four years. Pintaric, who scored the game-winning goal in USC's first-ever national championship, finished his USC playing career before he had the chance to defend the Trojans' 1998 NCAA title. In 18 years since on the coaching staff, he has helped five USC men's water polo teams successfully defend their NCAA crowns. Now, as the head coach, Pintaric has the opportunity to set up defense of another NCAA trophy.

ALL-AMERICAN LEADERSHIP

Senior captains **Marin Dasic**, **Matt Maier** and **Sam Slobodien** are seasoned, savvy and certain leaders for a USC roster brimming with talent. They are three of eight returning All-Americans, including a power pack of four of 2018 newcomers who exploded onto the scene in their first seasons as Trojans. Sophomores **Hannes Daube**, **Jake Ehrhardt** and **Nic Porter** and junior **Jacob Mercep** made indelible marks on the stat sheets for USC last year, and they are in full stride for 2019. Aussie goalie Porter and Croatian product Mercep represent possibly one of the most daunting one-two punches out there, as Porter stops shots on the defensive end while Mercep scores them at the other.

SENIOR STRENGTH

While All-Americans Dasic, Maier and Slobodien are in their final seasons of competition, there are three other noteworthy Trojans in their fourth years with the program. Redshirt juniors **Troy Furniss**, **Luka Karaman** and **Luke Wyatt** also play a hefty leadership role for the group. Their dedication and hard work, too, have lifted all of them into significant contribution roles in the water as well. A lefty, Wyatt punched up 23 goals for the Trojan cause last season, including one in the NCAA Championship game. Karaman and Furniss factored in for 12 goals apiece in 2018.

CAGE FIGHTERS

In goal, returning All-American **Nic Porter** has been pushed once more by teammate **Vaios Vlahotasios**, who was also a newcomer to the USC cage in 2018 and who has proven himself a shot-stopping force to reckon with. Porter and Vlahotasios are a formidable goalie tandem for the Trojans, and are joined by freshman **Garrett Allen** and sophomore **Jere Ashby** as USC's talented goalkeeping corps for 2019.

THE NEW CREW

USC has 11 new Trojans in Cardinal and Gold in 2019. On the first weekend of competition, much of that group earned their stripes. Goalie **Jere Ashby** checked in for his first time in the cage, while fellow newcomers **Matt Harrison**, **Marcus Longton**, **Grayden Reynolds** and **Chris Sturtevant** all registered their first goals as Trojans.

LAST SEASON

The 2018 Trojans reached the NCAA final for the 14th consecutive season and emerged with the trophy for the 10th time in program history. A 14-12 win over host Stanford saw USC claim the national championship and finish out its first 30-win season. At the close of the winning campaign, USC had a program-record 10 Trojans earn All-America status, while newcomer Jacob Mercep scored NCAA Tournament MVP honors after a five-goal outburst in the title match. Mercep and freshman Hannes Daube both picked up All-America First Team honors to lead the pack of 10 honorees in USC's 30-3 season. •

2019 AWARDS

MPSF Player of the Week (3):

Jacob Mercep (Sept 23 | Oct. 7)
Nic Porter (Nov. 4)

MPSF Newcomer of the Week (3):

Marcus Longton (Nov. 4)

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 Cizmici	1994-96	179
6.	Danny Leyson	1989-92	167
7.	Giacomo Rossi	1985-89	162
8.	Zoltan Berty	1986-88	161
9.	Blake Edwards	2015-17	156
10.	Marko Zagar	1994-96	152
11.	Jose Santiago	1989-93	151
12.	Rob Carver	1984-88	150
13.	Matteo Morelli	2014-17	148
14.	Grant Stein	2014-17	145
15.	Juan Delgadillo	2003-06	143
16.	Peter Kurzeka	2008-11	142
17.	Lachlan Edwards	2014-17	141
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.	Marin Dasic	2016-present	128
23.	Matt Sagehorn	2006-09	127
24.	Predrag Damjanov	2000-03	124
25.	Mace Rapsey	2010-13	123
26.	James Castle	1996-99	122
27.	Mike Howell	1983-85	121
28.	Charles Harris	1980-84	120
29.	Simun Cimerman	1995-97	117
30.	Rex Butler	2010-14	116
31.	Jason Klingsberg	1989-92	113
	Ivan Babic	1998-01	
33.	Shea Buckner	2007-09	110
34.	Matt Tonkovich	1989-91	109
35.	Marko Vavic	2017-present	108
36.	Marko Pintaric	1997-98	103
37.	Mike Spicer	1983-84	101
	Justin Rappel	2006-09	

CLIMBING... (through Nov. 10)

Jacob Mercep	2018-present	99
Sam Slobodien	2016-present	97
Matt Maier	2016-present	95

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	SCORE	SCORERS	SAVES
<i>Inland Empire Classic ~</i>					
Sept. 14	~at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps	W	21-9	Dasic 4, Mercep 3, Karaman 3, Longton 2, Harrison 2, Slobodien, Lansill, Maier, Wyatt, Sturtevant, Kolenda, Reynolds.	Porter 8, Ashby 4
	~vs. Whittier	W	15-9	Sturtevant 3, Dasic 2, Mercep 2, Maier 2, Wyatt 2, Furniss, Slobodien, Karaman, Kolenda.	Vlahotasios 10
Sept. 15	~vs. #4 UC Santa Barbara	L	13-9	Ehrhardt 3, Dasic 2, Mercep, Daube, Slobodien, Maier.	Porter 0, Vlahotasios 6
	~vs. Concordia	W	27-3	Mercep 5, Slobodien 2, Lansill 2, Dasic 2, Ehrhardt 2, Furniss 2, Sturtevant 2, Longton 2, Reynolds 2, Winther, Daube, Karaman, Maier, Wyatt, Kolenda.	Vlahotasios 5, Ashby 5
Sept. 19	#9 LONG BEACH STATE	W	13-6	Mercep 5, Dasic 3, Longton, Wyatt, Lansill, Karaman, Daube.	Vlahotasios 10
<i>SoCal Invitational\$</i>					
Sept. 27	\$vs. #14 Princeton	W	14-6	Daube 2, Mercep 2, Slobodien, Sturtevant, Ehrhardt, Maier, Furniss, Longton, Lansill, Dasic, Wyatt, Reynolds.	Vlahotasios 4, Porter 9
Sept. 28	\$vs. #4 Pacific	L	16-15	Daube 5, Slobodien 3, Ehrhardt 3, Dasic 2, Maier, Wyatt.	Vlahotasios 8
Sept. 28	\$vs. #8 Long Beach State	W	9-6	Slobodien 3, Daube 3, Mercep 2, Dasic.	Porter 12
Sept. 29	\$vs. #7 California	W	13-12	Mercep 3, Ehrhardt 3, Dasic 3, Wyatt 2, Longton, Daube.	Porter 7
Oct. 5	#13 UC IRVINE	W	16-10	Mercep 4, Daube 2, Wyatt 2, Slobodien 2, Reynolds 2, Dasic, Maier, Longton, Winther.	Vlahotasios 15
Oct. 6	at #4 UC Santa Barbara	W	10-9	Mercep 3, Ehrhardt 2, Slobodien, Daube, Dasic, Karaman, Maier.	Porter 10
Oct. 12	at #3 Pacific	L	12-11	Dasic 3, Slobodien 3, Mercep 2, Daube, Ehrhardt, Wyatt.	Porter 10
Oct. 19	at #6 Pepperdine	L	13-12	Daube 4, Ehrhardt 3, Dasic 2, Sturtevant, Wyatt, Maier.	Porter 13
Nov. 2	#1 STANFORD*	W	9-8	Dasic 3, Longton 3, Mercep, Sturtevant, Ehrhardt.	Porter 20
Nov. 3	#12 SAN JOSÉ STATE	W	17-9	Daube 3, Mercep 3, Dasic 3, Slobodien 2, Longton 2, Maier 2, Ehrhardt, Wyatt.	Porter 9
Nov. 9	at #1 UCLA* (P12LA)	W	10-7	Dasic 3, Slobodien 2, Ehrhardt 2, Wyatt, Daube, Mercep.	Porter 7
Nov. 16	at #7 California*	1 p.m.			
<i>MPSF Tournament (hosted by California)</i>					
Nov. 23	6TBD (Semifinal)	11 a.m.			
Nov. 24	6TBD				
<i>NCAA Tournament (hosted by Pacific)</i>					
Dec. 7	!Semifinals				
Dec. 8	!Championship				

Player	Goals
Jacob Mercep	37
Marin Dasic	36
Hannes Daube	26
Jake Ehrhardt	22
Sam Slobodien	22
Luke Wyatt	15
Marcus Longton	13
Matt Maier	12
Chris Sturtevant	9
Luka Karaman	7
Grayden Reynolds	6
Alexander Lansill	5
Troy Furniss	4
James Kolenda	3
Matt Harrison	2
Bennett Winther	2
TOTAL	221

* MPSF game

~ Inland Empire Classic – Claremont & La Verne, Calif.
 & MPSF Tournament – Hosted by Cal

Home games in **BOLD CAPS** (at Uytensu Aquatics Center)
 \$ Mountain Pacific Invitational – Hosted by UCLA & LMU
 ! NCAA Tournament – Hosted by Pacific

Goalie	Games/Pds		Saves		SPG		Goals Agst		GAPG	
Nic Porter	11 / 38		105		11.05		90		9.47	
Vaios Vlahotasios	7 / 24		58		9.67		56		9.33	
Jere Ashby	2 / 2		9		18.0		2		4.0	
Totals	16 games		172		10.75		148		9.25	

Goals by Period	1	2	3	4	OT1	OT2	SD1	SD2	Total	Ave.
USC	63	61	52	45	0	0	-	-	221	13.81
Opponents	36	31	40	41	0	0	-	-	148	9.25

Player	Games Scored in	Multi-Goal	Total Goals
Marin Dasic	16	12	36
Jacob Mercep	14	11	37
Hannes Daube	13	6	26
Sam Slobodien	12	7	22
Luke Wyatt	12	3	15
Jake Ehrhardt	11	7	22
Matt Maier	10	2	12
Marcus Longton	8	4	13
Chris Sturtevant	6	2	9
Luka Karaman	5	1	7
Grayden Reynolds	4	2	6
Alexander Lansill	4	1	5
Troy Furniss	3	1	4
James Kolenda	3	0	3
Bennett Winther	2	0	2
Matt Harrison	1	1	2



2019 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Men's Conference Leaders As of November 10, 2019

Goals Leaders

Rank	Name	Total
1.	Ben Hallock, STAN	57
2.	Tyler Abramson, STAN	49
3.	Safak Simsek, CAL	45
4.	Nikolaos Papanikolaou, CAL	40
5.	Jordan Hoover, CAL	37
	Jacob Mercep, USC	37
	Bennett Williams, STAN	37
8.	Marin Dasic, USC	36
9.	Ashworth Molthen, UCLA	35
10.	Andre Sardaryzadeh, PSB	33

Assists Leaders

Rank	Name	Total
1.	Ashworth Molthen, UCLA	39
2.	Jacob Mercep, USC	27
3.	Jasmin Kolasinac, CAL	26
4.	Hannes Daube, USC	21
5.	Luka Karaman, USC	19
6.	Tyler Abramson, STAN	18
	Safak Simsek, CAL	18
	Isaak Hatopp, PSB	18
9.	Tommy Gruwell, UCLA	17
10.	Quinn Woodhead, STAN	15
	Chasen Travisano, UCLA	15
	Austin Hoff, PSB	15

Points Leaders

Rank	Name	Total
1.	Ashworth Molthen, UCLA	74
2.	Tyler Abramson, STAN	67
3.	Jacob Mercep, USC	64
4.	Safak Simsek, CAL	63
5.	Ben Hallock, STAN	59
6.	Isaak Hatopp, PSB	49
7.	Marin Dasic, USC	48
8.	Hannes Daube, USC	47
	Bennett Williams, STAN	47
10.	Jasmin Kolasinac, CAL	45
	Andre Sardaryzadeh, PSB	45

Steals Leaders

Rank	Name	Total
1.	Matt Olimski, PSB	34
2.	Jacob Harkins, PSB	26
3.	Greg Kinzler, PSB	23
4.	Isaak Hatopp, PSB	21
	Ashworth Molthen, UCLA	21
	Alex Wolf, UCLA	21
7.	Nikolaos Papanikolaou, CAL	18
	Jasmin Kolasinac, CAL	18
9.	Nicolas Saveljic, UCLA	17
	Jacob Mercep, USC	17

Sprint Winning Percentage Leaders

Rank	Name	W-L	Total
1.	Jasmin Kolasinac, CAL	8-0	1.000
	AJ Rossman, STAN	4-0	1.000
	Evan Cueva, ROOS	3-0	1.000
4.	Nicolas Saveljic, UCLA	17-2	.895
5.	Bennett Williams, STAN	14-4	.778
6.	Tyler Abramson, STAN	11-4	.733
7.	Brett Skinner, ROOS	10-4	.714
8.	Hannes Daube, USC	12-7	.632
9.	Tommy Gruwell, UCLA	11-7	.611
10.	Marin Dasic, USC	9-6	.600
	Jake Cavano, UCLA	3-2	.600

Goals-Against Average Leaders

Rank	Name	GP	Total
1.	Anthony Rethans, CAL	2	1.33
2.	George Hagestad, STAN	4	2.40
3.	Jere Ashby, USC	2	4.00
4.	Bernardo Maurizi, UCLA	7	5.07
5.	Andrew Chun, STAN	17	7.61
6.	Bernardo Carelli, CAL	6	7.84
7.	Alex Wolf, UCLA	14	8.78
8.	Frederick Houghton, CAL	1	9.14
9.	Vaios Vlahotasios, USC	7	9.33
10.	Nic Porter, USC	11	9.47

Saves Leaders

Rank	Name	Total
1.	Matt Olimski, PSB	234
2.	Adrian Weinberg, CAL	173
3.	Andrew Chun, STAN	145
4.	Alex Wolf, UCLA	144
5.	Nic Porter, USC	103
6.	Bernardo Maurizi, UCLA	66
7.	Vaios Vlahotasios, USC	57
8.	Zachary Griffith, ROOS	50
9.	Michael Marks, ROOS	33
	George Hagestad, STAN	33
	Bernardo Carelli, CAL	33

Save Percentage Leaders

Rank	Name	SV	Total
1.	Anthony Rethans, CAL	8	.889
2.	George Hagestad, STAN	33	.846
3.	Jere Ashby, USC	9	.818
4.	Bernardo Maurizi, UCLA	66	.717
5.	Alex Wolf, UCLA	144	.560
6.	Andrew Chun, STAN	145	.551
7.	Nic Porter, USC	103	.534
8.	Matt Olimski, PSB	234	.521
9.	Bernardo Carelli, CAL	33	.516
10.	Vaios Vlahotasios, USC	57	.504



	MPSF						OVERALL						
	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Streak	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
USC	2	0	1.000	1-0	1-0	W2	12	4	.750	4-0	3-2	5-2	W3
UCLA	1	1	.500	1-1	0-0	L1	16	2	.889	9-2	3-0	4-0	L1
Stanford	1	1	.500	1-0	0-1	W1	16	2	.889	3-1	7-1	6-0	W1
California	0	2	.000	0-0	0-2	L2	12	9	.571	1-3	3-4	8-2	W1
Penn State Behrend	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	6	12	.333	1-3	2-3	3-6	L3
Austin College	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	---	3	17	.150	2-0	0-6	1-11	W3
MPSF Champion and NCAA Automatic Qualifier determined at conference tournament, hosted by California, Nov. 22-24													

MPSF Champion and NCAA Automatic Qualifier determined at conference tournament, hosted by California, Nov. 22-24

Goals Per Game Leaders

Rank	Name	GP	Average
1.	Ben Hallock, STAN	17	3.35
2.	Tyler Abramson, STAN	17	2.88
3.	Jacob Mercep, USC	15	2.47
4.	Marin Dasic, USC	16	2.25
5.	Bennett Williams, STAN	17	2.18
6.	Safak Simsek, CAL	21	2.14
7.	Ashworth Molthen, UCLA	18	1.94
	Andre Sardaryzadeh, PSB	17	1.94
9.	Max Wade, ROOS	12	1.92
10.	Nikolaos Papanikolaou, CAL	21	1.90

Assists Per Game Leaders

Rank	Name	GP	Average
1.	Ashworth Molthen, UCLA	18	2.17
2.	Jacob Mercep, USC	15	1.80
3.	Jasmin Kolasinac, CAL	16	1.63
4.	Hannes Daube, USC	16	1.31
5.	Mateus Stellet, CAL	7	1.29
6.	Chasen Travisano, UCLA	12	1.25
7.	Luka Karaman, USC	16	1.19
8.	Tyler Abramson, STAN	17	1.06
9.	Isaak Hatopp, PSB	18	1.00
10.	Tommy Gruwell, UCLA	18	0.94

Points Per Game Leaders

Rank	Name	GP	Average
1.	Jacob Mercep, USC	15	4.27
2.	Ashworth Molthen, UCLA	18	4.11
3.	Tyler Abramson, STAN	17	3.94
4.	Ben Hallock, STAN	17	3.47
5.	Safak Simsek, CAL	21	3.00
	Marin Dasic, USC	16	3.00
7.	Hannes Daube, USC	16	2.94
8.	Jasmin Kolasinac, CAL	16	2.81
9.	Bennett Williams, STAN	17	2.76
10.	Isaak Hatopp, PSB	18	2.72

Steals Per Game Leaders

Rank	Name	GP	Average
1.	Matt Olimski, PSB	18	1.89
2.	Jacob Harkins, PSB	17	1.53
3.	Alex Wolf, UCLA	14	1.50
4.	Bernardo Carelli, CAL	6	1.33
5.	Greg Kinzler, PSB	18	1.28
6.	George Hagestad, STAN	4	1.25
7.	Nicolas Saveljic, UCLA	14	1.21
8.	Isaak Hatopp, PSB	18	1.17
	Ashworth Molthen, UCLA	18	1.17
10.	Bernardo Maurizi, UCLA	7	1.14

Saves Per Game Leaders

Rank	Name	GP	Average
1.	Matt Olimski, PSB	18	13.00
2.	Alex Wolf, UCLA	14	10.29
3.	Bernardo Maurizi, UCLA	7	9.43
4.	Nic Porter, USC	11	9.36
5.	Adrian Weinberg, CAL	19	9.11
6.	Andrew Chun, STAN	17	8.53
7.	Zachary Griffith, ROOS	6	8.33
8.	Michael Marks, ROOS	4	8.25
	George Hagestad, STAN	4	8.25
10.	Vaios Vlahotasios, USC	7	8.14

2019 MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

Host: University of California
Spieker Aquatics Complex; Berkeley, Calif.
Friday-Sunday, November 22-24, 2019

MPSF TOURNAMENT SEEDS

- USC (clinched)
- Winner of UCLA-Stanford game (Nov. 16)
- Loser of UCLA-Stanford game (Nov. 16)
- California (clinched)
- Winner of PSB-Austin game (Nov. 22)
- Loser of PSB-Austin game (Nov. 22)

Friday, November 22

Penn State Behrend vs. Austin College (5/6 seed game) 9:00 am
Game 1: No. 3 seed vs. No. 6 seed Austin/Penn State Behrend 1:00 pm
Game 2: No. 4 seed Cal vs. No. 5 seed Austin/Penn St. Behrend 3:00 pm

Saturday, November 23

Game 3: No. 1 seed USC vs. Game 2 winner (Semifinal) 11:00 am
Game 4: No. 2 seed vs. Game 1 winner (Semifinal) 1:00 pm

Sunday, November 24

Game 5: Losers Games 1 and 2 (5th-Place) 11:00 am
Game 6: Losers Games 3 and 4 (3rd-Place) 1:00 pm
Game 7: Winners Games 3 and 4 (Championship) 3:00 pm

2019 MPSF COACHES PRESEASON POLL

Rank	Team	Points	2018 Overall/MPSF	
			Records	
1t.	Stanford^	21 (3)	21-3/2-1	
1t.	UCLA	21 (2)	23-5/1-2	
1t.	USC\$	21 (1)	30-3/2-1	
4.	California	13	18-6/1-2	
5.	Penn State Behrend	8	5-18	
6.	Austin College	6	1-15	

^ 2018 MPSF Tourn. Champ
\$ 2018 NCAA Champ

2019 NATIONAL PRESEASON POLL

(Preseason • Aug. 27)

Rank	School	2018	
		Final Rank	Points
1.	USC	1	98
2t.	UCLA	3	92
2t.	Stanford	2	92
4.	California	4	87
5t.	Pacific	8	74
5t.	Long Beach State	6	74
7t.	UC Santa Barbara	7	68
7t.	Pepperdine	9	68
9.	UC San Diego	5	66
10.	UC Davis	10	54
11.	Harvard	14	45
12.	Princeton	13	44
13.	UC Irvine	15	36
14.	Loyola Marymount	12	33
15.	George Washington	11	29
16t.	Bucknell	18	20
16t.	California Baptist	16	20
18.	San Jose State	RV	15
19.	Pomona-Pitzer	17	14
20.	Brown	RV	9
RV	Santa Clara	19	7
RV	Navy	NR	5
RV	St. Francis-Brooklyn	20	4
RV	Air Force	20	2
RV	Whittier	20	2



2019 USC Men's Water Polo

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	YR.	HOMETOWN (PREVIOUS SCHOOLS)
1	Nic Porter	Goalie	6-6	225	SO	Peregian Springs, Queensland, Australia (St. Andrew's Anglican College)
1	Vaios Vlahotasios	Goalie	6-1	180	JR	Athens, Greece (Genadios School/George Washington Univ.)
1	Jere Ashby	Goalie	6-2	180	SO	Pacific Palisades, Calif. (Mira Costa HS/Santa Monica College)
1	Garrett Allen	Goalie	6-1	170	FR	Manhattan Beach, Calif. (Mira Costa HS)
2	Sam Slobodien	Two-Meter	6-4	220	SR*	Irvine, Calif. (Santa Margarita HS)
3	Marko Vavic	Driver	6-6	210	JR	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. (Loyola HS)
4	Alexander Lansill	Utility	6-3	200	SO	Novato, Calif. (St. Ignatius College Prep)
5	Hannes Daube	Driver	6-5	220	SO	Long Beach, Calif. (Orange Lutheran HS)
6	Marin Dasic	Driver	6-4	205	SR	Zagreb, Croatia (Sports Gymnasium Zagreb)
7	Luka Karaman	Utility	6-4	185	JR*	Aliso Viejo, Calif. (Marina HS)
8	Jake Ehrhardt	Two-Meter	6-6	225	SO	Camarillo, Calif. (Oaks Christian HS)
9	Jacob Mercep	Driver	6-2	190	JR	Dubrovnik, Croatia (Dubrovnik Private Gymnasium/San José State)
10	Matt Maier	Two-Meter	6-3	200	SR	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Damien HS)
12	Troy Furniss	Driver	6-0	160	JR*	Villa Park, Calif. (Villa Park HS)
13	Luke Wyatt	Driver	6-1	185	JR*	Newport Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)
16	Chris Sturtevant	Driver	6-1	185	FR	San Diego, Calif. (Cathedral Catholic)
17	Bennett Winther	Driver	5-11	190	FR*	Lafayette, Calif. (Acalanes HS)
18	Marcus Longton	Driver	6-2	185	FR	Orinda, Calif. (Campolindo HS)
19	James Kolenda	Two-Meter	6-4	215	SO	Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (The Scots College)
20	Chris Agliozzo	Driver	6-2	200	FR	Manhattan Beach, Calif. (Loyola HS)
21	Corey Allan	Driver	6-3	180	FR*	Berkeley Vale, New South Wales, Australia (TLSC The Entrance Campus)
22	Grayden Reynolds	Two-Meter	6-3	240	FR	Bakersfield, Calif. (Stockdale HS)
23	Matt Harrison	Driver	6-1	185	SO	Redondo Beach, Calif. (Loyola HS)
24	Henry Saunders	Utility	6-3	215	FR	Piedmont, Calif. (Piedmont HS)
25	Payne Fama	Two-Meter	5-11	175	FR	San Francisco, Calif. (St. Ignatius College Prep)
26	Stefan Vavic	Driver	6-1	155	FR	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. (Loyola HS)
27	Patrick Burke	Driver	6-4	185	FR	Huntington Beach, Calif. (St. John Bosco HS)
28	Emmett Pernecky	Driver	6-1	185	FR	La Cañada Flintridge, Calif. (Loyola HS)

* utilized redshirt season

Head Coach: Marko Pintaric

Associate Head Coach: Casey Moon

Assistant Coach: Connor Virjee

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

1 – **Vaios** (VY-as)/**Vlahotasios** (vlah-ho-TA-see-as)

3 – Marko **Vavic** (VAH-vitch)

4 – **Marin** (MAR-inn)/**Dasic** (DAH-sitch)

5 – **Hannes** (HAHN-iss)/**Daube** (DOE-bay)

8 – Jake **Ehrhardt** (AIR-hart)

9 – Jacob **Mercep** (MARE-chep)

10 – Matt **Maier** (MY-er)

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

