



# 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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### 2019 SCHEDULE (11-7 Overall, 3-3 MPSF)

DATE	OPPONENT (USC-Opp. Rank)	TIME/RES
Jan. 4	Alberta (exh.) (NR-3 U Sports)	W 3-1
Jan. 10	#vs. Concordia (NR-NR)	W 3-0
Jan. 11	#vs. NJ Inst. of Tech. (NR-NR)	W 3-1
Jan. 12	#at Hawaii (NR-4)	L 0-3
Jan. 18	%vs. Lincoln Memorial (NR-NR)	W 3-0
Jan. 19	%vs. Barton (NR-NR)	L 1-3
Jan. 20	%vs. Lindenwood (NR-NR)	W 3-0
Jan. 23	UC Irvine (NR-3)	W 3-1
Jan. 25	at Long Beach State (NR-1)	L 1-3
Jan. 31	Princeton (15-NR)	W 3-0
Feb. 2	at UC Irvine (15-4)	L 2-3
Feb. 7	*Grand Canyon (14-NR)	W 3-0
Feb. 14	*at Stanford (14-9)	L 2-3%
Feb. 16	*at BYU (14-8)	L 1-3
Feb. 24	*at UCLA (14-6)	L 0-3%
Feb. 28	*at Concordia (13-NR)	W 3-2
March 2	*Pepperdine (13-4)	W 3-1
March 8	\$Penn State (11-NR)	W 3-2% %
March 9	\$Ohio State (11-NR)	W 3-2% %
March 14	*at Grand Canyon (10-NR)	7 p.m.
March 16	*Concordia (10-NR)	7 p.m.
March 23	Long Beach State	7 p.m.
March 29	*Stanford	7 p.m. %
March 30	*BYU	7 p.m. %
April 4	*at Pepperdine	7 p.m.
April 6	*UCLA	7 p.m. %
April 13	MPSF Quarterfinals (at TBA)	7 p.m.
April 18	MPSF Semifinals (at TBA)	5 & 7 p.m.
April 20	MPSF Final (at TBA)	7 p.m.
April 27	NCAA Champ. Play-In (at TBA)	TBA
April 30	NCAA Champ. Play-In (at LBSU)	TBA
May 2	NCAA Champ. Semis (at LBSU)	TBA
May 4	NCAA Champ. Final (at LBSU)	TBA

#Hawaiian Airlines Rainbow Warrior Classic, Honolulu, Hi.  
%Off The Block Grow The Game Challenge, Lebanon, Tenn.  
\*Mountain Pacific Sports Federation match  
\$Pac-12/Big Ten Challenge, Galen Center  
%Televised live on Pac-12 Network  
%%Streamed live on Facebook Live  
Home matches (in **bold**) played in Galen Center, except  
3/16 Concordia, 3/23 Long Beach State, 4/13 MPSF  
Quarters in North Gym  
All times are local to match site

### USC QUICK FACTS

Location	Los Angeles, Calif., 90089
Enrollment	45,500 (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	40-60, Fourth Year
Assistants	Gary Sato, Greg Walker, Matt LaSance
VB Office Phone	(213) 740-3838
Press Row Phone	(213) 821-1840, (213) 740-3900
Tickets	(213) 740-4672, USC Trojans.com/tickets

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### THIS WEEK IN USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL (11-7 overall, 3-3 MPSF, #10 AVCA)

**At Grand Canyon (8-11 overall, 0-6 MPSF)**  
**Thurs., March 14, 7 p.m. MT/PT, Antelope Gymnasium**  
*Live Video/Live Stats: GCULopes.com*

**Vs. Concordia (9-13 overall, 1-5 MPSF)**  
**Sat., March 16, 7 p.m. PT, USC North Gym**  
*Live Video/Live Stats: USCTrojans.com*

### NO. 10 USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL GOES TO GRAND CANYON, THEN HOSTS CONCORDIA IN NORTH GYM AS 1988 NCAA TITLISTS HONORED

#### THE FACTS

The No. 10-ranked USC men's volleyball team (11-7 overall, 3-3 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation)-on a 4-match winning streak, including a pair of 5-set victories in last week's Pac-12/Big Ten Challenge, and undefeated at home in 2019-gets back to MPSF play when it travels to Grand Canyon (9-11, 0-6) this Thursday (March 14) for a 7 p.m. MT match and then returns home on Saturday (March 16) to host Concordia (9-13, 1-5) at 7 p.m. PT in a contest that will be played in the USC North Gym because of a scheduling conflict in the Galen Center. USC's 1988 national championship team will be honored at the March 16 Concordia match.

#### FOLLOW THE TROJANS

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

#### RANKINGS

USC is ranked 10th in the current AVCA Division I-II Top 15 poll. Grand Canyon and Concordia are not ranked. It is the Trojans' highest ranking since being No. 10 late in the 2017 season (the last time USC ranked higher was when it finished 2015 at No. 7).

#### OPPONENTS

USC holds a 3-2 edge in its series with Grand Canyon, including a 3-0 sweep in early February. The Trojans are 7-2 all-time versus Concordia, including 2 victories earlier this year, first a 3-0 sweep in the Rainbow Warrior Challenge in early January and then a 3-2 road win at the end of February. The Eagles host UC Irvine on March 13 before coming to USC.

#### 50TH SEASON

The 2019 season is the 50<sup>th</sup> of USC men's volleyball. Since 1970, the Trojan program has been among the finest in college: winning 4 NCAA championships, playing in 14 NCAA Final Fours and producing 20 Olympians, 34 All-American first teamers and 7 College Players of the Year.

#### LAST WEEK

See page 9 for a recap of USC's 3-2 wins over Penn State on March 8 and over Ohio State on March 9, both in the Pac-12/Big Ten Challenge in the Galen Center.

#### 1988 NCAA TITLE TEAM HONORED

USC's 1988 NCAA champion men's volleyball team will be honored at Saturday's (March 16) home match against Concordia and members of that team will be attendance. The 1988 Trojans had one of the finest seasons in program history, capped by its NCAA crown. After being down two games to none in the 1988 NCAA Championship match, USC head coach Bob Yoder subbed 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.



**2019 MPSF STANDINGS**

(As of March 12)

	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GB</b>
UCLA	6	0	--
Pepperdine	4	2	2
BYU	4	3	2.5
Stanford	4	3	2.5
<b>USC</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
Concordia	1	5	5
Grand Canyon	0	6	6

**2019 AVCA COACHES POLL**

(March 11)

1. Long Beach St.
  2. Hawaii
  3. UC Santa Barbara
  4. UCLA
  5. UC Irvine
  6. Pepperdine
  7. Lewis
  8. Stanford
  9. BYU
  10. **USC**
  11. Loyola-Chicago
  12. CS Northridge
  13. Purdue Fort Wayne
  14. George Mason
  15. Ball State
- Others: Princeton, Grand Canyon

**2019 OFF THE BLOCK MEDIA POLL**

(March 12)

1. Long Beach St.
  2. Hawaii
  3. UC Santa Barbara
  4. UCLA
  5. UC Irvine
  6. Pepperdine
  7. Lewis
  8. Stanford
  9. BYU
  10. Loyola-Chicago
  10. **USC**
- Others: Barton, Princeton

**SITE CHANGE**

The site of USC's upcoming home matches against Concordia on March 16 and Long Beach State on March 23 has been moved to the North Gym, due to a scheduling conflict in the Galen Center. The quaint 500-seat North Gym (located in USC's Physical Education Building) was the original home of the Trojan men's team. Troy played there from the team's inception in 1970 through 1988, again from 1997 to 2002 and then split time between the North Gym and Lyon Center from 2003 to 2006 before taking up residence in the Galen Center in 2007. USC last played a match in the North Gym in 2017 (3-0 sweeps over Lewis and George Mason) because of a Galen Center scheduling conflict.

**WYETT**

**Jack Wyett**, a 6-5 senior outside hitter, was named to the 2019 Off The Block Karch Kiraly Award watch list (nation's best outside hitter) and to the 2019 Off The Block Pre-Season All-American honorable mention team. He made the All-Tournament team of the 2019 Grow The Game Challenge. He had an eye-opening showing in 2018 after returning to the program from a 2-year absence. He was a 2018 AVCA All-American honorable mention and All-MPSF first team pick. He never missed a start last season, leading USC in kills (403) and digs (151) and finishing second in blocks (48) and third in aces (14). He was 10th nationally in kills (3.77). He hit .290 last year and reached double figures in kills 22 times, including 7 times with 20-plus kills. This past summer, he trained with the USA National Team.

**MOSS**

**Ryan Moss**, a 6-8 senior outside hitter, is USC's most versatile player. He was named to the 2019 Off The Block Bryan Ivie Award watch list (nation's best opposite hitter). He made the All-Tournament teams of the 2019 Rainbow Warrior Classic and the Grow The Game Challenge. He was the MPSF Offensive Player of the Week (Jan. 28) for his efforts against No. 3 UC Irvine and No. 1 Long Beach State (he hit .439 with 30 kills and just 5 errors in 57 attempts in both matches). He was the MPSF Defensive Player of the Week (March 4), getting 9 digs and 2 blocks (along with a career-best 23 kills) over Concordia and 12 digs and 2 blocks (plus 16 kills) versus Pepperdine. He was the MPSF Offensive Player of the Week and OffTheBlock.com Opposite Hitter of the Week (March 11) for his play against Ohio State (23 kills, .513, 5 digs) and Penn State (22 kills, .514, 5 digs, 2 aces, 2 blocks) in the Pac-12/Big Ten Challenge. He entered 2019 with 38 career starts at opposite hitter, outside hitter and middle blocker. Last season while mostly playing at opposite, he had 272 kills while hitting .282, plus 142 digs, 44 blocks and 20 aces. He made 2018 All-MPSF honorable mention.

**LEWIS**

**Sam Lewis**, a sophomore middle blocker who stands 6-10 (the second tallest player in program history), was named to the 2019 Off The Block Ryan Millar Award watch list (nation's best middle attacker) and the 2019 Off The Block Pre-Season All-American second team. He hit .334 last year with 152 kills and had a team-best 87 blocks. He was a MPSF All-Freshman selection last year and captain of the 2018 USA Volleyball Junior National Team. However, he entered the 2019 season recovering from a collapsed lung in the fall and didn't start playing until Jan. 19. Lewis is an openly-gay student-athlete who on 2018 National Coming Out Day last October shared his coming out story and his journey of learning to love the person he is (the video is available on USCTrojans.com). As a 6-10, multiracial, gay athlete, Lewis has many descriptors, but as he grew up, he never found an individual with whom to identify; therefore, he wants to be a relatable figure for those facing similar struggles.

**2019 USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER**

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
1	Brandon Browning	6-4	175	OH	Fr.	Corona del Mar (Corona del Mar)
2	Michael O'Toole	6-6	185	OH	Fr.	Barrington, IL (Barrington)
3	Cole Paxson	5-10	165	L	So.	Laguna Beach (Laguna Beach)
4	Michael Chang	5-8	165	L	So.*	Irvine (Beckman)
5	Matt Douglas	5-10	170	L	Sr.	Pacific Palisades (Loyola)
6	Chris Hall	6-2	190	S	So.	Sherman Oaks (Notre Dame)
8	Matt Faraimo	6-3	200	S	So*.	San Diego (Cathedral Catholic)
9	Gianluca Grasso#	6-2	195	OH	Sr.	Sao Paulo, Brazil (Andrews Osborne Academy/Orange Coast JC)
10	Jameson McKibbin	6-3	170	S	Fr.	Honolulu, HI (Punahou)
11	Billy Faunteroy	6-8	200	OH-OP	Fr.*	Wilmette, IL (New Trier)
12	Izac Carracher	6-6	190	OH	Fr.	Sydney, Australia (Sydney Grammar)
13	Kyle Gear	6-8	205	MB-OP	So.	Rochester, NY (Gates Chilli)
14	Noah Franklin	6-6	185	OH	So.	Huntington Beach (Huntington Beach)
15	Clay Dickinson	6-7	190	OH	So.	Corona del Mar (Corona del Mar)
16	Tyler Resnick	6-8	225	MB	Jr.*	Newbury Park (Newbury Park)
18	Liam Schroeder	6-8	225	MB	Fr.	Milwaukee, WI (Marquette University)
20	Jack Wyett#	6-5	200	OH	Sr.*	Laguna Beach (Laguna Beach)
21	Vecas Lewin	6-7	220	MB	Jr.	Culver City (Pacific Palisades/Santa Monica JC)
23	Sam Lewis	6-10	200	MB	So.	Long Beach (Long Beach Poly)
24	Ryan Moss#	6-8	225	OH	Sr.	Corona del Mar (Corona del Mar)

\*Used up redshirt year

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

#: Team Captain

Head Coach: Jeff Nygaard (fourth year)

Assistant Coaches: Gary Sato (fourth year), Greg Walker (first year)

Volunteer Coach: Matt LaSance (first year)

Technical Coordinator: Justin Chang (second year)

Athletic Trainer: Lisa Noceti-DeWit

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Kurtis Schultz

Sports Psychologist: Dylan Firsick

Director of Operations: Ryan Plunkett



**USC IN 2019 NCAA/MPSF  
STATISTICAL RANKINGS**

(As of March 11)

**Individual\* NCAA/MPSF AVG****Aces**

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**Assists**

Chris Hall	14th/3rd	9.74
Matt Douglas	42nd/9th	0.95

**Blocks**

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**Digs**

Matt Douglas	32nd/7th	1.88
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**Hitting Percentage**

Ryan Moss	21st/3rd	.363
Jack Wyett	42nd/7th	.310

**Kills**

Ryan Moss	11th/2nd	3.77
Jack Wyett	19th/6th	3.56
Gianluca Grasso	42nd/12th	3.08

**Points**

Ryan Moss	16th/3rd	4.31
Jack Wyett	28th/8th	4.01
Gianluca Grasso	47th/13th	3.52

\*Top 50 NCAA/Top 10 MPSF

**Team NCAA/MPSF AVG****Aces**

USC	26th/5th	1.29
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**Assists**

USC	9th/4th	11.90
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**Blocks**

USC	32nd/6th	1.86
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**Digs**

USC	27th/5th	8.17
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**Hitting Percentage**

USC	7th/3rd	.323
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**Kills**

USC	8th/4th	12.79
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**Opponent Hitting Percentage**

USC	32nd/5th	.277
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**STAT NOTES**

USC's 2019 team statistics are superior to those from 2018 in all categories except digs and blocks: hitting percentage (.323 this year to .266 last year), opponent hitting percentage (.277 to .314), kill average (12.79 to 12.25), opponent kill average (11.79 to 13.05), ace average (1.29 to 1.11), opponent ace average (1.46 to 1.54), opponent dig average (8.17 to 8.81) and opponent block average (1.78 to 2.27)...USC's 11 overall victories in 2019 already are more than last year's total wins...Of USC's 70 sets played in 2019, 24 have been decided by the minimum 2 points (USC has won 10 of them)...USC is 6-0 at home in 2019, but just 1-6 on opponents' home floors (Troy is 4-1 on neutral courts).

**GRASSO**

**Gianluca Grasso**, a fiery 6-2 senior outside hitter who made the 2018 MPSF All-Tournament team and was a 2018 All-MPSF honorable mention pick, entered 2019 with 40 starts under his USC belt. He was named to the All-Tournament team of the 2019 Rainbow Warrior Classic. Last year, he was second on the Trojans in kills (275) while hitting .238 and added 125 digs and a team-high 45 aces (to rank 10<sup>th</sup> nationally in aces, at .048). He had double figures in kills 15 times in 2018.

**DOUGLAS/PAXSON**

Senior **Matt Douglas** and sophomore **Cole Paxson** (each 5-10) both had starts at libero in 2018, with Douglas starting 9 times and Paxson 19 times. Douglas entered 2019 with 37 career starts and 310 career digs, including 77 in 2018. Douglas was named the MPSF Defensive Player of the Week on Feb. 11 for his effort against Grand Canyon (team-high 10 digs, plus 5 assists and no reception errors on 11 attempts). Paxson had 141 digs last season when he was named to the 2018 MPSF All-Freshman team, but he had fall surgery on both hips. Paxson broke his hand 2019 mid-season and is sidelined.

**HALL**

**Chris Hall**, a 6-2 sophomore, is the most experienced setter on USC's 2019 roster. He started 10 matches last season as a first-year freshman, dishing 432 assists and getting 51 digs.

**GEAR**

**Kyle Gear**, at 6-8, can crack the lineup at either middle blocker or opposite hitter. He saw action in 22 matches last spring (mainly in the middle), with 9 starts, and hit a team-high .349 while getting 40 kills and 36 blocks.

**OTHER RETURNEES**

Battling to get into the rotation at outside hitter are 2 sophomores—6-7 **Clay Dickson**, who saw brief action in 5 matches last year, and 6-6 **Noah Franklin**, who recorded 23 kills and 23 digs while appearing in 18 matches in 2018—along with 6-8 redshirt freshman **Billy Fautleroy**, who can also play opposite hitter. Franklin, though, is coming off a back injury this fall. USC's other returnees from 2018 are 6-3 sophomore setter **Matt Faraimo**, who redshirted last season after seeing action in 6 matches (with 2 starts) in 2017, and a pair of players who entered 2019 having yet to see action in their careers: 6-8 junior middle blocker **Tyler Resnick** (a shoulder injury slowed him in 2018) and 5-8 soph libero **Michael Chang**.

**NEWCOMERS**

USC's 6 newcomers are looking to make an impact in 2019. **Brandon Browning**, a 6-4 freshman outside hitter from Corona del Mar (Calif.) High, was the 2018 VolleyballMag.com Boys National High School Player of the Year and All-CIF Division 1 Player of the Year. He was on the USA Volleyball Youth National Team in 2016 and 2017. **Vecas Lewin**, a 6-7 junior middle blocker, transferred to USC after starting the past 2 seasons at Santa Monica (Calif.) Junior College. He was slowed for part of 2019 with a stress fracture in his back. He had 292 kills and 118 blocks in his juco career. **Jameson McKibbin**, a 6-3 freshman setter who led Punahou School in Honolulu to a pair of state crowns, made 2018 VolleyballMag.com All-American honorable mention and joined Browning on the VolleyballMag.com Feb 50 list. He becomes the fifth McKibbin to play volleyball at USC, including brothers Riley and Maddison (who both led the Trojans to a pair of NCAA appearances) and his uncle and aunt (who were part of USC national championship squads). Three other freshmen look to get playing time: 6-6 outside hitters **Michael O'Toole**, a 2018 All-State pick for state champion Barrington (Ill.) High, and **Izac Carracher** from Sydney (Australia) Grammar School, who competed 2 years in the Australian Volleyball League, and 6-8 middle blocker **Liam Schroeder**, a 2-time All-State performer (he set the state season blocks record) on a Marquette University High in Milwaukee (Wisc.) club that won the 2017 state championship.

**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. His 3-year head coaching mark at USC is 40-60. His 2018 team (his third season at USC) went 8-20 overall and 3-9 for a sixth place tie in the MPSF. But the Trojans did post a pair of big late-season upsets, defeating No. 3 UCLA (the NCAA runnerup) and then No. 5 Pepperdine (in a road MPSF Tournament quarterfinal match). Jack Wyett made All-American honorable mention and All-MPSF first team, while Sam Lewis and Cole Paxson were on the MPSF All-Freshman team. 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 2017 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, 46, 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** returns for his fourth year as an assistant coach and he will be joined by newcomer **Greg Walker**, who was the men's head coach at Sacred Heart the past 3 seasons and also has coached with the USA Volleyball program. Also new to the staff is volunteer assistant **Matt LaSance**, who worked under Walker last year at Sacred Heart after being a setter at Rivier.



**RELATIVELY SPEAKING**

•**Izac Carracher's** father, Craig, is the president of Volleyball Australia and a member of the Australian Olympic Committee.

•**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 was a middle hitter at Virginia (2014-15, 2017) and his twin sister Callie is a sophomore middle blocker at George Washington.

•**Noah Franklin's** father, Paul, is the director of the videoboards at USC football, basketball and volleyball events, including at the Galen Center.

•**Kyle Gear's** sister, Shelby, was an outside hitter at Lycoming (2010-13), while his brother, Kevin, was a middle blocker at Penn State (2016-18).

•**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).

•**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).

•**Jameson McKibbin** has 4 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 (Riley and Maddison currently play on the AVP beach volleyball tour, while Owen previously did); also, his mother, Diana McInerny McKibbin, played volleyball at Hawaii (1978-79) and on the beach.

•Assistant coach **Gary Sato** is a member of the "First Family of Volleyball": his son, Andrew, was a libero at Long Beach State (2014-17), and his daughter, Katie, was a libero (2014-17) and on the beach team (2015-18) 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, 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), and his mother, Elissa, was a longtime fixture at local volleyball matches as a scorekeeper (usually accompanied by his late father, Richard).

**ACADEMICS**

The USC men's volleyball team excels in the classroom as well as on the court. To wit:

--The team's 2018 NCAA Graduation Success Rate of 90% marked the third consecutive year that the team scored at least 90% and it was just shy of its 2016 record rate of 92%. The 2018 Graduation Success Rate measures how many student-athletes in the classes of 2008 through 2011 graduated within 6 years of their enrollment. The USC athletic department's overall 2018 GSR of 86% equaled an all-time high and was the fifth straight year that it was at an all-time high.

--The team's 2018 NCAA Academic Progress Rate was at 1000 for the third consecutive year. A team's APR accounts for eligibility, retention and graduation to generate a measure of academic performance of each student-athlete on scholarship. The APR is a multiyear rate based on scores from the 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 academic years. The USC athletic department's overall 2018 APR of 981 was the fifth year in a row that Troy hit an all-time high.

--Men's volleyball was one of 5 USC teams that received a 2018 NCAA Public Recognition Award for achieving an APR within the top 10 percent nationally in its sport.

--Eight Trojans have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or above: **Izac Carracher** (3.92, economics), **Brandon Browning** (3.67, business administration), **Michael O'Toole** (3.52, chemical engineering), **Billy Fauntleroy** (3.42, business administration), **Kyle Gear** (3.10), **Jack Wyett** (3.04, communication bachelor's/3.50, business entrepreneurship master's), **Tyler Resnick** (3.00, human biology) and **Michael Chang** (business administration).

**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 women's beach volleyball program won titles in 2015 (AVCA), 2016 (first-ever NCAA beach crown) and 2017 (NCAA).

**SCIVBHOF**

Former NCAA champion player and men's coach **Bob Yoder** was among 5 USC volleyball greats--more than from any school--named to the 16-member 2019 class of the Southern California Indoor Volleyball Hall of Fame. Yoder's fellow Trojan inductees in the third class of the SCIVBHOF are ex-USVBA champion and 2-time U.S. Olympian Patti Lucas Bright, 2-time national champion player Debbie Landreth Brown, former women's NCAA champion coach and 2000 U.S. Olympic women's head coach Mick Haley and NCAA indoor champ and beach Olympian April Ross. They will be honored at a dinner on May 5 at the Highway 39 Event Center in Anaheim. Yoder, an All-American first teamer on Troy's first-ever NCAA titlist squad in 1977 (he also helped the Trojans to the runner-up spot in 1979), then was USC's head coach for eight years (1982-89), winning the 1988 NCAA championship (and finishing second three times and third once). Seven Trojans were previously inducted in the first two classes of the SCIVBHOF: Dusty Dvorak, Debbie Green, Bryan Ivie, Ron Lang, Pat Powers, Steve Timmons and Paula Weishoff.

**2018-19 SIGNEES**

Two high school standouts--middle blocker **Max Beck** of Canyon High School in Anaheim (Calif.) and outside hitter **Adam Flood** of Corona del Mar (Calif.) High School--signed letters of intent with USC and will join the Trojan men's volleyball program in the fall of 2019.

The 6-8 Beck earned 2018 All-Crestview League first team honors as a junior at Canyon. He also played basketball at Canyon. He played for the Pulse Athletics Volleyball Club.

The 6-2 Flood earned 2018 All-Pacific Coast League second team honors as a junior at Corona del Mar, which won the 2018 CIF Division I and SoCal Regional Division I championships. He played for the Balboa Bay Volleyball Club, helping his team win gold medals at the Junior Olympics in 2015 (14 Open), 2016 (15 Open) and 2017 (16 Open). He made the 15 Open All-Tournament team in 2016. His brother, Tyler, is a freshman middle blocker at NYU.



2019 USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL SEASON HIGHS

**Brandon Browning -- #1**

Att: 17 .....vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11  
 Kills: 8^ .....vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11  
 Pct.: .400 .....vs. Concordia, 2/28  
 Ast.: 2 .....vs. Concordia, 2/28  
 Aces: 2 .....vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11  
 Digs: 7^ .....vs. Concordia, 2/28  
 BS: 2 .....vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11  
 BA: 1 ..... 3 times  
 TB: 3^ .....vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11

**Michael O'Toole -- #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. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11  
 Aces: 0 .....  
 Digs: 9 .....vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11  
 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: 0 .....  
 Kills: 0 .....  
 Pct.: -- .....  
 Ast.: 9 .....vs. Concordia, 2/28  
 Aces: 0 .....  
 Digs: 17 .....vs. Pepperdine, 3/2  
 BS: 0 .....  
 BA: 0 .....  
 TB: 0 .....

**Chris Hall -- #6**

Att: 6 .....vs. UC Irvine, 1/23  
 Kills: 4^ .....vs. Concordia, 2/28  
 Pct.: -- .....  
 Ast.: 55 .....vs. Stanford, 2/14  
 Aces: 3 .....vs. UC Irvine, 2/2  
 Digs: 18^ .....vs. UC Irvine, 2/2  
 BS: 1 .....vs. Ohio State, 3/9  
 BA: 2 ..... 4 times  
 TB: 2 ..... 5 times

**Matt Faraimo -- #8**

Att: 3 .....vs. Lincoln Memorial, 1/18  
 Kills: 1 .....vs. Concordia, 1/10  
 Pct.: -- .....  
 Ast.: 34 ..... twice  
 Aces: 0 .....  
 Digs: 7^ .....vs. Concordia, 1/10  
 BS: 0 .....  
 BA: 2 .....vs. Barton, 1/19  
 TB: 2^ .....vs. Barton, 1/19

**Gianluca Grasso -- #9**

Att: 42 .....vs. Concordia, 2/28  
 Kills: 21 .....vs. Concordia, 2/28  
 Pct.: .441 .....vs. Stanford, 2/14  
 Ast.: 2 ..... twice  
 Aces: 4 .....vs. Concordia, 1/10  
 Digs: 9 ..... twice  
 BS: 0 .....  
 BA: 3 ..... twice  
 TB: 3 ..... twice

**Jameson McKibbin -- #10**

Att: 0 .....  
 Kills: 0 .....  
 Pct.: -- .....  
 Ast.: 1 ..... 3 times  
 Aces: 0 .....  
 Digs: 2^ .....vs. UC Irvine, 2/2  
 BS: 0 .....  
 BA: 0 .....  
 TB: 0 .....

**Billy Fautleroy -- #11**

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

**Izac Carracher -- #12**

Att: 0 .....  
 Kills: 0 .....  
 Pct.: -- .....  
 Ast.: 0 .....  
 Aces: 0 .....  
 Digs: 0 .....  
 BS: 0 .....  
 BA: 1 .....vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11  
 TB: 1^ .....vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11

**Kyle Gear -- #13**

Att: 17 .....vs. Stanford, 2/14  
 Kills: 6^ ..... twice  
 Pct.: .273 .....vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11  
 Ast.: 1 .....vs. Grand Canyon, 1/7  
 Aces: 2 ..... 3 times  
 Digs: 4^ .....vs. Penn State, 3/8  
 BS: 2 .....vs. Pepperdine, 3/2  
 BA: 5 .....vs. Concordia, 2/28  
 TB: 6 .....vs. Pepperdine, 3/2

**Noah Franklin -- #14**

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

**Clay Dickinson -- #15**

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

**Tyler Resnick -- #16**

Att: 16 .....vs. Grand Canyon, 1/7  
 Kills: 9^ .....vs. Grand Canyon, 1/7  
 Pct.: .562 .....vs. Grand Canyon, 1/7  
 Ast.: 3 .....vs. UC Irvine, 2/2  
 Aces: 3 ..... twice  
 Digs: 3^ ..... twice  
 BS: 2 .....vs. Stanford, 2/14  
 BA: 5 .....vs. UC Irvine, 2/2  
 TB: 5^ ..... 3 times

**Liam Schroeder -- #18**

Att: 0 .....  
 Kills: 0 .....  
 Pct.: -- .....  
 Ast.: 0 .....  
 Aces: 0 .....  
 Digs: 0 .....  
 BS: 0 .....  
 BA: 1 ..... 3 times  
 TB: 1^ ..... 3 times

**Jack Wyatt -- #20**

Att: 45 .....vs. Stanford, 2/14  
 Kills: 21 .....vs. Pepperdine, 3/2  
 Pct.: .647 .....vs. Princeton, 1/31  
 Ast.: 2 ..... 3 times  
 Aces: 3 .....vs. Princeton, 1/31  
 Digs: 10^ .....vs. UC Irvine, 1/23  
 BS: 2 .....vs. Princeton, 1/31  
 BA: 4 ..... twice  
 TB: 4 ..... twice

**Vecas Lewin -- #21**

Att: 8 ..... twice  
 Kills: 6^ .....vs. Barton, 1/19  
 Pct.: -- .....  
 Ast.: 1 .....vs. Barton, 1/19  
 Aces: 1 .....vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11  
 Digs: 2^ ..... twice  
 BS: 0 .....  
 BA: 4 .....vs. Lincoln Memorial, 1/18  
 TB: 4^ .....vs. Lincoln Memorial, 1/18

**Sam Lewis -- #23**

Att: 12 .....vs. Long Beach State, 1/25  
 Kills: 8 .....vs. UC Irvine, 2/2  
 Pct.: .636 .....vs. UC Irvine, 2/2  
 Ast.: 1 ..... 3 times  
 Aces: 3 .....vs. Penn State, 3/8  
 Digs: 3^ .....vs. UC Irvine, 2/2  
 BS: 1 ..... 3 times  
 BA: 5 .....vs. Princeton, 1/31  
 TB: 5 .....vs. Princeton, 1/31

**Ryan Moss -- #24**

Att: 47 .....vs. Concordia, 2/28  
 Kills: 23 ..... twice  
 Pct.: .632 .....vs. Princeton, 1/31  
 Ast.: 3 .....vs. Grand Canyon, 1/7  
 Aces: 4 .....vs. Long Beach State, 1/25  
 Digs: 12 ..... twice  
 BS: 1 ..... 4 times  
 BA: 5 .....vs. UC Irvine, 2/2  
 TB: 5^ .....vs. UC Irvine, 2/2

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



2019 USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL SEASON HIGHS

2019 USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CAREER HIGHS

USC Individual Highs

Att. 47 ..... Ryan Moss, vs. Concordia, 2/28  
 Kills: 23 ..... Ryan Moss, vs. Concordia, 2/28  
 23 ..... Ryan Moss, vs. Penn State, 3/8  
 Pct.: .647 ..... Jack Wyatt, vs. Princeton, 1/31  
 Ast.: 55 ..... Chris Hall, vs. Stanford, 2/14  
 Aces: 4 ..... Gianluca Grasso, vs. Concordia, 1/10  
 4 ..... Ryan Moss, vs. Long Beach State, 1/25  
 Digs: 18 ..... Chris Hall, vs. UC Irvine, 2/2  
 BS: 2 ..... Brandon Browning, vs. NJIT, 1/11  
 2 ..... Jack Wyatt, vs. Princeton, 1/31  
 2 ..... Kyle Gear, vs. Stanford, 2/14  
 2 ..... Tyler Resnick, vs. Stanford, 2/14  
 2 ..... Kyle Gear, vs. Pepperdine, 3/2  
 BA: 5 ..... Sam Lewis, vs. Princeton, 1/31  
 5 ..... Tyler Resnick, vs. UC Irvine, 2/2  
 5 ..... Ryan Moss, vs. UC Irvine, 2/2  
 5 ..... Kyle Gear, vs. Concordia, 2/28  
 TB: 6 ..... Kyle Gear, vs. Pepperdine, 3/2

USC Team Highs

Att. 162 ..... vs. Stanford, 2/14  
 Kills: 67 ..... vs. Concordia, 2/28  
 Pct.: .508 ..... vs. Princeton, 1/31  
 Ast.: 63 ..... vs. Concordia, 2/28  
 Aces: 11 ..... vs. NJIT, 1/11  
 Digs: 52 ..... vs. Pepperdine, 3/2  
 BS: 5 ..... vs. Stanford, 2/14  
 BA: 18 ..... vs. Stanford, 2/14  
 TB: 23 ..... vs. Stanford, 2/14

USC Team Lows

Att. 63 ..... vs. Princeton, 1/31  
 63 ..... vs. UCLA, 2/24  
 Kills: 30 ..... vs. UCLA, 2/24  
 Pct.: .207 ..... vs. Hawaii, 1/12  
 Ast.: 27 ..... vs. UCLA, 2/24  
 Aces: 1 ..... vs. BYU, 2/16  
 1 ..... vs. UCLA, 2/24  
 Digs: 15 ..... vs. UCLA, 2/24  
 BS: 0 ..... vs. Hawaii, 1/12  
 0 ..... vs. Barton, 1/19  
 0 ..... vs. UC Irvine, 2/2  
 0 ..... vs. Grand Canyon, 1/7  
 BA: 4 ..... vs. Hawaii, 1/12  
 TB: 4 ..... vs. Hawaii, 1/12

Opponent Team Highs

Att. 147 ..... UC Irvine, 2/2  
 Kills: 65 ..... UC Irvine, 2/2  
 65 ..... Stanford, 2/14  
 Pct.: .456 ..... Hawaii, 1/12  
 Ast.: 61 ..... UC Irvine, 2/2  
 Aces: 14 ..... Ohio State, 3/9  
 Digs: 55 ..... Stanford, 2/14  
 BS: 3 ..... Barton, 1/19  
 BA: 24 ..... NJIT, 1/11  
 TB: 26 ..... NJIT, 1/11

Opponent Team Lows

Att. 74 ..... Grand Canyon, 1/7  
 Kills: 21 ..... Grand Canyon, 1/7  
 Pct.: .081 ..... Grand Canyon, 1/7  
 Ast.: 21 ..... Grand Canyon, 1/7  
 Aces: 0 ..... Concordia, 1/10  
 Digs: 17 ..... Princeton, 1/31  
 BS: 0 ..... Lindenwood, 1/20  
 0 ..... Princeton, 1/31  
 0 ..... Grand Canyon, 1/7  
 0 ..... UCLA, 2/24  
 0 ..... Ohio State, 3/9  
 BA: 0 ..... Grand Canyon, 1/7  
 TB: 0 ..... Grand Canyon, 1/7

Opponent Individual Highs

Att. 59 ..... Jaylen Jasper, Stanford, 2/14  
 Kills: 29 ..... Jaylen Jasper, Stanford, 2/14  
 Pct.: .722 ..... Daenan Gyimah, UCLA, 2/24  
 Ast.: 57 ..... Paul Bischoff, Stanford, 2/14  
 Aces: 6 ..... Kyle Ensing, Long Beach State, 1/25  
 Digs: 15 ..... Noah Dyer, Pepperdine, 3/2  
 BS: 2 ..... Justice Lord, Barton, 1/19  
 2 ..... Stephen Moye, Stanford, 2/14  
 2 ..... Miki Jauhainen, BYU, 2/16  
 BA: 7 ..... Luca Berger, NJIT, 1/11  
 7 ..... Pedro Carvalho, Lincoln Memorial, 1/18  
 7 ..... Hunter Howell, Concordia, 2/28  
 TB: 8 ..... Pedro Carvalho, Lincoln Memorial, 1/18

Brandon Browning -- #1

Kills: 8 ..... vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 2019  
 Digs: 7 ..... vs. Concordia, 2019  
 TB: 3 ..... vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 2019

Michael O'Toole -- #2

Kills: 0 .....  
 Digs: 0 .....  
 TB: 0 .....

Cole Paxson -- #3

Kills: 1 ..... vs. Loyola-Chicago, 2018  
 1 ..... vs. UC Santa Barbara, 2018  
 Digs: 13 ..... vs. Loyola-Chicago, 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: 4 ..... vs. Concordia, 2019  
 Digs: 18 ..... vs. UC Irvine, 2019  
 TB: 4 ..... vs. Penn State, 2018

Matt Faraimo -- #8

Kills: 3 ..... vs. Sacred Heart, 2017  
 Digs: 7 ..... vs. Concordia, 2019  
 TB: 2 ..... vs. Sacred Heart, 2017  
 2 ..... vs. Barton, 2019

Gianluca Grasso -- #9

Kills: 24 ..... vs. UC Irvine, 2017  
 Digs: 11 ..... vs. UC Santa Barbara, 2018  
 TB: 6 ..... vs. UC San Diego, 2017  
 6 ..... vs. Penn State, 2018

Jameson McKibbin -- #10

Kills: 0 .....  
 Digs: 2 ..... vs. UC Irvine, 2019  
 TB: 0 .....

Billy Fauntleroy -- #11

Kills: 0 .....  
 Digs: 0 .....  
 TB: 0 .....

Izac Carracher -- #12

Kills: 0 .....  
 Digs: 0 .....  
 TB: 1 ..... vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 2019

Kyle Gear -- #13

Kills: 6 ..... vs. Lewis, 2018  
 6 ..... vs. Concordia, 2018  
 6 ..... vs. UC Santa Barbara, 2018  
 6 ..... vs. Concordia, 2019  
 6 ..... vs. Ohio State, 2019  
 Digs: 4 ..... vs. Grand Canyon, 2018  
 4 ..... vs. Penn State, 2019  
 TB: 10 ..... vs. Grand Canyon, 2018

Noah Franklin -- #14

Kills: 8 ..... vs. Stevens Institute, 2018  
 Digs: 10 ..... vs. Harvard, 2018  
 TB: 2 ..... vs. UCLA, 2018  
 2 ..... vs. UC Irvine, 2018

Clay Dickinson -- #15

Kills: 0 .....  
 Digs: 1 ..... vs. UCLA, 2018  
 TB: 0 .....

Tyler Resnick -- #16

Kills: 9 ..... vs. Grand Canyon, 2019  
 Digs: 3 ..... vs. Concordia, 2019  
 3 ..... vs. UC Irvine, 2019  
 TB: 5 ..... vs. UC Irvine, 2019  
 5 ..... vs. Stanford, 2019  
 5 ..... vs. BYU, 2019

Liam Schroeder -- #18

Kills: 0 .....  
 Digs: 0 .....  
 TB: 1 ..... vs. UCLA, 2019  
 1 ..... vs. Concordia, 2019  
 1 ..... vs. Penn State, 2019

Jack Wyatt -- #20

Kills: 27 ..... vs. Harvard, 2018  
 Digs: 10 ..... vs. UC Irvine, 2019  
 TB: 5 ..... vs. Penn State, 2018

Vecas Lewin -- #21

Kills: 6 ..... vs. Barton, 2019  
 Digs: 2 ..... vs. Hawaii, 2019  
 2 ..... vs. Barton, 2019  
 TB: 4 ..... vs. Lincoln Memorial, 2019

Sam Lewis -- #23

Kills: 12 ..... vs. Stanford, 2018  
 Digs: 3 ..... vs. UC Irvine, 2019  
 TB: 11 ..... vs. Penn State, 2018

Ryan Moss -- #24

Kills: 23 ..... vs. Concordia, 2019  
 Digs: 14 ..... vs. Grand Canyon, 2018  
 TB: 5 ..... vs. Cal Baptist, 2016  
 5 ..... vs. Stanford, 2017  
 5 ..... vs. Sacred Heart, 2017  
 5 ..... vs. Concordia, 2018  
 5 ..... vs. UC Irvine, 2019



**2019 STARTERS**

	<b>S</b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>OH</b>	<b>OH</b>	<b>OPP</b>	<b>L</b>
ALB	Hall	Gear	Resnick	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Paxson
CONC	Faraimo	Gear	Resnick	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
NJIT	Hall	Gear	Resnick	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
HAW	Hall	Gear	Resnick	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
LINC	Faraimo	Lewin	Resnick	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
BART	Faraimo	Gear	Lewin	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
LIND	Hall	Lewis	Resnick	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
UCI	Hall	Lewis	Resnick	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
LBSU	Hall	Lewis	Resnick	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
PRIN	Hall	Lewis	Resnick	Wyett	Browning	Moss	Douglas
UCI	Hall	Lewis	Resnick	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
GCU	Hall	Lewis	Resnick	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
STAN	Hall	Gear	Resnick	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
BYU	Hall	Lewis	Resnick	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
UCLA	Hall	Lewis	Resnick	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
CONC	Hall	Lewis	Gear	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
PEP	Hall	Lewis	Gear	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
PSU	Hall	Lewis	Gear	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
OSU	Hall	Lewis	Gear	Wyett	Grasso	Moss	Douglas
GCU							
CONC							
LBSU							
STAN							
BYU							
PEP							
UCLA							

**USC IN THE 2019  
AVCA/OFF THE BLOCK POLLS**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>AVCA/OTB</b>
Pre-season	RV/NA
Jan. 7	NR/NR
Jan. 14	RV/NR
Jan. 21	NR/NR
Jan. 28	15/RV
Feb. 4	14/RV
Feb. 11	14/RV
Feb. 18	14/NR
Feb. 25	13/NR
March 4	11/RV
March 11	10/10T

**USC'S 2019 MPSF  
PLAYERS OF THE WEEK**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>
Jan. 28	Ryan Moss (Off.)
Feb. 11	Matt Douglas (Def.)
March 4	Ryan Moss (Def.)
March 11	Ryan Moss (Off.)

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

Izac Carracher eye-ZAK CARE-uh-her  
 Matt Faraimo fuh-RAY-moe  
 Billy Fauntleroy FAWNT-luh-roy  
 Kyle Gear GEER  
 Gianluca Grasso jhee-on-LEW-ka GRAW-so  
 Matt LaSance luh-SAHNS  
 Vecas Lewin VEE-kus LEW-un  
 Jameson McKibbin JAY-muh-sun muh-KIB-en

Lisa Noceti-DeWit no-SET-ee duh-WIT  
 Jeff Nygaard NIE-gard  
 Cole Paxson PACK-sun  
 Tyler Resnick REZ-nik  
 Gary Sato SAW-toe  
 Liam Schroeder LEE-um SHRAY-dur  
 Jack Wyett WHY-ut



## 2019 USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL MATCH RECAPS

**Exhib. [1/4]--USC 3, No. 3 Alberta 1**

Jack Wyett had 16 kills while hitting .560 and Ryan Moss added 12 kills and 4 blocks to lead USC to a 25-20, 25-20, 21-25, 25-21 home win over Alberta, Canada's No. 3-ranked team, in an exhibition match on Jan. 4 in USC's Galen Center Pavilion. The match opened USC's 2019 season, the 50<sup>th</sup> in program history. Wyett had 5 digs and Moss hit .417, while Gianluca Grasso added 8 kills and 5 digs and Chris Hall had 6 digs. USC hit .323 to Alberta's .221. The Trojans had 8.5 blocks to the Golden Bears' 6.0. USC broke out to a 9-6 lead in the first set and extended it to 19-11 before Alberta charged back to within 21-18, but the Golden Bears could get no closer as Troy hit .3845 in the set. In the second set, the Trojans built an 8-4 lead and then 15-10, a margin that Alberta couldn't overcome. Alberta tallied 3 consecutive points to break a 14-14 tie in the third set and held off the Trojans while hitting .522. The fourth set stayed tight until USC ran off 3 straight points to open an 18-15 lead, all the edge it needed to close out the match while hitting .500.

**#1 [1/10]--USC 3, Concordia 0**

Jack Wyett had 15 kills and Gianluca Grasso added 10 kills with 6 aces to lead USC to a season-opening 25-14, 25-18, 25-14 sweep over Concordia in the opening round of the Hawaiian Airlines Rainbow Warrior Classic on Jan. 10 in Honolulu, HI. USC got off to quick starts in each set against Concordia. Troy jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the first set and was never threatened while hitting .333 and serving 4 aces. It was more of the same in the second set, as the Trojans went up 5-0 and never gave up the lead, and in the third set, as USC built a quick 7-0 edge (it hit .640 in the set). Wyett hit .370 and had 6 digs, while Grasso hit .353 and had 5 digs. Teammate Ryan Moss added 8 kills, 5 digs and 4 blocks, Matt Faraimo had 7 digs and Matt Douglas had 6 digs.

**#2 [1/11]--USC 3, New Jersey Inst. of Tech. 1**

Ryan Moss had 15 kills while hitting .367 to lead USC to a 25-17, 24-26, 25-23, 25-15 win over New Jersey Institute of Technology in the second round of the Hawaiian Airlines Rainbow Warrior Classic on Jan. 11. Moss added 8 digs and 4 blocks, while Gianluca Grasso and Jack Wyett each had 9 kills, Brandon Browning had 8 kills (hitting .353) and Chris Hall and Cole Paxson each had 9 digs. USC hit .281 to NJIT's .174 in the match and the Trojans served 11 aces. Troy also had more digs (40 to 33). USC went on a 4-0 run midway through the first set to go up 17-11 and NJIT never threatened. The Trojans held a 7-2 lead in the second set, but NJIT steadily caught up and then scored back-to-back points to go up 20-18 before USC moved ahead at 23-21, but the Highlanders scored 5 of the final 6 points to capture the set. The third set was tight the whole way until the Trojans tallied the final 3 points (USC hit .345 in the set and served 4 aces). An early 4-point run in the fourth set gave USC a 10-5 lead that it gradually extended while hitting .455 and adding 4 more aces.

**#3 [1/12]--No. 4 Hawaii 3, USC 0**

No. 4 host Hawaii swept USC, 25-12, 25-23, 25-16, in the final match of the Hawaiian Airlines Rainbow Warrior Classic on Jan. 12. Gianluca Grasso led USC with 10 kills, 4 digs and 2 aces, while Jack Wyett added 9 kills, Ryan Moss had 6 kills and Matt Douglas had 11 digs. Moss and Grasso made the All-Tournament team. Hawaii outthit the Trojans (.456 to .207) and the Warriors had more blocks (8.5 to 2.0) and digs (32 to 24). Hawaii got off to a 5-2 start in the first set and steadily pulled away, allowing the Trojans only 4 more points after the Rainbows held an 11-8 lead (Hawaii hit .500 in the set). USC had a 10-9 lead in the second set before Hawaii scored 5 of the next 6 points and then the Warriors moved out to a 22-16 lead before Troy pulled within 23-22 but got no closer. Hawaii used a 3-0 run to build a 9-6 edge in the third set and the Warriors continued to extend their margin, including scoring 7 consecutive points to go up 23-12, while hitting .500 in the set.

**#4 [1/18]--USC 3, Lincoln Memorial 0**

In the first round of the 3-day Off the Block Grow The Game Challenge on Jan. 18 in Lebanon, Tenn., Ryan Moss had 14 kills while hitting .571 and Jack Wyett added 10 kills to lead USC to a 25-22, 25-20, 25-23 win over independent Lincoln Memorial. USC hit .295 in the match to Lincoln Memorial's .182. Moss and Wyett each had 5 digs, while Moss, Vecas Lewin and Tyler Resnick all had 4 blocks. USC scored 5 out of 6 points midway through the first set to build a 16-11 lead and the Railsplitters couldn't catch up. The second set was tight until Lincoln Memorial sent up 20-18, but USC then tallied the set's final 7 points. USC was up 18-11 in the third set before Lincoln Memorial scored 9 of the next 10 points

to move ahead 20-19 and the Railsplitters soon stretched the lead to 23-21, but the Trojans scored the last 4 points to capture the match.

**#5 [1/19]--Barton 3, USC 1**

In the tourney's second round, Barton of Conference Carolinas posted a 26-24, 21-25, 25-17, 26-24 victory over USC. USC was led by Ryan Moss, who had 19 kills and 8 digs. Jack Wyett added 17 kills (hitting .364) and Gianluca Grasso had 9 kills. Barton outthit the Trojans, .356 to .282, and had more blocks (10.5 to 7.5). Barton scored 6 consecutive early points in the first set to jump out to a 9-3 lead but USC steadily crept back and overtook the Bulldogs at 24-23 only to see Barton score the set's final 3 points. The second set seasawed until the Trojans scored 3 unanswered points to go up 18-16 and the Bulldogs couldn't catch up as USC hit .419. Barton used a 3-point run to build an 8-5 lead in the third set and then a 4-point run pushed the Bulldogs' edge to 17-10, and the Trojans never threatened. The fourth set saw numerous lead changes and momentum swings, but at the end USC held a 24-22 lead before surrendering 4 straight points that gave Barton the victory despite Troy hitting .429 in the set.

**#6 [1/20]--USC 3, Lindenwood 0**

In the finale of the Off The Block Grow The Game Challenge on Jan. 20, Jack Wyett had 19 kills while hitting .457 to lead USC to a 25-20, 25-21, 32-30 victory over Lindenwood of the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association. USC hit .378 overall in the match and served 7 aces, while Lindenwood hit .342. Ryan Moss added 11 kills and 4 blocks for the Trojans, Gianluca Grasso had 9 kills and 5 digs, Matt Douglas had 6 digs and Tyler Resnick served 3 aces. Wyett and Moss were named to the All-Tournament team. The first set was tight until USC scored 6 of the final 7 points (the Trojans hit .400). It was a similar scenario in the second set as Troy tallied 6 of the final 8 points. USC held a 10-5 lead in the third set, but Lindenwood tied it at 11-11 and went up 20-18 before the Trojans knotted it at 21-21, then the set seasawed until Troy got the final 3 points on a Grasso kill, a Lion hitting error and a Resnick ace.

**#7 [1/23]--USC 3, No. 3 UC Irvine 1**

Jack Wyett had 19 kills and 10 digs. Ryan Moss added 16 kills while hitting .433 and Gianluca Grasso had 14 kills to help unranked USC upset No. 3 UC Irvine, 25-19, 25-21, 21-25, 25-18, in a non-conference match on Jan. 23 at USC's Galen Center. USC hit .345 in the match to UCI's .234. The Trojans served 8 aces. USC got off to a quick 3-1 start in the first set and steadily built on that lead while hitting a blazing .690 (21 kills and just 1 error on 29 attempts), with Wyett putting down 8 kills. The second set started out completely opposite of the first set as the Anteaters notching the first 5 points, but the Trojans quickly responded with their own 5-point run to go up 9-8 and then used a 4-point run to build a 15-11 lead that UCI couldn't overcome. UCI got off to another fast start in the third set, forging a 5-1 edge but a 6-point USC run gave the Trojans a 12-11 lead before the Anteaters regained control by scoring 5 of the next 6 points for a 17-13 lead until USC tied it at 20-20 only to see UCI score the set's final 4 points. The fourth set was tight before USC scored 10 of the next 13 points for a comfortable cushion while hitting .435 in the set.

**#8 [1/25]--No. 1 Long Beach State 3, USC 1**

Top-ranked, defending NCAA champion Long Beach State remained unbeaten in 2019 with a 25-17, 26-24, 19-25, 25-17 win over unranked USC in a non-conference match on Jan. 25 at the Walter Pyramid in Long Beach. USC became the first opponent to take a set off the 49ers in 2019 after the 49ers had won their first 20 sets. Ryan Moss had a match-high 14 kills for USC while hitting .444 and he served 4 aces, Gianluca Grasso added 9 kills, Sam Lewis had 7 kills (hitting .500) and Matt Douglas had 7 digs. Long Beach State hit .384 overall and served 13 aces, while the Trojans hit .223 with 9 aces. Long Beach State scored 3 consecutive points early in the first set to go up 4-2, but USC tied it at 10-10 only to see the 49ers score the next 6 points to regain control of the set as they hit .488 and served 4 aces. USC built an 11-8 lead in the second set, but LBSU then scored 11 of the next 16 points to go up 19-16 before USC tied it at 19 all, then the set stayed tight until the 49ers held off the Trojans at set point by scoring the final 3 points. The third set see-sawed until the Trojans scored 5 consecutive points to open an 18-14 lead and LBSU couldn't recover (USC hit .412 in the set and served 5 aces). Long Beach State responded quickly in the fourth set by building a 6-1 lead that USC could not overcome.

**#9 [1/31]--No. 15 USC 3, Princeton 0**

Jack Wyett and Ryan Moss each had 12 kills while hitting over .600 to lead No. 15 USC to a 25-22, 25-22, 25-21 sweep over Princeton in a non-conference match on Jan. 31 at USC's Galen Center. Wyett hit .647 and added 5 digs, 3 blocks and 3 aces, while Moss hit .632 with 4 blocks. Teammate Sam Lewis had 5 blocks and Brandon Browning had 5 kills and 4 digs while getting his first career start. USC hit .508 overall to Princeton's .275. The Trojans had 10.5 blocks to the Tigers' 1.5. USC built a 12-9 margin in the first set and never surrendered the lead while hitting .478. At 3-3 in the second set, USC scored 6 out of the next 8 points to build a 9-5 edge and then increased it to 18-10 before the Tigers crept back to within 19-17, but the Trojans held them off while hitting .545. USC used a 5-0 run to go up 5-1 at the start of the third set and Princeton could never catch up as Troy hit .500 and had 6 blocks.

**#10 [2/2]--No. 4 UC Irvine 3, No. 15 USC 2**

No. 4 UC Irvine came back to defeat No. 15 USC, 25-20, 25-27, 19-25, 25-23, 15-10, in a non-conference contest at UC Irvine on Feb. 2, avenging the Anteaters' 4-set loss at USC a week earlier. For USC, Ryan Moss had a team-leading 18 kills with 8 digs and 5 blocks, Jack Wyett added 16 kills, Gianluca Grasso had 12 kills, Chris Hall had 18 digs and 3 aces, Tyler Resnick had 5 blocks and 3 aces and Matt Douglas had 13 digs. The teams were even statistically, as UCI hit .306 to USC's .303 and the Anteaters had one more dig (52 to 51) than the Trojans, but Troy had one more ace (8 to 7). Both teams had 7.0 blocks. USC tallied 4 consecutive points to go up 12-9 in the first set, but after a UC Irvine timeout the Anteaters rolled off the next 6 points to forge a 15-12 lead that the Trojans could not overcome (UCI served 3 aces in the set). UCI got off to an early 5-point lead (8-3) early in the second set before the Trojans caught up at 19-19, then the Anteaters scored back-to-back points to build a 23-21 but USC staved off 2 set points and scored the final 3 points while hitting .406 and serving 4 aces. A 5-0 run in the third set gave USC an 11-6 lead and Troy held that margin until UCI crept to within 16-14 but the Trojans restored order by scoring the next 5 points, enough cushion to close out the set. In the fourth set, UCI scored 3 straight points for an early 5-3 lead, then soon after the Anteaters scored 7 of the next 8 points to go up 17-10 but USC fought back to tie it at 22-22 only to see UCI get the next 2 points, enough to hold off the Trojans. UC Irvine scored the first 5 points of the fifth set and Troy could never recover.

**#11 [2/7]--No. 14 USC 3, Grand Canyon 0**

Jack Wyett had 14 kills hitting .500 to lead No. 14 USC to a 25-14, 25-22, 25-16 sweep over Grand Canyon in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation opener for both squads on Feb. 7 at USC's Galen Center. Gianluca Grasso hit .421 with 11 kills for USC and added 7 digs and 3 aces, while Tyler Resnick tallied 9 kills hitting .562 with 1 ace and two digs. Teammate Ryan Moss added 9 kills hitting .300 with 2 digs. USC hit .404 to GCU's .081. With the first set tied at 6-6, USC scored 7 of the next 8 points to open a 13-7 lead and the Trojans were never threatened while hitting .500 and getting 13 digs and 2 aces. USC built a quick 3-1 lead in the second set and held the lead the rest of the way while hitting .464. USC scored 3 unanswered points early in the third set to go up 5-2 but the Antelopes caught up at 13-13, however Troy allowed GCU just 3 points the rest of the way.

**#12 [2/14]--No. 9 Stanford, 3 No. 14 USC 2**

No. 8 Stanford outlasted No. 14 USC, 25-14, 26-26, 26-24, 23-25, 15-12, in an MPSF match on Feb. 14 in Palo Alto. USC saw its 3-match win streak over the Cardinal snapped. Cardinal Jaylen Jasper's 29 kills were the most against USC since BYU's Tayler Sander had 29 in 2011. Gianluca Grasso led USC with 19 kills while hitting .441 and he added 6 digs and 2 aces. Teammate Ryan Moss had 17 kills, 12 digs and 4 blocks, Jack Wyett had 14 kills and 4 blocks, Chris Hall had 11 digs and 55 assists, Matt Douglas had 9 digs, Tyler Resnick had 5 blocks and Kyle Gear had 4 blocks. Stanford hit .275 to USC's .228 and the Cardinal had more digs (55 to 41). USC outblocked Stanford, 14.0 to 10.0. Stanford ran off 4 straight points in the first set to open a 10-6 lead and kept pulling away while hitting .500 and getting 11 digs. USC tallied 5 consecutive points in the second set to build a 13-10 edge and led 22-18 before the Cardinal went on a 5-point run, but USC answered back with 2 points in a row and then captured the set after a Cardinal serving error and a Grasso kill (Troy had 5 blocks in the set). With the score tied at 9-9 in the third set, USC scored 6 of the next 7 points to move out to a 15-10 lead and the Trojans were up 23-20 before Stanford scored 4 in a row to take a 24-23 lead, then soon after the Cardinal used consecutive kills to finish the set.



USC slowly moved out to a 21-17 lead in the fourth set but Stanford then scored the next 3 points before the Trojans regained control while hitting .516. Stanford scored the first 4 points of the final set and USC could never recover as the Cardinal hit .533 in the set.

#### **#13 [2/16]--No. 8 BYU, 3 No. 14 USC 1**

No. 8 BYU defeated No. 14 USC, 26-28, 25-22, 25-23, 25-13, on Feb. 16 in an MPSF match in Provo, extending the Cougars' home court win streak over the Trojans to 22 straight (BYU's last lost in Provo to the Trojans was in 1996). It also was the Cougars' seventh straight win anywhere over Troy. Jack Wyett led USC with 16 kills (hitting .387) and 4 blocks, while Ryan Moss and Gianluca Grasso each had 13 kills (Moss added 7 digs and Grasso had 6 digs) and Tyler Resnick had 5 blocks. BYU hit .322 in the match to USC's .264 and the Cougars had more digs [34 to 20] and aces [5 to 1]. The Trojans led in blocks [10.0 to 8.5]. USC ran off 3 straight points in the first set to open a 14-11 lead and moved out to a 20-16 edge before BYU stormed back to go up 22-21 and the Cougars twice had set point [24-23 and 26-25], but USC scored the final 3 points on a Wyatt kill and consecutive BYU hitting errors (the Trojans hit .393 and had 3.5 blocks in the set). BYU built a 10-7 lead in the second set, but USC caught up at 16-16 and then the teams exchanged points until the Cougars tallied back-to-back points to go up 23-21, enough to close out the set while hitting .571. USC used a 4-point run early in the third set to open a 6-4 lead and extended it to 11-8, but BYU soon after had its own 4-point run to go up 13-12, then USC slowly forged a 19-17 lead before the Cougars scored 3 straight points and soon after BYU went up 23-21, all the edge it needed. A 3-point run early in the fourth set gave BYU a 6-3 lead and the Cougars then pulled away while hitting .458.

#### **#14 [2/24]--No. 6 UCLA 3, No. 14 USC 0**

No. 6 UCLA swept No. 14 USC, 25-21, 25-21, 25-22, in an MPSF match on Feb. 24 at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion. Jack Wyett led USC with 9 kills and he had 3 blocks, while Ryan Moss added 8 kills while hitting .467, Sam Lewis had 4 blocks and Gianluca Grasso had 6 digs. UCLA hit .420 to USC's .349 and the Bruins served 12 aces to Troy's 1. The Trojans outblocked UCLA 7.0 to 4.5. UCLA had more digs, 23 to 15. UCLA jumped out to a 7-3 lead in the first set, but USC tied it at 10-10 only to see the Bruins run off the next 3 points and although the Trojans pulled within 17-16 they could never overcome the deficit as UCLA hit .520 and served 4 aces in the set. After the Bruins got off to another quick start in the second set, 6-3, USC soon after used a 3-point run to move ahead 11-10 and then 14-12, but the Bruins scored the next 3 points to move ahead 15-14 and Troy could never regain the lead (UCLA hit .500 in the set and had 9 digs). After USC opened a 10-8 edge in the third set, UCLA scored 5 of the next 6 points for a 13-11 lead, but the Trojans tied it at 14-14 before the Bruins got the next 3 points to build a 17-14 lead that USC couldn't overcome (UCLA served 6 more aces in the set).

#### **#15 [2/28]--No. 13 USC 3, Concordia 2**

Ryan Moss had a career-high 23 kills with 9 digs and Gianluca Grasso added 21 kills, 8 digs and 2 blocks to help No. 13 USC post a 25-21, 23-25, 23-25, 25-15, 15-13 comeback win at unranked Concordia in an MPSF match on Feb. 28 in Irvine. USC equaled its win total for all of last season. It was the Trojans' first victory in 7 tries on an opponent's home court in 2019. USC hit .350 to Concordia's .298 and the Trojans had more digs [51 to 39]. The Eagles outblocked USC, 11.5 to 8.0. Chris Hall added 14 digs for USC, Matt Douglas had 8 digs, Brandon Browning came off the bench to get 7 digs and Kyle Gear had 5 blocks. The first set was tight throughout until USC scored back-to-back points to go up 20-18 and then the Trojans closed out the set by tallying 5 of the last 7 points. The second set was knotted at 21-21 before Concordia ran off 3 straight points and then held off the late-charging Trojans. The Eagles built an early 7-3 lead in the third set and USC could never catch all the way up as Concordia hit .485 in the set. With the fourth set tied at 6-6, the Trojans scored 7 of the next 8 points to move ahead 13-7 and maintained a comfortable margin the rest of the set while hitting .565. USC went up 5-2 in the fifth set before Concordia tied it at 6-6, but then the Trojans scored the next 3 points, all the cushion it needed to finish out the match.

#### **#16 [3/2]--No. 13 USC 3, No. 4 Pepperdine 1**

Jack Wyett had a match-high 21 kills, Ryan Moss added 16 kills and 12 digs, Gianluca Grasso had 15 kills and 9 digs, Kyle Gear had 6 blocks and Matt Douglas had a match-best 17 digs to help No. 13 USC to a 25-19, 25-27, 28-26, 25-20 upset win over No. 4 Pepperdine in an MPSF contest

on March 2 in USC's Galen Center. It was the Trojans' second consecutive upset over the Waves, after unranked USC defeated No. 5 Pepperdine, 3-1, in last year's MPSF Tournament quarterfinals in Malibu. The last time Troy beat the Waves twice in a row was in 2012. USC hit .317 in the match to Pepperdine's .256 and the Trojans had more digs, 52 to 42. USC went on a 3-point run to open up a 10-6 lead in the first set and extended it to 13-8, and the Waves couldn't challenge the rest of the way as the Trojans posted 3.0 blocks in the set. After USC used a 5-0 run to build an 11-5 lead in the second set and then was up 18-13, the Waves slowly crept back to tie it at 22-22 before winning the set on a Wieczorek kill followed by a USC hitting error. The third set stayed tight throughout until USC scored the final 3 points on a pair of Pepperdine hitting errors and a finishing kill by Wyett. At 16-16 in the fourth set, USC scored back-to-back points to move ahead 18-16 and then extended the lead to 22-17, all the cushion the Trojans needed to capture the match while hitting .519 in the set.

#### **#17 [3/8]--No. 11 USC 3, Penn State 2**

Ryan Moss had 23 kills while hitting .513 and Gianluca Grasso added 17 kills while hitting .423 to lead No. 11 USC to a 25-18, 24-26, 25-13, 23-25, 15-13 win over Penn State on the first day of the Pac-12/Big Ten Challenge on March 8 in USC's Galen Center. USC hit .377 to Penn State's .256. The Trojans also had more blocks (8.0 to 4.5), aces [7 to 5] and digs [29 to 24]. Jack Wyett added 10 kills for USC, Sam Lewis had 4 blocks and 3 aces and Matt Douglas had 6 digs. In the opening set, USC used a 3-point run to go up 12-9 and soon after had a 5-point run to build an 18-11 margin, and Penn State was unable to recover as the Trojans hit .409. USC scored back-to-back points to open a 15-13 lead in the second set and extended it to 20-16 before the Nittany Lions roared back to go up 23-22, then the set see-sawed until a USC hitting error followed by a Penn State ace ended it. The Trojans jumped out to a quick 8-2 edge in the third set, aided by a 5-0 run, and steadily pulled away while hitting a blazing .846. The fourth set was tight until Penn State ran off 3 unanswered points to forge a 19-17 lead and held off the Trojans the rest of the way, hitting .423 in the set. With the final set tight throughout, USC trailed 11-9 but soon tallied 3 consecutive points to go up 14-12 and Troy was able to keep that edge for the victory.

#### **#18 [3/9]--No. 11 USC 3, Ohio State 2**

Ryan Moss had 22 kills while hitting .514 to help No. 11 USC come back and post a 25-18, 23-25, 19-25, 25-15, 15-10 win over Ohio State on the second day of the Pac-12/Big Ten Challenge on March 9 in USC's Galen Center. The Trojans beat Ohio State despite seeing the Buckeyes serve a USC 2019 opponent high 14 aces, the most again Troy since Stanford had 14 in 2007. Troy outhit Ohio State, .462 to .238, and had more digs, 38 to 25. Jack Wyett added 14 kills and 7 digs for USC, while Gianluca Grasso had 13 kills and 9 digs and Matt Douglas had 7 digs. USC got off to a quick 3-1 start in the first set and kept building on the lead while hitting .667. The Trojans used a 3-0 run to go up 17-15 in the second set, but the Buckeyes soon after went on a 4-point run to move ahead 20-19 and USC couldn't catch up (the Buckeyes served 6 aces in the set). Ohio State scored the first 4 points of the third set (2 on aces) and kept extending the margin behind 5 more aces. USC scored 5 of the first 7 points of the fourth set and never let the Buckeyes get back into the set (Troy hit .450). USC never trailed in the final set, starting off with a 2-0 lead and building it to 7-3 and then 9-4, all the cushion it needed to capture the match while hitting .636 in the set.



**USC Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 09, 2019)**  
**All matches**

Overall record: 11-7 Conf: 3-3 Home: 6-0 Away: 1-6 Neutral: 4-1

#	Player	sp	Attack				pct	Set		Serve			Dig		Blocking					points		
			k	k/s	e	ta		a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s		be	bhe
13	Kyle Gear	57	43	0.75	9	82	.415	1	0.02	9	29	0.16	0	13	0.23	5	24	29	0.51	3	0	69.0
23	Sam Lewis	50	52	1.04	14	97	.392	3	0.06	11	38	0.22	1	7	0.14	4	30	34	0.68	7	0	82.0
21	Vecas Lewin	13	13	1.00	4	24	.375	1	0.08	1	2	0.08	1	6	0.46	0	10	10	0.77	0	0	19.0
24	Ryan Moss	70	264	3.77	68	540	.363	15	0.21	14	27	0.20	8	106	1.51	4	40	44	0.63	3	0	302.0
1	Brandon Browning	18	22	1.22	5	52	.327	3	0.17	3	14	0.17	6	17	0.94	3	3	6	0.33	0	0	29.5
16	Tyler Resnick	46	46	1.00	15	98	.316	6	0.13	13	27	0.28	1	13	0.28	4	35	39	0.85	3	1	80.5
20	Jack Wyatt	66	235	3.56	78	506	.310	10	0.15	13	39	0.20	36	66	1.00	4	25	29	0.44	4	1	264.5
9	Gianluca Grasso	65	200	3.08	87	418	.270	6	0.09	19	53	0.29	17	91	1.40	0	20	20	0.31	8	2	229.0
6	Chris Hall	63	18	0.29	9	46	.196	617	9.79	6	29	0.10	3	99	1.57	2	14	16	0.25	5	5	33.0
18	Liam Schroeder	15	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	3	3	0.20	0	0	1.5
3	Cole Paxson	6	0	0.00	0	0	.000	4	0.67	0	0	0.00	4	10	1.67	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
12	Izac Carracher	7	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	1	0.14	0	0	0.5
10	Jameson McKibbin	37	0	0.00	0	0	.000	2	0.05	1	10	0.03	0	4	0.11	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
8	Matt Faraimo	11	2	0.18	2	7	.000	102	9.27	0	1	0.00	0	16	1.45	0	3	3	0.27	0	0	3.5
5	Matt Douglas	66	0	0.00	0	0	.000	63	0.95	0	0	0.00	23	124	1.88	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.0
USC		70	895	12.79	291	1870	.323	833	11.90	90	269	1.29	102	572	8.17	26	208	130.0	1.86	33	10	1115.0
Opponents		70	825	11.79	314	1844	.277	780	11.14	102	272	1.46	90	572	8.17	20	209	124.5	1.78	40	12	1051.5

Team Statistics	USC	OPP
<b>ATTACK</b>		
Kills	895	825
Errors	291	314
Total Attacks	1870	1844
Attack Pct	.323	.277
Kills/Set	12.8	11.8
<b>SET</b>		
Assists	833	780
Attempts	1819	1836
Assist Pct	.458	.425
Assists/Set	11.9	11.1
<b>SERVE</b>		
Aces	90	102
Errors	269	272
Attempts	1591	1513
Serve Pct	.831	.820
Aces/Set	1.3	1.5
<b>SERVE RECEPTIONS</b>		
Errors	102	90
Errors/Set	1.5	1.3
Attempts	1241	1321
Reception Pct	.918	.932
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
Digs	572	572
Digs/Set	8.2	8.2
<b>BLOCKING</b>		
Block Solo	26	20
Block Assist	208	209
Total Blocks	130.0	124.5
Blocks/Set	1.9	1.8
Block Errors	33	40
Ball handling errors	10	12
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	1850	15240
Dates/Avg Per Date	6/308	7/2177
Neutral site #/Avg	5/184	
Current win streak	4	-
Home win streak	6	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
Jan 10	vs Concordia-Irvine	w 3-0	25-14,25-18,25-14	0
Jan 11	vs NJIT	w 3-1	25-17,24-26,25-23,25-15	0
Jan 12	at #4 Hawaii	L 0-3	12-25,23-25,16-25	3894
Jan 18	vs Lincoln Memorial	w 3-0	25-22,25-20,25-23	212
Jan 19	vs Barton College	L 1-3	24-26,25-21,17-25,24-26	417
Jan 20	vs Lindenwood Univ.	w 3-0	25-20,25-21,32-30	290
Jan 23	#3 UC IRVINE	w 3-1	25-19,25-21,21-25,25-18	250
Jan 25	at #1 Long Beach State	L 1-3	17-25,24-26,25-19,17-25	2667
Jan 31	PRINCETON	w 3-0	25-22,25-22,25-21	250
Feb 2	at #4 UC Irvine	L 2-3	20-25,27-25,25-19,23-25,10-15	1125
*Feb 07	GRAND CANYON	w 3-0	25-14,25-22,25-16	150
*Feb 14	at #9 Stanford	L 2-3	15-25,28-26,24-26,25-23,12-15	272
*Feb 16	at #8 BYU	L 1-3	28-26,22-25,23-25,13-25	4097
*Feb 24	at #6 UCLA	L 0-3	21-25,21-25,22-25	3006
*Feb 28	at Concordia-Irvine	w 3-2	25-21,23-25,23-25,25-15,15-13	179
*Mar 02	#4 PEPPERDINE	w 3-1	25-19,25-27,28-26,25-20	450
Mar 08	PENN STATE	w 3-2	25-18,24-26,25-13,23-25,15-13	350
Mar 09	OHIO STATE	w 3-2	25-18,23-25,19-25,25-15,15-10	400

Record in 3-set matches:5-2 • Record in 4-set matches:3-3 • Record in 5-set matches:3-2