



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 (15-8 Overall, 6-4 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) | L 1-3 |
| March 16 | *Concordia (10-NR) | W 3-1 |
| March 23 | Long Beach State (11-1) | W 3-0 |
| March 29 | *Stanford (9-6) | W 3-2% |
| March 30 | *BYU (9-10) | W 3-0% |
| April 4 | *at Pepperdine (6-4) | 7 p.m. |
| April 6 | *UCLA (6-5) | 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

THIS WEEK IN USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL (15-8 overall, 6-4 MPSF, #6 AVCA)

At No. 4 Pepperdine (18-6 overall, 7-3 MPSF)
Thurs., April 4, 7 p.m. PT, Firestone Fieldhouse
Live Video/Live Stats: PepperdineWaves.com

Vs. No. 5 UCLA (17-7 overall, 7-3 MPSF)
Sat., April 6, 7 p.m. PT, USC Galen Center
Live TV: Pac-12 Network; Live Audio/Live Stats: USCTrojans.com

NO. 6 USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CONCLUDES REGULAR SEASON BY VISITING NO. 4 PEPPERDINE, HOSTING NO. 5 UCLA

THE FACTS

The No. 6-ranked USC men's volleyball team (15-8 overall, 6-4 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation)--having won 8 of its past 9 matches, including the past 4, and now angling for seeding in the upcoming MPSF Tournament--concludes its regular season by facing the 2 teams above it in the MPSF standings: first visiting No. 4 Pepperdine (18-6, 7-3) on Thursday (April 4) and then hosting No. 5 UCLA (17-7, 7-3) on Saturday (April 6) in the Galen Center. If USC wins both of these MPSF contests, which start at 7 p.m. PT, it could capture the top seed in the MPSF tourney. The UCLA match, which is Senior Night and has Crosstown Cup points on the line, will be shown live on Pac-12 Network, with Kevin Barnett mikeside. USC remains undefeated at home in 2019 (10-0), has its most wins in a season under head coach Jeff Nygaard and sports its highest national ranking since mid-2015.

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 No. 6 in the current AVCA Division I-II Top 15 poll, its highest ranking since Week 6 of 2015 (when Troy was No. 3). Pepperdine is No. 4 and UCLA is No. 5.

OPPONENTS

USC trails in its series with Pepperdine, 66-43, but Troy have won the past 2 meetings (3-1 last year in a road MPSF Tournament quarterfinal match and then 3-1 at home in early March this season). USC trails in its series against UCLA, 96-44, and the Trojans lost the most recent meeting, 3-0, in late February on the road. The Bruins host Concordia on April 4 before playing at USC.

MPSF SEEDING SCENARIO

Seeds No. 1 through No. 5 of the upcoming MPSF Tournament are all in play for USC this week, with a variety of scenarios. If the Trojans win both matches, they could clinch the No. 1 seed.

50TH SEASON

The 2019 season is the 50th 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.

CROSTOWN CUP

The winner of this USC-UCLA men's volleyball game scores 5 points toward the Crosstown Cup, a trophy awarded annually to the school with the most successful athletic year against the other. The competition was formerly known as the Crosstown Gauntlet. Points are awarded to the winner of each Trojan-Bruin head-to-head contest and the Crosstown Cup will be awarded to the school with the most points at year's end (100 points is the magic number). USC has won the Crosstown Cup 10 times in the competition's 17 years, including a span of 5 consecutive years: 2001-02, 2003-04, 2005-06, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2013-14 and 2015-16. Currently, UCLA leads this season's Crosstown Cup competition, 60-55.

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 | 44-61, 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, USCTrojans.com/tickets |

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2019 MPSF STANDINGS

(As of April 2)

| | W | L | GB |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Pepperdine | 7 | 3 | -- |
| UCLA | 7 | 3 | -- |
| USC | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| BYU | 6 | 5 | 1.5 |
| Stanford | 5 | 6 | 2.5 |
| Concordia | 3 | 7 | 4 |
| Grand Canyon | 2 | 8 | 5 |

2019 AVCA COACHES POLL

(April 1)

- Hawaii
 - Long Beach St.
 - UC Santa Barbara
 - Pepperdine
 - UCLA
 - USC**
 - Lewis
 - UC Irvine
 - Stanford
 - Loyola-Chicago
 - BYU
 - CS Northridge
 - Purdue Fort Wayne
 - Concordia
 - George Mason
- Others: Grand Canyon, Princeton, Ball State, Barton

2019 OFF THE BLOCK MEDIA POLL

(April 2)

- Hawaii
- Long Beach St.
- UC Santa Barbara
- Pepperdine
- UCLA
- Lewis
- USC**
- UC Irvine
- Stanford
- Loyola-Chicago
- Others: Barton, BYU, Concordia

LAST WEEK

See page 9 for a recap of USC's 3-2 win over No. 6 Stanford on March 29 and its 3-0 sweep over No. 10 BYU on March 30, both at home.

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 was the AVCA National Player of the Week and MPSF Offensive Player of the Week (March 25) for his efforts against No. 1 Long Beach State (he hit .579 with 13 kills, 4 digs, 1 ace, 1 block). 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 National 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 was the OffTheBlock National Opposite Hitter of the Week (April 1) for his efforts against Stanford (15 kills, 7 digs, 5 blocks, 2 aces) and BYU (9 kills, .474, 5 digs, 4 blocks). 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 USC Trojans.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 | <i>Matt Douglas</i> | <i>5-10</i> | <i>170</i> | <i>L</i> | <i>Sr.</i> | <i>Pacific Palisades (Loyola)</i> |
| 6 | <i>Chris Hall</i> | <i>6-2</i> | <i>190</i> | <i>S</i> | <i>So.</i> | <i>Sherman Oaks (Notre Dame)</i> |
| 8 | Matt Faraimo | 6-3 | 200 | S | So*. | San Diego (Cathedral Catholic) |
| 9 | <i>Gianluca Grasso#</i> | <i>6-2</i> | <i>195</i> | <i>OH</i> | <i>Sr.</i> | <i>Sao Paulo, Brazil (Andrews Osborne Academy/Orange Coast JC)</i> |
| 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 Chili) |
| 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 | <i>Tyler Resnick</i> | <i>6-8</i> | <i>225</i> | <i>MB</i> | <i>Jr.*</i> | <i>Newbury Park (Newbury Park)</i> |
| 18 | Liam Schroeder | 6-8 | 225 | MB | Fr. | Milwaukee, WI (Marquette University) |
| 20 | <i>Jack Wyett#</i> | <i>6-5</i> | <i>200</i> | <i>OH</i> | <i>Sr.*</i> | <i>Laguna Beach (Laguna Beach)</i> |
| 21 | Vecas Lewin | 6-7 | 220 | MB | Jr. | Culver City (Pacific Palisades/Santa Monica JC) |
| 23 | <i>Sam Lewis</i> | <i>6-10</i> | <i>200</i> | <i>MB</i> | <i>So.</i> | <i>Long Beach (Long Beach Poly)</i> |
| 24 | <i>Ryan Moss#</i> | <i>6-8</i> | <i>225</i> | <i>OH</i> | <i>Sr.</i> | <i>Corona del Mar (Corona del Mar)</i> |

*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 April 1)

| Individual* | NCAA/MPSF | AVG |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|
| Aces | | |
| -- | | |
| Assists | | |
| Chris Hall | 10th/3rd | 9.90 |
| Matt Douglas | 44th/7th | 0.92 |
| Blocks | | |
| Sam Lewis | 49th/7th | 0.83 |
| Digs | | |
| Matt Douglas | 28th/6th | 1.96 |
| Hitting Percentage | | |
| Ryan Moss | 18th/2nd | .362 |
| Jack Wyett | 32nd/7th | .319 |
| Kills | | |
| Ryan Moss | 12th/2nd | 3.75 |
| Jack Wyett | 20th/7th | 3.56 |
| Gianluca Grasso | 44th/11th | 3.02 |
| Points | | |
| Ryan Moss | 15th/3rd | 4.33 |
| Jack Wyett | 25th/7th | 4.05 |
| Gianluca Grasso | 46th/12th | 3.47 |

*Top 50 NCAA/Top 10 MPSF

| Team | NCAA/MPSF | AVG |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Aces | | |
| USC | 23rd/5th | 1.28 |
| Assists | | |
| USC | 9th/4th | 11.93 |
| Blocks | | |
| USC | 26th/4th | 1.98 |
| Digs | | |
| USC | 26th/4th | 8.27 |
| Hitting Percentage | | |
| USC | 6th/3rd | .322 |
| Kills | | |
| USC | 7th/3rd | 12.87 |
| Opponent Hitting Percentage | | |
| USC | 27th/3rd | .268 |

STAT NOTES

USC's 2019 [team statistics](#) are superior to those from 2018 in all categories except digs: hitting percentage (.322 this year to .266 last year), opponent hitting percentage (.268 to .314), kill average (12.87 to 12.25), opponent kill average (11.63 to 13.05), ace average (1.28 to 1.11), opponent ace average (1.38 to 1.54), opponent dig average (8.08 to 8.81), block average (1.98 to 1.91) and opponent block average (1.72 to 2.27)...USC's current [No. 6 AVCA ranking](#) is its highest since Troy was No. 3 in Week 6 of 2015... The last time USC was [undefeated at home](#) was 2000 (14-0)...USC is 10-0 [at home](#) in 2019, but just 1-7 on opponents' home floors (Troy is 4-1 on neutral courts)...USC's 15 [overall victories](#) in 2019 are the most in Jeff Nygaard's 4-year head coaching career...Of USC's 89 sets played in 2019, 27 have been [decided by the minimum 2 points](#) (USC has won 12 of them).

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. He was the MPSF Defensive Player of the Week (March 25) for his efforts against No. 1 Long Beach State (he had 5 digs, 3 blocks and an ace, plus 10 kills while hitting .500). 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 10th 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 was named the OffTheBlock National Setter of the Week (March 25) for his play against Long Beach State (36 assists, 3 digs, 1 block as USC hit .493 against the nation's No. 1 team). 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 44-61. 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 runner-up) 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: 17vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11
 Kills: 8^vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11
 Pct.: .400vs. Concordia, 2/28
 Ast.: 2vs. Concordia, 2/28
 Aces: 2vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11
 Digs: 7^vs. Concordia, 2/28
 BS: 2vs. 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.: 2vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11
 Aces: 0
 Digs: 9vs. 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.: 9vs. Concordia, 2/28
 Aces: 0
 Digs: 17vs. Pepperdine, 3/2
 BS: 0
 BA: 0
 TB: 0

Chris Hall -- #6

Att: 6vs. UC Irvine, 1/23
 Kills: 4^twice
 Pct.: --
 Ast.: 55vs. Stanford, 2/14
 Aces: 3vs. UC Irvine, 2/2
 Digs: 18^vs. UC Irvine, 2/2
 BS: 2vs. Grand Canyon, 3/14
 BA: 2 5 times
 TB: 3vs. Grand Canyon, 3/14

Matt Faraimo -- #8

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

Gianluca Grasso -- #9

Att: 42vs. Concordia, 2/28
 Kills: 21vs. Concordia, 2/28
 Pct.: .500vs. Long Beach State, 3/23
 Ast.: 2 4 times
 Aces: 4vs. Concordia, 1/10
 Digs: 9twice
 BS: 2vs. Stanford, 3/29
 BA: 3 3 times
 TB: 3 4 times

Jameson McKibbin -- #10

Att: 0
 Kills: 0
 Pct.: --
 Ast.: 1 5 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: 1vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11
 TB: 1^vs. New Jersey Instit. of Tech., 1/11

Kyle Gear -- #13

Att: 17vs. Stanford, 2/14
 Kills: 7^vs. Concordia, 3/16
 Pct.: .333vs. Concordia, 3/16
 Ast.: 1vs. Grand Canyon, 1/7
 Aces: 2 3 times
 Digs: 4^twice
 BS: 2vs. Pepperdine, 3/2
 BA: 5twice
 TB: 6vs. 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: 16vs. Grand Canyon, 1/7
 Kills: 9^vs. Grand Canyon, 1/7
 Pct.: .562vs. Grand Canyon, 1/7
 Ast.: 3vs. UC Irvine, 2/2
 Aces: 3twice
 Digs: 3^twice
 BS: 2vs. Stanford, 2/14
 BA: 5vs. UC Irvine, 2/2
 TB: 5^ 3 times

Liam Schroeder -- #18

Att: 0
 Kills: 0
 Pct.: --
 Ast.: 0
 Aces: 0
 Digs: 0
 BS: 1vs. Long Beach State, 3/23
 BA: 1 4 times
 TB: 1^ 5 times

Jack Wyatt -- #20

Att: 45vs. Stanford, 2/14
 Kills: 21vs. Pepperdine, 3/2
 Pct.: .647vs. Princeton, 1/31
 Ast.: 2 4 times
 Aces: 3twice
 Digs: 10^vs. UC Irvine, 1/23
 BS: 2vs. Princeton, 1/31
 BA: 4 4 times
 TB: 5^vs. Concordia, 3/16

Vecas Lewin -- #21

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

Sam Lewis -- #23

Att: 12 3 times
 Kills: 8vs. UC Irvine, 2/2
 Pct.: .636vs. UC Irvine, 2/2
 Ast.: 1 6 times
 Aces: 3twice
 Digs: 3^vs. UC Irvine, 2/2
 BS: 2vs. Stanford, 3/29
 BA: 7vs. BYU, 3/30
 TB: 7vs. BYU, 3/30

Ryan Moss -- #24

Att: 47vs. Concordia, 2/28
 Kills: 23^twice
 Pct.: .632vs. Princeton, 1/31
 Ast.: 3vs. Grand Canyon, 1/7
 Aces: 4vs. Long Beach State, 1/25
 Digs: 12twice
 BS: 2vs. BYU, 3/30
 BA: 5vs. UC Irvine, 2/2
 TB: 5^twice

^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
 2 Chris Hall, vs. Grand Canyon, 3/14
 2 Gianluca Grasso, vs. Stanford, 3/29
 2 Sam Lewis, vs. Stanford, 3/29
 2 Ryan Moss, vs. BYU, 3/30
 BA: 7 Sam Lewis, vs. BYU, 3/30
 TB: 7 Sam Lewis, vs. BYU, 3/30

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
 5 vs. Stanford, 3/29
 BA: 19 vs. BYU, 3/30
 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.: .191 vs. Grand Canyon, 3/14
 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
 0 Long Beach State, 3/23
 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
 15 Cole Udall, Grand Canyon, 3/14
 BS: 2 Justice Lord, Barton, 1/19
 2 Stephen Moye, Stanford, 2/14
 2 Miki Jauhainen, BYU, 2/16
 2 Kyler Presho, Stanford, 3/29
 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: 23 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
 4 vs. BYU, 2019

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 Santa Barbara, 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: 7 vs. Concordia, 2019
 Digs: 4 vs. Grand Canyon, 2018
 4 vs. Penn State, 2019
 4 vs. Grand Canyon, 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
 1 vs. Long Beach State, 2019
 1 vs. Stanford, 2019

Jack Wyatt -- #20

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

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
 23 vs. Penn State, 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
 5 vs. Stanford, 2019



2019 STARTERS

| | S | MB | MB | OH | OH | OPP | L |
|------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 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 | Hall | Lewis | Gear | Wyett | Grasso | Moss | Douglas |
| CONC | Hall | Lewis | Gear | Wyett | Grasso | Moss | Douglas |
| LBSU | Hall | Lewis | Gear | Wyett | Grasso | Moss | Douglas |
| STAN | Hall | Lewis | Gear | Wyett | Grasso | Moss | Douglas |
| BYU | Hall | Lewis | Gear | Wyett | Grasso | Moss | Douglas |
| PEP | | | | | | | |
| UCLA | | | | | | | |

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

| DATE | AVCA/OTB |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 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 |
| March 18 | 11/RV |
| March 25 | 9/9 |
| April 1 | 6/7 |

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

| DATE | PLAYER |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Jan. 28 | Ryan Moss (Off.) |
| Feb. 11 | Matt Douglas (Def.) |
| March 4 | Ryan Moss (Def.) |
| March 11 | Ryan Moss (Off.) |
| March 25 | Jack Wyett (Off.) |
| March 25 | Gianluca Grasso (Def.) |

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

| DATE | PLAYER |
|-------------|---------------|
| March 26 | Jack Wyett |

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 50th 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 Wyett 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 Wiczorek 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 saw USC used 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.

#19 [3/14]--Grand Canyon 3, No. 10 USC 1

Unranked Grand Canyon posted a 24-26, 25-22, 25-20, 25-23 upset over No. 10 USC in an MPSF match on March 14 in Phoenix, snapping the Trojans' 4-match winning streak and giving the Antelopes their first MPSF victory of 2019. Ryan Moss led USC with 14 kills, while Jack Wyett had 12 kills, Sam Lewis had 7 kills (hitting .500), 4 blocks and 3 aces and Chris Hall had 10 digs, 3 blocks and 2 aces. Grand Canyon hit .257 to USC's .191. The Trojans served 8 aces. USC scored 5 consecutive points midway through the first set to build a 15-11 lead, but Grand Canyon crept back and tied it at 24-24 before the Trojans finished off the set on an Antelope serving error followed by a Wyett kill. USC trailed throughout the second set and was down 22-16 but the Trojans scored the next 6 points to knot the set, only to see a Grand Canyon kill and a pair of USC hitting errors end the set. With USC up 10-8 in the third set, Grand Canyon scored the next 7 points to build a 5-point cushion and the Trojans couldn't catch up. In the fourth set, USC moved out to a 13-9 lead, but a bit later 3 straight points by Grand Canyon gave the Antelopes a 21-20 edge and USC could not recover as GCU hit .480.

#20 [3/16]--No. 10 USC 3, Concordia 1

Ryan Moss had 18 kills, 9 digs and 4 blocks and Jack Wyett added 14 kills with 5 blocks to help No. 10 USC defeat Concordia, 21-25, 25-17, 25-21, 25-20, in an MPSF match on March 16 in USC's North Gym. The match was played in the quaint North Gym, the original home of USC volleyball, because of a scheduling conflict in the Galen Center. Before the match, USC's 1988 NCAA championship team was honored. USC hit .304 to Concordia's .202. USC had more blocks [9.5 to 6.0] and digs [34 to 30]. Moss hit .412 and Wyett hit .500. Teammate Gianluca Grasso added 11 kills and 7 digs and Matt Douglas had 7 digs. Concordia scored 6 consecutive points to jump out to a 6-1 lead in the first set and USC could never catch up as the Eagles hit .391 and served 2 aces. USC ran off 6 straight points to go up 10-5 in the second set and were never threatened while hitting .455. The third set was tight until USC tallied back-to-back points for move ahead, 18-16, and the Eagles couldn't recover. In the fourth set, USC slowly built leads of 6-4, 10-7, 15-11 and then 20-16, enough of a cushion to capture the match.

#21 [3/23]--No. 11 USC 3, No. 1 Long Beach State 0

Ryan Moss had a match-best 14 kills while hitting .565, Jack Wyett added 13 kills while hitting .579 and Gianluca Grasso had 10 kills while hitting .500 to help No. 11 USC upset top-ranked, undefeated, defending NCAA champion Long Beach State, 25-21, 25-21, 25-17, in a non-conference match on March 23 in USC's North Gym. USC posted its first win over a top-ranked team since defeating defending NCAA champion UC Irvine on the road early in the 2013 season. It ended USC's 4-match losing streak to the 49ers, dating to 2017, and was the Trojans' first sweep over LBSU since 2015. Troy moved to 8-0 at home in 2019. Long Beach State, which fell to 19-1 on the year, had its 23-match winning streak snapped (dating to a 5-set loss at Hawaii late in the 2018 season). Before this USC match, the 49ers had lost only 4 sets all season. It was the first time since that 2018 loss at Hawaii that Long Beach State had dropped consecutive sets. It was also the first time LBSU was swept since its 2017 season-ender against BYU in the NCAA semifinals. The 17 points LBSU scored in the third set was its fewest in a 25-point set since scoring 15 in a 3-0 loss to Penn State in 2015. The match was played in the quaint North Gym, the original home of USC volleyball, because of a scheduling conflict in the Galen Center. USC hit a blazing .493 (a LBSU opponent season high) to LBSU's season-low .215. The Trojans also had more blocks [6.0 to 2.0] and digs [27-18]. Sam Lewis had 4 blocks for USC and teammate Matt Douglas had 9 digs, both match highs. USC scored the first 2 points of the first set and never trailed while hitting .407. The Trojans got off to a 7-2 lead in the second set and the 49ers couldn't catch up as USC hit .476. The third set started like the first with USC tallying the first 2 points and then steadily pulling away while hitting .609.

#22 [3/29]--No. 9 USC 3, No. 6 Stanford 2

Jack Wyett and Gianluca Grasso each had 18 kills and Ryan Moss added 15 kills to help No. 9 USC hold off No. 6 Stanford, 25-23, 25-20, 21-25, 22-25, 15-10, in an MPSF match on March 29 in USC's Galen Center. USC hit .298 to Stanford's .239. The Trojans had more blocks [12.0 to 8.0], but the Cardinal had the edge in digs [41 to 38] and aces [7 to 5]. Wyett hit .371 and had 6 digs and 3 aces, Moss added 7 digs, 5 blocks and 2 aces and Grasso hit .371 and had 3 blocks. Matt Douglas added 11 digs for USC, Sam Lewis had 5 blocks and Kyle Gear had 4 blocks. Stanford got out to an 11-5 lead in the first set, but USC worked its way back and moved ahead 17-16, then the set seasawed until the Trojans scored the final 3 points on a Grasso kill followed by a pair of kills by Wyett. USC used a 3-point run to build a 14-11 lead in the second set and the Cardinal couldn't catch up. Stanford trailed 15-13 in the third set before scoring the next 3 points to move ahead 16-15 and USC could never retake the lead. USC kept getting leads in the fourth set [9-5, 15-13, 20-18, 22-20] and each time Stanford fought back, finishing by scoring the set's final 5 points. USC scored the first 2 points in the fifth set and steadily pulled away while hitting .562 in the set.

#23 [3/30]--No. 9 USC 3, No. 10 BYU 0

Jack Wyett and Gianluca Grasso each had 11 kills to lead No. 9 USC to a 25-20, 25-22, 25-21 win over No. 10 BYU in an MPSF match on March 30 in USC's Galen Center, giving the Trojans their first sweep of the Cougars in a best-of-5 match since 1991. USC snapped a 7-match losing skid to BYU. It was the Trojans' 15th win of 2019, the most in a season by fourth-year USC head coach Jeff Nygaard. USC hit .402 in the match and limited BYU to .247. Troy also had more blocks [11.5 to 3.5], digs [30 to 25] and aces [6 to 3]



than the Cougars. Wyatt added 7 digs and 4 blocks, while teammate Ryan Moss had 9 kills (hitting .474), 5 digs and 4 blocks, Sam Lewis had 7 blocks, Matt Douglas had 8 digs and Chris Hall had 7 digs. USC used a 3-point run midway through the first set to build a 14-10 lead and continued to extend it while hitting .484 and getting 15 digs and 3.0 blocks in the set. The Trojans scored the first 3 points of the second set, built the lead to 22-15 and held off the late-charging Cougars (USC hit .424 and had 4.5 blocks in the set). Trailing 18-17 in the third set, USC scored 4 of the next 5 points to go up 21-19 and BYU could never recover.



USC Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 30, 2019)
All matches

Overall record: 15-8 Conf: 6-4 Home: 10-0 Away: 1-7 Neutral: 4-1

| # | Player | sp | Attack | | | | | Set | | Serve | | | Dig | | | Blocking | | | | | points | |
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| | | | k | k/s | e | ta | pct | a | a/s | sa | se | sa/s | re | dig | dig/s | bs | ba | total | blk/s | be | | bhe |
| 13 | Kyle Gear | 76 | 68 | 0.89 | 18 | 126 | .397 | 1 | 0.01 | 11 | 45 | 0.14 | 1 | 22 | 0.29 | 5 | 37 | 42 | 0.55 | 3 | 0 | 102.5 |
| 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 |
| 23 | Sam Lewis | 69 | 74 | 1.07 | 22 | 143 | .364 | 6 | 0.09 | 17 | 55 | 0.25 | 1 | 12 | 0.17 | 7 | 50 | 57 | 0.83 | 9 | 0 | 123.0 |
| 24 | Ryan Moss | 89 | 334 | 3.75 | 86 | 686 | .362 | 19 | 0.21 | 18 | 33 | 0.20 | 8 | 132 | 1.48 | 7 | 52 | 59 | 0.66 | 3 | 1 | 385.0 |
| 20 | Jack Wyatt | 85 | 303 | 3.56 | 99 | 640 | .319 | 14 | 0.16 | 19 | 52 | 0.22 | 40 | 92 | 1.08 | 5 | 35 | 40 | 0.47 | 6 | 1 | 344.5 |
| 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 |
| 1 | Brandon Browning | 22 | 26 | 1.18 | 8 | 60 | .300 | 4 | 0.18 | 3 | 15 | 0.14 | 6 | 19 | 0.86 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0.27 | 0 | 0 | 33.5 |
| 9 | Gianluca Grasso | 84 | 254 | 3.02 | 111 | 546 | .262 | 11 | 0.13 | 22 | 74 | 0.26 | 26 | 114 | 1.36 | 2 | 27 | 29 | 0.35 | 11 | 4 | 291.5 |
| 6 | Chris Hall | 82 | 25 | 0.30 | 11 | 56 | .250 | 812 | 9.90 | 9 | 38 | 0.11 | 3 | 129 | 1.57 | 4 | 19 | 23 | 0.28 | 8 | 5 | 47.5 |
| 18 | Liam Schroeder | 28 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0.18 | 0 | 0 | 3.0 |
| 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 | 49 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 4 | 0.08 | 1 | 14 | 0.02 | 0 | 4 | 0.08 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |
| 8 | Matt Faraimo | 12 | 2 | 0.17 | 2 | 7 | .000 | 102 | 8.50 | 0 | 1 | 0.00 | 0 | 16 | 1.33 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.25 | 0 | 0 | 3.5 |
| 5 | Matt Douglas | 85 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 78 | 0.92 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 29 | 167 | 1.96 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
| USC | | 89 | 1145 | 12.87 | 376 | 2386 | .322 | 1062 | 11.93 | 114 | 356 | 1.28 | 123 | 736 | 8.27 | 38 | 276 | 176.0 | 1.98 | 43 | 14 | 1435.0 |
| Opponents | | 89 | 1035 | 11.63 | 408 | 2341 | .268 | 981 | 11.02 | 123 | 347 | 1.38 | 114 | 719 | 8.08 | 29 | 248 | 153.0 | 1.72 | 50 | 12 | 1311.0 |

| Team Statistics | USC | OPP |
|-------------------------|--------|--------|
| ATTACK | | |
| Kills | 1145 | 1035 |
| Errors | 376 | 408 |
| Total Attacks | 2386 | 2341 |
| Attack Pct | .322 | .268 |
| Kills/Set | 12.9 | 11.6 |
| SET | | |
| Assists | 1062 | 981 |
| Attempts | 2310 | 2320 |
| Assist Pct | .460 | .423 |
| Assists/Set | 11.9 | 11.0 |
| SERVE | | |
| Aces | 114 | 123 |
| Errors | 356 | 347 |
| Attempts | 2031 | 1925 |
| Serve Pct | .825 | .820 |
| Aces/Set | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| SERVE RECEPTIONS | | |
| Errors | 123 | 114 |
| Errors/Set | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Attempts | 1578 | 1674 |
| Reception Pct | .922 | .932 |
| DEFENSE | | |
| Digs | 736 | 719 |
| Digs/Set | 8.3 | 8.1 |
| BLOCKING | | |
| Block Solo | 38 | 29 |
| Block Assist | 276 | 248 |
| Total Blocks | 176.0 | 153.0 |
| Blocks/Set | 2.0 | 1.7 |
| Block Errors | 43 | 50 |
| Ball handling errors | 14 | 12 |
| ATTENDANCE | | |
| Total | 3450 | 16161 |
| Dates/Avg Per Date | 10/345 | 8/2020 |
| Neutral site #/Avg | 5/184 | - |
| Current win streak | 4 | - |
| Home win streak | 10 | - |

| 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 |
| *Mar 14 | at Grand Canyon | L 1-3 | 26-24,22-25,20-25,23-25 | 921 |
| *Mar 16 | CONCORDIA-IRVINE | w 3-1 | 21-25,25-17,25-21,25-20 | 250 |
| Mar 23 | #1 LONG BEACH STATE | w 3-0 | 25-21,25-21,25-17 | 450 |
| *Mar 29 | #6 STANFORD | w 3-2 | 25-23,25-20,21-25,22-25,15-10 | 400 |
| *Mar 30 | #10 BYU | w 3-0 | 25-20,25-22,25-21 | 500 |

Record in 3-set matches:7-2 • Record in 4-set matches:4-4 • Record in 5-set matches:4-2