



DiG Magazine Collegiate Beach Volleyball Poll

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	Record	Previous Ranking
1. USC	34-2	1
2. Florida State	32-3	3
3. UCLA	22-8	4
4. Hawaii	18-10	5
5. Pepperdine	20-5	2
6. Arizona	20-7	6
7. Georgia State	26-10	7
8. Stetson	28-9	10
9. Long Beach State	13-14	8
10. LSU	20-9	9
11. Grand Canyon	18-8	11
12. North Florida	24-9	13
13. Florida International	13-9	12
14. Tulane	20-15	18
15. San Francisco	16-5	14
16. California	17-10	15
17. St. Mary's	17-6	17
18. New Mexico	17-9	16
19. Florida Atlantic	13-16	19
20. South Carolina	20-16	NR

Others receiving votes:

TCU, Washington, Nebraska, Loyola Marymount

Trojans' Reign Continues

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA – The University of Southern California finished the year where they started it, as the No. 1 team in NCAA Beach Volleyball. The Women of Troy clinched the first ever NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship in Gulf Shores, Alabama on May 8, leaving little doubt that they were the best team on the beach in 2016. USC started the championship tournament as the No. 2 seed but marched through the bracket almost untouched, dropping only one match during their four consecutive dual victories. The Trojans defeated Georgia State, Pepperdine, and top-seeded Florida State twice to claim the crown. All-American juniors Kelly Claes and Sara Hughes clinched the title for USC by defeating Florida State's Jace Pardon and Julie Brown in the final match, giving the Trojans a 3-0 victory over the Seminoles. Florida State capped a terrific season with their runner-up finish at the championships, and finished the year No. 2 in the DiG Poll after beginning the year at No. 6. UCLA, with statement wins in Alabama over both Pepperdine and Hawaii, was voted the third-ranked team in the country. Hawaii and Pepperdine rounded out the top-five in the poll.