



17 NCAA TOURNAMENTS | 3 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS | 10 ALL AMERICANS

MATCHES 1-3
UCF TOURNAMENT
AUGUST 29-31, 2025
ORLANDO, FLA.

VS



UC RIVERSIDE
10-21 (5-13 Big West)
Branden Higa (1st year)
Pepperdine
209-144 (.592)
0-0 (.000)

2024 Record
Head Coach
Alma Mater
Career Record
School Record

NORFOLK STATE
13-15 (7-7 MEAC)
Kathy Bullock (7th year)
North Carolina A&T
409-519 (.441)
40-93 (.301)

BY THE NUMBERS

7

Seven members of this year's squad are from the transfer portal – approximately 46.6% of the roster.

8

Florida will be the eighth state UCR has taken its non-conference schedule to since 2021. The Highlanders' trip to Utah later this year will be their third in four years.

75

UC Riverside returns 75% of its blocking from 2024, led by **Layla Hooks'** 47.0 blocks last season.

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY

LocationRiverside, Calif.
Founded1954
Enrollment.....26,384 (2024)
ChancellorS. Jack Hu
Interim Director of Athletics..... Michelle Almazan
Nickname..... Highlanders
Colors.....Blue and Gold
Conference The Big West

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION

Head CoachBranden Higa (1st year)
Alma Mater Pepperdine '98
Record at UCR.....0-0
Career Record209-144 (.592)
Assistant Coach Desiree Sukhov
Assistant Coach Maurice Torres
First Season.....1965
Overall Record (Big West)776-862-1 (154-486)
Home Venue..... SRC Arena
Big West Regular Season Titles.....0
Big West Postseason Titles.....0
NCAA Tournaments.....17
National Titles1977, 82, 86

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2025 SCHEDULE

RECORD 0-0
BIG WEST 0-0
NON-CONFERENCE 0-0

HOME 0-0
AWAY 0-0
NEUTRAL

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 29	vs. Norfolk State !	ESPN+	1:00 pm
Aug. 30	vs. Chattanooga !	ESPN+	9:00 am
Aug. 31	at Central Florida !	ESPN+	10:00 am
Sept. 4	at Southern Utah	ESPN+	5:30 pm
Sept. 5	vs. Sacramento State @		11:00 am
Sept. 6	vs. Weber State #		10:00 am
Sept. 12	vs. San Diego State \$		4:00 pm
Sept. 13	vs. Oregon \$		4:00 pm
Sept. 18	at UNLV		6:00 pm
Sept. 19	vs. Southern Utah %		4:00 pm
Sept. 23	vs. UC Davis*		6:00 pm
Sept. 26	at Hawai'i*	Spectrum	10:00 pm
Oct. 2	UC Irvine*		5:00 pm
Oct. 4	Cal State Fullerton*	ESPN+	4:00 pm
Oct. 9	Long Beach State*	ESPN+	6:00 pm
Oct. 11	UC San Diego*		4:00 pm
Oct. 17	at CSUN*	ESPN+	6:00 pm
Oct. 18	at Cal State Bakersfield*		4:00 pm
Oct. 23	Cal Poly*	ESPN+	6:00 pm
Oct. 25	at UC Santa Barbara*	ESPN+	7:00 pm
Oct. 28	at UC Davis*	ESPN+	6:00 pm
Nov. 1	Hawai'i*	ESPN+	4:00 pm
Nov. 7	at Cal State Fullerton*	ESPN+	6:00 pm
Nov. 8	at UC Irvine*		5:00 pm
Nov. 13	at Long Beach State*	ESPN+	7:00 pm
Nov. 14	at UC San Diego*	ESPN+	6:00 pm
Nov. 20	Cal State Bakersfield*	ESPN+	6:00 pm
Nov. 22	CSUN*	ESPN+	4:00 pm

! Orlando, Fla.
@ Cedar City, Utah
St. George, Utah
\$ Long Beach, Calif.
% Las Vegas, Nev.

* Big West contest
All times are Pacific Standard Time

BIG WEST STANDINGS

TEAM	BIG WEST	OVERALL
Cal Poly	0-0	0-0
Cal State Bakersfield	0-0	0-0
Cal State Fullerton	0-0	0-0
CSUN	0-0	0-0
Hawai'i	0-0	0-0
Long Beach State	0-0	0-0
UC Davis	0-0	0-0
UC Irvine	0-0	0-0
UC Riverside	0-0	0-0
UC San Diego	0-0	0-0
UC Santa Barbara	0-0	0-0

Top six advance to Big West Championship at Long Beach State

2025 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown / High School / Last School
1	McKynzee Beddes	OH	5-11	Fr.	HS	Highland, Utah / Lone Peak HS
2	Makena Tong	S	5-6	Sr.	3V	Honolulu, Hawai'i / University Laboratory School
6	Mia Delahoussaye	OH	6-3	Jr.	TR	West Covina, Calif. / South Hills HS / Bethune-Cookman
8	Jessica Dean	L/DS	5-8	Sr.	3V	San Mateo, Calif. / Hillsdale HS
9	Brianna Bowyer	RS	6-1	Jr.	TR	Bakersfield, Calif. / Bakersfield Christian HS / Bakersfield College
10	Rachel Schwartz	S	5-10	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, Nev. / Coronado HS
11	Vanessa Imoh	RS/OH	5-11	So.	TR	Torrance, Calif. / Torrance HS / North Dakota
12	Layla Hooks	MB	6-2	Sr.	TR	Mission Viejo, Calif. / Laguna Hills HS / New Mexico Highlands
13	Nikki Hughes	RS	6-0	Jr.	2V	La Cañada Flintridge, Calif. / La Cañada HS
15	Evelyn Hendrix	MB	6-2	So.	TR	Rocklin, Calif. / Whitney HS / Saint Mary's
17	Izzy Jeffery	MB	5-11	So.	1V	Carson, Calif. / The Archer School for Girls
18	Kylie Proctor	MB	6-3	Jr.	TR	Yucaipa, Calif. / Yucaipa HS
19	Misu Nguyen	L/DS	5-4	So.	1V	San Jose, Calif. / Yerba Buena HS
20	Andrea Brewer	OH	5-8	Jr.	TR	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. / Rancho Cucamonga HS
23	Sophia Ewalefo	OH	5-10	Sr.	TR	Las Vegas, Nev. / Bishop Gorman HS / New Orleans

Coaches

Head Coach	Branden Higa
Assistant Coach	Desiree Sukhov
Assistant Coach	Maurice Torres

Pronunciations

McKynzee Beddes (BED-uss)
Mia Delahoussaye (dell-uh-HOO-see)
Brianna Bowyer (BAO-yer)
Vanessa Imoh (Emo)
Misu Nguyen (MEE-soo new-WIN)
Andrea Brewer (AN-dree-uh)
Sophia Ewalefo (ee-wah-LEFF-oh)
Branden Higa (HEE-guh)

BREAKDOWN

FRESHMAN

Beddes, Schwartz

SOPHOMORE

Imoh, Hendrix, Jeffery, Nguyen

JUNIOR

Delahoussaye, Bowyer, Hughes, Proctor, Brewer

SENIOR

Tong, Dean, Hooks, Ewalefo

PIN/OUTSIDE HITTER

Beddes, Delahoussaye, Brewer, Ewalefo, Bowyer, Hughes, Imoh

MIDDLE BLOCKER

Hooks, Hendrix, Jeffery, Proctor

SETTER

Tong, Schwartz

LIBERO/DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

Dean, Nguyen

TRANSFERS

Bowyer - Bakersfield College
Brewer - Mt. SAC
Delahoussaye - Bethune-Cookman
Ewalefo - New Orleans
Hendrix - Saint Mary's
Hooks - New Mexico Highlands
Imoh - North Dakota



Top row, left to right: Maurice Torres, Layla Hooks, Evelyn Hendrix, Nikki Hughes, Izzy Jeffery, Mia Delahoussaye, Desiree Sukhov, Branden Higa
Bottom row, left to right: Rachel Schwartz, Brianna Bowyer, Misu Nguyen, McKynzee Beddes, Sophia Ewalefo, Jessica Dean, Andrea Brewer, Makena Tong, Vanessa Imoh

BROADCAST ROSTER

1



BEDDES

2



TONG

6



DELAHOUSSAYE

8



DEAN

9



BOWYER

10



SCHWARTZ

11



IMOH

12



HOOKS

13



HUGHES

15



HENDRIX

17



JEFFERY

18



PROCTOR

19



NGUYEN

20



BREWER

23



EWALEFO

HC



HIGA

AC



SUKHOV

AC



TORRES

SCHOOL AND
CONFERENCE REFERENCES

ACCEPTABLE

- University of California, Riverside
- UC Riverside
- UCR
- Highlanders
- Big West

NOT UNACCEPTABLE

- California Riverside
- Riverside
- 'Ders
- Big West Conference





HEAD COACH BRANDEN HIGA

Branden Higa is in his first season as interim head coach of UC Riverside Women's Volleyball.

Higa comes from California Baptist, where he compiled a 209-144 record in 13 seasons. Prior to CBU, Higa spent three years as an assistant at NCAA Division I Mississippi State.

Higa served as an assistant coach for the 2017 USA Collegiate National Team that won a championship at the European Global Challenge in Croatia. He coached players from Washington State, Kentucky, Stanford, Louisville, Wisconsin and UCLA in the process.

While at Mississippi State, he helped the Bulldogs to an improved record each year and finished third in the SEC West this past season. Higa coached the blockers and hitters for the Bulldogs, including All-SEC honorees Caitlin Rance and Ashley Newsome, as well as heading up opponent scouting and assisting with recruiting for the program.

Originally from Lancaster, Calif., Higa joined the MSU staff in 2009 after having served in 2008 as head volleyball coach at West Los Angeles College in Culver City, Calif. Higa also had a two-year stint as an assistant at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and a season (2005) as an assistant at Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn.

While at LMU, the Lions posted a 35-25 record, placing one player on the AVCA All-Region team and five players on the All-West Coast Conference team and two more on the WCC All-Freshman squad.

Prior to his time in the collegiate ranks Higa spent time coaching throughout the Southern California club system with the South Bay Volleyball Club in Torrance, the Santa Monica Beach Club in Sherman Oaks and the Santa Clarita Athletic Club. Higa also worked with the Kevin Barnett Pro Performance Camp in Norfolk, Neb., and the Nina Matthies Volleyball Camp at his alma mater, Pepperdine.

In 2008 Higa served as an assistant coach with USA Beach Volleyball in Los Angeles, the organization that selects and trains athletes for the Youth Junior National Teams.

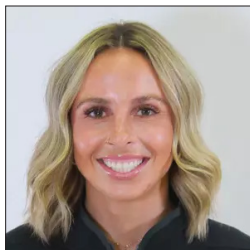
Higa played collegiately for three seasons at Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., where he earned a double major in international studies and public relations in 1998. He was a member of coach Marv Dunphy's nationally-ranked volleyball program from 1995 to 1997. His team finished third in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation in both 1996 and 1997 and concluded the 1997 season with a No. 6 national ranking.

For seven years after his graduation at Pepperdine, Higa served his alma mater as coordinator of international programs and later as assistant director of the Office of International Student Services.

Prior to his time in Malibu, Higa won the 1994 California Junior College Most Outstanding Player award at Pierce College.

Higa and his wife Tori have a son, Kainoa James-Paul, and daughter, Maile Rose.

ASSISTANT COACHES



Desirée Sukhov enters her first year as an assistant coach with UC Riverside Women's Volleyball.

Sukhov played professionally in Peru (2022) and Albania (2024) as an outside hitter, leading Regatas Lima to its second straight Peruvian Women's Volleyball League title and eighth overall.

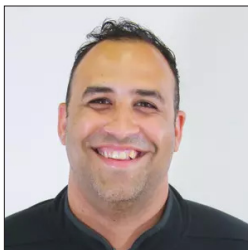
Sukhov completed an internship with the Director of Volleyball Operations at her alma mater of Fresno State in 2020-21. In the role, Sukhov focused on event planning, donor relationships, social media, team operations, and assisting the coaching staff.

She was named to the 2019 Mountain West Academic All-Conference Team and was tabbed Mountain West Newcomer of the Year that year after leading the Bulldogs to their fourth top-six conference finish since 2012.

Sukhov began her college career as a two-year starter at Cal State Bakersfield, leading the Roadrunners to a Western Athletic Conference title and an NCAA Tournament berth as a freshman in 2017. She also competed in beach volleyball at Bakersfield in the spring of 2018 and won nine matches at the No. 2 position while qualifying for the Big West tournament.

Sukhov has been actively involved in the Fresno community and has coached at various volleyball clubs. She also earned her real estate license, and has practiced in California since July of 2022.

Sukhov was born and raised in Murrieta.



Two-time AVCA All-American, four-time All-MPSF honoree, and Riverside native **Maurice Torres** joined the UC Riverside Women's Volleyball coaching staff in August of 2025.

Torres comes to UCR from Division II West Regional power Cal State Los Angeles, where he led the Golden Eagles to a second-place finish at the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) Tournament and a spot in the NCAA Tournament Regional Quarterfinals.

Torres also managed the girls' volleyball program at La Salle College Prep from the ground up in 2023 and 2024. Torres engineered an astonishing single-season turnaround at La Salle, taking a 3-23 squad to the CIF Quarterfinals the following year for the school's first postseason appearance in two years.

He also coached at OC Riptides and Spectrum Volleyball Club while playing for the legendary Marv Dunphy at Pepperdine from 2009 to 2013.

Torres enjoyed a highly successful decade of professional volleyball in Europe and Asia from 2013 to 2022, additionally captaining the Puerto Rican National Team from 2018 to 2020. He led Puerto Rico to two World Championship appearances, two Olympic Qualifiers, and multiple North, Central America and Caribbean Volleyball Confederation (NORCECA) tournaments.

At the club level, Torres was most recently a silver medalist at the Turkish Cup and a two-time bronze medalist in the Turkish Superleague with Galatasaray. Torres also played in Japan, France, Italy, and Poland, where he led Zaka KEDZIERZYN-KOZLE to a fourth-place Champions League finish.

Torres' name is all over the Pepperdine record book. He currently ranks in the top 10 in career kills, aces, points, and sets played. He led the Waves in kills all four years, aces three times, and digs twice. He received All-American status from the AVCA and Volleyball America, also immediately putting his stamp on the legendary program with an MPSF All-Freshman honor.

Torres earned a bachelor's degree in public relations from Pepperdine in 2013.

KEY STORYLINES

NO ONE'S IMMUNE TO REALIGNMENT

NCAA Division I realignment has officially hit the Big West with the additions of California Baptist, Utah Valley, and Sacramento State. CBU and Utah Valley will join from the Western Athletic Conference, while Sacramento State - already an affiliate member in men's soccer - comes to the Big West from the Big Sky. All three schools begin their Big West full-time membership in 2026-27.

THE HIGA ERA BEGINS

Branden Higa was named the fifth head coach in program history on April 24, 2025 after completing a 13-year stint at California Baptist.

- From Lancaster, Calif.
- Also coached at Mississippi State, West LA College, Loyola Marymount, and Lipscomb
- Over 30 all-conference and 15 All-West Region and All-American honorees at CBU
- Assistant coach under Dani Bussboom-Kelly for the 2017 European Global Challenge champion USA Collegiate National Team in Croatia
- Played for Marv Dunphy at Pepperdine from 1995-97

Higa has built a decorated staff around him with the addition of **Desiree Sukhov** and **Maurice Torres**.

Both Sukhov and Torres come to UCR with international playing experience. Sukhov was the 2012 Mountain West Newcomer of the Year at Fresno State, while Torres is one of the most decorated players in Pepperdine history.

From Coach Higa:

"It's a new coach and a new start for UCR. We've been working on new offensive concepts, tough serving, and ramping up the offense. It's going to be a big year for the seniors. Jessica Dean led the Big West in digs last year and is looking to have another great season in charge of the back row defense. Sophia Ewalefo is looking to become an all-around force as a six rotation outside; Makena Tong is stepping into an expanded role as a senior setter, and Layla Hooks is anchoring the defense in the middle. There is a good mix of returners and newcomers filling out the rest of the roster."

THE BIG THREE

UC Riverside returns 10 student-athletes from last year, including three starters in **Makena Tong**, **Jessica Dean**, and **Sophia Ewalefo**.

Tong enters her senior season of collegiate volleyball, having played in 82 sets last season with 4.48 assists per set. She notched double doubles in five-set wins over Long Beach State and Cal State Fullerton, also hitting .333 with a double double in the Highlanders' first win over California Baptist since 1997.

Dean enters 2025 two digs shy of 1,000 for her career after playing in 100 sets last season. A two-time Big West Defensive Player of the Week last season, the San Mateo, Calif. native ranks fourth in program history with 3.75 digs per set. She earned All-Tournament honors at last year's Pelican Invitational in New Orleans and tallied 27 digs in UCR's first ever win over Hawai'i.

Ewalefo enters her senior season after playing in 98 sets last year. One of the Highlanders' go-to forces at the net, the New Orleans transfer recorded back-to-back double doubles in wins over Cal State Bakersfield and Cal State Fullerton. She also recorded a double double in a five-set win at Long Beach State.

MEET THE NEWBIES

UCR welcomes five new student-athletes to the Highlander family in 2025: **McKynzee Beddes** (5-11, OH, Fr.), **Rachel Schwartz** (5-10, S, Fr.), **Vanessa Imoh** (5-11, RS/OH, So.), **Evelyn Hendrix** (6-2, MB, So.), and **Kylie Proctor** (6-3, MB, Jr.).

Proctor has moved through the ranks of college volleyball, coming from NAIA Life Pacific. She participated in the 2022 USA Volleyball Junior Nationals and Prep Dig Jr. Nationals Showcase in high school before committing to NAIA powerhouse Vanguard.

Schwartz will shadow Makena Tong at the setter position as a 2023 USA Volleyball Girls Jr. Nationals champion. Imoh is one of seven transfers on this year's squad, coming from North Dakota as one of last year's Summit League All-Freshman honorees.

SITUATIONALS

Home	0-0
Away	0-0
Neutral	0-0
Big West Home	0-0
Big West Away	0-0
Three Sets	0-0
Four Sets	0-0
Five Sets	0-0
Winning Set 1	0-0
Losing Set 1	0-0
Hitting .300 or Better	0-0
Hitting .250 to .259	0-0
Hitting .200 to .249	0-0
Hitting .150 to .199	0-0
Hitting .149 or Below	0-0
Opponent Hits .300 or Better	0-0
Opponent Hits .250 to .259	0-0
Opponent Hits .200 to .249	0-0
Opponent Hits .150 to .199	0-0
Opponent Hits .149 or Below	0-0

UCR VS. OPPONENTS

CATEGORY	UCR	OPP.
Attack Percentage		
Kills Per Set		
Assists		
Assists Per Set		
Aces		
Aces Per Set		
Digs		
Digs Per Set		
Total Blocks		
Solo Blocks		
Block Assists		
Blocks Per Set		

TEAM SUPERLATIVES

35 KILLS

30 ASSISTS

35 DIGS

3 BLOCKS

2 ACES

INDIV. SUPERLATIVES

7 KILLS

20 ASSISTS

10 DIGS

2 BLOCKS

6 POINTS

NO. 1

OVERALL

- U.S. News Social Mobility Rankings

NO. 2

FOR FINANCIAL AID

- Business Insider

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NOBEL PRIZE WINNERS

- UCR Faculty

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MEMBERS

- Association of American Universities

2025 MATCH LEADERS

	KILLS	ACES	BLOCKS	ASSISTS	DIGS
Aug. 29 vs. Norfolk State					
Aug. 30 vs. Chattanooga					
Aug. 31 at Central Florida					
Sept. 4 at Southern Utah					
Sept. 5 vs. Sacramento State					
Sept. 6 vs. Weber State					
Sept. 12 vs. San Diego State					
Sept. 13 vs. Oregon					
Sept. 18 at UNLV					
Sept. 19 vs. Southern Utah					
Sept. 23 vs. UC Davis					
Sept. 26 at Hawai'i					
Oct. 2 vs. UC Irvine					
Oct. 4 vs. Cal State Fullerton					
Oct. 9 vs. Long Beach State					
Oct. 11 vs. UC San Diego					
Oct. 17 at CSUN					
Oct. 18 at Cal State Bakersfield					
Oct. 23 vs. Cal Poly					
Oct. 25 at UC Santa Barbara					
Oct. 28 at UC Davis					
Nov. 1 v. Hawai'i					
Nov. 7 at Cal State Fullerton					
Nov. 8 at UC Irvine					
Nov. 13 at Long Beach State					
Nov. 14 at UC San Diego					
Nov. 20 vs. Cal State Bakersfield					
Nov. 22 vs. CSUN					

Career highs in RED

CAREER HIGHS

	KILLS	ACES	BLOCKS	ASSISTS	DIGS
McKynzee Beddes	0	0	0	0	0
Brianna Bowyer	6	6	5	2	4
Andrea Brewer	7	1	3	23	4
Jessica Dean	1	6	0	11	26
Mia Delahoussaye	23	1	3	1	5
Sophia Ewalefo	22	3	4	3	21
Evelyn Hendrix	3	0	5	0	0
Layla Hooks	6	0	6	2	3
Nikki Hughes	5	0	3	1	3
Vanessa Imoh	11	0	4	1	5
Izzy Jeffery	0	0	0	0	0
Misu Nguyen	0	1	0	2	16
Kylie Proctor	0	0	0	0	0
Rachel Schwartz	0	0	0	0	0
Makena Tong	2	5	1	49	14

INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-MATCH RECORDS

DIVISION I		
KILLS	34 - Kaiulani Ahuna	September 14, 2018 vs. Idaho
TOTAL ATTACKS	88 - Kaiulani Ahuna	September 14, 2018 vs. Idaho
HIT PCT. (min. 15 attacks)	.688 - Angie Mitchell	October 22, 2005 vs. CSUN
ASSISTS	71 - Kym Murphy	November 12, 2005 vs. UC Irvine
SERVICE ACES	8 - Amarachi Osuji	October 2, 2021 at UC Irvine
DIGS	35 - Megan Patterson	October 28, 2012 at UC Davis
SOLO BLOCKS	6 - Rosanna Parizek	September 1, 2001 vs. UNC Greensboro
BLOCK ASSISTS	11 - Rosanna Parizek	September 5, 2001 vs. Army West Point
TOTAL BLOCKS	14 - Shannon Moyneur	October 10, 2008 vs. UC Davis

DIVISION II		
KILLS	36 - Melanie Jones	November 14, 1987 vs. Regis
TOTAL ATTACKS (min. 15 attacks)	84 - Ursula Luna	October 3, 1998 vs. UC Davis
HIT PCT. (min. 15 attacks)	.750 - Sheryl Benson	December 13, 1986 vs. CSUN
ASSISTS	86 - Jena Magud	September 11, 1996 vs. California Baptist
SERVICE ACES	12 - Heather Hasselmann	September 15, 1989 vs. CSUN
DIGS	52 - Melanie Jones	November 3, 1987 vs. Chapman
SOLO BLOCKS	11 - Samantha Bond	September 15, 1995 vs. Alaska Anchorage
BLOCK ASSISTS	12 - Jill Daniels	September 15, 1989 vs. CSUN
TOTAL BLOCKS	15 - Jill Daniels	September 15, 1989 vs. Portland State

TEAM SINGLE-MATCH RECORDS

DIVISION I	3 SETS	4 SETS	5 SETS
KILLS	61 - 9/17/05 vs. San Jose State	81 - 9/24/05 vs. Pacific	89 - 10/24/03 vs. Cal Poly
TOTAL ATTACKS	152 - 11/17/18 at UC Santa Barbara	207 - 9/1/03 vs. Valparaiso	234 - 9/15/07 vs. Chattanooga
ASSISTS	55 - 9/3/05 at San Diego State	73 - 9/24/05 vs. Pacific	80 - 10/24/03 vs. Cal Poly
SERVICE ACES	14 - 9/13/03 vs. Fordham	18 - 9/14/07 vs. Texas Southern	15 - 9/29/22 vs. UC San Diego
DIGS	83 - 8/31/02 at Saint Mary's	108 - 9/1/03 vs. Valparaiso	112 - 10/24/24 at Cal State Fullerton
SOLO BLOCKS	5 - 9/7/02 at Nevada	12 - 9/1/01 vs. UNC Greensboro	6 - 9/20/03 vs. UC Irvine
BLOCK ASSISTS	28 - 9/1/01 vs. Colgate	37 - 10/5/07 vs. UC Davis	32 - 9/18/01 vs. San Diego
			32 - 9/5/09 at Sacramento State
TOTAL BLOCKS	17 - 9/1/01 vs. Colgate	23.5 - 10/5/07 vs. UC Davis	18 - 9/30/06 vs. UC Davis
			18 - 10/4/08 vs. CSUN

DIVISION II	3 SETS	4 SETS	5 SETS
KILLS	66 - 9/3/86 vs. Hawai'i Hilo	108 - 9/11/96 vs. California Baptist	108 - 11/3/87 vs. Chapman
TOTAL ATTACKS	166 - 9/14/90 vs. Alaska Anchorage	267 - 9/11/96 vs. California Baptist	295 - 11/3/87 vs. Chapman
ASSISTS	64 - 9/14/90 vs. Alaska Anchorage	93 - 9/11/96 vs. California Baptist	87 - 11/11/98 vs. CS San Bernardino
SERVICE ACES	12 - 11/12/86 vs. Cal State Bakersfield	19 - 9/15/89 vs. CSUN	15 - 10/28/86 vs. Cal Poly Pomona
	12 - 10/17/95 vs. Cal State Bakersfield		15 - 9/6/97 vs. Central Missouri
DIGS	106 - 10/20/87 vs. LSU	168 - 11/15/88 vs. CSUN	168 - 11/3/87 vs. Chapman
SOLO BLOCKS	14 - 10/20/87 vs. LSU	17 - 9/8/85 vs. USC	16 - 9/15/95 vs. Alaska Anchorage
BLOCK ASSISTS	23 - 9/18/93 vs. Chico State	31 - 9/15/89 vs. CSUN	41 - 12/6/86 vs. Central Missouri
TOTAL BLOCKS	34 - 10/20/87 vs. LSU	37 - 9/15/89 vs. CSUN	51 - 12/6/86 vs. Central Missouri

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS!

1977

UCR's first national title in any sport came before women's sports were a part of the NCAA. After three consecutive years with the season ending at nationals and back-to-back runner up finishes, Sue Gozansky finally picked up title number one in her seventh year, as UC Riverside captured the AIAW National Championship following a 27-15-2 season. While the Highlanders started slow with a 2-3-1 record to begin the year, UCR's remarkable end to the season can only be described as complete domination, not dropping a set through its final 10 matches with three at Regionals at Long Beach State and the final seven at Nationals in Naperville, Illinois.

1982

UC Riverside's second national championship came in 1982 when Gozansky led the Highlanders to the Division II national title with a 31-5 record after starting the season 11-2, just the second year that women's sports were introduced into the NCAA. UCR breezed through the CCAA Playoffs, dropping just two sets across their three matches. The postseason run began and ended with wins over CSUN, as UCR downed the Matadors in four sets in the CCAA postseasn opener before a three-set sweep claimed the national title. UC Riverside went 1-2 against CSUN during the regular season before avenging their final two defeats when it mattered most. Gozansky's Highlanders finished the season full steam ahead, not dropping a set in both matches at nationals against Portland State and the Matadors. 1982 was UC Riverside's third consecutive 30-win season and remains the third in program history. Debbie Bush claimed co-CCAA MVP honors in '82, eight years prior to her induction into the UC Riverside Athletics Hall of Fame.

1986

UCR didn't have to wait long for national title number three, going 29-7 behind All-Americans Annie Feller and Melanie Jones. Feller earned NCAA Division II Player of the Year, while Joyce Jackson earned CCAA Player of the Year. UC Riverside faltered out of the gate with a 2-4 start, but won 27 of its final 30 matches with 17 of those 30 coming in straight sets. UCR erased a 2-1 deficit against Central Missouri State to storm back and claim the 3-2 win advancing them to the title match, where once again, the Highlanders posted back-to-back sweeps for the title. For the second time in as many title runs, the trophy was raised after a straight-set win over CSUN.



BIOS

1 | McKynzee Beddes

OH | 5-11 | Fr. | Lone Peak, Utah

- 3x state champion and 4x All-Region, All-Valley, and All-State honoree at Lone Peak High School in Highland, Utah
- Graduated one semester early
- Member of the honor roll

2 | Makena Tong

S | 5-6 | Sr. | Honolulu, Hawai'i

- Played in 82 sets last year with 4.48 assists per set
- Logged 40 assists and 13 digs in five-set win at Long Beach State (11/1)
- Hit .333 with 20 assists and 12 digs in win at California Baptist (9/12)
- Big West All-Academic and Commissioner's Honor Roll selection
- Attended 2019 AVCA Phenom
- Named to 2022 Prep Volleyball Watchlist

6 | Mia Delahoussaye

OH | 6-3 | Jr. | West Covina, Calif.

- Transfer from Bethune-Cookman entering her second season at UCR
- Played in 59 sets last season
- 1x SWAC Offensive POTW at Bethune-Cookman
- Named to 2023 Prep Volleyball National Top 150 and 2020 AVCA Phenom Watch List at South Hills High School

8 | Jessica Dean

L/DS | 5-8 | Sr. | San Mateo, Calif.

- Enters 2025 with 998 career digs
- Ranks fourth in program history with 3.75 career digs per set
- 2x Big West Defensive POTW in 2024
- Recipient of the AVCA Best and Brightest Award out of Hillsdale High School

9 | Brianna Bowyer

RS | 6-1 | Jr. | Bakersfield, Calif.

- Hit .500 in her first season at UCR in 2024
- Played in 69 sets in 2024
- First Team All-Western State Conference at Bakersfield College in beach volleyball
- Also swam in high school with two school records

10 | Rachel Schwartz

S | 5-10 | Fr. | Las Vegas, Nev.

- 2022 Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association (NIAA) state champion at Coronado High School in Henderson, Nev.
- 2x NIAA 5A state runner up
- First Team All-Desert League
- 2x USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championship finalist, winning in 2023
- 3x All-Academic honoree, Advanced Honors graduate, AP Scholar award recipient, and AP Academy Scholar

11 | Vanessa Imoh

RS/OH | 5-11 | So. | Torrance, Calif.

- Transfer from North Dakota, entering her first year at UCR
- Summit League All-Freshman Team in 2024 after hitting .203 with 129.0 points and 115 kills
- Did gymnastics until age 13, then started volleyball as a sophomore in high school

12 | Layla Hooks

MB | 6-2 | Sr. | Mission Viejo, Calif.

- Transfer from New Mexico Highlands, entering her second season with UCR
- Recorded four blocks and a career-high six kills in her Highlander debut against Idaho (9/6/24)
- Led UCR in blocks in six of the season's

final eight matches

- Named to Big West Commissioner's Honor Roll

13 | Nikki Hughes

RS | 6-0 | Jr. | La Cañada Flintridge, Calif.

- Has played in 50 career sets at UCR
- Named to Big West Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Cousins Sara and Connor both played collegiate volleyball; Sara played beach at USC and with USA Beach, and Connor won back-to-back national titles at UC Irvine

15 | Evelyn Hendrix

MB | 6-2 | So. | Rocklin, Calif.

- Transfer from Saint Mary's (CA) entering her first season at UCR
- Started the Gaels' final two matches of 2024
- Posted a .364 hitting percentage for the 2024 season
- 2x scholar athlete at Whitney High School

17 | Izzy Jeffery

MB | 5-11 | So. | Carson, Calif.

- Played in one set last season
- Named to Big West Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Played both indoor and beach at The Archer School for Girls

18 | Kylie Proctor

MB | 6-3 | Jr. | Yucaipa, Calif.

- Transfer from NAIA Life Pacific and Vanguard, entering her first year at UCR
- Greater Southwest Athletic Conference (GSAC) champion at NAIA powerhouse Vanguard
- Led Vanguard to unbeaten conference record and 29-2 overall mark
- Participated in the 2022 USA Volleyball Jr. Nationals and Prep Dig Jr. Nationals Showcase

19 | Misu Nguyen

L/DS | 5-4 | So. | San Jose, Calif.

- Played in 44 sets in 2024
- Named to Big West Commissioner's Honor Roll

20 | Andrea Brewer

OH | 5-8 | Jr. | Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

- Played in 26 sets as a sophomore in 2024, hitting .133
- Hit .357 with six kills in program's first ever win over Hawai'i
- CCCWVCA All SoCal, First Team All-South Coast Conference (SCC), SCC champion, and 3C2A finalist at Mt. SAC
- Also ran track & field in high school

23 | Sophia Ewalefo

OH | 5-10 | Sr. | Las Vegas, Nev.

- Transfer from New Orleans entering her third season at UCR
- Averaged 2.41 kills per set in 98 sets last season
- Named to Big West All-Academic Team, Dean's List, and Big West Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Three-sport athlete (volleyball, track, basketball) at Bishop Gorman High School



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Overall Individual Statistics
All games

Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
10 - 21	5 - 13	3 - 7	4 - 13	3 - 1

Team Box Score

				Attack					Set				Serve				
##	Player	SP	MP-MS	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	TA	PCT	SA	SA/S	SE	TA	PCT
2	Tong, Makena	82	24-17	16	0.20	3	43	.302	367	4.48	1052	.349	11	0.13	16	215	.926
3	Chase, McKinley	58	21-2	11	0.19	3	33	.242	242	4.17	670	.361	5	0.09	14	190	.926
4	Neal, Trinity	39	20-0	0	0.00	1	1	-1.000	1	0.03	11	.091	1	0.03	8	82	.902
5	Sheridan, Trinity	115	30-30	386	3.36	138	1008	.246	12	0.10	87	.138	17	0.15	25	152	.836
6	Delahoussaye, Mia	59	25-3	128	2.17	52	375	.203	5	0.08	23	.217	1	0.02	4	10	.600
8	Dean, Jessica	100	27-0	4	0.04	1	25	.120	114	1.14	398	.286	29	0.29	39	378	.897
9	Bowyer, Brianna	69	22-18	64	0.93	27	187	.198	4	0.06	30	.133	24	0.35	29	212	.863
10	Wiles, Carissa	87	29-8	186	2.14	109	493	.156	10	0.11	54	.185	1	0.01	8	63	.873
11	Jager, Kailyn	116	31-26	148	1.28	80	539	.126	22	0.19	158	.139	32	0.28	47	425	.889
12	Hooks, Layla	69	21-13	32	0.46	18	98	.143	6	0.09	28	.214	0	0.00	1	3	.667
13	Hughes, Nikki	18	9-0	15	0.83	6	43	.209	0	0.00	8	.000	0	0.00	0	0	.000
16	Rowe, Sydnee	115	31-31	139	1.21	55	351	.239	20	0.17	69	.290	4	0.03	16	115	.861
17	Jeffery, Isabella	1	1-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	.000
18	Silva, Beatriz	76	25-12	36	0.47	10	116	.224	383	5.04	1198	.320	22	0.29	22	232	.905
19	Nguyen, Misu	40	17-0	0	0.00	0	3	.000	5	0.13	19	.263	3	0.08	4	52	.923
20	Brewer, Andrea	26	11-1	22	0.85	12	75	.133	32	1.23	99	.323	2	0.08	1	5	.800
21	Wiedenheft, Brooklyn	53	22-1	2	0.04	1	5	.200	22	0.42	63	.349	6	0.11	17	84	.798
23	Ewalefo, Sophia	98	29-24	186	1.90	84	591	.173	14	0.14	85	.165	15	0.15	18	224	.920
UC RIVERSIDE		118	31-31	1375	11.65	600	3986	.194	1259	10.67	4052	.311	173	1.47	269	2442	.890
Opponents		118	31-31	1556	13.19	526	4027	.256	1448	12.27	4081	.355	168	1.42	295	2646	.889

			Receptions			Dig		Blocking						Points	
##	Player	SP	RE	TA	PCT	DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	TOTAL	BLK/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2	Tong, Makena	82	0	4	1.000	135	1.65	0	1	1	0.01	0	6	27.5	0.34
3	Chase, McKinley	58	0	4	1.000	69	1.19	0	0	0	0.00	1	2	16.0	0.28
4	Neal, Trinity	39	1	29	.966	12	0.31	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0	0.03
5	Sheridan, Trinity	115	2	29	.931	160	1.39	6	39	45	0.39	4	1	428.5	3.73
6	Delahoussaye, Mia	59	14	185	.924	28	0.47	2	11	13	0.22	0	0	136.5	2.31
8	Dean, Jessica	100	20	433	.954	406	4.06	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	33.0	0.33
9	Bowyer, Brianna	69	0	12	1.000	25	0.36	6	31	37	0.54	6	1	109.5	1.59
10	Wiles, Carissa	87	8	126	.937	54	0.62	4	17	21	0.24	6	1	199.5	2.29
11	Jager, Kailyn	116	31	747	.959	299	2.58	1	20	21	0.18	10	0	191.0	1.65
12	Hooks, Layla	69	0	14	1.000	12	0.17	10	37	47	0.68	4	1	60.5	0.88
13	Hughes, Nikki	18	0	1	1.000	4	0.22	0	3	3	0.17	0	0	16.5	0.92
16	Rowe, Sydnee	115	2	16	.875	50	0.43	11	62	73	0.63	4	0	185.0	1.61
17	Jeffery, Isabella	1	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0	0.00
18	Silva, Beatriz	76	0	2	1.000	143	1.88	0	8	8	0.11	3	3	62.0	0.82
19	Nguyen, Misu	40	9	54	.833	33	0.83	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0	0.08
20	Brewer, Andrea	26	4	49	.918	10	0.38	0	6	6	0.23	2	0	27.0	1.04
21	Wiedenheft, Brooklyn	53	8	137	.942	56	1.06	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	8.0	0.15
23	Ewalefo, Sophia	98	25	462	.946	151	1.54	5	17	22	0.22	4	0	214.5	2.19
-	TEAM	-	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
UC RIVERSIDE		118	170	2351	.928	1647	13.96	45	252	171.0	1.45	44	17	1719.0	14.57
Opponents		118	173	2173	.920	1736	14.71	63	350	238.0	2.02	52	8	1962.0	16.63