UCLA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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2025 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (site)	Time (PT)
Dec. 30	Trinity Western University (Exhibition)	W, 3-0
Jan. 9	**Fairleigh Dickinson**	**canceled**
Jan. 10	**St. Francis (Long Beach, CA)**	**W, 3-0**
Jan. 17	FPCC vs. No. 14 Penn State (Austin, TX)	W, 3-0
Jan. 18	FPCC vs. No. 13 Ohio State (Austin, TX)	L, 1-3
Jan. 23	**No. 14 UC San Diego**	**W, 3-1**
Jan. 24	@ No. 15 CSUN	W, 3-1
Jan. 30	B1G Challenge vs. No. 17 Penn St. (Columbus, OH)	W, 3-1
Feb. 1	B1G Challenge at No. 13 Ohio State	W, 3-1
Feb. 7	@ No. 1 Long Beach State	L, 1-3
Feb. 12	**No. 1 Long Beach State**	**L, 0-3**
Feb. 19	@ No. 2 UC Irvine	W, 3-0
Feb. 22	**No. 2 UC Irvine**	**W, 3-2**
Feb. 26	**No. 16 UC Santa Barbara**	**7:00 PM**
Feb. 28	@ No. 16 UC Santa Barbara	7:00 PM
Mar. 6	**Stanford***	**7:00 PM**
Mar. 7	**Stanford***	**7:00 PM**
Mar. 13	@ Vanguard*	5:00 PM
Mar. 15	**Vanguard***	**5:00 PM**
Mar. 27	**Pepperdine***	**7:00 PM**
Mar. 29	@ Pepperdine*	5:00 PM
Apr. 4	@ GCU*	5:00 PM
Apr. 5	@ GCU*	5:00 PM
Apr. 11	**BYU***	**7:00 PM**
Apr. 12	**BYU***	**5:00 PM**
Apr. 17	**USC***	**7:00 PM**
Apr. 19	@ USC*	5:00 PM
Apr. 23-26	MPSF Tournament (Malibu, Calif.)	
May 8-12	NCAA Tournament (Colombus, Ohio)	

All times Pacific and subject to change

**Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Matches*

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No. 2 UCLA (8-3, 0-0 MPSF) vs. No. 16 UC Santa Barbara (7-6, 0-0 BW)

Feb. 26, 2025
Pauley Pavilion presented by Wescom - Los Angeles, Calif.

MATCH INFORMATION

Venue:	Pauley Pavilion presented by Wescom
Time:	7 p.m. (PT)
Watch:	B1G+
Live Stats:	uclalivestats.com

vs.

UCLA and UC Santa Barbara will meet for the first time in 2025 on Wednesday night. UCSB won the lone matchup last season in Los Angeles in five sets (30-28, 23-25, 25-23, 23-25, 15-13).

UCLA HOSTS No. 16 UC SANTA BARBARA WEDNESDAY

The UCLA men's volleyball program, winners of back-to-back National Championships and 21 NCAA titles, hosts UC Santa Barbara will meet for the first time in 2025 on Wednesday night. UCSB won the lone matchup last season in Los Angeles in five sets (30-28, 23-25, 25-23, 23-25, 15-13). First serve on Wednesday is set for 7 pm PT.

STATS TO KNOW

- Cooper Robinson is leading the team in kills with 132 and is averaging 3.30 kills per set while hitting .422. His .422 hitting percentage is good for 9th nationally. His 0.500 aces per set put him 14th nationally.
- Zach Rama is second on the team with 122 kills on the year, an average of 3.13 per set and is hitting .292 to begin the year.
- Andrew Rowan has totaled 385 assists through 11 matches, an average of 9.36 per set. He has a career assist tally of 2,606 which is good for fifth best in UCLA history.
- Cameron Thorne has tallied 46 blocks over 11 matches, good for a team-leading 1.15 blocks per set. Thorne is also hitting .559 for the season and has 86 kills on the year. Thorne's blocks per set number of 1.15 put him 8th nationally in the category.

KILLA CAM

Cameron Thorne had a stellar week in UCLA's two wins over UC Irvine last week. The junior registered 32 kills on 38 swings, with four errors, to hit .711 for the week as UCLA beat No. 2 UC Irvine twice, 3-0 on Wednesday in Irvine, and 3-2 on Saturday in Pauley Pavilion presented by Wescom.

- For his play Thorne was named AVCA National Player of the Week and MPSF Offensive player of the Week.
- On Wednesday in Irvine, California, Thorne tallied a then career-high 15 kills in UCLA's 3-0 sweep of UC Irvine. On the day Thorne recorded a .579 hitting percentage, and added three blocks in the win at No. 2 UCI.
- As for Saturday, Thorne continued his success at the net and produced a career-high 17 kills on 19 swings to hit .842 on the day. A Hollywood, Florida native, Thorne also added three service aces and six blocks to his tally.
- Thorne finished the week averaging 4.00 kills per set across the two matches, 1.13 blocks per set and 5.00 points per set.

BRUINS SWEEP UC IRVINE

UCLA men's volleyball earned back-to-back wins against No. 2 UC Irvine last week. The Bruins beat UCI in Irvine, 3-0, before winning the return leg 3-2 in five sets inside Pauley Pavilion on Saturday. Saturday's contest marked the first time UCLA had played in a five set match in 2025.

- UCLA has now won five matches in a row against UCI dating back to the beginning of the 2024 season.
- On Wednesday in Irvine, California, Cameron Thorne, Cooper Robinson, and Sean McQuiggan all finished in double-digit kills on the night. Thorne tallied a career-high 15, Robinson added 11, and McQuiggan added a career-high 10. As a team, UCLA hit .442 in the match, while McQuiggan hit 1.000 and Thorne hit. 579 to pace the Bruins offensively.
- As for Saturday, Cameron Thorne led the Bruins (8-3) attack with 17 kills on 19 attempts, hitting .842 for the match. He also added a team-high six blocks in the win. Cooper Robinson and Zach Rama tacked on 15 kills and 11 kills, respectively, as the Bruins hit .406 as a team on the night.

A PERFECT 10 OUT OF 10

In UCLA's 3-0 sweep of UCI, redshirt junior Sean McQuiggan tied the program record for highest hitting percentage in a single match. McQuiggan finished with 10 kills on 10 attack attempts and became the second Bruin to ever hit 1.000 in a match. The only other Bruin to do so was J.R. Norris IV, who also went 10-for-10 back in 2022 against Morehouse.

COOP'S BIG DAY

Redshirt junior Cooper Robinson had a career day in UCLA's 3-1win over No. 15 CSUN. The Pacific Palisades, Calif. native recorded 22.5 points, 15 kills, a career-high six aces, and three total blocks. His six service aces were the most of any Bruin so far in a single match this season. Heading into Thursday's match Robinsons' six aces against CSUN were tied for the most in the NCAA in any four-set match.

2024 IN REVIEW

- The Bruins earned their second national championship in a row, defeating Long Beach State in four sets
- UCLA returns 16 players who were on the roster during the title-winning 2024 campaign
- UCLA finished the season 26-5 and 11-1 in MPSF play and finished top of the standings during the MPSF regular season
- The Bruins finished in the top five in the country in multiple categories during the 2024 season. UCLA led the nation in hitting

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Media Availability

Player and coach media availability varies throughout the week. Please contact the Athletic Communications Office to check availability. Media requests should be made at least 24 hours in advance.

Credentials

Credential requests for both home and road games must be made 48 hours prior to game time by emailing Michael Abbott (mabbott@athletics.ucla.edu).

Credential Pickup

Credentials are available during the week at the Athletic Communications Office. Credentials not claimed prior to game day will be available at Pauley Pavilion's "Will Call" window (Northwest corner of the arena). The media will call window and entrance opens 90 minutes prior to first serve.

Media Seating

A press pass enables entrance at Pauley Pavilion's Northwest media gate (across from the intramural field). Press seating is located courtside opposite of team benches. Pauley Pavilion's media workroom is located in the Southeast corner of the building on the event level, adjacent to the Southeast elevator.

Postgame Procedure

Head coach John Hawks and select student-athletes will be available to speak to the media following a brief cooling-off period.

QUICK FACTS

School Information

Founded	1919
Enrollment	45,900
Nickname	Bruins
Colors	Blue and Gold
Home Court	Pauley Pavilion presented by Wescom
Capacity	13,800
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MSPF)
Chancellor	Dr. Julio Frenk
Director of Athletics	Martin Jarmond
Athletic Dept. Phone	(310) 825-8699

Men's Volleyball History

NCAA Championships	21 (last 2024)
NCAA Post-Season Record	60-10

Team Information

2024 Overall Record	26-5 (1st)
2023 Pac-12 Record (finish)	11-1 (1st)
MPSF Tournament Finish	2nd
2024 Final AVCA Ranking	1st
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	8/6
Starters Returning/Lost	3/3 + libero
Newcomers	5
Head Coach	John Hawks (1st Season)
Assistant Coach	Nick Vogel
Assistant Coach	Brandon Taliaferro
Assistant Coach	Lindsay Brown

2025 UCLA Men's Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Last School)
1	Cameron Thorne	MB	6' 4"	Jr.	Hollywood, Fla. / South Broward HS / GCU
2	Jaidin Russell	Opp	6' 5"	So.	Newton, Mass. / Newton South HS
3	Luca Curci	OH	6' 3"	So.	Newport Beach, Calif. / Newport Harbor HS
4	Thiago Zamprogno	MB	6' 7"	So.	Espirito Santo, Brazil / Cardinal Gibbons HS (Fla.)
5	Caleb Sapp	Opp.	6' 8"	Fr.	Upland, Calif / Claremont HS
6	Spencer Graves	MB	6' 5"	So.	Pacific Palisades, Calif. / Loyola HS
7	Andrew Rowan	S	6' 6"	Jr.	Trabuco Canyon, Calif. / J Serra HS
8	Micah Wong Diallo	MB	6' 9"	So.	Los Angeles, Calif. / Marshall HS
9	Trent Taliaferro	S	6' 5"	Fr.	San Clemente, Calif / JSerra HS
10	Sean McQuiggan	MB	6' 11"	R-Jr.	Redondo Beach, Calif. / Mira Costa HS
11	Cooper Robinson	OH	6' 7"	R-Jr.	Pacific Palisades, Calif. / Loyola HS
12	Sean Kelly	OH	6' 7"	Fr.	Manhattan Beach, Calif / Loyola HS
14	Matthew Aziz	L	6' 1"	R-Jr.	Burbank, Calif. / Notre Dame HS
15	Christopher Hersh	MB	6' 9"	R-So.	Cupertino, Calif. / St. Francis HS
16	Ido David	OH/Opp	6' 7"	Sr.	Kiryat Ata, Israel / Hof Hasharon
19	David Decker	Opp	6' 9"	R-So.	Winston-Salem, N.C. / Cardinal Gibbons HS
20	Matthew Chun	L	5' 7"	Fr.	Honolulu, HI / Punahou School
21	Zach Rama	OH	6' 8"	Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz. / Sandra Day O'Connor HS
22	Matthew Edwards	MB	6' 9"	R-Jr.	Irvine, Calif. / Woodbridge HS
23	Coleman McDonough	L	5' 11"	Jr.	Pittsburgh, Pa. / Seneca Valley HS
24	Kahale Clini	OH	6' 3"	R-Fr.	Honolulu, Hawai'i / Punahou School

Men's Volleyball Coaching and Support Staff

Head Coach: John Hawks
Assistant: Nick Vogel
Assistant: Brandon Taliaferro
Assistant: Lindsay Brown
Dir. of Operations: / Technical Coord: AJ Ruttenberg
Statistician: Rob Chai
Athletic Trainer: David Wacker
Assoc. Director of Athletic Performance: Dawn Malone
Nutrition: Brittany Bowman
Equipment: Nathan Reft
Academic Coordinator: Linda Lassiter
Marketing Coordinator: Jacob Sandman
Alumni Relations: Nancy Ishiki

ALPHABETICAL PRONUNCIATION ROSTER

No.	Name	Pronunciation
14	Matthew Aziz	uh-zeeez
3	Luca Curci	loo-KUH CUR-chee
16	Ido David	EE-dough dah-VEED
23	Coleman McDonough	mick-DUN-nuh
10	Sean McQuiggan	mick-KWIG-gan
21	Zach Rama	RAH-muh (rhymes with drama)
2	Jaidin Russell	JAY-din
9	Trent Taliaferro	tal-ya-FAIR-oh
8	Micah Wong Diallo	My-cuh Wong Dee-ALL-oh
4	Thiago Zamprogno	tee-AH-go zam-PRAHG-no
Asst.	Brandon Taliaferro	tal-ya-FAIR-oh



#1
CAMERON THORNE
MB :: 6-4 :: Jr.
Hollywood, Fla.
South Broward HS / GCU



#2
JAIDIN RUSELL
Opp :: 6-5 :: So.
Newton, Mass.
Newton South HS



#3
LUCA CURCI
OH :: 6-3 :: So.
Newport Beach, Calif.
Newport Harbor HS



#4
THIAGO ZAMPROGNO
MB :: 6-7 :: So.
Espirito Santos, Brazil
Cardinal Gibbons HS (Fla.)



#5
CALEB SAPP
MB :: 6-5 :: Fr.
Pacific Palisades, Calif.
Loyola HS



#6
SPENCER GRAVES
MB :: 6-5 :: So.
Pacific Palisades, Calif.
Loyola HS



#7
ANDREW ROWAN
S :: 6-6 :: Jr.
Trabuco Canyon, Calif.
J Serra HS



#8
MICAH WONG DIALLO
MB :: 6-9 :: So.
Los Angeles, Calif.
L.A. Marshall HS



#9
TRENT TALIAFERRO
S :: 6-5 :: Fr.
San Clemente, Calif.
JSerra HS



#10
SEAN McQUIGGAN
MB :: 6-11 :: R-Jr.
Redondo Beach, Calif.
Mira Costa HS



#11
COOPER ROBINSON
OH :: 6-7 :: R-Jr.
Pacific Palisades, Calif.
Loyola HS



#12
SEAN KELLY
OH :: 6-7 :: Fr.
Manhattan Beach, Calif
Loyola HS



#14
MATTHEW AZIZ
L :: 6-1 :: R-Jr.
Burbank, Calif.
Notre Dame HS



#15
CHRISTOPHER HERSH
MB :: 6-9 :: R-So.
Cupertino, Calif.
St. Francis HS



#16
IDO DAVID
Opp :: 6-7 :: Sr.
Kiryat Ata, Israel
Hof HaSharon



#19
DAVID DECKER
Opp :: 6-9 :: R-So.
Winston-Salem, N.C.
Cardinal Gibbons HS



#20
MATTHEW CHUN
L :: 5-7 :: Fr.
Honolulu, Hawai'i
Punahou School



#21
ZACH RAMA
OH :: 6-8 :: Jr.
Phoenix, Ariz.
Sandra Day O'Connor



#22
MATTHEW EDWARDS
MB :: 6-9 :: R-Jr.
Irvine, Calif.
Woodbridge HS



#23
COLEMAN McDONOUGH
L :: 5-11 :: Jr.
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Seneca Valley HS



#24
KAHALE CLINI
OH :: 6-3 :: R-Fr.
Honolulu, Hawai'i
Punahou School



JOHN HAWKS
Head Coach
1st Season at UCLA

AVCA COACHES POLL (2/24/25)

RK	TEAM	PTS	RECORD	PREV
1	Long Beach State	460	14-0	1
2	UCLA	433	8-3	3
3	UC Irvine	413	10-2	2
4	Hawai'i	395	13-1	4
5	Southern California	365	9-2	5
6	BYU	335	12-4	6
7	Loyola Chicago	327	13-1	7
8	Stanford	265	6-5	10
9	Pepperdine	243	8-3	11
10	CSUN	240	11-2	12
11	Ball State	236	10-5	8-T
12	Grand Canyon	220	9-3	8-T
13	McKendree	189	8-5	17
14	UC San Diego	177	10-4	13-T
15	Lewis	158	11-4	13-T
16-T	Ohio State	103	6-7	15
16-T	UC Santa Barbara	103	7-6	16
18	Lincoln Memorial	77	11-1	18
19	NJIT	37	7-4	RV
20	Penn State	20	4-8	19

Others receiving votes and listed on two or more ballots: Princeton 13; George Mason 12; Harvard 8

Dropped Out: Princeton (20)

UCLA IN THE AVCA POLL

WEEK	RK
Preseason	1
Week 1	1
Week 2	3
Week 3	3
Week 4	3
Week 5	3
Week 6	3
Week 7	2

percentage at .372, while the Bruins had the second-highest winning percentage in the country at .839. UCLA also was fourth in the country in blocks per set at 2.52 and was fourth nationally in aces per set at 1.90.

- Ethan Champlin and Cooper Robinson both finished in the top 20 nationally in hitting percentage. Champlin hit .339 good for 17th on the list while Robinson hit .332 to put him 20th nationally.
- Five Bruins earned All-America honors, and three earned first-team nods. Champlin, Merrick McHenry and Andrew Rowan all earned first-team honors, while Grant Sloane and Cooper Robinson were awarded honorable mention All-America honors.
- Over the last two seasons (2023, 2024) UCLA has gone a combined 57-7 (.891 winning percentage) have won two NCAA titles, two MPSF regular season titles and an MPSF tournament title (2023).

MAKING AN IMPACT

Thiago Zamprogno made his first career appearance in UCLA's 3-1 win over No. 14 UC San Diego, playing two sets off the bench and earning six kills off of seven swings, hitting .714 and adding a block. Zamprogno then earned the start at No. 15 CSUN and helped the Bruins to a 3-1 win on the road with four blocks, three kills and three digs.

MPSF RANKS

The Bruins are amongst the leaders in the MPSF in multiple categories to begin the 2025 season:

- Cooper Robinson is second in the conference in aces with a 0.53 aces per set average.
- Cameron Thorne is second in the conference in hitting percentage at. 494, and is second in the conference in blocks, averaging 1.16 per set.
- As a team, UCLA is third in the conference in hitting percentage at .354, and are third in the conference in opponent hitting percentage at .216.
- The Bruins are second in blocks per set at 2.50, and first in service aces at 2.00 per set.

A DAY OF FIRSTS

In UCLA's season-opening win over St. Francis that was played in Long Beach due to the wildfires in the Los Angeles area, multiple firsts happened for the Bruins.

- Head Coach John Hawks earned his first career win as head coach of the UCLA men's volleyball program.
- Cameron Thorne, Sean Kelly, and Trent Taliaferro all made their first appearances as a member of the Bruins.
- UCLA earned its first win of the 2025 season in its first match.

NEW JOHN ON THE BLOCK

John Hawks, who was an assistant coach at UCLA from 2015-22 and head coach at Loyola University Chicago from 2022-24, has been name the third head coach men's volleyball history, The Alice and Nahum Lainer Family Director of Athletics Martin Jarmond announced on Friday, October 11, 2024. Hawks also currently serves as the head coach of the U21 USA National Team, and recently won Gold at the NORCECA Qualifiers this past summer in Mexico, earning a bid to the World Championships in China next summer. In Hawks' two seasons as head coach of Loyola Chicago, he posted a 40-17 record (.702 winning percentage), earned Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA) Coach of the Year honors in 2023, and coached six All-Americans.

HOW MAY I ASSIST YOU

Junior setter Andrew Rowan has amassed a total of 2,606 assists so far in his Bruin career over 2+ seasons. His 2,606 assists put him fifth all-time in set assists.

THE BRUINS JUST WIN

UCLA enters the 2025 season having won at least 22 matches over the last three seasons. Throughout those three seasons UCLA has a record of 79-14 (.849 winning percentage), have won two NCAA titles, and four MPSF titles.

TOP OF THE CLASS

UCLA enters the 2025 season having won 34 of their last 36 MPSF matches dating back to the 2022 season. UCLA's MPSF records over that timeframe are 11-1 in 2024, 12-0 in 2023, and 11-1 in 2022. The Bruins' winning percentage over that span is .944.

UCLA PICKED FIRST IN AVCA PRESEASON POLL

UCLA men's volleyball was ranked first in the Preseason AVCA Coaches Poll, earning 22 of a possible 23 first-place votes. Long Beach State was picked second and received the only other first place vote, while UC Irvine took third, Hawai'i fourth, and Ball State rounded out the top five. Four other MPSF squads earned spots in the top 10 as BYU was picked sixth, USC seventh, Grand Canyon in ninth and Pepperdine 10th.

BRUINS PICKED TO REPEAT AS MPSF CHAMPS

Back-to-back defending NCAA Champion UCLA was picked to win a fourth-straight regular season conference title in the 2025 MPSF Men's Volleyball Preseason Coaches' poll, collecting the maximum possible totals of 64 points and eight first-place votes. USC was projected second in the MPSF standings, while BYU, Pepperdine and Grand Canyon rounded out the top five.

BRU-CREW RETURNING

16 UCLA student-athletes return to Westwood following their 2024 title-winning season, including four starters from the title match. Andrew Rowan, Cooper Robinson, Ido David, and Matthew Aziz all return and have won two NCAA Championships each. Additionally, players who came off the bench in big moments throughout the 2024 season return with outside hitter Zach Rama and Coleman McDonough slated to make an impact in 2025.

- **Cooper Robinson, Redshirt Junior, Outside Hitter:** Saw action in 28 matches with 25 starts in 2024 ... second-team All-MPSF selection ... honorable mention AVCA All-America pick ... ranked 20th in the NCAA in attack percentage (.332) ... double-digit kills in 14 contests with a high of 23 against UC Irvine ... first UCLA player to record back-to-back 20 kill matches since Jake Arnitz ... ninth in the MPSF in points per set average (3.36) after having 20 matches with double-digits in points ... seventh in the MPSF in aces per set (0.37) and registered at least three aces in 5 contests ... 20 matches with double-digit points... multiple aces in 11 matches ...3 aces v. USC, GCU, USC, Loyola, Ohio State ... 10 kills vs. Stanford ... 11 kills vs. Penn Stare ... 13

kills at BYU ... 10 kills vs. Pepperdine ... 10 kills in regular season win over Beach ... named AVCA National Player of the Week, OTB's National Attacker of the Week and MPSF Offensive POW for his performances against UCI ... 9 kills off bench vs. UCSB; 11k, 6 blocks vs. Ohio State; 10 kills, 3 aces at Loyola.

- **Ido David, Senior, Opposite/Outside Hitter**: Saw action in 28 matches with 18 starts ... had five double-digit kill matches and a season-high of 15 kills at Long Beach State ... had nine multi ace matches with a high of five service winners at Lewis ... rated 24th in the NCAA and fifth in the MPSF in aces average (0.40) ... registered three aces in the NCAA Championship match versus Long Beach ... had 10 matches with five or more digs ... had 14 matches with multiple blocks ... totaled 22 kills over a pair of matches at BYU .... had season-best five aces at Lewis to go with 9 kills and added 12 more kills at Loyola to be named Off the Block National Opposite of the Week ... As for 2023, David was a First-team All-AVCA All-America selection and first-team All-MPSF pick ... named to the NCAA Championship All-Tournament team after recording 17 kills in semis against Long Beach and a season-high 23 kills in championship match versus Hawaii.
- **Andrew Rowan, Junior, Setter:** Saw action in 30 matches ... AVCA first-team All-America selection ... MPSF first-team ... named to the NCAA Championship all-tournament team ... directed the Bruin offense to a .372 hitting percentage, which led the nation ... his 10.06 set assists mark ranked 10th in the NCAA and second in MPSF ... had team-high 40 aces and rated 8th in the MPSF with 0.35 aces per set average ... had at least one kill in 26 of 30 matches, including a season-high five kills in matches against Grand Canyon and UCI ... had multiple aces in 12 contests with a high of 6 at Lewis ... at least four digs in 19 matches ... multiple blocks in 20 matches with a high of 7.0 vs. UC Santa Barbara ... named Off the Block's National Setter of Week after team hit combined .350 in a pair of wins over GCU ... has at least one kill in 26 matches ... OTB's National Setter of Week after leading team to combined .425 percentage in the two regular season USC match wins.
- **Zach Rama, Junior, Outside Hitter:** Saw action in 25 matches with five starts (Morehouse, Lewis, Pepperdine, BYU, BYU) ... had five double-digit kill matches with a season-high of 21 at BYU ... had 16 kills in win over USC and 14 in the MPSF Championship match against Grand Canyon ... had season-high three aces in matches against Morehouse and UC Irvine ... season-high 10 digs in win over UC Irvine ... season-high six blocks in win at Lewis. ... also registered 12 kills at Pepperdine and 10 against Morehouse... As for the 2023 season was named to All-MPSF All-Freshman Team ... saw action in 18 matches with four starts (George Mason, CUI, Purdue Ft. Wayne, Pepperdine) ... recorded five double-digit kill matches vs. George Mason (10), CUI (11), Purdue Fort Wayne (12), at Hawai'i (12), Pepperdine (12) ... recorded a season-best of three aces in a win at CUI ... credited with season-best seven digs and four blocks in win over Pepperdine ... saw his first action at CSUN in January.

WELCOME TO WESTWOOD

Five Bruins enter their first season in Weswtood in 2025, with one transfer coming in (Cameron Thorne of GCU) and four freshman.

- **Cameron Thorne, Transfer, Middle Blocker:** Spent two seasons at Grand Canyon University (GCU) ... Was a first-team All-American in 2024, earned second-team MPSF honors, was named to the MPSF All-Tournament team, and made it to the NCAA semifinals with the Lopes ... Led the country in total blocks with 149 in 2024 and in blocks per set with 1,34 ... Hit .530 with 2016 kills on the season ... As for 2023 Thorne had 93 kills and hit .420 in his freshman season .... Totaled 63 blocks on the season over 25 matches and helped the Lopes advance to the MPSF Tournament final and the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals ... Over his two seasons at GCU the Lopes finished 48-13 overall (.787 winning percentage), made the MPSF Tournament finals twice (one title), and made the NCAA Tournament twice.
- **Caleb Sapp, Freshman, Opposite:** A 6-8 opposite from Upland, Calif. and Claremont High School... Was a four-year varsity letter winner and was named to the first-team Baseline League squad the past two seasons ... A year ago, he recorded over 500 kills, 44 aces and 45 blocks for Claremont ... Sapp was selected for the 2022-23 National Training and Development program with the U.S. Boys' U19 National Team and also played for Balboa Bay Volleyball Club which captured first-place at the 2023 AAU Nationals 17s Open and second-place at the 2022 AAU Nationals 16s Open.
- **Trent Taliaferro, Freshman, Setter:** Played for Balboa Bay Volleyball Club where he earned a plethora of awards and accolades ... While with the Balboa Bay Club earned MVP at the AAU Boy's Junior Nationals event in 2024, and earned the Gold Medal with his squad ... In 2023 while playing for the Balboa Bay U17 team he earned a spot on the All-Tournament team at the AAU Boy's Junior Nationals event and won the gold medal ... With USA Volleyball was selected to participate on the 2024 US Men's U21 National Team that earned the Gold Medal in the NORCECA U21 Continental Championships in Nogales, Mexico Summer 2024 ... Selected to participate on the 2023 US Boy's U19 National Team that got 4th Place – U19 World Championship in San Juan Argentina ... Earned a spot on the U19 USA Volleyball squad which earned the Gold Medal at the NORECA U19 Continental Championships in Guatemala in March of 2023.
- **Sean Kelly, Freshman, Outside Hitter:** Kelly was named the 2023 CIF Div. I Player of the Year at Loyola High School which won the HS National Championship ... Loyola also captured the 2023 CIF State Championship ... Kelly is a three-time volleyballmag.com Top 25 Underclassman selection ... He represented the U.S. and was the team captain at the U19 FIVB World Championships where the team recorded a best-ever finish of fourth ... Kelly totaled 17 kills in the bronze medal match ... He also helped the U.S. earn the Gold Medal at the 2023 NORCECA Pan Am Games and was named Best Spiker ... In 2022, he was the U19 captain and a gold medalist at the Pan Am Games where he was named MVP and Best Spiker ... Kelly plays club volleyball for MB Surf which captured the gold medal at the 2023 AAU Boys' Nationals 18 Open ... He was also a gold medalist and MVP at the 2023 SoCal Cup 18 Open.
- **Matthew Chun, Freshman, Libero:** Played four seasons at Punahou School in Honolulu Hawaii ... Earned All-Hawaii first-team honorsand was named to the Hawaii Fab 15 his senior season ... Won the Hawaii state title during senior year at Punahou School ... Played club volleyball for Outrigger Canoe Club where he earned All-Tournament team honors at the USAV U15 and U17 levels... His greatest pre-UCLA athletic thrill was winning the Hawaii State Championship ... Got into UCLA as a student before joining the men's volleyball program in the fall ... His father, Kimo, played football at UCLA in the mid-1980s.

USA VOLLEYBALL PIPELINE

With John Speraw departing to become the CEO/President of USA Volleyball, and then hiring Karch Kiraly and Erik Sullivan to lead the US Men's National Team and Women's National Team, all three of the top positions on the sporting side of USA Volleyball are held by Bruins. Additionally, current UCLA men's volleyball coach John Hawks serves as the U21 USA men's national team head coach.

#1 Cameron Thorne

Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
17 UC Irvine (2/22/25)	Kills	17 UC Irvine (2/22/25)
7 at CSUN (1/24/25)	Blocks	9 vs. Stan. (4/18/24 - at GCU)
3 UC Irvine (2/22/25)	Aces	3 (twice)
3 at CSUN (1/24/25)	Digs	5 (three times)

#3 Luca Curci

Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
--	Kills	5 vs. USC (3/2/24)
--	Aces	2 at Pepperdine (2/17/24)
6 vs. Ohio State (1/18/25)	Digs	8 vs. Morhouse (1/4/24)

#4 Thiago Zamprogno

Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
6 vs. UC San Diego (1/23/25)	Kills	6 vs. UC San Diego (1/23/25)
4 at CSUN (1/24/25)	Blocks	4 at CSUN (1/24/25)
2 at CSUN (1/24/25)	Aces	2 at CSUN (1/24/25)
3 at CSUN (1/24/25)	Digs	3 at CSUN (1/24/25)

#7 Andrew Rowan

Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
2 vs. St. Francis (1/10/25)	Kills	5 (twice)
3 at CSUN (1/24/25)	Blocks	7 vs UC Santa Barbara (1/25/24)
1 (three times)	Aces	6 (twice)
8 vs. UC San Diego (1/23/25)	Digs	10 vs. Penn State (3/9/23)
45 vs. UC San Diego (1/23/25)	Assists	61 at BYU (2/23/24)

#8 Micah Wong Diallo

Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
3 vs. UC San Diego (1/23/25)	Kills	6 vs. Morehouse (1/4/24)
3 vs. UC San Diego (1/23/25)	Blocks	4 vs. Morehouse (1/4/24)
--	Aces	--
1 vs. St. Francis (1/10/25)	Digs	1 (twice)

#10 Sean McQuiggan

Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
3 vs. LBSU (2/12/25)	Kills	9 at Pepperdine (2/17/24)
2 vs. LBSU (2/12/25)	Blocks	6 (twice)
--	Aces	2 (twice)
--	Digs	4 at BYU (2/23/24)

#11 Cooper Robinson

Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
17 at OSU (2/1/25)	Kills	23 vs. UC Irvine (2/2/24)
3 (twice)	Blocks	6 vs. Ohio State (1/19/24)
6 at CSUN (1/24/25)	Aces	6 at CSUN (1/24/25)
8 at CSUN (1/24/25)	Digs	8 (twice)

#14 Matthew Aziz

Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
--	Assists	2 vs. Stanford (3/29/24)
5 vs. UC San Diego (1/23/25)	Digs	10 at USC (2/29/24)

#16 Ido David

Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
11 vs. UC San Diego (1/23/25)	Kills	24 at BYU (4/16/22)
4 at CSUN (1/24/25)	Blocks	7 vs. Pepperdine (4/15/23)
4 vs. UC San Diego (1/23/25)	Aces	5 at Lewis (1/11/24)
7 vs. UC San Diego (1/23/25)	Digs	9 at UC Irvine (1/31/24)

#21 Zach Rama

Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
21 vs. Ohio State (1/18/25)	Kills	21 (twice)
4 at CSUN (1/24/25)	Blocks	6 at Lewis (1/11/24)
5 vs. UC San Diego (1/23/25)	Aces	5 vs. UC San Diego (1/23/25)
5 (twice)	Digs	10 vs. UC Irvine (2/2/24)

#22 Matthew Edwards

Season Highs	Category	Career Highs
4 vs. Ohio State (1/18/25)	Kills	4 vs. Ohio State (1/18/25)
5 vs. Penn State (1/17/25)	Blocks	5 vs. Penn State (1/17/25)
--	Aces	3 vs. UC San Diego (1/6/23)
2 vs. Penn State (1/17/25)	Digs	2 vs. Penn State (1/17/25)

2025 RESULTS

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Score-by-set	Overall	Conf	Time	Att.
	01/10/2025	vs Saint Francis	W	3-0	25-15,25-19,25-20	1-0	0-0	01:14	108
	01/17/2025	vs Penn St.	W	3-0	25-15,25-21,25-23	2-0	0-0	01:35	2122
	01/18/2025	vs Ohio St.	L	1-3	20-25,24-26,25-13,17-25	2-1	0-0	01:55	1450
	01/23/2025	UC San Diego	W	3-1	25-22,25-14,24-26,31-29	3-1	0-0	02:08	942
	01/24/2025	at CSUN	W	3-1	25-15,23-25,25-12,25-17	4-1	0-0	01:52	1023
	01/31/2025	vs Penn St.	W	3-0	28-26,25-22,25-15	5-1	0-0	00:01	351
	02/01/2025	at Ohio St.	W	3-1	23-25,25-19,25-22,26-24	6-1	0-0	02:04	1306
	02/07/2025	at Long Beach St.	L	1-3	21-25,25-20,16-25,22-25	6-2	0-0	00:04	4420
	02/12/2025	Long Beach St.	L	0-3	23-25,19-25,23-25	6-3	0-0	01:33	4248
	02/19/2025	at UC Irvine	W	3-0	25-22,25-17,25-23	7-3	0-0	01:28	2927
	02/22/2025	UC Irvine	W	3-2	21-25,25-21,20-25,25-14,15-10	8-3	0-0	02:13	2512

Team Record	W-L-T
Overall:	8-3
Conference:	0-0
Home:	2-1
Away:	3-1
Neutral:	3-1
3 sets:	4-1
4 sets:	3-2
5 sets:	1-0

Attendance	Dates	Total	Avg.
Total:	11	21409	1946
Home:	3	7702	2567
Away:	4	9676	2419
Neutral:	4	4031	1008

2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH COMPARISONS

			Attack				Set			Serve				Recept				Blocking						
Date	Opponent	SP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	TA	PCT	SA	SE	TA	PCT	RE	TA	PCT	DIG	BS	BA	BE	TOTAL	BHE	POINTS	SCORE
01/10/2025	vsSaint Francis	3	29	16	67	.194	28	67	.418	4	20	55	.636	5	56	.911	26	0	2	4	1.0	0	34.0	3-0
01/17/2025	vsPenn St.	3	22	22	60	.000	18	55	.327	4	21	60	.650	5	52	.904	10	1	8	0	5.0	0	31.0	3-0
01/18/2025	vsOhio St.	4	39	19	87	.230	36	83	.434	7	15	88	.830	4	60	.933	24	1	8	0	5.0	0	51.0	1-3
01/23/2025	UC San Diego	4	36	18	98	.184	35	102	.343	11	18	92	.804	16	79	.797	33	0	18	0	9.0	1	56.0	3-1
01/24/2025	at CSUN	4	32	24	98	.082	28	97	.289	7	15	70	.786	12	83	.855	23	1	8	1	5.0	0	44.0	3-1
01/31/2025	vsPenn St.	3	27	16	64	.172	26	67	.388	5	15	64	.766	6	56	.893	16	1	6	1	4.0	0	36.0	3-0
02/01/2025	at Ohio St.	4	49	18	106	.292	45	99	.455	7	21	91	.769	12	79	.848	28	0	8	5	4.0	0	60.0	3-1
02/07/2025	at Long Beach St.	4	43	17	88	.295	39	86	.453	9	20	94	.787	3	59	.949	23	0	11	2	5.5	0	57.5	1-3
02/12/2025	Long Beach St.	3	44	10	77	.442	41	78	.526	3	16	74	.784	1	51	.980	18	1	10	0	6.0	0	53.0	0-3
02/19/2025	at UC Irvine	3	20	15	65	.077	20	69	.290	9	11	64	.828	4	51	.922	16	2	4	1	4.0	0	33.0	3-0
02/22/2025	UC Irvine	5	55	20	114	.307	46	106	.434	3	17	96	.823	13	85	.847	25	3	12	1	9.0	0	67.0	3-2
Opponent totals		**40**	**396**	**195**	**924**	**.218**	**362**	**909**	**.398**	**69**	**189**	**848**	**.777**	**81**	**711**	**.886**	**242**	**10**	**95**	**15**	**57.5**	**1**	**522.5**	
UCLA totals		**40**	**476**	**140**	**916**	**.367**	**448**	**904**	**.496**	**81**	**229**	**940**	**.756**	**69**	**659**	**.895**	**258**	**12**	**166**	**18**	**95.0**	**1**	**652.0**	

Team Averages

Sets Played	Kills per set	Assists per set	Service aces per set	Digs per set	Blocks per set	Points per set	Ball handling error per set	Reception errors per set
40	9.90	9.05	1.73	6.05	1.44	13.06	0.03	2.03

2025 STARTING LINEUPS & STATISTICAL LEADERS

STARTING LINEUPS (not sorted in any order)

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT							
Jan. 10	St. Francis	W, 3-0	Robinson (OH)	Rama (OH)	David (Opp.)	Edwards (MB)	Thorne (MB)	Rowan (S)	Curci, Aziz (Libero)
Jan. 17	Penn State	W, 3-0	Robinson (OH)	Rama (OH)	David (Opp.)	Edwards (MB)	Thorne (MB)	Rowan (S)	Curci, Aziz (Libero)
Jan. 18	Ohio State	L, 1-3	Robinson (OH)	Rama (OH)	David (Opp.)	Edwards (MB)	Thorne (MB)	Rowan (S)	Curci, Aziz (Libero)
Jan. 23	UC San Diego	W, 3-1	Robinson (OH)	Rama (OH)	David (Opp.)	Edwards (MB)	Thorne (MB)	Rowan (S)	Curci, Aziz (Libero)
Jan. 24	@ CSUN	W, 3-1	Robinson (OH)	Rama (OH)	David (Opp.)	Zamprogno (MB)	Thorne (MB)	Rowan (S)	Curci, Aziz (Libero)
Jan. 31	Penn State	W, 3-0	Robinson (OH)	Rama (OH)	David (Opp.)	Edwards (MB)	Thorne (MB)	Rowan (S)	Curci, Aziz (Libero)
Feb. 1	Ohio State	W, 3-1	Robinson (OH)	Rama (OH)	Decker (Opp.)	Graves (MB)	Thorne (MB)	Rowan (S)	Curci, Aziz (Libero)
Feb. 7	@ Long Beach State	L, 1-3	Robinson (OH)	Rama (OH)	Decker (Opp.)	Edwards (MB)	Thorne (MB)	Rowan (S)	Curci, Aziz (Libero)
Feb. 12	Long Beach State	L, 0-3	Robinson (OH)	Rama (OH)	Decker (Opp.)	McQuiggan (MB)	Thorne (MB)	Rowan (S)	Curci, Aziz (Libero)
Feb. 19	@ UC Irvine	W, 3-0	Robinson (OH)	Rama (OH)	David (Opp.)	McQuiggan (MB)	Thorne (MB)	Rowan (S)	Curci, Aziz (Libero)
Feb. 12	UC Irvine	W, 3-2	Robinson (OH)	Rama (OH)	David (Opp.)	McQuiggan (MB)	Thorne (MB)	Rowan (S)	Curci, Aziz (Libero)
Feb. 26	**UC Santa Barbara**								
Feb. 28	@ UC Santa Barbara								
March 6	**Stanford***								
March 7	**Stanford***								
March 13	@ Vanguard*								
Mar. 15	**Vanguard***								
Mar. 27	**Pepperdine***								
March 29	@ Pepperdine*								
April 4	@ GCU*								
April 5	@ GCU*								
April 11	**BYU***								
April 12	**BYU***								
April 17	**USC***								
April 19	@ USC*								

MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICAL LEADERS

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	KILLS	ASSISTS	SERVICE ACES	DIGS	BLOCKS	POINTS
Jan. 10	St. Francis	W, 3-0	8, Robinson	19, Rowan	2, Rama	5, Curci, David	4, Thorne	9.5, Robinson
Jan. 17	Penn State	W, 3-0	9, Rama	21, Rowan	2, David	5, Rama	5, Edwards	12, Rama
Jan. 18	Ohio State	L, 1-3	21, Rama	41, Rowan	three with 1	6, Robinson	5, Thorne	24, Rama
Jan. 23	UC San Diego	W, 3-1	15, Rama	45, Rowan	5, Rama	8, Rowan	4, Thorne	21.5, Rama
Jan. 24	@ CSUN	W, 3-1	15, Robinson	35, Rowan	6, Robinson	8, Robinson	7, Thorne	22.5, Robinson
Jan. 31	Penn State	W, 3-0	15, Robinson	36, Rowan	2, Clini, Decker	6, Aziz	3, Decker, Thorne	16.5, Robinson
Feb. 1	@ Ohio State	W, 3-1	17, Robinson	40, Rowan	5, Robinson	6, Rowan	6, Thorne, Robinson	25, Robinson
Feb. 7	@ Long Beach State	L, 1-3	15, Rama	34, Rowan	three with 1	6, Robinson	3, Edwards	16.5, Rama
Feb. 12	Long Beach State	L, 0-3	16, Robinson	31, Rowan	1, Robinson	6, Rowan	three with 2	17.5, Robinson
Feb. 19	@ UC Irvine	W, 3-0	15, Thorne	37, Rowan	2, David	6, Aziz, David, Rama	4, McQuiggan	16.5, Thorne
Feb. 22	UC Irvine	W, 3-2	17, Thorne	47, Rowan	4, David	6, Robinson, Rowan	6, Thorne	23.5, Thorne
Feb. 26	**UC Santa Barbara**							
Feb. 28	@ UC Santa Barbara							
March 6	**Stanford***							
March 7	**Stanford***							
March 13	@ Vanguard*							
Mar. 15	**Vanguard***							
Mar. 27	**Pepperdine***							
March 29	@ Pepperdine*							
April 4	@ GCU*							
April 5	@ GCU*							
April 11	**BYU***							
April 12	**BYU***							
April 17	**USC***							
April 19	@ USC*							



JOHN HAWKS

UCLA Men's Volleyball
Head Coach
1st Season

John Hawks, who was an assistant coach for UCLA from 2015-22 and head coach at Loyola University Chicago from 2022-24, has been named the third head coach in UCLA men's volleyball history, The Alice and Nahum Lainer Family Director of Athletics Martin Jarmond announced on Friday, October 11, 2024.

Hawks also currently serves as the head coach of the U21 USA National Team, and recently won Gold at the NORCECA Qualifiers this past summer in Mexico, earning a bid to the World Championships in China next summer.

In Hawks' two seasons as head coach of Loyola Chicago, he posted a 40-17 record (.702 winning percentage), earned Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA) Coach of the Year honors in 2023, and coached six All-Americans.

"I am honored to take on the role of head coach at UCLA, a place that has meant so much to me both personally and professionally," Hawks said. "UCLA stands as the flagship program in the country, with an unmatched tradition of excellence and 21 NCAA Championships. The legacy built here that began with Al Scates, and most recently under the leadership of John Speraw, is something I deeply respect and am eager to build upon. I'd like to express my sincere thanks to Martin Jarmond for his belief in me throughout this process, and to Gavin Crew and the entire search committee for this incredible opportunity. I'm humbled to return to a program of such storied tradition and am committed to upholding its standards of excellence."

Loyola Chicago finished with a 19-10 overall record and a 12-4 record in MIVA play in 2024. The Ramblers ended the season with the third-highest hitting percentage in the country (.350), swept 12 teams, and enjoyed a seven-match winning streak from Feb. 24 to March 21. Several Loyola players received individual honors in 2024, including MIVA Player of the Year and AVCA First-Team All-American Parker Van Buren and MIVA and AVCA Newcomer of the Year Daniel Fabikovic.

In his first season in charge of the program in 2023, Hawks directed Loyola to a 21-7 (11-3 MIVA) record and a share of the MIVA regular season title, its first since 2018. Six Ramblers were named to All-MIVA teams, the most in the conference, and three earned All-America accolades.

"I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Steve Watson and Holly Strauss-O'Brien at Loyola for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to lead such a remarkable program," Hawks said. "To my players and staff, you mean the world to me and I want to express my gratitude for giving me everything you had over the last two years. Lastly, none of this would be possible without the love and support of my incredible wife, Julianne, and my two amazing daughters, Giavanna and Gabriella. Their belief in me keeps me grounded and inspired every day. Now, I'm ready to embrace this new challenge and continue pushing the boundaries of what this UCLA team can achieve."

Prior to joining Loyola Chicago, Hawks spent seven seasons (2015-22) as an assistant coach at UCLA and posted a 134-54 (.713) overall record during that time. Hawks recruited and helped develop five AVCA All-America selections and a Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Player of the Year in Miles Partain.

Hawks was honored as the 2022 AVCA National Assistant Coach of the Year after he helped lead the Bruins to the top attack percentage in the nation (.374) and a nine-week stay atop the AVCA Coaches Poll. During 2022, the Bruins advanced to the NCAA semifinals and captured the MPSF regular season title for the first time since 1998. Partain became UCLA's first winner of the MPSF Player of the Year Award since 2000 and was also one of three finalists for the Lloy Ball Award as the nation's top setter. Also that year, Kevin



Kobrine was a finalist for the Bryan Ivie Award as the country's best opposite, and Merrick McHenry was a finalist for the Ryan Millar Award as the nation's top middle attacker. Partain, McHenry and Ethan Champlin were first-team All-America selections.

In 2018, UCLA advanced to the national championship match and recorded 26 wins. Daenan Gyimah repeated as the Ryan Millar Award as the nation's top middle attacker and became a three-time first-team All-American.

While coaching at UCLA, Hawks also served as the head coach of the U.S. National Men's Volleyball Team in the summer of 2019, leading the team to a second-place finish at the NORCECA Continental Championships. He was also on the U.S. coaching staff for two Pan American Cup gold medals and a bronze medal at the World University Games. Hawks coached three Bruins who went on to become Olympians – Micah Ma'a and Partain in 2024 and Mitch Stahl in 2020.

Hawks also held assistant coach positions at Long Beach State (2009-11), USC (2007-08) and UC Irvine (2003-06). During his time in Long Beach, the Beach made the NCAA tournament each year and had 10 All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation selections and four AVCA All-America picks. During his four seasons at UC Irvine, the Anteaters won 70 matches (more than the program's first 11 years combined) and qualified for the MPSF tournament three times. He was on the sidelines during the 2006 campaign when UCI spent eight weeks ranked No. 1 in the nation, won the program's first conference title, led the nation in wins with 27, and reached the national semifinals. Hawks helped to recruit Anteater classes that went on to win two NCAA Championships.

Prior to his first stint at UCLA, Hawks spent four years in Cleveland, Ohio, where he acted as Director of Volleyball for SPIRE Institute, a boarding school designed to blend athletics and academics at the highest level. He also served as head coach at The Academy for Volleyball, where his 17 Open team won the 2015 AAU Girls' National Championship. He began his college coaching career as an assistant coach at Grossmont College from 1995-97. Hawks played at Grossmont College and San Diego State. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Management from the University of Phoenix.

Hawks and his wife Julianne have two daughters, Giavanna and Gabriella.

UCLA's COACHING STAFF



NICK VOGEL

Assistant Coach, 3rd Season
Alma Mater: UCLA

Nick Vogel, a four-year starter for UCLA men's volleyball from 2009-12, returned to Westwood for the 2023 season after serving most recently as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the DePaul University women's volleyball team the previous four seasons.

This past season, Vogel helped guide the Bruins to a second-straight NCAA men's volleyball title. It marked UCLA's first back-to-back NCAA men's volleyball crowns since the 1995 and 1996 campaigns and the first time UCLA had put together three straight 20-win seasons since the 2004, 2005 and 2006 seasons.

With Vogel in his first year on staff, UCLA captured its first NCAA Championship since the 2006 campaign and 20th overall title. The Bruins also won their first MPSF Tournament Championship since the 2006 season. The 12-0 regular-season MPSF record was UCLA's first unbeaten ledger since it posted a 19-0 mark in 1995. The Bruins led the nation in hitting percentage (.382), blocking average (2.80) and set assists (12.64). Middle blocker Merrick McHenry topped the nation with a .526 attack percentage and was named winner of the Ryan Millar Award as the top middle attacker in the country. Guy Genis rated fourth nationally in blocks per set (1.21). The Bruins also were rated among the nation's top five in kills/s (second), aces/s (third) and opponent hitting percentage (eighth).

With Vogel on the Blue Demons staff, DePaul made its first appearance in the Big East championship match in 2021 and enjoyed its most successful campaign in the last 20 years. The 12 conference wins were the most since it joined the league in 2005. The DePaul coaches were selected as the 2021 Big East Coaching Staff of the Year.

At DePaul, Vogel coached offense and worked directly with the team's middle blockers. He also had oversight of team culture development, match scheduling, opponent scouting, video analysis and the highly successful DePaul summer camps program. In 2021 and 2019, middle blocker Donna Brown was selected to the All-Big East women's volleyball team. In 2019, Brown finished with the highest hitting percentage in the league (.399) which established a new school record for a DePaul player.

Vogel was hired in August of 2016 to serve as an assistant coach for the men's volleyball team at the University of California San Diego for the 2017 spring season. Under his direction, UCSD accumulated its most conference wins in a 7-year span. Additionally, opposite Tanner Syftestad was named first-team All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF), an honorable mention All-American, the Division II Player of the Year, and UC San Diego's Student-Athlete of the Year.

Vogel was a four-year starter for the Bruins under head coach Al Scates from 2009-12. He appeared in 99 matches and 309 sets, compiling 599 kills (1.94 per set) with a .323 hitting percentage, 299 blocks (0.97 per set), 133 digs (0.43 per set) and 75 service aces. The 6-foot-9 opposite and middle blocker paced the team in aces as a freshman and blocks as a sophomore. Vogel ended his career ranked No. 4 on the program's rally-scoring total blocks list.

BRANDON TALIAFERRO

Assistant Coach, 3rd Season
Alma Mater: UCLA

Brandon Taliaferro joined then-coach John Speraw's Bruin coaching staff in the fall of 2022 for the 2023 season and is in his second season in Westwood.

This past season, Taliaferro helped guide the Bruins to a second-straight NCAA men's volleyball title. It marked UCLA's first back-to-back NCAA men's volleyball crowns since the 1995 and 1996 campaigns and the first time UCLA had put together three straight 20-win seasons since the 2004, 2005 and 2006 seasons.

With Taliaferro on staff, UCLA captured its first NCAA Championship since the 2006 campaign and 20th overall title with a four-set win over two-time defending national champion Hawai'i. Setter Andrew Rowan was selected as the AVCA Newcomer of the Year and the MPSF Freshman of the Year after directing a Bruin offense which led the nation in hitting percentage (.382).

The Bruins also won the 2023 MPSF Tournament Championship, the program's first since the 2006 season. The 12-0 regular-season MPSF record was UCLA's first unbeaten ledger since it posted a 19-0 mark in 1995. The Bruins also led the nation in set assists (12.64) and blocking average (2.80. Middle blocker Merrick McHenry topped the nation with a .526 attack percentage. In addition, the Bruins were rated among the nation's top five in kills/s (second), aces/s (third) and opponent hitting percentage (eighth).

Taliaferro was one of UCLA's most highly-honored men's volleyball players during a stellar playing career (1997-2000) which included a pair of national championships (1998 and 2000). He finished his Bruin career as the all-time school leader in set assists with 6,840. Taliaferro also owns school records for single-season (1,848 in 1998) and single-match (110 in 1998) set assists. He ranks third on the all-time school list for service aces (176) and digs (831) while ranking No. 10 all-time in blocks (396).

Taliaferro began his career by winning Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Freshman of the Year honors in 1997 and finished it as a three-time first-team All-America selection and the 2000 NCAA Championship Most Outstanding Player.

LINDSAY BROWN

Assistant Coach, 2nd Season
Alma Mater: Purdue Fort Wayne

Lindsay Brown is in her first season as an assistant on the UCLA men's volleyball staff and was hired by head coach John HAwks on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024.

"I am excited to have Lindsay join us on staff here at UCLA," head coach John Hawks said. "Lindsay brings a high-level of professionalism and expertise with her to Westwood. She is a gifted recruiter and has a unique way of connecting with all of the student-athletes she comes in contact with. We can't wait to hit the ground running with Lindsay as we gear up for the 2025 season."

Brown spent last season with Hawks on staff at Loyola Chicago, helping the Ramblers to a 19-10 record, and a 12-4 mark in conference play in 2024. The Ramblers ended the season with the third-highest hitting percentage in the country (.350), swept 12 teams, and enjoyed a seven-match winning streak from Feb. 24 to March 21. Brown helped coach several Loyola players receive individual honors at the end of the 2024 season, including MIVA Player of the Year and AVCA First-Team All-American Parker Van Buren and MIVA and AVCA Newcomer of the Year Daniel Fabikovic.

Prior to her time in Chicago, Brown spent the 2023 season at Princeton where she served as the program's lead assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. The Tigers advanced to the EIVA Championship finals in 2023 and finished the year ranked 14th nationally while having five players garner All-EIVA honors.

Before heading to Princeton, Brown was the lead assistant coach at Purdue Fort Wayne and was a graduate assistant for men's volleyball for two years before she was promoted to assistant coach. In 2021, she stepped into the primary coaching while head coach Ryan Perrotte was on leave.

Brown also has experience on the national level, having coached the U.S. Boys U19 National Team in 2022 and 2023. Under Brown's leadership, the U19 squad would go on to win gold at the 2022 NORCECA Pan American Cup and secure a berth in the 2023 FIVB World Championships in the process. The U.S. would go on to take its best finish ever at the World Championships, placing 4th in Argentina in the summer of 2023.

As a former setter for Sonoma State University, Brown finished her collegiate career as the season and career assist record holder for the Sea Wolves as well as the owner of the career service ace record. Brown was an All-Conference selection three times and was Academic All-Conference four times.

After she finished her time at Sonoma State, she played for Volleyball Club Tirol in Austria and the NorCal Dream Team and Wildfire in the Premier Volleyball League.

Brown's coaching experience includes a head coaching position for the junior club at Empire Volleyball and assistant coaching position at Sonoma State, Ferris State and Dominican University of California.

Brown earned her degree in general studies with a concentration in sociology from Purdue Fort Wayne in 2017.

2025 OVERALL STATISTICS

Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
8 - 3	0 - 0	2 - 1	3 - 1	3 - 1

Team Box Score

			Attack					Set		Serve				Dig		Blocking						
##	Player	SP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S	RE	DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	TOT/S	BLK/S	BE	BHE	PTS
1	Thorne, Cameron	40	86	2.15	15	127	.559	4	0.10	8	25	0.20	0	14	0.35	6	40	46	1.15	5	0	120.0
3	Curci, Luca	40	0	0.00	0	0	.000	6	0.15	0	0	0.00	18	28	0.70	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
4	Zamprogno, Thiago	11	13	1.18	3	19	.526	1	0.09	3	2	0.27	0	3	0.27	0	12	12	1.09	0	0	22.0
6	Graves, Spencer	14	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	3	4	0.21	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0
7	Rowan, Andrew	40	10	0.25	1	23	.391	385	9.63	8	38	0.20	0	43	1.08	1	14	15	0.38	2	1	26.0
8	Wong Diallo, Micah	4	3	0.75	0	9	.333	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	1	1	0.25	0	5	5	1.25	0	0	5.5
9	Taliaferro, Trent	3	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	0	1	0.33	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
10	McQuiggan, Sean	10	17	1.70	5	26	.462	0	0.00	0	3	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	8	8	0.80	1	0	21.0
11	Robinson, Cooper	40	132	3.30	35	230	.422	21	0.53	20	47	0.50	23	50	1.25	0	23	23	0.58	3	0	163.5
12	Kelly, Sean	15	5	0.33	4	21	.048	1	0.07	0	2	0.00	3	2	0.13	0	2	2	0.13	0	0	6.0
14	Aziz, Matthew	28	0	0.00	0	0	.000	4	0.14	0	0	0.00	0	31	1.11	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
15	Hersh, Christopher	1	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
16	David, Ido	27	39	1.44	17	85	.259	5	0.19	15	33	0.56	0	33	1.22	0	17	17	0.63	1	0	62.5
19	Decker, David	18	34	1.89	14	68	.294	1	0.06	4	16	0.22	3	11	0.61	0	8	8	0.44	2	0	42.0
21	Rama, Zach	39	122	3.13	43	271	.292	19	0.49	15	36	0.38	14	33	0.85	3	24	27	0.69	3	0	152.0
22	Edwards, Matthew	17	14	0.82	2	31	.387	1	0.06	0	8	0.00	0	6	0.35	2	13	15	0.88	1	0	22.5
23	McDonough, Coleman	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
24	Clini, Kahale	34	1	0.03	1	4	.000	0	0.00	5	13	0.15	1	1	0.03	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	6.0
UCLA		**40**	**476**	**11.90**	**140**	**916**	**.367**	**448**	**11.20**	**81**	**229**	**2.03**	**69**	**258**	**6.45**	**12**	**166**	**95**	**2.38**	**18**	**1**	**652.0**
Opponents		**40**	**396**	**9.90**	**195**	**924**	**.218**	**362**	**9.05**	**69**	**189**	**1.73**	**81**	**242**	**6.05**	**10**	**95**	**57.5**	**1.44**	**15**	**1**	**522.5**

Team statistics

	UCLA	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	476	396
Errors	140	195
Total Attacks	916	924
Attack Pct	.367	.218
Kills/Set	11.90	9.90
SET		
Assists	448	362
Attempts	904	909
Assist Pct	.496	.398
Assists/Set	11.20	9.05
SERVE		
Aces	81	69
Errors	229	189
Attempts	940	848
Serve Pct	.756	.777
Aces/Set	2.03	1.73
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	69	81
Errors/Set	1.73	2.03
Attempts	659	711
Reception Pct	.895	.997
DEFENSE		
Digs	258	242
Digs/Set	6.45	6.05
BLOCKING		
Block solo	12	10
Block Assist	166	95
Total Blocks	95	57.5
Blocks/Set	2.38	1.44
Block Errors	18	15
Ball handling errors	1	1
ATTENDANCE		
Total	7702	9676
Dates/Avg Per Date	3/2567	4/2419
Neutral Site #/Avg	4/1008	-
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

Team Results

Date	Opponent		Score	Score-by-set	Att.
01/10/2025	vs Saint Francis	W	3-0	25-15,25-19,25-20	108
01/17/2025	vs Penn St.	W	3-0	25-15,25-21,25-23	2122
01/18/2025	vs Ohio St.	L	1-3	20-25,24-26,25-13,17-25	1450
01/23/2025	UC San Diego	W	3-1	25-22,25-14,24-26,31-29	942
01/24/2025	at CSUN	W	3-1	25-15,23-25,25-12,25-17	1023
01/31/2025	vs Penn St.	W	3-0	28-26,25-22,25-15	351
02/01/2025	at Ohio St.	W	3-1	23-25,25-19,25-22,26-24	1306
02/07/2025	at Long Beach St.	L	1-3	21-25,25-20,16-25,22-25	4420
02/12/2025	Long Beach St.	L	0-3	23-25,19-25,23-25	4248
02/19/2025	at UC Irvine	W	3-0	25-22,25-17,25-23	2927
02/22/2025	UC Irvine	W	3-2	21-25,25-21,20-25,25-14,15-10	2512