

UCLA'S VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAMERS



Doug Partie (20) played alongside Ricci Luyties and formed an unbeatable combination. The Bruins won 126 of 133 matches with each of his four seasons resulting in an NCAA title. Partie controlled the net as one of collegiate volleyball's most feared blockers—the Bruins established blocking records during his tenure that still stand.

He was a three-time all-conference and All-America selection. In 2016, he was named to the Pac-12 All-Century Men's Volleyball team. On the U.S. National Team, he won a gold medal in 1988 and a bronze in 1992. He played professionally in the prestigious Italian League for two seasons and earned league all-star recognition. On the four-man pro beach circuit he earned league all-star honors, and in 1995 led Team Sideout to the regular season championship for which he won MVP honors. Partie's son Kendall also played volleyball at UCLA.

Sinjin Smith (22) began his UCLA career in 1976 with an NCAA title and finished it by leading the Bruins to their first undefeated season in 1979, for which he was named

the NCAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Player. Smith was a three-time all-conference player, two-time All-American and led the Bruins to a record of 85-9. Smith earned a spot on the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team, but did not compete when the United States boycotted. He then dedicated the rest of his athletic career to beach volleyball, where he ruled the sand with partner Randy Stoklos for more than a decade. The pair won a record 114 open beach tournaments together, more than \$1.6 million and was responsible for the tremendous popularity of the sport. In 1996 at age 39, Smith and former Bruin Carl Henkel qualified for the Olympic beach competition and advanced to the semifinals before losing in an epic

battle to eventual gold medalists Karch Kiraly and Kent Steffes. In August 2001, Smith retired from the game at the Manhattan Open, a tournament he had won five times. Today, he serves as an ambassador for the game and administrator for the FIVB. Smith's oldest son Hagen is on the current UCLA team.

Larry Rundle (43) and **Ernie Suwara** (54) were All-Americans together on some of the great UCLA teams of the 1960s before volleyball became an NCAA sport. Suwara was an Olympian in 1964 before playing at UCLA from 1965-67, and Rundle served as captain of the U.S. Olympic Team in 1968 after his success with the Bruins from 1965-66.

Rundle, who played for a pair of UCLA conference championship teams, also played on the U.S. Pan American and World Games teams and was a five-time MVP in the USVBA national championships from 1966-72. Suwara served as captain of the Bruins in 1967, played for three league championship teams and the Bruins were 72-8 during his college career. In 2016, he was named to the Pac-12 All-Century Men's Volleyball team. On the sand, Rundle won 13 beach tournaments and Suwara won two.



Denny Cline (45) lettered at UCLA from 1974-76 and was, in Al Scates' words, "a player who got more production out of less talent than any I've ever coached." After being cut as a freshman, Cline fought his way into the lineup and the Bruins won three straight NCAA titles. Cline earned NCAA All-Tournament honors as a senior captain in 1976. He went on to play for the U.S. National Team that year and graduated from UCLA in 1977 with a 3.6 grade point average in Political Science. During the 1977 season, he served as a graduate assistant coach, and in 1978 Scates elevated him to full-time status. Cline served two stints and eight seasons as an assistant coach. As a player and assistant coach, he was involved in seven of the Bruins' first 11 NCAA titles. He coached all three of UCLA's undefeated teams, played on the Bruins' second three-peat championship run (1974-76), and coached three-straight national championship teams (1982-84).

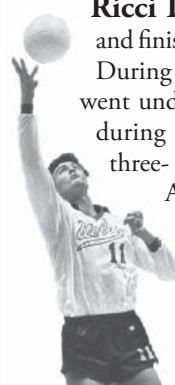
Steve Salmons (29) was a three-time All-American, who was selected the Player of the Year in 1978. In 1979, he played on the first

undefeated volleyball team in NCAA history alongside fellow Hall of Famer Sinjin Smith. In 1981, after rehabilitating an injury during the regular season, he earned NCAA All-Tournament honors and led the Bruins to their eighth NCAA title. After leaving UCLA, he played for the U.S. National Team with Karch Kiraly until 1986 and helped lead the United States to the triple crown of international volleyball — the Olympic gold medal in 1984, the World Cup Championship in 1985, and the World Championship title in 1986.

As a professional beach player, he was a member of the team that won the 1993 Japan Open. His teams also won 12 tournaments on the Budweiser 4-Man Tour from 1993-97. He earned all-league and Best Middle Blocker honors in 1994.

Ricci Luyties (11) played for the Bruins from 1981-84 and finished every season with a national championship ring.

During two of those seasons, 1982 and 1984, the Bruins went undefeated. They also won 83 straight home matches during his career, compiled a record of 126-7 and won three-straight league titles. Individually, Luyties earned All-America honors twice, all-conference honors three times, and was selected Volleyball Magazine's Player of the Year and the NCAA Tournament's Most Outstanding Player two straight years. He is the only player to receive both of the aforementioned awards two straight seasons. In 2016, he was named to the Pac-12 All-Century Men's Volleyball team. As a member of the U.S. National Team, he played on the 1988 team that won a gold medal in Seoul. On the pro beach circuit, Luyties won seven tournaments, including the 1991 U.S. Championships at Hermosa Beach. Currently, he is the head women's volleyball coach at UC San Diego.





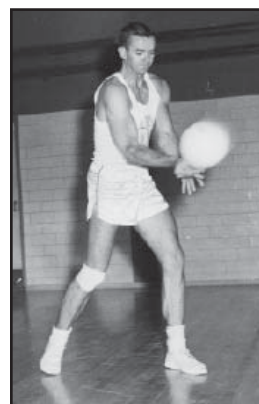
Kirk Kilgour (13) was the first volleyball player inducted into the UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame as a charter member in 1984. As a player, Kilgour enjoyed the distinction of playing on Al Scates' first two NCAA championship teams. A three-time All-American (USVBA and NCAA), Kilgour's record was 80-5, including a record of 29-1 in 1971 when he was selected as the NCAA Tournament's co-Most Outstanding Player. In 2016, he was named to the Pac-12 All-Century Men's Volleyball team. After college, he played for several years on the U.S. National Team and in the Italian professional league before a tragic accident in 1976 ended his volleyball career. Kilgour's accident did not diminish his enthusiasm for the game. He was an assistant coach at Pepperdine when the Waves won the NCAA title in 1985 and served as head coach from 1979-82. He also worked as a volleyball broadcaster for all the major networks and cable outlets, working several Olympiads, most recently 1996. In 1977, Dr. Paul Berns and Al Scates organized the Kilgour Cup in his honor, and the benefit match continued for 35 years. Kilgour died July 10, 2002 but his legacy continues in a book — *Lucky Break* — written by his former fiancée, Belinda Begley.



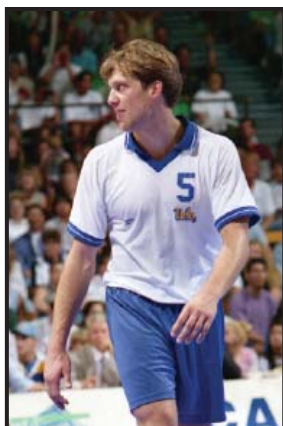
Recruited entirely from a videotape, **Asbjorn (Ozzie) Volstad** (24) became one of the greatest volleyball players in UCLA history. He arrived on campus from Forde, Norway and quickly earned a starting spot on the three-time defending NCAA championship team in 1984. As a freshman quick hitter, Volstad played on a team that recorded a 38-0 record and captured its fourth consecutive NCAA title. In his career, he was selected an All-America and all-conference player four times (equalled only by Karch Kiraly), and led the Bruins to a pair of NCAA titles. In 1987, his senior season, he swept player of the year honors for Volleyball Magazine, the conference, and the NCAA Tournament as the Bruins boasted an overall record of 38-3, 18-0 in conference play. He also held the UCLA career records for digs (746), kills (1,237) and blocks (337) for several years. Until the Libero position was created, he held the single season digs record of 308 set in 1986. In 2016, he was named to the Pac-12 All-Century Men's Volleyball team. A standout in the classroom, Volstad earned Academic All-America honors twice and was awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship for the 1986-87 year.



Considered America's greatest volleyball player, **Karch Kiraly** (31) has earned nearly every award imaginable in his sport. In addition to being inducted into the UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame in 1993, he also was inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame in Springfield, MA, on Oct. 19, 2001. In 2016, he was selected the Player of the Century in Pac-12 Men's Volleyball. In Dec. 2000, he was voted Male Volleyball Player of the Century by the FIVB. In 2005, he was inducted into the AVCA Hall of Fame and in January, 2006, he was voted the most influential person in the sport's first 100 years. In 1984 and '88, he led the U.S. Olympic Team to a pair of volleyball gold medals and kept the team atop the world rankings for several years with victories in the World Cup, World Championships, and USA Cup. He was voted Most Valuable Player in the Olympics, World Cup, and USA Cup as well as the FIVB's MVP twice. On the sand, Kiraly was a three-time Beach Volleyball World Champion and won the Olympic gold medal in the inaugural beach volleyball competition in Atlanta. His 148 career open beach victories and his career winnings of more than \$3 million rank first on the all-time lists. At UCLA, Kiraly led the Bruins to three NCAA titles, two undefeated seasons, and a record of 126-5. He was a four-time All-American and two-time NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player. In the classroom, he earned Academic All-America honors and the NCAA Top Five Award. Kiraly is currently the Head Coach of the U.S. Women's National Team. Both of Kiraly's sons are UCLA graduates.



Mike O'Hara, an outstanding outside hitter, was a UCLA pioneer in the sport and was instrumental in making volleyball a varsity sport at UCLA. In 1953, with Athletic Director Wilbur Johns' permission, O'Hara's championship fraternity volleyball team represented UCLA and won the National Collegiate Championship in Omaha, Nebraska. The following year, Johns elevated men's volleyball to varsity status and the Bruins once again captured the national championship. In both seasons, O'Hara received All-America honors. After graduating from UCLA, O'Hara played on the USA National Team in 1959, '63 and '64. He was a member of the 1959 gold medal team at the Pan Am Games and a member of the 1964 Olympic team. O'Hara also competed in U.S. Volleyball Association national tournaments and was named USVBA MVP in 1961 and '63. O'Hara and teammate Mike Bright dominated beach tournaments in the 1960s, winning the first five Manhattan Beach Opens. O'Hara was elected to the USA Volleyball Hall of Fame in 1992 and the Beach Volleyball Hall of Fame in 1996. Additionally, O'Hara was Vice-President of the L.A. Olympic Organizing Committee for the 1984 Olympics, and helped negotiate the location of the Olympic Organizing Committee headquarters, later known as the Peter V. Ueberroth building on campus.



Stein Metzger (5) was a standout setter for the Bruins from 1993-96. During his career, UCLA captured four conference titles and three NCAA crowns (93-95-96). Metzger started on two of those national championship teams and earned NCAA All-Tournament honors twice. Metzger ranks second on the UCLA all-time list in set assists with 5,158, and owns two of the top five UCLA single season marks in set assists. In 2016, he was named to the Pac-12 All-Century Men's Volleyball team. He was named first-team all-conference in 1996 and an AVCA 1st Team All-American in 1995

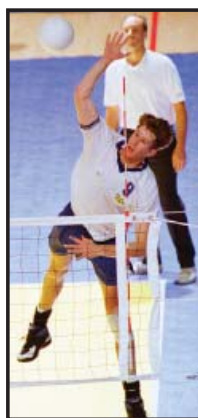
and 1996. In 1996, he was also honored as conference Player-of-the-Year and the AVCA National co-Player of the Year. Metzger was one of the most colorful and popular players on the AVP circuit. He paired with Jake Gibb to form the 2005 AVP Team of the Year while capturing four event titles, leading the Tour in digs (950), ranking second in hitting percentage (.452) and third in kills (1,314). During his beach career, he captured a total of 18 titles (16 domestic, 2 international), won bronze at the 2001 Goodwill Games and silver at the 2003 FIVB World Championships. Metzger was also a 2004 Olympian in Beach Volleyball where he and partner Dax Holdren finished fifth.

A two-sport star, **Danny Farmer** (15) excelled on both the gridiron and the volleyball court and was inducted in the Class of 2015. He



started his career as a walk-on on the scout team for football and finished as UCLA's all-time leader in receiving yards with 3,020. Farmer became the first freshman in school history to lead the team in receptions, and he earned honorable mention All-Pac-10 honors as a sophomore in 1997. During his junior year in 1998, he earned first-team All-Pac-10 acclaim after setting a school record with 1,274 receiving yards and averaging 106.2 yards per game. During his senior season, he was named a preseason All-American and a UCLA team captain and won the Red Sanders Award as the team's Offensive

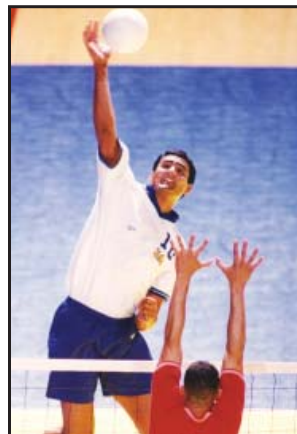
MVP. He also earned a NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship and won the Pac-10 Conference Medal. Farmer was drafted in the fourth round of the 2000 NFL Draft and played three seasons with the Cincinnati Bengals. Farmer was just as prodigious in volleyball, helping lead UCLA to NCAA Championships in 1996 and 1998 and earning All-America honors in 1999. He played a big role in UCLA's 1998 NCAA semifinal victory, coming off the bench to ignite a 19-point rally that turned the match around and finishing with a season-high 26 kills and four blocks. During his senior season, he was amongst the nation's leaders in attack percentage, hitting .444. Farmer joins his father George, a 2000 inductee, in the Hall of Fame.



Jeff Nygaard (9) starred at UCLA for four seasons (1992-95). He made an immediate impact in Westwood and was named both conference and NCAA Freshman of the Year in 1992. Nygaard helped the Bruins to the 1993 NCAA title, setting a championship record by hitting .867 against Ohio State in the semifinals. He was named the 1993 NCAA Championship's co-Most Outstanding Player. In 1994, he set UCLA records with 650 kills while averaging 6.98 kills per game. The Bruins advanced to the championship match and Nygaard made the NCAA All-Tournament Team. In 1995, Nygaard helped lead the Bruins to a 31-1 record, an unde-

feated league record and was named Most Outstanding Player in the NCAA Tournament. For three straight seasons (1993-95), Nygaard received all-conference and first-team All-America honors as well as being honored as the consensus National Player of the Year in 1994 and 1995. For his career, Nygaard ranks in the Top 10 in kills (1,800), blocks (658), aces (123), digs (571), blocking average (1.88), kills per game (5.14) and kill percentage (.427). In 2016, he was named to the Pac-12 All-Century Men's Volleyball team. Nygaard also played on the U.S. National Team from 1993-2000 and has represented the United States in three Olympiads. In 2001, he joined the AVP, won a total of six events in his career, was named the 2003 AVP Most Valuable Player and AVP Team of the Year with partner Dain Blanton. Nygaard is currently the head men's volleyball coach at USC.

Paul Nihipali (10), a four-time All-American was inducted in the Class of 2015 after finishing his career as UCLA volleyball's all-



time kills leader with 2,096 and is still the only Bruin ever to surpass 2,000 career kills. In 2016, he was named to the Pac-12 All-Century Men's Volleyball team. He holds school records for most kills in a single match (52) and in a season (650 in 1997), as well as career kills per game (5.40). Nihipali helped lead UCLA to back-to-back NCAA Championships in 1995 and 1996 and to runner-up finishes in 1994 and 1997. He was named to the All-Tournament team at the NCAA Championships from 1995-97 and earned first-team All-MPSF honors three times and first-team All-Amer-

ica acclaim in 1996 and 1997. Nihipali went on to play for the U.S. National Team from 1995-97 before embarking on a film career. He wrote, produced and directed a feature film, *Beach Kings*, and is currently producing a show running reality television.



Considered one of the greatest collegiate coaches in history, **Al Scates** (50) was the architect of a program that won 19 NCAA championships, 24 conference titles, produced three undefeated seasons and won more than 1,200 matches in 50 seasons. Eighty of his players earned All-America honors, 44 played on the U.S. National Team, 27 participated in the Olympic Games and seven were named collegiate Players of the Year at least once. In half a century, Scates compiled a coaching record of 1,239-290 (.812), one of the best percentages in NCAA history. In 2016, he was selected as Pac-12 Men's Volleyball's Coach of the Century.

Scates won NCAA titles in 1970-71-72-74-75-76-79-81-82-83-84-87-89-93-95-96-98-2000 and 2006. He was the only coach to lead a team to three successive titles three times, including four straight from 1981-84.

Scates was named Coach of the Year six times (1984-87-93-96-98-2006).

Scates was the first active coach to be inducted into the UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame (2003). He was also enshrined in the AVCA Hall of Fame (2004), the California Beach Volleyball Hall of Fame (1998), the USA Volleyball Hall of Fame (1995) and the Volleyball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. (1993). In addition, he was also given the 2003 UCLA Alumni Assn. Award for Professional Achievement.

When he retired, UCLA held 27 NCAA men's volleyball team and individual records, including consecutive victories (48), consecutive home court victories (83), consecutive NCAA Tournament victories (15) and most undefeated seasons (3). No other program claims an undefeated season. Finally, he guided the Bruins to a record of 52-7 in NCAA Tournament matches and a record of 25-1 in NCAA Tournament matches at Pauley Pavilion.

Many of Scates' former players have become successful coaches. John Speraw (UCLA '95), who succeeded him in 2012, won three NCAA titles at UC Irvine in a decade as the Anteaters' head coach. Karch Kiraly (UCLA '83), the all-time leader in beach doubles victories with 149, helped guide the U.S. Women's National Team to a pair of silver medals as an assistant coach before being promoted to head coach following the 2012 London Olympics. Dave Nichols, who played for Scates in the 1970s, has won two NCAA Division II championships and won more than 300 matches in his coaching career.

Scates tutored some of the greatest names in volleyball history. In addition to Kiraly, who has won two indoor gold medals and one on the beach, he coached the legendary Sinjin Smith, who ranks first all-time with 114 beach doubles victories with partner Randy Stoklos, also a former UCLA letterman. Smith won six Manhattan Beach Open titles, four FIVB World Championship crowns and was voted the AVP's Best Defensive Player three times. Dave Saunders and Doug Partie teamed with Kiraly in the mid-1980s to help the U.S. Team capture its only Triple Crown: the 1985 World Cup crown, the 1986 FIVB World Championship, in addition to the 1988 Olympic championship.

AL SCATES' CAREER COACHING RECORD

Year	Record	Conf. Finish	National Finish*
1963	26-3	2nd	Second, USVBA
1964	23-4	1st	Second, USVBA
1965	24-2	1st	USVBA Champions
1966	25-3	1st	Second, USVBA
1967	23-3	1st	USVBA Champions
1968	24-5	2nd	Fourth, USVBA
1969	27-3	2nd	Second, USVBA
1970	24-1	1st	NCAA Champions
1971	29-1	2nd	NCAA Champions
1972	27-7	2nd	NCAA Champions
1973	21-8	4th	Regional Runner-up
1974	30-5	3rd	NCAA Champions
1975	27-8	4th	NCAA Champions
1976	14-2	1st	NCAA Champions
1977	18-4	2nd	Regional Runner-up
1978	21-3	1st	NCAA Runner-up
1979	31-0	1st	NCAA Champions
1980	32-2	1st	NCAA Runner-up
1981	32-3	2nd	NCAA Champions
1982	29-0	1st	NCAA Champions
1983	27-4	1st	NCAA Champions
1984	38-0	1st	NCAA Champions
1985	32-8	3rd	Regional Runner-up
1986	30-9	2nd	Regional Runner-up
1987	38-3	1st	NCAA Champions
1988	28-10	4th	First Round, Regionals
1989	29-5	1st, tie	NCAA Champions
1990	23-5	1st	Regional Runner-up
1991	16-9	1st	Regional Runner-up
1992	17-7	2nd	Regional Runner-up
1993	24-3	1st	NCAA Champions
1994	27-2	1st	NCAA Runner-up
1995	31-1	1st	NCAA Champions
1996	26-5	1st	NCAA Champions
1997	24-5	1st	NCAA Runner-up
1998	28-4	1st	NCAA Champions
1999	20-7	3rd	First Round, Regionals
2000	29-5	1st	NCAA Champions
2001	24-8	2nd	NCAA Runner-up
2002*	25-7	T-3rd (T-5th)	First Round Regionals
2003*	15-14	9th (N/A)	dnq
2004*	24-6	3rd (2nd)	Regional Semifinals
2005*	26-6	2nd (T-5th)	NCAA Runner-up
2006*	26-12	7th (1st)	NCAA Champions
2007*	19-11	5th (T-5th)	First Round, Regionals
2008*	17-14	T4th (T-5th)	First Round, Regionals
2009*	14-16	8th (T-5th)	First Round, Regionals
2010*	16-14	7th (T-5th)	First Round, Regionals
2011*	16-15	8th (T-5th)	First Round, Regionals
2012*	22-8	5th (T-5th)	First Round, Regionals
Totals	1,239-290 (.812)	23 Titles, 1 shared	19 NCAA Titles, 2 USVBA titles

NCAA Record: 1,051-253 (.805)

*MPSF Tournament finish listed in parentheses.

UCLA also won USVBA Collegiate Championships in 1953, '54 and '56.