



CAL VOLLEYBALL

GOLDEN BEARS

12-5
OVERALL

1-5
PAC-12

Crissy Jones Schoonderwoerd
INTERIM HEAD COACH



VS



UCLA

9-7
OVERALL

1-5
PAC-12

Alfee Reft
HEAD COACH

USC

11-5
OVERALL

5-1
PAC-12

Brad Keller
HEAD COACH



2023 SCHEDULE

Overall: 12-5 • Pac-12: 1-5

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Aug. 25	Army #	W, 3-0
Aug. 26	Fairfield #	W, 3-1
Aug. 26	C. Conn. St. #	W, 3-0
Sept. 1	Portland St.	W, 3-1
Sept. 2	Southern Utah	W, 3-1
Sept. 6	Saint Mary's (CA)	W, 3-1
Sept. 8	S.E. Louisiana %	W, 3-1
Sept. 8	Texas St. %	W, 3-1
Sept. 9	Abil. Christian %	W, 3-0
Sept. 15	Montana St. \$	W, 3-0
Sept. 16	Nevada \$	W, 3-1
Sept. 19	#4 Stanford*^	L, 0-3
Sept. 24	Utah*^	L, 2-3
Sept. 29	Arizona*	W, 3-1
Oct. 1	#25 Arizona St.*	L, 2-3
Oct. 6	#4 Wash. St.*^	L, 0-3
Oct. 8	Washington*	L, 1-3
Oct. 13	UCLA *^	7:00 PM
Oct. 15	USC*^	2:00 PM
Oct. 20	Oregon*^	7:00 PM
Oct. 22	Oregon St.*	12:00 PM
Oct. 27	Arizona St.*	6:00 PM
Oct. 29	Arizona*	12:00 PM
Nov. 3	Washington*	7:00 PM
Nov. 5	Washington St.*	12:00 PM
Nov. 9	Oregon St.*	TBD
Nov. 11	Oregon*	TBD
Nov. 17	USC*	7:00 PM
Nov. 19	UCLA*^	TBD
Nov. 22	Colorado*^	TBD
Nov. 24	Stanford*^	7:00 P.M.

* Pac-12 match

^ Pac-12 Network

Army Tournament, West Point, NY

% Bobcat Classic, San Marcos, TX

\$ Wolf Pack Invitational, Reno, NV

Home matches in **BOLD** at Haas Pavilion

All times listed PT and subject to change

QUICK FACTS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach (Im.) Crissy Jones
Schoonderwoerd (1st season)
(SHUN-der-werd)

Asst. Coach.....Savannah Rennie (1st Season)

Asst. Coach.....Billy Allen (1st Season)

Dir. Operations.....Janelle Allen (1st Season)

TEAM INFORMATION

2022 Overall Record 7-23

2022 Pac-12 Record (finish) 0-20 (12th)

Facility..... Haas Pavilion (11,877)



OCT. 13,
OCT. 15



Haas Pavilion
Berkeley, Calif.



LIVE STREAM
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Pac-12 Networks



LIVE STATS
CalBears.com

THIS WEEK

California volleyball will look to get back in the Pac-12 win column this weekend as it returns home to Haas Pavilion, hosting UCLA on Friday night at 7 p.m. PT and USC on Sunday at 2 p.m.

The Golden Bears are 9-27 against the Bruins and 12-68 against the Trojans all-time. They last defeated UCLA in 2018 and USC in 2014.

Friday night's match against UCLA is Cal's annual Dig Pink game. The program has partnered with the Side-Out Foundation to raise funds for metastatic breast cancer research - to help them reach their goal of \$2,000 in donations, please visit the Dig Pink fundraising page: <https://giving.side-out.org/campaigns/20006>.

BEAR NECESSITIES

LI LEADS

Freshman outside hitter Maggie Li has already cemented her name in the Cal record books as she is the first player in program history to win Pac-12 honors in consecutive weeks, as well as the Bears' first four-time Pac-12 Freshman of the Week. She earned Cal's first Pac-12 weekly honor since 2019 - and its first rookie honor since 2018 - after the Bears' first three matches of the season. Li totaled 34 kills and 27 digs with a .313 hitting percentage at the Army Invitational, earning her way onto the all-tournament team. The next week, Li added two stellar matches to her season with a 20-kill, nine-dig performance against Portland State and a 13-kill outing on .579 hitting against Southern Utah, earning her second Pac-12 Freshman of the Week honor - the first Golden Bear to earn the award twice since Christina Higgins in 2011. Li followed that up by posting 61 kills and 50 digs over the next four games, including three straight double-doubles with a 24-kill performance against Texas State, to earn her third consecutive nod and become the first freshman in conference history to start off the season with three straight weekly awards. In her most recent weekly award campaign, she totaled 21 kills and 13 digs on .340 hitting in the win over Arizona to help Cal break a 57-match Pac-12 losing streak, then posted another 19 kills against No. 25 Arizona State. Currently, she ranks first among all NCAA freshmen with 4.17 kills per set (4th all Pac-12/24th NCAA) and 4.75 points per set (5th Pac-12/30th NCAA), as well as second among NCAA freshmen with 263 kills (2nd Pac-12/24th NCAA) and 299.0 points (3rd Pac-12/28th NCAA). She also has a team-leading 25 service aces, fourth-most in the conference, and leads the team with seven double-doubles on the year while ranking second on the roster in digs (162).

DESA DOMINATES

Senior libero Tara DeSa currently leads the Pac-12 with 4.49 digs per set (0.53 ahead of second place) and 283 digs (48 ahead of second place) to anchor a Cal defense that is second in the Pac-12 with a .163 opponent hitting percentage. She recorded her first career double-double (10 assists, 16 digs) in September against Montana State, and has two All-Tournament nods (including an Army Invitational MVP) to her name this season. DeSa had her best full year at libero in her third year with the Bears, ranking third in the Pac-12 with 448 total digs and fourth in the conference with 4.00 digs per set. A three-time all-tournament team member, she became just the 11th Golden Bear ever to record 30 or more digs in a single match with a 32-dig effort against Arizona (Nov. 17) - just one shy of the all-time program record. DeSa also posted 118 assists, third most on the team. Entering Week Eight of the 2023 season, she is just 37 digs away from earning a spot on the program's all-time top-10 list.

BEAR NECESSITIES

MAEDER'S MARK

Junior setter Annalea Maeder crossed the 2,000 career assists mark against Utah (Sept. 24), entering this weekend with 2,154 to her name. Having totaled 607 assists so far on the year, she is on pace to smash her 2022 season total of 846. Maeder is currently second on the team with six double-doubles this season; she has posted 30 or more assists in 11 of Cal's 17 matches so far. On Sept. 8, she set a new career high of 53 assists against Southeastern Louisiana then posted 54 later that day against Texas State. As of Week Eight, Maeder leads the team in assists and is second in service aces (23), third in digs (152) and fourth in total blocks (27).

NEW COACH ON THE BLOCK

Crissy Jones Schoonderwoerd stepped into the interim head coach role for the Golden Bears and powered them to a 11-0 start - undefeated in nonconference play - after being hired as an assistant in February 2023. She previously acted as assistant coach for Cal Poly beach volleyball in 2020 while finding success on the AVP and FIVB circuits as a player. In her collegiate career at Washington and later at Cal Poly, she became just the second player in NCAA history to earn All-American honors for both indoor and beach volleyball. Jones Schoonderwoerd is joined on the staff by two first-year assistant coaches in Cal alumna Savannah Rennie and AVP pro Billy Allen.

WELCOME TO BEAR TERRITORY

Five newcomers joined the Bears in 2023. Setter Paige Morningstar (Pittsburgh), a redshirt sophomore who spent her first two years with Louisville, comes to Berkeley with NCAA Tournament experience under her belt and an impressive high school resume that includes multiple National High School Female Athlete of the Year honors and four state championships. Outside hitter Maggie Li (Beijing) has experience as a member of the Chinese Women's National U20 and II Teams, while Ashley Li (Diamond Bar) was selected to the Division 2 All-CIF Southern Section Team. Sawyer Thomsen (Lawrence, Kansas) and Sophia Johnson (Wayzata, Minnesota) round out the group as highly ranked players in their respective states (Thomsen as the No. 1 middle blocker in Kansas and Johnson as Minnesota's No. 2 libero).

2023 CAL VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown/Prev. School(s)
2	Sophia Johnson	L	5-9	Fr.	HS	Wayzata, Minn./Wayzata HS
3	Maggie Li	OH	6-3	Fr.	HS	Beijing, China/The Experimental HS
4	Paige Morningstar	S	6-0	R-So.	1V	Pittsburgh, Penn./North Allegheny HS/Louisville
7	Mikayla Hayden	MB	6-1	So.	1V	Buford, Ga./Buford HS
9	Ellie Hamm	MB	6-4	Jr.	2V	Merced, Calif./Merced HS
10	Sarah Schrag	L	5-9	Jr.	2V	San Diego, Calif./The Bishop's School
11	Kendall Jensen	S	5-8	Sr.	3V	Burbank, Calif./Village Christian HS
12	Natalie Lau	S	6-0	So.	1V	San Francisco, Calif./St. Ignatius College Preparatory
13	Tara DeSa	L	5-5	Sr.	3V	Mililani, Hawai'i/Kamehameha Schools
15	Sawyer Thomsen	MB	6-3	Fr.	HS	Lawrence, Kan./Lawrence Free State HS
16	Sam Taumoepeau	OH	6-0	Sr.	3V	San Diego, Calif./Mt. Carmel HS
17	Annalea Maeder	S	6-1	Jr.	2V	Basel, Switzerland/Gymnasium Baumlihof
18	Ashley Li	OH	6-3	Fr.	HS	Diamond Bar, Calif./Walnut HS
22	Ava Mehrten	OPP	6-1	R-So.	1V	Alamo, Calif./Carondelet HS
42	Sophie Scott	MB	6-3	So.	1V	Portland, Ore./The Catlin Gabel School
55	Peyton DeJardin	OH	6-1	So.	1V	Pasadena, Calif./Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy

SCOUTING REPORTS

UCLA

- As a team, the Bruins rank 22nd in the NCAA with 2.65 blocks per set and second in the Pac-12 with 158 total blocks under new head coach Alfee Reft.
- UCLA senior Anna Dodson has the fifth-highest hitting percentage in the conference (.377) and also ranks sixth with 73 total blocks.
- Graduate transfer Desiree Becker leads the team with 74 total blocks, fifth-most in the Pac-12.
- LAST MEETING: UCLA defeated Cal, 3-2, in Los Angeles in 2022.

USC

- The Trojans have put together yet another successful season, posting 12.75 assists per set (23rd NCAA) and 13.48 kills per set (40th NCAA) on a .270 team hitting percentage (24th NCAA).
- Two-time AVCA All-American Skylar Fields is one of the best outside hitters in the nation, ranking among the NCAA's top-10 players in no fewer than six offensive categories.
- Junior Mia Tuaniga has been a steady presence at setter for USC, ranking 45th in the NCAA with 10.03 assists per set.
- LAST MEETING: USC defeated Cal, 3-2, in Los Angeles in 2022.

AVCA/TARAFLEX TOP 25

OCT. 09, 2023

RANK	TEAM	LAST	POINTS
1	Wisconsin (60)	1	1595
2	Nebraska (4)	2	1537
3	Stanford	3	1476
4	Washington State	7	1342
5	Oregon	6	1303
6	Louisville	5	1233
7	Texas	8	1213
8	Pittsburgh	7	1205
9	BYU	10	1049
10	Tennessee	12	984
11	Georgia Tech	11	940
12	Arkansas	13	895
13	Penn State	14	873
14	Florida	9	806
15	Purdue	19	578
16	Kansas	17	559
17	Creighton	15	493
18	Dayton	20	414
19	Arizona State	23	358
20	Baylor	18	319
21	Houston	21	289
22	Auburn	T25	274
23	Kentucky	22	258
24	Minnesota	16	167
25	Iowa State	T25	155

Others Receiving Votes: Western Kentucky 104; Ohio State 99; UCF 85; Marquette 53; USC 45; James Madison 30; Rice 9; UC Santa Barbara 7; Texas A&M 3

PRESEASON PAC-12 POLL

(First place votes in parentheses)

PLACE	TEAM	POINTS
1	Stanford (11)	121
2	Washington State	105
3	Oregon (1)	103
4	USC	91
5	UCLA	75
6	Colorado	67
7	Washington	62
8	Arizona	54
9	Utah	49
10	Arizona State	28
11	Oregon State	23
12	California	14

2023 CAL STATISTICS

CAL BEARS INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

STAT	ACES	ASSISTS	BLOCKS	DIGS	KILLS	HITTING %	POINTS
NAME	LI, M.	MAEDER, A.	HAMM, E.	DESA, T.	LI, M.	HAYDEN, M.	LI, M.
AMOUNT	25	607	64	283	263	.265	299.0
NCAA RANK	122ND	54TH	138TH	74TH	24TH	NR	30TH
PAC-12 RANK	4TH	5TH	11TH	1ST	2ND	26TH	3RD

CAL BEARS TEAM STATS

STAT	ACES	ASSISTS	BLOCKS	DIGS	KILLS	HITTING %	OPP. HITTING %
AMOUNT	107	778	142	908	839	.238	.163
NCAA RANK	94TH	99TH	106TH	151ST	100TH	76TH	30TH
PAC-12 RANK	3RD	2ND	4TH	1ST	3RD	8TH	2ND

PLAYER BIOS



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SOPHIA JOHNSON

FR • L • 5-9

Wayzata, Minn.

Wayzata HS

- Has two 3-ace matches on the year (vs. Fairfield, Aug. 26; vs. Saint Mary's, Sept. 6)
- Prep Dig's No. 2 libero and No. 13 overall player in Minnesota (2022)
- 2022 AVCA All-Region; Minnesota All-State



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MAGGIE LI

FR • OH • 6-3

Beijing, China

The Experimental HS

- 4x Pac-12 Freshman of the Week
- Top-ranked NCAA freshman with 4.17 kills per set and 4.75 points per set, while also ranking No. 2 among all rookies with 263 kills and 299.0 points
- 3x 2023 All-Tournament (Bobcat Classic MVP)



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PAIGE MORNINGSTAR

R-SO • S • 6-0

Pittsburgh, Penn.

North Allegheny HS/Louisville

- Posted 16 assists, 3 blocks, 4 digs, an ace and a kill in two sets against Abilene Christian (Sept. 9)
- Saw the court in 12 sets across 11 matches at Louisville in 2022
- 2021 MaxPreps H.S. Female Athlete of the Year



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MIKAYLA HAYDEN

SO • MB • 6-1

Buford, Ga.

Buford HS

- Has 58 blocks, second-most on the team, and also has 100 kills (third-most on the team)
- Led the 2022 Bears with 109 blocks, tied for the No. 1 freshman in the Pac-12, and posted 158 kills for third-most on the team



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ELLIE HAMM

JR • MB • 6-4

Merced, Calif.

Merced HS

- Leads the team with 64 blocks
- Ranks 9th in the Pac-12 with 1.14 blocks per set
- Posted a career-high 9 blocks against Nevada (Sept. 16)



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SARAH SCHRAGG*Schragg*

JR • L • 5-9

San Diego, Calif.

The Bishop's School

- Has yet to play this season due to injury
- Competed in 52 sets over 16 matches in 2022 with 55 digs and five assists
- Played in 79 sets across 28 matches in 2021 with 181 digs and 29 assists as a freshman



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KENDALL JENSEN

SR • S • 5-8

Burbank, Calif.

Village Christian HS

- Has operated mainly as a service specialist in 2023
- Second on the team with 173 assists (2022)
- Recorded a single-game high of 30 assists against UC San Diego in 2022

PLAYER BIOS



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NATALIE LAU

SO • S • 6-0

San Francisco, Calif.
St. Ignatius HS

- Made her 2023 debut against Abilene Christian (Sept. 9), recording an ace and a dig
- Posted a perfect 11-0 service ace-to-error ratio as a freshman



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TARA DESA*TAIR-uh DEE-sah*

SR • L • 5-5

Mililani, Hawai'i
Kamehameha Schools

- Leads the Pac-12 with 4.49 digs per set - 0.53 over second place - and 283 digs
- Crossed 1,000 career digs and posted her first career double-double against Montana State
- 2x 2023 All-Tournament (Army Invitational MVP)



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SAWYER THOMSEN

FR • MB • 6-3

Lawrence, Kan.
Lawrence Free State HS

- Has played in 3 sets this year with 3 kills, 2 blocks and an ace
- Prep Dig's No. 1 middle blocker and No. 4 overall player in Kansas (2023)
- All-Area Player of the Year in both 2022 and 2020



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SAM TAUMOEPEAU*Tau-mo-AY-pay-ow*

SR • OH • 6-0

San Diego, Calif.
Mt. Carmel HS

- Ranks sixth in the Pac-12 with 216 kills on the season
- Posted a career-high 20 kills on .308 hitting against Southeastern Louisiana (Sept. 8)
- 2x 2023 All-Tournament



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ANNALEA MAEDER*Aw-nah-lay-ah MAY-der*

JR • S • 6-1

Basel, Switzerland
Gymnasium Baumlihof

- Ranks 5th in the Pac-12 with 607 assists; also has 152 digs and 23 aces, both 2nd-most on the team
- Posted a career-high 53 assists against SE Louisiana; had 54 against Texas State later that day
- 10th in program history with 2,154 career assists



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ASHLEY LI

FR • OH • 6-3

Diamond Bar, Calif.
Walnut HS

- Has collected 63 kills, fifth-most on the team
- Started the Bears' first seven matches this season
- Joined the Golden Bears in Spring 2023
- 2022 Varsity Walnut Summer League Champion



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AVA MEHRTEN*MERR-ten*

R-SO • OPP • 6-1

Alamo, Calif.
Carondelet HS

- Wolf Pack Invitational MVP
- More than doubled her career single-match high in both kills (19) and blocks (9) vs. Nevada (Sept. 16)
- Hit .615 (8 kills, 13 attacks) against Southeastern Louisiana (Sept. 8)

PLAYER BIOS



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SOPHIE SCOTT

SO • MB • 6-3

Portland, Ore.

The Catlin Gabel School

- Posted 4 blocks and a kill against Portland State (Sept. 1)
- Second on the 2022 squad with 100 blocks, 8th-most in the Pac-12
- Posted 9 blocks & 9 kills vs. Oregon St. (Sept. 2022)



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PEYTON DEJARDIN*Day-JARR-din*

SO • OH • 6-1

Pasadena, Calif.

Flintridge Sacred Heart Academy (Nov. 2022)

- Recorded 7 kills, 4 digs, 3 blocks and an assist against Portland State (Sept. 1)
- Has competed in 9 sets across 5 matches this year
- Posted 16 kills and 17 digs against Arizona State