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Big West Women's Volleyball

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	2015 Standings								
	Conference			Overall					
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	Hm	Rd	Neut.
Cal Poly	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0
Cal State Fullerton	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0
CSUN	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0
Long Beach State	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0
UC Davis	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0
UC Irvine	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0
UC Riverside	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0
UC Santa Barbara	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0
Hawai'i	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0-0

Player Of The Week
The Big West Player of the Week awards will begin Monday, August 31, which follows the first week of competition. Nominees and winners are selected by school sports information directors.

Schedule

This Week's Schedule

Friday, August 28

UC Santa Barbara vs. Utah Valley State!	10 am
UC Riverside vs. Weber State@	10 am
UC Irvine vs. LSU%	12:30 pm
Cal Poly at San Jose State@	2 pm
UC Davis vs. Northern Iowa^	2:30 pm
CSUN vs. Lipscomb&	4:30 pm
UC Santa Barbara vs. Incarnate World!	5 pm
Alabama at Long Beach StateΣ	7 pm
No. 25 Duke at Cal State Fullerton¥	7 pm
UC Riverside at San Jose State@	7 pm
Idaho at No. 18 Hawai'i≈	10 pm

Saturday, August 29

UC Davis at No. 12 Colorado State^	9:30 pm
CSUN at No. 23 Utah&	10 am
UC Irvine at Texas%	10:30 am
Alabama at Cal State Fullerton¥	11 am
UC Santa Barbara at Pepperdine!	Noon
UC Irvine vs. Rice%	3 pm
UC Riverside vs. Rutgers\$	3 pm
Cal Poly vs. Sacramento State@	3 pm
No. 25 Duke at Long Beach StateΣ	5 pm
CSUN vs. Idaho State&	5 pm
Saint Mary's at Cal State Fullerton¥	7 pm
UC Riverside at Santa Clara\$	7 pm
Wichita State at No. 18 Hawai'i≈	10 pm

Sunday, August 30

UC Davis vs. Baylor^	Noon
Saint Mary's at Long Beach StateΣ	1 pm
No. 13 Oregon State at No. 18 Hawai'i≈	8 pm

! Pepperdine Asics Classic (Malibu, Calif.)
 @ San Jose Invitational (San Jose, Calif.)
 \$ Santa Clara Tournament (Santa Clara, Calif.)
 % American Campus Classic (Austin, Texas)
 ^ Rams Volleyball Classic (Fort Collins, Colo.)
 & Utah Classic (Salt Lake City, Utah)
 Σ LBSU/CSF Baden Invitational (Long Beach, Calif.)
 ¥ LBSU/CSF Baden Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)
 ≈ Chevron Rainbow Wahine Invitational (Honolulu, Hawai'i)
 Big West teams in **bold**
 All times Pacific

Last Week's Results

Defender Of The Week
Freshman Of The Week

BIG WEST WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

AVCA Poll

as of August 12, 2015

Ranking	Pts.	2013 Record
1. Penn State (54)	1538	36-3
2. Stanford (6)	1468	33-2
3. Texas (1)	1384	27-3
4. Florida	1338	28-4
T5. Nebraska	1275	23-10
T5. Wisconsin (1)	1275	31-3
7. North Carolina	1158	29-3
8. Illinois	1055	26-8
9. Florida State	986	30-3
10. Washington	953	31-3
11. BYU	919	30-5
12. Colorado State	754	31-3
13. Oregon	722	23-10
14. Ohio State	700	23-12
15. Kentucky	603	27-6
16. Arizona State	529	20-14
17. Arizona	498	24-10
18. Hawai'i	401	22-7
19. Michigan State	340	19-14
20. UCLA	316	22-12
21. Iowa State	273	19-10
22. USC	255	16-16
23. Utah	211	20-13
24. Colorado	188	20-14
25. Duke	168	22-8

Others receiving votes: Long Beach State 147; Purdue 131; Oklahoma 103; Oregon State 89; Texas A&M 84; Minnesota 78; Kansas 48; Arkansas-Little Rock 33; Alabama 24; Western Kentucky 20; Creighton 15; Michigan 12; San Diego 10; Wichita State 9; LSU 8; Miami (FL) 7; American 4

Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Hawai'i (8)	.80
2. Long Beach State (1)	.68
3. UC Santa Barbara	.56
4. CSUN	.53
5. UC Davis	.50
6. UC Irvine	.39
7. Cal Poly	.32
8. UC Riverside	.15
9. Cal State Fullerton	.12

() Denotes first place votes

Big West Coaching Records

(Records consist of their tenure in the Big West only - sorted by conference wins)

Coach, School (Yrs.)	Conf.	Overall
	W-L	W-L
Brian Gimmillaro, LBSU (30)	399-107	787-205
Dave Shoji, UH (14)	209-37	375-82
Jeff Stork, CSUN (13)	91-112	169-194
Nicole Lantagne Welch, UCSB (2)	21-10	31-24
Sam Crosson, CP (3)	13-37	25-59
Dan Conners, UCD (1)	10-6	15-14
Michelle Patton, UCR (2)	1-30	4-52
Ashlie Hain, UCI (0)	0-0	0-0
Ashley Preston, CSF (0)	0-0	0-0

Big West Conference vs. Nonconference Opponents (0-0, .000)

America East	0-0
Atlantic Coast	0-0
Atlantic Sun	0-0
Atlantic 10	0-0
Big East	0-0
Big Sky	0-0
Big South	0-0
Big Ten	0-0
Big 12	0-0
Colonial	0-0
Conference USA	0-0
Great West	0-0
Horizon	0-0
IVY	0-0
Metro Atlantic	0-0
Mid-American	0-0
Mid-Eastern	0-0
Missouri Valley	0-0
Mountain West	0-0
Northeast	0-0
Ohio Valley	0-0
Pac-12	0-0
Patriot	0-0
Southeastern	0-0
Southern	0-0
Southland	0-0
Southwestern	0-0
Summit	0-0
Sun Belt	0-0
West Coast	0-0
Western Athletic	0-0
Independents	0-0
Non-Division I	0-0
Reclassifying	0-0
Top 25	0-0

BIG WEST WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Cal Poly | 0-0 (0-0)



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Welcome Back: Cal Poly returns several key components this season which includes libero Nicole Kessler, one of three seniors returning, who is second among all conference players with 4.40

digs per set. Also returning is sophomore outside hitter and Big West Conference All-Freshman Team selection Raeann Greisen, who led the Mustangs with 359 kills and 3.55 kills per set in 2014.

Cal Poly Opens Season On The Road: The Mustangs kick off the 2015 season with a nine-game road trip that begins at the San Jose Invitational August 28-29. Cal Poly opens against the Spartans Friday before tackling Sacramento State Saturday afternoon. The first home match of the season for the Mustangs is set for Sept. 18 as they host San Diego State in the first match of the Cal Poly/UCSB Tournament.

A Look Back: The Cal Poly Mustangs closed out the 2014 season with an overall mark of 9-17 overall and 4-12 Big West record.

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Results
Fri.	8/28	at San Jose State!	2 pm
Sat.	8/29	vs. Sacramento State!	3 pm
Tues.	9/1	at Fresno State	7 pm
Fri.	9/4	vs. Coppin State@	5 pm
Sat.	9/5	vs. Sam Houston State@	10:30 am
Sat.	9/5	at Baylor@	5 pm
Fri.	9/11	vs. Idaho\$	4 pm
Sat.	9/12	vs. St. Francis Brooklyn\$	1 pm
Sat.	9/12	at Portland\$	7 pm
Fri.	9/18	San Diego State%	7 pm
Sat.	9/19	Loyola Marymount%	4 pm
Sat.	9/26	at Hawaii!*	10 pm
Fri.	10/2	Long Beach State*	7 pm
Sat.	10/3	CSUN*	7 pm
Thurs.	10/8	at UC Irvine*	7 pm
Sat.	10/10	UC Santa Barbara*	7 pm
Fri.	10/16	Cal State Fullerton*	7 pm
Sat.	10/17	UC Riverside*	7 pm
Fri.	10/23	at CSUN*	7 pm
Sat.	10/24	at Long Beach State*	7 pm
Thurs.	10/29	at UC Santa Barbara*	7 pm
Fri.	11/6	UC Irvine*	7 pm
Sat.	11/7	UC Davis*	7 pm
Fri.	11/13	at UC Riverside*	7 pm
Sat.	11/14	at Cal State Fullerton*	7 pm
Thurs.	11/19	Hawaii**	7 pm
Tues.	11/24	at UC Davis*	7 pm

! San Jose Invitational (San Jose, Calif.)
@ Baylor Tournament (Waco, Texas)
\$ Portland Tournament (Portland, Ore.)
% Cal Poly/UCSB Tournament (San Luis Obispo, Calif.)
* Big West Conference match
All times Pacific
Home matches in **bold**

Cal State Fullerton | 0-0 (0-0)



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New Face At The Helm: For the first time in 14 years the Cal State Fullerton women's volleyball program will have a new leader as Ashley Preston was named head coach during the offseason.

Preston comes to CSF after serving as women's volleyball head coach at Coppin State University for the past three years. In that short time, Preston became the all-time winningest coach in the program's history. In each of her three years with the Eagles the team advanced to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference tournament and participated in the championship game for the first time in program history in 2013.

Titans Host Weekend Event: The Titans have the luxury of opening the 2015 season in front of their hometown fans co-hosting the LBSU/CSF Baden Invitational. Cal State Fullerton opens the two-day event against nationally-ranked Duke before playing a pair of contests Saturday against Alabama and Saint Mary's.

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri.	8/28	No. 25 Duke!	7 pm
Sat.	8/29	Alabama!	11 am
Sat.	8/29	Saint Mary's!	7 pm
Fri.	9/4	vs. SMU@	4 pm
Sat.	9/5	at New Mexico@	Noon
Sat.	9/5	vs. Santa Clara@	4 pm
Fri.	9/11	vs. Central Michigan\$	9 am
Fri.	9/11	at Fresno State\$	4:30 pm
Sat.	9/12	vs. Sacramento State\$	5 pm
Fri.	9/18	vs. North Dakota State%	4 pm
Sat.	9/19	at San Francisco%	12:30 pm
Sat.	9/19	vs. Yale%	4:30 pm
Fri.	9/25	at UC Riverside*	7 pm
Wed.	9/30	at UC Irvine*	7 pm
Fri.	10/2	Hawaii**	7 pm
Sat.	10/10	at UC Davis*	7 pm
Fri.	10/16	at Cal Poly*	7 pm
Sat.	10/17	at UC Santa Barbara*	7 pm
Fri.	10/23	UC Irvine*	7 pm
Sat.	10/24	UC Davis*	7 pm
Sun.	11/1	at Hawaii**	8 pm
Wed.	11/4	Long Beach State*	7 pm
Sat.	11/7	UC Riverside*	7 pm
Tues.	11/10	at CSUN*	7 pm
Fri.	11/13	UC Santa Barbara*	4:30 pm
Sat.	11/14	Cal Poly*	7 pm
Fri.	11/20	at Long Beach State*	7 pm
Sat.	11/21	CSUN*	7:30 pm

! LBSU/CSF Baden Invitational (Fullerton, Calif.)
@ Lobo Classic (Albuquerque, N.M.)
\$ Fresno State Invitational (Fresno, Calif.)
% San Francisco Challenge (San Francisco, Calif.)
* Big West Conference match
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CSUN | 0-0 (0-0)



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Road Trippin': CSUN is on the road for the first month of the season as the Matadors embark on a 12-match trek around the western United States. Opening weekend you can find the Matadors in

Salt Lake City, Utah, competing in the Utah Classic where they are slated to face Lipscomb (8/28), host No. 23 Utah (8/29), Idaho State (8/29). Future tournaments take CSUN to Arizona, Washington and New Mexico.

In The Lineup: CSUN will have to make up for the loss of three-time AVCA All-American Casey Hinger as well as perennial all-conference picks Natalie Allen and Sam Kaul who also graduated. Looking to fill the void are senior defensive specialist Alia Casino and junior opposite Julie Haake. A pair of sophomores, setter Lauren Conati and libero/defensive specialist Katie Sato, also return after receiving significant playing time as freshmen. CSUN head coach Jeff Stork, entering his 14th season, added significant depth to the 2015 squad with the signing of an impressive recruiting class led by freshmen Melissa Eaglin, Jess Hess and Aeryn Owens.

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri.	8/28	vs. Lipscomb!	4:30 pm
Sat.	8/29	at No. 23 Utah!	10 am
Sat.	8/29	Idaho State!	5 pm
Fri.	9/4	vs. Florida A&M@	3:30 pm
Sat.	9/5	vs. South Dakota@	Noon
Sat.	9/5	at Arizona@	7 pm
Thurs.	9/10	vs. Saint Mary's\$	1 pm
Thurs.	9/10	at Washington\$	7 pm
Fri.	9/11	at Washington\$	1 pm
Fri.	9/18	at New Mexico%	7:30 pm
Sat.	9/19	vs. LSU%	10:30 am
Sat.	9/19	vs. Long Island%	5 pm
Fri.	9/25	UC Irvine*	7 pm
Sat.	9/26	UC Davis*	7 pm
Fri.	10/2	at UC Santa Barbara*	7 pm
Sat.	10/3	at Cal Poly*	7 pm
Fri.	10/9	at Hawaii**	10 pm
Sat.	10/17	at Long Beach State*	7 pm
Fri.	10/23	Cal Poly*	7 pm
Sat.	10/24	UC Santa Barbara*	7 pm
Thurs.	10/29	at UC Davis*	7 pm
Sat.	10/31	at UC Irvine*	7 pm
Tues.	11/3	at UC Riverside*	7 pm
Sat.	11/7	Hawaii**	7 pm
Tues.	11/10	Cal State Fullerton*	7 pm
Fri.	11/13	Long Beach State*	7 pm
Fri.	11/20	UC Riverside*	7 pm
Sat.	11/21	at Cal State Fullerton*	7:30 pm

! Utah Classic (Salt Lake City, Utah)
@ Arizona Invitational (Tucson, Ariz.)
\$ Washington Tournament (Seattle, Wash.)
% Lobo Invitational (Albuquerque, N.M.)
* Big West Conference match
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BIG WEST WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Long Beach State | 0-0 (0-0)



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Defending The Title: Long Beach State enters the 2015 season as the reigning champion after claiming its 13th Big West title with a perfect 16-0 mark. It marked the fifth time in program history Long Beach State registered a perfect conference record as they became the ninth team in Big West history to have an undefeated season.

Tourney Time: The 49ers kick off the year co-hosting the annual LBSU/CSF Baden Invitational at The Walter Pyramid. LBSU battles Alabama Friday evening, No. 25 Duke Saturday and Saint Mary's in a Sunday matinee.

Fresh Roster: This season will showcase a lot of fresh faces as the 49ers welcome 11 new players, including nine freshmen. Long Beach State may not be bringing a lot of veterans back for 2015, but who is returning is pretty impressive as 2014 Big West Freshman of the Year middle blocker Ashley Murray and 2014 Big West Player of the Year and AVCA All-Region setter Jennell Hudson return to the lineup. Last season Murray ranked third in the conference in hitting percentage (.342) and fourth in blocks (1.21), while Hudson ranked third on the team with a .309 clip.

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri.	8/28	Alabama!	7 pm
Sat.	8/29	No. 25 Duke!	5 pm
Sun.	8/30	Saint Mary's!	1 pm
Fri.	9/4	vs. Illinois State@	1 pm
Sat.	9/5	vs. Rutgers@	7 am
Sat.	9/5	at Harvard@	4 pm
Thurs.	9/10	at Loyola Marymount\$	7 pm
Fri.	9/11	Oakland%	5 pm
Sat.	9/12	Stony Brook%	11 am
Sat.	9/12	Central Arkansas%	8 pm
Fri.	9/18	San Diego&	11:30 am
Fri.	9/18	UCLA&	7:30 pm
Sat.	9/19	Oregon State&	7 pm
Fri.	9/25	UC Davis*	7 pm
Sat.	9/26	UC Irvine*	7 pm
Fri.	10/2	at Cal Poly*	7 pm
Sat.	10/3	at UC Santa Barbara*	7 pm
Tues.	10/6	UC Riverside*	7 pm
Sun.	10/11	at Hawai'i*	8 pm
Sat.	10/17	CSUN*	7 pm
Fri.	10/23	UC Santa Barbara*	7 pm
Sat.	10/24	Cal Poly*	7 pm
Thurs.	10/29	at UC Irvine*	7 pm
Sat.	10/31	at UC Davis*	7 pm
Wed.	11/4	at Cal State Fullerton*	7 pm
Fri.	11/6	Hawai'i*	7 pm
Fri.	11/13	at CSUN*	7 pm
Fri.	11/20	Cal State Fullerton*	7 pm
Sat.	11/21	at UC Riverside*	7 pm
Fri.	11/27	Pacific	7 pm
Sat.	11/28	Denver	1 pm

! LBSU/CSF Baden Invitational (Long Beach, Calif.)
@ Harvard Invitational (Boston, Mass.)
\$ Long Beach State/LMU Tournament (Los Angeles, Calif.)
% Long Beach State/LMU Tournament (Long Beach, Calif.)
& LBSU Mizuno Invitational (Long Beach, Calif.)
*Big West Conference match
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UC Davis | 0-0 (0-0)



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Strong Showing First Time Around: In just his first year as head coach Dan Conners led UC Davis to double-digit conference wins in 2014 for just the third time since the Aggies joined the Big West Conference in 2007, with a 10-6 conference record to tie for third. The Aggies recorded 11 wins in both 2009 and 2012.

Senior Leadership: Look for senior outside hitter Kaylin Squyres to lead the Aggies in 2015. Last season, the All-Big West First Team selection paced the Big West in kills (441) and tied for first in kills per set (4.12) while finishing fifth in services with a .35 average. Her impressive service ace average guided the Aggies to a team mark of 1.58 to rank 16th in the nation. Squyres is one of just two seniors on a young squad that features 10 freshmen.

Open With A Bang: UC Davis will be tested right of the gates at the Rams Volleyball Classic where it is scheduled to face host and 12th-ranked Colorado State, Northern Iowa and Baylor. Last season the Aggies went 0-4 against the Top 25.

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri.	8/28	vs. Northern Iowa%	2:30 pm
Sat.	8/29	at No. 12 Colorado State%	9:30 am
Sun.	8/30	vs. Baylor%	Noon
Fri.	9/4	vs. Radford!	9 am
Fri.	9/4	at George Washington!	4:30 pm
Sat.	9/5	vs. Princeton!	10 am
Wed.	9/9	at Nebraska-Omaha	5 pm
Fri.	9/11	at Nebraska\$	4 pm
Sat.	9/12	vs. Georgia Tech\$	10 am
Sat.	9/12	vs. South Florida\$	3:30 pm
Tues.	9/15	Sacramento State	7 pm
Fri.	9/18	vs. Southern Utah@	12:30 pm
Fri.	9/18	vs. Portland@	5 pm
Sat.	9/19	at Fresno State@	12:30 pm
Fri.	9/25	at Long Beach State*	7 pm
Sat.	9/26	at CSUN*	7 pm
Wed.	9/30	UC Riverside*	7 pm
Sat.	10/3	UC Irvine*	7 pm
Thurs.	10/8	UC Santa Barbara*	7 pm
Sat.	10/10	Cal State Fullerton*	7 pm
Fri.	10/16	at Hawai'i*	9 pm
Fri.	10/23	at UC Riverside*	7 pm
Sat.	10/24	at Cal State Fullerton*	7 pm
Thurs.	10/29	CSUN*	7 pm
Sat.	10/31	Long Beach State*	7 pm
Fri.	11/6	at UC Santa Barbara*	7 pm
Sat.	11/7	at Cal Poly*	7 pm
Sun.	11/15	Hawai'i*	1 pm
Sat.	11/21	at UC Irvine*	7 pm
Tues.	11/24	Cal Poly*	7 pm

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! George Washington Invitational (Washington, D.C.)
\$ Ameritrans Players Challenge (Lincoln, Neb.)
@ Fresno State Invitational (Fresno, Calif.)
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UC Irvine | 0-0 (0-0)



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Hain At The Helm: Ashlie Hain, starting setter on UC Irvine's 2003 and 2004 NCAA Tournament teams, was named the women's volleyball program's head coach during the offseason. She returns to UCI after coaching at American River College and serving as a Professor of Kinesiology since 2009. There, she took over a program that had won just three matches and led the Beavers to consecutive Big 8 Conference titles in 2013 and 2014. The 2013 squad advanced to the state championship finals and the program has been ranked in the top eight in the state the last six years.

Loaded Roster: UC Irvine brings back 10 letterwinners including three All-Big West performers. Outside hitter Marisa Bubica was a first-team choice after leading UCI with a 4.12 kill average. Also returning are all-conference honorable mention honorees, Shelley Anderson, who enters the season sixth in the Anteater career annals with 2,224 assists and Arden Davis, who recorded 515 digs to come in at No. 7 in the single-season records.

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri.	8/28	vs. LSU!	12:30 pm
Sat.	8/29	at No. 3 Texas!	10:30 am
Sat.	8/29	vs. Rice!	3 pm
Fri.	9/4	vs. Washington@	4:30 pm
Sat.	9/5	at Idaho@	12:30 pm
Sat.	9/5	vs. Seattle@	4:30 pm
Fri.	9/11	at Minnesota\$	5 pm
Sat.	9/12	vs. UCF\$	10 am
Sat.	9/12	vs. North Dakota State\$	2:30 pm
Fri.	9/18	UCLA%	10 am
Fri.	9/18	Oregon State%	7 pm
Sat.	9/19	San Diego%	Noon
Fri.	9/25	at CSUN*	7 pm
Sat.	9/26	at Long Beach State*	7 pm
Wed.	9/30	Cal State Fullerton*	7 pm
Sat.	10/3	at UC Davis*	7 pm
Thurs.	10/8	Cal Poly*	7 pm
Sat.	10/10	UC Riverside*	7 pm
Sat.	10/17	at Hawai'i*	10 pm
Fri.	10/23	at Cal State Fullerton*	7 pm
Sat.	10/24	at UC Riverside*	7 pm
Thurs.	10/29	Long Beach State*	7 pm
Sat.	10/31	CSUN*	7 pm
Fri.	11/6	at Cal Poly*	7 pm
Sat.	11/7	at UC Santa Barbara*	7 pm
Tues.	11/17	Hawai'i*	7 pm
Sat.	11/21	UC Davis*	7 pm
Tues.	11/24	UC Santa Barbara*	7 pm

! American Campus Classic (Austin, Texas)
@ Idaho Volleyball Classic (Moscow, Idaho)
\$ Diet Coke Classic (Minneapolis, Minn.)
% LBSU/UCI Mizuno Invitational (Irvine, Calif.)
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BIG WEST WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

UC Riverside | 0-0 (0-0)



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Double Dipping: The Highlanders are opening the 2015 season in unique fashion, playing in two different tournaments in the same weekend. Friday, August 28 UC Riverside battles Weber State and San Jose State in the San Jose Invitational. The following day the Highlanders continue their stay in the bay area for the Santa Clara Tournament where they are scheduled to battle Rutgers and Santa Clara.

Leading The Highlanders: UC Riverside welcomes back Big West Conference All-Freshmen Team performer Alex Gresham for the 2015 season. The outside hitter led the Highlanders in hitting percentage (.201) while finishing second in kills (216) in 2014. Also returning for her junior campaign is libero Maddie Hubbell, who finished fourth in the Big West with a 3.93 dig average during her freshman season. Last year she slipped a little, finishing eighth with a 3.59 mark.

Homesick: Out of 28 contests in 2015, only eight will be played on the Highlanders' home court. All eight contests are Big West Conference matchups.

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri.	8/28	vs. Weber State!	10 am
Sat.	8/28	at San Jose State!	7 pm
Sat.	8/29	vs. Rutgers&	3 pm
Sat.	8/29	vs. Santa Clara&	7 pm
Fri.	9/4	vs. Grand Canyon@	5 pm
Sat.	9/5	vs. Nevada@	3 pm
Sat.	9/5	at Portland@	7 pm
Fri.	9/11	at Fresno State\$	11:30 am
Fri.	9/11	vs. Sacramento State\$	7 pm
Sat.	9/12	vs. Central Michigan\$	10 am
Fri.	9/18	at Grand Canyon%	6 pm
Sat.	9/19	vs. Northern Arizona%	Noon
Sat.	9/19	vs. Boise State%	3 pm
Fri.	9/25	Cal State Fullerton*	6 pm
Wed.	9/30	at UC Davis*	7 pm
Sat.	10/3	Hawai'i*	6 pm
Tues.	10/6	at Long Beach State*	7 pm
Sat.	10/10	at UC Irvine*	7 pm
Fri.	10/16	at UC Santa Barbara*	7:30 pm
Sat.	10/17	at Cal Poly*	7 pm
Fri.	10/23	UC Davis*	7 pm
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Fri.	10/30	at Hawai'i*	10 pm
Tues.	11/3	CSUN*	7 pm
Sat.	11/7	at Cal State Fullerton*	7 pm
Fri.	11/13	Cal Poly*	7:30 pm
Sat.	11/14	UC Santa Barbara*	7:30 pm
Fri.	11/20	at CSUN*	7 pm
Sat.	11/21	Long Beach State*	7 pm

! San Jose State Invitational (San Jose, Calif.)
& Santa Clara Tournament (Santa Clara, Calif.)
@ PSU/UP Tournament (Portland, Ore.)
\$ Fresno State Invitational (Fresno, Calif.)
% Grand Canyon Invitational (Phoenix, Ariz.)
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UC Santa Barbara | 0-0 (0-0)



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Gauchos Showcase Impressive Incoming Class: Headlined by a pair of All-Americans, UCSB's 2015 recruiting class was named No. 18 in the country by PrepVolleyball.com. It is the program's highest ranking since the website started publishing the annual list in 2003, beating out the 2004 class which landed at No. 26.

Gauchos Open Season In Malibu: UC Santa Barbara heads to Malibu, Calif., for the Pepperdine Asics Classic August 28-29. The Gauchos open with Utah Valley State Friday morning and follow that with an evening showdown with Incarnate Word. They close out the event Saturday at noon against the Waves.

A Look Ahead: In 2015, the Gauchos are slated to face nine teams ranked in the top-100 in last year's final RPI rankings and six schools that are coming off 20-plus win seasons. UC Santa Barbara plays 13 matches at the Thunderdome, the most in three years, which includes two home tournaments - UCSB Tournament (9/11-9/13) and Cal Poly/UCSB Tournament (9/18-9/19).

Day	Date	Opponent	Time
Fri.	8/28	Utah Valley State!	10 am
Fri.	8/28	Incarnate Word!	5 pm
Sat.	8/29	at Pepperdine!	Noon
Fri.	9/4	vs. Rice@	2 pm
Sat.	9/5	at Yale@	10 am
Sat.	9/5	vs. Rhode Island@	2 pm
Fri.	9/11	SMU\$	7 pm
Sat.	9/12	San Diego\$	4 pm
Sun.	9/13	UCLA\$	2 pm
Fri.	9/18	Loyola Marymount%	7 pm
Sat.	9/19	San Diego State%	4 pm
Fri.	9/25	at Hawai'i*	10 pm
Fri.	10/2	CSUN*	7 pm
Sat.	10/3	Long Beach State*	7 pm
Thurs.	10/8	at UC Davis*	7 pm
Sat.	10/10	at Cal Poly*	7 pm
Fri.	10/16	UC Riverside*	7 pm
Sat.	10/17	Cal State Fullerton*	7 pm
Fri.	10/23	at Long Beach State*	7 pm
Sat.	10/24	at CSUN*	7 pm
Thurs.	10/29	Cal Poly*	7 pm
Fri.	11/6	UC Davis*	7 pm
Sat.	11/7	UC Irvine*	7 pm
Fri.	11/13	at Cal State Fullerton*	4:30 pm
Sat.	11/14	at UC Riverside*	7:30 pm
Sat.	11/21	Hawai'i*	7 pm
Tues.	11/24	at UC Irvine*	7 pm

! Pepperdine Asics Classic (Malibu, Calif.)
@ Yale Tournament (New Haven, Conn.)
\$ UCSB Tournament (Santa Barbara, Calif.)
% Cal Poly/UCSB Tournament (Santa Barbara, Calif.)
*Big West Conference match
All times Pacific
Home matches in **bold**

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Preseason Pick: The University of Hawai'i was selected to reclaim the Big West women's volleyball conference title in 2015, according to the Big West women's volleyball preseason coaches poll as voted on by the nine head coaches. The Rainbow Wahine, who finished second last season, collected eight first-place votes en route to an 80-point total.

Tournament Central: This weekend marks the start of three consecutive home tournaments to kick off the new year. First up is the Chevron Rainbow Wahine Invitational, which runs August 28-30 and pits Hawai'i against Idaho, Wichita State and No. 13 Oregon State.

Familiar Faces: The Rainbow Wahine return 12 players, including five starters. Leading the way is a trio of All-Big West first teamers in outside hitters Nikki Taylor and Tai Manu-Olevao and 2014 AVCA All-America Honorable Mention member Olivia Magill, who dominated the Big West on both sides of the net with league highs in hitting percentage (.405) and blocks (1.34).

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Fri.	8/28	Idaho!	10 pm
Sat.	8/29	Wichita State!	10 pm
Sun.	8/30	No. 13 Oregon State!	8 pm
Fri.	9/4	Iowa@	10 pm
Sat.	9/5	American@	10 pm
Sun.	9/6	UCLA@	8 pm
Fri.	9/10	San Diego State\$	10 pm
Sat.	9/11	Florida\$	10 pm
Sun.	9/12	Eastern Washington\$	10 pm
Fri.	9/18	CSU Bakersfield	10 pm
Sun.	9/20	CSU Bakersfield	8 pm
Fri.	9/25	UC Santa Barbara*	10 pm
Sat.	9/26	Cal Poly*	10 pm
Fri.	10/2	at Cal State Fullerton*	7 pm
Sat.	10/3	at UC Riverside*	6 pm
Fri.	10/9	CSUN*	10 pm
Sat.	10/10	Long Beach State*	8 pm
Fri.	10/16	UC Davis*	10 pm
Sat.	10/17	UC Irvine*	10 pm
Fri.	10/30	UC Riverside*	10 pm
Sun.	11/1	Cal State Fullerton*	8 pm
Fri.	11/6	at Long Beach State*	7 pm
Sat.	11/7	at CSUN*	7 pm
Sun.	11/15	at UC Davis*	1 pm
Tues.	11/17	at UC Irvine*	7 pm
Thurs.	11/19	at Cal Poly*	7 pm
Sat.	11/21	at UC Santa Barbara*	7 pm

! Chevron Rainbow Wahine Invitational (Honolulu, Hawai'i)
@ Hawaiian Airlines Wahine Classic (Honolulu, Hawai'i)
\$ Outrigger Resorts Challenge (Honolulu, Hawai'i)
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