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## 2023 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Time (PT)	At	Opponent	Location	TV	Tournament	Result
Aug 25 (Fri)	6:00 p.m.	Neutral	North Dakota State	Moscow, Idaho	ESPN+	Idaho Volleyball Classic	L, 1-3
Aug 26 (Sat)	6:00 p.m.	Neutral	Seattle	Moscow, Idaho	ESPN+	Idaho Volleyball Classic	L, 0-3
Aug 27 (Sun)	11:00 a.m.	Away	Idaho	Moscow, Idaho	ESPN+	Idaho Volleyball Classic	L, 0-3
Aug 31 (Thu)	4:00 p.m.	Away	IUPUI	Indianapolis, Ind.		Hampton Inn Invitational	L, 2-3
Sep 1 (Fri)	1:00 p.m.	Neutral	Eastern Illinois	Indianapolis, Ind.		Hampton Inn Invitational	L, 0-3
Sep 2 (Sat)	9:00 a.m.	Neutral	Oral Roberts	Indianapolis, Ind.		Hampton Inn Invitational	L, 0-3
Sep 8 (Fri)	6:00 p.m.	Home	Oregon State	Riverside, Calif. (SRC Arena)	ESPN+	Riverside Classic	L, 0-3
Sep 9 (Sat)	11:00 a.m.	Home	Nevada	Riverside, Calif. (SRC Arena)	ESPN+	Riverside Classic	L, 0-3
Sep 9 (Sat)	6:00 p.m.	Home	California Baptist	Riverside, Calif. (SRC Arena)	ESPN+	Riverside, Classic	L, 0-3
Sep 15 (Fri)	8:00 a.m.	Neutral	Texas Southern	Stephenville, Texas		Dr. Pam Littleton Classic	W, 3-0
Sep 15 (Fri)	4:00 p.m.	Away	Tarleton State	Stephenville, Texas	ESPN+	Dr. Pam Littleton Classic	L, 1-3
Sep 16 (Sat)	8:00 a.m.	Neutral	Md. Eastern Shore	Stephenville, Texas		Dr. Pam Littleton Classic	L, 1-3
Sep 22 (Fri)	6:00 p.m.	Away	UC Irvine	Irvine, Calif.	ESPN+		L, 0-3
Sep 23 (Sat)	4:00 p.m.	Away	Cal State Fullerton	Fullerton, Calif.	ESPN+		W, 3-0
Sep 29 (Fri)	6:00 p.m.	Away	CSUN	Northridge, Calif.	ESPN+		W, 3-2
Sep 30 (Sat)	4:00 p.m.	Away	Cal State Bakersfield	Bakersfield, Calif.	ESPN+		W, 3-1
Oct 5 (Thu)	6:00 p.m.	Home	UC Santa Barbara	Riverside, Calif. (SRC Arena)	ESPN+		L, 2-3
Oct 7 (Sat)	4:00 p.m.	Home	Cal Poly	Riverside, Calif. (SRC Arena)	ESPN+		
Oct 13 (Fri)	7:00 p.m.	Away	UC San Diego	La Jolla, Calif.	ESPN+		
Oct 14 (Sat)	7:00 p.m.	Away	Long Beach State	Long Beach, Calif.	ESPN+		
Oct 19 (Thu)	6:00 p.m.	Home	UC Davis	Riverside, Calif. (SRC Arena)	ESPN+		
Oct 21 (Sat)	10:00 p.m.	Away	Hawaii	Honolulu, Hawaii	ESPN+		
Oct 26 (Thu)	6:00 p.m.	Home	Long Beach State	Riverside, Calif. (SRC Arena)	ESPN+		
Oct 28 (Sat)	4:00 p.m.	Home	UC San Diego	Riverside, Calif. (SRC Arena)	ESPN+		
Nov 2 (Thu)	6:00 p.m.	Home	Cal State Fullerton	Riverside, Calif. (SRC Arena)	ESPN+		
Nov 4 (Sat)	4:00 p.m.	Home	UC Irvine	Riverside, Calif. (SRC Arena)	ESPN+		
Nov 9 (Thu)	5:00 p.m.	Home	Cal State Bakersfield	Riverside, Calif. (SRC Arena)	ESPN+		
Nov 11 (Sat)	4:00 p.m.	Home	CSUN	Riverside, Calif. (SRC Arena)	ESPN+		
Nov 17 (Fri)	7:00 p.m.	Away	Cal Poly	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	ESPN+		
Nov 18 (Sat)	TBD	Away	UC Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, Calif.	ESPN+		

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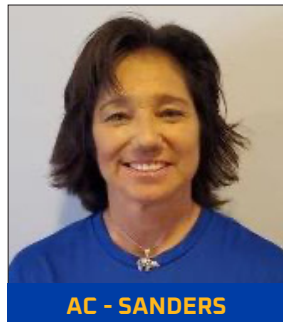
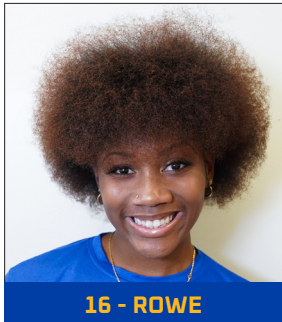
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## HEAD COACH NICKY CANNON



Nicky Cannon was named Head Women's Volleyball Coach on April 18, 2022 and enters her second season in 2023.

Cannon, who spent the previous three seasons as an assistant coach with Cal State Fullerton, becomes the program's fourth head coach since its inception in 1970 (originally at the Division II level before UCR Athletics transitioned to the Division I level just over 20 years ago).

Cannon turned over a new leaf with the program's energy and culture in her first season in 2023, bringing in experienced setter Taylor Hifo. Under Cannon's tutelage, Hifo recorded the Big West's first triple double since 2018 and her 500th career assist. Hifo also earned All-Big West Honorable Mention while Bella Scarlett picked up multiple All-Tournament awards and her 500th career kill.

Cannon's Highlanders pulled out a dramatic 3-2 victory of UC San Diego in her debut at the SRC Arena on September 29, 2022.

In three seasons with Cal State Fullerton, Cannon's presence made an impact. In her first year, the squad had a huge turnaround season, finishing the year with a 12-15 overall record. The 12 total wins were the most for the program since 2012 while the four conference victories were the most since 2013. The team doubled their win total from the previous year and Cannon (as lead in defensive development and systems) guided the team to a Top 25 national ranking with 17.44 digs per set. Cannon was also a part of staff to (then) Head Coach Ashley Preston's Big West Conference Co-Head Coach of The Year after the 2019 season.

Cannon helped guide Cal State Fullerton's Julia Crawford to a phenomenal 2019 rookie campaign, as she was awarded a spot on the All-Big West First Team and Freshman Team. Her 368 kills and 398.5 total points were the most by a Titan since the 2014 season en route to becoming just the ninth Fullerton player to earn a First Team selection and the first since Kayla Neto in 2012. Cannon also worked with Savannah Costello, a 2019 Big West Honorable Mention honoree. The 5'5" libero absolutely dominated the conference leaderboards averaging 5.31 digs per set; a number that ranked 13th in the entire NCAA. Her 531 total digs on the year is the sixth most in Titan single-season history as she posted double-digit digs in nearly every match that season. Costello ranks sixth all-time in the program in total digs for her career with 1,197.

Cannon joined Cal State Fullerton after spending three years as the Assistant Coach in both indoor and beach volleyball at Cypress Community College. In her three years as the Assistant Coach, she helped Nancy Welliver to one indoor and two beach conference championships as well as two state tournament appearances.

Prior to Cypress, Cannon was the Athletics Director and Head Volleyball Coach at Christ Academy High School in Wichita Falls, Texas from 2013-2015. While in Texas, Cannon also co-founded Zone-In Volleyball Academy (ZIVA), where she was the head coach for the 14's and 18's National Team and Club Director from 2012-2019.

Cannon was also awarded the American Volleyball Coaches Association 2020 Diversity Award and was a keynote speaker at the 2020 and 2021 AVCA Volleyball Convention.

Cannon graduated from Colgate University where she was a Patriot League All-Conference Pitcher. She has also completed her Master's Degree in Physical Education at Azusa Pacific and resides in La Palma with her husband Jerron and two daughters Rishae and Syriah.

## ASSISTANT COACH AERIELLE EDWARDS

Aerielle Edwards enters her second season as an assistant coach with the UC Riverside volleyball program in 2023.

Edwards arrived in the Inland Empire in 2022 after two years of coaching high school volleyball at Texas Image Volleyball Club in Grand Prairie, Texas. In 2018, she served as an assistant coach under Ronda Shirley at Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas and helped Navarro earn the program's first NJCAA national tournament appearance.

Edwards played her college volleyball at Division II Midwestern State in Wichita Falls, Texas. She was a two-time All-Lone Star Conference (LSC) honoree for the Mustangs, earning Postseason All-Tournament Team honors and a spot on the LSC Commissioner's Honor Roll in 2016.

She began her college career with an NJCAA All-Region 16 honor at Missouri State-West Plains before earning NJCAA Region XIV Newcomer of the Year with Tyler JC in 2014.

Edwards was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas and resides in Riverside with her son, Jeremiah.



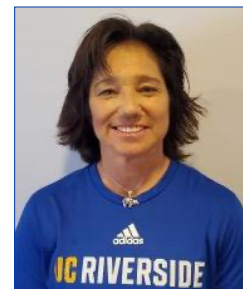
## ASSISTANT COACH SHERI SANDERS

Sheri Sanders joined the UC Riverside volleyball staff in July 2023 as an assistant coach following one season at Washington State.

Sanders spent the past 30 plus years providing specialized skills training and has developed hundreds of top-ranking setters in the SoCal region. Sanders is a former First-Team AVCA All-American and led Long Beach State to its first NCAA Division I national title in 1989.

Sanders was a four-year starter for the Beach, where she was later inducted into the LBSU Athletics Hall of Fame twice, once as an individual player in 2001 and again in 2011 as a member of the 1989 national championship team.

Sanders was named to the Big West All-Freshman Team in 1986, Second Team in 1988 and First Team in 1989. She still holds program and Division I records in categories of assists (6,031), digs (1,180) and service aces (151). In 2017, Sanders was recognized as fourth on the top 10 best female volleyball players in the history in Southern California.







## MATCH NOTES

### DIVISION I HISTORY

2023-24 will mark UC Riverside’s 23rd year as a member of the Big West. In that time, UCR women’s volleyball has produced 25 Big West All-Academic honorees, 19 All-Big West Honorees and 15 Big West Player of the Week honors.

### LAST TIME OUT

UCR fell 3-2 to first-place UC Santa Barbara on Thursday after being just the fourth team this year to push the Gauchos to a full five sets. Mylei Vargas-Deason put up a season-high 18 kills and UC Riverside as a unit put up 53 kills as a team, the most for the Highlanders in Big West play this season.

### HASHTAG HIGHLANDERS: WHAT’S TRENDING?

UC Riverside has been on the right side of history ever since Big West play started with a three-set defeat to UC Irvine on September 22.

- UCR got off to its best Big West start in program history at 3-1 following wins at CSUN and Cal State Bakersfield. In 22 previous years as a Big West member, UC Riverside had reached three wins in conference play just nine times. A win on Saturday will make it four Big West wins for just the sixth time in program history.
- Four of UCR’s top five single-match dig totals this year have come in Big West play, all thanks to 3.90 digs per set from Jessica Dean that ranks seventh in conference play.
- UCR’s two highest single-match block totals this season have come in conference play after recording 5.5 last Saturday in Bakersfield.
- UC Riverside was 0-11 entering last weekend when dropping set one, but twice fell behind 1-0 before downing both CSUN and Cal State Bakersfield on the road.
- UCR has won three matches away from the SRC Arena for the first time since 2015.
- UC Riverside ranks in the top five in conference play in opponent hitting percentage (5th/.175), opponent kills (4th/11.25), service aces (5th/1.50) and digs (3rd/15.15).

### UCR JOINS THE NIKE FAMILY

UC Riverside Athletics has entered into a new five-year agreement with Nike and BSN SPORTS. As part of the partnership agreement, BSN SPORTS will be UC Riverside Athletics’ official provider of apparel, footwear and other equipment needs.

### CONTINUED ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

UC Riverside women’s volleyball landed 11 student-athletes on the 2022-23 Big West Commissioner’s Honor Roll, including Highest Honors (3.51 to 4.0 GPA) recipients Delaney Tate, Madison Lounds and Hunter Thomas - all of whom return in 2023. Three Highlanders earned a spot on last fall’s Big West All-Academic squad, making it nine honors in the past two seasons for UCR.

Per U.S. News & World Report, UCR is ranked No. 2 in the country for social mobility while jumping 13 spots in the overall rankings to No. 76 among the top 435 private and public universities.

### THE OPPONENT

UC Riverside is meeting Cal Poly for the 44th time in program history and can snap a 16-match losing streak that dates back to 2013 with a win on Saturday.

## UCR’S RECORD WHEN...

Overall .....	4-13
Home .....	0-4
Away .....	2-3
Neutral.....	1-7
Big West Home .....	0-1
Big West Away.....	3-1
Three Sets.....	2-8
Four Sets.....	1-3
Five Sets.....	1-2
Winning Set 1.....	2-1
Losing Set 1.....	2-12
Winning Set 2.....	3-2
Losing Set 2.....	0-11
Winning Set 3.....	4-2
Losing Set 3.....	0-11
Winning Set 4.....	1-2
Losing Set 4.....	1-2
Leading in Kills.....	4-6
Trailing in Kills.....	0-7
Tied in Kills.....	0-0
Leading in Hitting Percentage .....	4-0
Trailing in Hitting Percentage .....	0-13
Tied in Hitting Percentage .....	0-0
Hitting .300 or Better.....	1-0
Hitting .250 to .259.....	1-1
Hitting .200 to .249.....	0-1
Hitting .150 to .199.....	1-5
Hitting .149 or Below .....	1-6
Opponent Hits .300 or Better .....	0-5
Opponent Hits .250 to .259 .....	0-4
Opponent Hits .200 to .249.....	0-3
Opponent Hits .150 to .199 .....	1-1
Opponent Hits .149 or Below.....	3-0
Leading in Service Aces.....	3-4
Trailing in Service Aces.....	1-8
Tied in Service Aces .....	0-1
Leading in Digs.....	3-3
Trailing in Digs.....	1-9
Tied in Digs.....	0-1
Leading in Blocks.....	0-1
Trailing in Blocks.....	1-12
Tied in Blocks .....	1-2

## UCR VOLLEYBALL HISTORY

25	BIG WEST ALL-ACADEMIC HONOREES
19	ALL-BIG WEST HONOREES
17	NCAA DIVISION II POSTSEASON APPEARANCES
11	UC RIVERSIDE HALL OF FAMERS
10	ALL-AMERICANS
3	NCAA DIVISION II NATIONAL TITLES

BIG WEST STANDINGS		
Team	BIG WEST	OVERALL
UC Santa Barbara	5-0	15-2
UC Davis	4-1	9-6
Cal Poly	4-1	10-7
Hawai'i	3-1	10-5
Long Beach State	3-1	9-5
UC Riverside	3-2	4-13
UC Irvine	2-3	4-12
Cal State Bakersfield	1-3	5-11
UC San Diego	0-4	8-8
CSUN	0-4	2-13
Cal State Fullerton	0-5	1-13

## MORE NOTES

### PLAYER NOTES

- Delaney Tate enters Saturday ninth in the Big West overall with 3.11 kills per set and 11th overall with 3.34 points per set.
- Tylee Fuller and former Highlander setter Tayler Hifo are nearly one in the same: both come from Utah and both were in their first season with the program as transfers when leading the squad in total service aces per set. Fuller's 0.42 aces per set in Big West play rank seventh in the conference.
- Sophia Ewalefo has two double doubles to her credit this season, including last Friday's 13-kill, 14-dig performance at CSUN. Overall, Ewalefo ranks 13th in Big West play with 2.75 kills per set and 19th with 3.03 points per set.
- Mylei Vargas-Deason is closing in on 500 digs for her career, entering Saturday at 494. The Anaheim native is averaging 1.33 per set this season in conference play and has led UCR outright in kills in two of the last three matches.
- Sydnee Rowe set a season high last Friday with 10 kills. Rowe's .667 hitting percentage at Cal State Fullerton was the second-highest individual percentage in conference play this season, and Beatriz Silva's 32 assists were tied for the fourth-most in a three-set match.
- Jessica Dean's 25 digs at Cal State Bakersfield were the most in a four-set Big West match this season, and Tate's 17 kills were tied for the third most in a four-set match.
- Dean (7th/3.90) and Silva (15th/2.80) both rank in the top 15 in conference play in digs per set.

### RAISE THE RIV

UC Riverside is making headwaves across the academic landscape with newly-released rankings, in addition to being named a member of the prestigious Association of American Universities, an elite group comprised of the nation's leading research universities. In addition to the following rankings, UCR also lays claim to two Nobel Prize winners, two Guggenheim Awards, four UC University Professorships, 11 Fulbright Scholars and 28 National Academies Members.

- UC Riverside is a new member of the Association of American Universities, which is comprised of the country's leading research universities.
- No. 2 among all U.S. universities for social mobility – U.S. News & World Report
- No. 1 for Hispanic enrollment among selective universities – Urban Institute
- No. 1 in freshmen retention rates for Pell Grant recipients, and No. 3 in Pell recipient graduation rates – Chronicle of Higher Education
- No. 2 in the country for financial aid – Business Insider
- No. 2 in Entomology research in the world – Center for World University Rankings
- No. 3 in Hispanic STEM graduates in the nation – National Science Foundation
- No. 5 most diverse medical school – U.S. News
- No. 7 for Pell Grant student performance – Washington Monthly
- No. 9 among public universities for sustainability – Princeton Review
- Top 12 public university – Forbes "America's Best Value Colleges"
- No. 14 public university – CNBC "Colleges That Pay Off the Most"
- No. 20 public university – Princeton Review Best Schools for Making a Public Impact
- No. 31 in the world in plant and animal sciences – U.S. News & World Report

## 2023 STATISTICS

### Team Box Score

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	Domingo, Myla	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
2	Tong, Makena	18	2	0.11	1	8	.125	146	8.11	6	11	0.33	0	40	2.22	0	1	1	0.06	1	2	8.5
6	Vargas-Deason, Mylei	50	80	1.60	36	247	.178	5	0.10	15	24	0.30	11	70	1.40	1	3	4	0.08	2	0	97.5
7	Bernard, Sophia	3	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	2	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
8	Dean, Jessica	44	0	0.00	4	8	-.500	28	0.64	9	13	0.20	16	165	3.75	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	9.0
9	Johnson, Riley	11	4	0.36	1	6	.500	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.09	1	1	2	0.18	1	0	5.5
10	Beatriz Nunes, Ana	29	48	1.66	31	127	.134	1	0.03	0	0	0.00	0	7	0.24	1	7	8	0.28	2	0	52.5
11	Green, Anya	61	91	1.49	24	220	.305	6	0.10	4	7	0.07	0	27	0.44	6	23	29	0.48	2	0	112.5
12	Fuller, Tylee	51	1	0.02	2	14	-.071	29	0.57	23	18	0.45	13	136	2.67	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	24.0
13	Hughes, Nikki	12	13	1.08	11	46	.043	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	6	0.50	0	2	2	0.17	2	0	14.0
16	Rowe, Sydnee	52	69	1.33	32	170	.218	6	0.12	8	16	0.15	1	15	0.29	5	16	21	0.40	0	0	90.0
17	Thomas, Hunter	27	42	1.56	20	124	.177	2	0.07	2	4	0.07	0	22	0.81	1	4	5	0.19	1	1	47.0
18	Silva, Beatriz	51	32	0.63	10	112	.196	414	8.12	15	17	0.29	1	117	2.29	2	11	13	0.25	4	14	54.5
19	Tate, Delaney	59	179	3.03	87	574	.160	18	0.31	12	39	0.20	26	125	2.12	0	3	3	0.05	2	0	192.5
20	Ikpe, Coco	21	45	2.14	32	132	.098	1	0.05	0	2	0.00	4	10	0.48	1	4	5	0.24	2	0	48.0
21	Wiedenheft, Brooklyn	31	0	0.00	0	3	.000	10	0.32	5	14	0.16	8	56	1.81	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	5.0
23	Ewalefo, Sophia	38	125	3.29	68	341	.167	6	0.16	1	3	0.03	4	64	1.68	2	4	6	0.16	1	0	130.0
25	Wiles, Carissa	12	10	0.83	9	36	.028	1	0.08	0	0	0.00	0	6	0.50	0	1	1	0.08	1	0	10.5
UC RIVERSIDE		61	741	12.15	368	2168	.172	673	11.03	100	170	1.64	104	867	14.21	20	80	60	0.98	21	20	901.0
Opponents		61	726	11.90	261	1983	.234	667	10.93	104	131	1.70	100	877	14.38	27	231	142.5	2.34	20	21	972.5



## CAREER-SEASON HIGHS

#	NAME	K	AST	PTS	SA	DIGS	BLK
1	Myla Domingo	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
2	Makena Tong	2-2	49-49	5-5	5-3	14-14	1-1
3	Madison Lounds	10-0	1-0	13.5-0	0-0	1-0	6-0
4	Trinity Neal	1-0	1-0	4-0	4-0	4-0	0-0
6	Mylei Vargas-Deason	22-18	4-2	22.5-19	4-3	19-10	2-2
7	Sophia Bernard	3-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
8	Jessica Dean	1-0	8-5	4-3	4-3	25-25	0-0
9	Riley Johnson	2-2	0-0	3.5-3.5	0-0	1-1	2-2
10	Ana Beatriz Nunes	9-9	1-1	10.5-10.5	0-0	3-3	3-3
11	Anya Green	16-11	3-2	16.5-12.5	2-2	5-5	8-5
12	Tylee Fuller	1-1	5-5	3-3	3-3	23-23	0-0
13	Nikki Hughes	4-4	0-0	4.5-4.5	0-0	3-3	1-1
16	Sydnee Rowe	10-10	1-1	12.5-12.5	3-3	4-4	4-4
17	Hunter Thomas	10-7	1-1	12-7.5	2-2	8-8	4-1
18	Beatriz Silva	4-4	43-43	8.5-8.5	4-4	14-14	3-3
19	Delaney Tate	22-22	4-3	22-22	3-3	19-15	2-1
20	Coco Ikpe	13-12	2-1	13.5-12.5	1-0	11-3	3-1
21	Brooklyn Wiedenheft	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-2	10-10	0-0
23	Sophia Ewalefo	20-17	1-1	22.5-17	3-1	21-14	4-4
25	Carissa Wiles	4-4	1-1	4.5-4.5	0-0	4-4	1-1



UC Riverside ranks in the top five in conference play in opponent hitting percentage (5th/.175), opponent kills (4th/11.25), service aces (5th/1.50) and digs (3rd/15.15).

## MATCH LEADERS

	KILLS	ACES	BLOCKS	ASSISTS	DIGS	RESULT
Aug 25 vs. North Dakota St.	Ewalefo (22)	Tong (3)	3 players (1)	Tong (49)	Wiedenheft (15)	L, 1-3
Aug 26 vs. Seattle	Tate (10)	3 players (1)	Rowe (2)	Tong (29)	Tong (8)	L, 0-3
Aug 27 at Idaho	Tate (16)	Fuller (3)	3 players (1)	Tong (29)	Tong (14)	L, 0-3
Aug 31 at IUPUI	Tate (22)	2 players (2)	Green (3)	Silva (40)	Fuller (23)	L, 2-3
Sep 1 vs. Eastern Illinois	Tate (8)	2 players (2)	2 players (1)	Silva (14)	2 players (10)	L, 0-3
Sep 2 vs. Oral Roberts	Tate (12)	Vargas-Deason (2)	3 players (1)	Silva (24)	Fuller (20)	L, 0-3
Sep 8 vs. Oregon State	3 players (6)	Vargas-Deason (2)	2 players (1)	Silva (22)	Dean (17)	L, 0-3
Sep 9 vs. Nevada	2 players (11)	3 players (1)	Johnson (2)	Silva (27)	Dean (14)	L, 0-3
Sep 9 vs. California Baptist	Ikpe (11)	Silva (3)	-	Silva (18)	Dean (10)	L, 0-3
Sep 15 vs. Texas Southern	Ewalefo (15)	Silva (4)	Green (5)	Silva (38)	Dean (9)	W, 3-0
Sep 15 at Tarleton State	Tate (18)	2 players (1)	2 players (1)	Silva (41)	Dean (16)	L, 1-3
Sep 16 vs. Md. Eastern Shore	Ewalefo (17)	2 players (3)	Green (3)	Silva (27)	Dean (13)	L, 1-3
Sep 22 at UC Irvine	Tate (8)	2 players (2)	Rowe (2)	Silva (14)	Dean (12)	L, 0-3
Sep 23 at Cal State Fullerton	Ewalefo (14)	2 players (3)	Green (5)	Silva (32)	Dean (16)	W, 3-0
Sep 29 at CSUN	Vargas-Deason (14)	Silva (2)	Green (5)	Silva (37)	Ewalefo (14)	W, 3-2
Sep 30 at Cal State Bakersfield	Tate (17)	2 players (3)	Rowe (4)	Silva (37)	Dean (24)	W, 3-1
Oct 5 vs. UC Santa Barbara	Vargas-Deason (18)	Green (2)	Beatriz Nunes (3)	Silva (43)	2 players (17)	L, 2-3
Oct 7 vs. Cal Poly						
Oct 13 at UC San Diego						
Oct 19 vs. UC Davis						
Oct 21 at Hawaii						
Oct 26 vs. Long Beach State						
Oct 28 vs. UC San Diego						
Nov 2 vs. Cal State Fullerton						
Nov 4 vs. UC Irvine						
Nov 9 vs. Cal State Bakersfield						
Nov 11 vs. CSUN						
Nov 17 at Cal Poly						
Nov 18 at UC Santa Barbara						



## MEET THE HIGHLANDERS

### 1 | MYLA DOMINGO

**S/DS | 5-6 | So.**  
**Buena Park, Calif.**  
**Troy High School**

- Made her UCR debut with one set at Cal State Bakersfield (9/30)
- Four-year Academic Scholar Award recipient at Troy High School

### 2 | MAKENA TONG

**S | 5-6 | So.**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii**  
**University Laboratory School**

- 12 assists, four digs at UC Irvine (9/22)
- 2018-19 Interscholastic League of Honolulu (ILH) Girls Varsity Division II Volleyball All-Stars Honorable Mentions
- 2018-19 ILH Girls Varsity Division II Basketball All-Stars Second Team and All Hawaii Girls Basketball Division II Honorable Mentions
- 2019-2020 ILH Girls Varsity Division II Volleyball All-Stars First Team and Girls Varsity Division II Basketball All-Stars Second Team
- Invited/Attended 2019 AVCA Phenom
- Class of 2022 Prep Volleyball Watchlist

### 3 | MADISON LOUNDS

**MB | 6-1 | RS Jr.**  
**Phoenix, Ariz.**  
**Pinnacle High School**

- No appearances in 2022 or 2023
- Three-year varsity letterwinner at Pinnacle High School in Phoenix, where she was a 2020 Sports360AZ All-Academic selection

### 4 | TRINITY NEAL

**DS/L | 5-9 | Jr.**  
**Fullerton, Calif.**  
**El Dorado High School**

- 33 digs and 13 aces in 19 matches at UC Santa Cruz in 2022
- Two-time CIF quarterfinalist and 2017 CIF semifinalist
- Two-time Scholar Athlete, National Honor Society Member and Athletic Council Volleyball Rep
- Won a bid to 2020 Junior Olympics at the club level with Momentous VBC

### 6 | MYLEI VARGAS-DEASON

**OH | 5-9 | Sr.**  
**Anaheim, Calif.**  
**Katella High School**

- 494 career digs entering Saturday
- Season-high 18 kills on Thursday against UC Santa Barbara; has led UCR in kills in two of the last three matches

- Three-time All-CIF Southern Section selection at Katella High School

### 7 | SOPHIA BERNARD

**OH | 6-0 | So.**  
**Los Angeles, Calif.**  
**Windward School**

- Has only appeared in three sets this year at Idaho (8/27)
- Seven kills in eight sets in 2022
- First Team All-Gold League at Windward
- Older brother, Jules, played basketball at UCLA and currently plays in the NBA G League
- Father's side of the family is from Trinidad and Tobago, and all of his mother's children and grandchildren have been athletes in at least one sport

### 8 | JESSICA DEAN

**OH/DS | 5-8 | So.**  
**San Mateo, Calif.**  
**Hillsdale High School**

- Career-high 25 digs in win at Cal State Bakersfield (9/30), highest individual total in a Big West four-set match this season
- Seventh in conference play with 3.90 digs per set
- 41 digs in Riverside Classic against CBU, Oregon State and Nevada
- CIF Division I champion, Peninsula Athletic League Bay Division Co-MVP and Daily Journal Volleyball Player of the Year at Hillsdale High School
- Older sister, Ashleigh, plays softball at La Sierra University
- Club teammate and best friend Victoria Vanos plays volleyball for UC Davis
- Oldest sister and mother both played collegiate softball

### 9 | RILEY JOHNSON

**MB | 6-0 | Fr.**  
**Houston, Texas**  
**Glenda Dawson High School**

- 10 sets played in four matches in 2023
- Played at Glenda Dawson High School in Houston and for Absolute Volleyball Academy at the club level
- Three-time Soaring Eagle Award recipient

### 10 | ANA BEATRIZ NUNES

**RS | 6-1 | Jr.**  
**Aracaju, Segirpe, Brazil**  
**Instituto Dom Fernando Gomes**

- Tied season high with nine kills in win at Cal State Fullerton (9/23)
- Six kills, assist, three digs, block assist in win over Texas Southern (9/15)
- Transfer from Navarro College in Texas and St. Petersburg College in Florida

- All-Region Honorable Mention at Navarro
- First Team All-Suncoast League at St. Petersburg

### 11 | ANYA GREEN

**MB | 6-1 | Sr.**  
**Stockton, Calif.**  
**St. Mary's High School**

- Sixth in the Big West overall with a .292 hitting percentage
- Career-high five digs at IUPUI (8/31)
- Two-time Big West All-Academic selection
- Named to last year's CBU/UCR All-Tournament Team
- Two-time Stockton Record Best of the Record selection

### 12 | TYLEE FULLER

**L | 5-10 | Jr.**  
**Lehi, Utah**  
**Skyridge High School**

- Seventh in Big West play with 0.42 aces per set
- Comes to UCR from Iowa Western Community College and College of Southern Nevada
- Averaged 4.08 digs per set at the Hampton Inn Invitational against IUPUI, Eastern Illinois and Oral Roberts
- Leads UCR with 19 aces
- State champion at Skyridge High School

### 13 | NIKKI HUGHES

**RS | 6-0 | Fr.**  
**La Cañada Flintridge, Calif.**  
**La Cañada High School**

- 12 sets played in seven matches in 2023
- Second Team All-Rio Hondo League as a junior and First Team as a senior
- Top-six all-time in LCHS history for career kills
- California Scholarship Federation Gold Seal graduate

### 16 | SYDNEE ROWE

**MB | 5-10 | Jr.**  
**Gardena, Calif.**  
**Carson High School**

- Hit .667 in 3-0 win at Cal State Fullerton (9/23), the second highest by a Big West player this season in conference play
- Career-high 10 kills at CSUN on Friday
- Two block assists at UC Irvine (9/22)
- Seven kills, three aces, four digs in win over Texas Southern (9/15)
- 2022 CCCAA state champion at Feather River College, where she also played beach volleyball
- California state champion at Carson High School





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### 17 | HUNTER THOMAS

**RS/OH | 6-0 | Sr.**  
**Lakewood, Calif.**  
**Richard Gahr High School**

- Season-high seven kills in Dr. Pam Littleton Classic finale against Maryland Eastern Shore (9/16)
- Four kills, two aces, eight digs, one block assist against IUPUI (8/31)
- Transfer from Idaho State, where she played in four matches in 2021
- Three-time All-Gateway League selection and Honor Roll graduate at Richard Gahr High School

### 18 | BEATRIZ SILVA

**S | 5-10 | So.**  
**Redlands, Calif.**  
**Loma Linda Academy**

- Ranks in the top 15 in conference play in assists per set (4th/8.15) and digs per set (15th/2.80)
- Career-high 43 assists on Thursday against UC Santa Barbara
- 14 digs in UCR debut at IUPUI (8/31)
- 2022 First Team All-South Coast Conference (SCC) and 2021 SCC champion at Pasadena City College
- All-Ambassador League at Loma Linda Academy

### 19 | DELANEY TATE

**OH/DS | 5-8 | Sr.**  
**West Covina, Calif.**  
**Saint Paul High School**

- Ranks ninth in the Big West overall with 3.11 kills per set and 11th overall with 3.34 points per set
- Seventh in conference play with 3.90 digs per set
- 17 kills in four-set win at Cal State Bakersfield (9/30) was the third-highest individual total in a Big West four-set match this season
- Career-high 22 kills at IUPUI (8/31) to go along with three assists and 15 digs
- Played 107 sets last year in her first season at UCR (transfer from Citrus College and Hope International)
- Originally committed to College of Idaho out of high school

### 20 | COCO IKPE

**MB | 5-8 | Sr.**  
**Fairfield, Calif.**  
**Vanden High School**

- One kill shy of tying a career high with in Dr. Pam Littleton Classic finale against Maryland Eastern Shore (9/16)
- 11 kills, assist, two digs against California Baptist (9/9)
- Played in 30 sets across 13 matches with

three starts in her first season last year (transfer from Division II CSU Dominguez Hills)

- 2018 CIF Division III Sac-Joaquin Section champion at Vanden High School

### 21 | BROOKLYN WIEDENHEFT

**L | 5-5 | Jr.**  
**Henderson, Nev.**  
**The Meadows School**

- 26 sets played in nine matches in 2023
- Season-high 10 digs against Eastern Illinois (9/1)
- Played in three matches at UConn last season
- Competed at the Junior National Olympics for beach volleyball
- Graduated with honors from The Meadows School in Nevada

### 23 | SOPHIA EWALEFO

**OH | 5-10 | So.**  
**Las Vegas, Nev.**  
**Bishop Gorman High School**

- Has recorded 10 kills in five of her last eight matches
- Averaged 4.36 kills per set with three 15-kill performances at the Dr. Pam Littleton Classic in Texas
- Double double at Tarleton State with 16 kills and 12 digs (9/15)
- Led New Orleans with 241 kills last season while being named New Orleans Invitational Tournament MVP
- Two-time state champion tri-athlete (basketball, track & field) and National Honor Society member at Bishop Gorman High School

### 25 | CARISSA WILES

**OH | 6-0 | Jr.**  
**San Clemente, Calif.**  
**San Juan Hills High School**

- Had her best match of the season last Friday at CSUN with season highs of four kills, four digs and a block
- Played in 50 matches last year for Hope International, where she was named a Golden State Athletic Conference Scholar Athlete with a 4.0 GPA
- Three-year starter at San Juan Hills High School and played for T Street Volleyball Club
- Won the 2021 Volleyball Festival Championships in Phoenix with T Street