



# University of Southern California 2020-21 MEN'S WATER POLO

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**2020 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP | MARCH 18, 20-21**

## USC Men Set Up For 16th Straight NCAA Appearance

Trojans are hosting the postponed 2020 National Collegiate Championship looking for an 11th title.

### 2020-21 SCHEDULE/RESULTS USC record: 6-8 (3-7 MPSF)

#### Date Opponent Time/Result

##### BERKELEY TOURNAMENT

Jan. 23	at #5 California*	W 9-6
	vs. #3 UCLA*	W 12-7
Jan. 24	at #5 California*	L 12-9
	vs. #3 UCLA*	L 11-8

##### USC ROUND ROBIN

Feb. 6	#1 STANFORD*	L 14-8
	#2 CALIFORNIA*	L 11-8
Feb. 7	#2 UCLA*	L 7-5

##### Feb. 14 #5 PEPPERDINE W 13-7

##### STANFORD ROUND ROBIN

Feb. 20	vs. #1 California*	L 10-7
	at #3 Stanford*	L 15-9
Feb. 21	vs. #2 UCLA*	W 9-4

##### MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP (at UCLA)

March 5	Austin College&	W 21-5
March 6	California&	L 11-8
March 7	UCLA&	W 11-7

##### NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP (at USC)

March 18	UCLA vs. CBU^	1 p.m.
	USC vs. Bucknell^	4 p.m.
March 20	Stanford vs. UCLA/CBU^	2 p.m.
	Cal vs. USC/Bucknell^	5 p.m.
March 21	Championship^	2 p.m.

Home games in **BOLD CAPS** (at Uytengsu Aquatics Center)  
\* MPSF game  
& MPSF Tournament — Westwood, Calif.  
^ NCAA Champs — Uytengsu Aquatics Center

### THIS WEEK

USC is in familiar territory in several ways this week, as the Trojans are making an unmatched 16th consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament. USC also has been tabbed as host of this National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship, which was postponed from December 2020 to this month due to the coronavirus pandemic's impact on collegiate sports competition. No fans will be in attendance at the event, but the waters are sure to be churning with action as six teams splash down at Uytengsu Aquatics Center this week. The Trojans have won 10 NCAA titles and are in the hunt for an 11th this week.

### 2020 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP March 18, 20-21 (Uytengsu Aquatics Center)

TOURNAMENT CENTRAL: [tinyurl.com/2t3mm9hv](http://tinyurl.com/2t3mm9hv)

#### Opening Rounds | Thursday, March 18

1 p.m. — UCLA vs. California Baptist  
4 p.m. — USC vs. Bucknell

#### Semifinals | Saturday, March 20

2 p.m. — Stanford vs. UCLA/CBU winner  
5 p.m. — California vs. USC/Bucknell winner

#### Championship | Sunday, March 21

2 p.m. — Championship Game



### THE COMPETITION

On Thursday (March 18), Opening Round competition is set, starting with a 1 p.m. meeting between UCLA and California Baptist. At 4 p.m., host USC will take on Bucknell for the second straight NCAA meeting between the two programs. Winners from Thursday will step into the semifinals on Saturday (March 20). There, Stanford awaits the UCLA/CBU winner at 2 p.m., with California taking on the USC/Bucknell victor at 5 p.m. The 2020 national championship game will take place at 2 p.m. on Sunday (March 21).

### FOLLOW ALONG

No fans may be in attendance at the 2020 National Collegiate Men's Water Polo Championship due to LA County guidelines, but all games will be available for live streaming at [ncaa.com/live](http://ncaa.com/live) with Bill Cohn on the calls. All games also will have live stats available at theFOSH.net.

### USC BY THE NUMBERS (since 1969)

<b>35th</b> — NCAA appearance all-time	<b>10</b> — total national championships won
<b>16th</b> — consecutive NCAA appearance	<b>22</b> — total NCAA title matches reached
<b>2nd</b> — NCAA trip under HC Marko Pintaric	<b>2018</b> — last NCAA Championship won

### NCAA NOTES

Last year's semifinalists, the Trojans are making their 16th consecutive and 35th overall appearance in the national tournament. With eight crowns claimed in the past 15 seasons, USC made history in 2012 as the first collegiate men's water polo team to make eight consecutive appearances and then added to their historic efforts in becoming the first collegiate water polo team ever to win six straight NCAA titles in 2013. USC made 14 consecutive trips to the NCAA final from 2005-2018. The Trojans are looking to claim their 11th title in 23 years, with the program's first-ever NCAA championship won in 1998. As a university, USC has won 130 national team championships, including 107 NCAA team titles. USC leads the nation in men's NCAA team titles with 85 to date.

### THE CONTENDERS

The 2020 National Collegiate Championship involves a six-team field, with three at-large teams and three automatic qualifiers as conference champions. The top two seeds — MPSF Tournament champion Stanford and at-large selection California — have earned a place in the semifinal round, where they await winners of play-in games. The rest of the field is comprised of at-large selection and host USC and at-large selection UCLA along with

### All-Time Records vs. NCAA Teams THROUGH MARCH 8, 2021

Opponent	W-L (Streak)	USC Record In NCAA Tourn.
Bucknell	5-0 (W5)	1-0
California	66-62-2 (L3)	5-7
CBU	14-0 (W14)	0-0
Stanford	70-64 (L3)	8-4
UCLA	75-60-1 (W2)	6-5

**Overall NCAA Tournament Record: 60-26  
PAST NCAA APPEARANCES (34)**

conference champions Bucknell (Collegiate Water Polo Association) and California Baptist (Western Water Polo Association). Host USC is making its 16th consecutive trip to the NCAA tournament, defending champion Stanford is making its third consecutive trip, and Bucknell is back for the second straight season. The two 2018 finalists are the only holdovers from last year's NCAA field. California's last appearance was 2017; UCLA last made it in 2018; and California Baptist is making its first appearance in program history.

#### THIS TIME LAST YEAR

In 2019, USC carried a 14-5 overall record into the NCAA Tournament after picking up an at-large berth as the Trojans sought to defend their 2018 championship crown. The 2019 Trojans started out with a 15-9 win over Bucknell in the Opening Round to move into a semifinal bout with Stanford in Stockton. A rematch of the 2018 NCAA Championship game, USC would dig out of a four-goal hole to force overtime with the Cardinal, but the Trojans saw their valiant comeback effort come to a stunning stop when top-seeded Stanford scored a golden goal to win it 15-14. USC had two Trojans finish on the NCAA All-Tournament honor roll, with Jacob Mercep and Nic Porter both named to the First Team. Mercep scored five goals in the semifinal game, and Porter made 15 saves. The tournament marked Marko Pintaric's first NCAA trip as head coach of the Trojans.

#### RANKINGS

USC started this 2020-21 season ranked No. 1 in the national preseason poll, tied at that top spot with Stanford. After the first weekend of competition, USC was in a three-way tie at No. 2 with Cal and UCLA. On Feb. 10, USC moved to No. 4 in the nation, and the Trojans remain there as of the latest rankings on March 17.

#### BY THE NUMBERS

As NCAA action gets underway this week, **Jacob Mercep** leads USC's scoring charge with 36 goals to date. He has scored in 13 games with 11 multi-goal outings as he's climbed the USC career charts to currently rank No. 13 all-time with 148 goals as a Trojan — just five goals away from taking the No. 10 all-time spot. In addition to Mercep, USC has four other Trojans who have scored more than 10 goals to date — Jake Ehrhardt (18), Wyatt Barker (14), Carson Kranz (13) and Marcus Longton (13). Junior goalie **Nic Porter**, meanwhile, has logged 448 career saves to lift himself into Trojans' all-time top-10, now ranked No. 9. Porter is averaging 11.6 saves per game, having topped out with a career-high-tying 20 against Cal on Jan. 24. He's hauled in double-digit saves in eight games to date. Senior goalie **Vaios Vlahotasios** capped up for his first full game in the cage against Pepperdine on Feb. 14 and made 14 saves. All told, USC's goalkeeping corps is averaging 11.7 saves per game. As a team, USC is averaging 9.8 goals per game offensively and has allowed 9.1 goals-against per game defensively.

#### VETERANS CLUB

Captains **Jacob Mercep** and **Luke Wyatt** — both lefties — are the veterans of the bunch, while goalies **Nic Porter** and **Vaios Vlahotasios** are both in their third seasons as Trojans. U.S. National Teamer and All-American **Jake Ehrhardt** comes off a significant sophomore season to bolster USC's experienced depth charge for 2021.

#### TWO-METER PUNCH

With the graduation of two-meter men Sam Slobodien and Matt Maier, USC has welcomed the addition of grad transfer **Wyatt Barker**, a 6-foot-6 center who played at Pacific before coming to USC to pursue a master's degree. He and incoming freshmen **Max Miller** and **Tony Nardelli** are new faces in that hole position for the Trojans. Together, that trio of newcomers has tallied 19 goals for the Trojans to date.

#### SHARPSHOOTERS

USC's trio of left-handed attackers — All-American **Jacob Mercep**, **Luke Wyatt** and sophomore **Marcus Longton** — are balanced on the perimeter by several more sure-handed gunners. Adding further to USC's offensive onslaught, are the high-powered scoring abilities of **Chris Sturtevant** and **Jake Ehrhardt** along with fellow returners **Orestis Apergi** and **Alexander Lansill**. Meanwhile, newcomer **Carson Kranz** and his fellow freshman **Tom McGuire** have also established themselves as impact players on the attack in their first season as Trojans.

#### CAGE FIGHTERS

To back up USC's firepower on the offensive end, the Trojans boast a formidable goalkeeping corps. All-American **Nic Porter** is back for year three, as is **Vaios Vlahotasios**. That pair shouldered the bulk of the load between the pipes in 2019. This year, USC has three more goalies in line for their first action as Trojans in redshirt freshman **Garrett Allen** and true freshman **Blake Jackson**.

#### PINTA'S PROGRAM

**Marko Pintaric**, who has been part of 14 NCAA championships during his 19 years on the USC coaching staff, is in his second year at the helm of the Trojan water polo program. Last season on the men's side, he guided the Trojans to a 15th consecutive NCAA appearance, taking a sudden-death loss in the 2019 NCAA semifinals to eventual champion Stanford. With the women in 2020, Pintaric had USC ranked No. 1 in the nation when the season was brought to an early close due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pintaric was named head coach of the USC men's and women's water polo teams on August 29, 2019, replacing former head coach Jovan Vavic. An All-American and 1998 NCAA champion as a player at USC, Pintaric served as co-head coach for the USC men for the past three seasons (2016-18), most recently helping the Trojans to the 2018 NCAA Championship. His USC coaching career began as an assistant coach to both the USC men and women in 2001. Pintaric stayed in a dual coaching role until NCAA rules for coaching staff sizes changed in 2015-16, prompting a move to a scouting director role with the women while his assistant coaching role continued with the men for the next four years. Starting in 2021, Pintaric has a full coaching staff at his disposal, with associate head coach **Casey Moon** and assistant coach **Connor Virjee** back for more along with the addition of **Jeremy Davie** as a student assistant coach.

#### INTERNATIONAL BREAK

Trojans **Hannes Daube**, **Marko Vavic** and **Ashworth Molthen** are taking this season off to compete overseas in preparation for the U.S. National Team's work toward the Tokyo Olympic Games.

#### LAST SEASON

In 2019, under the direction of Marko Pintaric as head coach for the first season, the Trojans made their 15th consecutive journey to the NCAA Tournament. USC went 3-0 in MPSF regular-season action to earn the top seed at that tournament, finishing third and earning an at-large spot in the 2019 NCAA tourney. There, the Trojans beat Bucknell in a play-in game and then faced Stanford in the semis. The Cardinal would pull off a sudden-death victory over the Trojans, leaving USC with a 15-5 overall record. Six Trojans would earn ACWPC All-America honors, led by First Team selection and top scorer Jacob Mercep (51 goals). Hannes Daube and Nic Porter picked up spots on the Second Team. Marin Dasic earned Third Team honors, and Jake Ehrhardt and Sam Slobodien secured Honorable Mention status in 2019. •

## 2021 AWARDS

### All-MPSF First Team

Jake Ehrhardt  
Jacob Mercep  
Nic Porter

### All-MPSF Honorable Mention

Wyatt Barker  
Carson Kranz  
Luke Wyatt

### MPSF All-Tournament Team

Jake Ehrhardt  
Jacob Mercep

### MPSF Player of the Week

Nic Porter (Jan. 25)  
Jacob Mercep (Feb. 15)

### MPSF Newcomer of the Week

Carson Kranz (Jan. 25)  
Max Miller (Feb. 15)

## USC Sticks Six On All-MPSF Honor Roll

Jake Ehrhardt, Jacob Mercep and Nic Porter earn First Team honors.

USC piled six Trojans onto the All-MPSF honor roll for this adjusted men's water polo season. With competition running in the spring rather than last fall due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Trojans have navigated their way through a unique season and now have a 16th straight trip to the NCAA Tournament on the docket.

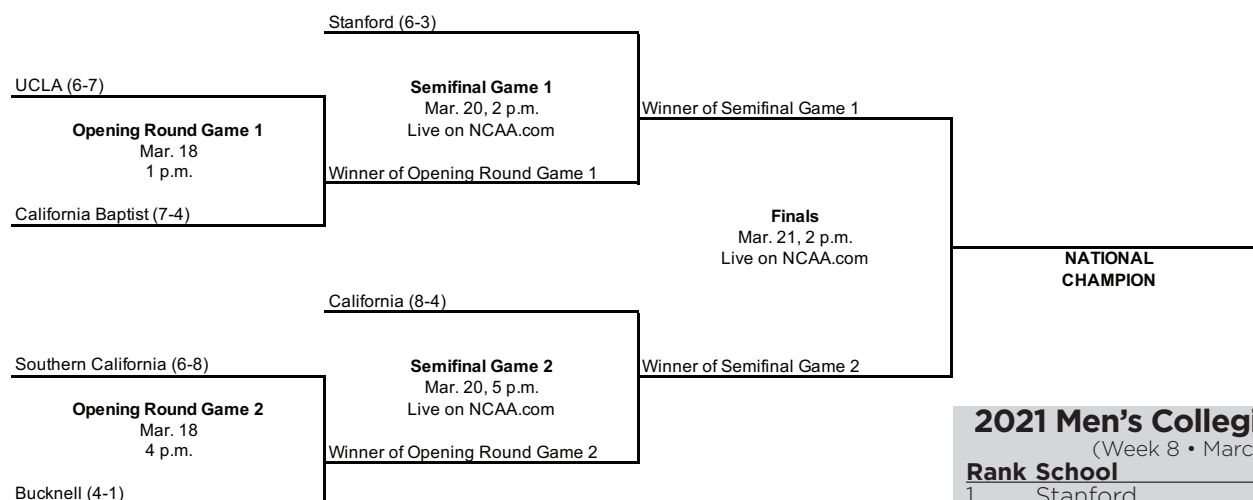
On March 3, the MPSF unveiled its awards list for this season. Weighing in with All-MPSF First Team honors were Jake Ehrhardt, Jacob Mercep and Nic Porter, while three other Trojans received their first All-MPSF accolades with this year's All-MPSF Honorable Mention status in Wyatt Barker, Carson Kranz and Luke Wyatt.

Senior **Jacob Mercep** picked up his third set of All-MPSF First Team honors in his three seasons as a Trojan. USC's top scorer with 36 goals this season so far, he's worked his way into USC's all-time top-20 in career scoring. Along the way this year, he also picked up MPSF Player of the Week honors and a spot on the MPSF All-Tournament Team.

Junior goalie **Nic Porter** upgraded the Honorable Mention status he earned in his first season at Troy, now locked in with First Team accolades as he's backed up the Trojans with eight double-digit save outings so far this season. He matched his career high with 20 saves against Cal in USC's first weekend of work in 2021, also earning himself MPSF Player of the Week honors. He's bumped up his career count into USC's all-time top-10 for goalie saves with his efforts this season to date.

So, too, has junior **Jake Ehrhardt** raised his MPSF status with this year's First Team selection. A Second Team honoree last year, Ehrhardt is USC's second leading scorer so far with 18 goals to his name. He's scored at least two goals in five games for the Trojans, having provided five goals for USC at the Stanford Round Robin event last month and another five in the MPSF tourney en route to MPSF All-Tournament Team accolades.

USC's representatives on the All-MPSF Honorable Mention list are three Trojans collecting the first All-MPSF honors of their careers. For senior **Luke Wyatt**, it's a much-deserved selection, as the captain is back for his fifth season as a Trojan. The redshirt senior has tallied nine goals so far this year as he has eclipsed the 50-goal mark with 52 so far in his Trojan career. The other two Honorable Mention recipients are USC newcomers. Grad transfer **Wyatt Barker** has punched up 14 goals in his first season as a Trojan after coming to USC from Pacific. He recently grabbed MPSF Newcomer of the Week honors after his four-goal outburst in USC's win over UCLA. Freshman **Carson Kranz** also pocketed MPSF Newcomer of the Week honors this year, and he has recorded 13 goals as a Trojan to date.



### 2021 Men's Collegiate Top-10 (Week 8 • March 17)

Rank	School	Last	Points
1.	Stanford	1	99
2.	California	2	96
3.	UCLA	3	90
4.	<b>USC</b>	4	<b>86</b>
5.	Pepperdine	5	79
6.	California Baptist	6	72
7.	Loyola Marymount	7	69
8t.	San Jose State	8t	63
8t.	Air Force	8t	63
10t.	Navy	10t	52
10t.	Bucknell	10t	52



## Year-by-Year Records & Finishes

Year	Overall Record	Year	Overall Record	NCAA* Finish	Conference	
					^Conference Record	Tournament Finish
1927	7-3	1969	9-9	6th		
1928	7-2	1970	9-9	5th		
1929	5-10	1971	12-6	-		
1930	9-6	1972	18-6	4th		
1931	8-3	1973	15-8	3rd		
1932	9-2	1974	10-8	-		
1933	7-1	1975	8-14	-		
1934	0-7	1976	7-16	-		
1935	1-6	1977	14-10	-		
1936	1-7	1978	16-8	-		
1937	2-13	1979	15-7	-	4-4 (Pac-10)	
1938	4-4-1	1980	18-10-3	5th	2-4	
1939	7-4	1981	8-16-1	-	0-6	
1940	4-4	1982	19-12-1	5th	0-6	
1941	7-4	1983	22-8-1	2nd	4-2	
1942	3-1	1984	24-7-1	3rd	3-3	
1943	4-1	1985	19-13	-	2-4	
1944	5-0	1986	18-12	5th	0-6	
1945	3-1	1987	22-8	2nd	3-3	
1946	5-4	1988	24-8	3rd	3-3	
1947	4-2	1989	12-16	-	1-5	
1948	10-1	1990	16-14	-	0-6	
1949	7-2	1991	14-15	-	1-5	
1950	11-3	1992	21-9	3rd	7-4 (MPSF)	Not held
1951	5-15	1993	19-9	2nd	4-4	2nd
1952	5-10	1994	19-7	2nd	6-2	2nd
1953	7-7	1995	20-5	-	5-3	3rd
1954	12-1	1996	23-3	2nd	7-1 \$	1st
1955	16-1	1997	21-7	2nd	5-3	1st
1956	6-4	1998	25-3	CHAMPION	8-0 \$	3rd
1957	7-4	1999	22-5	-	6-2	5th
1958	13-1	2000	23-5	3rd	7-1	5th
1959	15-3	2001	13-7	-	6-2	5th
1960	11-4	2002	20-8	-	5-3	5th
1961	16-1	2003	24-3	CHAMPION	7-1 \$	1st
1962	15-2	2004	22-5	-	5-3	3rd
1963	16-2	2005	26-1	CHAMPION	8-0 \$	1st
1964	13-5	2006	26-2	2nd	8-0 \$	2nd
1965	11-6	2007	19-3	2nd	6-2	1st
1966	15-3	2008	29-0	CHAMPION	8-0 \$	1st
1967	10-10	2009	26-2	CHAMPION	8-0 \$	3rd
1968	12-8	2010	28-2	CHAMPION	6-2	1st
		2011	24-3	CHAMPION	8-0 \$	2nd
		2012	29-0	CHAMPION	8-0 \$	1st
		2013	28-4	CHAMPION	5-3	1st
		2014	24-7	2nd	6-2	4th
		2015	22-7	2nd	6-3	3rd
		2016	24-2	2nd	3-0	1st
		2017	27-4	2nd	1-2	1st
		2018	30-3	CHAMPION	2-1	4th
		2019	15-6	Semifinal	3-0	3rd
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1333-540-8</b>	<b>(.711)</b>		

\*NCAA Tournament began in 1969

^records of conference games begin in 1979

\$ indicates regular-season MPSF champion

## NCAA Tournament History

### 1969 (6th place)

UCLA 4, USC 3  
USC 13, Yale 3  
UC Irvine 3, USC 2

### 1970 (5th place)

UC Irvine 7, USC 4  
USC 7, Colorado State 6  
USC 10, Stanford 7

### 1972 (4th place)

USC 17, New Mexico 7  
San Jose State 19, USC 14 (OT)  
USC 15, UC Santa Barbara 10  
UC Irvine 12, USC 8

### 1973 (3rd place)

USC 7, San Jose State 5  
UC Irvine 9, USC 5  
USC 7, UCLA 5

### 1980 (5th place)

Pepperdine 9, USC 8  
USC 16, Loyola (Ill.) 3  
USC 11, UC Santa Barbara 4

### 1982 (5th place)

California 7, USC 6 (OT)  
USC 11, Brown 8  
USC 8, UC Santa Barbara 6

### 1983 (2nd place)

USC 12, Brown 4  
USC 9, UC Irvine 8  
California 10, USC 7

### 1984 (3rd place)

USC 12, Brown 11  
California 10, USC 9  
USC 13, Pepperdine 10

### 1986 (5th place)

Pepperdine 10, USC 9  
USC 13, Air Force 3  
USC 8, Navy 3

### 1987 (2nd place)

USC 17, Navy 5  
USC 12, UCLA 11 (OT)  
California 9, USC 8 (OT)

### 1988 (3rd place)

USC 13, UC Irvine 11  
UCLA 13, USC 10  
USC 10, Stanford 7

### 1992 (3rd place)

USC 16, UC San Diego 7  
Stanford 11, USC 7  
USC 11, UC Irvine 10

### 1993 (2nd place)

USC 16, UC San Diego 9  
USC 12, California 11 (OT)  
Stanford 11, USC 9

### 1994 (2nd place)

USC 15, Navy 5  
USC 11, California 6  
Stanford 14, USC 10

### 1996 (2nd place)

USC 21, Massachusetts 6  
UCLA 8, USC 7

### 1997 (2nd place)

USC 14, Queens College 6  
Pepperdine 8, USC 7 (OT)

### 1998 (1st place)

USC 12, Massachusetts 3  
USC 9, Stanford 8 (OT)

### 2000 (3rd place)

UC San Diego 9, USC 8  
USC 15, Navy 9

### 2003 (1st place)

USC 10, Navy 6  
USC 9, Stanford 7 (OT)

### 2005 (1st place)

USC 14, St. Francis 8  
USC 3, Stanford 2

### 2006 (2nd place)

USC 20, Navy 3  
California 7, USC 6

### 2007 (2nd place)

USC 8, LMU 4  
California 8, USC 6

### 2008 (1st place)

USC 14, Navy 9  
USC 7, Stanford 5

### 2009 (1st place)

USC 13, Princeton 3  
USC 7, UCLA 6

### 2010 (1st place)

USC 10, St. Francis 7  
USC 12, California 10 (OT)

### 2011 (1st place)

USC 17, Princeton 4  
USC 7, UCLA 4

### 2012 (1st place)

USC 18, Air Force 7  
USC 11, UCLA 10

### 2013 (1st place)

USC 10, St. Francis Brooklyn 3  
USC 12, Pacific 11 (OT)

### 2014 (2nd place)

USC 19, Whittier 4  
USC 12, Stanford 11 (SD)  
UCLA 9, USC 8

### 2015 (2nd place)

USC 20, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps 5  
USC 9, California 6  
UCLA 10, USC 7

### 2016 (2nd place)

USC 19, Harvard 4  
California 11, USC 8 (OT)

### 2017 (2nd place)

USC 16, Harvard 4  
USC 12, California 11  
UCLA 7, USC 5

### 2018 (1st place)

USC 8, UCLA 7  
USC 14, Stanford 12

### 2019 (Semifinalist)

USC 15, Bucknell 9  
Stanford 15, USC 14 (SD)

# USC 2020-21 USC SCHEDULE/RESULTS USC

(6-8 overall • 3-7 MPSF)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/ RESULT	SCORE	SCORERS	SAVES
<i>BERKELEY TOURNAMENT (Hosted by Cal)</i>					
Jan. 23	at #5 California*	W	9-6	Mercep 3, Kranz 2, Ehrhardt, Longton, Wyatt, Barker.	Porter 14
	vs. #3 UCLA*	W	12-7	Mercep 7, Barker 2, Ehrhardt 2, Kranz.	Porter 10
Jan. 24	at #5 California*	L	12-9	Mercep 3, Kranz 2, Wyatt, Ehrhardt, Sturtevant, Longton.	Porter 20
	vs. #3 UCLA*	L	11-8	Mercep 2, Barker, Miller, Lansill, Ehrhardt, Kranz, Longton.	Porter 10

## USC ROUND ROBIN (Uytengsu Aquatics Center)

Feb. 6	#1 Stanford*	L	14-8	Longton 3, Mercep, Sturtevant, Ehrhardt, Wyatt, Barker.	Porter 7, Vlahotasios 0
	#2 California*	L	11-8	Mercep 2, Lansill 2, Barker, Miller, Sturtevant, Longton.	Porter 9, Vlahotasios 2
Feb. 7	#2 UCLA*	L	7-5	Mercep 2, Sturtevant, Wyatt, Kranz.	Porter 8
Feb. 14	#5 Pepperdine	W	13-7	Mercep 5, Longton 3, Ehrhardt 2, Miller, Barker, Kranz.	Vlahotasios 14

## STANFORD ROUND ROBIN

Feb. 20	vs. #1 California*	L	10-7	Ehrhardt 2, Kranz, McGuire, Apergi, Mercep, Miller.	Porter 14
	at #3 Stanford*	L	15-9	Mercep 2, Ehrhardt 2, Kranz 2, Longton, Miller, McGuire.	Porter 8
Feb. 21	vs. #2 UCLA*	W	9-4	Barker 4, Nardelli 2, Ehrhardt, Sturtevant, Apergi.	Porter 10

## MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP (Hosted by UCLA)

March 5	vs. Austin College	W	21-5	Nardelli 6, Ehrhardt 3, Mercep 2, Wyatt 2, Kranz 2, Barker, Longton, Miller, Agliozzo, Winther, Lansill.	Vlahotasios 12
March 6	vs. California	L	11-8	Mercep 4, Sturtevant, Ehrhardt, Barker, Agliozzo.	Porter 13
March 7	at UCLA	W	11-7	Wyatt 3, Mercep 2, Barker, Ehrhardt, Longton, Nardelli, McGuire, Sturtevant.	Porter 14

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Player	Goals
Jacob Mercep	36
Jake Ehrhardt	18
Wyatt Barker	14
Carson Kranz	13
Marcus Longton	13
Tony Nardelli	9
Luke Wyatt	9
Chris Sturtevant	7
Max Miller	6
Alexander Lansill	4
Chris Agliozzo	2
Orestis Apergi	2
Tom McGuire	3
Bennett Winther	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>137</b>

Goalie	Games/Pds	Saves	SPG	Goals Agst	GAPG			
Nic Porter	12 / 47	136	11.6	112	9.5			
Vaios Vlahotasios	4 / 10	28	11.2	14	5.6			
Field Player	2	0		1				
Totals	14 games	164	11.7	127	9.1			
Goals by Period	1	2	3	4	OT1	OT2	Total	Ave.
USC	36	39	32	30	-	-	137	9.8
Opponents	30	32	38	27	-	-	127	9.1

Player	Games Scored in	Multi-Goal Games	Total Goals
Mercep	13	11	36
Ehrhardt	12	5	18
Barker	10	2	14
Kranz	9	4	13
Longton	9	2	13
Sturtevant	7	0	7
Wyatt	6	2	9
Miller	6	0	6
Nardelli	3	2	9
Lansill	3	1	4
Agliozzo	2	0	2
Apergi	2	0	2
McGuire	3	0	3
Winther	1	0	1

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## Career Goals

(since 1983)

1.	Kostas Genidounias 2011-2014	261
2.	Nikola Vavic	254
3.	Juraj Zatovic	220
4.	Robert Lynn	190
5.	Hrvoje Cizmic	179
6.	Danny Leyson	167
7.	Giacomo Rossi	162
8.	Zoltan Berty	161
9.	Blake Edwards	156
10.	Marko Zagar	152
11.	Jose Santiago	151
12.	Rob Carver	150
13.	Matteo Morelli	148
	<b>Jacob Mercep</b>	148
15.	Grant Stein	145
16.	Juan Delgadillo	143
17.	Peter Kurzeka	142
18.	Lachlan Edwards	141
19.	J.W. Krumpholz	138
20.	Thomas Hale	134
	Marin Dasic	134
22.	Mateo Juric	132
23.	Jeremy Davie	129
24.	Matt Sagehorn	127
25.	Predrag Damjanov	124
26.	Mace Rapsey	123
27.	James Castle	122
28.	Mike Howell	121
29.	Charles Harris	120
30.	Simun Cimerman	117
31.	Rex Butler	116
32.	Jason Klingsberg	113
	Ivan Babic	113
34.	Shea Buckner	110
35.	Matt Tonkovich	109
36.	Marko Vavic	108
37.	Sam Slobodien	104
38.	Marko Pintaric	103
39.	Mike Spicer	101
	Justin Rappel	101
	Matt Maier	101

## Career Goalie Saves

(since 1984)

1.	McQuin Baron	1,085
2.	Joel Dennerley	855
3.	Kevin Stringer	675
4.	Richard McEvoy	638
5.	Andrew Tinseth	629
6.	Bozidar Damjanovic	614
7.	Brendan Grubbs	598
8.	Adam Shilling	523
9.	<b>Nic Porter</b>	448
10.	Sean McCloskey	437
11.	Brent Kimball	426

## Single-Season Goals

(since 1983)

1.	Nikola Vavic	2012	83
2.	Kostas Genidounias	2014	82
3.	Zoltan Berty	1988	81
	Nikola Vavic	2013	81
5.	Robert Lynn	1986	80
	Kostas Genidounias	2013	80
7.	Charles Harris	1984	75
8.	Juraj Zatovic	2005	68
	Kostas Genidounias	2012	68
	Blake Edwards	2015	68
10.	Danny Leyson	1992	66
11.	Rob Carver	1988	62
	Hrvoje Cizmic	1994	62
	<b>Jacob Mercep</b>	2018	62
14.	Hrvoje Cizmic	1996	61
15.	Marko Zagar	1996	60
16.	Mike Spicer	1983	59
	Mike Howell	1985	59
	Marko Pintaric	1997	59
	Hannes Daube	2018	58
20.	Mateo Juric	1995	57
	Juraj Zatovic	2003	57
	Marko Vavic	2018	57
23.	Giacomo Rossi	1987	56
	Hrvoje Cizmic	1995	56
25.	Juan Delgadillo	2005	55
26.	Juan Delgadillo	2006	54
27.	George Csaszar	1998	52
28.	Keith Leggett	1988	51
	Marko Vavic	2017	51
	<b>Jacob Mercep</b>	2019	51
31.	Robert Lynn	1988	50
	Jose Santiago	1992	50

## Single-Season Goalie Saves

(since 1983)

1.	McQuin Baron	2014	288
2.	McQuin Baron	2015	282
3.	Andrew Tinseth	1993	268
	McQuin Baron	2017	268
5.	James Clark	2013	263
6.	Kevin Stringer	1986	253
7.	Andrew Tinseth	1992	247
	McQuin Baron	2016	247
9.	Richard McEvoy	1999	246
10.	Brent Kimball	1988	231
11.	Kevin Stringer	1987	226
12.	Joel Dennerley	2008	225
13.	Sean McCloskey	1990	223
14.	Joel Dennerley	2010	222
15.	Eric Davison	1984	219
16.	Joel Dennerley	2011	214

## Single-Game Goals

(since 1983)

9	Nikola Vavic	2012	9
8	George Csaszar	1988	8
	Jerry Wooden	1993	8
7	<b>Jacob Mercep</b>	2020-21	7
	Blake Edwards	2017	7
	Kostas Genidounias	2014	7
	Mateo Juric	1995	7
6	<b>Tony Nardelli</b>	2020-21	6
	Hannes Daube	2018	6
	Sam Slobodien	2017	6
	Blake Edwards	2015, 2016	6
	Nikola Vavic	2012, 2013	6
	Peter Kurzeka	2011	6
	Juan Delgadillo	2005	6
	Daniel Lontay	2001	6
	Ivan Babic	2000	6
	Allen Basso	1998, 1999	6
	George Csaszar	1998	6
	Mateo Juric	1996	6
	Marko Zagar	1996	6
	Uzi Hadar	1993, 1994	6
	Danny Leyson	1992 (3x)	6
	Jason Klingsberg	1992	6
	Greg Tonkovich	1990	6
5	Kostas Genidounias	2011, 2012,	5
		2014 (2x)	5
	<b>Jacob Mercep</b>	2018 (2x),	5
		2019 (2x), 2020-21	5
	Matteo Morelli	2014, 2015, 2017	5
	Hannes Daube	2018, 2019	5
	Blake Edwards	2015, 2016	5
	Marko Vavic	2018	5
	Lachlan Edwards	2017	5
	Daniel Leong	2016	5
	Max Hurst-Mendoza	2014	5
	Grant Stein	2014	5
	Rex Butler	2014	5
	Nikola Vavic	2011, 2012, 2013 (2x)	5
	Mace Rapsey	2013	5
	Connor Virjee	2013	5
	J.W. Krumpholz	2006, 2009	5
	Shea Buckner	2009	5
	Anthony Artukovich	2007	5
	Juan Delgadillo	2006	5
	Cameron Kaiser	2004	5
	Thomas Hale	2003	5
	Stever O'Rourke	2000	5
	Allen Basso	1999	5
	George Csaszar	1998, 1999	5
	Ivan Babic	1998	5
	Marko Pintaric	1997 (5x)	5
	Mateo Juric	1996, 1997	5
	Simun Cimerman	1996	5
	Marko Zagar	1995, 1996 (3x)	5
	Hrvoje Cizmic	1994	5
	Drew Netherton	1994	5
	Ivan Hurtado	1994	5
	Jose Santiago	1992, 1993	5
	Giacomo Rossi	1989	5
	Zoltan Berty	1988	5
	Rob Carver	1988	5
	Robert Lynn	1988	5

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# 2020-21 USC Men's Water Polo Roster

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	YR.	HOMETOWN	PREVIOUS SCHOOLS
<b>1</b>	<b>Nic Porter</b>	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>JR</b>	<b>Peregian Springs, Queensland, Australia</b>	<b>St. Andrew's Anglican Coll.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Vaios Vlahotasios</b>	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>Athens, Greece</b>	<b>Genadios School/George Washington Univ.</b>
1	Garrett Allen	Goalie	6-1	FR*	Manhattan Beach, Calif.	Mira Costa HS
1	Jere Ashby	Goalie	6-2	JR	Pacific Palisades, Calif.	Mira Costa HS/Santa Monica College
1	Blake Jackson	Goalie	6-3	FR	Newport Beach, Calif.	Newport Harbor HS
2	James Kolenda	2-Meter	6-4	JR	Sydney, New South Wales, Australia	The Scots College
<b>4</b>	<b>Alexander Lansill</b>	<b>Utility</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>JR</b>	<b>Novato, Calif.</b>	<b>St. Ignatius College Prep</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Chris Sturtevant</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>San Diego, Calif.</b>	<b>Cathedral Catholic</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Tom McGuire</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>FR</b>	<b>Moraga, Calif.</b>	<b>Campolindo HS</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Jake Ehrhardt</b>	<b>2-Meter</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>JR</b>	<b>Camarillo, Calif.</b>	<b>Oaks Christian HS</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Jacob Mercep</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>Dubrovnik, Croatia</b>	<b>Dubrovnik Private Gymnasium/San José St.</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Marcus Longton</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>Orinda, Calif.</b>	<b>Campolindo HS</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Orestis Apergi</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>JR</b>	<b>Athens, Greece</b>	<b>Pierce American College of Greece</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Max Miller</b>	<b>2-Meter</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>FR</b>	<b>Ladera Ranch, Calif.</b>	<b>San Juan Hills HS</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Luke Wyatt</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>SR*</b>	<b>Newport Beach, Calif.</b>	<b>Mater Dei HS</b>
14	Joshua Waldoch	Utility	6-1	FR	Santa Clarita, Calif.	Oaks Christian HS
<b>15</b>	<b>Wyatt Barker</b>	<b>2-Meter</b>	<b>6-6</b>	<b>SR</b>	<b>Kentfield, Calif.</b>	<b>Redwood HS/Pacific</b>
16	Reed Stemler	Utility	6-1	FR	Newport Beach, Calif.	Newport Harbor HS
<b>17</b>	<b>Bennett Winther</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>6-0</b>	<b>SO*</b>	<b>Lafayette, Calif.</b>	<b>Acalanes HS</b>
18	Matt Harrison	Driver	6-1	JR	Redondo Beach, Calif.	Loyola HS
<b>19</b>	<b>Tony Nardelli</b>	<b>2-Meter</b>	<b>6-1</b>	<b>FR</b>	<b>Mountain View, Calif.</b>	<b>Mountain View HS</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>Chris Agliozzo</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>SO</b>	<b>Manhattan Beach, Calif.</b>	<b>Loyola HS</b>
21	Payne Fama	2-Meter	5-11	FR*	San Francisco, Calif.	St. Ignatius College Prep
22	Grayden Reynolds	2-Meter	6-3	SO	Bakersfield, Calif.	Stockdale HS
23	Henry Saunders	Utility	6-3	FR*	Piedmont, Calif.	Piedmont HS
<b>24</b>	<b>Carson Kranz</b>	<b>Driver</b>	<b>6-3</b>	<b>FR</b>	<b>Hermosa Beach, Calif.</b>	<b>Loyola HS</b>
26	Stefan Vavic	Driver	6-1	FR*	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.	Loyola HS
27	Marko Karaman	Driver	6-2	JR	Dubrovnik, Croatia	Gimnazija Dubrovnik/Santa Monica Coll.
	Marko Vavic^	Driver	6-6	JR*	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.	Loyola HS
	Hannes Daube^	Driver	6-5	JR	Long Beach, Calif.	Orange Lutheran HS
	Ashworth Molthen^	Driver	6-4	JR	Buena Park, Calif.	Orange Lutheran HS

\* utilized redshirt season

^ sitting out 2021 spring season for U.S. National Team training

**Bold** indicates member 2020 National Collegiate Championship active roster

**Head Coach:** Marko Pintaric

**Associate Head Coach:** Casey Moon

**Assistant Coach:** Connor Virjee

**Student Assistant Coach:** Jeremy Davie

**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Sasha Bucur

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

1 - **Vaios** (VY-os) **Vlahotasios** (vlah-ho-TA-see-os)

6 - Chris **Sturtevant** (STIR-tiv-ont)

8 - Jake **Ehrhardt** (AIR-hart)

9 - Jacob **Mercep** (MARE-chep)

10 - **Orestis** (oh-REST-iss) **Apergi** (uh-PAIR-jee)

20 - Chris **Agliozzo** (agg-lee-OH-zo)

21 - Payne **Fama** (FAME-ah)

26 - **Stefan** (STEFF-ahn) **Vavic** (VAH-vitch)

**Hannes** (HAHN-iss) **Daube** (DOE-bay)

Marko **Vavic** (VAH-vitch)

Marko **Pintaric** (PEEN-ta-ritch)