

2012 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WOMEN'S WATER POLO

pulling in nine saves vs. Pacific and five against Cal Baptist. Vickers had five against Fresno Pacific and six vs. Concordia. With their respective eight-goal outings, Gilchrist and Fletcher each made serious statements in their young Trojan careers. Just eight games into 2012, Gilchrist now holds a team-high 15 goals to match the overall scoring total she posted last year as a freshman. Fletcher, meanwhile, secured herself as the MPSF Newcomer of the Week with her eight-goal effort, which included a four-goal game vs. Pacific.

BACK IN ACTION

USC returns 65 percent of its scoring from last year, including two of its top-three scorers from 2011 in junior **Patricia Jancso** and senior **Nadia Dan**, who combined for 83 goals last season. Dan and Jancso both earned All-American honors in 2011 along with sophomore goalie **Flora Bolonyai**, who anchored the Trojans in every game to the tune of 7.9 saves per game and 6.7 goals-against per game. Along with Bolonyai back in the cage, USC also has 13 players back in the water who tallied at least one goal for the Women of Troy in 2011.

CHAMPIONSHIP BASE

USC is just one season removed from the 2010 national championship year, which eight current players experienced. Seniors **Nadia Dan** and **Kara-Leigh Huse** were sophomores in that campaign, and the rest are now juniors, giving Vavic a powerful base of knowledge to tap into as he constructs a defensive-minded squad to get the Trojans back on top. USC's top scorer in 2011, **Patricia Jancso** and fellow junior **Dominique Sardo** were impact players as freshmen during that 2010 championship run. **Constance Hiller**, **Nicolina McCall**, **Blair Moody** and **Chelsea Silvers** also got plenty of pool time as freshmen that year and even more last season as sophomores. Now, that pack of upperclassmen are charged with putting that know-how and skill to good use this year.

NEW CREW

USC's class of newcomers is a powerful group. Jovan Vavic has combined the strength of **Eike Daube** at two-meters and **Monica Vavic** as an insightful distributor with scoring ability with the quickness of transfer **Olivia Cummins** and freshman drivers **Michelle Caron** and **Savannah Fletcher**, to set up the Trojans for a youth movement toward success.

SOPHOMORE STRENGTH

Versatility will be an important counter punch for the Trojans, who can now follow up the more experienced defensive system on one end with a blend of offensive strategies going the opposite direction. After all, Vavic also knows he can rely on the sophomore savvy of **Kaleigh Gilchrist**, **Colleen O'Donnell** and **Madeline Rosenthal**, who combined for 35 goals as freshmen. O'Donnell and Rosenthal got extra experience as well as members of the U.S. Junior National Team, along with junior Dominique Sardo, in the fall at the FINA Junior World Championships. Sophomore **Jennifer Stiefel** also was there, playing for Germany, as well as fellow sophomore **Flora Bolonyai**, who won silver with Team Hungary.

BRONZE FOR BOLONYAI

Sophomore goalie **Flora Bolonyai** brings back some hardware from overseas as she now jumps into collegiate waters with her Women of Troy. As the linchpin of the Hungarian National Team's defense, Bolonyai helped her team to a bronze medal at the European Championships last week in the Netherlands. In doing so, Hungary moves on to fight for a spot in the London Olympic Games with a spot at April's Olympic Qualification Tournament. Bolonyai started her decorated debut with Hungary's Senior National Team earlier in the year as she picked up honors as the Best Goalie of the Tournament at the Thetis Cup before moving into this latest major competition with Hungary at the European Championships.

2011 RECAP

After graduating five All-Americans from its 2010 NCAA Championship team, the 2011 Trojans finished 19-8 overall and 4-3 in MPSF play with a fourth-place finish at the NCAA Tournament. The Women of Troy extended their streak of NCAA appearances to eight straight with 2011's trip to the tourney. Five Trojans earned All-American honors in 2011 as well, with seniors **Joelle Bekhazi** and **Kristen Dronberger** pocketing their third consecutive All-American awards. The decorated duo was joined by three other teammates on the All-American list as well — **Flora Bolonyai**, **Nadia Dan** and **Patricia Jancso**. Jancso, Bekhazi, Dan and Dronberger were USC's top four scorers, respectively, in 2011. Bolonyai was USC's wall in the cage, earning herself All-America honors in her first season as a Trojan. USC outscored opponents 280-188 in 2011, averaging 10.3 goals per game offensively and 7.0 goals against per game defensively.

Preseason Polls

MPSF Coaches

Rank	Team	Points
1.	Stanford	49 (7)
2.	California	39 (1)
3.	USC	35
4.	UCLA	34
5.	Arizona State	27
6.	San Jose State	18
7.	San Diego State	15
8.	Hawaii	7

National

1.	Stanford	100
2.	California	94
3t.	USC	89
3t.	UCLA	89
5.	San Jose State	76
6.	UC Irvine	73
7.	Arizona State	69
8.	San Diego State	59
9.	Hawaii	52
10.	Indiana	51
11.	Loyola Marymount	47
12.	Michigan	45
13.	Hartwick	39
14.	Long Beach State	33
15.	UC San Diego	32
16.	UC Davis	29
17.	UC Santa Barbara	19
18.	Princeton	18
19.	Cal State Northridge	16
20.	Maryland	10

AVIC ON DECK

Head coach Jovan Vavic, one of the top water polo coaches in the country, serves a dual role as the head coach of both the USC men's and women's teams. He has been with the USC women's program since its inception in 1995, and has led both teams to national championships three times in the same school year (1998-99, 2003-04 and 2009-10). A nine-time National Coach of the Year, he boasts a grand total of 10 combined national titles — including a current four-year run with the USC men — and has coached nine Cutino Award winners.

In the calendar year of 2010, Vavic swept both sides of the game, following 2010 National and MPSF Coach of the Year awards on the women's side with 2010 National and MPSF Coach of the Year with the men in leading the Trojan men to their third consecutive national championship.

The USC women's 25-3 overall mark in 2010 culminated in the women's program's third national championship. In 2011, USC made its eighth straight trip to the NCAA Tournament, finishing fourth with a 19-8 overall record that improved Vavic's overall career record on the women's side to 390-125 (.757) as he now enters his 18th season as the USC's women's head coach.

In his 15th season at the helm of the men's program, Vavic guided the Trojans to their second straight national championship in winning the 2009 NCAA men's title. Soon after, Vavic was named the National Men's Coach of the Year, and he would see his Trojans sweep the Cutino Awards for the third time in his career, as J.W. Krumpholz and Kami Craig went back-to-back as the 2009 and 2010 Cutino Award winners following the USC women's run to the 2010 NCAA Championship. The first Trojan pair to sweep the awards was Juraj Zatovic and Lauren Wenger in 2006.

Since 1999 when the program was fully funded, Vavic's record is 325-58 (.849), including eight consecutive NCAA tournament appearances. Between 2003 and 2010, Vavic was named either MPSF or National Coach of the Year (or both) every year but one. His 2004 women's team won the national championship and became the first team in NCAA Championship history to go undefeated (29-0). In 1999, 2004 and 2010, Vavic was named the women's National and MPSF Coach of the Year.

Vavic oversaw the team's move from Division II in 1995 to Division I in 1996. He guided USC to its first-ever Division I National Collegiate Championships appearance in 1997 and a seventh-place national finish while the 1998 team took fifth nationally. In 1999, USC won the national championship, and Vavic was named the National Coach of the Year and the MPSF Coach of the Year. The 2000 squad added another strong showing, finishing second nationally.

Vavic came to USC in 1992 as an assistant men's water polo coach, joined John Williams as co-head coach in 1995 and took over the men's program in 1999 after Williams retired. In 17 seasons at the helm of the USC men's program, Vavic has improved his career coaching record on the men's side to 391-64 (.859) with national championships won in 1998, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.

Vavic, a native of Yugoslavia, spent the 1991 season as an assistant men's coach at UCLA. Previously, he coached three seasons (1987-1990) at Palos Verdes (Calif.) High, where he led Palos Verdes to two undefeated league seasons (1988-89). Vavic also served as assistant coach to the U.S. team at the 1995 World University Games, and was the head coach of the team in 2003.

Vavic graduated from UCLA in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in history. He and his wife, Lisa, have four children.

2012 USC SCHEDULE/RESULTS (7-1 OVERALL ★ 0-0 MPSF)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	SCORE	SCORERS	SAVES
<i>Stanford Invitational</i>					
Feb. 4	^#5 San Jose State	W	14-6	Silvers 3, N. McCall 2, Sardo 2, Vavic, Daube, Dan, Hiller, Jancso, Gilchrist, Fletcher.	<i>Bolonyai 6, Vickers 0</i>
	^#1 Stanford	L	8-7	Daube 2, Gilchrist, Jancso, N. McCall, O'Donnell, Silvers.	<i>Bolonyai 7</i>
Feb. 5	^#14 UC Davis	W	13-6	Gilchrist 2, Jancso 2, Silvers 2, Vavic 2, Caron, Dan, N. McCall, O'Donnell, Rosenthal.	<i>Bolonyai 3, Vickers 0</i>
	^#2 California	W	10-5	Gilchrist 3, Vavic 2, Dan, Jancso, N. McCall, O'Donnell, Rosenthal.	<i>Bolonyai 7</i>
<i>Lancer Invitational (Riverside, Calif.)</i>					
Feb. 17	@Pacific	W	14-2	Fletcher 4, N. McCall 3, Gilchrist 2, Jancso 2, Vavic, Cummins, C. McCall.	<i>Bolonyai 9</i>
	@Fresno Pacific	W	27-1	Huse 4, Cummins 3, Fletcher 3, Daube 2, Jancso 2, Silvers 2, Green 2, O'Donnell, N. McCall, Sardo, Vavic, Stiefel, Hiller, Gilchrist, Caron, C. McCall.	<i>Vickers 5</i>
Feb. 18	@Cal Baptist	W	12-3	Gilchrist 4, Dan 3, Stiefel 2, Sardo, Huse, Moody.	<i>Bolonyai 5</i>
	@Concordia	W	18-6	Dan 3, Huse 3, Cummins 3, Vavic 2, O'Donnell, Sardo, Daube, Stiefel, Gilchrist, Caron, Fletcher.	<i>Vickers 6</i>

Feb. 23 #6 HAWAI'I * 5 p.m.

UCI Invitational

Feb. 25	%Long Beach State	9 a.m.
	%#7 UC Irvine/#10 LMU	TBA
Feb. 26	%TBD	TBA
	%TBD	TBA

March 3	UCLA *	1 p.m.
March 9	SAN DIEGO STATE	5 p.m.
March 12	at Hawai'i (scrimmage)	TBA
March 22	LONG BEACH STATE	5 p.m.
March 24	at Arizona State *	12 p.m. MT
March 25	LOYOLA MARYMOUNT	1 p.m.
March 28	HARTWICK	5 p.m.
March 31	CALIFORNIA *	1 p.m.

April 6	at San Jose State *	1 p.m.
April 7	at Stanford *	1 p.m.
April 20	CSU BAKERSFIELD	5 p.m.

MPSF Tournament (Stanford, Calif.)

April 27	\$TBD	TBA
April 28	\$TBD	TBA
April 29	\$TBD	TBA

NCAA Tournament (San Diego, Calif.)

May 11	!TBD	TBA
May 12	!TBD	TBA
May 13	!TBD	TBA

* MPSF game

Home games in **BOLD CAPS** — Held at McDonald's Swim Stadium

^ Stanford Invitational — Hosted by Stanford
 @ Lancer Invitational — Hosted by Cal Baptist
 % UCI Invitational — Hosted by UC Irvine
 \$ MPSF Tournament — Hosted by Stanford
 ! NCAA Tournament — Hosted by San Diego State

Player	Goals
Kaleigh Gilchrist	15
Nadia Dan	9
Savannah Fletcher	9
Patricia Jancso	9
Nicolina McCall	9
Monica Vavic	9
Kara-Leigh Huse	8
Chelsea Silvers	8
Olivia Cummins	7
Eike Daube	6
Colleen O'Donnell	5
Dominique Sardo	5
Jennifer Stiefel	4
Michelle Caron	3
Hannah Green	2
Constance Hiller	2
Colleen McCall	2
Madeline Rosenthal	2
Blair Moody	1
TOTAL	115

Goalie	Games/Pds	Saves	SPG	Goals Agst	GAPG
Flora Bolonyai	6 / 22	37	6.7	28	5.1
Morgan Vickers	4 / 10	11	4.4	9	3.6
Totals	8 games	46	5.8	37	4.6

Goals by Period	1	2	3	4	OT1	OT2	SD1	SD2	Total	Ave.
USC	28	36	28	23	-	-	-	-	115	14.4
Opponents	11	10	8	8	-	-	-	-	37	4.6

Player	Games Scored in	Multi-Goal	Total Goals
Kaleigh Gilchrist	8	4	15
Patricia Jancso	6	3	9
Monica Vavic	6	3	9
Nicolina McCall	6	2	9
Nadia Dan	5	2	9
Colleen O'Donnell	5	0	5
Chelsea Silvers	4	3	8
Savannah Fletcher	4	2	9
Eike Daube	4	2	6
Dominique Sardo	4	1	5
Kara-Leigh Huse	3	2	8
Olivia Cummins	3	2	7
Jennifer Stiefel	3	1	4
Michelle Caron	3	0	3
Constance Hiller	2	0	2
Colleen McCall	2	0	2
Maddy Rosenthal	2	0	2
Hannah Green	1	1	2
Blair Moody	1	0	1





MPSF WOMEN'S WATER POLO STATISTICS---2/20/12

INDIVIDUAL STATS

GOALS

**Must Appear In 50 % of Team Games*

ATHLETE	YEAR	SCHOOL	GAMES	GOALS	GOALS/GAME
1 Alicia Brightwell	SR	ASU	10	31	3.10
2 Meaghan Poland	SR	SDSU	10	28	2.80
3 KK Clark	SR	UCLA	9	23	2.56
4 Amber Pezzolla	JR	SDSU	10	24	2.40
5 Breda Vosters	JR	CAL	12	25	2.08
6 Kiley Neushul	FR	Stanford	8	15	1.88
6 Kaleigh Gilchrist	SO	USC	8	15	1.88
8 Anna Kertes	FR	ASU	12	21	1.75
8 Annabelle Carter	SR	ASU	12	21	1.75
8 Ashley Grossman	FR	Stanford	8	14	1.75
11 Leanne Ford	SR	SDSU	10	17	1.70
12 Mariam Salloum	SO	ASU	12	20	1.67
13 Emily Scott	SO	Hawaii	5	8	1.60
13 Pallavi Menon	SR	Stanford	5	8	1.60
15 Dani Curran	SR	SJSU	11	17	1.55
16 Alyssa Lo	SR	Stanford	8	12	1.50
17 Shannon Haas	JR	ASU	12	17	1.42
18 Amarens Genee	JR	Hawaii	5	7	1.40
19 Kaitlyn Lo	SO	Stanford	8	11	1.38
20 Victoria Kennedy	JR	Stanford	6	8	1.33
21 Taelor Moreno	FR	SDSU	10	13	1.30
22 Anna Natalizio	JR	SJSU	11	14	1.27
23 Kelly Ronimus	SO	UCLA	9	11	1.22
24 Anique Hermann	FR	SDSU	10	12	1.20
25 Allie Stewart	SR	SJSU	11	13	1.18

GOALKEEPER SAVES

**Must Appear In 30 % of Team Quarters*

ATHLETE	YEAR	SCHOOL	GAMES	SAVES	SAVES/GAME
1 Kelly Campoli	SR	SDSU	9.5	107	11.26
2 Kate Baldoni	JR	Stanford	5.75	57	9.91
3 Lindsay Dorst	JR	CAL	9.25	81	8.76
4 Ianeta Hutchinson	SO	ASU	12	101	8.42
5 Serena Reid	SO	Hawaii	5	41	8.20
6 Caitlin Dement	JR	UCLA	9	73	8.11
7 Savanna Smith	FR	CAL	4.75	35	7.37
8 Meagan Minson	SR	SJSU	10	73	7.30
9 Flora Bolonyai	SO	USC	5.5	37	6.73
10 Morgan Vickers	SR	USC	2.5	11	4.40

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		CONFERENCE					OVERALL						
		W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	W	L	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUT	STREAK
1.	California	2	0	1.000	2-0	0-0	12	2	.857	6-0	0-0	6-2	Won 1
2.	Stanford	1	0	1.000	0-0	1-0	8	0	1.000	4-0	2-0	2-0	Won 8
2.	UCLA	1	0	1.000	0-0	1-0	8	1	.889	1-0	2-1	5-0	Won 2
4.	Arizona State	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	12	0	1.000	0-0	1-0	11-0	Won 12
4.	USC	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	7	1	.875	0-0	1-1	6-0	Won 6
6.	San Diego State	0	1	.000	0-1	0-0	8	2	.800	1-1	2-0	5-1	Lost 1
6.	Hawaii	0	1	.000	0-0	0-1	2	3	.400	0-0	0-1	2-2	Won 1
8.	San Jose State	0	2	.000	0-1	0-1	6	5	.545	3-1	0-2	3-2	Lost 4

MPSF Champion determined at MPSF Tournament, April 27-29 at Stanford... Final Standings = Seeding

MPSF WOMEN'S WATER POLO STATISTICS---2/20/12

GOALS-AGAINST *Must Appear In 30 % of Team Quarters

ATHLETE	YEAR	SCHOOL	QUARTERS	GA	GAA
1 Savanna Smith	FR	CAL	19	16	3.37
2 Morgan Vickers	SR	USC	10	9	3.60
3 Kate Baldoni	JR	Stanford	23	27	4.70
4 Flora Bolonyai	SO	USC	22	28	5.09
5 Caitlin Dement	JR	UCLA	36	46	5.11
6 Lindsay Dorst	JR	CAL	37	52	5.62
7 Ianeta Hutchinson	SO	ASU	48	68	5.67
8 Kelly Campoli	SR	SDSU	38	63	6.63
9 Serena Reid	SO	Hawaii	20	35	7.00
10 Meagan Minson	SR	SJSU	40	93	9.30

TEAM STATS

TEAM GOALS

TEAM	GAMES	GOALS SCORED	GOALS/GAME
1 USC	8	115	14.38
2 Stanford	8	108	13.50
3 Arizona State	12	155	12.92
4 San Diego State	10	115	11.50
5 California	14	154	11.00
6 San Jose State	11	93	8.45
7 UCLA	9	74	8.22
8 Hawaii	5	32	6.40

TEAM DEFENSE

TEAM	GAMES	GOALS AGAINST	GOALS/GAME
1 USC	8	37	4.63
2 UCLA	9	46	5.11
3 Stanford	8	42	5.25
4 California	14	74	5.29
5 Arizona State	12	68	5.67
6 San Diego State	10	66	6.60
7 Hawaii	5	35	7.00
8 San Jose State	11	101	9.18



2012 USC Women's Water Polo Roster

#	NAME	HT.	POS.	YR.	HOMETOWN (HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE)
1	Flora Bolonyai	5-11	Goalie	SO	Budapest, Hungary (Elte Trefort Agoston HS)
1	Morgan Vickers	5-7	Goalie	SR	Newport Beach, Calif. (Newport Harbor HS/UC Irvine)
2	Colleen O'Donnell	5-10	2-Meter	SO	Palos Verdes, Calif. (Palos Verdes HS)
3	Nicolina McCall	5-8	2-Meter	JR	Newport Beach, Calif. (Newport Harbor HS)
4	Dominique Sardo	5-6	Driver	JR	San Diego, Calif. (Bishop's School)
5	Madeline Rosenthal	5-11	2-Meter	SO	Miami, Fla. (Ransom Everglades HS)
6	Monica Vavic	5-8	Driver	FR	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif. (Palos Verdes HS)
7	Eike Daube	5-11	2-Meter	FR	Long Beach, Calif. (Wilson HS)
8	Jennifer Stiefel	5-8	Driver	SO	Esslingen, Germany (San Clemente HS)
9	Nadia Dan	5-9	Driver	SR	La Cañada, Calif. (Harvard-Westlake HS)
10	Kara-Leigh Huse	5-10	2-Meter	SR	Pasadena, Calif. (La Salle HS)
11	Constance Hiller	5-9	Driver	JR	Atherton, Calif. (Woodside Priory School)
12	Patricia Jancso	5-11	2-Meter	JR	Budapest, Hungary (Elte Trefort Agoston HS)
13	Olivia Cummins	5-8	Driver	SO	Tustin, Calif. (Foothill HS/UC Irvine)
14	Chelsea Silvers	5-8	Driver	JR	Newport Beach, Calif. (Mater Dei HS)
15	Kaleigh Gilchrist	5-9	2-Meter	SO	Newport Beach, Calif. (Newport Harbor HS)
16	Blair Moody	5-7	Driver	JR	Sacramento, Calif. (Rio Americano HS)
17	Michelle Caron	5-9	Driver	FR	Montreal, Quebec (Miramonte HS)
18	Savannah Fletcher	5-6	Driver	FR	Malibu, Calif. (Agoura HS)
19	Colleen McCall	5-5	Driver	SO	Newport Beach, Calif. (Newport Harbor HS)
20	Hannah Green	5-5	Driver	FR	Coronado, Calif. (Coronado HS)
21	Sara Salamon	5-6	Driver	FR	Riverside, Calif. (Riverside Poly HS)

Head coach: Jovan Vavic

Head assistant coach: Marko Pintaric

Assistant coaches: Casey Moon, Stefan Luedecke, Willo Rodriguez

PRONUNCIATIONS

#1 Flora **Bolonyai** – bo-lone-YAI

#7 **Eike Daube** – EYE-kah doe-BAY

#8 Jennifer **Stiefel** – SHTEE-full

#10 **Kara-Leigh** Huse – CAR-lee

#12 **Patricia Jancso** – pah-TREE-sha YAN-cho

#15 **Kaleigh Gilchrist** – KAY-lee GILL-krist

Jovan Vavic – YO-von VAH-vitch