

## **Inland Sports College Volleyball News & Notes: Week Ending 8/25/18**

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Our area colleges also got their campaigns underway this week. Here's a recap of how they fared.

### **Cal Baptist at the Starkvegas Tournament hosted by Mississippi State:**

Cal Baptist began their Division 1 tenure with four wins in three days defeating Mississippi State, Mississippi Valley State, Louisiana Monroe, and Georgia State without dropping a set. Sydney Marks was named tournament MVP recording 41 kills (3.15 per set) while hitting an impressive .442% for the weekend. Also earning all tournament nominations were Tesa Oaks (Woodcrest Christian) who recorded 45 kills (3.46 per set), 54 digs (4.15 per set), and 4 aces along with Summer Avery (42 kills/3.23 per set, 42 digs/3.23 per set, and 4 aces).

Lancers coach Braden Higa remarked about his team's first win in Division 1 "It's a big, big win for us obviously. Anytime you can be part of a first and experience that with a team is really really cool but more than anything I don't think our team let the moment get to them...our team treated it just like another match..." The Lancers stay on the road attending tournaments at Fresno State and the Air Force Academy in consecutive weeks.

### **Cal State San Bernardino:**

Expectations are again high for the Cal State San Bernardino women's volleyball team who opened their campaign with a trip to the Northwest. The Coyotes will also return home victorious after wins against Central Washington, Seattle Pacific, Fresno Pacific, and Metro State. They'll resume play on Thursday at the West Region Showcase hosted by Azusa Pacific at 10:45am against Western Washington followed by an afternoon matchup against Biola at about 3:15 pm. On Friday it's one lone match against Northwest Nazarene at 5:30 pm and Saturday also 5:30 pm against the host Azusa Pacific.

### **UC Riverside:**

In their jointly hosted tournament with Cal State Fullerton UCR posted a 2-1 mark on opening weekend with wins over Montana & UMass-Lowell along with a 5 set loss to Eastern Washington. Kaiulani Ahuna, a sophomore outside hitter, recorded consecutive matches of 30 or more kills for the first time in school history (Montana-30 kills & UMass-Lowell 33 kills). The Highlanders will visit Idaho State this weekend and then Sacramento State next weekend.

### **University of Redlands:**

The Bulldogs will open their 2018 season with four matches at the Pacific Coast Classic hosted by Claremont Mudd-Scripps. On Friday they'll play at 11am against Mt. Aloysius & 1:15pm against Franklin & Marshall. Saturday it's another doubleheader as they'll play Union (N.Y.) at 9:30 am and Brandeis at 2:15pm. From Claremont it's a trip to Thousand Oaks for the Cal Lutheran invitational on September 7 & 8 before opening SCIAC play at Chapman on the 14th.

**La Sierra University:**

The Golden Eagles are already well into their 2018 campaign. First they opened up the festivities at Hope International's tournament on 8/15 & 16 posting a 2-2 mark with wins over Warner Pacific University & Wayland College along with losses to Master's University and Aquinas College. It was a 1-3 showing this week at their own tournament with a win against NAIA newcomer St.Katherine and losses to Masters, Westmont, and Aquinas.

Our area junior colleges all get their seasons going this week.