

## **Inland Sports Area College Volleyball Notebook: Week ending 9.24.22**

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With conference play underway for most of our college volleyball teams it's time to take a peek into the Inland Sports College Volleyball notebook...

### **Lancers split opening weekend of WAC play:**

In their first weekend as an NCAA Tournament eligible member of the Western Athletic Conference CBU Women's Volleyball split their opening weekend of matches. On Thursday evening in Riverside's Van Dyne Gym the Lancers defeated Southern Utah University 3-0 (26-24, 25-21, 25-21) while on Saturday CBU fell to New Mexico State 3-0 (25-22, 25-17, 25-18) in Las Cruces. Christine Graf led the offense with a total of 26 kills while setter Leah Pease added a total of 61 assists on the weekend. Pease also recorded her 1,000th career assist in Saturday's loss to the Aggies on one of Graf's nine kills in that match.

### **Highlanders go 0-2 in opening weekend of Big West play:**

UC Riverside opened Big West play with an away weekend at UC Davis and at Hawaii. They fell 3-1 to the Aggies and 3-0 at Hawaii. They'll host UC San Diego on Thursday (6pm) & UC Irvine on Saturday (4pm).

### **Coyotes with a pair of losses in CCAA play:**

Despite graduating key players from last year's CCAA regular season & tournament championship team including Alexis Cardoza who won another CCAA Player of the Year award Cal State San Bernardino was voted the preseason favorite in conference play.

After three weeks of CCAA play the Coyotes sit at 4-2 with road losses at Cal State Monterey Bay (in five sets 25-21, 21-25, 14-25, 25-18, 15-13) and Cal State LA (in four sets 25-19, 25-19, 16-25, 25-19). Savannah Hoffman leads the Coyotes with 76 kills in 5 matches (3.30 per set) while hitting .317%. Marley Nuley (Vista Murrieta) has recorded 180 assists in those matches.

The Coyotes return home for a three game homestand in the Den due to flood damage to Coussoulis Arena. They'll host Cal State San Marcos on September 30th, Cal State East Bay on October 1st, and conference leader Cal Poly Pomona on October 7th. First serve on all three home days is 7pm.

### **Bulldogs struggling in early part of SCIAC schedule:**

It's been a struggle for the University of Redlands women's volleyball program early in the 2022 season. The Bulldogs are 0-6 so far and 0-2 in SCIAC play. One of those non-conference losses

is to Chaffey College which is considered a non-countable match by NCAA rule. They'll be on the road this week at Claremont Mudd-Scripps & Chapman.

### **La Sierra University off to solid start in CalPac Play:**

The Golden Eagles are 8-6 overall & 4-4 in conference play. They dropped two five set matches at home to Benedictine & Embry Riddle (AZ) and are currently T6th in the CalPac standings.

### **Junior College Notes:**

#### **\*Riverside City College**

The Tigers are 3-7 so far in 2022 and winless in the Orange Empire Conference. After a September 14th win over Southwestern (San Diego) the Tigers are on a four match losing streak which includes OEC play. They have taken two sets in those four matches.

#### **\*SBVC**

The Wolverines are 0-11 so far as Inland Empire Athletic Conference play starts this week but they aren't that far off from a win. SBVC has been in three five set matches this year but hasn't converted in that spot.

#### **\*MSJC**

Serinna Eason's team is 7-7 through the non-conference part of their schedule as they begin defense of back to back IEAC championships. The Eagles are ranked 23rd in the most recent CCCVCA poll from 9/19 (13th in Southern California). They are expected to be in the running for a third IEAC championship. Key matches will be against Chaffey (coached by former Eagles assistant Taylor Kushner) on 10/5 in San Jacinto & 10/28 on the road and College of the Desert (10/12 in San Jacinto & 11/4 in the Desert).