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HEAD COACH JIM MCLAUGHLIN



Jim McLaughlin begins his fourth year as head coach of the Washington volleyball team and has helped catapult it from the bottom of the Pacific-10 Conference to a top 10 program and national championship contender. After inheriting a program that finished last in the Pac-10 standings in 2000, McLaughlin has taken the Huskies to the postseason in each of the last two seasons, leading UW to an Elite Eight appearance last year. UW's record has improved in each season under McLaughlin's direction and the Huskies have reintroduced themselves as one of the country's top volleyball programs.

Last season, McLaughlin led the Huskies to a fifth place finish in the Pac-10 (10-8) before peaking in the postseason and defeating Utah, Northwestern and Stanford in the NCAA tournament to advance to the quarterfinals. Washington lost a five-game heartbreaker to Minnesota in the Elite Eight match to tie for its best NCAA finish in the program's history. The Huskies' 23-9 record was the second-best ever at Washington.

The Huskies received multiple honors and awards, highlighted with Sanja Tomasevic being named a second team All-American.



Coach McLaughlin with his wife Margaret and their daughters, Megan (6) and Molly (4).

Washington also had five athletes named to the Pac-10 All-Conference teams, including Tomasevic to the first team, Kara Bjorklund, Darla Myhre and Candace Lee to the honorable mention team and Courtney Thompson to the All-Freshman and honorable mention teams.

A 14-year veteran head coach, McLaughlin has proven his ability to recruit talented student-athletes and cultivate championship programs. He has made 13 appearances in the NCAA postseason, including four with Kansas State, which advanced to the Sweet 16 in 2000. He also spent seven seasons as the men's head coach at USC, where he won a national championship in 1990 and finished as runner-up a year later.

At Washington, McLaughlin has the same lofty goals for a program, which has made tremendous strides in just three short years, ranking as high as seventh in this season's preseason poll and having 10 players named to the All-Conference teams.

"My three goals are to graduate every player, win the Pac-10 conference title (if we do that, we are in striking distance of winning the national title) and develop players for the USA national team," McLaughlin said.

In 2002, Jim McLaughlin earned Pacific-10 Conference Coach of the Year honors after leading the squad to its best finish in the Pacific-10 Conference in five seasons and its seventh NCAA appearance. McLaughlin also helped develop Washington's first All-America honoree since 1997 with first team selection Paige Benjamin.

The Huskies finished the year with a 20-11 record and a 9-9 mark in the powerful Pac-10, which saw four of its teams advance to the Elite Eight. The team's 20 wins marked just the fifth time the Huskies have posted 20 or more wins since becoming a NCAA sponsored sport in 1981.

Washington also collected numerous awards and accolades, highlighted by Benjamin's first team All-America selection and her second team Academic All-America selection. The Huskies also had two first team All-Conference picks and placed one athlete on the Pac-10 All-Freshman team.

In his first year at UW, McLaughlin led the Huskies to an 11-16 record and a 4-14 mark in the Pac-10. The team's 11 wins in 2001 were the most for the program since 1997, while six players received Pac-10 All-Academic honors.

Before taking over at UW, McLaughlin spent four seasons at Kansas State (1997-2000), compiling an 82-43 record and advancing to the NCAA tournament four straight years. Overall, two Wildcats earned All-America honors, seven were named to the All-Big 12 first

MCLAUGHLIN'S COACHING RECORD

Year	Record	School	Highlights
1990	26-7	Southern Calif.	NCAA Champions
1991	34-2	Southern Calif.	NCAA Runners-Up
1992	11-13	Southern Calif.	No. 10 national ranking
1993	18-12	Southern Calif.	No. 7 national ranking
1994	23-8	Southern Calif.	No. 5 national ranking
1995	16-17	Southern Calif.	No. 11 national ranking
1996	14-16	Southern Calif.	No. 13 national ranking
1997	20-13	Kansas State	NCAA Tournament
1998	19-12	Kansas State	NCAA Tournament
1999	21-9	Kansas State	NCAA Tournament
2000	22-9	Kansas State	NCAA Sweet 16
2001	11-16	Washington	
2002	20-11	Washington	NCAA Tournament
2003	23-9	Washington	NCAA Elite Eight
Total	288-154 (.652), 14 years		

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team and 15 garnered first-team academic all-conference accolades with McLaughlin at the helm.

In 2000, he coached KSU to a 22-9 record, a program-best No. 16 national ranking and its first-ever trip to the NCAA Sweet 16. The Wildcats also placed second in the Big 12 Conference, the school's best-ever finish, behind eventual national champion Nebraska.

In 1999, McLaughlin's squad proved just as successful, as the Wildcats posted their fifth consecutive season with 19 or more victories, including five wins over ranked opponents. Kansas State also tallied a school-record 14 conference victories, earning McLaughlin the 1999 Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year award.

His first two seasons on the Manhattan, Kan., campus were not without their share of achievements. In 1998, KSU claimed the school's first NCAA tournament victory - a 3-0 defeat of Georgetown - since 1996. His first team at KSU in 1997 placed sixth in the Big 12, but still managed to reach the 20-win plateau, at 20-13 overall.

Before he was hired at Kansas State on April 16, 1997, McLaughlin spent one season as an assistant women's coach at the University of Notre Dame under head coach Debbie Brown. That year, the Irish (22-12) went unbeaten in conference play, earning the BIG EAST Conference regular season and tournament titles, before bowing out in the second round of the NAATs.

Prior to his one-year stint at Notre Dame, McLaughlin was the head men's coach at USC for seven seasons, leading the Trojans to the NCAA title in 1990 (his first season as head coach) and a runner-up finish in 1991.

While at USC, McLaughlin's teams went 142-75 (.654) and were ranked in the top 10 five times. Fifteen players earned All-America accolades, led by two-time national player of the year, Bryan Ivie.

Ivie, along with teammates Dan Greenbaum (setter) and Nick Becker (outside hitter) later went on to earn a bronze medal in Barcelona, Spain, as members of the 1992 U.S. Men's Olympic squad.

In 1990, McLaughlin's first season at USC, the Trojans were picked fifth and seventh respectively in the two preseason polls, after returning just two starters and no seniors. McLaughlin, however, overcame any freshman jitters as USC won the school's fourth NCAA title with a four-game victory over Long Beach State, and finished 26-7 overall.

With the win in the championship match, McLaughlin joined Pepperdine's Rod Wilde as the only rookie coach to win an NCAA men's volleyball title. A year later, USC entered the 1991 season with a No. 1 ranking and held that spot all season. McLaughlin's Trojans won 34 of 36 matches and lost just 21 games. The team also rattled off a school-record 30-match win streak, which included a perfect 16-0 record in conference play, before Long Beach State avenged its 1990 NCAA loss, with its own four-game victory in the championship match.

With only one starter returning in 1992, USC's senior-less squad still managed to achieve a No. 10 national ranking and advanced to the conference championships, before finishing with an 11-13 mark.

In the next two years, McLaughlin led the Trojans to back-to-back winning records. The 1993 squad won five of its final seven matches to finish 18-12 overall, while earning a No. 7 ranking and a spot in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Tournament.

The 1994 Trojans team jumped off to a 10-0 start, elevating to a No. 2 national ranking, before placing second in the MPSF Pacific



Division with a 13-5 mark, and finishing out the season with an overall record of 23-8.

In 1995 and 1996, the Trojans remained among the nation's elite, finishing fourth and fifth in the powerful MPSF and ranking 11th and 13th nationally. McLaughlin's volleyball career began as a player. After leading Santa Monica High School to the CIF Southern Sectional title in 1979, McLaughlin played two seasons at Santa Monica Junior College (1980-81), which won the 1981 California Junior College Championship.

A member of the 1981 U.S. World University Games team, he earned first team all-state honors and was named SMC's Athlete of the Year.

In 1982, McLaughlin transferred to UC Santa Barbara (1982-83), where he was the Gauchos' starting setter for two seasons, earning honorable mention All-America honors as a senior.

While finishing his bachelor's degree in film studies and economics, the 1985 graduate served as a student assistant coach for both the UCSB men's and women's squads, under legendary coaches Kathy Gregory and Ken Preston. He also captained the 1985 U.S. World University Games team and was an USVBA All-American.

McLaughlin's first full-time college coaching job took him to Pepperdine University (1986-89), where he helped coach the Waves to a combined record of 74-41 and the 1986 NCAA men's title.

At Pepperdine, McLaughlin once again got the benefits of working with two of the best coaches in the nation, alongside Wilde, an assistant with the 1996 and 2000 men's U.S. Olympic teams, and Marv Dunphy, the head coach of the 1988 gold medal-winning U.S. men's squad.

The Malibu, Calif., native also has had experience coaching on the international level as a three-time head coach at the World University Games (1991, 1993, 1995), in addition to being the head coach of the 1991 Pan Am team and a consultant for the men's U.S. Olympic teams in 1992 and 1996.

McLaughlin's younger brother, Rick, served as a UW volleyball assistant coach in 2001 and was the men's head coach at Loyola Marymount University from 1993-2000.

McLaughlin is married to the former Margaret Jarc, a four-year soccer monogram winner at the University of Notre Dame. The couple has two daughters, Megan (6) and Molly (4).

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**LESLIE
TUIASOSOPO**
Assistant Coach
Fourth Season



Former UW standout and four-year letterwinner, Leslie Tuiasosopo enters her fourth season as an assistant coach at Washington.

Tuiasosopo, who starred for the Huskies from 1995-98, works with the team's middle blockers, in addition to assisting head coach Jim McLaughlin with all administrative duties.

Last season, two of Washington's middle blockers received All-Pac-10 honorable mention honors, including Darla Myhre (.418) and Kara Bjorklund (.409), who ranked third and fourth, respectively in the Pac-10 in hitting percentage. Myhre's 1.10 blocks per game average also ranked 10th in the Pac-10.

"Leslie is very talented and has all the skills that great coaches possess," says McLaughlin. "She has a very strong presence and character, which is coupled with her experience of playing the game at its highest level."

Tuiasosopo, along with All-American Makare Desilets, formed one of the nation's best blocking tandems, leading the Huskies to the NCAA blocking title in 1997. A Pac-10 first team selection as a junior, Tuiasosopo ranks in the UW career top 10 in six categories, including total blocks (2nd - 613) and block assists (2nd - 520). She also ranked in the top 25 nationally in blocks per game in each of her four seasons at Washington.

After completing her eligibility in 1998, Tuiasosopo trained with the USA national team program and was selected to participate at the 1999 World University Games in Spain. She then returned to Washington where she earned her bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in speech communications in 2000.

From August 2000 until May 2001, the Woodinville, Wash., native played professional volleyball in Murcia, Spain.

Born August 2, 1977, Tuiasosopo is the oldest of five children, including former UW quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo and current Husky football player Zach Tuiasosopo.

**MIKE
JOHNSON**
Assistant Coach
First Season



Mike Johnson enters his first season as an assistant coach with the Huskies.

Johnson graduated from Washington in 2003 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He served as a player, coach and president of the UW men's volleyball club from 1999-2003 and helped lead the men to a fifth place national finish in a field of 64 in the school's second year of competition. Johnson was the head coach of the UW women's volleyball club team from 2003-04 and improved the team's national ranking from 31st to ninth in just one season.

Johnson was also the head coach of the women's 16 and under club team Hawaii Volleyball Academy in 2001.

"I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to join such an elite program here at my alma mater," said Johnson. "Jim and Leslie are both excellent teachers, and I hope to learn a lot from them. I plan to hit the ground running and will do my best to take Washington to the next level."

"Mike has some unique skills that will be of great use to our program and I expect him to make significant contributions in all areas but specifically in the areas of recruiting and our ability to track the performance of the team and each player individually," said head coach Jim McLaughlin.

"While Mike is relatively young and has not had a lot of coaching experience, he is an extremely enthusiastic, hard working young man who learns things very quickly. He will not only bring new ideas to the job, he will also bring a high level of energy to the program that will be of benefit to everyone involved with the team. I feel very fortunate that we were able to add a person like Mike to our staff and both Leslie Tuiasosopo and I look forward to working with him."

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WHAT IS POINT HUSKIES?

Point Huskies! is an organization dedicated to supporting the University of Washington's women's volleyball program. This support comes in many forms such as planning events for the players and their families, launching community outreach programs and hosting camps and clinics throughout the year. The most important function of Point Huskies! is fund raising. Membership is open to everyone with a passion for volleyball and the University of Washington. Our membership goals are three-fold:

1. Fill our beautiful Bank of America Arena with wildly enthusiastic fans.
2. Build generations of Husky Volleyball supporters.
3. Raise the funds needed to make Husky Volleyball the envy of every university.

WHAT IS A HEAVY HITTER?

Next time you are at a home game, you might see someone wearing a badge that says Heavy Hitter. Heavy Hitters are financial contributors to Husky Volleyball. For a gift of \$500 or more, Heavy Hitter members can receive such benefits as special seating at home matches, an invitation to a pre-game meal with the team, a chalk talk session with coach McLaughlin or an invitation to the team's annual banquet.

If you would like more information about the Point Huskies or Heavy Hitter programs, call the UW Volleyball office at (206) 543-0432.