



COACHING STAFF



Head Coach JIM MCLAUGHLIN

2004 National Coach of the Year
2004 Pacific Region Coach of the Year
2004 Pac-10 Coach of the Year

Fifth season | Alma Mater: UC Santa Barbara (1985)

Jim McLaughlin begins his fifth year at the helm of the Washington volleyball program and is coming off a record season in which he guided the Huskies to their first-ever Final Four appearance and Pacific-10 Conference championship. McLaughlin was named the 2004 National Coach of the Year and received the Pacific Region and Pac-10 Coach of the Year awards. The Huskies return six seniors and four All-Americans for the 2005 campaign and are ranked No. 2 in the preseason AVCA/CSTV Top 25 Coaches' Poll.

McLaughlin joined the Washington program in 2001 and inherited a team that finished last in the Pac-10 standings in 2000. In four seasons, he has led the Huskies to three consecutive NCAA Tournaments, including the 2004 national semifinal, and has built Washington into one of the nation's premier volleyball programs.



Coach McLaughlin returns four All-Americans for the 2005 season including first team setter Courtney Thompson (3).

A 15-year veteran head coach, McLaughlin has proven his ability to recruit talented student-athletes and cultivate championship programs. He has made 14 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 the 1990 national championship and finished as runner-up in 1991.

At Washington, McLaughlin has the same lofty goals. The program has made tremendous strides in just four short years, ranking No. 1 for seven weeks last season. McLaughlin has developed five All-Americans, three Academic All-Americans and 15 All-Conference players in that time.

"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.

Last season, the Huskies made history, capturing the program's first Pac-10 title and advancing to the national semifinal. Washington set program records for best start and consecutive wins with 22 victories to open the season and the Seattle community rallied around the team. UW pulled nearly 42,000 fans through its doors in 13 home dates for the nation's fifth-highest attendance average and set a school record on Oct. 23 when 5,712 fans came out to see the Huskies defeat Stanford. It marked the fourth-highest attendance figure in Pac-10 history.

Three Huskies earned All-America honors, including first team setter Courtney Thompson, second team outside hitter Christal Morrison and honorable mention libero Candace Lee. Morrison became the first freshman in UW history to become an All-American and the first Husky to be named the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year.

Five players were all-conference selections, including first team picks Lee, Morrison, Thompson and Brie Hagerty and honorable mention honoree Darla Myhre.

In 2003, 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. Washington also had five athletes named to the Pac-10 All-Conference teams, including Tomasevic to the first team, Kara Bjorklund, Myhre and Lee to the honorable mention team and Thompson to the all-freshman team.

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HEAD COACH JIM MCLAUGHLIN

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

That season, the Huskies finished the year with a 20-11 record and a 9-9 mark in the 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 had 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 his stint at Washington, 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 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.

MCLAUGHLIN'S ALL-TIME COACHING RECORD			
Year	Record	School	Highlights
2004	28-3	Washington	NCAA Final Four
2003	23-9	Washington	NCAA Elite Eight
2002	20-11	Washington	NCAA Tournament
2001	11-16	Washington	
2000	22-9	Kansas State	NCAA Sweet 16
1999	21-9	Kansas State	NCAA Tournament
1998	19-12	Kansas State	NCAA Tournament
1997	20-13	Kansas State	NCAA Tournament
1996	14-16	USC (men)	No. 13 national ranking
1995	16-17	USC (men)	No. 11 national ranking
1994	23-8	USC (men)	No. 5 national ranking
1993	18-12	USC (men)	No. 7 national ranking
1992	11-13	USC (men)	No. 10 national ranking
1991	34-2	USC (men)	NCAA Runners-up
1990	26-7	USC (men)	NCAA Champions
Total	306-157 (.661), 15 seasons		
Overall Women's Record: 164-82, 8 seasons			
Overall Men's Record: 142-75, 7 seasons			

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 NCAA Tournament.

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.



Coach McLaughlin was the Pac-10 Coach of the Year in 2004 and 2002.

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Coach McLaughlin with his wife Margaret and their daughters, Megan (7) and Molly (5).

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 championship, 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 USC team jumped off to a 10-0 start, elevating to a No. 2 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 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 (7) and Molly (5).

POINT HUSKIES!

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.

HEAVY HITTER

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.

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LESLIE TUIASOSOPO

Fifth season | Alma Mater: Washington (2000)



Former UW standout and four-year letterwinner, Leslie Tuiasosopo enters her fifth 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, middle blocker Darla Myhre received All-Pac-10 honorable mention honors after hitting .338 and ranking second in the conference with 1.51 blocks per game. It was the second All-Pac-10 award for Myhre who was an honorable mention pick in 2003 along with Husky middle blocker Kara Bjorklund. Myhre hit .418 to rank third in the Pac-10 and averaged 1.10 bpg. Bjorklund ranked fourth in the Pac-10 with a .409 average.

"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 football players Marques and Zach Tuiasosopo.

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Assistant Coach JOSE "KENO" GANDARA

First season | Alma Mater: UC Santa Barbara (1990)

Jose "Keno" Gandara enters his first season on the Husky staff after one season at UNVL and five seasons with the UC Santa Barbara men's program.

"We are very excited about having Keno join our staff," said McLaughlin. "I have known him for many years, having both graduated from UC Santa Barbara, as well as having coached him on the 1991 USA Pan American Team in Havana, Cuba and have the highest regard for him personally and professionally. He has quite a bit of coaching experience and has competed at the highest levels having been a member of the USA National Team and playing in the Puerto Rico Professional League. This broad base of experiences will bring an added perspective to the program. He will be a tremendous addition to our staff."

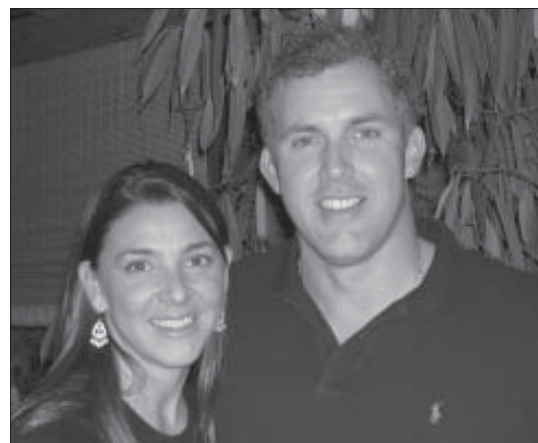
"Stephanie and I are both extremely excited to join the Husky Athletic tradition and the Husky Volleyball Family," said Gandara. "I am grateful for the opportunity to work with Jim and a great staff at one of the top programs in the country. I look forward to the challenge and I can't wait to get in the gym and start working. I hope I can contribute and help achieve the goals and expectations that Jim has set for the team in 2005."

Gandara began his coaching career at UC Santa Barbara in 1992 as an assistant with the men's team and was an assistant with the women's team in 1994. He also spent one season as a head coach/player with

the San Juan Volleyball club in the Puerto Rico Professional League.

Gandara, a San Juan, Puerto Rico native, graduated from UC Santa Barbara in 1990 after a successful volleyball career with the Gauchos as a middle blocker. Gandara was a first team All-America selection in 1989 and second team selection in 1988 after leading UCSB to the national title match. He was also a two-time all-conference honoree.

Gandara is married to the former Stephanie Cox who was a standout setter at UCSB and played on the AVP.



Jose "Keno" Gandara and his wife, Stephanie.

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