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UCLA, USC AGAIN DOMINATE SO. CALIF. INDOOR VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME FINALISTS FOR MAY 6, 2018 2ND INDUCTION CLASS

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UCLA and USC, with 8 and 6 finalists respectively, again dominate the overall group of 27 indoor volleyball greats under final consideration for the second induction class of 15 members for the Southern California Indoor Volleyball Hall of Fame (SCIVBHOF) on Sunday night, May 6 at the Highway 39 Event Center in Anaheim (the night after the NCAA men's volleyball finals at Pauley Pavilion). The 15 selected for induction will be announced in early January.

Pepperdine, Stanford, Long Beach State, and San Diego State also have multiple finalist under consideration for the Southern California Indoor Volleyball Hall of Fame induction. The HOF is housed at Anaheim's American Sports Centers (ASC) in the Sidelines Café. Both the USA Men's and Women's National Teams practice at ASC and will be there through the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games.

“The committee had a very demanding job of pairing almost 100 nominations down to a final 27 to eventually select 15 worthy candidates by January for the SCIVBHOF honor on May 6,” said Mike Gallups, President of the SCIVBHOF. “There is tremendous talent among the 27 from outstanding college and international coaches to top men's and women's players, who have had distinguished college and international careers.”

Some of the most noted of the 27 finalists include deceased 1984 Olympic Silver Medalist Flo Hyman, who played locally at Morningside HS and El Camino College before finishing her college career at Houston; 2020 USA Men's Olympic Coach John Speraw (2020 USA Women's Olympic Coach Karch Kiraly was part of the 2017 induction class); Olympic Men's Gold Medalists Scott Fortune, Pat Powers, Steve Salmons, Eric Sato and Dain Blanton (beach); plus women's Olympic medalists Jeanne Beauprey-Reeves, Tayyiba Hanef-Park, Elaina Oden, Liane Sato and Sue Woodstra.

The final list also includes recently retired Long Beach State coach Brian Gimmillaro, long-time USC women's coach and former USA Olympic Women's Coach Mick Haley and historic USVBA club and international coach Burt DeGroot. The men's group has numerous NCAA champions and Tournament MVP's including Brent Hilliard, Kirk Kilgour, and Duncan McFarland. The women's NCAA/AIAW championship group includes Debbie Landreth Brown, Liz Masakayan, Nina Matthies, and Bev Oden.

The husband and wife team of Mike Bright and Patty Lucas Bright (deceased) are also finalists along with former USC USVBA standout and beach legend Ron Lang, and former UCLA USVBA standouts and Olympians Ernie Suwara and Larry Rundle.

Besides the 15 inductees being recognized on May 6 in Anaheim, the SCIVBHOF will again honor a historic representative of Southern California volleyball with the SCIVBHOF Lifetime Service Award. The first winner was Elissa Sato and both her son Eric and daughter Liane are under consideration for 2018 induction into the HOF.

“We had a wonderful first-year induction ceremony at Highway 39 in Anaheim and I am looking forward to year two on May 6 in Anaheim,” said Gallups. “I don't envy the committee trying to go from 27 to 15 with the tremendous volleyball history involved.”

2018 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INDOOR VOLLEYBALL HALL OF FAME (SCIVBHOF) FINALISTS FOR 15 SPOTS FOR MAY 6, 2018

Dain Blanton: Attended Laguna Beach HS where he was a standout athlete in both volleyball and basketball and an All-CIF selection in both sports. He turned down basketball scholarships to play volleyball for Marv Dunphy at Pepperdine and was a key part of the 1992 NCAA title as a starting outside hitter for the Waves. After a brief stay with the USA National Team he then went into Beach Volleyball and won 2000 Sydney Olympic Games Beach Gold Medal with partner Eric Fonoimoana. He is now both an indoor and beach TV commentator and Asst. Beach Coach at USC for their NCAA title teams.

Mike Bright: Attended Mira Costa HS and then El Camino Community College. He was key player on first USA Olympic Team in 1964; then starter on 1968 Olympic Team as well as a being a member of 1972 USA national team that didn't qualify for Munich. He stayed with the USA program and won a silver medal at the 1973 Pan-Am Games. He was an 8-time USVBA national champion in 13 years playing indoors for Hollywood YMCA and 9-time All-American. He is a member of the International VB HOF and Received USVBA's All-Time 'Great Player' Award in 1983.

Patti Lucas Bright (deceased 2004): Was born in Chicago and came to Southern California in 1962 in hopes of being an Olympian. She attended USC for college (1964 grad) and was voted into the Trojan HOF. She competed for USA at the 1964 and 1968 Olympics as well as the 1963 Pan-American Games as a top setter. She was a First-team USVBA Open All-American four times and USVBA MVP in 40 and older division in 1994, 1995 and 1996. She then became a successful coach at Santa Monica HS (won State title), Los Angeles City College, and finally at Pepperdine University (numerous AIAW Tournament teams) in a 40-year volleyball career. She won the USVBA 'All-time Great Player' award in 1983 and was inducted into the International HOF in 1996.

Debbie Landreth Brown: First attended El Segundo HS, then went to USC and led the Trojans to 72-1 record as captain with two AIAW titles in 1976 and 77. She was a Collegiate All-American and Mikasa 'Best All-Around' College award both years. She started playing at age 17 with USA National Team at the World Championships and was Co-Captain of the 1980 USA Olympic team that boycotted. She was an 8-time USVBA All-American and played on four USVBA championship teams. She was a long-time successful women's college head coach

first at Arizona State and then Notre Dame with numerous NCAA berths. She was just selected for 2017 AVCA HOF. USA Volleyball named Brown an 'All-Time Great Volleyball Player' in 1995. She was 1988 USA Olympic Asst. Women's Coach for the Seoul Olympics.

Col. Edward 'Burt' DeGroot (deceased in 2003): He is considered as one of the founding fathers of Southern California Indoor Volleyball. He was a successful coach in four decades from the 1940s to the 1970s; As a player-coach he won U.S. Air Force Titles in 1946, 47 and 48 and then won Far Eastern Armed Forces Championships in 1957, 58 and 59 along with U.S. Air Force Worldwide titles in 1953, 54, 58, 59 and 1960; plus National Inter-service wins in 1954, 58 and 1959. Beginning in 1961 at Santa Monica College he won four straight USVBA College Titles from 1961-64 and coached there through 1973 when he went to Pepperdine to move the program nationally and also helped his son Dave be an All-American setter at UCSB and USVBA College Champion. Born in Illinois, DeGroot came to Southern California after the World War II. he won the USVBA's 'Leader in Volleyball' award in 1950 and a special U.S. Air Force award in developing and promoting volleyball (1953-60). He was assistant coach for the first USA Olympic Team in 1964. He was inducted into the International HOF in 1990 and died at age 96 on October 13, 2003

Scott Fortune: Played volleyball at Laguna Beach HS where he won two CIF Titles and was league MVP and All-CIF. He accepted a scholarship to Stanford after winning a gold medal at the 1988 Olympic Games in Seoul (had the winning kill for Gold Medal match point). He helped the Cardinal and Coach Fred Sturm to its first NCAA finals as a two-time All-American and NCAA All-Tournament player in 1989. He went back to the USA National Team after college and was a starter for the 1992 Olympic Team that won the Bronze medal in Barcelona and was named 'best digger' after being the USOC Volleyball Athlete of the Year in 1991. The 6-6 outside hitter was selected as the World League best passer and digger. He then played on the 1996 Olympic Team in Atlanta (rare 3-time Olympian with action in 16 total matches from 1988-96). Member of Pac-12 All-Century Team.

Brian Gimmillaro: Has won the triple crown of volleyball coaching before retiring at Long Beach State after the 2016 season. He started at Gahr HS in Cerritos where he won 4 CIF Titles and also won a State Title and a Club Title. He then spent 32 successful seasons at Long Beach State in charge of women's volleyball. He won 3 NCAA titles (1989, 1993, 98). He made NCAA history in

1998 by coaching the first unbeaten season beating unbeaten Penn State in the finals after trailing 8-3 in the final set. He finished among the top ten in all-time career wins with 835. He had a lifetime winning percentage of almost 80% for his career and was a 2008 AVCA Hall of Fame selection. Long Beach State selected him for the 'Highest Distinguished Alumni Award' in 2016.

Mick Haley: Grew up in the Midwest and attended Ball State University and coached successfully at Kellogg College in Michigan and the University of Texas before coming to Los Angeles after coaching the 2000 USA Women's Olympic Team to a fourth-place finish to become the USC women's head coach. He is one of two coaches in NCAA history to win titles at two different schools –Texas and USC, plus he won back to back titles at USC in 2002 and 2003 (he 2003 squad was the third in NCAA history to ever finish unbeaten). He also won an AIAW title and has numerous appearances in the Volley Four. He is one of the all-time collegiate leaders in victories and also has one of the highest overall winning percentages. Member of the AVCA Hall of Fame. He is still going strong at USC today.

Tayyiba Haneff-Park: She was an All-CIF player at Laguna Hills HS where she won State title her senior year and was State MVP. The 6-7 opposite hitter and standout blocker then went to Long Beach State where she was part of two Volley Fours losing an unbeaten season in the 2001 NCAA finals. She then played on 3 USA Olympic Teams in Athens 2004, Beijing 2008, where she was instrumental in the USA winning the silver medal and London 2012 (won the silver medal again); She was 'best scorer' in the 2005 NORCECA Championships and 'best server' at the 2007 Pan-American Games where she won a bronze medal. She was also talented in the classroom as a 3-time Big West All-Academic selection.

Brent Hilliard: He was born in San Gabriel and played HS ball at Dana Hills, which led to him to being recruited to play at Long Beach State for Ray Ratelle. As a powerful opposite player, he led the 49ers to the 1990 NCAA finals and in 1991 to its first NCAA title. He was the 1991 NCAA MVP, then the 1992 NCAA Player of the Year and finished as a three-time first team All-American. He then won an Olympic Games Bronze medal in 1992 as the team's youngest player and followed with a silver medal in 1993 Pan-American Games. He also won a bronze medal in the 1991 World Cup. He has been coaching the women at the University of San Diego since 2001 as Associate Head Coach, including two different years as interim head coach. He is married with a son and a daughter.

Flo Hyman (deceased 1986): Started her volleyball career at Morningside HS and El Camino College before accepting the first athletic scholarship at the University of Houston for Ruth Nelson. She was the AIAW National Player of the Year in 1976 and a 3- time collegiate All-American. She left for the USA National Team and was a 1980 Olympic member before the boycott and then became a dominating international player for the 1984 USA silver medal winning Olympic team, which she captained. She was selected as the top hitter. She was also named the Best Attacker at the Pan-Am Games in 1975, 1979, and 1983, the NORCECA Championships in 1975, 1977, 1979, 1981 and 1983, and the World University Games in 1973 and 1977. She previously won a 1982 bronze medal at World Championships. She was named All World and selected as the Most Valuable Player in countless international tournaments. She was in the prime of her career at age 31 and playing an international match when she sadly died on the bench while being rested on January 24, 1986. The diagnosis was Marfan syndrome. She was selected among the top 100 athletes of century by 'Sports Illustrated'. She was inducted into the Volleyball Hall of Fame in 1988 as well as being named as one of the 'All-Time Great Volleyball Players' by the USAV.

Kirk Kilgour (deceased 2002): Attended Mira Costa HS, and then UCLA and was starter on first 2 NCAA title teams in 1970, 71. He was NCAA Co-MVP in 1971 and finished college with 80-5 record. He played for USA team national for 7 years before a training broken spine accident in Italy ended his VB playing career in January, 1976. He started on the 1970, 74 USA World Championship Teams, 1971 Pan-American Games and won US Men's Open in 1975. He was a starter for USA National Team from 1972-76 for teams that did not qualify for the Olympic Games. He was Pepperdine head coach for three years 78-81 when Marv Dunphy was on sabbatical and then an assistant for 1985 Waves NCAA title team. He did Olympic Games announcing for NBC Sports as well as local matches. He passed away in July 2002. He won the 1977 USVBA Medal of Honor.

Ron Lang: Attend USC in the 1950s as indoor club player and USVBA star player. He played on first USA Olympic Team in 1964. From 1958-1967 he was a nine-time USVBA first-team All-American and led his club team to three national championships and numerous runner-up finishes during same time period. The USVBA named Lang an 'All-Time Great Male Player' in 1982; he was also honored in 2003 as a member of USVBA's 75th Men's Anniversary team (1953 to 1977) All-Era Team and was selected into the International HOF in 2005.

Liz Masakayan, Led Santa Monica HS to the CIF Title, then went to UCLA and led Bruins with NCAA record 32 kills to its first NCAA Title in 1984. Won 1984 Honda Award as nation's top college player. She was a three-Time Collegiate All-American that also played in 1983 NCAA finals and 1985 NCAA Volley Four. Left as all-time leader in kills and service aces; then went to the USA Team and started at the 1988 Seoul Olympics. She then turned to coaching and helped UCLA to the 1990 & 1991 NCAA titles and 1992 NCAA runner-up as an Assistant. Selected as one of the 25 greatest players in UCLA history and is a member of AVCA College VB HOF. She was part of NCAA All-Decade Team went onto great beach career just missing the 2000 Beach Olympics in Sydney.

Nina Matthies: Played at powerhouse Mira Costa HS then onto UCLA and was a starter on 2 AIAW title teams in 1974 and 75. Played on USA team for 1971 Pan-American Games. Became Asst. Coach at UCLA after playing and was part of coaching staff that went to first NCAA finals in 1981. In the middle 1980s she became the long-time Pepperdine head women's indoor coach with numerous NCAA appearances including an elite 8. 'Volleyball Magazine' named Matthies as one of the "Most Influential People in the First 100 Years of Volleyball." In 2004, she was named to the 75th Anniversary All-Era Team by USA Volleyball and is a member of AVCA College VB HOF.

Duncan McFarland: Played at Mira Costa HS and then San Diego State where he was NCAA MVP in leading the Aztecs to the 1973 NCAA title. He skipped the 1972 college season, but led his USVBA Team to the National Championship. It was one of three USVBAs that he won and he was a multi-time All-American. He was a key member of the USA National Team from 1969-1975 and part of 1972 and 1976 teams that just missed qualifying for Olympics. He won a silver medal at the 1971 Pan-American Games. After college, he played three years in the IVA professional league. In coaching, he won NCAA Division 3 women's title while in charge of UC San Diego in 1997 after previously being the long-time men's coach for the program. He won the 'All-Time Great USVBA Player' award.

Elaina Oden: Dominating HS and club player at Irvine HS and for Orange County VB, she went on to star in college at The University of Pacific. She led the Tigers to their only two NCAA titles in 1985 and 86 as a freshman and sophomore and was College Player of the Year in 1986 and NCAA All-Tournament both years. She was named to the six-person NCAA 25-year All-Anniversary team and could have won four straight titles if not for a major knee injury. She recovered to play

for the USA in two Olympic Games 1992 where she won the bronze, and 1996. She was part of the national team from 1986-1996. She was selected as a member of USA VB 75th Anniversary Team (1978-02) and was part of NCAA All-Decade team from the 1980s.

Beverly Oden, All-CIF player and VB Monthly National HS Player of the Year at Irvine HS where she led team to CIF and State Titles in 1987 and 1988. She then went to Stanford and became the nation's first four-time first team All-American, 1990 College Player of the Year and Honda Award winner. She finished her senior year by leading Stanford to its first NCAA title over UCLA in 1992. After just missing making 1992 Olympic Team to play with her sisters Kim & Elaina after playing on the 1991 USA Pan-American Games Team, Bev went full-time to USA team in 1994 and played on the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Team with sister Elaina. Bev and Elaina won a silver medal at the 1995 Pan-American Games. She was named to Pac-12 All-Century Team.

Pat Powers: Went to Santa Monica HS and then Santa Monica CC where he won a State title. He then went to USC where he was a key hitter for 1980 NCAA title team after being a starter on the 1979 runner-up team. Pat was a two-time NCAA All-American and two-time NCAA All-Tournament team selection. An 11-time USVBA All-American and twice national player of the year, Powers excelled internationally as a member of the USA Indoor Gold Medal Olympic team in 1984, plus 1985 World Cup and 1986 Co-USA Team MVP as the team won the World Championship. He spent six-years as USC MVB head coach and is now a national clinician for the sport. He was a member of USA VB 75th Anniversary Team (1978-02) and a member of Pac-12 All-Century team.

Jeanne Beauprey-Reeves: The standout athlete was All-CIF in both volleyball and basketball at Mission Viejo HS. She helped lead UCLA to first NCAA women's volleyball finals in 1981 and was a multi-time collegiate All-American. She also played two years of college basketball. She won a Silver Medal as part of the 1984 USA Indoor Olympic Team. After playing she became the #1 assistant and lead recruiter for UCLA two NCAA title teams in 1990 and 1991, plus other Volleyball Four Teams. She coached internationally as the 1996 USA Olympic Assistant Coach. She was also a successful club coach in San Diego area producing numerous college scholarships athletes. She had three volleyball players graduated from UCLA in women's player Kelly, who was part of UCLA's 2011 NCAA title team, plus men's players Connor and Jake.

Larry Rundle: He was both a UCLA and USVBA All-American in college and national champion. He won a gold medal at 1967 Pan-American Games and was a starter at the 1968 Mexico City for the USA Olympic team at outside hitter and helped lead the USA to the major upset of the Russians before badly spraining his ankle. He was the USVBA MVP in 1968, 69, 70. Rundle finished as a 6-Time USVBA All-American; a member of 2 USVBA National Championship Teams and the 1983 recipient of USVBA's "All-Time Great Player" Award. He was inducted into UCLA Hall of Fame and is a member of the International VB HOF for his play not only indoors, but on the beach.

Steve Salmons: A rare player that started on championship teams in high school, college and the 1984 Olympic Games. He was a dominating middle blocker out of Pacific Palisades HS. The three-time All-American at UCLA was selected as College Player of the Year in 1979 (over Sinjin Smith and Karch Kiraly) when the Bruins had the first unbeaten team in college volleyball and won the NCAA title over USC. After missing almost the entire 1981 season with a back injury he returned for post-season play to lead UCLA to the title over USC as a senior. He then moved onto the USA National Team and helped the USA win the 1984 Gold Medal in Long Beach, then won the triple crown with the USA by winning the 1985 World Cup and 1986 World Championship Gold Medals. He was named to the All-Century team by Volleyball Magazine and inducted into the UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000. He also won many four-man beach titles and has a son playing volleyball at UCLA.

Eric Sato: Part of the amazing Sato family that all went to Santa Monica HS where he was a CIF champion. Perhaps the best backcourt specialist in USA history in his 9-year national team career, Eric won Olympic Gold in 1988 (served match point), and Olympic Bronze in 1992. He won the 1986 World Championship, plus gold at the 1987 Pan-American Games. He won two US Open team championships and played in 1991 World Cup and 1994 World Championship teams that finished third. He was named to the USA 'All-Era' team from 1978-2002 as the only backrow specialist on the squad.

Liane Sato: Set Santa Monica HS to both the CIF and State title in 1981 and was a standout college player at both UC Santa Barbara and All-American at San Diego State where she graduated. She played six years on the USA National Team including the 1988 Seoul Olympics and won a bronze medal as part of the 1992 USA Barcelona Olympic Team. She won a bronze medal with the USA National

Team at the 1990 World Championships. She is currently the Girl's Volleyball Head Coach at her alma mater, Santa Monica HS;

John Speraw: He started as a CIF Champion and academic standout at Arcadia HS. He then went to UCLA where he was a two-time NCAA champion as a player in 1993 and 1995 and was NCAA All-Tournament for the 1995 team. He won NCAA title as Bruin Assistant Coach in 2000 and then left to be the Head Coach at UC Irvine. He won first three NCAA Titles in UC Irvine history (2007, 2009, 2012) and then left to become head coach at UCLA in 2013 succeeding SCIVBHOF selection Al Scates. He went to NCAA semi-finals in 2016. John has been with USA National Team program for 12 years and was Assistant Coach for USA Gold Medal team in 2008, plus assistant in 2012-5th place and became USA National Team Head Coach after 2012. He was Head Coach in 2014 for World League title; in 2015 for team that won the FIVB World Cup Title; and the squad in 2016 that won Olympic Bronze Medal in Rio. He is the head coach for 2020 USA Team for Tokyo Olympics and became only the third person in history to ever win NCAA titles as player and head coach (Rod Wilde/Bob Yoder).

Ernie Suwara: Started out as an East Coast player out of New York that came west to train and attend Santa Monica College to play for Burt DeGroot. He then transferred to UCLA where he started for the Bruins on USVBA National Title teams in 1965 (assistant coach was his brother Rudy Suwara) and in 1967. Four times he garnered USVBA All-American honors. He was the youngest player on the first USA Olympic Team in 1964 and was a starter. He was the Most Valuable Player on the 1964 squad. Selected for UCLA Athletic Hall of Fame and was one of only a couple of players selected from the pre-NCAA era for the Pac-12 All-Century Team. He was also an outstanding beach player, winning three tournaments and being voted in the California Beach HOF. He worked for Dean Witter and Kansas City Board of Trade before moving to Seattle and then back to Southern California.

Sue Woodstra: Attended Colton HS, then went to USC where she was a starter on the 1977 AIAW Championship Team and an All-American. She was Captain of the 1984 USA Olympic Silver Medal winning team during eight-year USA national team career. Sue was USVBA MVP in 1986 and then turned to a long and successful college coaching career. Besides college she was assistant coach for the 2008 USA Olympic Silver Medal winning team in Beijing. She was a college head coach at the University of Pittsburgh and Cal-Berkeley as well as an Assistant Coach at Arizona State, Notre Dame and Florida State. She finished her coaching career as head coach at Humboldt State (2002-2012). She is a member of AVCA

College Volleyball Hall of Fame and a member of USA VB 75th Anniversary Team (1978-02).

SCIVBHOF INTERNATIONAL HOF MEMBERS/NOMINEES (Bold Inducted into SCIVBHOF):

Mike O'Hara	Dusty Dvorak	Mike Bright	Larry Rundle
Craig Buck	Steve Timmons	Karch Kiraly	Sinjin Smith
Bob Ctvrlík	Jeff Stork	Ron Lang	Rolf Engen
Kathy Gregory	Debbie Green	Patti Bright	Paula Weishoff
Tara Cross-Battle			
Coaches:	Edward DeGroot	Al Scates	Marv Dunphy
	Andy Banachowski		

AVCA HOF MEMBERS (STARTED 2003—Bold in SCIVBHOF)

Andy Banachowski	Al Scates	Debbie Green	Karch Kiraly
Mick Haley	Brian Gimmlaro	Marv Dunphy	Debbie Landreth Brown
Liz Masakayan	Nina Matthies	Sue Woodstra	