

UC SANTA CRUZ BANANA SLUGS

PRE-SEASON 2025 REPORT BY INSIDEHITTER.COM

Field House

Santa Cruz, CA

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2024 RECORD: 17-10
PROJECTED 2025 RECORD: 18-9

FINAL 24 RANKING: 15
PRE-SEASON 2025 RANKING: 16

FINAL 24 RATING: 20.64
PRE-SEASON 2025 RATING: 22.14

CONFERENCE: IND
HEAD COACH: Jake Landel
ASST COACH: Rowdy Lennon

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2024 ROSTER	ROSTER	STATUS	CLASS	POS	HT	#	KILLS	TA	E	HIT%	TB	D	A	ACE	SETS	TA	E	REC%	SSF	RATER	NOTES	
1	Andrew Pak	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2027	S	6' 1"	2	19	78	11	0.103	14	85	525	13	70	5	1	0.800	18.9	188.2	PROB STARTER
2	Logan Taylor	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2027	S	6'	4	5	17	1	0.235	2	51	254	1	58	4	0	1.000	18.9	98.7	PROB STARTER
3	Kaden Kavanaugh	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2027	MB	6' 2"	5	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	18.9	0.0	
4	Kyle Ownbey	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2027	MB	6' 4"	6	144	241	34	0.456	48	23	2	7	73	5	1	0.800	18.9	145.7	PROB STARTER
5	Marcus Donchuanom	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2026	L/DS	5' 8"	8	0	0	0	0.000	0	24	2	4	51	56	4	0.929	18.9	25.7	
6	Ethan Makishima	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2024	MB	6' 6"	9	84	176	23	0.347	60	41	8	6	69	6	0	1.000	18.9	144.1	PROB STARTER
7	Jordan Adejumo	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2027	OH	5' 11"	10	2	3	1	0.333	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	-	18.9	25.2	
8	Riley Norman	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2026	OH	6'	11	269	591	90	0.303	29	119	41	28	74	434	17	0.961	18.9	271.1	PROB STARTER
9	Johndiego White	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2026	S/R/S	6' 2"	12	0	0	0	0.000	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	-	18.9	38.8	
10	Noy Fisher	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2026	RS	6' 4"	13	35	84	20	0.179	8	17	2	16	35	2	0	1.000	18.9	117.5	
11	Ryan Williams	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2026	RS	6' 6"	15	0	0	0	0.000	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	-	18.9	37.8	
12	Dylan Foreman	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2025	OH	6' 5"	16	107	294	53	0.184	28	59	6	3	66	0	0	-	18.9	132.7	PROB STARTER
13	Cebrián Carter	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2026	OH	6' 4"	22	6	18	2	0.222	0	4	0	2	7	3	0	1.000	18.9	81.1	
14	Evan Erickson	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2027	MB	6' 5"	23	23	34	4	0.559	4	6	1	0	15	0	0	-	18.9	94.2	
15	Nico Espinoza	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2025	OH	6' 2"	25	84	194	34	0.258	12	66	11	6	51	133	4	0.970	18.9	143.0	PROB STARTER
16	AJ Contreras	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2028	OH	6' 5"	2															NEW RECRUIT PTW
17	Liam Popejoy	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2028	MB	6' 7"	3															NEW RECRUIT
18	David Polster	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2026	OH	6' 2"	7															TRSF IN PTW
19	Adrián Parra	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2028	MB	6' 4"	14															NEW RECRUIT
20	Caio Valente	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2026	S	5' 11"	17															TRSF IN PTW
21	Griffin Hotchkiss	25 ROSTER	ACTIVE	2028	S	6' 5"	19															NEW RECRUIT
22	Alexander Prongos		NR	2027	MB	6' 6"	1	0	1	1	-1.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	18.9	0.0	TRSF OUT NOTRE DAME
23	Gavin Schellhase		NR	2027	L	5' 9"	7	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	18.9	0.0	
24	Leo Tuncer		NR	2026	S/R/S	6' 5"	18	189	472	102	0.184	32	89	37	20	73	240	13	0.946	18.9	209.8	MAJOR LOSS
25	Jalen Suwa		NR	2025	L	5' 9"	24	1	5	1	0.000	0	198	6	0	76	405	7	0.983	18.9	100.1	Eligibility being reviewed

COMMENTS:

The Slugs return a large percentage of their 24 statistics and are well positioned to have a very successful season. They lose Leo Tuncer and are currently showing Jalen Suwa as not on the 25 roster. Jalen is one of the outstanding liberos in the country and with his presence, IH would have this team in the top 10. The loss of Tuncer may not be felt as much as anticipated as AJ Contreras has stepped in as a solid freshman addition. The middle is strong with both sophomore Kyle Ownbey and senior Ethan Makishima at the net. Riley Norman steps up for his junior year and we expect him to continue to stand out. Andrew Pak appears to have the first shot at setter and we will see if he hold off some hard charging new additions. Nico Espinoza played well in 24 as did Dylan Foreman and Noy Fisher. UCSC starts up early playing as soon as the first weekend of January and have slated 8 matches against top D3 teams including Cal Lutheran, Dominican, New Paltz, Carthage, Baldwin Wallace, Mount Union and St. John Fisher in January. The big question mark for us is at the libero position. With Suwa out, this will be a major loss for the Slugs on a team that is stacked with offensive weapons. Donchuanom is the only lib on the roster and we may see other outsiders sliding over to cover or for depth. Marcus saw limited time last season. UCSC certainly has a chance to be a top 10 team in 2025 if everything falls into place and the team vibe remains positive.



2024 TEAM STATS	24 KILLS	24 TA	24 E	24 HIT%	24 B	24 D	24 A	24 ACES	24 REC	24 RE	24 REC%	24 SETS
	968	2208	377	0.268	238	783	898	106	1293	47	0.964	728

2025 RETURNING STATS	KILLS	TA	E	HIT%	B	D	A	ACES	REC	RE	REC%	SETS
	778	1730	273	0.292	206	496	855	86	648	27	0.958	577
RETURNING %	80%	78%	72%	0.024	87%	63%	95%	81%	50%	57%	-0.005	79%



24 TEAM MAKEUP	FROSH	SOPH	JUNIOR	SENIOR	GRAD
	9	8	3	1	0

AVG AGE = 19.81

25 TEAM MAKEUP	FROSH	SOPH	JUNIOR	SENIOR	GRAD
	5	6	8	1	1

AVG AGE = 20.38

PRE-SEASON GRADES

A
ATTACKING

A
BLOCKING

C
DEFENSE

B
SETTING

B
SERVING

A
RECRUITMENT

B+
OVERALL

16

25 RANK