

Prep Coaches of the Year honored



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Brennan Dean, Torrey Pines, girls volleyball

In the last six years, the Torrey Pines girls have won five San Diego Section championships. Over the last nine seasons — all under the direction of Dean — the team is 288-44. But no Falcons team did it better than this season, rolling up a 39-2 record, sweeping Cathedral Catholic to win the San Diego Section Open Division title, defeating Santa Ana Mater Dei to capture the Southern California Regional championship, then sweeping Kentfield Marin Catholic to take the state Open Division title. The Falcons won their last 23 matches and were named national champions by Volleyballmag.com and finished No. 1 in the nation on MaxPreps' Xcellent 25. Three of Dean's players — Carly Diehl, Megan Kraft and Delaynie Maple — were named all-section with Diehl earning Player of the Year honors. Dean, who started his coaching career in 2001, is owner and executive director of WAVE Volleyball Club in Del Mar. His Torrey Pines teams have advanced to the Southern California Regionals every season under his direction.