SAFE TO SAY, NO MEN’S WATER POLO TEAM HAS CARRIED A
seven-goal lead into the fourth period of an NCAA championship match. But, in its 14th consecutive NCAA final, the USC men’s water polo team made no mistake in establishing its dominance in this one. The Trojans peeled out to a 6-0 lead over host Stanford in the 2018 National Collegiate Championship match and never looked back, even when the Cardinal made a late-game push, and the Trojans emerged victorious with a 14-12 win to claim the 2018 national championship today at Avery Aquatic Center in Palo Alto, Calif. In doing so, USC finishes off its 10th national championship first-ever 30-win season on the men’s side, having gone 30-3 overall in 2018.

It’s the university’s 130th national championship all-time, and also gives USC head coach Jovan Vavic a grand total of 16 national championships while at the helm of the USC men’s and women’s programs. This is the third time that Vavic has guided the USC women and men to national championships in the same calendar year, as this victory follows a title won by the USC women in 2018. USC has done the same in 2010 and 2013.

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