



# MATCH NOTES

# CLEMSON VOLLEYBALL

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**Matches 1-2: Big Orange Bash vs. Middle Tennessee & Wofford**  
August 25 - 27, 2023 • Clemson, S.C. • Jervey Gym

## 2023 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent	WATCH	Time/Result
<b>Fri., Aug. 25</b>	# Middle Tennessee	ACCNX	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun., Aug. 27</b>	# Wofford	ACCNX	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Wed. Aug. 30	at South Carolina	SEC+	7 p.m.
<b>Fri., Sept. 1</b>	^ Western Carolina	ACCNX	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat. Sept. 2</b>	^ South Alabama	ACCNX	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun. Sept. 3</b>	^ Green Bay	ACCNX	<b>2 p.m.</b>
Thurs., Sept. 7	\$ vs. Winthrop	N/A	4 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 8	\$ at Florida	SECN	7 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 9	\$ vs. Sacramento State	N/A	Noon
Thurs., Sept. 14	% vs. Houston Christian	N/A	4 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 15	% at Tulane	N/A	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 16	% vs. UTEP	N/A	1 p.m.
<b>Wed., Sept. 20</b>	* Georgia Tech	ACCN	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Fri., Sept. 22</b>	* NC State	ACCNX	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Fri., Sept. 29	* at Wake Forest	ACCNX	6 p.m.
<b>Sun., Oct. 1</b>	* Virginia Tech	ACCNX	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Fri., Oct. 6	* at Virginia	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 8	* at Pitt	ACCNX	1 p.m.
<b>Fri., Oct. 13</b>	* Miami	ACCNX	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun., Oct. 15</b>	* Florida State	ACCNX	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Fri., Oct. 20</b>	* North Carolina	ACCNX	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun., Oct. 22</b>	* Duke	ACCNX	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Fri., Oct. 27	* at Syracuse	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 29	* at Boston College	ACCN	Noon
<b>Fri., Nov. 3</b>	* Notre Dame	ACCNX	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun., Nov. 5</b>	* Louisville	ACCNX	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Fri., Nov. 10	* at Notre Dame	ACCNX	6:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 17	* at NC State	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 19	* at Duke	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 22	* at Virginia Tech	ACCNX	1 p.m.

Bold indicates home match at Jervey Gym  
# - Big Orange Bash, ^ - Clemson Invitational, \$ - Gators Invitational (Gainesville, Fla.), % - Tulane Invitational (New Orleans, La.), \* - ACC match

## PROGRAM HISTORY

PROGRAM HISTORY	
First Year of Volleyball	1977
All-Time Record	890-684
All-Time Record in Jervey Gym	420-215 (.664)
All-Time ACC Record (34 Years)	285-326 (.471)
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance	2009
NCAA Tournament Appearances	8
Last NIVC Tournament Appearance	2022
NIVC Tournament Appearances	2 (2018, 2022)
ACC Regular-Season Championships	2 (1997, 2007)
ACC Tournament Championships	1 (1997)

## DOUBLE-DOUBLES (2022)

NAME	DATE	KILLS	DIGS	ASSISTS
Mckenna Slavik	8/26/22	-	11	52
Mia McGrath	8/27/22	10	11	-
Mckenna Slavik	8/27/22	-	15	31
Mckenna Slavik	9/6/22	-	12	50
Mckenna Slavik	9/10/22	-	11	42
Mckenna Slavik	9/23/22	-	10	52
Mckenna Slavik	10/2/22	-	43	17
Mia McGrath	10/2/22	15	13	-
Mckenna Slavik	10/9/22	-	41	13
Mckenna Slavik	10/30/22	-	12	46
Mia McGrath	11/4/22	17	11	-
Mia McGrath	11/6/22	14	16	-
Mckenna Slavik	11/11/22	-	10	44
Mckenna Slavik	11/13/22	-	15	44
Mckenna Slavik	11/25/22	-	16	47
Mia McGrath	11/25/22	12	12	-

## CLEMSON

Record: 0-0  
Home: 0-0  
Away: 0-0  
Neutral: 0-0  
Non-Conf.: 0-0  
ACC: 0-0

Head Coach: Jackie Simpson Kirr || 3rd season  
at Clemson: 25-36  
Total (5th season): 42-75  
Assoc. HC: Taylor Unroe || 3rd season  
Asst. Coach: Dan O'Keefe || 2nd season  
Asst. Coach: Quinn Lukens || 1st season  
Dir. of Ops: Haley Bilbruck || 3rd season

## WEEKEND SCHEDULE

**Friday, August 25:**  
7 p.m.: Clemson vs. Middle Tennessee

**Saturday, August 26:**  
2 p.m.: Middle Tennessee vs. Wofford

**Sunday, August 27:**  
1 p.m.: Clemson vs. Wofford

## MIDDLE TENNESSEE

Record: 0-0  
Away Record: 0-0  
History: 1-0  
Last: 1991, W, 3-0  
Head Coach: Chuck Crawford

## WOFFORD

Record: 0-0  
Away Record: 0-0  
History: 5-0  
Last: 2019, W, 3-0  
Head Coach: Lynze Roos

## NEED TO KNOW

### BIG ORANGE BASH

- Clemson welcomes Middle Tennessee and Wofford to Jervey Gym for the Big Orange Bash to open the 2023 slate
- The Tigers will play MTSU on Friday at 7 p.m. to open the 2023 season. Middle Tennessee and Wofford will take to the court on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 2 p.m., before tournament action concludes on Sunday, Aug. 27 between the Tigers and Terriers at 1 p.m.
- Last season, Clemson went 3-0 during the B.O.B. defeating Austin Peay, Louisiana Tech and Presbyterian College - Mckenna Slavik was named the Heather Kahl Holmes Setter of the Tournament, and Mia McGrath earned an All-Tournament nod

### NEW FACES

- The 2023 Clemson Tigers features 20 total players - 14 of which are freshmen and sophomores
- 11 players are new to the roster with seven freshmen and four transfers
- Transfers Adria Powell, Katie Culumovic and Katie Hurta transferred to the program in January and spent the spring semester training with the Tigers. Kateryna Tkachenko joined the program to begin the 2023 fall semester
- The seven freshmen joined the program at the end of May and traveled with the Tigers on the 2023 Foreign Tour to Europe

### PRESEASON ALL-ACC

- Mckenna Slavik was the lone Tiger selected to the 2023 Preseason All-ACC Team
- Last year, Mckenna was an All-ACC Second Team selection and led the conference with 10.30 assists per set - she was third with 1,102 total assists on the year
- She sits fifth heading into her final season as a Tiger on Clemson's career list with 3,863 total assists

### JERVEY UPGRADES

- Following the 2023 home slate - which ends on Nov. 5 against Louisville - Clemson will begin renovations on Jervey Gym for the 2024 season
- Renovations include raising the roof, as well as a new locker room, lounge and meeting areas for Clemson's volleyball program, and major improvements to the gameday experience with new access, restrooms and concessions areas
- The renovation phase of the project would re-allocate more than 14,000 square feet of space and also include building a new state-of-the-art performance and wellness center for Clemson's student-athletes
- For more information and to donate today, fans can email Lauren Gaulin at lPTAY@lgaulin@clemson.edu or scan the QR code below for the Hear Her Roar Volleyball Fund

## STATISTICAL LEADERS (2022)

CATEGORY	NAMES	No.
Points	Mia McGrath	248.5
Attacks	Mia McGrath	658
Kills	Mia McGrath	212
Kills per Set	Mia McGrath	1.80
Hitting Percentage	Sophie Catalano	.313
Assists	Mckenna Slavik	1,102
Assists Per Set	Mckenna Slavik	10.30
Service Aces	Devan Taylor & Mia McGrath	28
Service Aces Per Set	Caroline Sele	0.33
Digs	Devan Taylor	489
Digs Per Set	Devan Taylor	4.01
Blocks	Mckenna Slavik	37
Blocks Per Set	Mckenna Slavik	0.35

\*This list consists of 2022 Clemson players who returned in 2023

## MILESTONES/TRENDS

- Mckenna Slavik has 3,863 career assists to sit fifth all-time. Slavik is 28 assists away from tying the fourth-place holder (Hannah Brenner)
- Devan Taylor has 837 career digs through two seasons. Taylor is 367 digs away from moving into Clemson's top 10.

### UPCOMING MILESTONES

	HAS	NEEDS
Katie Culumovic 300 assists	212	88
Azyah Dailey 200 kills	134	66
Azyah Dailey 200 points	151	49
Mia McGrath 300 digs	241	59
Mia McGrath 300 points	248.5	51.5
Becca Micelle 200 digs	159	41
Adria Powell 600 points	542.5	57.5
Mckenna Slavik 3,900 assists	3,863	37
Mckenna Slavik 900 digs	843	57
Devan Taylor 900 digs	837	63
Kateryna Tkachenko 700 kills	669	31
Kateryna Tkachenko 800 points	723	77

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## KENNEDY WAGNER

Fr. • OH • 6-0 • Valparaiso, Ind. • Valparaiso HS

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023						
Career						

Season Highs:

- AVCA All-Region and Second Team All-State in 2022
- Set Valparaiso HS's record for kills in a single match, single season and career
- Surpassed 1,000 career kills in 2021 and 2,000 career kills in 2022
- Post Tribune Player of the Year (2022)
- Four time All-District and All-Conference player
- Guided 1st Alliance Volleyball Club to become USAV National Champions (2022)
- Named USAV National MVP (2022)

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## MAGGIE PATTERSON

So. • DS/L • 5-7 • Gaffney, S.C. • St. Joseph's Catholic School

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2023						
Career	1	0	0	0	0	0

Season Highs:

- ACC Academic Honor Roll (2022)
- Appeared in one match during her freshman campaign
- Finished with three service attempts against Presbyterian (8/27/22)
- A two-time All-Region selection in HS
- Helped St. Joseph's Catholic School become three-time State Champions
- Selected to the North/South game in 2021
- AAU National Champion Runner-Up in 2021 with Axis Elite Volleyball

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## COURTNEY NIX

Fr. • DS/L • 5-9 • Harrisburg, N.C. • Cannon School

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2023						
Career						

Season Highs:

- First Team All-State selection 2019-21
- Helped lead Cannon School to a NCISAA Volleyball State Championship Runner-Up performance in 2020
- 2021 AVCA Phenom Watchlist and 2020-22 JVA Watch List
- Guided CUVC 17 Premier Bid to club's first USAC Nationals berth in 2022
- Helped CUVC capture multiple first-place finishes, including JVA Challenge and K2 18 open

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## KITTY SANDT

Fr. • S • 6-0 • Western Springs, Ill. • Nazareth Academy

	SP	Assists	A/S	Kills	Digs	PTS
2023						
Career						

Season Highs:

- Helped guide Nazareth Academy to a state title in 2021
- Guided Nazareth Academy to a third-place finish at state in 2019
- Named a 2021 All-State Second Team and All-Conference selection
- Selected as an AAU All-American in 2021
- Named a JVA All-American in 2019
- Was a team captain and guided Sports Performance club volleyball to a second place finish at the AAU National Championship in 2021

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## AZYAH DAILEY (Asia)

Jr. • OH • 6-2 • Port Charlotte, Fla. • Port Charlotte HS

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023						
Career	78	134	1.72	42	28.0	151.0

Season Highs:

- Two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll selection
- 2022 Clemson Invitational All-Tournament Team selection
- Finished 2022 with 86 kills, including five matches with double-digit kills
- Had 13 kills and four blocks against Boston College (10/23/22)
- Tallied 11 kills and four blocks vs. The Citadel (9/3/22)
- Recorded a .643 hitting percentage with 10 kills vs. Syracuse (10/21/22)
- Hit .556 with 11 kills vs. USC Upstate (9/9/22)

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## BECCA MICELLE

So. • DS/L • 6-3 • Naples, Fla. • Community School of Naples

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2023						
Career	102	159	1.56	22	19	19.0

Season Highs:

- Acc Academic Honor Roll (2022)
- Appeared in 29 matches, making seven starts as a freshman
- Finished 2022 with 159 digs to average 1.56 per set
- Clocked a career-high 16 digs in a five-set match against The Citadel (9/3/22)
- Recorded eight or more digs against seven different opponents
- Tallied 19 service aces
- Had three aces against Virginia (10/9/22) and NC State (11/13/22)

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## AVA HEWITT

Fr. • MH • 6-0 • Los Angeles, Calif. • Sierra Canyon School

	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
2023						
Career						

Season Highs:

- Appeared in 96 sets her senior season at Sierra Canyon with 107 kills on 244 attempts
- Maintained a .395 hitting percentage as a junior tallying 153 kills through 96 sets
- Finished high school with 260 kills, 153 blocks (14 solo) and one ace
- Clocked 26 digs and seven assists in high school
- Played club volleyball with City Volleyball Club
- Intends to major in criminology

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## KATERYNA TKACHENKO

Sr. • OH • 6-2 • Lubny, Ukraine • Oregon State

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023						
Career	253	669	2.64	239	66	723.0

Season Highs:

- Transferred from Oregon State as a senior
- Appeared in 74 matches for the Beavers
- Clocked 669 kills and 723 total points in the Orange and Black
- Finished with 66 blocks (eight solo, 58 assisted)
- Led the Beavers in 2021 with 282 kills (3.17 per set)
- Had 14 double-digit kill games in 2021 and 10 in 2022
- Previously involved with the Ukrainian National Team

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## KATIE CULUMOVIC

Gr. • S/DS • 5-5 • Simpsonville, S.C. • Mississippi State

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2023						
Career	89	108	1.21	212	12	14.0

Season Highs:

- Transferred from Mississippi State as a graduate transfer
- Played in 89 sets spread over 39 matches
- Member of the 2021 MSU team that made the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history
- Tallied 212 career assists - including 123 during her sophomore campaign
- Finished with 108 digs - including a career-high 12 vs. Sam Houston State (9/13/19) and at LSU (10/29/22)

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## ADRIA POWELL

Gr. • MB • 6-2 • Hubbard, Ohio • Ohio State

	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/S	PTS
2023						
Career	294	403	1.37	209	0.71	542.5

Season Highs:

- Transferred from Ohio State as a graduate transfer
- Played 294 sets over 93 games for the Buckeyes
- Tallied 403 kills during her career to average 1.37 per set
- Had 135 total blocks in 2022 to average 1.14 per set
- Clocked 542.5 points over five seasons - including 209.5 her senior year
- Had a career-high 17 kills against Rutgers (10/5/18)
- Tallied eight blocks in four games in 2022 including vs. Minnesota (11/25/22)

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## AUDREY ARMBRUSTER

Fr. • S/OH • 5-11 • Cincinnati, Ohio • Mount Notre Dame

	SP	Assists	A/S	Kills	Digs	PTS
2023						
Career						

Season Highs:

- Named team captain of Mount Notre Dame HS in 2020
- On the JVA Watchlist (2021 & 2022)
- Played club ball for the NKYVC (2014-18)
- Member of the Elevation Club Team from 2018-23
- Helped guide Elevation to being OVR Champions in 2021 and 2022
- Intends to major in health sciences or business

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## KATE SIMINGTON

Fr. • MH • 6-4 • Excelsior, Minn. • Minnetonka HS

	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
2023						
Career						

Season Highs:

- 2023 Prep Volleyball 2023 Watchlist (2018-22)
- AAU Academic All-American (2022)
- On the JVA Watchlist from 2018-22
- Selected as Minnetonka HS's captain in 2022
- Played club for MN Select 17-1 and helped the team to a second-place finish in 17 Open at GNC
- Named an All-Tournament selection by Volleyball Magazine

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## DEVAN TAYLOR

Jr. • DS/L • 5-9 • Spring, Texas • Klein HS

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2023						
Career	222	837	3.77	206	45	53.0

Season Highs:

- Three-time ACC Academic Honor Roll selection
- Started every match during her sophomore campaign at Libero
- Led the Tigers and ACC with 489 total digs
- Tallied a career-high 29 digs vs. Virginia Tech (9/23/22)
- Finished 2022 with 20+ digs in eight matches with double-digit digs in 24 games
- Recorded 28 digs vs. South Carolina (9/6/22) and 27 vs. Austin Peay (8/26/22)
- Contributed 28 service aces last season

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## MCKENNA SLAVIK

Gr. • S • 6-1 • Saint Charles, Ill. • Saint Charles East HS

	SP	Assists	A/S	Kills	Digs	PTS
2023						
Career	395	3,863	9.78	248	843	414.0

Season Highs:

- Four-time ACC Academic Honor Roll selection & 2022 CSC Academic All-District
- 2023 Preseason All-ACC
- 2022 All-ACC Second Team
- Became the seventh Tiger to surpass 3,500 career assists
- Led ACC with 10.30 assists per set & was third with 1,102 total assists (2022)
- Sits fifth in Clemson records with 3,863 career assists
- Tallied over 40 assists in 17 matches in 2022
- Tied career-high of 52 assists vs. Austin Peay (8/26/22) & Virginia Tech (9/23/22)
- Tied her career-high of 17 digs at Notre Dame (10/2/22)

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## SOPHIE CATALANO

So. • OPP • 5-10 • Pittsburgh, Pa. • Pine-Richland HS

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023						
Career	95	6		38	1.0	24.5

### Season Highs:

- 2022 ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Appeared in 27 matches as a freshman
- Had at least one ace in 12 matches
- Finished with a career-game vs. The Citadel clocking six kills, eight digs, one assist and one ace (9/3/22)
- Clocked three aces vs. Jacksonville State (9/2/22)
- Had two aces vs. Georgia State (9/10/22) & Florida State (11/4/22)

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## MIA MOORE

So. • OPP • 6-0 • Frisco, Texas • Frisco Heritage HS

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023						
Career	17	28		7	5.0	30.5

### Season Highs:

- Appeared in eight matches, starting two as a freshman
- Finished with a season-high eight kills at Notre Dame (10/2/22)
- Had five kills, two assists and two digs at ETSU (9/9/22)
- Clocked four kills and one dig against Jacksonville State (9/2/22)
- Tallied 30.5 points and 28 kills on the year

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## MIA McGRATH

So. • OH • 5-11 • Deerfield, Ill. • Loyola Academy

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023						
Career	118	212	1.80	241	12.0	248.5

### Season Highs:

- Appeared in 30 matches, starting 23 as a freshman
- 2022 ACC All-Freshman Team
- Finished with 212 kills, 241 digs, 28 aces, 24 assists and 12 blocks in 2022
- Recorded a season-high 20 points (17 kills, 3 aces) at Florida State (11/4/22)
- Finished with 16 kills vs. Virginia (10/9/22) & Boston College (10/23/22)
- Tallied double-digit kills in 10 matches and 11 matches with double-digit digs
- Posted a double-double in five matches

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## KATIE HURTA

Rfr. • OPP • 6-1 • Palos Hills, Ill. • Penn State

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023						
Career	5	1	0.20	2	0.0	1.0

### Season Highs:

- Transferred from Penn State as a redshirt freshman
- Appeared in two matches and five sets for the Nittany Lions as a freshman
- 2022 Gatorade Player of the Year in Illinois
- Ranked #20 for the 2022 PrepVolleyball.com Senior Ace
- Named a First Team AVCA All-American in 2021
- Ranked the No. 1 player in Illinois and No. 14 player in the country by PrepDig.com coming out of high school

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## McKENNA GILDON

Fr. • DS/L • 5-10 • Plano, Texas • Liberty HS

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2023						
Career						

### Season Highs:

- Ranked the second-best libero by Prep Dig in the class of 2023
- Participated in the 2021 Fall Training Camp with the National Team Development Program
- Played club for Madfrog and TAV
- Selected as a team captain of the 16s and 17s with TAV
- Helped TAV become Mid-East Qualifiers and 17 Open Champions
- Tallied multiple champion titles while competing with TAV for 12-15s

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## CAROLINE SELE (SEE-lee)

So. • S/RS • 6-2 • San Juan Capistrano, Calif. • St. Margaret's Episcopal School

	SP	Assist	A/S	Kills	Digs	PTS
2023						
Career	3	15	5.0	0	0	1.5

### Season Highs:

- 2022 ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Appeared in two matches as a freshman
- Tallied a season-high 15 assists, one block and one ace against Georgia Tech (11/18/22)
- Served twice against Presbyterian (8/27/22)
- Named the San Joaquin League Player of the Year (2021)
- Was a captain her senior year of high school

## PROGRAM FACTS

### Clemson University

Nickname	Tigers
Location	Clemson, S.C.
Colors	Clemson Orange & Regalia
Founded	1889
Enrollment	27,341
President	Dr. James P. Clements (Maryland-Baltimore County '85)
Director of Athletics	Graham Neff (Georgia Tech '06)
Facility/Capacity	Jervey Gym (2,000)

## GRATITUDE • GRACE • GRIT

**GRATITUDE** requires a present mindset. When we enter a moment with gratitude, we acknowledge that there is an opportunity for future success in every result, every interaction and every decision. Through the lens of gratitude, challenges become opportunities.

**GRIT** is powerful. It is one of the best indicators of an individual's success in life. Enthusiasm is common, but endurance is rare. Grit is a catalyst for endurance. We engage in a moment with grit when we align our actions and passion with our purpose.

Failure cannot exist where there is **GRACE**. When we evaluate a moment with grace, we are able to see something for what it is rather than what we wanted it to be. Volleyball is a game of errors; life is a series of lessons. Grace allows us to respond rather than react to a moment.

# Quick Facts

## MEDIA SERVICES

### CLEMSON ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

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### CLEMSON ATHLETICS

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### ACC MEDIA RELATIONS

**Claudia Close** is the volleyball athletic communications contact at the ACC office. He can be reached via email at CClose@theacc.org.

### INTERVIEW

Interviews are available by request with select players and **Head Coach Jackie Simpson Kirr**. Contact **Valerie Johnson** via phone or email to coordinate all interview requests. Players are available at the discretion of the women's volleyball staff upon request.

### MORE INFORMATION



## ACC STANDINGS (2022)

SCHOOL	CONF	CPCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	STREAK
Louisville	17-1	.944	31-3	.912	1L1
Pitt	17-1	.944	31-3	.912	W6
Georgia Tech	13-5	.722	21-8	.724	L1
Miami	12-6	.667	19-11	.633	L2
Florida State	11-7	.611	19-11	.633	L2
NC State	10-8	.556	16-13	.552	W3
North Carolina	9-9	.500	17-12	.586	W2
Wake Forest	8-10	.444	17-14	.548	L1
Boston College	7-11	.389	24-13	.649	W5
Duke	7-11	.389	16-13	.552	L2
Syracuse	7-11	.389	11-17	.393	L4
Notre Dame	5-13	.278	10-18	.357	W1
Clemson	4-14	.222	13-18	.419	L3
Virginia	4-14	.222	12-17	.414	L3
Virginia Tech	4-14	.222	11-18	.379	L4

## CLEMSON ON PAPER

### Statistics: End of 2022

	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value
Aces Per Set (334 ranked)	121	6	1.52
Assists Per Set (334 ranked)	95	5	12.02
Blocks Per Set (334 ranked)	278	15	1.70
Digs Per Set (334 ranked)	186	5	14.17
Hitting Percentage (332 ranked)	163	8	.209
Kills Per Set (334 ranked)	110	5	12.91
Match W-L Pctg. (330 ranked)	218	11	.419
Opp Hitting Percentage (334 ranked)	275	14	.235
Team Assists (334 ranked)	54	3	1,467
Team Attacks Per Set (334 ranked)	131	2	35.15
Team Digs (334 ranked)	89	2	1,729
Team Kills (334 ranked)	58	3	1,575
Team Service Aces (334 ranked)	69	4	186
Team Total Attacks (334 ranked)	55	3	4,288
Team Total Blocks (334 ranked)	225	15	208

## CLEMSON'S RECORD WHEN...

	Overall	ACC
<b>LOCATION</b>		
Home	0-0	0-0
Away	0-0	0-0
Neutral	0-0	0-0
<b>RANKING</b>		
vs. Ranked Opponent	0-0	0-0
<b>MATCH LENGTH</b>		
3-Set Matches	0-0	0-0
4-Set Matches	0-0	0-0
5-Set Matches	0-0	0-0
<b>STATISTICAL LEADERS</b>		
CU hits .250 or better	0-0	0-0
CU hits below .250	0-0	0-0
Opp. hits .250 or better	0-0	0-0
Opp. hits below .250	0-0	0-0
CU has higher attack %	0-0	0-0
CU has lower attack %	0-0	0-0
Teams have same attack %	0-0	0-0
CU has more kills	0-0	0-0
CU has fewer kills	0-0	0-0
Same number of kills	0-0	0-0
3 players with 10+ kills	0-0	0-0
3 players hit .300+ (min. 10 attempts)	0-0	0-0
CU hits 30+ kills	0-0	0-0
CU allows 30+ kills	0-0	0-0
CU has more aces	0-0	0-0
CU has fewer aces	0-0	0-0
Same number of aces	0-0	0-0
CU has more digs	0-0	0-0
CU has fewer digs	0-0	0-0
Same number of digs	0-0	0-0
CU has more blocks	0-0	0-0
CU has fewer blocks	0-0	0-0
Same number of blocks	0-0	0-0

# Head Coach Jackie Simpson Kirr



**Education:** Wisconsin (UG - 2008) || East Carolina (Masters - 2013)  
**Years at Clemson:** Three as Head Coach || Seven Total

Jackie Simpson Kirr, a two-time All-American setter at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, completed her second season at the helm of the Clemson Volleyball program in 2022 after serving as the associate head coach and the team's offensive and recruiting coordinator for four seasons. Simpson Kirr joined the staff on April 24, 2017 and was promoted to head coach on May 6, 2021.

Since arriving at Clemson, Simpson Kirr has helped guide the Tigers to two postseason appearance, including the first since 2009 with an appearance in the National Invitational Volleyball Championship (NIVC) in 2018 and 2022 and has mentored seven different players that earned All-ACC accolades on 10 occasions. Simpson Kirr has also raised the bar when it comes to recruiting. After bringing in two recruiting classes that were given honorable mention recognition by the AVCA, Clemson's 2020 recruiting class was tabbed No. 24 in the nation and was just one of two recruiting classes in the nation to feature four All-Americans.

In 2022, Simpson Kirr led the Tigers back to the NIVC for the first postseason appearance since 2018 and the first under her tutelage. In the second season with Simpson Kirr at the helm, Clemson defeated in-state rival South Carolina, 3-2, for the first time since 2014 and the first in Jervy Gym since 2013. The Tigers also defeated Notre Dame, 3-2, for the first time since 2014 and marked the second time Clemson has defeated the Fighting Irish on the road to snap an eight-game losing streak. Under Simpson Kirr's direction, three Tigers garnered ACC All-Conference honors with Camryn Hannah and McKenna Slavik picking up All-ACC Second Team honors and Mia McGrath earning ACC All-Freshman accolades. Slavik also moved up two spots on Clemson's Career List tallying 3,863 career assists to sit fifth, while off the court, Slavik garnered College Sports Communicator Academic All-District honors. Redshirt freshman Jacyn Bamis garnered ACC Freshman of the Week honors to become the first Tiger to earn an ACC weekly honor since March 2021.

In her first season as head coach, Simpson Kirr led the Tigers to accomplishing numerous feats, including defeating Rutgers in three sets on Sept. 17 for the first win Clemson has had over a Big Ten opponent since 1999. Under her guidance, Clemson started the season 10-3 to mark the best start since 2014 and also started 2-0 in ACC action for the first time since 2011. The Tigers posted a perfect 8-0 mark against non-conference opponents in Jervy Gym and finished with 59 block solos on the year, the most in both areas since 2014. The 2021 season also played host to the third-fewest attack errors in program history, and the 12-win season is the most wins in the inaugural season of a head coaches' tenure since Jolene Hoover won 27 in 1993.

During the unprecedented 2020 campaign, Simpson Kirr and the Tigers opened the season with a 3-2 upset victory over No. 12 Miami (Fla.). Then freshman outside hitter Hannah finished with a standout first season in the Clemson Orange and Regalia under Simpson Kirr's direction. Hannah picked up All-ACC Second Team and ACC All-Freshman Team honors after leading all freshman in the ACC in kills and kills per set. She also garnered an AVCA All-Region East selection and AVCA All-American Honorable Mention. Simpson Kirr guided freshman Cate Long to finish eighth in the NCAA for total aces (38). Both Hannah and Long also garnered a combined four All-ACC weekly honors during the year.

In 2019, Simpson Kirr and the Tigers went 3-0, including a sweep over SEC foe Georgia and a four-set win over a 2019 NCAA tournament qualifier in Kennesaw State, to win the annual Big Orange Bash tournament. Clemson's 2019 non-conference slate was also highlighted by the program's first-ever win over Central Arkansas as well as victories over Appalachian State and Oral Roberts. Simpson Kirr and the Tigers made history in the month of October that year when Clemson downed four straight ACC opponents, a first for the program since 2012. Outside hitter Kaylin Korte garnered Second Team All-ACC status for the second time of her career, having done so in 2017, after Korte tied for fifth in the conference in kills (3.58/set). Additionally, freshman setter Slavik was one of just five Power-5 freshman setters to average at least 9.70 assists per set.

In 2018, Simpson Kirr mentored then redshirt-sophomore Brooke Bailey, a transfer from Ohio State, who earned Second Team All-ACC honors after she finished the regular season ranked fifth in kills (3.71/set) against ACC

opponents. Additionally, former Clemson setter Gabby Easton and right side hitter Solei Thomas were named to the All-ACC Freshman Team. Easton was the top freshman setter in the conference after leading all freshmen in the ACC in assists during the regular season with 1,278 (10.74/set), which also put her at No. 3 overall in the ACC. Her 10.74 assists per set average was also good for fifth in the nation among all freshmen and ranked third among Power-5 freshmen. Easton's 1,278 assists were also the second most by a freshman in program history, a milestone that she reached with two matches remaining in Clemson's regular season. Thomas ranked second on the team in kills after averaging 2.89 kills per set in 2018. Thomas totaled 17 double-digit kill matches, including a career-best 20 kills against Appalachian State (Sept. 1, 2018). Both Easton and Thomas were named ACC Freshman of the Week on two occasions each. The 2018 ACC postseason awards announcement marked the first time since 2011 Clemson collected three ACC postseason selections. In the spring of 2018, Clemson's incoming recruiting class was given the highest honorable mention by PrepVolleyball.com.

Additionally, Simpson Kirr has had three players in Slavik, Korte and Bailey earn spots on a USA Volleyball Collegiate National Team. Slavik is a two-time selection securing a spot on the 2022 U.S. Collegiate National Team-Anaheim and another on the 2020 U.S. Collegiate National Team-Anaheim in the spring of 2020, but was unable to compete due to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), which caused the cancellation of the event. Both Korte and Bailey earned spots on the 2018 U.S. Collegiate National Team-Detroit.

Since joining the Tigers' staff, Simpson Kirr has lured five Power-5 transfers to Clemson in outside hitters Adria Powell (Ohio State), Bailey (Ohio State) and Korte (Illinois), setter Caroline Pearson (Arizona State) and defensive specialist/setter Katie Culumovic (Mississippi State). In 2017, Simpson Kirr guided Korte to Second Team All-ACC status, who led the team in kills (3.36/set) and attempts (9.67/set). In the Tigers' opening match of 2017, a win over Bethune-Cookman, Simpson Kirr steered Pearson to tally 57 assists, which was second-most in a four-set match among all ACC players in 2017.

Simpson Kirr was the head coach at George Mason in Fairfax, Virginia from 2015-16. In her first season with the Patriots, she led the team to the best Atlantic-10 finish in program history and its best overall record since 2010. While at the helm of the Patriot program, Simpson Kirr served on the AVCA All-American Selection Committee in 2016, during which time she was the East Region Committee Chair. She also earned the AVCA's 30-under-30 Award in 2015, a prestigious national honor awarded to the top 30 volleyball coaches, at any level, under the age of 30.

Prior to her time at George Mason, Simpson Kirr was an assistant coach at Iowa for the 2014 season. She also previously served as an assistant coach at Marquette (2013-14), East Carolina (2010-13) and Winona State in Winona, Minnesota (2008-09).

Simpson Kirr was a standout setter both on the court and in the classroom at Wisconsin from 2004-07. She led the Badgers to four NCAA Tournament appearances, including two Elite Eight berths. Simpson Kirr was a two-time AVCA All-American and a two-time All-Big Ten selection. She ranks second all-time in Wisconsin program history in career assists and is 19th all-time among Big Ten setters.

Simpson Kirr earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Letters & Science – Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2008. She earned a Master of Science degree in Exercise & Sport Science – Sport Psychology from East Carolina in 2013.

## COACHES AND STAFF



**Taylor Unroe**  
Associate Head Coach  
3rd Season  
Florida (2014)



**Dan O'Keefe**  
Assistant Coach  
2nd Season  
Saint Xavier (2017)



**Quinn Lukens**  
Assistant Coach  
2nd Season  
Wisconsin (2015)



**Haley Bilbruck**  
Director of Operations  
3rd Season  
Southeast Missouri State (2019)

# 2023 TV Roster



#2 • Kennedy Wagner  
Freshman • OH



#3 • Maggie Patterson  
Sophomore • DS/L



#4 • Courtney Nix  
Freshman • DS/L



#6 • Kitty Sandt  
Freshman • S



#7 • Azyah Dailey  
Junior • OH  
(Asia)



#8 • Becca Michelle  
Sophomore • DS/L  
(mih-CELL-ee)



#9 • Ava Hewitt  
Freshman • MH



#11 • Kateryna Tkachenko  
Junior • OH  
(mih-CELL-ee)



#12 • Katie Culumovic  
Graduate • S/DS



#13 • Adria Powell  
Graduate • MB



#14 • Audrey Armbruster  
Freshman • S/OH



#15 • Kate Simington  
Freshman • MH



#16 • Devan Taylor  
Junior • DS/L



#18 • Mckenna Slavik  
Graduate • S



#20 • Sophie Catalano  
Sophomore • OPP



#22 • Mia Moore  
Sophomore • OPP



#23 • Mia McGrath  
Sophomore • OH



#25 • Katie Hurta  
Redshirt Freshman • OPP



#28 • McKenna Gildon  
Freshman • DS/L



#30 • Caroline Sele  
Sophomore • S/RS  
(SEE-lee)



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