



# MATCH NOTES

# CLEMSON VOLLEYBALL

#OWNTODAY

## Match 3: Clemson (2-0) at South Carolina (1-1)

August 30, 2023 • Columbia, S.C.

### 2023 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent	WATCH	Time/Result
<b>Fri., Aug. 25</b>	# Middle Tennessee	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
<b>Sun., Aug. 27</b>	# Wofford	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
Wed., Aug. 30	at South Carolina	SEC+	7 p.m.
<b>Fri., Sept. 1</b>	^ Western Carolina	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Sat. Sept. 2</b>	^ South Alabama	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun. Sept. 3</b>	^ Green Bay	<b>ACCNX</b>	<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	<b>ACCN</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Fri., Sept. 22</b>	* NC State	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Fri., Sept. 29	* at Wake Forest	ACCNX	6 p.m.
<b>Sun., Oct. 1</b>	* Virginia Tech	<b>ACCNX</b>	<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	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun., Oct. 15</b>	* Florida State	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>Fri., Oct. 20</b>	* North Carolina	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun., Oct. 22</b>	* Duke	<b>ACCNX</b>	<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	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun., Nov. 5</b>	* Louisville	<b>ACCNX</b>	<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

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First Year of Volleyball	1977
All-Time Record	892-684
All-Time Record in Jervey Gym	422-215 (.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

NAME	DATE	KILLS	DIGS	ASSISTS
Kennedy Wagner	8/27/23	16	10	--

### CLEMSON

Record:	2-0
Home:	2-0
Away:	0-0
Neutral:	0-0
Non-Conf.:	2-0
ACC:	0-0

Head Coach: Jackie Simpson Kirr || 3rd season

at Clemson: 27-36  
Total (5th season) 44-75

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

### HISTORY

CU Record	25-41
Away:	6-23
Last Meeting	W, 3-2, 9/6/22
Trend	W1

### SOUTH CAROLINA

Record:	1-1
Home Record:	1-1

Head Coach: Tom Mendoza || 6th season

at South Carolina: 80-63

Asst. Coach: Ethan Pheister || 6th season

Asst. Coach: Brittany Farrell || 1st season

Last match: W, 3-1 on 8/26/23

Current Streak: W1

### NEED TO KNOW

#### LAST TIME OUT VS. SOUTH CAROLINA

- In 2022, Clemson ended a six-year losing streak by defeating the Gamecocks in five sets in Jervey Gym.
- It marked the first win for the Tigers since 2014 and the first win at home since 2013

#### WEEK 1 REWIND

- Clemson opened the Big Orange Bash with a 3-1 victory on Friday evening against Middle Tennessee
- The Tigers were led by freshman Kennedy Wagner (15 kills) and junior Azyah Dailey (12 kills), while also tallying nine aces and 10 blocks as a team against the Blue Raiders
- Clemson continued the weekend with a 3-0 sweep of Wofford on Sunday afternoon where Kennedy Wagner once again led the team with 17 kills and posted her first double-double with 10 digs
- Mckenna Slavik tallied 34 assists to move into fourth all-time at Clemson with 3,921 on her career

#### FOREIGN TOUR

- The Clemson volleyball team went on a 15-day foreign tour at the beginning of June traveling to Paris, Croatia and Bosnia
- The team participated in training sessions and a two-day tournament in Bosnia - Clemson split into two different teams to allow for every player to get ample amounts of playing time and learn the systems
- Clemson also did multiple off-court team building activities including: ATVing through the mountains of Bosnia, two different boat days, sightseeing and becoming immersed in different cultures

#### 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

#### 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 all Clemson student-athletes

### MILESTONES/TRENDS

- Mckenna Slavik has 3,921 career assists to sit fourth all-time. Slavik is 79 assists away from reaching 4,000 and 384 away from moving into third
- Devan Taylor has 873 career digs through opening weekend of 2023. Taylor is 330 digs away from moving into Clemson's top 10.

#### UPCOMING MILESTONES

	HAS	NEEDS
Katie Culumovic 300 assists	212	88
Azyah Dailey 200 kills	151	49
Azyah Dailey 200 points	171	29
Mia McGrath 300 digs	247	53
Mia McGrath 300 points	254	46
Becca Micelle 200 digs	169	31
Adria Powell 600 points	562.5	37.5
Mckenna Slavik 4,000 assists	3,921	79
Mckenna Slavik 900 digs	855	45
Devan Taylor 900 digs	873	27
Kateryna Tkachenko 700 kills	678	22
Kateryna Tkachenko 800 points	734	66

### STATISTICAL LEADERS

CATEGORY	NAMES	No.
Points	Kennedy Wagner	34.0
Attacks	Kennedy Wagner	70
Kills	Kennedy Wagner	32
Kills per Set	Kennedy Wagner	4.57
Hitting Percentage	Mckenna Slavik	.500
Assists	Mckenna Slavik	58
Assists Per Set	Mckenna Slavik	8.29
Service Aces	Mckenna Slavik	6
Service Aces Per Set	Mckenna Slavik	0.86
Digs	Devan Taylor	36
Digs Per Set	Devan Taylor	5.14
Blocks	Adria Powell	10
Blocks Per Set	Adria Powell	1.43

# Roster

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## KENNEDY WAGNER

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	7	32	4.57	16	1	34.0
Career	7	32	4.57	16	1	34.0

Season Highs: 17 kills, 10 digs, 1 ace, 1 block

- Led the Tigers in both matches opening weekend in kills - 15 vs. MTSU & 17 vs. Wofford
- Named Big Orange Bash Tournament MVP & ACC Rookie of the Week
- Posted first double-double vs. Wofford - 17 kills, 10 digs
- Post Tribune Player of the Year (2022)
- 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	6	12	2.00	2	2	2.0
Career	6	12	2.00	2	2	2.0

Season Highs: 10 digs, 2 aces, 1 assist

- Started the season opener vs. Middle Tennessee
- Tallied 10 digs against MTSU and two aces
- 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

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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

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	7	17	2.43	4	5	20.0
Career	85	151	1.78	46	33	171.0

Season Highs: 12 kills, 5 blocks, 15 points

- Started in one match - vs. Wofford
- Hit .526 with 12 kills and five blocks vs. Middle Tennessee
- 2023 Big Orange Bash All-Tournament Team
- 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)
- Recorded a .643 hitting percentage with 10 kills vs. Syracuse (10/21/22)

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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	7	10	1.43	3	2	2.0
Career	109	169	1.55	25	21	21.0

Season Highs: 1 ace, 6 digs

- Appeared in both matches on opening weekend
- Tallied six digs against Wofford
- 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)
- Tallied 19 service aces

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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	6	9	1.50	1	4.0	11.0
Career	259	678	2.62	240	70	734.0

Season Highs: 5 kills, 1 dig, 2 blocks (2x)

- Started both matches on opening weekend
- Finished with five kills and two blocks against Middle Tennessee
- 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)
- 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	7	13	1.86	10	1.43	20.0
Career	301	416	1.38	219	0.73	562.5

Season Highs: 7 kills, 6 blocks, 3 digs

- Started both matches during opening weekend
- Finished with seven kills and six blocks against Wofford
- 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
- Had a career-high 17 kills against Rutgers (10/5/18)

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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	7	10	1.43	5	0.71	13.0
Career	7	10	1.43	5	0.71	13.0

Season Highs:

- Started both matches during opening weekend
- Clocked seven kills vs. Wofford and four blocks vs. MTSU
- 2023 Prep Volleyball 2023 Watchlist (2018-22)
- AAU Academic All-American (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	7	36	5.14	15	4	5.0
Career	229	873	3.81	221	49	58.0

Season Highs: 18 digs (2x), 8 assists, 2 aces (2x)

- Started both matches as Clemson's libero
- Posted 18 digs against Wofford and Middle Tennessee
- 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

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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	7	58	8.29	9	12	15.5
Career	402	3,921	9.75	257	855	429.5

Season Highs: 34 assists, 6 digs (2x), 3 aces (2x), 5 kills

- Posted 34 assists vs. Wofford and moved into fourth all-time on Clemson's list
- 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
- 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	2	0	0.00	1	1.0	1.0
Career	97	6	0.06	39	1.0	25.5

Season Highs: 1 ace, 1 dig

- Appeared in one match (Wofford) and tallied an ace
- 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)

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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	1.65	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	2	4	2.00	6	1.0	5.5
Career	120	216	1.80	247	13	254.0

Season Highs: 4 kills, 6 digs, 1 ace, 1 block

- Appeared in one match (Wofford) and tallied four kills and six digs
- 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

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

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2023	1	0	0.00	0	0	0
Career	1	0	0.00	0	0	0

Season Highs:

- Appeared in one match (vs. Middle Tennessee)
- 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
- 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

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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	@ClemsonVolleyball (Tik Tok)
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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 CCclose@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

SCHOOL	CONF	CPCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	STREAK
Florida State	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	W3
Louisville	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	W3
Virginia Tech	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	W3
Wake Forest	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	W3
Boston College	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	W2
Clemson	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	W2
Georgia Tech	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	W2
Miami	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	W2
NC State	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	W1
North Carolina	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	L1
Pitt	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	W2
Notre Dame	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	L1
Virginia	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	L1
Duke	0-0	.000	1-2	.333	W1
Syracuse	0-0	.000	0-3	.000	L3

## CLEMSON ON PAPER

### Statistics: As of 8/27/23

	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value
Aces Per Set (321 ranked)	29	3	2.43
Assists Per Set (321 ranked)	116	9	11.71
Blocks Per Set (321 ranked)	73	3	2.43
Digs Per Set (321 ranked)	94	4	14.71
Hitting Percentage (320 ranked)	86	9	.252
Kills Per Set (321 ranked)	70	7	13.57
Match W-L Pctg. (246 ranked)	1	1	1.000
Opp Hitting Percentage (321 ranked)	171	9	.208
Team Assists (321 ranked)	274	13	82
Team Attacks Per Set (321 ranked)	126	5	34.00
Team Digs (321 ranked)	256	12	103
Team Kills (321 ranked)	258	13	95
Team Service Aces (321 ranked)	125	7	17
Team Total Attacks (321 ranked)	283	12	238
Team Total Blocks (320 ranked)	207	10	17.0

## CLEMSON'S RECORD WHEN...

LOCATION	Overall	ACC
Home	2-0	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	1-0	0-0
4-Set Matches	1-0	0-0
5-Set Matches	0-0	0-0
<b>STATISTICAL LEADERS</b>		
CU hits .250 or better	1-0	0-0
CU hits below .250	1-0	0-0
Opp. hits .250 or better	0-0	0-0
Opp. hits below .250	2-0	0-0
CU has higher attack %	2-0	0-0
CU has lower attack %	0-0	0-0
Teams have same attack %	0-0	0-0
CU has more kills	1-0	0-0
CU has fewer kills	1-0	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)	1-0	0-0
CU hits 30+ kills	2-0	0-0
CU allows 30+ kills	2-0	0-0
CU has more aces	2-0	0-0
CU has fewer aces	0-0	0-0
Same number of aces	0-0	0-0
CU has more digs	1-0	0-0
CU has fewer digs	0-0	0-0
Same number of digs	1-0	0-0
CU has more blocks	1-0	0-0
CU has fewer blocks	1-0	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  
(kah-TEE-ah kah-CHEN-ko)



**#12 • Katie Culumovic**  
Graduate • S/DS  
(cuh-LUM-uh-vik)



**#13 • Adria Powell**  
Graduate • MB



**#14 • Audrey Armbruster**  
Freshman • S/OH



**#15 • Kate Simington**  
Freshman • MH  
(SIME-ee-ton)



**#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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