## Match 14: Clemson (9-4, 0-1) vs. NC State

September 22, 2023 • Clemson, S.C. • Jervey Gym

	2023 SCHEDULE	& RESULTS	;
Date	Opponent	WATCH	Time/Result
Fri., Aug. 25	# Middle Tennessee	ACCNX	W, 3-1
Sun., Aug. 27	# Wofford	ACCNX	W, 3-0
Wed. Aug. 30	at South Carolina	SEC+	L, 1-3
Fri., Sept. 1	^ Western Carolina	ACCNX	W, 3-0
Sat. Sept. 2	^ South Alabama	ACCNX	L, 0-3
Sun. Sept. 3	^ Green Bay	ACCNX	W, 3-0
Thurs., Sept. 7	\$ vs. Winthrop	N/A	W, 3-2
Fri., Sept. 8	\$ at Florida	SECN	L, 0-3
Sat., Sept. 9	\$ vs. Sacramento State	N/A	W, 3-2
Thurs., Sept. 14	% vs. Houston Christian	N/A	W, 3-1
Fri., Sept. 15	% at Tulane	N/A	W, 3-0
Sat., Sept. 16	% vs. UTEP	N/A	W, 3-2
Wed., Sept. 20	* Georgia Tech	ACCN	L, 1-3
Fri., Sept. 22	* NC State	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 29	* at Wake Forest	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 1	* Virginia Tech	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 6	* at Virginia	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 8	* at Pitt	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 13	* Miami	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 15	* Florida State	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 20	* North Carolina	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 22	* Duke	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 27	* at Syracuse	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 29	* at Boston College	ACCN	Noon
Fri., Nov. 3	* Notre Dame	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 5	* Louisville	ACCNX	1 p.m.
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

<sup>#</sup> - Big Orange Bash, ^ - Clemson Invitational, \$ - Gators Invitational (Gainesville, Fla.), % - Tulane Invitational (New Orleans, La.), \* - ACC match

PROGRA	M HISTORY
PROGR <i>i</i>	AM HISTORY
First Year of Volleyball	1977
All-Time Record	899-688
All-Time Record in Jervey Gym	424-217
All-Time ACC Record (34 Years)	285-327
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)

CLEMSON		THE SI	ERIES	NC STATE		
Record:	9-4	Clemson Record:	41-31	Record:	10-1	
Home:	4-2	in Jervey Gym:	23-9	Home:	5-0	
Away:	1-2	Last Win:	11/13/22	Away:	3-0	
Neutral:	4-0	Lust Will.	W. 3-1	Neutral:	2-1	
Non-Conf.:	9-3	Last Meeting:	11/13/22	Non-Conf.:	10-1	
ACC:	0-1	Last Meeting.	W, 3-1	ACC:	0-0	
		Trend:	W1			
Head Coach: Jackie Simpso	on Kirr    3rd season			Head Coach: Luka Slabe		
at Clemson:	34-40			4th Season at NC S	tate	
Total (5th season)	51-79			at NC State:	50-36	
Assoc. HC: Taylor Unroe    3	ord season			Assoc. HC: Megan Wargo-	Kearney	
Asst. Coach: Dan O'Keefe   2nd season				Asst. Coach: Jeremiah Gonidakis		
Asst. Coach: Quinn Lukens	1st season			Asst. Coach: Mitchel Worthington		
Dir. of Ops: Haley Bilbruck	3rd season			Dr. of Ops: Virginia Blake		

#### **NEED TO KNOW**

#### **ALUMNI NIGHT**

- . Clemson is excited to welcome back our alumni for tonight's match with a commemorative poster
- . Fans are encouraged to stay in their seats between sets two and three as our alumni are announced on court

#### LAST TIME OUT

- Clemson last hit the court on Wednesday against No. 13 Georgia Tech where the Tigers forced the Yellow Jackets to a fourth set
- The Tigers outlasted the Yellow Jackets in the opening set for a 31-29 set win it marked the first time Clemson had taken a set from GT since Oct. 23, 2020, the first time Clemson had taken the opening set since Nov. 22, 2019 and the first time the Tigers took a set inside Jervey Gym since Oct. 12, 2014.
- Clemson's opening set victory marked the first time the Tigers have taken a set against a ranked opponent since Oct. 23, 2020 (also vs. Georgia Tech) and the first time they have won the opening set against a ranked opponent since Nov. 10, 2019 (against No. 2 Pitt)

#### **BLOCKING POWER**

- The Tigers have become a force at the net during the 2023 campaign led by graduate transfer Adria Powell
- $\bullet \ \ \text{As a team, Clemson leads the ACC with } 119 \text{ total blocks and sits } 16 \text{th in the NCAA through the Georgia Tech match} \\$
- The Tigers are averaging 2.48 blocks per set, which ranks third in the ACC and 49th in the NCAA
- Powell leads the way for Clemson and the ACC in both total blocks (72) and sits second in blocks per set (1.53)
- Following Wednesday's match, Powell led the country in total blocks and sits eighth in blocks per set

#### MII FSTONES

- Graduate Mckenna Slavik and junior Devan Taylor have been driving forces behind Clemson's success
- During the second week of action, Slavik reached the 4,000-career assist milestone to become only the fourth Tiger in program
  history to accomplish the benchmark She also became the fifth-active Division I athlete to surpass 4,000 career assists
- In the first week, Slavik moved up in Clemson's career records to move into fourth all-time in assists with 3,891 (has 4,171 through
  the GT match) she is 134 assists away from moving into third (which currently is at 4,305)
- During her career, Slavik has also racked up 944 digs sitting only 56 out from reaching the 1,000 dig benchmark
- Taylor surpassed the 1,000-career dig milestone during the fourth week of action while at Tulane. She became the first Tiger to reach the benchmark since Madi Howell accomplished it in 2020
- . Both will be recognized on court prior to the NC State match for their accomplishments

DOUBLE-DOUBLES						
DATE	KILLS	DIGS	ASSISTS			
8/27/23	16	10				
8/30/23		16	37			
9/1/23		10	27			
9/7/23		11	43			
9/9/23		15	44			
9/15/23		10	15			
9/20/23		12	31			
	8/27/23 8/30/23 9/1/23 9/7/23 9/9/23 9/15/23	DATE         KILLS           8/27/23         16           8/30/23            9/1/23            9/7/23            9/9/23            9/15/23	DATE         KILLS         DIGS           8/27/23         16         10           8/30/23          16           9/1/23          10           9/7/23          11           9/9/23          15           9/15/23          10			

## **MILESTONES/TRENDS**

- Mckenna Slavik surpassed the 4,000 assist milestone during week two of 2023. She is only 134 from tying third place (4,305) on Clemson's career list. She is also rapidly approaching 1,000 career digs (944)
- Devan Taylor surpassed 1,000- career digs at Tulane. Taylor is 175 digs away from moving into Clemson's top 10 (1,203).

UPCOMING MILESTONES	HAS	NEEDS
Azyah Dailey 300 kills	222	78
Azyah Dailey 300 points	251	49
Katie Hurta 100 kills	69	31
Mia McGrath 400 digs	317	83
Mia McGrath 400 points	345	55
Adria Powell 300 blocks	281	19
Adria Powell 700 points	671	29
Mckenna Slavik 4,200 assists	4,171	29
Mckenna Slavik 1,000 digs	944	56
Devan Taylor 1,100 digs	1,028	72

STATISTICAL LEADERS				
CATEGORY	NAMES	No.		
Points	Kennedy Wagner	141		
Attacks	Kennedy Wagner	296		
Kills	Kennedy Wagner	109		
Kills per Set	Kennedy Wagner	2.73		
Hitting Percentage	Mckenna Slavik	.313		
Assists	Mckenna Slavik	308		
Assists Per Set	Mckenna Slavik	8.56		
Service Aces	Kennedy Wagner	22		
Service Aces Per Set	Kennedy Wagner	0.55		
Digs	Devan Taylor	191		
Digs Per Set	Devan Taylor	3.98		
Blocks	Adria Powell	72		
Blocks Per Set	Adria Powell	1.53		

## Roster

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## **KENNEDY WAGNER**

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	40	109	2.73	62	16	141
Career	40	109	2.73	62	16	141

Season Highs: 17 kills, 10 digs, 5 aces, 3 blocks (3x)

- Has hit double-digit kills in six matches
- Named Big Orange Bash Tournament MVP & ACC Rookie of the Week
- Posted first double-double vs. Wofford 17 kills, 10 digs
- Had 14 kills, three aces and three blocks against Winthrop
- Tallied four aces against Green Bay & five against Tulane
- · Leads team with 22 aces
- 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
 Target
 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	10	16	1.60	2	2	2.0
Career	10	16	1.60	2	2	2.0

Season Highs: 10 digs, 2 aces, 1 assist (2x)

- Started the season opener vs. Middle Tennessee appeared in five matches
- 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, III. • 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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#### **AŹYAH DAILEY**

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	42	88	2.09	21	23	100
Career	120	222	1.85	63	51	251

Season Highs: 15 kills, 5 blocks, 15.5 points

- Tied a career-high with 15 kills at South Carolina (hit .344 this match)
- Hit .526 with 12 kills and five blocks vs. Middle Tennessee
- 2023 Big Orange Bash All-Tournament Team
- Hit .421 with nine kills and three blocks against South Alabama
- 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
 26
 34
 1.31
 7
 4
 4

 Career
 128
 193
 1.51
 29
 23
 23

Season Highs: 1 ace (4x), 6 digs (3x), 3 assists

- Appeared in 10 matches this season
- Tallied six digs against Wofford, Western Carolina and UTEP
- 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 (2022)

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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	2	1	0.50	1	0.50	1.5
Career	2	1	0.50	1	0.50	1.5

Season Highs: 1 kill, 1 block

- Appeared in two sets within one match with one kill and one block vs. Western Carolina
- 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
- Played club volleyball with City Volleyball Club

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## **KATERYNA TKACHENKO**

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	13	13	1.00	1	4	16
Career	266	682	2.56	240	70	739

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

- Appeared in seven matches this season
- Finished with five kills and two blocks against Middle Tennessee
- Transfered from Oregon State as a senior
- Appeared in 74 matches for the Beavers
- . Clocked 669 kils 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	14	27	1.93	47	2	4.0
Career	103	135	1.31	259	14	18

Season Highs: 15 assists, 10 digs, 1 ace (2x)

- Appeared in five matches
- Posted her first Tiger double-double at Tulane (15 assists, 10 digs)
- Finished with 14 assists against Houston Christian
- Tallied nine assists and seven digs against South Alabama
- 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

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#### **ADRIA POWELL**

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/S	PTS
2023	47	75	1.60	72	1.53	128.5
Career	341	478	1.40	281	0.82	671

Season Highs: 12 kills, 8 blocks, 7 digs, 3 aces

- Clocked 17 points (12 kills, seven blocks) against Winthrop
- Tallied eight blocks vs. Green Bay and seven vs. South Alabama to be named to the Clemson Invitational All-Tournament Team
- Finished with at least four blocks in every match this season
- · Had seven kills and six blocks against Wofford
- Transfered from Ohio State as a graduate transfer
- Played 294 sets over 93 games for the Buckeyes

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## **AUDREY ARMBRUSTER**

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

	SP	Assists	A/S	Kills	Digs	PTS
2023	13	69	5.31	1	15	5.5
Career	13	69	5.31	1	15	5.5

Season Highs: 38 assists, 2 aces (2x), 7 digs

- Appeared in four matches
- Posted 38 assists and six digs in the reverse sweep against UTEP
- Tallied first kill at Tulane
- Had double-digit assists in every match of the Tulane Invitational
- On the JVA Watchlist (2021 & 2022)
- Helped guide Elevation to being OVR Champions in 2021 and 2022
- Intends to major in helath 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	48	72	1.50	36	0.75	93.5
Career	48	72	1.50	36	0.75	93.5

Season Highs: 10 kills, 7 blocks, 11.5 points (2x)

- Named to the Tulane All-Tournament Team
- Finished with nine kills and four blocks against Winthrop
- Hit .700 with seven kills off 10 attempts against Green Bay
- Clocked seven kills vs. Wofford and four blocks vs. MTSU
- Finished with 10 kills against UTEP for her first double-digit kill performance
- Finished with seven blocks (1 solo, 6 assisted) against Western Carolina
- AAU Academic All-American (2022)

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#### **DEVAN TAYLOR**

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

Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
191	3.98	52	12	13
1,028	3.81	258	57	66
			191 3.98 52	191 3.98 52 12

Season Highs: 23 digs, 8 assists, 3 aces

- Started every match at libero
- Recorded 23 digs vs. Houston Christian and 20 vs. Sacramento State
- Named to the Gators Invitational All-Tournament Team
- Surpassed 1,000 career digs against Tulane
- Three-time ACC Academic Honor Roll selection
- Led the Tigers and ACC with 489 total digs
- Tallied a career-high 29 digs vs. Virginia Tech (9/23/22)

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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	36	308	8.56	34	101	54.5
Career	431	4,171	9.68	282	944	468.5

Season Highs: 44 assists, 16 digs, 3 aces (3x), 8 kills

- Surpassed 4,000 career assists vs. South Alabama to become the fourth Tiger and fifth-active Division I player to reach the milestone
- Finshed with 44 assists and 15 digs against Sacramento State
- Posted 34 assists vs. Wofford and moved into fourth all-time on Clemson's list
- Led ACC with 10.30 assists per set & was third with 1,102 total assists (2022)
- 2023 Preseason All-ACC & 2022 All-ACC Second Team
- Tied career-high of 52 assists vs. Austin Peay & Virginia Tech in 2022

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#### **SOPHIE CATALANO**

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	11	0	0.00	3	1	1.0
Career	106	6	0.06	41	1	25.5

Season Highs: 1 ace, 1 dig (3x)

- Appeared in 11 sets over six matches
- 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	9	12	1.33	3	5	15
Career	26	40	1.54	10	9.5	45.5

Season Highs: 6 kills, 3 digs, 3 blocks

- · Recorded six kills and one block assist vs. Winthrop
- Added four kills and one block assist at Florida
- Tallied two kills, three digs and three blocks against South Alabama
- 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)

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## **MIA McGRATH**

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	41	82	2.00	76	17	96.5
Career	159	294	1.85	317	29	345

Season Highs: 15 kills, 14 digs, 1 ace (5x), 4 blocks

- Tallied 15 kills and three blocks in the reverse sweep of UTEP
- . Clocked 12 kills, eight digs and three assists vs. Western Carolina
- Finished with 14 digs against Houston Christian
- Had 10 kills, seven digs and one block assist against South Carolina
- 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)

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#### **KATIE HURTA**

RFr. • OPP • 6-1 • Palos Hills, III. • Penn State

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	31	68	2.19	19	11	74
Career	36	69	1.92	21	11	75

Season Highs: 19 kills, 6 digs, 3 blocks (2x)

- Led the Tigers with 19 kills against Sacramento State
- Had three block assists vs. Winthrop and Tulane
- Clocked 16 kills in the reverse sweep of UTEP
- Named to Gators Invitational & Tulane Invitational All-Tournament Team
- Transfered from Penn State as a redshirt freshman
- 2022 Gatorade Player of the Year in Illinois
- Named a First Team AVCA All-American in 2021

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## **McKENNA GILDON**

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

SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
36	57	1.58	6	5	6
36	57	1.58	6	5	6
	36	36 57	36 57 1.58	36 57 1.58 6	36 57 1.58 6 5

Season Highs: 2 aces, 11 digs (2x), 3 assists

- Tallied a season-high 11 digs against Florida and Georgia Tech
- Finished with three assists and two aces vs. Florida
- Recorded nine digs and two aces vs. Sacramento State
- Clocked her first ace against Green Bay
- Ranked the second-best libero by Prep Dig in the class of 2023
- Participated in 2021 Fall Training Camp with the NTDP

Helped TAV become Mid-East Qualifiers and 17 Open Champions

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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

P	R	OG	R	A	M	FA	CI	S

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**

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#### **ACC MEDIA RELATIONS**

**Claudia Close** is the volleyball athletic communications contact at the ACC office. She 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								
SCH00L	CONF	CPCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	STREAK			
NC State	0-0	.000	10-1	.909	W9			
Virginia Tech	0-0	.000	10-1	.909	L1			
Georgia Tech	0-0	.000	9-1	.900	W2			
Louisville	0-0	.000	9-1	.900	L1			
Duke	0-0	.000	9-2	.818	W9			
Wake Forest	0-0	.000	9-2	.818	W3			
Pitt	0-0	.000	8-2	.800	W2			
Boston College	0-0	.000	11-3	.786	W9			
Clemson	0-0	.000	9-3	.750	W4			
Notre Dame	0-0	.000	6-2	.750	W4			
Miami	0-0	.000	7-3	.700	W2			
Virginia	0-0	.000	7-3	.700	L1			
North Carolina	0-0	.000	6-3	.667	W2			
Florida State	0-0	.000	5-6	.455	L3			
Syracuse	0-0	.000	2-8	.200	W1			

CLEMSON ON PAPER							
Statistics: As of 9/17/23	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value				
Aces Per Set (332 ranked)	122	9	1.66				
Assists Per Set (332 ranked)	216	14	10.91				
Blocks Per Set (321 ranked)	36	2	2.57				
Digs Per Set (332 ranked)	158	6	14.11				
Hitting Percentage (331 ranked)	180	14	.204				
Kills Per Set (332 ranked)	218	14	11.82				
Match W-L Pctg. (324 ranked)	59	9	.750				
Opp Hitting Percentage (332 ranked)	78	8	.175				
Team Assists (332 ranked)	141	6	480				
Team Attacks Per Set (332 ranked)	243	9	32.45				
Team Digs (332 ranked)	110	2	621				
Team Kills (332 ranked)	141	7	520				
Team Service Aces (332 ranked)	88	4	73				
Team Total Attacks (332 ranked)	144	2	1,428				
Team Total Blocks (332 ranked)	23	1	113				

CLEMSON'S RECORD WHEN					
	Overall	ACC			
LOCATION					
Home	4-1	0-0			
Away	1-2	0-0			
Neutral	4-0	0-0			
RANKING					
vs. Ranked Opponent	0-1	0-0			
MATCH LENGTH			•		
3-Set Matches	4-2	0-0			
4-Set Matches	3-1	0-0			
5-Set Matches	2-0	0-0			
STATISTICAL LEADERS					
CU hits .250 or better	3-0	0-0			
CU hits below .250	6-3	0-0			
Opp. hits .250 or better	1-1	0-0			
Opp. hits below .250	8-2	0-0			
CU has higher attack %	8-0	0-0			
CU has lower attack %	1-3	0-0			
Teams have same attack %	0-0	0-0			
CU has more kills	5-1	0-0			
CU has fewer kills	4-2	0-0			
Same number of kills	0-0	0-0			
3 players with 10+ kills	1-1	0-0			
3 players hit .300+ (min. 10 attempts)	4-0	0-0			
CU hits 30+ kills	9-2	0-0			
CU allows 30+ kills	7-3	0-0			
CU has more aces	8-0	0-0			
CU has fewer aces	1-3	0-0			
Same number of aces	0-0	0-0			
CU has more digs	5-1	0-0			
CU has fewer digs	3-2	0-0			
Same number of digs	1-0	0-0			
CU has more blocks	5-0	0-0			
CU has fewer blocks	3-3	0-0			
Same number of blocks	1-0	0-0			

## **Head Coach Jackie Simpson Kirr**



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 Jervey 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 Jervey 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 cancelation 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 lowa 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 Micelle 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)



Jackie Simpson Kirr Head Coach (KEER)



Taylor Unroe Associate Head Coach



Dan O'Keefe Assistant Coach



Quinn Lukens



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