# MATCH NOTES CLEMSON VOLLEYBALL **#OWNTODAY**

### Match 15 & 16: Clemson (9-5, 0-2 ACC) at Wake Forest & vs. Virginia Tech September 29 & October 1, 2023 • Winston-Salem, N.C. • Clemson, S.C.

### **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	L, 0-3
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

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

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PROGRAM	M HISTORY
First Year of Volleyball	1977
All-Time Record	899-689
All-Time Record in Jervey Gym	424-218
All-Time ACC Record (34 Years)	285-328
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	
Mckenna Slavik	8/30/23		16	37
Mckenna Slavik	9/1/23		10	27
Mckenna Slavik	9/7/23		11	43
Mckenna Slavik	9/9/23		15	44
Katie Culumovic	9/15/23		10	15
Mckenna Slavik	9/20/23		12	31

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mson Record: 36-19	Record: 10-3
	1 ACC Record: 1-1
	History: 36-19
· · ·	Last: 2022, L, 1-3
11u. L2	Head Coach: Randi Smart
HISTORY VS. V	VT VIRGINIA TECH
mson Record: 22-14	Record: 10-3
t Win: 9/24/21	
W, 3-0	History: 22-14
nd: L1	Last: 2022, L, 2-3 Head Coach: Marci Byers
	Head Coach: Marci Byers
n	sson Record:         36-19           Win:         9/26/2           Win:         9/26/2           Win:         226/2           HISTORY VS.         1           Inson Record:         22-14           Win:         9/24/2           Win:         9/24/2

### NEED TO KNOW

#### **900 WINS**

- · The Clemson Volleyball program is on the cusp on 900 victories as team
- After it's first event on Sept. 28, 1977 against South Carolina Upstate, Friday's match will mark the 1,599 match for the program • Clemson's additional benchmark wins: Nov. 21, 1980 - Virginia Tech (100th), Oct. 7, 1986 - Furman (200th), Oct. 19, 1990
  - Eastern Kentucky (300th), Nov. 4, 1994 #17 Duke (400th), Sept. 7, 1999 Winthrop (500th), Oct. 26, 2004 Georgia Southern (600th), Oct. 2, 2009 - Miami (700th) and Oct. 17, 2014 - Notre Dame (800th).

#### **BLOCKING POWER**

- The Tigers have become a force at the net during the 2023 campaign led by graduate transfer Adria Powell
- As a team, Clemson is second in the ACC with 125 total blocks and sits 35th in the NCAA through the NC State match
- The Tigers are averaging 2.45 blocks per set, which ranks third in the ACC and 52nd in the NCAA
- Powell leads the way for Clemson and the ACC in both total blocks (73) and sits second in blocks per set (1.46)
- · Following last week, Powell sits fifth country in total blocks and 11th in blocks per set

### LAST WEEK

- · 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)
- Clemson concluded last weekend against NC State on Friday with a three-set loss

#### **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

## **MILESTONES/TRENDS**

- Mckenna Slavik surpassed the 4,000 assist milestone during week two of 2023. She is only 117 from tying third place (4,305) on Clemson's career list. She is also rapidly approaching 1,000 career digs (953)
- Devan Taylor surpassed 1,000- career digs at Tulane. Taylor is 162 digs away from moving into Clemson's top 10 (1,203).

HAS	NEEDS
230	70
259.5	40.5
70	30
322	78
348	52
282	18
677.5	22.5
4,188	12
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CATEGORY	NAMES	No.
Points	Kennedy Wagner	148
Attacks	Kennedy Wagner	315
Kills	Kennedy Wagner	115
Kills per Set	Kennedy Wagner	2.67
Hitting Percentage	Mckenna Slavik	.314
Assists	Mckenna Slavik	325
Assists Per Set	Mckenna Slavik	8.33
Service Aces	Kennedy Wagner	22
Service Aces Per Set	Kennedy Wagner	0.51
Digs	Devan Taylor	204
Digs Per Set	Devan Taylor	4.00
Blocks	Adria Powell	73
Blocks Per Set	Adria Powell	1.46

### **2023 Clemson Women's Volleyball**

# **Roster**



KEN	INED'	Y WAC	GNER			
Fr. • OH	• 6-0• Vá	Iparaiso, I	nd. • Valpa	raiso HS		
	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	43	115	2.67	65	18	148
Career	43	115	2.67	65	18	148

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



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0000	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2023 Career	1	0	0	0	0	0
Season	Highs:					

- 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)

MAG	GIE	PATTE	RSON				ACC Academic Honor Roll (2022)     Appeared in one match during for freehmen comparing
So, • DS/	L• 5-7 •	Gaffnev. S	.C • St. Jos	seph's Catho	lic School		<ul> <li>Appeared in one match during her freshman campaign</li> <li>Finished with three service attempts against Presbyterian (8/27/22)</li> </ul>
	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS	• A two-time All-Region selection in HS
2023		U				-	Helped St. Joseph's Catholic School become three-time State Champions
Career	1	0	0	0	0	0	<ul> <li>Selected to the North/South game in 2021</li> </ul>
Season	Highs:						AAU National Champion Runner-Up in 2021 with Axis Elite Volleyball
COL	IDTN		<b>v</b>				Started the season opener vs. Middle Tennessee - appeared in five matches
LUU	RIN	EY NI)	<b>X</b>				Tallied 10 digs against MTSU and two aces
Fr. • DS/L	<u>l</u> • 5-9 •	Harrisburg	g, N.C. • Cá	nnon Schoo	1		First Team All-State selection 2019-21
	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS	Helped lead Cannon School to a NCISAA Volleyball State Championship Run-
2023 Career	10 10	16 16	1.60 1.60	2	2 2	2.0 2.0	ner-Up performance in 2020
Gareer	10	10	1.00	2	2	2.0	<ul> <li>2021 AVCA Phenom Watchlist and 2020-22 JVA Watch List</li> <li>Guided CUVC 17 Premier Bid to club's first USAC Nationals berth in 2022</li> </ul>
Season	Highs: i	10 digs, 2 a	aces, 1 as	sist (2x)			
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KIT	Y SA	NDT					<ul> <li>Helped guide Nazareth Academy to a state title in 2021</li> <li>Guided Nazareth Academy to a third-place finish at state in 2019</li> </ul>
Fr. • S • 6	6-0 • We	stern Sprin	ngs, III. • Na	azareth Acad	lemy		Named a 2021 All-State Second Team and All-Conference selection
	SP	Assists	A/S	Kills	Digs	PTS	Selected as an AAU All-American in 2021
2023							Named a JVA All-American in 2019
Career							Was a team captain and guided Sports Performance club volleyball to a second
Season	Highs:						place finish at the AAU National Championship in 2021
AZY	AH D	AILEY					<ul> <li>Tied a career-high with 15 kills at South Carolina (hit .344 this match)</li> <li>Hit .526 with 12 kills and five blocks vs. Middle Tennessee</li> </ul>
Jr. • OH •	• 6-2 • P	ort Charlot	tte, Fla. • F	Port Charlott	e HS		<ul> <li>And 320 with 12 kins and the blocks vs. Middle termessee</li> <li>2023 Big Orange Bash All-Tournament Team</li> </ul>
	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS	Hit .421 with nine kills and three blocks against South Alabama
2023	45	96	2.13	23	24	108.5	Finished 2022 with 86 kills, including five matches with double-digit kills
Career	123	230	1.87	65	52	259.5	Had 13 kills and four blocks against Boston College (10/23/22)
Season	Highs: i	15 kills, 5 l	blocks, 15	.5 points			• Recorded a .643 hitting percentage with 10 kills vs. Syracuse (10/21/22)
BEC		IICELL	.Ε				Appeared in 11 matches this season     Tolliad air dire against Wafford Wastern Carolina and UTEP
So. • DS/I	L• 6-3 •	Naples. Fla	a. • Commu	inity School	of Naples		<ul> <li>Tallied six digs against Wofford, Western Carolina and UTEP</li> <li>ACC Academic Honor Roll (2022)</li> </ul>
	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS	Appeared in 29 matches, making seven starts as a freshman
2023	29	37	1.28	8	4	4	Finished 2022 with 159 digs to average 1.56 per set
Career	131	196	1.50	30	23	23	• Clocked a career-high 16 digs in a five-set match against The Citadel (9/3/22)
Season	Highs: 1	ace (4x).	6 digs (3x	). 3 assists			Tallied 19 service aces (2022)

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



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Fr. • MH	• 6-0 • L	os Angeles	s, Calif.• Si	ierra Canyo	n School
	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set
2023	2	1	0.50	1	0.50
Career	2	1	0.50	1	0.50

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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# Roster

11	2023 14 13 0.93 1 4	<ul> <li>Appeared in eight matches this season</li> <li>Finished with five kills and two blocks against Middle Tennessee</li> <li>Transfered from Oregon State as a senior</li> <li>Appeared in 74 matches for the Beavers</li> <li>Clocked 669 kils and 723 total points in the Orange and Black</li> <li>Finished with 66 blocks (eight solo, 58 assisted)</li> <li>Previously involved with the Ukrainian National Team</li> </ul>
12	KATIE CULUMOVIC           Gr. • S/DS • 5-5 • Simpsonville, S.C. • Mississippi State           SP         Digs         D/S         Assists         Aces           2023         14         27         1.93         47         2           Career         103         135         1.31         259         14           Season Highs: 15 assists, 10 digs, 1 ace (2x)	<ul> <li>Appeared in five matches</li> <li>Posted her first Tiger double-double at Tulane (15 assists, 10 digs)</li> <li>Finished with 14 assists against Houston Christian</li> <li>Tallied nine assists and seven digs against South Alabama</li> <li>Member of the 2021 MSU team that made the NCAA Tournament for the first time in program history</li> <li>Tallied 212 career assists - including 123 during her sophomore campaign</li> </ul>
13		<ul> <li>Clocked 17 points (12 kills, seven blocks) against Winthrop</li> <li>Tallied eight blocks vs. Green Bay and seven vs. South Alabama to be named to the Clemson Invitational All-Tournament Team</li> <li>Finished with at least one blocks in every match this season - at least four in 13</li> <li>Had seven kills and six blocks against Wofford</li> <li>Transfered from Ohio State as a graduate transfer</li> <li>Played 294 sets over 93 games for the Buckeyes</li> </ul>
14	AUDREY ARMBRUSTERFr. • S/OH • 5-11 • Cincinnati, Ohio • Mount Notre DameSPAssistsA/SKillsDigs202315755.00115Career15755.00115Season Highs: 38 assists, 2 aces (2x), 7 digs	<ul> <li>Appeared in five matches</li> <li>Posted 38 assists and six digs in the reverse sweep against UTEP</li> <li>Tallied first kill at Tulane</li> <li>Had double-digit assists in every match of the Tulane Invitational</li> <li>On the JVA Watchlist (2021 &amp; 2022)</li> <li>Helped guide Elevation to being OVR Champions in 2021 and 2022</li> <li>Intends to major in helath sciences or business</li> </ul>
15	2023 51 76 1.49 40 0.78 9	<ul> <li>Named to the Tulane All-Tournament Team</li> <li>Finished with nine kills and four blocks against Winthrop</li> <li>Hit .700 with seven kills off 10 attempts against Green Bay</li> <li>Clocked seven kills vs. Wofford and four blocks vs. MTSU</li> <li>Finished with 10 kills against UTEP for her first double-digit kill performance</li> <li>Finished with seven blocks (1 solo, 6 assisted) against Western Carolina</li> <li>AAU Academic All-American (2022)</li> </ul>
16	SP         Digs         D/S         Assists         Aces           2023         51         204         4.00         54         12           Career         273         1,041         3.81         260         57           Season Highs: 23 digs, 8 assists, 3 aces	<ul> <li>Started every match at libero</li> <li>Recorded 23 digs vs. Houston Christian and 20 vs. Sacramento State</li> <li>Named to the Gators Invitational All-Tournament Team</li> <li>Surpassed 1,000 career digs against Tulane</li> <li>Three-time ACC Academic Honor Roll selection</li> <li>Led the Tigers and ACC with 489 total digs</li> <li>Tallied a career-high 29 digs vs. Virginia Tech (9/23/22)</li> </ul>
18	2023 39 325 8.33 36 110	<ul> <li>Surpassed 4,000 career assists vs. South Alabama to become the fourth Tiger and fifth-active Division I player to reach the milestone</li> <li>Finshed with 44 assists and 15 digs against Sacramento State</li> <li>Posted 34 assists vs. Wofford and moved into fourth all-time on Clemson's list</li> <li>Led ACC with 10.30 assists per set &amp; was third with 1,102 total assists (2022)</li> <li>2023 Preseason All-ACC &amp; 2022 All-ACC Second Team</li> <li>Tiged earser birds of 52 careits un Austin Roav &amp; Virginia Teach in 2022</li> </ul>

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

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		SOPHIE CATALANO							<ul> <li>Appeared in 11 sets over six matches</li> <li>2022 ACC Academic Honor Roll</li> </ul>	
20			• 5-10 SP	• Pittsburg Kills	gh, Pa. ● Pi K/S	ne-Richland	/ HS Blocks	PTS	Appeared in 27 matches as a freshman     Had at least one ace in 12 matches	
20		2023 Career	11 106	0	0.00 0.06	<b>Digs</b> 3 41	1 1	1.0 25.5	<ul> <li>Finished with a career-game vs. The Citadel clocking six kills, eight digs, one assist and one ace (9/3/22)</li> </ul>	
				l ace, 1 di		11	-	20.0	Clocked three aces vs. Jacksonville State (9/2/22)	
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		MIA MOORE							<ul> <li>Recorded six kills and one block assist vs. Winthrop</li> <li>Added four kills and one block assist at Florida</li> </ul>	
22		So. • OPI	So. • OPP • 6-0 • Frisco, Texas • Frisco Heritage HS SP Kills K/S Digs Blocks P'		PTS	<ul> <li>Tallied two kills, three digs and three blocks against South Alabama</li> <li>Appeared in eight matches, starting two as a freshman</li> </ul>				
22		2023 Career	11 28	15 43	1.36 1.54	<b>Digs</b> 3 10	5 10	18 48.5	<ul> <li>Finished with a season-high eight kills at Notre Dame (10/2/22)</li> <li>Had five kills, two assists and two digs at ETSU (9/9/22)</li> </ul>	
			Highs: 6	5 kills, 3 d	igs, 3 block				<ul> <li>Clocked four kills and one dig against Jacksonville State (9/2/22)</li> </ul>	
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		ΜΙΑ	McG	RATH					Tallied 15 kills and three blocks in the reverse sweep of UTEP	
					III. • Loyola	a Academy			<ul> <li>Clocked 12 kills, eight digs and three assists vs. Western Carolina</li> <li>Finished with 14 digs against Houston Christian</li> </ul>	
23		2023	<b>SP</b> 44	Kills 85	<b>K/S</b> 1.93	Digs 81	Blocks 17	<b>PTS</b> 99.5	Had 10 kills, seven digs and one block assist against South Carolina     2022 ACC All-Freshman Team	
		Career	162	297	1.83	322	29	348	<ul> <li>Finished with 212 kills, 241 digs, 28 aces, 24 assists and 12 blocks in 2022</li> <li>Recorded a season-high 20 points (17 kills, 3 aces) at Florida State (11/4/22)</li> </ul>	
		Season	Highs: 1	!5 kills, 14	4 digs, 1 ac	e (5x), 4 bl	ocks			
		КАТ	IE HU	IDTA					Led the Tigers with 19 kills against Sacramento State	
					ls, III. • Pen	n State			Had three block assists vs. Winthrop and Tulane     Clocked 16 kills in the reverse sweep of UTEP	
25	WE C	2023	<b>SP</b> 32	Kills 69	<b>K/S</b> 2.16	Digs 19	Blocks 12	<b>PTS</b> 75.5	Named to Gators Invitational & Tulane Invitational All-Tournament Team     Transfered from Penn State as a redshirt freshman	
		Career	37	70	1.89	21	12	76.5	<ul> <li>2022 Gatorade Player of the Year in Illinois</li> <li>Named a First Team AVCA All-American in 2021</li> </ul>	
	ACC	Season	Highs: 1	19 kills, 6 d	digs, 3 bloc	cks (2x)				
									<ul> <li>Tallied a season-high 11 digs against Florida and Georgia Tech</li> </ul>	
					DON exas • Liber	tu US			Finished with three assists and two aces vs. Florida	
28			SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS	Recorded nine digs and two aces vs. Sacramento State     Clocked her first ace against Green Bay	
20	MA MA	2023 Career	38 38	59 59	1.55 1.55	7 7	5 5	6 6	<ul> <li>Ranked the second-best libero by Prep Dig in the class of 2023</li> <li>Participated in 2021 Fall Training Camp with the NTDP</li> </ul>	
		Season	Highs: 2	2 aces, 11	digs (2x), 3	3 assists			Helped TAV become Mid-East Qualifiers and 17 Open Champions	
				IE SEL					<ul> <li>2022 ACC Academic Honor Roll</li> <li>Appeared in two matches as a freshman</li> </ul>	
20			• 6-2 • Sá SP	6-2 • San Juan Capistrano, Calif. • St. Margaret's Episcopal School SP Assist A/S Kills Digs PTS				l School PTS	• Tallied a season-high 15 assists, one block and one ace against Georgia Tech (11/18/22)	
30		2023 Career	3	15	5.0	0	0	1.5	<ul> <li>Served twice against Presbyterian (8/27/22)</li> <li>Named the San Joaquin League Player of the Year (2021)</li> </ul>	
		Season	Highs:						Was a captain her senior year of high school	

**GRATITUDE • GRACE • GRIT PROGRAM FACTS** 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. **Clemson University** Nickname Tigers Location Clemson, S.C. Colors Clemson Orange & Regalia 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 Founded 1889 and passion with our purpose. 27,341 Enrollment President Dr. James P. Clements (Maryland-Baltimore County '85) 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. Graham Neff (Georgia Tech '06) **Director of Athletics** 

Facility/Capacity

## **2023 Clemson Women's Volleyball**

Jervey Gym (2,000)

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## **Quick Facts**

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### ACC MEDIA RELATIONS

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### 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



	AC	C STAN	IDINGS		
SCHOOL	CONF	CPCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	STREAK
Georgia Tech	2-0	1.000	11-1	.917	W4
Louisville	2-0	1.000	11-1	.917	W2
Pitt	2-0	1.000	11-2	.846	W5
Duke	1-0	1.000	10-2	.833	W10
Notre Dame	2-0	1.000	8-2	.800	W6
North Carolina	1-0	1.000	7-3	.700	W3
Florida State	2-0	1.000	8-6	.571	W3
NC State	1-1	.500	11-2	.846	L1
Wake Forest	1-1	.500	10-3	.769	L1
Miami	1-1	.500	8-4	.667	W1
Virginia Tech	0-2	.000	10-3	.769	L3
Boston College	0-2	.000	11-5	.688	L2
Clemson	0-2	.000	9-5	.643	L2
Virginia	0-2	.000	7-5	.583	L3
Syracuse	0-2	.000	2-10	.167	L2

CLEMSON ON PAPER				
Statistics: As of 9/24/23	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	
Aces Per Set (332 ranked)	158	10	1.55	
Assists Per Set (332 ranked)	231	14	10.69	
Blocks Per Set (321 ranked)	52	3	2.45	
Digs Per Set (332 ranked)	167	5	14.04	
Hitting Percentage (331 ranked)	215	14	.191	
Kills Per Set (332 ranked)	243	14	11.59	
Match W-L Pctg. (324 ranked)	102	11	.643	
Opp Hitting Percentage (332 ranked)	109	9	.189	
Team Assists (332 ranked)	176	8	545	
Team Attacks Per Set (332 ranked)	234	10	32.86	
Team Digs (332 ranked)	131	3	716	
Team Kills (332 ranked)	181	9	591	
Team Service Aces (332 ranked)	124	4	79	
Team Total Attacks (332 ranked)	150	2	1,676	
Team Total Blocks (332 ranked)	35	2	125	

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

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## **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 AlI-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 AlI-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 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.



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)

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## 2023 TV Roster



#2 • Kennedy Wagner Freshman • OH



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



#3 • Maggie Patterson Sophomore • DS/L



#4 • Courtney Nix Freshman • DS/L



#6 • Kitty Sandt Freshman • S



#7 • Azyah Dailey Junior • OH (Asia)



#13 • Adria Powell Graduate • MB



#14 • Audrey Armbruster Freshman • S/OH



#9 • Ava Hewitt Freshman • MH



#11 • Kateryna Tkachenko Junior • OH (kah-TEE-ah kah-CHEN-ko)





#18 • Mckenna Slavik Graduate • S



#20 • Sophie Catalano Sophomore • OPP



#22 • Mia Moore Sophomore • OPP



#15 • Kate Simington Freshman • MH

(SIME-ee-ton)

#23 • Mia McGrath Sophomore • OH



#16 • Devan Taylor Junior • DS/L

#25 • Katie Hurta Redshirt Freshman • OPP



#28 • McKenna Gildon Freshman • DS/L



Quinn Lukens Assistant Coach



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



Haley Bilbruck Director of Operations



Jackie Simpson Kirr Head Coach (KEER)



Taylor Unroe Associate Head Coach



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