# **MATCH NOTES** CLEMSON VOLLEYBALL **#OWNTODAY**

### Match 17 & 18: Clemson (10-6, 1-3 ACC) at Virginia & Pitt October 6 & 8, 2023 • Charlottesville, Va. • Pittsburgh, Pa.

## **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	L, 0-3
Sun., Oct. 1	* Virginia Tech	ACCNX	W, 3-2
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 HISTORY				
1977				
900-690				
425-218				
286-329				
2009				
8				
2022				
2 (2018, 2022)				
2 (1997,2007)				
1 (1997)				

## **DOUBLE-DOUBLES**

			DIGG	
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
Mckenna Slavik	9/29/23		16	21
Mckenna Slavik	10/1/23		11	52

CLEMSON		HISTORY	VS. UVA	VIRGINIA		
Record:	10-6	Clemson Record:	45-23	Record:	8-6	
Home:	5-3	Last Win:	10/9/22	ACC Record:	1-3	
Away:	1-3	Lust min.	W. 3-1	History:	45-23	
Neutral:	4-0	Trend:	W3	Last:	10/9/22, W, 3-1	
Non-Conf.:	9-3	monu.	110	Head Coach:	Shannon Wells	
ACC:	1-3					
Head Coach: Jackie Simpson Kirr    3rd season		HISTORY	VS. PITT	PITTSBURGH		
at Clemson:	35-42	Clemson Record:	1-12	Record:	13-2	
Total (5th season)	52-81	Last Win:	8/30/97	ACC Record:	4-0	
Assoc. HC: Taylor Unroe    3rd season			W, 3-1	History:	1-12	
Asst. Coach: Dan O'Keefe    2nd season		Trend:	L12	Last: Head Coach:	10/7/22, L 0-3 Dan Fisher	
Asst. Coach: Quinn Lukens	1st season			Head Coach:	Dan Fisher	
Dir. of Ops: Haley Bilbruck						

## NEED TO KNOW

#### **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 144 total blocks and sits 40th in the NCAA through the Virginia Tech match
- The Tigers are averaging 2.44 blocks per set, which ranks third in the ACC and 55 in the NCAA
- Powell leads the way for Clemson and the ACC in both total blocks (83) and sits second in blocks per set (1.43)
- · Following last week, Powell sits eighth country in total blocks and 13th in blocks per set

#### **900 WINS**

- The Clemson Volleyball team hit the 900-win mark with the five-set victory against Virginia Tech on Oct. 1
- After it's first event on Sept. 28, 1977 against South Carolina Upstate, Sunday's match marked the 1,601 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)

#### **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

### **LEADERSHIP COUNCILS**

- Clemson has implemented different leadership committees each member of the program (no matter the year), is a member of one or more leadership committee within the program which is meant to help hold everyone accountable and showcase that anyone, no matter the age/year, can be a leader
- VB & Team Culture: Mckenna Slavik, Devan Taylor, Adria Powell, Sophie Catalano, Mia McGrath, Katie Culumovic
- Activities & Community Service: Caroline Sele, Devan Taylor, McKenna Gildon, Kitty Sandt
- Team Travel & Logistics: Sophie Catalano, Katie Culumovic, Courtney Nix, Audrey Armbruster
- · Gear & Equipment: Mia Moore, Becca Micelle, Mia McGrath, Azyah Dailey, Kennedy Wagner
- · Common Spaces: Azyah Dailey, Caroline Sele, Katie Hurta, Kate Simington, Ava Hewitt, Kateryna Tkachenko
- · Performance Meals & Snacks: Becca Micelle, Maggie Patterson, Adria Powell, Mia Moore, Katie Hurta

## **MILESTONES/TRENDS**

- · Mckenna Slavik surpassed the 4,000 assist milestone during week two of 2023. She is only 44 from tying third place (4,305) on Clemson's career list. She is also rapidly approaching 1,000 career digs (980)
- Devan Taylor surpassed 1,000- career digs at Tulane. Taylor is 139 digs away from moving into Clemson's top 10 (1,203).

HAS	NEEDS
250	50
284.5	15.5
88	12
333	67
352	48
292	8
495	5
4,261	39
980	20
1,064	36
	250 284.5 88 333 352 292 495 4,261 980

CATEGORY	NAMES	No.
Points	Kennedy Wagner	171.5
Attacks	Kennedy Wagner	379
Kills	Kennedy Wagner	136
Kills per Set	Kennedy Wagner	2.72
Hitting Percentage	Mckenna Slavik	.328
Assists	Mckenna Slavik	398
Assists Per Set	Mckenna Slavik	8.47
Service Aces	Kennedy Wagner	23
Service Aces Per Set	Kennedy Wagner	0.46
Digs	Devan Taylor	227
Digs Per Set	Devan Taylor	3.85
Blocks	Adria Powell	83
Blocks Per Set	Adria Powell	1.43

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# Roster



KEN	KENNEDY WAGNER									
Fr. • OH • 6-0• Valparaiso, Ind. • Valparaiso HS										
	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS				
2023	50	136	2.72	75	21	171.5				
Career	50	136	2.72	75	21	171.5				

Season Highs: 17 kills, 10 digs, 5 aces, 3 blocks (4x)



	MAG	GIE	PAILE	RSUR	<b>'</b>		
	So. • DS/	L• 5-7 •	Gaffney, S.	C • St. Jo	seph's Catho	lic School	
	2023	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
-	2023 Career	1	0	0	0	0	0
1	Season	Highs:					



COURTNEY NIX						<ul> <li>Started the season opener vs. Middle Tennessee - appeared in five r</li> <li>Tallied 10 digs against MTSU and two aces</li> </ul>					
								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	10	16	1.60	2	2	2.0	ner-Up performance in 2020			
	Career	10	16	1.60	2	2	2.0	• 2021 AVCA Phenom Watchlist and 2020-22 JVA Watch List			
								<ul> <li>Guided CUVC 17 Premier Bid to club's first USAC Nationals berth in 2022</li> </ul>			

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



KITT	Y S	ANDT						
Fr. • S • 6-0 • Western Springs, Ill. • Nazareth Academy								
2023 Career	SP	Assists	A/S	Kills	Digs	PTS		
Season	Highs:							



AŻYAH DAILEY									
Jr. • OH • 6-2 • Port Charlotte, Fla. • Port Charlotte HS									
	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS			
2023	53	116	2.19	31	33	133.5			
Career	131	250	1.91	73	61	284.5			
Season Highs: 15 kills, 5 blocks (2x), 17 points									



BECCA MICELLE								
So. • DS/L• 6-3 • Naples, Fla. • Community School of Naples								
	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS		
2023	30	38	1.27	8	4	4		
Career	132	197	1.49	30	23	23		
Saacan	Higher 1	$200(A_{\rm X})$	6 digs (3)	x) 3 assists				

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AVA	HEW	ITT				
Fr. • MH •	• 6-0 • L	os Angeles	, Calif.• Si	ierra Canyo	n School	
	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
2023	4	1	0.25	2	0.50	2
Career	4	1	0.25	2	0.50	2
Season	Highs: 1	kill, 1 blo	ck (2x)			

<ul> <li>Appeared in 12 matches this season</li> </ul>
• Tallied six digs against Wofford, Western Carolina and UTEF
ACC Academic Honor Roll (2022)
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· Has hit double-digit kills in seven matches

• Leads team with 23 aces

• ACC Academic Honor Roll (2022)

• A two-time All-Region selection in HS

• Selected to the North/South game in 2021

• 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

· Clocked 14 kills, nine digs and three blocks vs. Virginia Tech

• Appeared in one match during her freshman campaign

• 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

place finish at the AAU National Championship in 2021

• Selected as an AAU All-American in 2021 • Named a JVA All-American in 2019

• 2023 Big Orange Bash All-Tournament Team

• Finished with three service attempts against Presbyterian (8/27/22)

AAU National Champion Runner-Up in 2021 with Axis Elite Volleyball

· Helped St. Joseph's Catholic School become three-time State Champions

- 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)

· Was a team captain and guided Sports Performance club volleyball to a second

• 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

• Hit .421 with nine kills and three blocks against South Alabama • Clocked 14 kills and five blocks against Virginia Tech (10/1/23) · Finished 2022 with 86 kills, including five matches with double-digit kills • Recorded a .643 hitting percentage with 10 kills vs. Syracuse (10/21/22)

• Tallied 19 service aces (2022)

• Appeared in four sets in 2023

- Tallied two blocks this season against Western Carolina & Wake Forest each 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	Clocked 669 kils and 723 total points in the Orange and Black
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)	4.0 • Member of the 2021 MSU team that made the NCAA Tournament for the first
13		• Had eight kills, seven blocks and four aces against Virginia Tech
14	AUDREY ARMBRUSTERFr. • S/OH • 5-11 • Cincinnati, Ohio • Mount Notre DameSPAssistsA/SKillsDigs202315755.00115202315755.00115Career15755.00115Season Highs: 38 assists, 2 aces (2x), 7 digs	5.5 • On the JVA Watchlist (2021 & 2022)
15	2023 59 90 1.53 45 0.76	• Clocked seven kills vs. Wofford and four blocks vs. MTSU
16	DEVAN TAYLOR           Jr. • DS/L • 5-9 • Spring, Texas• Klein HS           SP Digs D/S Assists Aces           2023         59         227         3.85         66         13           Career         281         1,064         3.79         272         58           Season Highs: 23 digs, 8 assists, 3 aces	• Tallied double-digit digs in 13 matches
18	2023 47 398 8.47 48 137	<ul> <li>2023 Preseason All-ACC &amp; 2022 All-ACC Second Team</li> <li>Tied career-high of 52 assists vs. Virginia Tech for the seventh time in her career</li> <li>Posted seven double-doubles this season</li> </ul>

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	SOPHIE CATALANO							Appeared in 11 sets over six matches     2022 ACC Academic Honor Roll		
20	2023 Career	<b>SP</b> 11 106	• Pittsburg Kills 0 6	<b>K/S</b> 0.00 0.06	ine-Richland Digs 3 41	d HS Blocks 1 1	<b>PTS</b> 1.0 25.5	<ul> <li>Appeared in 27 matches as a freshman</li> <li>Had at least one ace in 12 matches</li> <li>Finished with a career-game vs. The Citadel clocking six kills, eight digs, one assist and one ace (9/3/22)</li> <li>Clocked three aces vs. Jacksonville State (9/2/22)</li> </ul>		
22	<b>So. • OPF</b> 2023 Career	<b>SP</b> 11 28	Frisco, Tex Kills 15 43	xas • Frisco K/S 1.36 1.54 igs, 3 block	o Heritage H Digs 3 10 ks	<b>/S</b> Blocks 5 10	<b>PTS</b> 18 48.5	<ul> <li>Recorded six kills and one block assist vs. Winthrop</li> <li>Added four kills and one block assist at Florida</li> <li>Tallied two kills, three digs and three blocks against South Alabama</li> <li>Appeared in eight matches, starting two as a freshman</li> <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> <li>Clocked four kills and one dig against Jacksonville State (9/2/22)</li> </ul>		
23	<i>So.</i> • <i>ОН</i> 2023 Career	• 5-11 • 1 SP 52 170	<b>Kills</b> 88 300	<b>K/S</b> 1.69 1.76	a Academy Digs 92 333 ce (6x), 4 bl	Blocks 17 29 locks	<b>PTS</b> 103.5 352	<ul> <li>Tallied 15 kills and three blocks in the reverse sweep of UTEP</li> <li>Clocked 12 kills, eight digs and three assists vs. Western Carolina</li> <li>Finished with 14 digs against Houston Christian</li> <li>Had 10 kills, seven digs and one block assist against South Carolina</li> <li>2022 ACC All-Freshman Team</li> <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>		
25	<b>RFr. ● OP</b> 2023 Career	<b>SP</b> 40 45	Palos Hili Kills 87 88	ls, III. ● Peri K/S 2.18 1.96 digs, 3 bloo	<b>Digs</b> 26 28	Blocks 16 16	<b>PTS</b> 96.5 97.5	<ul> <li>Led the Tigers with 19 kills against Sacramento State</li> <li>Had three block assists vs. Winthrop and Tulane</li> <li>Clocked 16 kills in the reverse sweep of UTEP</li> <li>Named to Gators Invitational &amp; Tulane Invitational All-Tournament Team</li> <li>Transfered from Penn State as a redshirt freshman</li> <li>2022 Gatorade Player of the Year in Illinois</li> <li>Named a First Team AVCA All-American in 2021</li> </ul>		
28	<i>Fr. ● DS/L</i> 2023 Career	<b>5-10</b> ● <b>5P</b> 46 46	<b>Digs</b> 77 77	DON exas • Liber D/S 1.67 1.67 digs (2x),	Assists 13 13	Aces 6 6	<b>PTS</b> 7 7	<ul> <li>Tallied a season-high 11 digs against Florida and Georgia Tech</li> <li>Finished with three assists and two aces vs. Florida</li> <li>Recorded nine digs and two aces vs. Sacramento State</li> <li>Had nine digs in back-to-back games against Wake Forest &amp; Virginia Tech</li> <li>Clocked her first ace against Green Bay</li> <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>		
30			E SEL In Juan Capi Assist		f. • St. Margan Kills	et's Episcopa Digs	al School PTS	<ul> <li>2022 ACC Academic Honor Roll</li> <li>Appeared in two matches as a freshman</li> <li>Tallied a season-high 15 assists, one block and one ace against Georgia Tech (11/18/22)</li> <li>Served twice against Presbyterian (8/27/22)</li> </ul>		

- 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

Season Highs:

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Career

	PROGRAM FACTS	GRATITUDE ● GRACE ● GRIT
	Clemson University	GRATITUDE requires a present mindset. When we enter a moment with gratitude, we acknowledge that there
Nickname	Tigers	is an opportunity for future success in every result, every interaction and every decision. Through the lens of
Location	Clemson, S.C.	gratitude, challenges become opportunities.
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
Founded	1889	endurance is rare. Grit is a catalyst for endurance. We engage in a moment with grit when we align our actions
Enrollment	27,341	and passion with our purpose.
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 some-
Director of Athletics	Graham Neff (Georgia Tech '06)	thing for what it is rather than what we wanted it to be. Volleyball is a game of errors: life is a series of lessons.
Facility/Capacity	Jervey Gym (2,000)	Grace allows us to respond rather than react to a moment.

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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



ACC STANDINGS								
SCHOOL	CONF	CPCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	STREAK			
Georgia Tech	4-0	1.000	13-1	.929	W6			
Pitt	4-0	1.000	13-2	.867	W7			
Florida State	4-0	1.000	10-6	.625	W5			
NC State	3-1	.750	13-2	.867	W2			
Louisville	3-1	.750	12-2	.857	L1			
Miami	3-1	.750	10-4	.714	W3			
Wake Forest	2-2	.500	11-4	.733	L1			
Notre Dame	2-2	.500	8-4	.667	L2			
Boston College	1-3	.250	12-6	.667	W1			
Duke	1-3	.250	10-5	.667	L2			
Clemson	1-3	.250	10-6	.625	W1			
Virginia	1-3	.250	8-6	.571	L1			
North Carolina	1-3	.250	7-6	.538	L3			
Virginia Tech	0-4	.000	10-5	.667	L5			
Syracuse	0-4	.000	2-12	.143	L4			

CLEMSON ON PAPER								
Statistics: As of 10/1/23	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value					
Aces Per Set (332 ranked)	169	10	1.53					
Assists Per Set (332 ranked)	229	14	10.80					
Blocks Per Set (321 ranked)	55	3	2.44					
Digs Per Set (332 ranked)	170	5	14.03					
Hitting Percentage (331 ranked)	226	14	.189					
Kills Per Set (332 ranked)	231	14	11.75					
Match W-L Pctg. (324 ranked)	107	11	.625					
Opp Hitting Percentage (332 ranked)	140	9	.195					
Team Assists (332 ranked)	163	8	637					
Team Attacks Per Set (332 ranked)	217	7	33.10					
Team Digs (332 ranked)	130	2	828					
Team Kills (332 ranked)	162	9	693					
Team Service Aces (332 ranked)	134	6	90					
Team Total Attacks (332 ranked)	148	2	1,953					
Team Total Blocks (332 ranked)	40	2	144					

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

## **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 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)



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