



MATCH NOTES

CLEMSON VOLLEYBALL

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Match 27: Clemson (15-11, 6-8 ACC) at Notre Dame

November 10, 2023 • Notre Dame, Ind.

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 #3 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	* #13 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	W, 3-1
Sun., Oct. 8	* at #7 Pitt	ACCNX	L, 0-3
Fri., Oct. 13	* Miami	ACCNX	W, 3-2
Sun., Oct. 15	* Florida State	ACCNX	L, 0-3
Fri., Oct. 20	* North Carolina	ACCNX	L, 2-3
Sun., Oct. 22	* Duke	ACCNX	L, 0-3
Fri., Oct. 27	* at Syracuse	ACCNX	W, 3-0
Sun., Oct. 29	* at Boston College	ACCN	W, 3-0
Fri., Nov. 3	* Notre Dame	ACCNX	W, 3-1
Sun., Nov. 5	* Louisville	ACCNX	L, 1-3
Fri., Nov. 10	* at Notre Dame	ACCNX	6:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 17	* at NC State	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 19	* at Duke	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 22	* at Virginia Tech	ACCNX	1 p.m.

Bold indicates home match at Jervey Gym

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

PROGRAM HISTORY

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First Year of Volleyball	1977
All-Time Record	905-695
All-Time Record in Jervey Gym	427-222
All-Time ACC Record (34 Years)	291-334
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
Mckenna Slavik	9/29/23	--	16	21
Mckenna Slavik	10/1/23	--	11	52
Kennedy Wagner	10/06/23	13	16	--
Mckenna Slavik	10/13/23	--	17	41
Mckenna Slavik	10/20/23	--	18	39
Mckenna Slavik	10/22/23	--	10	22
Mckenna Slavik	10/27/23	--	11	32
Mckenna Slavik	10/29/23	--	11	30
Mckenna Slavik	11/3/23	--	11	37f

CLEMSON

Record:	15-11
Home:	7-7
Away:	4-4
Neutral:	4-0
Non-Conf.:	9-3
ACC:	6-8

Head Coach: Jackie Simpson Kirr || 3rd season

at Clemson: 40-47
Total (5th season) 57-86

Assoc. HC: Taylor Unroe || 3rd season

Asst. Coach: Dan O'Keefe || 2nd season

Asst. Coach: Quinn Lukens || 1st season

Dir. of Ops: Haley Bilbruck || 3rd season

HISTORY VS. ND

Clemson Record:	5-10
Last Win:	11/3/23
	W, 3-1
Trend:	W2

NOTRE DAME

Record:	10-12
ACC Record:	4-10
History:	5-10
Last:	11/3/23, W, 3-1
Head Coach:	Salima Rockwell

NEED TO KNOW

RPI

- Clemson clocked in on the first official RPI of 2023 at 51 before climbing to 45 prior to the eighth week of action
- This marked the highest Clemson has been on a RPI report since the Tigers finished at 38 on the final RPI in 2008
- Clemson currently sits 66th in the RPI through games on Nov. 5
- The Tigers are the ninth highest team in the ACC in RPI standings

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 third in the ACC with 205 total blocks and sits 75th in the NCAA through the Louisville match
- The Tigers are averaging 2.33 blocks per set, which ranks fifth in the ACC and 81st in the NCAA
- For reference, on Nov. 1, 2022, Clemson sat 14th in the ACC in total blocks with 162 and 15th in blocks per set with 1.72
- Powell leads the way for Clemson in total blocks (125) to rank second in the ACC and sits fourth in blocks per set (1.32)
- Following the 11th week, Powell sits 13th country in total blocks and 22nd in blocks per set

LAST WEEKEND

- Clemson began the last weekend in Jervey Gym with a 3-1 victory against Notre Dame on Friday evening before taking the No. 3 ranked Louisville Cardinals to four sets on Sunday
- Friday's match marked the second-consecutive win against the Fighting Irish for the Tigers after previously beating them in Notre Dame on 2022 to be the first time Clemson has won back-to-back matches against ND since the 2013 & 2014 seasons
- Powell led the charge with 17.5 points off 14 kills, four blocks and one ace. The team tallied 10 aces led by Mckenna Slavik, Mia McGrath, Becca Micelle and Kennedy Wagner each clocking two
- On Sunday, Clemson took the opening match against the Cardinals to mark only the third set all-time the Tigers have won against Louisville, and the first set won since 2018
- Clemson hit .375 in the opening set and .393 in the first two sets - Kateryna Tkachenko and Wagner led Clemson with nine kills

JERVEY UPGRADES

- Clemson officially began renovations on Jervey Gym for the 2024 season following the conclusion of the 2023 home slate on Sunday, Nov. 5 against Louisville
- Renovations include raising the roof, as well as a new locker room, lounge and meeting areas for Clemson's volleyball program, and major improvements to the gameday experience with new access, restrooms and concessions areas
- The renovation phase of the project would re-allocate more than 14,000 square feet of space and also include building a new state-of-the-art performance and wellness center for all Clemson student-athletes

MILESTONES/TRENDS

- Mckenna Slavik moved into third all-time on Clemson's career assist list against Pitt (4,334). She also surpassed 1,000 digs against Miami
- Devan Taylor surpassed 1,000- career digs at Tulane. Taylor is 23 digs away from moving into Clemson's top 10 (1,203).

UPCOMING MILESTONES

	HAS	NEEDS
Azyah Dailey 400 kills	337	63
Azyah Dailey 400 points	383	17
Katie Hurta 200 kills	131	69
Mia McGrath 400 digs	386	14
Mia McGrath 400 kills	349	51
Mia McGrath 500 points	410.5	89.5
Adria Powell 350 blocks	334	16
Adria Powell 600 kills	570	30
Mckenna Slavik 4,600 assists	4,594	6
Devan Taylor 1,200 digs	1,180	20
Kennedy Wagner 50 aces	38	12

STATISTICAL LEADERS

CATEGORY	NAMES	No.
Points	Adria Powell	268.5
Attacks	Kennedy Wagner	561
Kills	Azyah Dailey	203
Kills per Set	Kennedy Wagner	2.41
Hitting Percentage	Azyah Dailey	.279
Assists	Mckenna Slavik	731
Assists Per Set	Mckenna Slavik	8.70
Service Aces	Kennedy Wagner	38
Service Aces Per Set	Kennedy Wagner	0.46
Digs	Devan Taylor	343
Digs Per Set	Devan Taylor	3.57
Blocks	Adria Powell	125
Blocks Per Set	Adria Powell	1.32

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KENNEDY WAGNER

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	83	200	2.41	123	34	259
Career	83	200	2.41	123	34	259

Season Highs: 17 kills, 16 digs, 5 aces, 3 blocks (6x)

- Has hit double-digit kills in 10 matches
- Named Big Orange Bash Tournament MVP & ACC Rookie of the Week
- Posted first double-double vs. Wofford - 17 kills, 10 digs
- Second double-double at Virginia - 13 kills, 16 digs
- Had 14 kills, three aces and three blocks against Winthrop
- Tallied four aces against Green Bay and Miami & five against Tulane
- Leads team with 38 aces

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MAGGIE PATTERSON

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

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

Season Highs:

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

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COURTNEY NIX

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

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2023	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, Ill. • Nazareth Academy

	SP	Assists	A/S	Kills	Digs	PTS
2023						
Career						

Season Highs:

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

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AZYAH DAILEY

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	89	203	2.28	48	55	232
Career	167	337	2.02	90	83	383

Season Highs: 15 kills (2x), 5 blocks (3x), 17 points (2x)

- Tied a career-high with 15 kills at South Carolina and vs. North Carolina
- 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
- Has tallied double-digit kills in seven matches this season
- Clocked 14 kills and five blocks against Virginia Tech (10/1/23)
- Tallied 11 kills with a .409 hitting percentage against Boston College

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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	43	48	1.12	13	7	7
Career	145	207	1.43	35	26	26

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

- Appeared in 19 matches this season
- Tallied six digs against Wofford, Western Carolina and UTEP
- Has seven aces in 2023, including two against Notre Dame
- ACC Academic Honor Roll (2022)
- 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	4	1	0.25	2	0.50	2
Career	4	1	0.25	2	0.50	2

Season Highs: 1 kill, 1 block (2x)

- 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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KATERYNA TKACHENKO

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	35	47	1.34	7	8	53
Career	288	716	2.49	246	74	776

Season Highs: 9 kills, 3 digs, 2 blocks (3x)

- Appeared in 16 matches this season
- Led Clemson with six kills and 7.5 points against Duke
- Tallied nine kills with a .818 hitting percentage against Louisville
- Clocked eight kills, two digs and one block at Pitt
- Transferred from Oregon State as a senior
- Appeared in 74 matches for the Beavers
- 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	17	29	1.71	47	3	5
Career	106	137	1.29	259	15	19

Season Highs: 15 assists, 10 digs, 1 ace (3x)

- Appeared in eight 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	95	167	1.76	125	1.32	268.5
Career	389	570	1.47	334	0.86	811

Season Highs: 14 kills, 8 blocks (2x), 7 digs, 4 aces

- Clocked 17.5 points (14 kills, four blocks, one ace) against Notre Dame
- Clemson Invitational All-Tournament Team selection
- Finished with at least one blocks in every match this season - at least three in 24
- Had eight kills, seven blocks and four aces against Virginia Tech
- Tallied 12 kills and a .550 hitting percentage against Syracuse
- Transferred 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	15	75	5.00	1	15	5.5
Career	15	75	5.00	1	15	5.5

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

- Appeared in five 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 health sciences or business

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KATE SIMINGTON

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
2023	96	137	1.43	67	0.70	176.5
Career	96	137	1.43	67	0.70	176.5

Season Highs: 12 kills, 7 blocks, 13 points

- Named to the Tulane All-Tournament Team
- Tallied 12 kills and two blocks against Virginia Tech
- 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

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DEVAN TAYLOR

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

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2023	96	343	3.57	101	17	22
Career	318	1,180	3.71	307	62	75

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
- Tallied double-digit digs in 21 matches
- Three-time ACC Academic Honor Roll selection
- 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	84	731	8.70	73	244	115
Career	479	4,594	9.59	321	1,087	529

Season Highs: 52 assists, 18 digs, 3 aces (4x), 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
- Clocked 30 assists at Pitt to move into third all-time on Clemson's list
- Tallied 17 digs against Miami to surpass 1,000 on her career
- Finished with a season-high 18 digs against North Carolina
- 2023 Preseason All-ACC & 2022 All-ACC Second Team
- Tied career-high of 52 assists vs. Virginia Tech for the seventh time in her career

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SOPHIE CATALANO

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	14	0	0.00	5	0	2
Career	109	6	0.06	43	1	26.5

Season Highs: 1 ace (2x), 2 digs

- Appeared in 14 sets over seven matches
- Tabbed two digs and an ace at Virginia
- 2022 ACC Academic Honor Roll
- 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	14	19	1.36	4	6	22.5
Career	31	47	1.52	11	11	53

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, Ill. • Loyola Academy

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	88	137	1.56	145	18	162
Career	206	349	1.69	386	30	410.5

Season Highs: 15 kills, 14 digs, 4 aces, 4 blocks

- Tallied 15 kills and three blocks in the reverse sweep of UTEP
- Recorded 17 points (13 kills, 4 aces) in the five-set win against Miami
- 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

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KATIE HURTA

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	62	131	2.11	38	21	144
Career	67	132	1.97	40	21	145

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
- Finished with 16.5 points (15 kills, 2 blocks) at Virginia
- Named to Gators Invitational & Tulane Invitational All-Tournament Team
- Transferred from Penn State as a redshirt freshman
- 2022 Gatorade Player of the Year in Illinois

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McKENNA GILDON

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

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2023	82	135	1.65	21	10	11
Career	82	135	1.65	21	10	11

Season Highs: 2 aces, 11 digs (4x), 5 assists

- Tallied a season-high 11 digs against Florida, Georgia Tech, North Carolina & Notre Dame
- Finished with three assists and two aces vs. Florida
- Recorded nine digs and two aces vs. Sacramento State
- Had nine digs in back-to-back games against Wake Forest & Virginia Tech
- Clocked her first ace against Green Bay - at least one in nine matches
- Ranked the second-best libero by Prep Dig in the class of 2023

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CAROLINE SELE

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

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

Season Highs:

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

PROGRAM FACTS

Clemson University

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

GRATITUDE • GRACE • GRIT

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

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

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

Quick Facts

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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

SCHOOL	CONF	CPCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	STREAK
Georgia Tech	12-2	.857	21-3	.875	W6
Louisville	12-2	.857	21-3	.875	W1
Pitt	12-2	.857	21-4	.840	W1
Florida State	12-2	.857	18-8	.692	W3
Miami	9-5	.643	16-8	.667	L1
NC State	8-6	.571	18-7	.720	W1
Duke	8-6	.571	17-8	.680	W5
Wake Forest	8-6	.571	17-8	.680	W1
Clemson	6-8	.429	15-11	.577	L1
Boston College	5-9	.357	16-12	.571	W2
North Carolina	5-9	.357	11-12	.478	L1
Notre Dame	4-10	.286	10-12	.455	L7
Virginia Tech	2-12	.143	12-13	.480	L5
Virginia	2-12	.143	9-15	.375	L2
Syracuse	0-14	.000	2-22	.083	L14

CLEMSON ON PAPER

Statistics: As of 11/5/23

	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value
Aces Per Set (332 ranked)	156	8	1.53
Assists Per Set (332 ranked)	244	12	10.81
Blocks Per Set (332 ranked)	97	5	2.27
Digs Per Set (332 ranked)	240	7	13.46
Hitting Percentage (332 ranked)	195	11	.201
Kills Per Set (332 ranked)	245	13	11.71
Match W-L Pctg. (331 ranked)	133	9	.577
Opp Hitting Percentage (332 ranked)	193	11	.210
Team Assists (332 ranked)	194	10	1,038
Team Attacks Per Set (332 ranked)	262	9	32.76
Team Digs (332 ranked)	183	5	1,292
Team Kills (332 ranked)	197	10	1,124
Team Service Aces (332 ranked)	135	7	147
Team Total Attacks (332 ranked)	188	5	3,145
Team Total Blocks (332 ranked)	79	5	218

CLEMSON'S RECORD WHEN...

LOCATION	Overall	ACC
Home	7-7	3-6
Away	4-4	3-2
Neutral	4-0	0-0
RANKING		
vs. Ranked Opponent	0-4	0-3
MATCH LENGTH		
3-Set Matches	6-7	2-6
4-Set Matches	4-3	2-2
5-Set Matches	5-1	2-1
STATISTICAL LEADERS		
CU hits .250 or better	6-1	3-1
CU hits below .250	9-10	3-7
Opp. hits .250 or better	1-7	0-6
Opp. hits below .250	14-4	6-2
CU has higher attack %	13-0	5-0
CU has lower attack %	2-11	1-8
Teams have same attack %	0-0	0-0
CU has more kills	8-1	3-0
CU has fewer kills	7-10	3-8
Same number of kills	0-0	0-0
3 players with 10+ kills	3-1	2-0
3 players hit .300+ (min. 10 attempts)	6-1	2-1
CU hits 30+ kills	15-10	6-8
CU allows 30+ kills	13-11	6-8
CU has more aces	11-1	3-1
CU has fewer aces	3-10	2-7
Same number of aces	1-0	1-0
CU has more digs	8-5	3-4
CU has fewer digs	6-5	3-3
Same number of digs	1-1	0-1
CU has more blocks	7-4	2-4
CU has fewer blocks	6-6	3-3
Same number of blocks	2-1	1-1

Head Coach Jackie Simpson Kirr



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COACHES AND STAFF



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



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



Quinn Lukens
Assistant Coach
2nd Season
Wisconsin (2015)



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

2023 TV Roster



#2 • Kennedy Wagner
Freshman • OH



#3 • Maggie Patterson
Sophomore • DS/L



#4 • Courtney Nix
Freshman • DS/L



#6 • Kitty Sandt
Freshman • S



#7 • Azyah Dailey
Junior • OH
(Asia)



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



#9 • Ava Hewitt
Freshman • MH



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



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



#13 • Adria Powell
Graduate • MB



#14 • Audrey Armbruster
Freshman • S/OH



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



#16 • Devan Taylor
Junior • DS/L



#18 • Mckenna Slavik
Graduate • S



#20 • Sophie Catalano
Sophomore • OPP



#22 • Mia Moore
Sophomore • OPP



#23 • Mia McGrath
Sophomore • OH



#25 • Katie Hurta
Redshirt Freshman • OPP



#28 • McKenna Gildon
Freshman • DS/L



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



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