



# MATCH NOTES

# CLEMSON VOLLEYBALL

#OWNTODAY

**Match 28: Clemson (16-11, 7-8 ACC) at NC State and Duke**  
November 17 & 19, 2023 • Raleigh, N.C. • Durham, N.C.

## 2023 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent	WATCH	Time/Result
<b>Fri., Aug. 25</b>	# Middle Tennessee	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
<b>Sun., Aug. 27</b>	# Wofford	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
Wed. Aug. 30	at South Carolina	SEC+	L, 1-3
<b>Fri., Sept. 1</b>	^ Western Carolina	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
<b>Sat. Sept. 2</b>	^ South Alabama	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
<b>Sun. Sept. 3</b>	^ Green Bay	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>W, 3-0</b>
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
<b>Wed., Sept. 20</b>	* #13 Georgia Tech	<b>ACCN</b>	<b>L, 1-3</b>
<b>Fri., Sept. 22</b>	* NC State	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
Fri., Sept. 29	* at Wake Forest	ACCNX	L, 0-3
<b>Sun., Oct. 1</b>	* Virginia Tech	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>W, 3-2</b>
Fri., Oct. 6	* at Virginia	ACCNX	W, 3-1
Sun., Oct. 8	* at #7 Pitt	ACCNX	L, 0-3
<b>Fri., Oct. 13</b>	* Miami	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>W, 3-2</b>
<b>Sun., Oct. 15</b>	* Florida State	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
<b>Fri., Oct. 20</b>	* North Carolina	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>L, 2-3</b>
<b>Sun., Oct. 22</b>	* Duke	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>L, 0-3</b>
Fri., Oct. 27	* at Syracuse	ACCNX	W, 3-0
Sun., Oct. 29	* at Boston College	ACCN	W, 3-0
<b>Fri., Nov. 3</b>	* Notre Dame	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>W, 3-1</b>
<b>Sun., Nov. 5</b>	* Louisville	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>L, 1-3</b>
Fri., Nov. 10	* at Notre Dame	ACCNX	W, 3-1
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	906-695
All-Time Record in Jervey Gym	427-222
All-Time ACC Record (34 Years)	292-334
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	37
Mckenna Slavik	11/10/23	--	10	39

## 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. She currently has 4,633.
- Devan Taylor surpassed 1,000- career digs at Tulane. Taylor is 7 digs away from moving into Clemson's top 10 (1,203).

### UPCOMING MILESTONES

	HAS	NEEDS
Azyah Dailey 400 kills	345	55
Azyah Dailey 400 points	393.5	6.5
Mckenna Gildon 200 digs	142	58
Katie Hurta 200 kills	131	69
Mia McGrath 400 digs	393	7
Mia McGrath 400 kills	359	41
Adria Powell 350 blocks	339	11
Adria Powell 600 kills	577	23
Kate Simington 100 blocks	71	29
Devan Taylor 1,200 digs	1,196	4
Kennedy Wagner 50 aces	38	12

## HISTORY VS. NCST

Record:	41-32
Clemson Record:	11/13/22
Last Win:	W, 3-1
Trend:	L1

## HISTORY VS. DUKE

Clemson Record:	24-44
Last Win:	10/18/19
Trend:	W, 3-2
	L3

## NC STATE

Record:	20-7
ACC Record:	10-6
History:	9/22/23
Last:	L, 0-3
Head Coach:	Luka Slabe

## DUKE

Record:	17-9
ACC Record:	8-7
History:	10/22/23
Last:	L, 0-3
Head Coach:	Jolene Nagel

## 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 59th in the RPI through games on Nov. 12
- 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 fifth in the ACC with 228 total blocks and sits 93rd in the NCAA through the Notre Dame match
- The Tigers are averaging 2.28 blocks per set, which ranks sixth in the ACC and 91st 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 (130) to rank second in the ACC and sits third in blocks per set (1.31)
- Following the 12th week, Powell sits 15th country in total blocks and 22nd in blocks per set

### 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

### JERVEY UPDATES

- 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

## STATISTICAL LEADERS

CATEGORY	NAMES	No.
Points	Adria Powell	279.5
Attacks	Kennedy Wagner	591
Kills	Kennedy Wagner	213
Kills per Set	Kennedy Wagner	2.45
Hitting Percentage	Adria Powell	.277
Assists	Mckenna Slavik	770
Assists Per Set	Mckenna Slavik	8.75
Service Aces	Kennedy Wagner	38
Service Aces Per Set	Kennedy Wagner	0.44
Digs	Devan Taylor	359
Digs Per Set	Devan Taylor	3.59
Blocks	Adria Powell	130
Blocks Per Set	Adria Powell	1.31

# Roster

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## KENNEDY WAGNER

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	87	213	2.45	131	35	272.5
Career	87	213	2.45	131	35	272.5

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

- Has hit double-digit kills in 11 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	93	211	2.27	50	60	242.5
Career	171	345	2.02	92	88	393.5

**Season Highs:** 15 kills (2x), 5 blocks (4x), 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	47	55	1.17	13	7	7
Career	149	214	1.44	35	26	26

**Season Highs:** 2 aces, 7 digs, 3 assists

- Appeared in 20 matches this season
- Tallied seven digs at Notre Dame for a season-high
- Has seven aces in 2023, including two against Notre Dame in Jervey Gym
- 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	38	53	1.39	7	8	59
Career	291	722	2.48	246	74	782

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

- Appeared in 17 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	99	174	1.76	130	1.31	279.5
Career	393	577	1.47	339	0.86	822

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 25
- 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	100	139	1.39	71	0.71	180.5
Career	100	139	1.39	71	0.71	180.5

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	100	359	3.59	103	17	22
Career	322	1,196	3.71	309	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	88	770	8.75	75	254	119
Career	483	4,633	9.59	323	1,097	533

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	92	147	1.60	152	19	173
Career	210	359	1.71	393	31	421.5

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	86	142	1.65	24	13	14
Career	86	142	1.65	24	13	14

Season Highs: 3 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 10 matches
- Tabbed a career-high three aces at Notre Dame

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## CAROLINE SELE

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

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

Season Highs:

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

## PROGRAM FACTS

Clemson University

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

## GRATITUDE • GRACE • GRIT

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

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

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

# Quick Facts

## MEDIA SERVICES

### CLEMSON ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

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### 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
Louisville	14-2	.875	23-3	.885	W3
Florida State	14-2	.875	20-8	.714	W5
Pitt	13-2	.867	22-4	.846	W2
Georgia Tech	12-3	.800	21-4	.840	L1
NC State	10-6	.625	20-7	.741	W3
Miami	9-6	.600	16-9	.640	L2
Duke	8-7	.533	17-9	.654	L1
Wake Forest	8-7	.533	17-9	.654	L1
Clemson	7-8	.467	16-11	.593	W1
North Carolina	6-10	.375	12-13	.480	L1
Boston College	5-10	.333	16-13	.552	L1
Notre Dame	4-12	.250	10-14	.417	L9
Virginia	3-12	.200	10-15	.400	W1
Virginia Tech	2-13	.133	12-14	.462	L6
Syracuse	0-15	.000	2-23	.080	L15

## CLEMSON ON PAPER

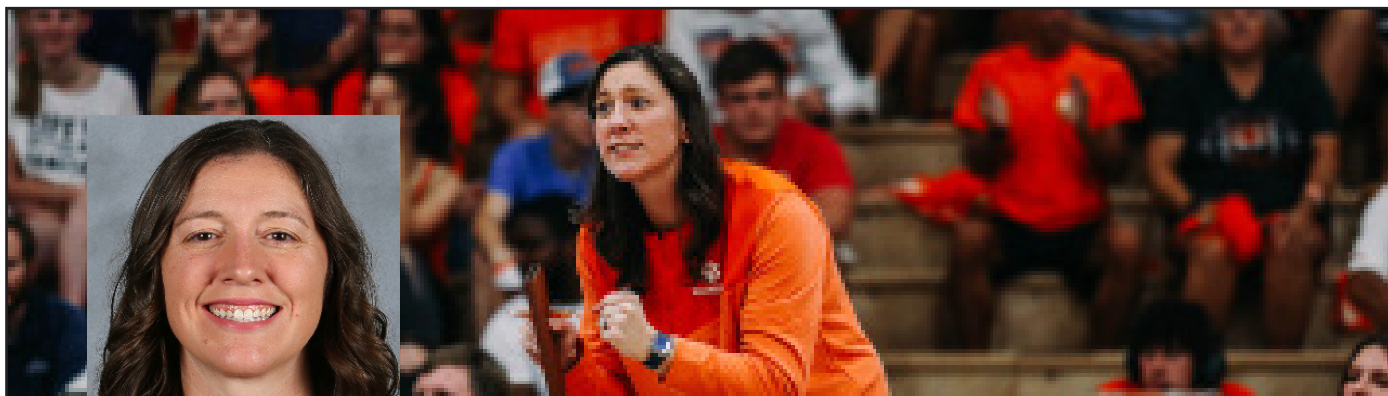
Statistics: As of 11/12/23

	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value
Aces Per Set (332 ranked)	161	8	1.52
Assists Per Set (332 ranked)	244	12	10.83
Blocks Per Set (332 ranked)	91	6	2.28
Digs Per Set (332 ranked)	233	8	13.52
Hitting Percentage (332 ranked)	192	10	.202
Kills Per Set (332 ranked)	247	13	11.72
Match W-L Pctg. (331 ranked)	126	9	.593
Opp Hitting Percentage (332 ranked)	175	10	.208
Team Assists (332 ranked)	232	11	1,083
Team Attacks Per Set (332 ranked)	260	8	32.85
Team Digs (332 ranked)	211	6	1,352
Team Kills (332 ranked)	232	12	1,172
Team Service Aces (332 ranked)	161	8	152
Team Total Attacks (332 ranked)	223	8	3,285
Team Total Blocks (332 ranked)	93	5	228

## CLEMSON'S RECORD WHEN...

LOCATION	Overall	ACC
Home	7-7	3-6
Away	5-4	4-2
Neutral	4-0	0-0
<b>RANKING</b>		
vs. Ranked Opponent	0-4	0-3
<b>MATCH LENGTH</b>		
3-Set Matches	6-7	2-6
4-Set Matches	5-3	3-2
5-Set Matches	5-1	2-1
<b>STATISTICAL LEADERS</b>		
CU hits .250 or better	6-1	3-1
CU hits below .250	10-10	4-7
Opp. hits .250 or better	1-7	0-6
Opp. hits below .250	15-4	7-2
CU has higher attack %	14-0	6-0
CU has lower attack %	2-11	1-8
Teams have same attack %	0-0	0-0
CU has more kills	9-1	4-0
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	16-10	7-8
CU allows 30+ kills	14-11	7-8
CU has more aces	11-1	3-1
CU has fewer aces	4-10	3-7
Same number of aces	1-0	1-0
CU has more digs	8-5	3-4
CU has fewer digs	7-5	4-3
Same number of digs	1-1	0-1
CU has more blocks	8-4	3-4
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 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 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



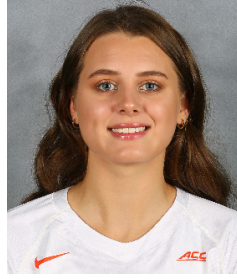
#7 • Azyah Dailey  
Junior • OH  
(Asia)



#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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