



MATCH NOTES

CLEMSON VOLLEYBALL

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Match 31: Clemson (17-13, 8-10 ACC) vs. Eastern Kentucky

November 30, 2023 • Murfreesboro, Tennessee

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	W, 3-1
Fri., Nov. 17	* at NC State	ACCNX	L, 0-3
Sun., Nov. 19	* at Duke	ACCNX	L, 0-3
Wed., Nov. 22	* at Virginia Tech	ACCNX	W, 3-0
Thu., Nov. 30	! vs. Eastern Kentucky		4 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, ! - NIVC

PROGRAM HISTORY

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First Year of Volleyball	1977
All-Time Record	907-697
All-Time Record in Jervey Gym	427-222
All-Time ACC Record (34 Years)	293-336
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance	2009
NCAA Tournament Appearances	8
Last NIVC Tournament Appearance	2023
NIVC Tournament Appearances	3 (2018, 2022, 2023)
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
Mckenna Slavik	11/22/23	--	15	28

CLEMSON

Record:	17-13
Home:	7-7
Away:	6-6
Neutral:	4-0
Non-Conf.:	9-3
ACC:	8-10

Head Coach: Jackie Simpson Kirr || 3rd season
at Clemson: 42-49
Total (5th season) 59-88
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. EKU

Clemson Record:	4-0
Last Win:	9/3/99
	W, 30
Trend:	W4

EASTERN KENTUCKY

Record:	21-8
Home:	11-1
Away:	6-5
Neutral:	4-2
Non-Conf.:	10-3
ASUN:	11-5

Head Coach: Johnna Bazzani
5th Season at Eastern Kentucky
at EKU: 57-79
Asst. Coach: Cassidy Baird
Asst. Coach: Kendall Murr
Asst. Coach/DoVo: Macy Reihing

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 68th in the RPI through Selection Sunday
- 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 sixth in the ACC with 241 total blocks through the Virginia Tech match
- The Tigers are averaging 2.21 blocks per set, which ranks eighth in the ACC
- 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 (137) to rank fourth in the ACC and sits fourth in blocks per set (1.27)
- Following the 14th week, Powell sits 30th in the country in total blocks and 36th in blocks per set

NOTEWORTHY SEASON

- Clemson's 17 wins ties for the most in a single-season since 2018 when Clemson finished the regular season with 17 and ended the season with 19 following the NIVC Tournament
- Through the first 20 games of the season, Clemson posted a 12-8 record to mark the best start in program history since 2014 (14-6) - maintained this through the first 25 matches with a 15-10 record for the best record through 25 matches since 2014 as well
- The Tigers also won eight ACC matches in 2023 to mark the most under Head Coach Jackie Simpson Kirr and the most since 2018
- With the eight wins, Clemson tied for eighth in the ACC to mark the highest finish since 2012 when the Tigers tied for fourth with a 12-8 record
- The Tigers recorded their 900th victory in program history after defeating Virginia Tech in Jervey Gym on Oct. 1, 2023 - happened in the 46th year of competition and held a 900-690 overall record
- Welcomed 1,393 fans to Jervey Gym against NC State on Sept. 22 for the most fans in attendance during the Simpson Kirr era

NIVC HISTORY

- The 2023 selection to the NIVC is Clemson's third selection in program history
- Clemson first made the NIVC in 2018 and advanced to the third round before dropping a three-set match to College of Charleston. The Tigers defeated both Alabama A&M and Radford that season to advance to be one of the final eight teams
- Last season, Clemson was selected and played Kent State in the opening round in Lynchburg, Va. They took the Golden Eagles to four sets, before falling in the opening round

MILESTONES/TRENDS

- Mckenna Slavik moved into third all-time on Clemson's career assist list against Pitt. She currently has 4,718. She also surpassed 1,000 digs against Miami.
- Devan Taylor surpassed 1,000 career digs at Tulane. Taylor is broke into the top 10 on Clemson's career list last weekend and climbed to No. 9 - she's 30 away from No. 8 and 35 from No. 7

UPCOMING MILESTONES

	HAS	NEEDS
Azyah Dailey 400 kills	352	48
Mckenna Gildon 200 digs	161	39
Katie Hurta 200 kills	138	62
Mia McGrath 400 kills	379	21
Adria Powell 350 blocks	346	4
Adria Powell 900 points	858	42
Kate Simington 100 blocks	76	24
Mckenna Slavik 4,800 assists	4,718	82
Devan Taylor 1,300 digs	1,237	63
Kennedy Wagner 50 aces	38	12

STATISTICAL LEADERS

CATEGORY	NAMES	No.
Points	Adria Powell	315.5
Attacks	Kennedy Wagner	637
Kills	Kennedy Wagner	223
Kills per Set	Kennedy Wagner	2.37
Hitting Percentage	Adria Powell & Mckenna Slavik	.289
Assists	Mckenna Slavik	855
Assists Per Set	Mckenna Slavik	8.81
Service Aces	Kennedy Wagner	38
Service Aces Per Set	Kennedy Wagner	0.40
Digs	Devan Taylor	400
Digs Per Set	Devan Taylor	3.67
Blocks	Adria Powell	137
Blocks Per Set	Adria Powell	1.27

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KENNEDY WAGNER

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2023	94	223	2.37	135	36	283
Career	94	223	2.37	135	36	283

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 CUVAC 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	98	218	2.22	54	60	249.5
Career	176	352	2.00	96	88	400.5

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
- Clocks 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	56	74	1.32	13	7	7
Career	158	233	1.47	35	26	26

Season Highs: 2 aces, 11 digs, 3 assists

- Appeared in 23 matches this season
- Finished with a season-high 11 digs against Virginia Tech
- Tallied seven digs at Notre Dame
- 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
- Clocks a career-high 16 digs in a five-set match against The Citadel (9/3/22)

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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	5	3	0.60	2	0.40	4
Career	5	3	0.60	2	0.40	4

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

- Appeared in five sets in 2023
- Clocks back-to-back kills in the third set at Virginia Tech
- Tallied two blocks this season - against Western Carolina & Wake Forest each
- 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	45	71	1.58	8	12	79.5
Career	298	740	2.48	247	78	802.5

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

- Appeared in 20 matches this season
- Finished with nine kills and three blocks at Duke
- Recorded eight kills and one block solo at Virginia Tech
- 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

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KATIE CULUMOVIC

Gr. • S/DS • 5-5 • Simpsonville, S.C. • Mississippi State

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2023	18	34	1.89	48	4	6
Career	107	142	1.33	260	16	20

Season Highs: 15 assists, 10 digs, 1 ace (4x)

- Appeared in nine 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	108	202	1.87	137	1.27	315.5
Career	402	605	1.50	346	0.86	858

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 26
- 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	109	151	1.39	76	0.70	195
Career	109	151	1.39	76	0.70	195

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	109	400	3.67	112	20	25
Career	331	1,237	3.74	318	65	78

Season Highs: 23 digs, 8 assists, 3 aces (2x)

- 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 25 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	97	855	8.81	86	286	134.5
Career	492	4,718	9.59	334	1,129	548.5

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	15	21	1.40	5	6	24.5
Career	32	49	1.53	12	11	55

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	101	167		171	23	199
Career	219	379		412	35	447.5

Season Highs: 15 kills, 14 digs, 4 aces (2x), 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	66	137	2.08	41	21	150
Career	71	138	1.94	43	21	151

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	94	161	1.71	27	17	18
Career	94	161	1.71	27	17	18

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

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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
Pitt	16-2	.889	25-4	.862	W5
Florida State	16-2	.889	23-8	.742	W8
Louisville	15-3	.833	24-4	.857	W1
Georgia Tech	13-5	.722	22-6	.786	L1
NC State	12-6	.667	22-7	.759	W5
Duke	10-8	.556	19-10	.655	L1
Miami	10-8	.556	17-11	.607	L2
Boston College	8-10	.444	19-13	.594	W3
Wake Forest	8-10	.444	17-12	.586	L4
Clemson	8-10	.444	17-13	.567	W1
North Carolina	7-11	.389	13-14	.481	W1
Notre Dame	5-13	.278	11-15	.423	L1
Virginia	4-14	.222	11-17	.393	W1
Virginia Tech	3-15	.167	13-16	.448	L2
Syracuse	0-18	.000	2-26	.071	L18

CLEMSON ON PAPER

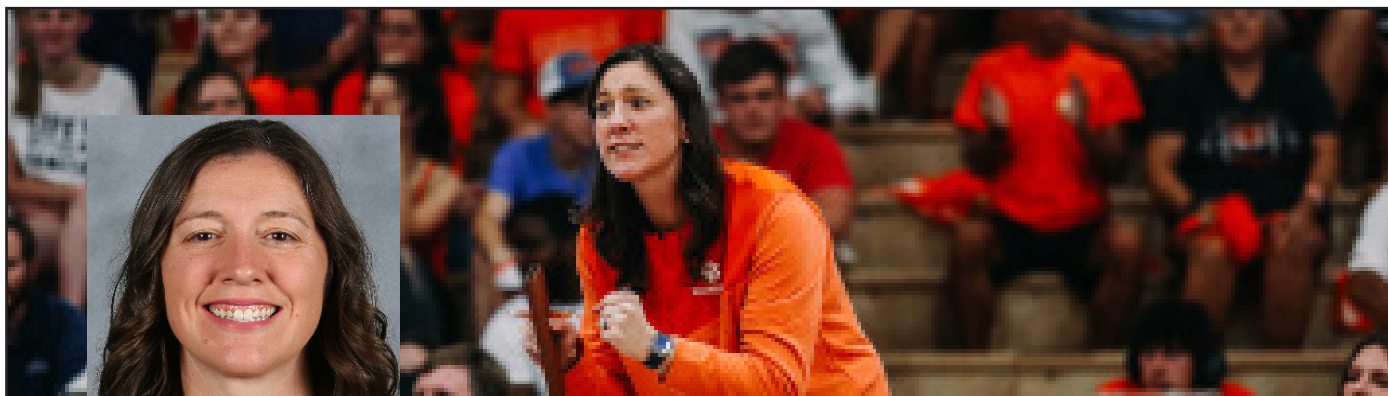
Statistics: As of 11/26/23

	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value
Aces Per Set (332 ranked)	133	6	1.57
Assists Per Set (332 ranked)	241	12	10.89
Blocks Per Set (332 ranked)	114	8	2.21
Digs Per Set (332 ranked)	212	5	13.79
Hitting Percentage (332 ranked)	196	11	.200
Kills Per Set (332 ranked)	239	13	11.82
Match W-L Pctg. (331 ranked)	141	10	.567
Opp Hitting Percentage (332 ranked)	182	9	.211
Team Assists (332 ranked)	217	12	1,187
Team Attacks Per Set (332 ranked)	231	7	33.38
Team Digs (332 ranked)	202	6	1,503
Team Kills (332 ranked)	219	12	1,288
Team Service Aces (332 ranked)	125	6	171
Team Total Attacks (332 ranked)	205	6	3,638
Team Total Blocks (332 ranked)	110	6	241

CLEMSON'S RECORD WHEN...

	Overall	ACC
LOCATION		
Home	7-7	3-6
Away	6-6	5-4
Neutral	4-0	0-0
RANKING		
vs. Ranked Opponent	0-4	0-3
MATCH LENGTH		
3-Set Matches	7-9	3-8
4-Set Matches	5-3	3-2
5-Set Matches	5-1	2-1
STATISTICAL LEADERS		
CU hits .250 or better	6-1	3-1
CU hits below .250	11-12	5-9
Opp. hits .250 or better	1-8	0-7
Opp. hits below .250	16-5	8-3
CU has higher attack %	14-0	6-0
CU has lower attack %	3-13	2-10
Teams have same attack %	0-0	0-0
CU has more kills	10-1	5-0
CU has fewer kills	7-12	3-10
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	17-12	8-10
CU allows 30+ kills	15-13	8-10
CU has more aces	12-2	4-2
CU has fewer aces	4-11	3-8
Same number of aces	1-0	1-0
CU has more digs	9-5	4-4
CU has fewer digs	7-7	4-5
Same number of digs	1-1	0-1
CU has more blocks	8-4	3-4
CU has fewer blocks	7-8	4-5
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 Jerey 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 Jerey 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 Micelle
Sophomore • DS/L
(mih-CELL-ee)



#9 • Ava Hewitt
Freshman • MH



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



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



#13 • Adria Powell
Graduate • MB



#14 • Audrey Armbruster
Freshman • S/OH



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



#16 • Devan Taylor
Junior • DS/L



#18 • McKenna Slavik
Graduate • S



#20 • Sophie Catalano
Sophomore • OPP



#22 • Mia Moore
Sophomore • OPP



#23 • Mia McGrath
Sophomore • OH



#25 • Katie Hurta
Redshirt Freshman • OPP



#28 • McKenna Gildon
Freshman • DS/L



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



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