



# MATCH NOTES

# CLEMSON VOLLEYBALL

#OWNTODAY

## Match 1-3: Clemson at Western Michigan Tournament

August 30 - September 1, 2024 • Kalamazoo, Mich. • University Arena

### 2024 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent	WATCH	Time/Result
Fri., Aug. 30	# Loyola Chicago	N/A	3 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 31	# Loyola Marymount	N/A	3 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 1	# at Western Michigan	ESPN+	2 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 6	^ Maryland Eastern Shore	N/A	2 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 7	^ at Georgia Southern	N/A	4 p.m.
Thu., Sept. 12	\$ at App State	N/A	7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 13	\$ Wofford	N/A	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 14	\$ Winthrop	N/A	1 p.m.
<b>Thu., Sept. 19</b>	<b>Kennesaw State</b>	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Fri., Sept. 20</b>	<b>South Carolina</b>	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Sat., Sept. 21	at Furman	N/A	2 p.m.
<b>Fri., Sept. 27</b>	<b>* Pitt</b>	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun., Sept. 29</b>	<b>* SMU</b>	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Fri., Oct. 4	* at Louisville	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 6	* at Notre Dame	ACCNX	1 p.m.
<b>Fri., Oct. 11</b>	<b>* Virginia</b>	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun., Oct. 13</b>	<b>* Virginia Tech</b>	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
Wed., Oct. 16	* at Georgia Tech	ACCNX	7 p.m.
<b>Fri., Oct. 18</b>	<b>* Georgia Tech</b>	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>Fri., Oct. 25</b>	<b>* Wake Forest</b>	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun., Oct. 27</b>	<b>* NC State</b>	<b>ACCN</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>
Fri., Nov. 1	* at North Carolina	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 3	* at Duke	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 8	* at Stanford	ACCNX	10 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 9	* at California	ACCNX	10 p.m.
<b>Fri., Nov. 15</b>	<b>* Boston College</b>	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sun., Nov. 17</b>	<b>* Syracuse</b>	<b>ACCN</b>	<b>Noon</b>
Fri., Nov. 22	* at Miami (Fla.)	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 24	* at Florida State	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 27	* at Boston College	ACCNX	2 p.m.
<b>Fri., Nov. 29</b>	<b>* North Carolina</b>	<b>ACCNX</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>

Bold indicates home match at Jervey Gym

# - Kalamazoo, Mich., ^ - Statesboro, Ga., \$ - Boone, N.C., \* - ACC match

### PROGRAM HISTORY

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First Year of Volleyball	1977
All-Time Record	909-698
All-Time Record in Jervey Gym	427-222
All-Time ACC Record (34 Years)	291-336
Last NCAA Tournament Appearance	2009
NCAA Tournament Appearances	8 (1993, 1994, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2007, 2008, 2009)
Last NIVC Tournament Appearance	2023
NIVC Tournament Appearances	3 (2018, 2022, 2023)
ACC Regular-Season Championships	2 (1997, 2007)
ACC Tournament Championships	1 (1997)

### ACES CLUB

- Clemson Volleyball has announced a new fundraising initiative in the ACes Club (Advancing Clemson Excellence).
- Membership allows fans to join the team behind the team in the journey to greatness by rallying behind Clemson Volleyball in its relentless pursuit of excellence.
- A commitment ensures that every serve, match and triumph mirrors the spirit of the Clemson Tigers and the impact resonates both on and off the court, fueling the success of Clemson Volleyball.
- Fans can join one of six different leveling ranging from 'First Serve' all the way up to 'ACes Ambassador.' For more info, visit [iptaycuad.com/clemson-vb-aces/](http://iptaycuad.com/clemson-vb-aces/).



### CLEMSON

Record:	0-0
Home:	0-0
Away:	0-0
Neutral:	0-0
Non-Conf.:	0-0
ACC:	0-0

Head Coach: Jackie Simpson Kirr || 4th season

at Clemson: 44-50

Total (6th season) 61-89

Assoc. HC: Taylor Unroe || 4th season

Asst. Coach: Dan O'Keefe || 3rd season

Asst. Coach: Quinn Lukens || 3rd season

Dir. of Ops: Haley Bilbruck || 4th season

### WEEKEND SCHEDULE

**Friday, August 30**  
3 p.m.: vs. Loyola Chicago

**Saturday, August 31**  
3 p.m.: Loyola Marymount

**Sunday, September 1**  
2 p.m.: at Western Michigan

### LOYOLA CHICAGO

Record:	0-0
History:	2-0
Last:	W, 3-0 (2009)

### LOYOLA MARYMOUNT

Record:	0-0
History:	0-1
Last:	L, 2-3 (2001)

### WESTERN MICHIGAN

Record:	0-0
History:	N/A
Last:	N/A

### NEED TO KNOW

#### 2023 RECAP

- Finished the year with a 19-14 overall record for the most wins by the program since 2018.
- Made the Great 8 of the NIVC Tournament after capturing victories against Eastern Kentucky and Ball State in the first two rounds.
- Clocked in at No. 51 on the first official RPI of 2023 and moved up to No. 45 in the second RPI - this was the highest RPI for the program since 2008 when the team finished 38 in the final RPI that season. Finished the season at No. 62.
- Captured the 900th win in program history in the 46th year of competition after defeating Virginia Tech in Jervey Gym - posted a 900-690 record all-time at the time.
- Through the first 20 games of the 2023 season, Clemson posted a 12-8 record to mark the best start in program history since 2014 (14-6). Through 25 matches, Clemson was 15-10 for the best record since 2014 (16-9).

#### JERVEY GYM UPGRADES

- Following the conclusion of the 2023 home slate, Clemson began upgrades to Jervey Gym that included re-allocating more than 14,000 square feet of space and raising the roof of Jervey Gym by 15 feet.
- The Volleyball Suite directly off the gym will be complete with a team meeting room, lounge, locker room, and student-athlete amenities.
- The match day fan experience has also been upgraded to include new lighting, bleachers and sound system. There will also be a brand-new video board and a premier ACes Club Lounge (slated to open in 2025).
- The first official match will be on Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. against Kennesaw State.
- Jervey Gym upgrades is in partnership with the Performance and Wellness Center (P.A.W.) that will include the strength and conditioning center, as well as the wellness and recovery space that will house athletic training and the Bistro for dining

#### NEW FACES

- Clemson has added two transfers and five incoming freshmen to the 2024 roster
- The Tigers' two transfer additions include graduate transfer Indigo Young (Charleston Southern) and sophomore Kate Hansen (Texas Tech). The two come in as middle hitters with 304+ blocks between the two of them.
- The five incoming freshmen include: Taylor Bahnhub, Leja Hadžiredžević, Neea Joki, Claire Luoma and Addi Rains
- Clemson's program clocks in as the No. 38 ranked recruiting class by Prep VB
- Both Hadžiredžević and Joki come to Clemson with National/Junior National Team experience after being members of the Iceland National Team and Finnish Junior National Team, respectively.
- Luoma and Rains have also spent time with the USA Volleyball National Development Training program in high school, with Luoma being invited to train with them on 10 different occasions.

### MILESTONES/TRENDS

- Devan Taylor has 1,284 digs to sit seventh all-time. She is 16 away from 1,300 and sixth and 26 away from fifth at 1,310

#### UPCOMING MILESTONES

	HAS	NEEDS
Azyah Dailey 400 kills	382	18
McKenna Gildon 200 digs	177	23
Kate Hansen 100 blocks	99	1
Katie Hurta 200 kills	152	48
Katie Hurta 200 points	165.5	34.5
Mia McGrath 400 kills	393	7
Mia McGrath 500 points	466.5	33.5
Becca Micelle 300 digs	246	54
Kate Simington 100 blocks	76	24
Kate Simington 200 points	195	5
Devan Taylor 1,300 digs	1,284	16
Kennedy Wagner 300 kills	229	71
Kennedy Wagner 300 points	291	9
Indigo Young 700 kills	680	20

### STATISTICAL LEADERS (2023)

CATEGORY	NAMES	No.
Points	Kennedy Wagner	291.0
Attacks	Kennedy Wagner	656
Kills	Azyah Dailey	248
Kills per Set	Kennedy Wagner	2.34
Hitting Percentage	Azyah Dailey	.221
Assists	Devan Taylor	121
Assists Per Set	Audrey Armbruster	5.00
Service Aces	Kennedy Wagner	39
Service Aces Per Set	Kennedy Wagner	0.40
Digs	Devan Taylor	447
Digs Per Set	Devan Taylor	3.69
Blocks	Kate Simington	76
Blocks Per Set	Ava Hewitt	0.82

\*Features only players returning for 2024 season

# Roster

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## INDIGO YOUNG

Gr. • MH • 6-0 • Kennesaw, Ga. • Charleston Southern

	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
2024						
Career	334	680	2.04	205	0.61	819.0

### Season Highs:

- Graduate transfer from Charleston Southern
- Second in Charleston Southern's record book with career .325 hitting percentage
- Led the Big South in hitting percentage in 2022 (.371) & 2023 (.386)
- Posted 309 points during her junior campaign
- Named Big South All-Conference Second Team in 2022
- Named to Big South All-Freshman Team in 2020
- State Champion in 2016 & 2017 at Harrison High School

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## KENNEDY WAGNER

So. • PIN • 6-0 • Valparaiso, Ind. • Valparaiso HS

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024						
Career	98	229	2.34	138	38	291.0

### Season Highs:

- Led the Tigers in 2023 with 39 aces
- Hit double-digit kills in 11 matches as a freshman
- Big Orange Bash MVP (2023)
- ACC Rookie of the Week (Aug. 28, 2023)
- Finished with first career double-double vs. Wofford with 17 kills & 10 digs
- Tallied a double-double with 13 kills and 16 digs at Virginia
- Clocked four aces against Green Bay and Miami in 2023

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## MAGGIE PATTERSON

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

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2024						
Career	1	0	0.00	0	0	0.0

### Season Highs:

- Redshirted the 2023 season
- Two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll selection
- Appeared in one match during her freshman campaign
- Finished with three service attempts against Presbyterian (Aug. 27, 2022)
- Two-time All-Region selection at St. Joseph's Catholic School
- Helped SJCS become three-time State Champions
- AAU National Champion Runner-Up in 2021 with Axis Elite Volleyball

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## LEJLA SARA HADŽIREĐEPOVIĆ

Fr. • PIN • 6-3 • Reykjavik, Iceland • Menntaskólinn á tröllaskaga

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024						
Career						

### Season Highs:

- Member of Iceland National Team
- Was the youngest played on the Senior National Team
- 2022 Dream Team Outside & MVP of Tournament (NEVZA) w/ U17 National Team
- 2021 Dream Team Opposite of Tournament (NEVZA) w/ U17 National Team
- Most perspective player of 2022-23 Afturelding Club
- Earned the award for taking part in most national games (U17, U19, U21 and Senior National Team)

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## KATHERINE SANDT

R-Fr. • S • 6-0 • Western Springs, Ill. • Nazareth Academy

	SP	Assists	A/S	Kills	Digs	PTS
2024						
Career						

### Season Highs:

- Redshirted the 2023 season
- 2023 ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Helped guide Nazareth Academy to 2021 State Title
- Guided Nazareth Academy to a third-place finish at state in 2019
- Named 2021 All-State Second Team & All-Conference Selection
- Selected as an AAU All-American in 2021
- Named a JVA All-American in 2019

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## AZYAH DAILEY

Sr. • PIN • 6-2 • Port Charlotte, Fla. • Port Charlotte HS

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024						
Career	188	382	2.03	104	96	434.5

### Season Highs:

- 2023 Big Orange Bash All-Tournament Team
- 2022 Clemson Invitational All-Tournament Team
- Finished the 2023 season with eight double-digit kill matches
- Tied career-high with 15 kills at South Carolina and vs. North Carolina
- Had 17 points vs. Virginia Tech with 14 kills & five blocks
- Tallied 16 points after recording 14 kills & four blocks vs. Ball State in NIVC
- Hit .421 with nine kills & three blocks against South Alabama

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## BECCA MICELLE

Jr. • L • 5-3 • Naples, Fla. • Community School of Naples

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2024						
Career	169	246	1.46	37	28	28.0

### Season Highs:

- Appeared in 26 matches during her sophomore campaign
- Finished with season-high 11 digs at Virginia Tech (Nov. 22, 2023)
- Had seven digs at Notre Dame (Nov. 10, 2023)
- Clocked two aces against Notre Dame inside Jervey Gym (Nov. 3, 2023)
- Posted six digs in Clemson's reverse sweep of UTEP & vs. Western Carolina
- Tallied three assists vs. Middle Tennessee to open 2023 campaign
- Finished with seven digs and an ace in 3-2 win vs. Ball State in NIVC

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## AVA HEWITT

So. • MH • 6-0 • Los Angeles, Calif. • Sierra Canyon School

	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
2024						
Career	17	13	0.76	14	0.82	21.0

### Season Highs:

- 2023 ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Appeared in 17 sets over the course of six matches as a freshman
- Posted back-to-back kills at Virginia Tech (Nov. 22, 2023)
- Tallied first collegiate kill against Western Carolina (Sept. 1, 2023)
- Finished with a block assist vs. Western Carolina and at Wake Forest (2023)
- Had six kills and four blocks in opening round of NIVC vs. Eastern Kentucky
- Recorded four blocks in each round of the NIVC Tournament

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## ADDI RAINS

Fr. • L • 5-5 • Yorktown, Ind. • Yorktown HS

2024	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
Career						

Season Highs:

- 2021 USAVB National Development Program training team
- 2020 State Champion with a perfect 28-0 season - finished career 118-13
- 2022 State Runner-Up, two-time Regional Champion, two-time Semi-State Champion and four-time Sectional Champion
- 2022 & 2023 All-Delaware County Team & Hoosier Heritage Conference Team
- AVCA All-America Watch List and 2021-22 AVCA Phenom Watch List
- JVA Watchlist (2021-23)

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## CLAIRE LUOMA

Fr. • L • 5-7 • Franklin, Wis. • Franklin HS

2024	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
Career						

Season Highs:

- Invited to train with the USAVB NTDP a total of 10 times
- Ranked the #1 libero in Wisconsin by Prep Dig for Class of 2024
- Ranked in the Top 10 national for liberos by Prep Dig
- AVCA Phenom Watch List (2020, 2021, 2022)
- 2023 All-Conference Player of the Year
- Two-time First Team All-Conference with one Second Team Selection
- Broke career digs record at Franklin HS in three seasons with 1,379

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## TAYLOR BAHNUB

Fr. • MH • 6-2 • Dublin, Ohio • Dublin Jerome

2024	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
Career						

Season Highs:

- 2023 Conference Player of the Year at Dublin Jerome
- 2023 First Team All-District & Second Team All-State
- 2023 Team Captain & Team MVP - 2022 Team Offensive Player of the Year
- 2022 First Team All-Conference & Second Team All-District
- 2021 Second Team All-Conference
- Set Dublin Jerome record for kills with 398 her senior year
- National Merit Scholar Semifinalist

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## AUDREY ARMBRUSTER

So. • S • 5-11 • Cincinnati, Ohio • Mount Notre Dame

2024	SP	Assists	A/S	Kills	Digs	PTS
Career	15	75	5.00	1	15	5.5

Season Highs:

- 2023 ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Appeared in five matches, starting one as a freshman
- Finished with a season-high 38 assists and six digs vs. UTEP (Sept. 16, 2023)
- Tallied double-digit assists in every match of the Tulane Invitational
- Recorded two aces in teh matches against Houston Christian & at Tulane
- Tallied her first career kill at Tulane

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## KATE SIMINGTON

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

2024	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
Career	109	151	1.39	76	0.70	195.0

Season Highs:

- Started 30 matches as a freshman
- Tulane All-Tournament Team
- 2023 ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Tallied a season-high 12 kills and two blocks vs. Virginia Tech (Oct. 1, 2023)
- Recorded a season-high seven blocks vs. Western Carolina (Sept. 1, 2023)
- Finished with 11.5 points vs. UTEP off 10 kills and three blocks
- Clocked at least one block in 29 matches last season

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## DEVAN TAYLOR

Sr. • L • 5-9 • Spring, Texas • Klein HS

2024	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
Career	343	1,284	3.74	327	69	82.0

Season Highs:

- Finished 2023 season ranked seventh at Clemson in career digs
- Recorded double-digit digs in 27 matches last season
- 2023 Gators Invitational All-Tournament Team
- Had season-high 24 digs vs. Ball State during the NIVC second round
- Had three aces and 12 digs in Clemson's reverse sweep vs. UTEP (Sept. 16)
- Tallied season-high eight assists with 18 digs and two aces vs. Wofford (Sept. 27)
- Clocked 23 digs vs. Houston Christian & 20 vs. Sacramento State

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## KATE HANSEN

So. • MH • 6-3 • Weatherford, Texas • Texas Tech

2024	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
Career	78	75	0.96	99	1.27	149.5

Season Highs:

- Texas Tech Transfer
- Played adn started in 21 matches for Tech before season ending injury
- Led the Red Raiders with 99 blocks
- Led all Power 5 freshmen and ranked 36th nationally at 1.27 blocks per set
- Was top three in the Big 12 for blocks per set
- Was second in the Big 12 for solo blocks (20)
- Recorded five or more blocks in 12 matches in 2023

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## SOPHIE CATALANO

Jr. • PIN • 5-10 • Pittsburgh, Pa. • Pine-Richland HS

2024	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
Career	110	7	0.06	43	1	27.5

Season Highs:

- Two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Appeared in 15 sets over eight matches in 2023
- Tallied two digs and one ace at Virginia (Oct. 6, 2023)
- Had one kill in the opening round of the NIVC Tournament (Nov. 30, 2023)
- Recorded 20 aces during her career
- Had at least one ace in 12 matches during the 2022 season
- Clocked three aces vs. Jacksonville State (Sept. 2, 2022)

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## MIA MOORE

Jr. • PIN • 6-0 • Frisco, Texas • Frisco Heritage HS

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024						
Career	33	50	1.52	12	11	56.0

### Season Highs:

- 2023 ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Appeared in eight matches as a sophomore, starting one
- Had a season-high six kills with one block vs. Winthrop (Sept. 7, 2023)
- Finished with a season-high three blocks and three digs vs. South Alabama
- Clocked three kills against NC State and vs. Duke
- Had a career-high eight kills at Notre Dame (Oct. 2, 2022)
- Tallied 30.5 points and 28 kills as a freshman in 2022

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## MIA McGRATH

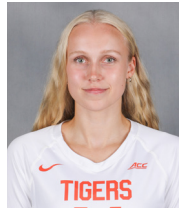
Jr. • PIN • 5-11 • Deerfield, Ill. • Loyola Academy

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024						
Career	231	393	1.70	440	39	466.5

### Season Highs:

- Recorded double-digit kills in six matches of 2023
- Had 10 kills, seven digs and one block against South Carolina (Aug. 30, 2023)
- Finished with season-high 15 kills, five digs and three blocks vs. UTEP (Sept. 16)
- Tallied four aces against Miami and at Duke
- Recorded 14 digs vs. Houston Christian with seven kills and two blocks (Sept. 14)
- Tied season-high with 14 digs vs. Ball State in second round of NIVC (Dec. 1)
- Clocked a .394 hitting percentage with 13 kills vs. Miami

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## NEEA-MARIA JOKI

Fr. • PIN • 6-0 • Tampere, Finland • Sammon keskuslukio

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024						
Career						

### Season Highs:

- Member of Finnish Volleyball Junior National Team from U14-U19
- Selected for Finnish National Team camp in 2022 & 2023
- Won the North European Championships four times (2019-22)
- Selected to the Dream Team every year of NEVZA
- Voted the 2022 Breakthrough Player of the Year in the Finnish League
- Named 2021 Finnish Volleyball Female Junior of the Year Award
- Earned Bronze at U15 Finnish Championship in 2019

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## KATIE HURTA

R-So. • PIN • 6-1 • Palos Hills, Ill. • Penn State

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024						
Career	78	152	1.95	49	22	165.5

### Season Highs:

- ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Appeared in 24 matches, starting 10 in 2023
- Gators Invitational All-Tournament Team
- Tulane Invitational All-Tournament Team
- Led the Tigers with 19 kills against Sacramento State (Sept. 9, 2023)
- Had a .357 hitting percentage with 16 kills vs. UTEP (Sept. 16, 2023)
- Finished with 15 kills & two blocks at Virginia (Oct. 6, 2023)

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## McKENNA GILDON

So. • L • 5-10 • Plano, Texas • Liberty HS

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2024						
Career	105	177	1.69	29	21	22.0

### Season Highs:

- ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Appeared in 31 matches as a freshman, starting two
- Tallied double-digit digs in five matches last season
- Clocked first ace against Green Bay - at least one in 10 matches
- Finished with 11 digs, three assists and two aces at Florida (Sept. 8, 2023)
- Recorded season-high five assists with nine digs vs. Virginia Tech (Oct. 1, 2023)
- Clocked season-high three aces at Notre Dame (Nov. 11, 2023)

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## CAROLINE SELE

R-So. • S • 6-3 • San Juan Capistrano, Calif. • St. Margaret's Episcopal

	SP	Assists	A/S	Kills	Digs	PTS
2024						
Career	3	15	5.00	0	0	1.5

### Season Highs:

- Redshirted the 2023 season
- Two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Appeared in two matches in 2022
- Tallied a season-high 15 assists, one block and one ace against Georgia Tech (Nov. 18, 2022)
- Served twice against Presbyterian (Aug. 27, 2022)
- Named San Joaquin League Player of the Year (2021)

## PROGRAM FACTS

Clemson University

Nickname	Tigers
Location	Clemson, S.C.
Colors	Tiger Orange & Regalia
Founded	1889
Enrollment	28,466
President	Dr. James P. Clements (UMBC '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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### CLEMSON ATHLETICS

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	@ClemsonVB (Instagram)
	@ClemsonVolleyball (Facebook)
	@ClemsonTigers (Main Athletics)

### ACC MEDIA RELATIONS

**NAME** is the volleyball athletic communications contact at the ACC office. They can be reached via email at EMAIL.

### 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



## 2023 ACC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONF	CPCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	STREAK
Pitt	16-2	.889	29-5	.853	L1
Florida State	16-2	.889	23-9	.719	L1
Louisville	15-3	.833	27-5	.844	L1
Georgia Tech	13-5	.722	24-7	.774	L1
NC State	12-6	.667	22-7	.759	W5
Duke	10-8	.556	19-10	.655	L1
Miami	10-8	.556	18-12	.600	L1
Boston College	8-10	.444	19-13	.594	W3
Wake Forest	8-10	.444	17-12	.586	L4
Clemson	8-10	.444	19-14	.576	L1
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



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### Statistics: End of 2023

	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value
Aces Per Set (332 ranked)	108	5	1.61
Assists Per Set (332 ranked)	231	12	10.97
Blocks Per Set (331 ranked)	107	8	2.24
Digs Per Set (332 ranked)	217	6	13.70
Hitting Percentage (331 ranked)	178	10	.206
Kills Per Set (332 ranked)	231	13	11.92
Match W-L Pctg. (317 ranked)	131	10	.576
Opp Hitting Percentage (332 ranked)	179	9	.211
Team Assists (332 ranked)	130	8	1,327
Team Attacks Per Set (332 ranked)	243	8	33.21
Team Digs (332 ranked)	116	2	1,658
Team Kills (332 ranked)	125	8	1,442
Team Service Aces (332 ranked)	61	2	195
Team Total Attacks (332 ranked)	96	2	4,018
Team Total Blocks (332 ranked)	66	5	271

## CLEMSON'S 2023 RECORD WHEN...

LOCATION	Overall	ACC
Home	7-7	3-6
Away	6-7	5-4
Neutral	6-0	0-0
<b>RANKING</b>		
vs. Ranked Opponent	0-4	0-3
<b>MATCH LENGTH</b>		
3-Set Matches	8-9	3-8
4-Set Matches	5-4	3-2
5-Set Matches	6-1	2-1
<b>STATISTICAL LEADERS</b>		
CU hits .250 or better	8-1	3-1
CU hits below .250	11-13	5-9
Opp. hits .250 or better	2-8	0-7
Opp. hits below .250	17-6	8-3
CU has higher attack %	16-0	6-0
CU has lower attack %	3-14	2-10
Teams have same attack %	0-0	0-0
CU has more kills	12-1	5-0
CU has fewer kills	7-13	3-10
Same number of kills	0-0	0-0
3 players with 10+ kills	4-1	2-0
3 players hit .300+ (min. 10 attempts)	7-1	2-1
CU hits 30+ kills	19-13	8-10
CU allows 30+ kills	16-14	8-10
CU has more aces	14-2	4-2
CU has fewer aces	4-12	3-8
Same number of aces	1-0	1-0
CU has more digs	11-5	4-4
CU has fewer digs	7-8	4-5
Same number of digs	1-1	0-1
CU has more blocks	10-4	3-4
CU has fewer blocks	7-9	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:** Four as Head Coach || Eight Total  
**Record at Clemson:** 44-50 (61-89 all-time as HC)

Jackie Simpson Kirr, a two-time All-American setter at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, completed her third season at the helm of the Clemson Volleyball program in 2023 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 three postseason appearance, including the first since 2009 with appearances in the National Invitational Volleyball Championship (NIVC) in 2018, 2022 and 2023. She 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.

The 2023 season saw the Tigers hit their stride by making their second-consecutive NIVC postseason appearance and advancing to the Quarterfinals. In the third season under Simpson Kirr's leadership, Clemson finished with 271 total blocks. 71 block solos and 2.24 per set to mark the most by the team since 2014 and also tallied 195 aces for the most since 2004. Clemson claimed tournament victories at the Big Orange Bash and Tulane Invitational. A strong start in preseason helped the team clock in at No. 51 in the first official RPI of 2023 and had the team climbing to No. 45 for the highest program RPI since 2008. During ACC play, the Tigers won three-consecutive ACC matches to mark the most consecutive win since 2019, that included sweeps against Syracuse and Boston College. The victory against the Orange snapped an 11-game losing streak and marks only the fourth time overall and second at Syracuse that the Tigers have won. Clemson also defeated Miami (Fla.) in five sets inside Jervy Gym for the first win against the Hurricanes since 2020. Clemson concluded the season with a 19-14 overall record – the most wins since 2018 – and an 8-10 ACC record to finish tied for eighth in the ACC – the highest finish in conference play since 2012. Clemson concluded the season in the Quarterfinals of the NIVC after defeating Eastern Kentucky and Ball State in the first and second rounds of play. Individually on the season, Simpson Kirr guided graduate McKenna Slavik to third all-time in career assists with 4,838 and ends her career sitting fifth in assists per set (9.60) and tying for the most career starts (135). Both Slavik and junior Devan Taylor surpassed 1,000-career digs that included Taylor entering Clemson's Top 10 list with 1,284 which ranks seventh. Freshman Kennedy Wagner garnered ACC Freshman of the Week honors to mark back-to-back seasons with an ACC weekly honor.

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 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 Jelene Hoover won 27 in 1993.

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

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

In 2018, Simpson Kirr mentored then redshirt-sophomore Brooke Bailey, a transfer from Ohio State, who earned Second Team All-ACC honors after she finished the regular season ranked fifth in kills (3.71/set) against ACC opponents. Additionally, former Clemson setter Gabby Easton and right side hitter Solei Thomas were named to the All-ACC Freshman Team. Easton was the top freshman setter in the conference after leading all freshmen in the ACC in assists during the regular season with 1,278 (10.74/set), which also put her at No. 3 overall in the ACC. Her 10.74 assists per set average was also good for fifth in the nation among all freshmen and ranked third among Power-5 freshmen. Easton's 1,278 assists were also the second most by a freshman in program history, a milestone that she reached with two matches remaining in Clemson's regular season. Thomas ranked second on the team in kills after averaging 2.89 kills per set in 2018. Thomas totaled 17 double-digit kill matches, including a career-best 20 kills against Appalachian State (Sept. 1, 2018). Both Easton and Thomas were named ACC Freshman of the Week on two occasions each. The 2018 ACC postseason awards announcement marked the first time since 2011 Clemson collected three ACC postseason selections. In the spring of 2018, Clemson's incoming recruiting class was given the highest honorable mention by PrepVolleyball.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Simpson Kirr earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Letters & Science – Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2008. She earned a Master of Science degree in Exercise & Sport Science – Sport Psychology from East Carolina in 2013. Kirr and her wife, Jordy Kirr, have two children, Jackson and Besser.

## COACHES AND STAFF



**Taylor Unroe**  
Associate Head Coach  
4th Season  
Florida (2014)



**Dan O'Keefe**  
Assistant Coach  
3rd Season  
Saint Xavier (2017)



**Quinn Lukens**  
Assistant Coach  
3rd Season  
Wisconsin (2015)



**Haley Bilbruck**  
Director of Operations  
4th Season  
Southeast Missouri State (2019)

# 2024 TV Roster



**1 TIGER**  
INDIGO YOUNG  
Gr. | MH | 6-0



**2 TIGERS**  
KENNEDY WAGNER  
So. | PIN | 6-0



**3 TIGERS**  
MAGGIE PATTERSON  
RSo. | L | 5-7



**5 TIGER**  
LEJLA SARA HADŽIREĐEPOVIĆ  
Fr. | PIN | 6-3



**6 TIGERS**  
KATHERINE SANDT  
RFr. | S | 6-0



**7 TIGERS**  
AZYAH DAILEY  
Sr. | PIN | 6-2



**8 TIGERS**  
BECCA MICELLE  
Jr. | L | 5-3



**9 TIGERS**  
AVA HEWITT  
So. | MH | 6-0



**11 TIGERS**  
ADDI RAINS  
Fr. | L | 5-5



**12 TIGERS**  
CLAIRE LUOMA  
Fr. | L | 5-7



**13 TIGER**  
TAYLOR BAHNUB  
Fr. | MH | 6-2



**14 TIGERS**  
AUDREY ARMBRUSTER  
So. | S | 5-11



**15 TIGERS**  
KATE SIMINGTON  
So. | MH | 6-4



**16 TIGERS**  
DEVAN TAYLOR  
Sr. | L | 5-9



**19 TIGERS**  
KATE HANSEN  
So. | MH | 6-3



**20 TIGERS**  
SOPHIE CATALANO  
Jr. | PIN | 5-10



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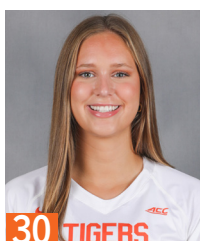
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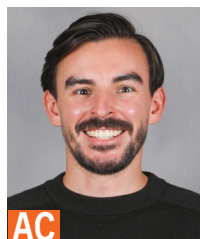
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JACKIE SIMPSON KIRR  
Head Coach  
(KEER)



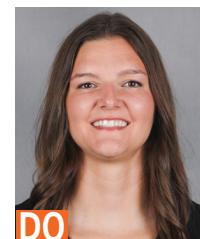
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