#### Match 14-15: Clemson vs. No. 4 Louisville & Notre Dame

October 4 - 6, 2024 • Louisville, Ky. & South Bend, Ind. • L&N Federal Credit Union Arena & Purcell Pavilion

	2024 SCHEDULE &	RESULTS	
Date	Opponent	WATCH	Time/Result
Fri., Aug. 30	# Loyola Chicago	N/A	<b>W</b> , 3-0
Sat., Aug. 31	# Loyola Marymount	N/A	L, 1-3
Sun., Sept. 1	# at Western Michigan	ESPN+	W, 3-1
Fri., Sept. 6	^ Maryland Eastern Shore	N/A	W, 3-1
Sat., Sept. 7	^ at Georgia Southern	ESPN+	L, 1-3
Thu., Sept. 12	\$ at App State	ESPN+	<b>W</b> , 3-0
Fri., Sept. 13	\$ Wofford	ESPN+	W, 3-2
Sat., Sept. 14	\$ Winthrop	ESPN+	<b>W</b> , 3-1
Thu., Sept. 19	Kennesaw State	ACCNX	<b>W</b> , 3-2
Fri., Sept. 20	South Carolina	ACCNX	L, 0-3
Sat., Sept. 21	at Furman	ESPN+	<b>W</b> , 3-0
Fri., Sept. 27	* Pitt	ACCNX	L, 0-3
Sun., Sept. 29	* SMU	ACCNX	L, 0-3
Fri., Oct. 4	* at Louisville	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 6	* at Notre Dame	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 11	* Virginia	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 13	* Virginia Tech	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 16	* at Georgia Tech	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 18	* Georgia Tech	ACCNX	3 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 25	* Wake Forest	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 27	* NC State	ACCN	1:30 p.m.
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.
Fri., Nov. 15	* Boston College	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 17	* Syracuse	ACCN	Noon
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.
Fri., Nov. 29	* North Carolina	ACCNX	7 p.m.

Bold indicates home match at Jervey Gym

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

PROGRAM HISTORY							
PROGRA	PROGRAM HISTORY						
First Year of Volleyball	1977						
All-Time Record	917-703						
All-Time Record in Jervey Gym	428-225						
All-Time ACC Record (34 Years)	291-338						
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)						

Record:	8-5
Home:	1-3
Away:	3-1
Neutral:	4-1
Non-Conf.:	8-3
ACC:	0-2

Head Coach: Jackie Simpson Kirr || 4th season at Clemson: 52-55
Total (6th season) 69-94
Assoc. HC: Taylor Unroe || 4th season
Asst. Coach: Dan O'Keefe || 3rd season
Asst. Coach: Quinn Lukens || 3rd season
Dir. of Ops: Haley Bilburuk || 4th season

# WEEKEND SCHEDULE Friday, October 4 6:00 P.M.: at. Louisville LOUI Record: History:

Sunday, October 6 1:00 P.M.: at. Notre Dame

### LOUISVILLE

Last: L, 1-3 (2023)
Head Coach: Dani Busboom Kelly // 8th Season

#### **NOTRE DAME**

Record: 8-3 History: 6-10 Last: W, 3-1 (2023)

Head Coach: Salima Rockwell // 3rd Season

### **NEED TO KNOW**

#### **REACHING NEW HEIGHTS**

- Taylor continues to move closer to the all-time career digs record and is 8 digs away from surpassing Julie Rodriguez (1993-96, 1523) to claim the second-most digs all-time as a Tiger.
- Taylor remains a stalwart defensively. The Texan's 232 digs and 4.83 digs per set are the highest and second-highest marks in the ACC, respectively, and are both top-50 rankings in the nation.
- Joki continues to dominate the service game with a team-high 19 aces and 0.40 aces per set. Both marks are good for the
  second-highest by any freshman in the ACC while being the seventh-highest total and 13th-highest rate in the ACC, respectively.
   The freshman additionally sports 2.73 kills per set, the third-highest rate by a freshman in the ACC.
- McGrath and Dailey each remain an offensive force for the Tigers. The junior, McGrath, has a team-high in total kills, kills
  per set and total attacks. The Illinois-native's 3.04 kills per set alongside the senior, Dailey, with 2.83 kills per set, are each
  within the top-30 in the ACC.

#### FROM SETBACKS TO SUCCESS

- Team captain Azyah Dailey recently had a feature story released on ClemsonTigers.com going into her nontraditional journey to Division I volleyball.
- $\bullet \text{The senior is one of the leading attackers on the team with the third-most total attacks, kills and points for the Tigers. } \\$
- Dailey is also a threat on the defensive end with her being in the top-five on the team in total blocks and blocks per set.
- •The full feature story can be found on ClemsonTigers.com

#### **WELCOMING "NEW" JERVEY GYM**

- 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.
- Admission to all home matches inside Jervey Gym is free and open to the public.
- 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).
- 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.

	DOUBL	E-DOU	BLES	
Name	Date	Kills	Assists	Digs
Katherine Sandt	08/31		23	12
Mia McGrath	09/01	14		20
Katherine Sandt	09/01		42	13
Katherine Sandt	09/07		41	13
Audrey Armbruster	09/13		51	14
Mia McGrath	09/13	23		13
Audrey Armbruster	09/14		36	14
Audrey Armbruster	09/19		32	15
Mia McGrath	09/19	13		12
Mia McGrath	09/20	10		11
Audrey Armbruster	09/21		38	11

#### MILESTONES/TRENDS

- Devan Taylor has 1516 career digs to sit at third all-time. She needs 8 more digs to surpass Julie Rodriguez ('93-96, 1523) for secondmost all-time.
- Taylor recorded 34 digs vs. Wofford, tied for eigth-most in a single match in Clemson history.

UPCOMING MILESTONES	HAS	NEEDS
Azyah Dailey 600 points	546.5	53.5
Azyah Dailey 500 kills	481	19
Kate Hansen 200 kills	141	59
Neea-Maria Joki 200 kills	131	69
Mia McGrath 700 points	620.5	79.5
Mia McGrath 600 kills	533	67
Mia McGrath 600 digs	551	49
Devan Taylor 1,600 digs	1,516	84
Devan Taylor 100 aces	81	19
Indigo Young 1000 points	912.5	87.5

STATISTICAL LEADERS					
CATEGORY	NAMES	No.			
Points	Neea-Maria Joki	176.0			
Attacks	Mia McGrath	430			
Kills	Mia McGrath	140			
Kills per Set	Mia McGrath	3.04			
Hitting Percentage	Katherine Sandt	.273			
Assists	Katherine Sandt	236			
Assists Per Set	Katherine Sandt	7.15			
Service Aces	Neea-Maria Joki	19			
Service Aces Per Set	Neea-Maria Joki	0.40			
Digs	Devan Taylor	232			
Digs Per Set	Devan Taylor	4.83			
Blocks	Indigo Young	44.0			
Blocks Per Set	Indigo Young	0.92			
*Min 50% of team sets pla	aved				

### Roster



#### **INDIGO YOUNG**

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
2024	47	67	1.43	43	0.91	93.5
Career	381	747	1.96	248	0.65	912.5

Season Highs: 8 kills (2x), 7 blocks, 11.5 points

- 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





#### **KENNEDY WAGNER**

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024	24	72	3.00	18	5	75.0
Career	122	301	2.47	156	43	366.0

Season Highs: 14 kills, 2 block, 8 digs, 14.5 points

- 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





#### **MAGGIE PATTERSON**

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

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2024	1	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
Career	2	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





#### LEJLA SARA HADŽIREDŽEPOVIĆ

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

Digs **Blocks** 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)





#### **KATHERINE SANDT**

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

	SP	Assists	A/S	Kills	Digs	PTS
2024	33	236	7.15	18	60	27.0
Career	33	236	7.15	18	60	27.0

Season Highs: 42 assists, 5 kills, 2 aces, 13 digs (2x)

- Recorded 42 assists vs. Western Michigan
- Posted two double-doubles during the Western Michigan Tournament
- 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



#### AŹYAH DAILEY

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024	35	99	2.83	33	16	112.0
Career	223	481	2.16	137	112	546.5

Season Highs: 19 kills, 5 digs (2x), 3 blocks, 19.5 points

- 2024 Western Michigan All-Tournament Team
- 2023 Big Orange Bash All-Tournament Team
- · Had career-high 19 kills vs. Western Michigan
- Finished the 2023 season with eight double-digit kill matches
- . 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



#### **BECCA MICELLE**

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

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2024	4	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
Career	173	246	1.42	37	28	28.0

- 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

**Season Highs:** 



#### **AVA HEWITT**

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

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	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS	
2024	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Career	18	13	0.72	14	0.78	21.0	

Season Highs:

- 2023 ACC Academic Honor Roll
- Appeared in 17 sests 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

### Roster

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#### **ADDI RAINS**

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

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2024	31	54	1.74	4	0	0.0
Career	31	54	1.74	4	0	0.0

Season Highs: 9 digs (2x), 1 assist (4x)

- 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

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2024	36	63	1.75	8	8	8.0
Career	36	63	1.75	8	8	8.0

Season Highs: 12 digs, 3 assists, 4 aces

- · Hit four aces in her debut vs. Loyola Chicago
- 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

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#### **TAYLOR BAHNUB**

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

SP Kills K/S Blocks Blk/Set PTS 2024 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

	SP	Assists	A/S	Kills	Digs	PTS
2024	35	223	7.10	6	74	13.5
Career	44	281	6.39	6	80	18.0

Season Highs: 51 assists, 15 digs, 3 kills

- Recorded career-high 51 assists vs. Wofford
- 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 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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
2024	1	3	3.00	0	0.00	3.0
Career	110	154	1.40	76	0.69	198.0

**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

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2024	48	232	4.83	48	12	12.0
Career	391	1516	3.88	375	81	94.0

Season Highs: 34 digs, 8 assists, 3 aces

- Finished 2023 season ranked seventh at Clemson in career digs
- Notched career-high 34 digs vs. Wofford at Black & Gold Invitational
- Recorded double-digit digs in 27 matches last season
- 2024 Western Michigan All-Tournament Team
- Recorded 28 digs vs. Western Michigan along with two aces
- 2023 Gators Invitational All-Tournament Team
- Had season-high 24 digs vs. Ball State during the NIVC second round)

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#### **KATE HANSEN**

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
2024	48	66	1.38	38	0.79	90.0
Career	126	141	1.12	137	1.09	239.5

Season Highs: 9 kills, 6 blocks, 10.0 points (3x)

- Texas Tech Transfer
- Played and 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

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	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024	4	0	0.00	0	0	0
Career	114	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)

### Roster



#### **MIA MOORE**

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024	4	6	1.50	1	1	6.5
Career	37	56	1.51	13	12	62.5

Season Highs: 4 kills, 1 dig, 1 block, 4.5 points

- 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



#### **MIA McGRATH**

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

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	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024	46	140	3.04	111	17	167.0
Career	277	533	1.92	551	56	633.5

Season Highs: 23 kills, 20 digs, 3 blocks (3x), 26.5 points

- Named to Black & Gold All-Tournament Team
- Finished with a career-high 23 kills vs. Wofford
- 2024 Western Michigan Tournament MVP
- Tallied 14 kills, three blocks and career-high 20 digs vs. Western Michigan
- · Recorded double-digit kills in six matches of 2023
- Finished with season-high 15 kills, five digs and three blocks vs. UTEP (Sept. 16)
- Recorded 14 digs vs. Houston Christian with seven kills and two blocks (Sept. 14)



#### **NEEA-MARIA JOKI**

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024	48	131	2.73	72	44	176.0
Career	48	131	2.73	72	44	176.0

Season Highs: 16 kills, 11 digs, 7 blocks, 21.0 points

- Named ACC Freshman of the Week for week of Sept. 9, 2024
- Selected to Black & Gold All-Tournament Team
- Recorded 39 total kills and 53.5 total points in Black & Gold Invitational
- Tallied 15 kills, seven blocks and 21.0 points vs. Georgia Southern
- . Made collegiate debut vs Loyola Chicago and lead the team with 11 kills
- Member of Finnish Volleyball Junior National Team from U14-U19
- Won the North European Championships four times (2019-22)



#### **KATIE HURTA**

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024	5	3	0.60	0	1	3.5
Career	83	155	1.87	49	23	169.0

Season Highs: 2 kills, 1 block

- 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)



### McKENNA GILDON

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

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2024	22	30	1.36	3	7	7.0
Career	127	207	1.63	32	28	29.0

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

- ACC Academic Honor Roll
- · Notched three consecutive aces vs. Wofford
- 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)



#### **CAROLINE SELE**

Dr. James P. Clements (UMBC '85)

Graham Neff (Georgia Tech '06)

Jervey Gym (2,000)

R-So. • S• 6-3 • San Juan Capistrano, Calif. • St. Margaret's Episcopal Assists A/S Kills PTS 2024 5.00 Career 15

**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)

PRO	OGRAM FACTS
CI	emson University
Nickname	Tigers
Location	Clemson, S.C.
Colors	Tiger Orange & Regalia
Founded	1889
Enrollment	28,466

#### **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.

Facility/Capacity

**Director of Athletics** 

President

### **Quick Facts**

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Bailey Grossetti is the volleyball athletic communications contact at the ACC office. They can be reached via email at bgrossetti@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



2024 ACC STANDINGS					
SCH00L	CONF	CPCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	STREAK
Pitt	2-0	1.000	12-0	1.000	W12
North Carolina	2-0	1.000	10-1	0.909	W6
Florida State	2-0	1.000	10-2	0.833	W3
Louisville	2-0	1.000	10-2	0.833	W2
SMU	2-0	1.000	10-3	0.769	W5
NC State	2-0	1.000	7-3	0.700	W2
Duke	2-0	1.000	6-7	0.462	W2
Virginia	1-1	0.500	11-2	0.846	L1
Stanford	1-1	0.500	9-2	0.818	L1
Notre Dame	1-1	0.500	8-3	0.727	W1
Wake Forest	1-1	0.500	9-4	0.692	W1
Syracuse	0-2	0.000	12-2	0.857	L2
Georgia Tech	0-2	0.000	8-3	0.727	L2
Miami	0-2	0.000	9-4	0.692	L2
Clemson	0-2	0.000	8-5	0.615	L2
California	0-2	0.000	8-6	0.571	L2
Boston College	0-2	0.000	7-7	0.500	L2
Virginia Tech	0-2	0.000	6-6	0.500	L2



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Statistics: As of 09/30/24	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value		
Aces Per Set (334 ranked)	168	15	1.50		
Assists Per Set (334 ranked)	187	16	11.40		
Blocks Per Set (334 ranked)	95	11	2.31		
Digs Per Set (334 ranked)	25	1	16.69		
Hitting Percentage (334 ranked)	160	16	0.211		
Kills Per Set (334 ranked)	130	13	12.73		
Match W-L Pctg. (334 ranked)	111	14	0.615		
Opp Hitting Percentage (334 ranked)	76	9	0.180		
Team Assists (334 ranked)	192	10	547		
Team Attacks Per Set (334 ranked)	45	1	36.77		
Team Digs (334 ranked)	64	1	801		
Team Kills (334 ranked)	169	9	611		
Team Service Aces (334 ranked)	182	11	72		
Team Total Attacks (334 ranked)	133	4	1,765		
Team Total Blocks (334 ranked)	97	7	111.0		

CLEMSON'S 2024 RECORD WHEN				
	Overall	ACC		
LOCATION				
Home	1-3	0-2		
Away	3-1	0-0		
Neutral	4-1	0-0		
RANKING				
vs. Ranked Opponent	0-2	0-2		
MATCH LENGTH				
3-Set Matches	3-3	0-2		
4-Set Matches	3-2	0-0		
5-Set Matches	2-0	0-0		
STATISTICAL LEADERS				
CU hits .250 or better	6-0	0-0		
CU hits below .250	2-5	0-2		
Opp. hits .250 or better	0-3	0-2		
Opp. hits below .250	8-2	0-0		
CU has higher attack %	8-0	0-0		
CU has lower attack %	0-5	0-2		
Teams have same attack %	0-0	0-0		
CU has more kills	6-2	0-0		
CU has fewer kills	1-3	0-2		
Same number of kills	1-0	0-0		
3 players with 10+ kills	1-2	0-0		
3 players hit .300+ (min. 10 attempts)	4-0	0-0		
CU hits 30+ kills	8-4	0-1		
CU allows 30+ kills	7-5	0-2		
CU has more aces	6-1	0-0		
CU has fewer aces	2-4	0-2		
Same number of aces	0-0	0-0		
CU has more digs	6-2	0-0		
CU has fewer digs	2-3	0-2		
Same number of digs	0-0	0-0		
CU has more blocks	6-1	0-0		
CU has fewer blocks	2-3	0-2		
Same number of blocks	0-1	0-0		

### **Head Coach Jackie Simpson Kirr**



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 Jervey 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 tutlelage. In the second season with Simpson Kirr at the helm, Clemson defeated in-state rival South Carolinia, 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 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 sections. 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**



INDIGO YOUNG Gr. | MH | 6-0



So. | PIN | 6-0



MAGGIE PATTERSON RSo. | L | 5-7



LEJLA SARA HADŽIREDŽEPOVIĆ Fr. | PIN | 6-3



KATHERINE SANDT RFr. | S | 6-0



Aźyah Dailey Sr. | PIN | 6-2



BECCA MICELLE Jr. | L | 5-3



Ava Hewitt So. | MH | 6-0



Addi Rains Fr. | L | 5-5



CLAIRE LUOMA Fr. | L | 5-7



Taylor Bahnub Fr. | MH | 6-2



AUDREY ARMBRUSTER So. | S | 5-11



KATE SIMINGTON So. | MH | 6-4



DEVAN TAYLOR Sr. | L | 5-9



Kate Hansen So. | MH | 6-3



SOPHIE CATALANO Jr. | PIN | 5-10



MIA MOORE Jr. | PIN | 6-0



Jr. | PIN | 5-11



Neea-Maria Joki Fr. | PIN | 6-0



Katie Hurta RSo. | PIN | 6-1



McKenna Gildon So. | L | 5-10



CAROLINE SELE RSo. | S | 6-2



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**Assistant Coach** 



QUINN LUKENS **Assistant Coach** 



**Director of Operations** 



JACKIE SIMPSON KIRR **Head Coach** (KEER)