

# BYU VOLLEYBALL

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HIGHEST DIVISION I WINNING PERCENTAGE IN THE LAST FIVE SEASONS (.889, 144-18) | THIRD-MOST WINS IN NCAA HISTORY (1,312)

## 2020-21 SCHEDULE

H 2-0 | A 3-0 | N 0-0

### JANUARY

26	at Portland	W	3-0
27	at Portland	W	3-0

### FEBRUARY

2	Santa Clara	PPD	
3	Santa Clara	PPD	
4	at Utah Valley	W	3-1
9	Gonzaga	W	3-1
10	Gonzaga	W	3-0
16	Loyola Marymount	BYUtv	7 p.m.
17	Loyola Marymount	BYUtv.org	7 p.m.
23	at Pepperdine	WCCN	7 p.m.
24	at Pepperdine	WCCN	7 p.m.

### MARCH

5	at San Francisco	WCCN	TBA
6	at San Francisco	WCCN	TBA
12	Pacific	BYUtv	1 p.m.
13	Pacific	BYUtv	1 p.m.
19	at #23 San Diego	WCCN	6 p.m.
20	#23 San Diego	BYUtv	6 p.m.
26	at Saint Mary's	WCCN	4 p.m.
27	at Saint Mary's	WCCN	4 p.m.

### APRIL

4	NCAA Tournament Selections		
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All times local to site

WCC games in bold

#12 BYU

COUGARS

5-0 OVERALL 4-0 WCC

#12 BYU  
VS.  
LMU

FEB. 16-17, 2021  
SMITH FIELDHOUSE  
PROVO, UTAH

LMU

LIONS

3-3 OVERALL 3-3 WCC

## QUICK HITS

- No. 12 BYU will host Loyola Marymount Feb. 16-17, at the Smith Fieldhouse for a pair of home matches. The Cougars are 18-2 all-time against the Lions, including 10-0 when playing in Provo. BYU won both matchups last season, including a five-set match at the Smith Fieldhouse.
- The Cougars remained at No. 12 in this week's AVCA national poll. BYU has now been ranked for 110-consecutive weeks dating back to Oct. 7, 2013. Under Heather Olmstead, the Cougars have never ranked lower than No. 17 nationally.
- The WCC named true freshman libero Madi Allen the WCC Defensive Player of the Week on Monday, Feb. 15, marking the second time in the first three weeks of the season that Allen has received the award. The libero averaged 5.00 digs per set, 55 total, to help BYU beat Utah Valley and defeat Gonzaga two times.
- Last week, BYU defeated Gonzaga in the Cougars' home opener 3-1 before sweeping the Bulldogs the very next day to move to 5-0 overall and 4-0 in WCC play.
- Sophomore setter Whitney Bower currently ranks 25th in the NCAA with an average of 11.18 assists per set while senior outside hitter Taylen Ballard-Nixon is 34th in points per set (4.97) and 49th in kills per set (4.18).
- As a team, BYU is 4th in the NCAA in assists per set (14.12), 11th in hitting percentage (.309), and 12th in kills per set (14.65).
- Three Cougars were selected to the 2020-21 All-WCC Preseason Team: senior middle blocker Kennedy Eschenberg, senior outside hitter Taylen Ballard-Nixon and sophomore setter Whitney Bower. BYU was picked to finish second in the league by the WCC head coaches.
- This year's squad returns 11 members from last year's team, including AVCA All-America honoree Kennedy Eschenberg. Both Eschenberg and Whitney Bower were named to the 2019 All-WCC First Team. Bower and Kate Grimmer also received All-WCC Freshman Team recognition. BYU's 2020 recruiting class was rated No. 14 by PrepVolleyball, marking the Cougars' third-straight season ranked in the top 15.
- BYU reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament last season, claiming its eighth-straight NCAA Tournament berth. The Cougars ended the season with a 26-5 overall record and finished No. 17 in the final AVCA poll.
- BYU head coach Heather Olmstead and her staff bring a .889 winning percentage (144-18) over the last five seasons, the highest of any Division I program in the nation (min. of two completed seasons). The 2018 AVCA National Coach of the Year, Olmstead is the third-fastest Division I women's volleyball coach in history to reach 100 wins, doing so in just 111 matches.

## STAT COMPARISON

	BYU	LMU
5-0	W/L	3-3
17	SETS	26
249	K	319
67	E	126
589	TA	838
.309	HIT%	.230
.189	OPP%	.191
14.65	K/S	12.27
240	ASTS	284
14.12	ASTS/S	10.92
28	SA	43
40	SE	65
1.65	SA/S	1.65
280	DIGS	378
16.47	DIGS/S	14.54
3	BS	12
58	BA	60
32	TBLK	42
1.88	BLK/S	1.62
309	PTS	404

## LAST 5 MATCHES (5-0)

### TOP OFFENSIVE PERFORMERS

	HIT%	K	E	TA	A	SA	PTS
Taylen Ballard-Nixon	.273	71	24	172	3	9	84.5
Whitney Bower	.324	15	3	37	190	6	24
Kate Grimmer	.355	57	13	124	2	0	60.5
Leilani Dodson	.246	41	13	114	2	3	52.5
Erin Livingston	.300	24	6	60	0	0	25.5

### TOP DEFENSIVE PERFORMERS

	Digs	BS	BA	TOTB
Madi Allen	82	0	0	0
Whitney Bower	43	0	6	6
Whitney Llarenas	6	0	14	14
Leilani Dodson	12	2	13	15
Taylen Ballard-Nixon	34	0	9	9

## LAST 10 MATCHES (0-0)

### TOP OFFENSIVE PERFORMERS

	HIT%	K	E	TA	A	SA	PTS
N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N/A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

### TOP DEFENSIVE PERFORMERS

	Digs	BS	BA	TOTB
N/A	-	-	-	-
N/A	-	-	-	-
N/A	-	-	-	-
N/A	-	-	-	-
N/A	-	-	-	-



## 2021 QUICK FACTS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

School: ..... Brigham Young University  
 Location: ..... Provo, Utah  
 Founded: ..... 1875  
 Enrollment: ..... 33,615  
 Nickname: ..... Cougars  
 Colors: ..... Navy Blue and White  
 Conference: ..... West Coast Conference  
 President: ..... Kevin J. Worthen  
 Athletics Director: ..... Tom Holmoe

### ARENA INFORMATION

Home Court: ..... Smith Fieldhouse  
 Capacity: ..... 5,000  
 Surface: ..... Taraflex

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### TEAM INFORMATION

2019 Record ..... 26-5 (.839)  
 2019 Final Ranking ..... 17th  
 2019 Postseason Finish ..... 1-1, NCAA Second Round  
 2019 WCC Record ..... 16-2, 2nd

## COACHING FAMILY TREE

Head coach Heather Olmstead comes from a family of volleyball coaches. Her father, Rick, is a well-known high school and club coach in California who coached U.S. star and current National Team head coach Karch Kiraly at Santa Barbara High.

Heather's sister, Laci, played setter for the Cougars from 1994-95.

Heather's brother, Shawn, has been the BYU men's volleyball coach the last five seasons, winning three MPSF titles. Previously, Shawn and Heather worked together on the women's team for four seasons with Shawn as the head coach, helping BYU to two conference titles and three trips to the NCAA Tournament, including a 2014 national runner-up finish.

Both Heather and Shawn have both been named AVCA National Coach of the Year as the head coaches of the BYU women's program, the only two coaches to do so in program history.

## ALL-TIME GREAT COACHES

Three BYU coaches are found among the winningest in the history of NCAA women's volleyball. BYU is the only program with three coaches win an .800 or higher winning percentage.

**Elaine Michaelis (886-219-5, .800)** is ninth in the NCAA history in career win percentage and 10th in career victories after coaching from 1969-01. When she retired, Michaelis was second on the career victories list and first among any woman in collegiate volleyball. She is an AVCA Founders Award and USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach honoree. The Cougars' home court is also named after her.

**Shawn Olmstead (103-25, .805)** is 17th in NCAA history in career win percentage among coaches with four or more seasons. The 2014 AVCA National Coach of the Year, Olmstead led BYU to its first national title game that same season. He now coaches the BYU men's volleyball team.

**Heather Olmstead (149-18, .892)** is the third-fastest Division I women's volleyball coach in history to reach 100 wins, doing so in just 111 matches. The 2018 AVCA National Coach of the Year, Olmstead currently holds the highest winning percentage of any women's volleyball coach in NCAA Division I history (min. two completed seasons) and second-highest in any division (min. three seasons).

## WINNING STATISTICS

BYU has a number of different active winning streaks, including when the Cougars:

Stat	Wins	Last Loss
Record a higher hit %	123	LMU, 9/29/15
Record more kills	85	at Portland, 10/13/16
Record more digs	75	Utah, 9/15/16
Hit .300 or higher	55	at San Diego, 9/30/16
Outblocking opponent	26	at LMU, 11/20/18

## BYU'S RECORD IN 2021 WHEN...

Overall ..... .5-0  
 Conference ..... .4-0  
 Nonconference ..... .1-0

Home ..... .2-0  
 Away ..... .3-0  
 Neutral ..... .0-0

Day ..... .3-0  
 Night ..... .2-0

Playing ranked opponents ..... .0-0  
 Playing unranked opponents ..... .5-0

In three sets ..... .3-0  
 In four sets ..... .2-0  
 In five sets ..... .0-0

Winning the first set ..... .5-0  
 Winning the second set ..... .3-0  
 Winning the third set ..... .5-0  
 Winning the fourth set ..... .2-0

Losing the first set ..... .0-0  
 Losing the second set ..... .2-0  
 Losing the third set ..... .0-0  
 Losing the fourth set ..... .0-0

Hitting .250 or better ..... .3-0  
 Hitting .249 or worse ..... .2-0  
 Opponent hitting .250 or better ..... .1-0  
 Opponent hitting .249 or worse ..... .4-0

Outblocking opponent ..... .3-0  
 Getting outblocked ..... .2-0

Monday ..... .0-0  
 Tuesday ..... .2-0  
 Wednesday ..... .2-0  
 Thursday ..... .1-0  
 Friday ..... .0-0  
 Saturday ..... .0-0

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	NAME	HT	POS	CLASS
18	Madi Allen	5-8	L	Fr.
1	Taylen Ballard-Nixon	6-3	OH	Sr.
3	Morgan Bower	5-7	L	So.
7	Whitney Bower	5-9	S	So.
11	Abbey Dayton	6-1	OH	So.
4	Leilani Dodson	6-1	OH	Fr.
24	Kennedy Eschenberg	6-5	MB	Sr.
12	Kate Grimmer	6-0	OPP	So.
16	Allie Hakes	6-4	MB	Fr.
8	Tayler Hifo	5-8	S	Jr.
13	Morgan Johnson	5-11	OH	Fr.
10	Erin Livingston	6-0	OH	Fr.
21	Whitney Llarenas	6-3	MB	Jr.
14	Makayla Tolman	6-3	OPP	Fr.
17	Grace Wee	5-5	L	So.

## COACHING STAFF

Head Coach:	Heather Olmstead (Utah State '01) 6th season, 149-18 record
Associate Head Coach:	David Hyte (BYU '04)
Assistant Coach:	Jonny Neeley (BYU, '11)
Volunteer Coach:	Gil Fellingham (Occidental '71)

## PRONUNCIATIONS

Bower	Bau-er
Eschenberg	Esh-en-burg
Hifo	hee-foe
Leilani	Lay-lah-nee
Llarenas	Lair-en-ess

## 2020-21 BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY NUMERICAL ROSTER

#	NAME	POSITION	CLASS	HEIGHT	HOMETOWN/HIGH SCHOOL (PREVIOUS SCHOOL)
1	Taylen Ballard-Nixon	OH	Sr.	6-3	Clovis, California (Clovis HS)
3	Morgan Bower	L	So.	5-7	Nampa, Idaho (Skyview HS)
4	Leilani Dodson	OH	Fr.	6-1	La Grange, Illinois (Nazareth Academy)
7	Whitney Bower	S	So.	5-9	Nampa, Idaho (Skyview HS)
8	Tayler Hifo	S	Jr.	5-8	American Fork, Utah (American Fork HS)
10	Erin Livingston	OH	Fr.	6-0	Corona, California (Santiago HS)
11	Abbey Dayton	OH	So.	6-1	Ladera Ranch, California (San Juan Hills HS)
12	Kate Grimmer	OPP	So.	6-0	Queen Creek, Arizona (Queen Creek HS)
13	Morgan Johnson	OH	Fr.	5-11	Temecula, California (Chaparral HS)
14	Makayla Tolman	OPP	Fr.	6-3	Burley, Idaho (Burley HS)
16	Allie Hakes	MB	Fr.	6-4	Folsom, California (Folsom HS)
17	Grace Wee	L	So.	5-5	Kaneohe, Hawaii (Iolani HS)
18	Madi Allen	L	Fr.	5-8	Temecula, California (Great Oaks HS)
21	Whitney Llarenas	MB	Jr.	6-3	Bountiful, Utah (Woods Cross HS)
24	Kennedy Eschenberg	MB	Sr.	6-5	Bountiful, Utah (Bountiful HS)

### BY POSITION

#### Libero (3)

Madi Allen	Fr.
Morgan Bower	So.
Grace Wee	So.

#### Middle Blocker (3)

Kennedy Eschenberg	Sr.
Allie Hakes	Fr.
Whitney Llarenas	Jr.

#### Opposite Hitter (2)

Kate Grimmer	So.
Makayla Tolman	Fr.

#### Outside Hitter (5)

Taylen Ballard-Nixon	Sr.
Abbey Dayton	So.
Leilani Dodson	Fr.
Morgan Johnson	Fr.
Erin Livingston	Fr.

#### Setter (2)

Whitney Bower	So.
Tayler Hifo	Jr.

### BY CLASS

#### Senior (2)

Taylen Ballard-Nixon	OH
Kennedy Eschenberg	MB

#### Junior (2)

Tayler Hifo	S
Whitney Llarenas	MB

#### Sophomore (5)

Morgan Bower	L
Whitney Bower	S
Abbey Dayton	OH
Kate Grimmer	OPP
Grace Wee	L

#### Freshman (6)

Madi Allen	L
Leilani Dodson	OH
Allie Hakes	MB
Morgan Johnson	OH
Erin Livingston	OH
Makayla Tolman	OPP

### BY HOMETOWN

#### Arizona (1)

Kate Grimmer	Queen Creek
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#### California (6)

Madi Allen	Temecula
Taylen Ballard-Nixon	Clovis
Abbey Dayton	Ladera Ranch
Allie Hakes	Folsom
Morgan Johnson	Temecula
Erin Livingston	Corona

#### Hawaii (1)

Grace Wee	Kaneohe
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#### Idaho (3)

Morgan Bower	Nampa
Whitney Bower	Nampa
Makayla Tolman	Burley

#### Illinois (1)

Leilani Dodson	La Grange
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#### Utah (3)

Kennedy Eschenberg	Bountiful
Tayler Hifo	American Fork
Whitney Llarenas	Bountiful



## HEATHER OLMSTEAD

HEAD COACH

### COACHING HISTORY

2015-present	Head Coach, BYU
2011-14	Assistant Coach, BYU
2006-10	Assistant Coach, Utah
2003-05	Assistant Coach, Utah State

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2002-03	United States Professional Volleyball Team
1998-01	Utah State

### YEAR-BY-YEAR

YEAR	RECORD	PCT.	WCC	PCT.	PLACE	NCAA
2015	28-4	.875	16-2	.889	1st	2-1
2016	29-4	.879	12-2	.889	1st	2-1
2017	30-3	.909	17-1	.944	1st	2-1
2018	31-2	.939	17-1	.944	1st	4-1
2019	26-5	.839	16-2	.889	2nd	1-1
2020-21	5-0	1.00	4-0	1.00	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>149-18</b>	<b>.892</b>	<b>86-8</b>	<b>.915</b>	<b>4 titles</b>	<b>11-5</b>

## OLMSTEAD CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

### AS BYU HEAD COACH

- Record in six seasons of 149-18 (.892) overall and 86-8 (.915) in the WCC
- Holds the highest winning percentage of any women's volleyball coach in NCAA Division I history (min. two completed seasons) and the second-highest regardless of division (min. three seasons)
- Third-fastest coach all-time to reach 100 Division I wins (111 matches)
- AVCA National Coach of the Year (2018)
- AVCA Pacific South Region Coach of the Year (2018)
- 2-time West Coach Conference Coach of the Year (2015, 18)
- 1 NCAA Final Four finish (2018)
- 3 NCAA Sweet 16 finishes (2015, 16, 17)
- 4 West Coach Conference championships (2015, 16, 17, 18)
- Top 25 ranking ever week as head coach, including ranking No. 1 for 11-straight weeks in 2018 and no rank lower than No. 17
- 18 wins over Top 25 opponents, including 14-6 regular season record and 18-11 overall
- 13-2 record against in-state opponents
- Undefeated against five of nine WCC programs
- 1 AVCA National Freshman of the Year (Heather Gneiting)
- 1 AVCA National Player of the Year Finalist (Roni Jones-Perry)
- 16 AVCA All-America citations
- 1 Region Player of the Year
- 2 Region Freshman of the Year
- 19 All-Region citations
- 24 All-West Coast Conference citations
- 3 WCC Players of the Year
- 3 WCC Freshmen of the Year
- 4 WCC Defensive Players/Liberos of the Year
- 2 Academic All-Americans
- 8 Academic All-District citations
- 16 Academic All-WCC citations
- Top five cumulative home attendance seasons in program history and eight of the top 10 home attendance matches in program history
- Head coach of the 2019 U.S. Collegiate National Team - Japan
- Assistant coach of the gold medal-winning U.S. team at the 2015 Pan American Games

### AS BYU ASSISTANT COACH

- Helped Cougars advance to the National Championship match in 2014 and two other Sweet 16 appearances in 2012 and 2013
- Helped BYU win two WCC titles (2012, 14)

### BEFORE BYU

- Utah State women's volleyball assistant coach (2003-05), helping the Aggies to an NCAA Tournament appearance in 2005
- Utah women's volleyball assistant coach (2006-10)
- Helped Utah to a MWC title and two NCAA Tournament appearances, including a Sweet 16 in 2008
- Coached the Intermountain Volleyball Association High Performance team at the Global Challenge in Maribor, Slovenia (2006)
- Served as head coach of the IVA HP Select Team in Florida (2010)

### PLAYING CAREER

- Started four seasons as a libero at Utah State (1998-01)
- Ranks No. 9 at USU in career digs
- Set the USU single season digs record
- Advanced to two NCAA Tournaments with a pair of Top 25 rankings
- Played for the U.S. Professional Volleyball Team (2002-03) and in the European Professional Volleyball League (2003)

## OLMSTEAD VS. ALL OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	W-L	H	A	N
American	1-0	1-0	-	-
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	1-0	-	-	1-0
Baylor	0-1	-	-	0-1
Boise State	3-0	1-0	1-0	1-0
Cal Poly	1-0	1-0	-	-
Chicago State	1-0	-	-	1-0
CSUN	1-0	1-0	-	-
Duke	2-0	-	2-0	-
Florida	1-0	1-0	-	-
<b>Gonzaga</b>	<b>12-0</b>	<b>7-0</b>	<b>5-0</b>	-
Hawai'i	1-0	1-0	-	-
Idaho State	2-0	1-0	1-0	-
Kentucky	0-1	-	0-1	-
LIU	2-0	1-0	-	1-0
<b>LMU</b>	<b>8-2</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>3-2</b>	-
Marquette	1-1	0-1	1-0	-
Missouri	2-0	-	-	2-0
Nebraska	0-1	-	-	0-1
Nevada	1-0	-	-	1-0
New Mexico State	1-0	1-0	-	-
North Carolina	1-0	-	-	1-0
Ohio	1-0	1-0	-	-
Ohio State	2-0	1-0	1-0	-
Oregon	1-0	1-0	-	-
Oregon State	2-0	2-0	-	-
<b>Pacific</b>	<b>10-0</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>5-0</b>	-
<b>Pepperdine</b>	<b>10-0</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>5-0</b>	-
<b>Portland</b>	<b>11-1</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>6-1</b>	-
Princeton	1-0	1-0	-	-
Purdue	1-0	-	-	1-0
Rice	1-0	1-0	-	-
Sacramento State	1-0	-	-	1-0
Saint Louis	2-0	1-0	1-0	-
<b>Saint Mary's</b>	<b>10-0</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>5-0</b>	-
Sam Houston State	1-0	1-0	-	-
<b>San Diego</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>3-2</b>	-
<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>10-0</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>5-0</b>	-
<b>Santa Clara</b>	<b>9-1</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>4-1</b>	-
Stanford	2-1	1-0	1-0	0-1
Stony Brook	1-0	1-0	-	-
Syracuse	1-0	-	-	1-0
Texas	2-1	1-0	1-0	0-1
UNLV	2-0	2-0	-	-
USC	1-1	-	0-1	1-0
Utah	5-2	2-2	3-0	-
<b>Utah Valley</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>3-0</b>	-
UTRGV	1-0	1-0	-	-
VCU	-	-	-	1-0
Weber State	3-0	2-0	1-0	-
West Virginia	1-0	1-0	-	-
Western Kentucky	1-0	1-0	-	-
Wichita State	2-0	1-0	1-0	-
Wyoming	1-0	-	-	1-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>149-18</b>	<b>77-5</b>	<b>58-9</b>	<b>14-4</b>

**Bold** signifies 2020-21 opponent

## MATCH-BY-MATCH STARTING LINEUPS

DATE	OPPONENT	SETTER	OPPOSITE	OUTSIDE HITTER	MIDDLE BLOCKER	MIDDLE BLOCKER	LIBERO	VARIED
1/26	at Portland	W. Bower	Grimmer	Ballard-Nixon	Eschenberg	Llarenas	Allen	Dayton
1/27	at Portland	W. Bower	Grimmer	Ballard-Nixon	Eschenberg	Llarenas	Allen	Dayton
2/4	at Utah Valley	W. Bower	Grimmer	Ballard-Nixon	Hakes	Llarenas	Allen	Wee
2/9	Gonzaga	W. Bower	Grimmer	Ballard-Nixon	Hakes	Llarenas	Allen	Wee
2/10	Gonzaga	W. Bower	Grimmer	Ballard-Nixon	Dodson	Llarenas	Allen	Livingston

## MATCH-BY-MATCH TEAM STATISTICAL LEADERS

DATE	OPPONENT	KILLS	ATTEMPTS	HIT% (MIN. 10 ATT)	ASSISTS	ACES	DIGS	BLOCKS	POINTS
1/26	at Portland	Ballard-Nixon, 14	Ballard-Nixon, 28	Ballard-Nixon, 14/3/28, .393	W. Bower, 32	Ballard-Nixon, 2	W. Bower, 18	Two players, 1	Ballard-Nixon, 16.5
1/27	at Portland	Eschenberg, 11	Ballard-Nixon, 32	Eschenberg, 11/2/19, .474	W. Bower, 34	Ballard-Nixon, 4	Wee, 11	Three players, 1	Ballard-Nixon, 13.5
2/4	at Utah Valley	Ballard-Nixon, 19	Two players, 35	Livingston, 6/0/15, .400	W. Bower, 47	Dodson, 3	Allen, 21	Two players, 4	Ballard-Nixon, 21.0
2/9	Gonzaga	Ballard-Nixon, 19	Ballard-Nixon, 36	Llarenas, 7/0/10, .700	W. Bower, 43	W. Bower, 2	Two players, 18	Dodson, 6	Ballard-Nixon, 18
2/10	Gonzaga	Grimmer, 13	Ballard-Nixon, 41	Grimmer, 13/3/26, .385	W. Bower, 34	Ballard-Nixon, 2	Allen, 16	Dodson, 5	Ballard-Nixon, 15.5



## #1 TAYLEN BALLARD NIXON

**6-3**  
**SENIOR**  
**OUTSIDE HITTER**  
**CLOVIS, CALIFORNIA**  
**CLOVIS HS**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 19 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Attempts: 41 vs. Gonzaga, 2/10/21  
Aces: 4 at Portland, 1/27/21  
Assists: 1 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Digs: 13 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Block assists: 3 vs. Gonzaga, 2/10/21  
Block solos:  
Total blocks: 3 vs. Gonzaga, 2/10/21  
Points: 21 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 19 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Attempts: 41 vs. Gonzaga, 2/10/21  
Aces: 4 at Portland, 1/27/21  
Assists: 1, five times  
Digs: 13 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Block assists: 10 at LMU, 10/25/19  
Block solos: 2 vs. Portland, 11/21/19  
Total blocks: 11 at LMU, 10/25/19  
Points: 29 at Stanford, 4/13/19



## #3 MORGAN BOWER

**5-7**  
**SOPHOMORE**  
**LIBERO**  
**NAMPA, IDAHO**  
**SKYVIEW HS**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills:  
Attempts:  
Aces:  
Assists:  
Digs:  
Block assists:  
Block solos: 2 vs. Portland, 11/21/19  
Total blocks:  
Points:

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills:  
Attempts: 1, three times  
Aces:  
Assists: 2 at LMU, 10/24/19  
Digs: 7 at San Francisco, 11/9/19  
Block assists:  
Block solos:  
Total blocks:  
Points:



## #4 LEILANI DODSON

**6-1**  
**FRESHMAN**  
**OUTSIDE HITTER**  
**LA GRANGE, ILLINOIS**  
**NAZARETH ACADEMY**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 13 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Attempts: 29 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Aces: 3 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Assists: 1, two times  
Digs: 5 at Portland, 1/27/21  
Block assists: 6 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Block solos: 1, two times  
Total blocks: 6 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Points: 16 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 13 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Attempts: 29 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Aces: 3 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Assists: 1, two times  
Digs: 5 at Portland, 1/27/21  
Block assists: 6 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Block solos: 1, two times  
Total blocks: 6 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Points: 16 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21



## #7 WHITNEY BOWER

**5-9**  
**SOPHOMORE**  
**SETTER**  
**NAMPA, IDAHO**  
**SKYVIEW HS**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 6 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Attempts: 11 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Aces: 2, two times  
Assists: 47 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Digs: 18, two times  
Block assists: 2, two times  
Block solos:  
Total blocks: 2, two times  
Points: 9 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 7 at Saint Mary's, 10/5/19  
Attempts: 11, two times  
Aces: 5, two times  
Assists: 51 at Wichita State, 9/12/19  
Digs: 18, three times  
Block assists: 7 at Portland, 9/28/19  
Block solos: 1 at Santa Clara, 11/7/19  
Total blocks: 7 at Portland, 9/28/19  
Points: 9.5 vs. LMU, 10/1/19



## #8 TAYLER HIFO

**5-8**  
**JUNIOR**  
**SETTER**  
**AMERICAN FORK, UTAH**  
**AMERICAN FORK HS**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills:  
Attempts:  
Aces: 1, two times  
Assists:  
Digs: 2, two times  
Block assists:  
Block solos:  
Total blocks:  
Points: 1, two times

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills:  
Attempts:  
Aces: 3 vs. Sam Houston State, 9/6/19  
Assists: 3 vs. West Virginia, 8/30/18  
Digs: 4 at Pacific, 10/3/19  
Block assists:  
Block solos:  
Total blocks:  
Points: 3 vs. Sam Houston State, 9/6/19



## #10 ERIN LIVINGSTON

**6-1**  
**FRESHMAN**  
**OUTSIDE HITTER**  
**CORONA, CALIFORNIA**  
**SANTIAGO HS**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 12 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Attempts: 26 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Aces:  
Assists:  
Digs: 3 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Block assists: 3 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Block solos:  
Total blocks: 3 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Points: 13.5 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 12 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Attempts: 26 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Aces:  
Assists:  
Digs: 3 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Block assists: 3 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Block solos:  
Total blocks: 3 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Points: 13.5 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21





## #11 ABBEY DAYTON

**6-1**  
**SOPHOMORE**  
**OUTSIDE HITTER**  
**LADERA RANCH, CALIFORNIA**  
**SAN JUAN HILLS HS**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills:  
Attempts: 1 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Aces: 1 at Portland 1/26/21  
Assists: 2, two times  
Digs: 9 vs. Gonzaga, 2/10/21  
Block assists:  
Block solos:  
Total blocks:  
Points: 1 at Portland 1/26/21

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills:  
Attempts: 1, four times  
Aces: 1, four times  
Assists: 2, four times  
Digs: 10 vs. Boise State, 8/30/19  
Block assists:  
Block solos:  
Total blocks:  
Points: 1, four times



## #12 KATE GRIMMER

**6-0**  
**SOPHOMORE**  
**OPPOSITE HITTER**  
**QUEEN CREEK, ARIZONA**  
**QUEEN CREEK HS**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 15 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Attempts: 35 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Aces:  
Assists: 1, two times  
Digs: 6 vs. Gonzaga, 2/10/21  
Block assists: 2, three times  
Block solos:  
Total blocks: 2, three times  
Points: 16 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 15 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Attempts: 35 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Aces: 3 vs. Santa Clara, 10/12/19  
Assists: 1, four times  
Digs: 6 vs. Gonzaga, 2/10/21  
Block assists: 6, two times  
Block solos:  
Total blocks: 6 vs. Boise State, 8/30/19  
Points: 16 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21



## #13 MORGAN JOHNSON

**5-11**  
**FRESHMAN**  
**OUTSIDE**  
**TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA**  
**CHAPARRAL HS**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills:  
Attempts:  
Aces:  
Assists:  
Digs:  
Block assists:  
Block solos:  
Total blocks:  
Points:

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills:  
Attempts:  
Aces:  
Assists:  
Digs:  
Block assists:  
Block solos:  
Total blocks:  
Points:



## #14 MAKAYLA TOLMAN

**6-3**  
**FRESHMAN**  
**OPPOSITE HITTER**  
**BURLEY, IDAHO**  
**BURLEY HS**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills:  
Attempts:  
Aces:  
Assists:  
Digs:  
Block assists:  
Block solos:  
Total blocks:  
Points:

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills:  
Attempts:  
Aces:  
Assists:  
Digs:  
Block assists:  
Block solos:  
Total blocks:  
Points:



## #16 ALLIE HAKES

**6-4**  
**FRESHMAN**  
**MIDDLE BLOCKER**  
**FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA**  
**FOLSOM HS**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 3 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Attempts: 7 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Aces:  
Assists:  
Digs: 1 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Block assists: 4 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Block solos:  
Total blocks: 4 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Points: 5 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 3 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Attempts: 7 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Aces:  
Assists:  
Digs: 1 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Block assists: 4 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Block solos:  
Total blocks: 4 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Points: 5 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21



## #17 GRACE WEE

**5-5**  
**SOPHOMORE**  
**LIBERO**  
**KANEHOHI, HAWAII**  
**'IOLANI HS**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 1 at Portland 1/27/21  
Attempts: 1, two times  
Aces:  
Assists: 1, three times  
Digs: 11 at Portland 1/27/21  
Block assists:  
Block solos:  
Total blocks:  
Points: 1 at Portland 1/27/21

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 1 at Portland 1/27/21  
Attempts: 1 at Saint Mary's, 10/5/19  
Aces: 2 at Saint Mary's, 10/5/19  
Assists: 2 at Pacific, 10/3/19  
Digs: 11 at Portland 1/27/21  
Block assists:  
Block solos:  
Total blocks:  
Points: 2 at Saint Mary's, 10/5/19



## #18 MADI ALLEN

**5-8**  
**FRESHMAN**  
**LIBERO**  
**TEMECULA, CALIFORNIA**  
**GREAT OAKS HS**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 1 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Attempts: 1 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Aces: 2 at Portland 1/27/21  
Assists: 13 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Digs: 21 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Block assists:  
Block solos:  
Total blocks:  
Points: 2, two times

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 1 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Attempts: 1 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Aces: 2 at Portland 1/27/21  
Assists: 13 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Digs: 21 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Block assists:  
Block solos:  
Total blocks:  
Points: 2, two times



## #21 WHITNEY LLARENAS

**6-3**  
**JUNIOR**  
**MIDDLE BLOCKER**  
**BOUNTIFUL, UTAH**  
**WOODS CROSS HS**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 7 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Attempts: 12 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Aces: 1 at Portland 1/27/21  
Assists: 1, two times  
Digs: 2 at Portland 1/26/21  
Block assists: 4, two times  
Block solos:  
Total blocks: 4, two times  
Points: 9 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 7 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21  
Attempts: 12 at Utah Valley, 2/4/21  
Aces: 1 at Portland 1/27/21  
Assists: 1, two times  
Digs: at Portland 1/26/21  
Block assists: 4, two times  
Block solos:  
Total blocks: 4, two times  
Points: 9 vs. Gonzaga, 2/9/21



## #24 KENNEDY ESCHENBERG

**6-5**  
**SENIOR**  
**MIDDLE BLOCKER**  
**BOUNTIFUL, UTAH**  
**BOUNTIFUL HS**

### SEASON HIGHS

Kills: 11 at Portland 1/27/21  
Attempts: 19 at Portland 1/27/21  
Aces:  
Assists: 2 at Portland 1/26/21  
Digs:  
Block assists: 2 at Portland 1/27/21  
Block solos: 1 at Portland 1/26/21  
Total blocks: 2 at Portland 1/27/21  
Points: 12 at Portland 1/27/21

### CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 13, two times  
Attempts: 24 vs. Saint Mary's, 11/4/17  
Aces:  
Assists: 1, 18 times  
Digs: 3 vs. American, 12/1/17  
Block assists: 10 vs. Saint Mary's, 9/22/18  
Block solos: 3 at Marquette, 9/8/18  
Total blocks: 11 vs Saint Mary's, 9/22/18  
Points: 15.5, two times





**#1 Taylen Ballard-Nixon**



**#3 Morgan Bower**



**#4 Leilani Dodson**



**#7 Whitney Bower**



**#8 Tayler Hifo**



**#10 Erin Livingston**



**#11 Abbey Dayton**



**#12 Kate Grimmer**



**#13 Morgan Johnson**



**#14 Makayla Tolman**



**#16 Allie Hakes**



**#17 Grace Wee**



**#18 Madi Allen**



**#21 Whitney Llarenas**



**#24 Kennedy Eschenberg**



**Heather Olmstead**



**David HYTE**



**Jonny NEELEY**



**2020-21 BYU Women's Volleyball  
Combined Team Statistics  
All games**

**Game Records**

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
5 - 0	4 - 0	2 - 0	3 - 0	0 - 0

**Team Box Score**

#	Player	SP	Attack					Set		Serve			Dig		Blocking					PTS		
			K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S	RE	DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	TOT/S	BLK/S		BE	BHE
1	Ballard-Nixon, Taylen	17	71	4.18	24	172	.273	3	0.18	9	11	0.53	8	34	2.00	0	9	9	0.53	0	0	84.5
3	Bower, Morgan	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
4	Dodson, Leilani	17	41	2.41	13	114	.246	2	0.12	3	7	0.18	1	12	0.71	2	13	15	0.88	0	0	52.5
7	Bower, Whitney	17	15	0.88	3	37	.324	190	11.18	6	2	0.35	1	70	4.12	0	6	6	0.35	0	1	24.0
8	Tausinga Hifo, Tayler	17	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	4	6	0.24	0	4	0.24	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4.0
10	Livingston, Erin	9	24	2.67	6	60	.300	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	5	0.56	0	3	3	0.33	0	0	25.5
11	Dayton, Abbey	17	0	0.00	0	1	.000	5	0.29	1	2	0.06	2	28	1.65	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
12	Grimmer, Kate	17	57	3.35	13	124	.355	2	0.12	0	2	0.00	0	13	0.76	0	7	7	0.41	0	0	60.5
16	Hakes, Allie	5	3	0.60	0	7	.429	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.20	0	4	4	0.80	0	0	5.0
17	Wee, Grace	17	1	0.06	0	2	.500	3	0.18	0	0	0.00	2	25	1.47	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
18	Allen, Madi	17	1	0.06	0	1	1.000	31	1.82	4	9	0.24	7	82	4.82	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	5.0
21	Llarenas, Whitney	17	19	1.12	6	43	.302	2	0.12	1	1	0.06	0	6	0.35	0	14	14	0.82	0	0	27.0
24	Eschenberg, Kennedy	6	17	2.83	2	28	.536	2	0.33	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	2	3	0.50	0	0	19.0
<b>BYU</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>14.65</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>.309</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>14.12</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>16.47</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1.88</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>309.0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>11.82</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>.189</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>11.12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1.35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>14.18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>245.0</b>

**Team statistics**

	BYU	OPP
<b>ATTACK</b>		
Kills	249	201
Errors	67	88
Total Attacks	589	598
Attack Pct	.309	.189
Kills/Set	14.6	11.8
<b>SET</b>		
Assists	240	189
Attempts	610	628
Assist Pct	.393	.301
Assists/Set	14.1	11.1
<b>SERVE</b>		
Aces	28	23
Errors	40	40
Attempts	414	340
Serve Pct	.903	.882
Aces/Set	1.6	1.4
<b>SERVE RECEPTIONS</b>		
Errors	23	28
Errors/Set	1.4	1.6
Attempts	300	374
Reception Pct	.923	.996
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
Digs	280	241
Digs/Set	16.5	14.2
<b>BLOCKING</b>		
Block solo	3	1
Block Assist	58	40
Total Blocks	32	21
Blocks/Set	1.9	1.2
Block Errors	0	16
Ball handling errors	1	8
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	300	260
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/150	3/87
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	-
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

**Team Results**

Date	Opponent	Score	Score-by-set	Att.
* 01/26/2021	at Portland	W 3-0	25-9,25-22,25-17	0
* 01/27/2021	at Portland	W 3-0	25-23,26-24,25-22	0
02/04/2021	at Utah Valley	W 3-1	25-17,22-25,25-20,25-20	260
* 02/09/2021	Gonzaga	W 3-1	25-17,23-25,25-12,25-17	150
* 02/10/2021	Gonzaga	W 3-0	25-19,25-22,25-22	150





Volleyball Box Score  
**2020-21 BYU Women's Volleyball**  
 Gonzaga vs BYU (02/10/2021 at Smith Fieldhouse)

#	Gonzaga	S	Attack			Set			Serve			Reception			Block			Pts				
			K	E	TA	Pct	Ass	Err	TA	Pct	SA	SE	TA	Pct	O	RE	Pct		Dig	BS	BA	BE
1	Andaya, Tia	■ ■ ■	3	2	5	.400	26	3	92	.283	3	9	.667	0	0	.000	8	1	1	1	2.5	
2	Kim, Alisa	□ □ □	3	0	0	.000	1	1	1	1.000	2	2	14	.857	0	0	.000	0	0	0	2.0	
3	Thiros, Zoe	■ ■ □	3	3	13	.154	0	0	0	.000	1	3	.667	5	1	1.000	3	0	0	0	3.0	
4	Hughes, Alyssa	■ ■ ■	3	5	2	11	.273	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	1	3	1	1	6.5	
5	Croft, Kennedy	■ ■ ■	3	11	2	19	.474	0	4	.000	2	11	.818	8	1	1.000	14	0	0	0	11.0	
6	Rudiel, Gretchen	□ □ □	3	0	0	.000	1	5	2	2.000	2	6	.667	1	1	1.000	4	0	0	0	1.0	
7	Penner, Sarah	■ ■ ■	3	6	4	30	.667	1	5	2.000	2	13	1.000	33	2	.943	4	3	1	1	9.5	
10	Oppio, Katelyn	□	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0.0	
11	Gray, Chapin	□ □ □	2	5	4	18	.556	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	3	1	1.000	0	1	2	0	5.5	
15	Russell, Juliette	■ ■ ■	3	2	2	11	.636	0	1	1.000	1	2	.500	1	0	.000	0	2	1	0	3.0	
20	Talarico, Julia	L L L	3	0	0	.000	3	6	5	5.000	1	7	.857	14	1	1.000	14	0	0	0	0.0	
TEAM			1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Totals			3	34	15	107	.178	32	3	114	.281	4	12	.65	64	3	.955	48	10	6	2	43.0

Attack By Set		TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS	
Set	Pct	1	2
1	50%	0	2
2	60%	19	22
3	54%	25	25

#	BYU	S	Attack			Set			Serve			Reception			Block			Pts					
			K	E	TA	Pct	Ass	Err	TA	Pct	SA	SE	TA	Pct	O	RE	Pct		Dig	BS	BA	BE	BHE
1	Ballard-Nixon, Taylen	■ ■ ■	3	12	6	41	.146	0	0	.000	2	3	12	.750	14	2	.875	3	3	0	0	15.5	
4	Dodson, Leilani	■ ■ ■	3	5	2	13	.231	0	0	.000	0	7	1.000	0	1	.000	1	4	0	0	0	8.0	
7	Bower, Whitney	■ ■ ■	3	1	1	7	.000	34	1	.66	3.95	0	12	1.000	0	0	.000	9	1	0	0	1.5	
8	Tausinga Hifo, Tayler	□ □ □	3	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000	1	18	1.000	0	0	.000	2	0	0	0	1.0		
10	Livingston, Erin	■ ■ ■	3	6	4	19	.105	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	6.0		
11	Dayton, Abbey	□ □ □	3	0	0	.000	0	4	0	.000	1	3	.667	9	1	1.000	9	0	0	0	0.0		
12	Grimmer, Kate	■ ■ ■	3	13	3	26	.385	0	1	1.000	0	7	1.000	4	1	1.000	6	2	0	0	14.0		
17	Wee, Grace	□ □ □	3	0	0	.000	0	4	0	.000	0	0	.000	12	1	1.000	4	0	0	0	0.0		
18	Allen, Mad	L L L	3	0	0	.000	3	17	.176	0	2	14	.857	10	1	.909	16	0	0	0	0.0		
21	Llarenas, Whitney	■ ■ ■	3	3	2	9	.111	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	1	2	0	0	4.0		
TEAM			1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Totals			3	40	18	115	.191	37	1	113	.327	3	6	.73	918	49	4	.925	52	1	12	0	50.0

Attack By Set		TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS	
Set	Pct	1	2
1	65%	9	12
2	68%	12	3
3	60%	5	2

Site: Provo (Smith Fieldhouse)  
 Date: 02/10/2021 Attend: 150 Time: 1:36  
 Referees:  
 Tie Scores: 1 2 3 Total  
 9 12 3 24  
 Lead changes: 5 1 2 8

