



MATCH NOTES

CLEMSON VOLLEYBALL

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Match 6-8: Clemson at the Black and Gold Invitational
September 12 - September 14, 2024 • Boone, N.C. • Holmes Convocation Center

2024 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent	WATCH	Time/Result
Fri., Aug. 30	# Loyola Chicago	N/A	W, 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+	7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 13	\$ Wofford	N/A	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 14	\$ Winthrop	N/A	1 p.m.
Thu., Sept. 19	Kennesaw State	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 20	South Carolina	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 21	at Furman	N/A	2 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 27	* Pitt	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 29	* SMU	ACCNX	1 p.m.
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

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First Year of Volleyball	1977
All-Time Record	912-700
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/.



CLEMSON

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

Head Coach: Jackie Simpson Kirr || 4th season

at Clemson:	47-52
Total (6th season)	64-91

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

Thursday, September 12
7:00 P.M.: at Appalachian State

Friday, September 13
3:30 P.M.: vs. Wofford

Saturday, September 14
1:00 P.M.: vs. Winthrop

APP STATE

Record:	3-3
History:	12-2
Last:	W, 3-1 (2019)

WOFFORD

Record:	4-2
History:	7-0
Last:	W, 3-0 (2023)

WINTHROP

Record:	2-2
History:	28-13
Last:	W, 3-1 (2023)

NEED TO KNOW

GATA CHALLENGE RECAP

- The Tigers won the first-ever meeting against Maryland Eastern Shore, 3-1.
- Mia McGrath and Kennedy Wagner led the Tigers offensively with 15 and 14 kills, respectively. Neea-Maria Joki and Devan Taylor each notched three and two aces, respectively, while four more Tigers also recorded an ace. Defensively, seven different Tigers recorded a block.
- The Tigers dropped a tight 1-3 match against Georgia Southern.
- Azyah Dailey, Joki and McGrath each finished with 10+ kills in the match with Dailey leading the team at 18 kills. Joki, McGrath and Taylor each had two aces with Joki recording a team-high and career-high seven blocks. Katherine Sandt, Claire Luoma and Taylor each notched 10+ digs on the afternoon and Sandt nearly matched her career-high in assists with 41 to grab her third double-double.

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

- Taylor continues to move closer to 1400 career digs and is 59 digs away from capturing the fourth-most digs all-time as a Tiger. Her 105 digs ranks as fifth-most in the ACC and her 4.16 digs per set is the sixth-highest in the ACC.
- Against Georgia Southern, Dailey nearly matched her career-high in kills after notching 18 against the Eagles and recording 19.0 points. The senior currently ranks in the top-15 in the ACC in kills per set with a team-high 3.44.
- McGrath is second on the team and top-25 in the ACC with 3.05 kills per set. The junior is leading the team in points with 71.5 and total kills with 58 after recording 30.5 points and 26 kills during the weekend.
- Through two weeks of action, Sandt has recorded three double-doubles on the year. Sandt's 171 assists ranks as the fifth-highest in the ACC and her 9.00 assists per set is sixth in the ACC and top-100 nationally.
- Indigo Young tied her career-high in blocks vs. Georgia Southern after recording seven on the afternoon. The graduate transfer currently leads the team with 18 blocks and has a top-20 mark in the ACC with .95 blocks per set.

THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT

- Joki, Luoma and Addi Rains each made their Clemson debuts during the Western Michigan Tournament.
- Joki has started all five games for the Tigers and is third on the team with 47 kills and 2.47 kills per set, good for the third-highest in the ACC for all freshman. The Finland-native also leads the team with seven aces.
- Luoma is tied for second for the Tigers with six aces on the year and has sole possession of second place in aces per set (min. 50% of team sets played).
- Rains is fourth on the team with 2.11 digs per set and had a career-high nine digs vs. Georgia Southern.

MILESTONES/TRENDS

- Devan Taylor has 1363 digs to sit at fifth all-time for the Tigers. She is 37 away from 1,400 and 58 away from fourth at 1421

UPCOMING MILESTONES

	HAS	NEEDS
Azyah Dailey 500 points	495.0	5.0
Azyah Dailey 500 kills	437	63
Kate Hansen 200 points	185.5	14.5
Katie Hurta 200 kills	153	47
Katie Hurta 200 points	167.0	33.0
Mia McGrath 500 digs	482	18
Mia McGrath 500 kills	451	49
Katherine Sandt 200 assists	171	29
Kate Simington 100 blocks	76	24
Kate Simington 200 points	195	5
Devan Taylor 1,400 digs	1363	37
Kennedy Wagner 300 kills	250	50
Kennedy Wagner 150 digs	141	9
Indigo Young 900 points	857.5	42.5

STATISTICAL LEADERS

CATEGORY	NAMES	No.
Points	Mia McGrath	71.5
Attacks	Mia McGrath	161
Kills	Mia McGrath	58
Kills per Set	Azyah Dailey	3.44
Hitting Percentage	Kate Hansen	.299
Assists	Katherine Sandt	171
Assists Per Set	Katherine Sandt	9.00
Service Aces	Neea-Maria Joki	7
Service Aces Per Set	Neea-Maria Joki	0.37
Digs	Devan Taylor	79
Digs Per Set	Devan Taylor	4.16
Blocks	Indigo Young	18.0
Blocks Per Set	Indigo Young	.95

*Min 50% of team sets played

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INDIGO YOUNG

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
2024	19	26	1.37	18	0.95	38.5
Career	353	706	2.00	223	0.63	857.5

Season Highs: 7 kills, 7 blocks, 9.5 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

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KENNEDY WAGNER

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024	6	21	3.50	3	1	21.5
Career	104	250	2.40	141	39	312.5

Season Highs: 14 kills, 1 block, 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

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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	19	171	9.00	10	48	16.5
Career	19	171	9.00	10	48	16.5

Season Highs: 42 assists, 4 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

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AZYAH DAILEY

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024	16	55	3.44	15	7	60.5
Career	204	437	2.14	119	103	495.0

Season Highs: 19 kills, 5 digs, 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

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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	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 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

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2024	9	19	2.11	1	0	0
Career	9	19	2.11	1	0	0

Season Highs: 9 digs, 1 assist

- 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	18	35	1.94	3	6	6.0
Career	18	35	1.94	3	6	6.0

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	7	5	0.71	0	2	0
Career	22	80	3.64	1	17	5.5

Season Highs: 4 assists, 1 dig (2x)

- 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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
2024						
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

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2024	19	79	4.16	23	6	6.0
Career	362	1363	3.77	350	75	88.0

Season Highs: 28 digs, 8 assists, 2 aces (3x)

- Finished 2023 season ranked seventh at Clemson in career digs
- 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
- Tallied season-high eight assists with 18 digs and two aces vs. Wofford (Sept. 27)

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KATE HANSEN

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Blocks	Blk/Set	PTS
2024	19	28	1.47	14	0.74	36.0
Career	97	103	1.06	113	1.16	185.5

Season Highs: 8 kills (2x), 4 blocks, 9.5 points

- 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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024	3	0	0.00	0	0	0
Career	113	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	3	4	1.33	1	1	4.5
Career	36	54	1.50	13	12	60.5

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

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MIA McGRATH

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024	19	58	3.05	42	10	71.5
Career	250	451	1.80	482	49	538.0

Season Highs: 15 kills, 20 digs, 3 blocks (2x), 17.0 points (2x)

- 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)
- 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	19	47	2.47	38	14	62.5
Career	19	47	2.47	38	14	62.5

Season Highs: 15 kills, 11 digs, 7 blocks, 21.0 points

- 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
- 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

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KATIE HURTA

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

	SP	Kills	K/S	Digs	Blocks	PTS
2024	4	1	0.25	0	1	1.5
Career	82	153	1.87	49	23	167.0

Season Highs: 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)

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McKENNA GILDON

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

	SP	Digs	D/S	Assists	Aces	PTS
2024	2	1	0.50	0	0	1.0
Career	107	178	1.66	29	21	23.0

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

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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



2024 ACC STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONF	CPCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	STREAK
Syracuse	0-0	.000	6-0	1.000	W6
Miami	0-0	.000	5-0	1.000	W5
Stanford	0-0	.000	4-0	1.000	W4
Pitt	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	W3
Boston College	0-0	.000	5-1	0.833	L1
Louisville	0-0	.000	5-1	0.833	W3
Virginia	0-0	.000	5-1	0.833	W2
Florida State	0-0	.000	4-1	0.800	L1
Georgia Tech	0-0	.000	4-1	0.800	W4
North Carolina	0-0	.000	4-1	0.800	L1
Notre Dame	0-0	.000	3-1	0.750	W1
California	0-0	.000	4-2	0.667	W1
SMU	0-0	.000	4-2	0.667	L1
Clemson	0-0	.000	3-2	0.600	L1
Duke	0-0	.000	3-3	0.500	W2
Wake Forest	0-0	.000	3-3	0.500	L1
Virginia Tech	0-0	.000	2-3	0.400	L1
NC State	0-0	.000	1-2	0.333	L1



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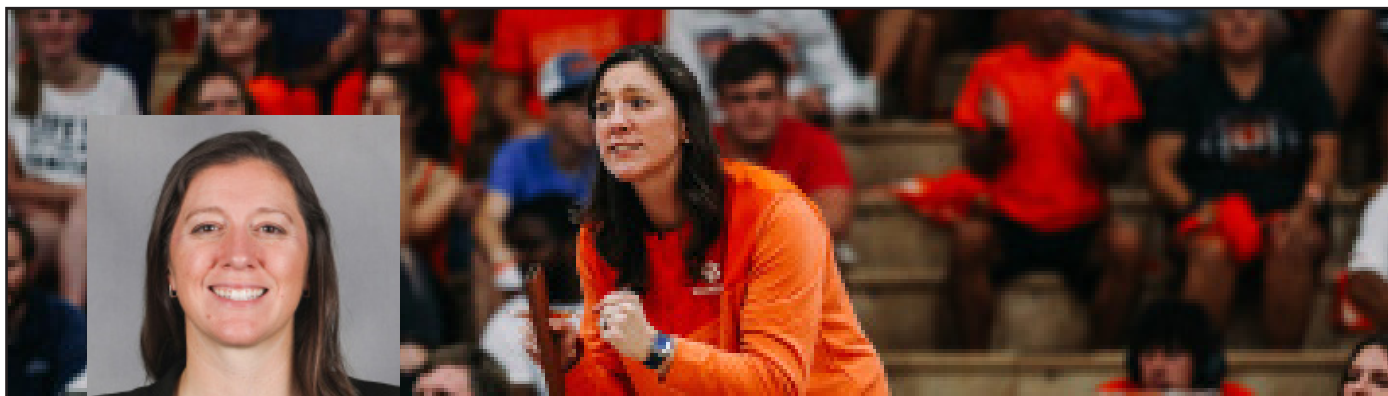
Statistics: As of 09/08/24

	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value
Aces Per Set (334 ranked)	134	13	1.63
Assists Per Set (334 ranked)	182	16	11.21
Blocks Per Set (334 ranked)	76	9	2.37
Digs Per Set (334 ranked)	47	2	16.05
Hitting Percentage (334 ranked)	114	12	.227
Kills Per Set (334 ranked)	79	11	13.16
Match W-L Pctg. (316 ranked)	130	14	.600
Opp Hitting Percentage (334 ranked)	110	10	.181
Team Assists (333 ranked)	239	13	213
Team Attacks Per Set (334 ranked)	44	3	37.05
Team Digs (334 ranked)	154	4	305
Team Kills (334 ranked)	188	11	250
Team Service Aces (334 ranked)	185	11	31
Team Total Attacks (334 ranked)	193	5	704
Team Total Blocks (333 ranked)	140	10	45.0

CLEMSON'S 2024 RECORD WHEN...

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

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 climb 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 cancellation of the event. Both Korte and Bailey earned spots on the 2018 U.S. Collegiate National Team-Detroit.

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

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

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

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

Simpson Kirr earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Letters & Science – Sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2008. She earned a Master of Science degree in Exercise & Sport Science – Sport Psychology from East Carolina in 2013. 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 TIGERS

INDIGO YOUNG
Gr. | MH | 6-0



2 TIGERS

KENNEDY WAGNER
So. | PIN | 6-0



3 TIGERS

MAGGIE PATTERSON
RSo. | L | 5-7



5 TIGERS

LEJLA SARA HADŽIREĐEVIĆ
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 TIGERS

TAYLOR BAHUNB
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
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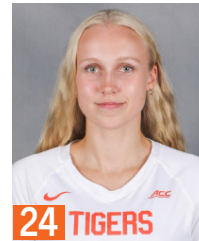
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Jr. | PIN | 5-11



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NEEA-MARIA JOKI
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RSo. | PIN | 6-1



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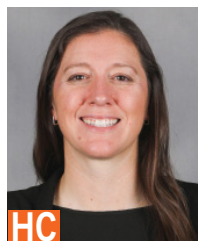


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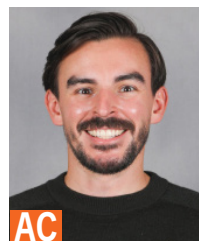
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JACKIE SIMPSON KIRR
Head Coach
(KEER)



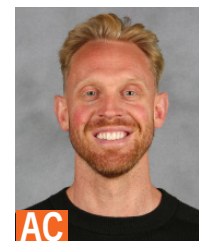
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