VOLLEYBALL

2026 MATCH NOTES

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2026 SCHEDULE (2-1, 0-0 BIG 12)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (ET) / RESULT
Aug. 28	at Illinois	W, 3-2
Aug. 29	vs. Syracuse	W, 3-0
SEPT. 1	**SANTA CLARA**	**L, 0-3**
Sept. 4	vs. Valparaiso%	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	vs. Michigan%	2 p.m.
Sept. 6	vs. Oakland%	1 p.m.
Sept. 10	at Morehead St.	5 p.m.
Sept. 11	vs. Michigan St.	4 p.m.
SEPT. 15	**BALL ST.**	**6:30 p.m.**
Sept. 18	at Xavier	6 p.m.
SEPT. 25	**#18 TCU***	**6:30 p.m.**
SEPT. 27	**#7 ARIZONA ST.***	**1 p.m.**
Oct. 2	at Houston*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	at UCF*	6 p.m.
OCT. 11	**IOWA ST.***	**1 p.m.**
Oct. 16	at West Virginia*	6 p.m.
OCT. 22	**KANSAS STATE***	**6:30 p.m.**
OCT. 25	**ARIZONA***	**12 p.m.**
Oct. 29	at #23 Colorado*	9 p.m.
NOV. 1	**WEST VIRGINIA***	**1 p.m.**
Nov. 6	at Kansas State*	6 p.m.
Nov. 8	at #16 Kansas*	2 p.m.
NOV. 13	**UCF***	**6:30 p.m.**
Nov. 16	at Iowa St.*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 19	at Utah*	9 p.m.
Nov. 21	at #24 BYU*	3 p.m.
NOV. 25	**TEXAS TECH***	**12 p.m.**
NOV. 27	**#20 BAYLOR***	**1 p.m.**

* - Big 12 Conference match; % Popcorn Classic
Home matches in **BOLD**; All times in ET

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CINCINNATI VOLLEYBALL

CINCINNATI BEARCATS (2-1, 0-0)
HEAD COACH: Danijela Tomić
RECORD AT UC: 17-14 (2nd season/.548)
OVERALL RECORD: 411-236 (22nd/.635)

VALPARAISO BEACONS (3-0, 0-0)
HEAD COACH: Carin Avery
RECORD AT VU 44-80 (5th season/.355)
OVERALL RECORD: Same

MICHIGAN WOLVERINES (3-1, 0-0)
HEAD COACH: Erin Virtue
RECORD AT UM: 50-47 (4th season/.515)
OVERALL RECORD: Same

OAKLAND GOLDEN GRIZZLIES (2-2, 0-0)
HEAD COACH: Krista Rice
RECORD AT OAK: 45-80 (5th season/.360)
OVERALL RECORD: Same

CINCINNATI —The University of Cincinnati volleyball team is gearing up for the Popcorn Classic in Valparaiso, Ind., where it will face Valparaiso, Michigan and Oakland over three consecutive days. The Bearcats open against host Valpo on Friday at 7 p.m. inside the Athletics-Recreation Center.

Michigan is next, with Cincinnati facing the Wolverines on Saturday at 2 p.m., before closing out the weekend against Oakland on Sunday at 1 p.m. Both matches will also be played inside the Athletics-Recreation Center.

The Valpo match will stream on ESPN+. The matches against Michigan and Oakland will not be available to stream; fans can follow along via socials (gobearcatsvb) and live stats.

SERIES HISTORY

- Valparaiso leads the all-time series 3-0. The teams last met on Nov. 17, 1996, when Valpo won a narrow 3-2 decision.
- Michigan leads the all-time series 3-1. The teams last met in 2025, when Michigan won 3-1.
- Cincinnati leads the all-time series 1-0 over Oakland. The teams last met on Aug. 25, 2007, when the Bearcats swept the Golden Grizzlies 3-0.

RECAPPING LAST MATCH

- The University of Cincinnati volleyball team dropped its home opener to Santa Clara 3-0 on Tuesday night at Fifth Third Arena.
- Santa Clara hit .308 as a team and held the Bearcats to .177. The Broncos also led in kills (42-37), digs (46-44) and blocks (8-3).
- Sydney Nolan notched a double-double, leading Cincinnati with 12 kills and 12 digs. Kate Lijic tallied 30 assists — she has reached 30 or more assists in all three matches this season. Ava Ledebuhr added 16 digs, one shy of a career best.

NEWCOMER IMPACT

- Cincinnati has received significant contributions from its newcomers, with juniors Kate Lijic and Andrea Simovski and freshman Viktoria Ninova making an immediate impact in their first three matches as Bearcats.
- Lijic set a career high with 54 assists against Illinois, totaled 34 assists against Syracuse and 30 against Santa Clara.
- Lijic ranks fourth in the Big 12 in assists per set (10.73).
- Ninova led Cincinnati in digs in the first two matches, recording 15 against Illinois and 14 against Syracuse.
- Ninova ranks eighth in the Big 12 in digs per set (3.27).
- Simovski posted a double-double against Illinois with 13 kills and 13 digs.

EFFICIENT ATTACKING

- Cincinnati has hit .280 as a team through its first three matches, ranking third in the Big 12.
- The Bearcats hit a conference-best .447 against Syracuse, led by Simovski's 11 kills on .500 hitting.
- Freshman Nina Scrucca added nine kills on .368 hitting, while Sydney Nolan and Audrey Rome each had six kills. Lilian Entenmann added five kills while hitting .833.
- Nolan led three Bearcats with double-digit kills against Illinois, finishing with a match-high 25 kills on .345 hitting. Simovski added 13 kills (.344), while Scrucca had 11 (.409) and five aces.

PINPOINT ACCURACY

- Cincinnati is averaging 2.09 aces per set, the second best mark in the Big 12.
- The Bearcats recorded 12 aces against Illinois, the most in a Big 12 match this season.
- UC's eight service aces against Syracuse are the third most in a match this year.
- Scrucca and Simovski rank eighth in the Big 12 with 0.55 aces per set — Scrucca's five aces against Illinois are the most by a conference player in a match this season.
- Simovski added four aces against Syracuse.



2026 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	CL.
12	Malayna Boyles	OH	6-1	Fr.
16	Izzy Busignani	OH	6-1	So.
13	Kayla Edginton	RS/OH	6-2	Fr.
5	Lilian Entenmann	MB	6-1	Sr.
14	Julia Horan	MB	6-2	Fr.
9	Kayla Hostetler	L/DS	5-6	Sr.
1	Ava Ledebuhr	L/DS	5-8	So.
6	Kate Lijic	S	6-0	Jr.
15	Elliott Mickelberry	MB	6-2	So.
21	Viktoria Ninova	L	5-8	Fr.
2	Sydney Nolan	OH	6-4	Sr.
3	Lily Rolfes	S	5-9	Fr.
4	Audrey Rome	MB	6-3	5th
11	Nina Scrucca	OPP	6-0	Fr.
18	Tatjana Simeunović	MB	6-3	So.
7	Andrea Simovski	OH	6-1	Jr.
0	Andi Spies	S	5-10	Jr.
8	Ligia Williams	MB	5-11	5th

2026 NUMERICAL ROSTER

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	CL.	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL / LAST SCHOOL
0	Andi Spies	S	5-10	Jr.	Fort Atkinson, Wis. / Fort Atkinson / Middle Tennessee
1	Ava Ledebuhr	L/DS	5-8	So.	Naperville, Ill. / Benet Academy
2	Sydney Nolan	OH	6-4	Sr.	Florence, Ky. / Notre Dame Academy / UNC
3	Lily Rolfes	S	5-9	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz. / Sunrise Mountain
4	Audrey Rome	MB	6-3	5th	Sandwich, Ill. / Sandwich / UConn
5	Lilian Entenmann	MB	6-1	Sr.	Columbus, Ohio / Upper Arlington
6	Kate Lijic	S	6-0	Jr.	Split, Croatia / Miami
7	Andrea Simovski	OH	6-1	Jr.	Belgrade, Serbia / Sixth Belgrade General / Utah State
8	Ligia Williams	MB	5-11	5th	Jeffersonville, Ind. / Rock Creek Academy
9	Kayla Hostetler	L/DS	5-6	Sr.	Hebron, Ky. / Notre Dame Academy
11	Nina Scrucca	OPP	6-0	Fr.	Neuchâtel, Switzerland / Lycée Jean-Piaget
12	Malayna Boyles	OH	6-1	Fr.	Lantana, Texas / Denton Guyer
13	Kayla Edginton	RS/OH	6-2	Fr.	Malvern, Pa. / Academy of Notre Dame de Namur
14	Julia Horan	MB	6-2	Fr.	Fairfax, Va. / Chantilly
15	Elliott Mickelberry	MB	6-2	So.	Lafayette, Colo. / Centaurus
16	Izzy Busignani	OH	6-1	So.	Rochester Hills, Mich. / Marian
18	Tatjana Simeunović	MB	6-3	So.	Čačak, Serbia / School of Economic
21	Viktoria Ninova	L	5-8	Fr.	Sofia, Bulgaria / 22nd Secondary School "G.S.Rakovski"

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Danijela Tomić	2nd Season at Cincinnati
Associate Head Coach	Zheng Xiang	2nd Season at Cincinnati
Associate Head Coach	Ali Cooke	2nd Season at Cincinnati
Assistant Coach	Sean Drexl	2nd Season at Cincinnati

ROSTER BY POSITION

OUTSIDE HITTER (4): Malayna Boyles, Izzy Busignani, Sydney Nolan, Andrea Simovski

SETTER (3): Kate Lijic, Lily Rolfes, Andi Spies

LIBERO (3): Kayla Hostetler, Ava Ledebuhr, Viktoria Ninova

MIDDLE BLOCKER (6): Lilian Entenmann, Julia Horan, Elliott Mickelberry, Audrey Rome, Tatjana Simeunović, Ligia Williams

RIGHT SIDE (2): Kayla Edginton, Nina Scrucca

ROSTER BY STATE/COUNTRY

ARIZONA (1): Lily Rolfes

BULGARIA (1): Viktoria Ninova

COLORADO (1): Elliott Mickelberry

CROATIA (1): Kate Lijic

ILLINOIS (2): Ava Ledebuhr, Audrey Rome

INDIANA (1): Ligia Williams

KENTUCKY (2): Kayla Hostetler, Sydney Nolan

MICHIGAN (1): Izzy Busignani

OHIO (1): Lilian Entenmann

PENNSYLVANIA (1): Kayla Edginton

SERBIA (2): Tatjana Simeunović, Andrea Simovski

SWITZERLAND (1): Nina Scrucca

TEXAS (1): Malayna Boyles

VIRGINIA (1): Julia Horan

WISCONSIN (1): Andi Spies

ROSTER BY CLASS

FIFTH YEAR (2)

4	Audrey Rome	MB
8	Ligia Williams	MB

SENIORS (3)

2	Sydney Nolan	OH
5	Lilian Entenmann	MB
9	Kayla Hostetler	L/DS

JUNIORS (3)

0	Andi Spies	S
6	Kate Lijic	S
7	Andrea Simovski	OH

SOPHOMORES (4)

1	Ava Ledebuhr	L/DS
15	Elliott Mickelberry	MB
16	Izzy Busignani	OH
18	Tatjana Simeunović	MB

FRESHMEN (6)

3	Lily Rolfes	S
11	Nina Scrucca	OPP
12	Malayna Boyles	OH
13	Kayla Edginton	RS/OH
14	Julia Horan	MB
21	Viktoria Ninova	L

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

DANIJELA TOMIĆ	Daniella Toe-Mitch
ZHENG XIANG	Chung Shawn
Andi SPIES	Sp-EE-s
LIGIA Williams	Lidg-ee-ah
Ava LEDEBUHR	lee-da-burr
Kayla HOSTETLER	HO-stet-ler
Izzy BUSIGNANI	BOOZE-e-yani
TATJANA SIMEUNOVIĆ	Tatiana Sa-moon-ah-vich
Lily ROLFES	Raw-fis
KATE LIJIC	Cot-tay Lee-yich
Viktoria NINOVA	nee-NOH-vuh
Andrea SIMOVSKI	Sim-off-skee
Nina SCRUCCA	Skroo-ka

TELEVISION ROSTER



0 ANDI SPIES
JR. | S | FORT ATKINSON, WIS.



1 AVA LEDEBUHR
SO. | L/DS | NAPERVILLE, ILL.



2 SYDNEY NOLAN
SR. | OH | FLORENCE KY.



3 LILY ROLFES
FR. | S | PHOENIX, ARIZ.



4 AUDREY ROME
5TH | MB | SANDWICH, ILL.



5 LILIAN ENTENMANN
SR. | MB | COLUMBUS, OHIO



6 KATE LIJIC
JR. | S | SPLIT, CROATIA



7 ANDREA SIMOVSKI
JR. | OH | BELGRADE, SERBIA



8 LIGIA WILLIAMS
5TH | MB | JEFFERSONVILLE, IND.



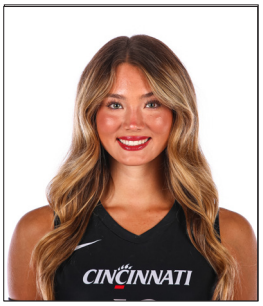
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FR. | OH | LANTANA, TEXAS



13 KAYLA EDGINTON
FR. | RS/OH | MALVERN, PA.



14 JULIA HORAN
FR. | MB | FAIRFAX, VA.



15 ELLIOTT MICKELBERRY
SO. | MB | LAFAYETTE, COLO.



16 IZZY BUSIGNANI
SO. | OH | ROCHESTER HILLS, MICH.



18 TATJANA SIMEUNOVIĆ
SO. | MB | ČAČAK, SERBIA



21 VIKTORIA NINOVA
FR. | L | SOFIA, BULGARIA

HEAD COACH DANIJELA TOMIĆ | SECOND SEASON



University of Cincinnati Director of Athletics John Cunningham announced on Dec. 23, 2024, the hire of Danijela Tomić as the Bearcats' head volleyball coach, making her the 13th head coach in program history.

Tomić came to UC from Bowling Green, where she served as head coach for 13 seasons. She also spent seven seasons as head coach of Florida International. Her record as an NCAA head coach stands at 394-222 (.640) prior to her tenure at Cincinnati.

Overall, she has guided her teams to five NCAA Tournament appearances and seen her players collect nine All-America honors. Tomić is a six-time conference coach of the year.

In her debut season leading the Bearcats in 2025, Tomić guided Cincinnati to 15 wins, the program's most since 2021, and seven Big 12 victories, a two-win improvement over the previous conference-season high. Her squad set a program record for the highest three-set total score in school history (80 points) in a win over Alabama on Sept. 6, and posted the second-most solo blocks in a season in program history (65). Cincinnati closed the year ranked third in the Big 12 in hitting percentage. Under Tomić, the Bearcats produced their first-ever season with two All-Big 12 selections, as Sydney Nolan earned First Team All-Big 12 honors — the program's first First Team selection — and Carly Glendinning was named Second Team All-Big 12. Nolan also became the first Bearcat AVCA All-Region selection since 2019. Tomić now enters her second season at the helm in 2026.

In 13 seasons as head coach at BGSU, she led the Falcons to five MAC regular-season titles, three MAC Tournament championships and three NCAA Tournament appearances, including the program's first NCAA Tournament win in 2012. She was named MAC Coach of the Year three times at Bowling Green, most recently winning the honor in 2024.

Under her leadership, the Falcons secured seven 20-win seasons, reached the MAC Tournament Championship match five consecutive years (2019-2023), and set program records for winning streaks and overall performance.

Tomić's teams earned All-MAC recognition in each of her 13 seasons at Bowling Green, including at least one All-MAC First Team honoree in nine consecutive years, and posted five straight seasons with an All-Region member.

In 2024, Tomić led the Falcons to 25 victories, the highest single-season total during her tenure, and guided the team to an NIVC runner-up finish. Bowling Green also captured the MAC regular-season title with a 16-2 conference record, tied for the second-most MAC wins in program history during an 18-match schedule.

Under her guidance, Bowling Green produced two AVCA All-Americans — Lauryn Hovey, an Honorable Mention in 2024, and Petra Indrova, who earned Honorable Mention honors in both 2021 and 2022.

She led BGSU to back-to-back MAC regular-season titles in 2017 and 2018 as well as 2020-21 and 2022.

During the 2020-21 season, the program saw an 18-0 start in MAC play, marking the best conference start in both MAC and BGSU Athletics history.

In 2012, she guided the Falcons to a MAC Tournament title and an NCAA appearance in her first season at BGSU.

Prior to her arrival at Bowling Green, Tomić was a three-time Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year at Florida International. In seven years as head coach at FIU, she compiled a record of 158-61 (.721).

A 1999 graduate of Arkansas-Little Rock, Tomić was named Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year in 2006, 2008 and 2009, guiding the Panthers to the NCAA Tournament in each of those last two seasons.

Tomić took over at FIU in 2005 and made an immediate impact as her team improved by 12 wins over the previous season and reached the SBC Tournament as the No. 6 seed after missing out in two of the previous three years before her arrival.

Tomić played at UALR from 1995-97 as an outside hitter, right side hitter, and setter, helping to lead the team to the 1996 NCAA Tournament.

PERSONAL INFORMATION



HOMETOWN:
Catici, Bosnia and Herzegovina

ALMA MATER:
Arkansas Little-Rock (1999)
Concordia University Irvine (2021)

YEAR IN COACHING: 22nd

PLAYING CAREER
Arkansas Little-Rock (1995-97)

PRONUNCIATION:
DANIELLA TOE-MITCH

COACHING CAREER

Cincinnati	Head Coach, 2024-Present
BGSU	Head Coach, 2012-24
Florida International	Head Coach, 2005-11
Louisiana State	Associate Coach, 2003-04
UALR	Assistant Coach, 1997-03

EDUCATION
Arkansas Little Rock
B.S. | Health Education ('99)
Concordia University Irvine
M. A. | Coaching & Athletics Administration ('21)

YEAR-BY-YEAR COACHING RECORDS

Year	Team	Overall	Conf.	
2026	UC	2-1	0-0	BIG 12
2025	UC	15-13 (.536)	7-11	BIG 12
2024	BGSU	25-10 (.714)	16-2	MAC
2023	BGSU	19-13 (.594)	11-7	MAC
2022	BGSU	22-10 (.688)	15-3	MAC
2021	BGSU	21-9 (.700)	16-2	MAC
2020-21	BGSU	22-2 (.917)	20-1	MAC
2019	BGSU	20-13 (.606)	11-5	MAC
2018	BGSU	19-12 (.613)	13-3	MAC
2017	BGSU	17-12 (.586)	13-3	MAC
2016	BGSU	21-10 (.677)	10-6	MAC
2015	BGSU	7-22 (.241)	3-13	MAC
2014	BGSU	7-21 (.250)	4-12	MAC
2013	BGSU	14-16 (.467)	10-6	MAC
2012	BGSU	22-11 (.667)	13-3	MAC
2011	FIU	20-10 (.667)	10-6	SUN BELT
2010	FIU	20-11 (.645)	12-4	SUN BELT
2009	FIU	32-4 (.889)	17-0	SUN BELT
2008	FIU	28-7 (.800)	15-2	SUN BELT
2007	FIU	19-8 (.704)	12-5	SUN BELT
2006	FIU	24-8 (.750)	14-3	SUN BELT
2005	FIU	15-13 (.536)	5-6	SUN BELT
Career Total		**411-236 (.635)**	**247-103 (.705)**	



ZHENG XIANG

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/RECRUITING COORDINATOR

SECOND SEASON • INDIANA UNIVERSITY, 2000

- Zheng Xiang (pronounced Chung Shawn) joined the Bearcats after two seasons at Michigan State (2023-24), where he helped lead the Spartans to their best win total since 2019.
- Before MSU, he spent nine years at Rice, where he was elevated to associate head coach for his final four seasons. A proven recruiter, Xiang played a key role in assembling top-ranked recruiting classes at both Rice and UTSA.
- At Rice, Xiang played a key role in the program's rise, guiding the Owls to five straight NCAA Tournament appearances (2018-22) and multiple Conference USA titles. Rice posted a 199-69 (.742) record during his tenure, including a No. 19 national ranking in 2022. He also developed numerous All-Americans and All-Region players while serving as the team's defensive coordinator.
- Xiang served as a volunteer assistant coach at Texas A&M for one season (2013) in which the Aggies reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament. He was an assistant coach at Texas at San Antonio for five seasons (2008-12) prior to his year in College Station.
- Originally from Chicago, Xiang earned his bachelor's degree in business from Indiana in 2000 and an MBA in marketing from Texas' McCombs School of Business in 2006. Xiang was a member of Indiana's club team from 1997-2000 and was the squad's captain his final season. He also played two years at Texas, where he earned first-team All-Southern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association honors in 2006.





ALI COOKE

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

SECOND SEASON • WINGATE UNIVERSITY, 2014

- Cooke reunited with Tomić after spending the past eight seasons at Bowling Green State University, where she served as associate head coach.
- Cooke was promoted to associate head coach following the 2025 season at UC.
- While at BGSU, she helped guide the Falcons to multiple championships, including three MAC regular season titles (2017, 2018, 2024) and two MAC Tournament crowns (2020-21, 2022) that led to NCAA Tournament appearances. The program also made five consecutive MAC Tournament Championship appearances (2019-2023), the longest streak in over a decade.
- Before BGSU, Cooke was a volunteer assistant coach at Duke (2015-2017), helping the Blue Devils to back-to-back winning seasons, including a 21-9 finish in 2016.
- As a player, she was a standout setter at Wingate, leading the Bulldogs to three NCAA Elite Eight appearances and earning two AVCA All-American honors. A native of Davidson, N.C., Cooke holds a psychology degree from Wingate and a master's in coaching and athletic administration from Concordia University Irvine.





SEAN DREXL

ASSISTANT COACH

SECOND SEASON • UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, 2021

- Drexl joined the Cincinnati volleyball staff after working alongside Coach Tomić as Director of Operations at Bowling Green State University for the past two seasons.
- During his tenure, he contributed to the Falcons' historic 2024 campaign, which saw a 25-10 record, a MAC Championship, and an NIVC Runner-Up finish.
- Before BGSU, Drexl served as an assistant coach at Presbyterian College and Georgia Southern, where he was involved in scouting, film review, statistical analysis, and match preparation.
- His coaching career began as the U16 head coach for MVP Academy in Florida while he played collegiately as a libero at the University of Charleston. A 2021 All-Conference EIVA Second Team selection, Drexl earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science from Charleston.



QUICK FACTS

GENERAL

Location	Cincinnati, OH 45221
Founded	1819
Enrollment	55,000
Conference	Big 12
Nickname	Bearcats
Colors	Red (PMS 186) & Black
Home Court	Fifth Third Arena
President	Neville G. Pinto, PhD
Director of Athletics	John Cunningham
Faculty Representative	Brian Hatch, PhD

HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball	1972
All-Time Record	1093-688-8
No. Yrs in NCAA Tournament/Last	13/2019
Last NCAA Postseason Opponent	No. 11 Penn State, 2-3

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Danijela Tomić (UALR, '99)
Overall Record (Year)	411-236 (22nd)
Record at Cincinnati (Year)	17-14 (2nd)
Associate Coach	Zheng Xiang (Indiana, '00)
Year at Cincinnati	2nd
Assistant Coach	Ali Cooke (Wingate, '14)
Year at Cincinnati	2nd
Assistant Coach	Sean Drexl (Charleston, '21)
Year at Cincinnati	2nd

2025 INFORMATION

Overall Record:	15-13
Home	7-5
Road	4-7
Neutral	4-1
Conference Record	7-11
Home	5-4
Road	2-7
Finish	11th

2026 TEAM

Starters Returning/Lost:	3/4

2026 SCHEDULE INFORMATION

Home/Away/Neutral Games:	11/13/4
Big 12 Home/Away Games:	9/9
Non-Conf. Home/Away, Neutral Games:	2/4/4

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NOLAN LEADS THE WAY

- Outside hitter Sydney Nolan returns for her senior season coming off an impressive junior campaign.
- **Honors:** Selected to the 2026 Preseason All-Big 12 Team after earning First Team All-Big 12 and AVCA All-Region accolades in 2025.
- **Match Load:** Played in 26 matches (100 sets) for the Bearcats.
- **Offensive Production:** Averaged 4.68 kills per set (team-best .305 hitting percentage) with 11 matches of 20+ kills.
- **Program Marks:** Ranked eighth in program rally-scoring history for kills per set and set a school record with 75 attacks in a four-set match vs. Arizona.
- **Single-Game Highlight:** Delivered 25 kills on 52 attempts with no errors (.481 hitting) vs. No. 19 BYU.
- **National Rankings:** Finished 12th in kills per set (4.68), 15th in attacks per set (11.87), 17th in points per set (5.97), and 25th in total kills (468).
- **Big 12 Rankings:** Finished second in attacks per set, third in kills and points per set, fifth in total kills, and sixth in total attacks.

THE TOMIĆ ERA

- Cincinnati welcomed Danijela Tomić as the 13th head coach in program history in December 2024. Tomić enters her second season at the helm in 2026.
- Tomić came to UC from Bowling Green, where she served as head coach for 13 seasons. She also spent seven seasons as head coach of Florida International. Her record as an NCAA head coach stands at 409-235 (.635).
- Tomić added three staff members to her group, two joining from her previous school. All three enter their second season with the Bearcats in 2026.
- Zheng Xiang (pronounced Chung Shawn) joined the staff in February 2025 to serve as associate head coach and recruiting coordinator after two seasons at Michigan State (2023-24), where he helped lead the Spartans to their best win total since 2019.
- Ali Cooke, associate head coach, reunited with Tomić after spending the previous eight seasons at Bowling Green State University, where she most recently served as associate head coach. Cooke was promoted to associate head coach at Cincinnati following her first season with the Bearcats.
- Sean Drexl, assistant coach, joined the Cincinnati volleyball staff after working alongside Tomić as director of operations at Bowling Green State University for two seasons.

RETURNING TALENT

- Cincinnati returns nine athletes, including three key starters from a season ago. The Bearcats bring back their leading point scorer, Sydney Nolan (4.68 K/S), top assist getter, Andi Spies (9.44 A/S) and top blocker Tatjana Simeunović (1.09 BLK/S).
- In 2025, Nolan owned a team-best 4.68 kills per set and .305 hitting percentage.
- Spies recorded 40+ assists in eight matches, posted nine double-doubles on the season and ranked sixth in the Big 12 in assists per set.
- Simeunović held down the front line for UC last season. She recorded 10 matches of five plus blocks and notched a career-best 10 rejections against Texas Tech (11/14/25).

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

- The Bearcats welcome six talented freshmen for the 2026 season: Julia Horan, Nina Scrucca, Malayna Boyles, Lily Rolfes, Viktoria Ninova and Kayla Edginton.
- **Julia Horan:** A 6-2 middle blocker from Fairfax, Va., guided Chantilly High School to district and regional titles and a state runner-up finish, totaling 132 kills and 84 blocks as a junior while earning First Team All-District and Second Team All-Region honors.
- **Nina Scrucca:** A 6-0 opposite from Neuchâtel, Switzerland, brings professional experience with League A's Vitéos NUC, where she earned League A MVP honors and won multiple Swiss Championship and Swiss Cup titles alongside extensive Swiss National Team experience.
- **Malayna Boyles:** A 6-1 outside hitter from Lantana, Texas, compiled 796 kills, 460 digs, and 108 blocks across her four-year career at Denton Guyer High School, earning First Team All-District honors and leading her team to a 6A regional semifinal.
- **Lily Rolfes:** A 5-9 setter from Phoenix, Ariz., led the state with 1,195 assists as a junior and amassed over 3,000 assists and 804 digs at Sunrise Mountain High School while guiding the program to back-to-back 5A state runner-up finishes.
- **Viktoria Ninova:** A 5-8 libero from Sofia, Bulgaria, boasts an elite international résumé that includes best libero honors at the 2025 U19 World Championship and senior national team appearances in the 2025 FIVB World Championship and Volleyball Nations League.
- **Kayla Edginton:** A 6-2 right side/outside hitter from Malvern, Pa., was the 2025 Inter-Ac MVP at Academy of Notre Dame de Namur, where she set the school record for single-season blocks as a junior and led the program to back-to-back PAISSA state titles.

IMPACT TRANSFERS POISED TO LEAD BEARCATS

- The Bearcats have bolstered their roster with three key transfers ahead of the 2026 season.
- **Audrey Rome**: A fifth-year middle blocker from UConn, brings high-level net presence and veteran experience after starting every match for the Huskies in 2025, leading the team with 89 blocks while adding 236 kills, two BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week selections, and a Bearcat Classic All-Tournament MVP nod.
- **Kate Lijic:** A junior setter from Miami/Utah State, adds versatile playmaking and international-caliber experience after representing Croatia across six national team levels, earning best setter at three Croatian national championship levels, and recording 153 assists and 51 digs as a freshman at Utah State while earning Academic All-Mountain West honors.
- **Andrea Simovski:** A junior outside hitter from Utah State, arrives as an explosive scoring threat after being named the 2025 Mountain West Tournament MVP, racking up 328 kills and 260 digs while helping guide the Aggies to an undefeated 18-0 conference title, a 22-match winning streak, and an NCAA Tournament first-round upset of No. 7 Tennessee.

W.I.N. THE DAY

- Since the start of Tomić's tenure, the team has coined the phrase "W.I.N. The Day" as a team slogan.
- W = What's, I = Important, N = Now, the team focuses on winning each and every day and how they can get 1% better together.
- They have also distinguished six core values to represent the program: love, unity, excellence, courage, resilience and discipline.

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY

- **Lilian Entenmann:** Father played basketball at Stetson and professionally in Germany, while her brother played basketball at Kent State.
- **Andi Spies:** Sister played Volleyball at Dominican University
- **Ava Ledebuhr:** Mom played Softball at Quincy University
- **Izzy Busignani:** Brother is a Diver at Grand Valley State
- **Sydney Nolan:** Father played Baseball at Findlay
- **Julia Horan:** Mother played basketball at Boston College and Fairfield, father played basketball at Fairfield, brother Connor currently plays basketball at Iona.
- **Kayla Edginton:** Father played baseball at Arizona State and Miami (OH) University, mother played volleyball at Miami (OH) University. Uncle Kevin McCullough played football and aunt Alyssa Olsen McCullough played golf, both at Cincinnati. Uncle Bryan McCullough played football and aunt Tara Buroker McCullough played volleyball, both at Miami University.

2026 BIG 12 CONFERENCE STANDINGS

TEAM	BIG 12	CPCT.	OVERALL	PCT.	STREAK	C-HOME	C-AWAY	C-NEUTRAL	C-STREAK
Baylor	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	W3	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Colorado	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	W3	0-0	0-0	0-0	
UCF	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	W3	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Utah	0-0	.000	3-0	1.000	W3	0-0	0-0	0-0	
BYU	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	W2	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Kansas State	0-0	.000	2-0	1.000	W2	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Arizona	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	L1	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Arizona State	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	L1	0-0	0-0	0-0	
CINCINNATI	**0-0**	**.000**	**2-1**	**.667**	**L1**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**0-0**	
Iowa State	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	W1	0-0	0-0	0-0	
TCU	0-0	.000	2-1	.667	W2	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Houston	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	L1	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Texas Tech	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	W1	0-0	0-0	0-0	
West Virginia	0-0	.000	1-1	.500	L1	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Kansas	0-0	.000	0-2	.000	L2	0-0	0-0	0-0	

QUEEN CITY CONNECTION

- Former high school teammates and best friends Sydney Nolan and Kayla Hostetler reunited during the 2024 season. The duo attended Notre Dame Academy in Northern Kentucky.
- Both athletes previously played club volleyball for NKYVC.

WALKER TO SALT LAKE

- Former Bearcat Abby Walker signed with Salt Lake of League One Volleyball.
- Joins Bearcat Hall of Famer Jordan Thompson (plays for Houston) as the second active Cincinnati alumna in LOVB.
- Move comes after two seasons with the Columbus Fury of the MLV.
- Drafted by the Columbus Fury in the 2024 PVF Collegiate Draft — fourth round, 32nd overall selection.
- Over her two years with the Fury, appeared in 183 sets, totaling 235 kills and 70 blocks.
- During her time at UC, she earned AAC Freshman of the Year honors in 2021 and three All-Conference recognitions.

2025 LEAGUE ONE VOLLEYBALL MVP

- Former University of Cincinnati volleyball standout Jordan Thompson was named LOVB Most Valuable Player after the most dominant individual season in the league's two-year history.
- Played as Houston's opposite hitter
- Shattered LOVB records with 455 points (6.15/set) and 423 kills (5.72/set) — at least 120 ahead of any other player in both categories.
- Posted a .362 attack efficiency, highest among all LOVB pin hitters.
- Reached 30+ points in four matches, including a then-record 32 points on March 11, matched again April 4.
- Recorded 13 aces from the service line
- Held opponents to a fifth-best .392 in-system passing rate.
- Thompson was a three-time AAC Player of the Year and two-time AVCA All-American, leading the Bearcats to their first Sweet 16 in 2019.

THIS IS VOLLEYBALL COUNTRY: THE BIG 12

- **NCAA Tournament Dominance:** Sent a conference-record 10 teams to the 2025 NCAA Tournament (most in the nation), advancing eight to the second round (most in Big 12 history) and sending two to the Sweet 16.
- **Top-Ranked RPI:** Finished with the No. 1 Conference RPI in the nation, leading all leagues with 10 teams in the top 45 and six in the top 25.
- **Non-Conference Mastery:** Posted a nation-leading .788 non-conference win percentage (130-35) against Division I opponents.
- **Poll Presence:** Tied for the national lead with seven teams ranked in the final AVCA Top 25 (led by No. 12 Arizona State), plus Kansas State receiving votes.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS

- Cincinnati received the American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award for the 12th consecutive year after compiling a 3.79 GPA during the 2025-26 academic year.
- The team also earned the additional distinction of AVCA Team Academic Honor Roll, representing the top 20% of GPAs nationally by division.
- Ten student-athletes earned a spot on the Dean's List with a 3.5 GPA or higher, including eight who recorded a perfect 4.0 GPA.
- The award, initiated in the 1992—93 academic year, honors collegiate and high school volleyball teams that display excellence in the classroom by maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team GPA.

UC'S NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- 1981: at Penn State, L 0-3
- 1999: vs Santa Clara, L 1-3
- 2000: vs No. 20 Notre Dame, L 0-3
- 2001: vs Xavier, W 3-1; at No. 10 Ohio State, L 1-3
- 2002: vs Arizona State, L 2-3
- 2003: vs UCF, L 2-3
- 2008: vs WKU, W 3-2; at No. 9 Illinois, L 0-3
- 2009: at Ohio State, L 1-3
- 2010: vs WKU, W 3-0; at No. 14 Illinois, L 1-3
- 2011: vs Samford, W 3-2; vs Florida State, L 2-3
- 2016: vs No. 16 Florida State, L 1-3
- 2018: vs Illinois State, 3-0; at No. 15 Marquette, L 0-3
- 2019: vs VCU, W 3-1; at No. 6 Pitt, W 3-2; vs. No. 11 Penn State, L 2-3

BIG 12 PRESEASON POLL

1. Arizona State (12), 194 points
2. TCU (3), 177 points
3. Kansas, 159 points
4. Baylor, 152 points
5. Colorado, 143 points
6. Iowa State, 131 points
7. BYU, 122 points
8. Utah, 118 points
9. UCF, 84 points
10. Arizona, 77 points
11. Kansas State, 65 points
12. **CINCINNATI, 60 POINTS**
13. West Virginia, 39 points
14. Houston, 35 points
15. Texas Tech, 19 points

First-place votes in parentheses.

INTERNATIONAL CONNECTION

This season's roster spans the globe, with five student-athletes representing Serbia, Croatia, Switzerland and Bulgaria — each bringing serious international pedigree to the program.

- **Andrea Simovski (Serbia):** Attended Sixth Belgrade General High School and played club volleyball for Radnicki Blaster. Helped Serbia's U16 team win gold at the Serbian National Tournament in 2021 and the U18 team win bronze in 2022.
- **Kate Lijic (Croatia):** Born in Split, Croatia; attended V Gymnasium Vladimir Nazor and played club volleyball for Volleyball Club Split. Represented Croatia at six national team levels (U16—U21), helping the U19 team to a fifth-place finish at the 2023 World Championships. Won gold at the Middle European Championship in 2021 and 2022, and also competed for Croatia at the 2022 World High School Championship in Brazil, the 2022 and 2024 European Championships, and the 2023 Youth Olympic Games.
- **Nina Scrucca (Switzerland):** Competed professionally in Switzerland's League A with Vitéos NUC, winning the Swiss Supercup, Swiss Championship and Swiss Cup across multiple seasons, along with Junior U23 and U23 Swiss National Championship titles. Represented Switzerland's U20 national team and serves as a reserve for the full national team, including at the 2024 U20 European Championship qualifiers.
- **Tatjana Simeunović (Serbia):** Helped her club team, Borac, win the Second Serbian League title and earn promotion to the First Serbian League. Also gained experience competing for Sloboda in Čacak.
- **Viktoria Ninova (Bulgaria):** Starred for CSKA Sofia and represented Bulgaria across the U17, U18, U19, U20 and senior national teams. Competed at the Balkan Championships (2022—25), European Championships (U17, U18, U20), and two U19 World Championships, plus the senior-level 2025 Volleyball Nations League and 2025 FIVB Women's World Championship. Won gold at the 2024 U18 European Championship, 2025 U19 Balkan Championship and 2025 U19 World Championship.

REUNITED IN THE QUEEN CITY

- Kate Lijic and Andrea Simovski join forces once again with the Bearcats, bringing immediate chemistry to the lineup.
- Both players entered Utah State together in 2024 as freshmen and quickly earned valuable playing time on the court.
- Their collegiate careers developed under former Aggies head coach Rob Neilson, who also transitions to the Big 12 this year for his first season leading BYU.
- The trio's shared history sets up an intriguing conference dynamic as Lijic and Simovski face their former head coach from opposite sides of the net on Sat., Nov. 21 in Provo, Utah.



0 // ANDI SPIES

S / JR. / 5-10

FORT ATKINSON, WIS. / FORT ATKINSON / MIDDLE TENNESSEE

2025:

- Recorded 40-plus assists in eight matches on the season
- Posted a season-high 52 assists vs. West Virginia (Sept. 27, 2025)
- Ranked sixth in the Big 12 in assists per set (9.44)
- Logged nine double-doubles on the season
- Recorded a 31-assist, 11-dig double-double in a sweep over No. 21 Colorado
- Tallied 39 assists and 13 digs in a four-set road win over West Virginia (Oct. 8, 2025)

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2024-25	MTSU	119-31	135	1.13	59	370	.205	1115	9.37	44	0.37	43	269	2.26	2	2	71	73	0.61	10	3	216.5	1.82
2025-26	UC	107-28	86	0.80	23	226	.279	1010	9.44	19	0.18	39	239	2.23	0	9	53	62	0.58	6	2	140.5	1.31
TOTAL FOR UC		107 - 28	86	0.80	23	226	.279	1010	9.44	19	0.18	39	239	2.23	0	9	53	62	0.58	6	2	140.5	1.31
TOTAL		226 - 59	221	0.98	82	596	.233	2125	9.40	63	0.28	82	508	2.25	2	11	124	135	0.60	16	5	357.0	1.58



1 // AVA LEDEBUHR

L/DS / SO. / 5-8

NAPERVILLE, ILL. / BENET ACADEMY

2025:

- Appeared in 22 matches during the 2025 season
- Totaled 77 digs, recording five-plus digs in eight matches
- Posted a season-high 17 digs in a four-set victory over Wake Forest (Aug. 29, 2025)
- Logged 10 digs against Michigan (Aug. 31, 2025)

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2025-26	UC	47-22	0	0.00	0	1	.000	5	0.11	4	0.09	7	77	1.64	6	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4.0	0.09
2026-27	UC	11-3	0	0.00	0	0	.000	2	0.18	0	0.00	0	25	2.27	3	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0	0.00
TOTAL		58 - 25	0	0.00	0	1	.000	7	0.12	4	0.07	7	102	1.76	9	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4.0	0.07



2 // SYDNEY NOLAN

OH / SR. / 6-4

FLORENCE, KY. / NOTRE DAME ACADEMY / UNC

2025:

- Selected as a First Team All-Big 12 honoree, becoming the first First Team selection in program history
- Earned AVCA All-Region honors, becoming the first Bearcat to receive the award since 2019
- Ranked 12th nationally in kills per set (4.68), 15th in attacks per set (11.87), 17th in points per set (5.97), and 25th in total kills (468)
- Ranked in the Big 12 as second in attacks per set, third in kills and points per set, fifth in total kills, and sixth in total attacks
- Set a school record by recording 75 attacks in a four-set match vs. Arizona
- Averaged 4.68 kills per set, which ranked eighth in program history for the Rally Scoring Era and ninth overall
- Led the team with a .305 hitting percentage
- Logged 11 matches with 20-plus kills on the season
- Delivered a standout performance vs. No. 19 BYU, posting 25 kills on .481 hitting (52 attempts, zero errors)
- Named Chattanooga Classic Most Outstanding Player and Big 12 Offensive Player of the Week after totalizing 53 kills, 22 digs, and hitting .328 across three matches

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2023-24	UNC	65-18	104	1.60	18	220	.391	5	0.08	1	0.02	5	16	0.25	0	8	61	69	1.06	2	0	143.5	2.21
2024-25	UC	105-29	313	2.98	99	887	.241	12	0.11	14	0.13	23	187	1.78	20	3	49	52	0.50	4	0	354.5	3.38
2025-26	UC	100-26	468	4.68	106	1187	.305	4	0.04	20	0.20	29	109	1.09	6	6	26	32	0.32	1	0	507.0	5.07
2026-27	UC	11-3	43	3.91	9	105	.324	2	0.18	1	0.09	5	21	1.91	2	0	3	3	0.27	0	0	45.5	4.14
TOTAL FOR UC		216 - 58	824	3.81	214	2179	.280	18	0.08	35	0.16	57	317	1.47	28	9	78	87	0.40	5	0	907.0	4.20
TOTAL		281 - 76	928	3.30	232	2399	.290	23	0.08	36	0.13	62	333	1.19	28	17	139	156	0.56	7	0	1051	3.74



3 // LILY ROLFES

S / FR. / 5-9

PHOENIX, ARIZ. / SUNRISE MOUNTAIN

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Amassed more than 3,000 assists and 804 digs during her career at Sunrise Mountain High School
- Led the state of Arizona with 1,195 assists as a junior while earning Region MVP honors
- Guided Sunrise Mountain to back-to-back 5A State Runner-Up finishes as a junior and senior
- Selected as an All-Region honoree three times
- Recognized as the school's Female Newcomer of the Year and Female Sportsman of the Year
- Competed for Arizona Storm Elite, earning 15 Open All-Tournament Team honors



4 // AUDREY ROME

MB / 5TH / 6-3

SANDWICH, ILL. / SANDWICH / UCONN

AT UCONN:

- Two-time BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week selection during her UConn career
- Named Bearcat Classic All-Tournament MVP (Aug. 30, 2025)
- Started all 28 matches in 2025, leading UConn with 89 total blocks (0.85 per set) and finishing second with 236 kills (2.25 per set)
- Posted a career-high 14 kills against Fairfield (Sept. 13, 2025), matching that mark against DePaul (Sept. 26, 2025) and St. John's (Oct. 4, 2025)
- Recorded a season-high eight blocks against Sacred Heart (Sept. 21, 2025)
- Played in 26 matches (85 sets) in 2024, finishing second on the team in blocks per set (1.00) and third in total blocks (85) while adding 158 kills
- Logged a double-double with a season-high 12 kills and 10 blocks against Buffalo (Sept. 8, 2024)
- Totaled 71 kills, 42 blocks and 12 service aces across 14 matches in 2023

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2023-24	UConn	46-14	71	1.54	34	177	.209	2	0.04	12	0.26	32	19	0.41	0	10	32	42	0.91	2	1	109.0	2.37
2024-25	UConn	85-26	158	1.86	75	385	.216	2	0.02	5	0.06	22	23	0.27	1	19	66	85	1.00	11	0	215.0	2.53
2025-26	UConn	105-28	236	2.25	58	491	.363	5	0.05	2	0.02	4	28	0.27	0	29	60	89	0.85	4	0	297.0	2.83
2026-27	UC	8-3	11	1.38	4	23	.304	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0	0.00	0	1	5	6	0.75	0	0	14.5	1.81
TOTAL FOR UC		8 - 3	11	1.38	4	23	.304	0	0.00	0	0.00	3	0	0.00	0	1	5	6	0.75	0	0	14.5	1.81
TOTAL		244 - 71	476	1.95	171	1076	.283	9	0.04	19	0.08	61	70	0.29	1	59	163	222	0.91	17	1	635.5	2.60



5 // LILIAN ENTENMANN

MB / SR. / 6-1

COLUMBUS, OHIO / UPPER ARLINGTON

- Did not appear in 2025 due to injury
- Mother was born and raised in Germany which allows Lilian to have dual citizenship; she is also fluent in German
- Appeared in 11 matches in 2023 as a serving specialist
- Father played basketball at Stetson and her brother played at Kent State

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2023-24	UC	19-11	0	0.00	0	1	.000	0	0.00	1	0.05	5	0	0.00	0	0	2	2	0.11	0	0	2.0	0.11
2024-25	UC	1-1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0	0.00
2026-27	UC	8-3	7	0.88	4	17	.176	1	0.13	0	0.00	6	4	0.50	0	1	2	3	0.38	0	0	9.0	1.13
TOTAL		28 - 15	7	0.25	4	18	.167	1	0.04	1	0.04	12	4	0.14	0	1	4	5	0.18	0	0	11.0	0.39



6 // KATE LIJIC

S / JR. / 6-0

SPLIT, CROATIA / MIAMI

AT MIAMI:

- Appeared in 15 sets during her sophomore season at Miami (2025)
- Recorded a season-high 11 assists against Florida State (2025)

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2024-25	USU	41-13	0	0.00	0	1	.000	153	3.73	5	0.12	6	51	1.24	0	0	0	0	0.00	2	1	5.0	0.12
2025-26	UM	15-8	0	0.00	0	0	.000	19	1.27	0	0.00	1	6	0.40	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0	0.00
2026-27	UC	11-3	4	0.36	3	23	.043	118	10.73	5	0.45	3	8	0.73	0	0	3	3	0.27	1	1	10.5	0.95
TOTAL FOR UC		**11 - 3**	**4**	**0.36**	**3**	**23**	**.043**	**118**	**10.73**	**5**	**0.45**	**3**	**8**	**0.73**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**3**	**0.27**	**1**	**1**	**10.5**	**0.95**
TOTAL		**67 - 24**	**4**	**0.06**	**3**	**24**	**.042**	**290**	**4.33**	**10**	**0.15**	**10**	**65**	**0.97**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**3**	**0.04**	**3**	**2**	**15.5**	**0.23**



7 // ANDREA SIMOVSKI

OH / JR. / 6-1

BELGRADE, SERBIA / SIXTH BELGRADE GRAMMAR / UTAH STATE

AT UTAH STATE:

- Named Mountain West Tournament MVP and selected to the All-Tournament Team in 2025
- Recorded double-doubles in both postseason matches, totaling 37 kills on .427 hitting with 28 digs during the Mountain West Tournament
- Helped Utah State capture the Mountain West Championship, achieve an 18-0 conference mark, and reach the NCAA Tournament Second Round—highlighted by an upset of No. 7 Tennessee
- Contributed to a 22-match winning streak while posting a 24-8 overall record in 2025
- Totaled 328 kills (third on team) and 260 digs during her sophomore season
- Earned Mountain West Scholar-Athlete and Academic All-Mountain West honors (2024)
- Earned Mountain West Freshman of the Week honors after compiling 29 kills, 11 digs, three blocks and an ace over Nevada and Boise State (2024)
- Finished second on the team in both kills (277) and digs (238) while logging four 20-plus kill matches as a true freshman

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2024-25	USU	117-29	279	2.38	153	778	.162	29	0.25	37	0.32	39	238	2.03	32	1	30	31	0.26	7	0	332.0	2.84
2025-26	USU	115-32	328	2.85	173	865	.179	37	0.32	42	0.37	39	260	2.26	27	0	34	34	0.30	4	0	387.0	3.37
2026-27	UC	11-3	28	2.55	6	75	.293	0	0.00	6	0.55	3	22	2.00	7	1	2	3	0.27	0	0	36.0	3.27
TOTAL FOR UC		**11 - 3**	**28**	**2.55**	**6**	**75**	**.293**	**0**	**0.00**	**6**	**0.55**	**3**	**22**	**2.00**	**7**	**1**	**2**	**3**	**0.27**	**0**	**0**	**36.0**	**3.27**
TOTAL		**243 - 64**	**635**	**2.61**	**332**	**1718**	**.176**	**66**	**0.27**	**85**	**0.35**	**81**	**520**	**2.14**	**66**	**2**	**66**	**68**	**0.28**	**11**	**0**	**755.0**	**3.11**



8 // LIGIA WILLIAMS

MB / 5TH / 5-11

JEFFERSONVILLE, IND. / ROCK CREEK ACADEMY

- Did not appear in 2025 due to injury
- Played in 21 matches, covering 60 sets in 2024
- Recorded a career-high 10 blocks against Baylor, the most by a player since 2018
- Completed her first full, healthy season with the Bearcats in 2023
- Had nine matches with five-or-more blocks in 2023, including nine at West Virginia
- Averaged a team-high 1.12 blocks per set in 2023
- Her 19 solo blocks in 2023 ranked seventh in program history for a single season since the implementation of rally scoring
- Played in six matches in 2022 before suffering a season-ending injury
- Redshirt her freshman season in 2021
- Attended Rock Creek Academy and was only the second student ever to play for a Division I school

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2022-23	UC	23-6	37	1.61	24	115	.113	1	0.04	0	0.00	0	6	0.26	0	3	15	18	0.78	3	0	47.5	2.07
2023-24	UC	93-26	153	1.65	61	369	.249	2	0.02	0	0.00	0	15	0.16	0	19	85	104	1.12	14	2	214.5	2.31
2024-25	UC	60-21	54	0.90	25	141	.206	5	0.08	0	0.00	0	15	0.25	1	11	58	69	1.15	9	0	94.0	1.57
2026-27	UC	8-3	11	1.38	4	22	.318	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	2	0.25	0	1	3	4	0.50	0	0	13.5	1.69
TOTAL		**184 - 56**	**255**	**1.39**	**114**	**647**	**.218**	**8**	**0.04**	**0**	**0.00**	**1**	**38**	**0.21**	**1**	**34**	**161**	**195**	**1.06**	**26**	**2**	**369.5**	**2.01**



9 // KAYLA HOSTETLER

L/DS / SR. / 5-6

HEBRON, KY. / NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

2025:

- Appeared in 12 matches during the 2025 season
- Totaled 34 digs on the year
- Logged a season-high 10 digs and two assists in a four-set victory over Eastern Kentucky (Sept. 19, 2025)
- Recorded seven digs in a five-set win at Ball State (Sept. 18, 2025)

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2023-24	UC	96-25	0	0.00	0	2	.000	8	0.08	17	0.18	14	166	1.73	28	0	1	1	0.01	1	0	17.5	0.18
2025-26	UC	30-12	0	0.00	0	0	.000	6	0.20	0	0.00	0	34	1.13	9	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0	0.00
2026-27	UC	9-3	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	4	0.44	2	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0	0.00
TOTAL		**135 - 40**	**0**	**0.00**	**0**	**2**	**.000**	**14**	**0.10**	**17**	**0.13**	**14**	**204**	**1.51**	**39**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0.01**	**1**	**0**	**17.5**	**0.13**



11 // NINA SCRUCCA

OPP / FR. / 6-0

NEUCHÂTEL, SWITZERLAND / LYCÉE JEAN-PIAGET

INTERNATIONAL:

- Brings extensive top-flight European volleyball experience after competing in Switzerland's League A with Vitéos NUC
- Multiple-time national and club champion, helping her teams capture titles in the Swiss Supercup, Swiss Championship and Swiss Cup across multiple seasons
- Earned Swiss League A MVP honors, marking her first professional MVP selection
- Claimed a Junior U23 Swiss National Championship alongside additional U23 Swiss Championship honors
- Represented Switzerland on the U20 national team and serves as a reserve player for the senior national team
- Competed in the 2024 U20 European Championship qualifiers, gaining experience against elite continental competition.

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2026-27	UC	11-3	25	2.27	7	54	.333	0	0.00	6	0.55	8	8	0.73	0	0	2	2	0.18	2	0	32.0	2.91
TOTAL		**11 - 3**	**25**	**2.27**	**7**	**54**	**.333**	**0**	**0.00**	**6**	**0.55**	**8**	**8**	**0.73**	**0**	**0**	**2**	**2**	**0.18**	**2**	**0**	**32.0**	**2.91**



12 // MALAYNA BOYLES

OH / FR. / 6-1

LANTANA, TEXAS / DENTON GUYER

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Collected 796 kills, 460 digs and 108 blocks during her four-year career at
- Denton Guyer High School
- Posted a standout junior season with 399 kills, 308 digs and 36 blocks, earning First Team All-District honors
- Named Freshman MVP and helped guide Denton Guyer to a 6A Regional Semifinal appearance
- Selected to the Granbury All-Tournament Team
- Competed for Texas Advantage, finding consistent success at the national level



13 // KAYLA EDGINTON

OH / FR. / 6-2

MALVERN, PA. / ACADEMY OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Named 2025 Inter-Ac MVP and earned three straight First Team All-Inter-Ac selections (2023-25)
- Multi-time All-Main Line and All-Delco honoree
- Led Notre Dame to consecutive Inter-Ac and PAISSA titles in 2024 and 2025, serving as team captain as a senior
- Set the school record for single-season blocks as a junior
- Captured the PAISSA Championship as a freshman
- Helped East Coast Power win the 2025 Charm City Championship and place ninth at the USA Girls Junior National Championship

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2026-27	UC	1-1	0	0.00	0	1	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0	0.00
TOTAL		**1 - 1**	**0**	**0.00**	**0**	**1**	**.000**	**0**	**0.00**	**0**	**0.00**	**0**	**0**	**0.00**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.00**	**0**	**0**	**0.0**	**0.00**



14 // JULIA HORAN

MB / FR. / 6-2

FAIRFAX, VA. / CHANTILLY

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Totaled 132 kills and 84 blocks as a junior, earning First Team All-District and Second Team All-Region honors
- Guided Chantilly High School to district and regional championships and a state runner-up finish
- Selected Second Team All-District as a senior
- Competed for VA Juniors at the club level



15 // ELLIOTT MICKELBERRY

MB / SO. / 6-2

LAFAYETTE, COLO. / CENTAURUS

2025:

- Appeared in 18 matches during the season
- Totaled 56 blocks, recording five-plus blocks in five contests
- Secured a season-high eight blocks against UCF (Sept. 24, 2025)
- Posted a season-best five kills against Utah (Oct. 22, 2025), recording at least one kill in nine matches
- Notched three digs against Texas Tech (Nov. 14)

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2025-26	UC	56-18	15	0.27	9	41	.146	2	0.04	0	0.00	0	9	0.16	0	5	46	51	0.91	3	0	43.0	0.77
TOTAL		**56 - 18**	**15**	**0.27**	**9**	**41**	**.146**	**2**	**0.04**	**0**	**0.00**	**0**	**9**	**0.16**	**0**	**5**	**46**	**51**	**0.91**	**3**	**0**	**43.0**	**0.77**



16 // IZZY BUSIGNANI

OH / SO. / 6-1

ROCHESTER HILLS, MICH. / MARIAN

2025:

- Appeared in six matches during her freshman season
- Recorded a season-high 10 kills against Kansas (Oct. 30, 2025)
- Posted seven kills and five digs in a 3-0 sweep over Houston (Nov. 1, 2025)

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2025-26	UC	10-6	17	1.70	11	73	.082	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	8	0.80	0	0	1	1	0.10	1	0	17.5	1.75
2026-27	UC	4-3	13	3.25	5	33	.242	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	2	0.50	0	0	0	0	0.00	1	0	13.0	3.25
TOTAL		**14 - 9**	**30**	**2.14**	**16**	**106**	**.132**	**0**	**0.00**	**0**	**0.00**	**2**	**10**	**0.71**	**0**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**0.07**	**2**	**0**	**30.5**	**2.18**



18 // TATJANA SIMEUNOVIĆ

MB / SO. / 6-3

ČAČAK, SERBIA / SCHOOL OF ECONOMIC

2025:

- Appeared in 26 matches on the season
- Led the team with 99 total blocks while adding 73 kills
- Recorded five-plus blocks in 10 contests
- Posted a season-high eight kills against both Illinois State (Sept. 13, 2025) and Kansas State (Nov. 6, 2025)
- Tallied at least one kill in 24 matches, including four outings with six or more
- Registered five digs in three different matchups
- Goes by Tasha

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2025-26	UC	91-26	73	0.80	20	183	.290	12	0.13	5	0.05	15	57	0.63	2	14	85	99	1.09	3	0	134.5	1.48
2026-27	UC	2-2	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0	0.00
TOTAL		**93 - 28**	**73**	**0.78**	**20**	**183**	**.290**	**12**	**0.13**	**5**	**0.05**	**16**	**57**	**0.61**	**2**	**14**	**85**	**99**	**1.06**	**3**	**0**	**134.5**	**1.45**



21 // VIKTORIA NINOVA

L / FR. / 5-8

SOFIA, BULGARIA / 2ND SECONDARY SCHOOL "G.S.RAKOVSKI"

INTERNATIONAL:

- Starred for CSKA Sofia, earning best libero honors at the U18, U19, and U20 Bulgarian National Championships and best attacker at the U16 level
- Represented Bulgaria across the U17, U18, U19, U20, and senior national teams
- Competed on the senior international stage at the 2025 Volleyball Nations League and 2025 FIVB Women's World Championship
- Earned best libero honors at both the 2024 U18 Balkan Championship and the 2025 U19 World Championship
- Captured gold medals at the 2024 U18 European Championship, 2025 U19 Balkan Championship, and 2025 U19 World Championship
- Competed across four Balkan Championships (2022-25) and three European Championship age groups (U17, U18, U20)

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2026-27	UC	11-3	0	0.00	0	4	.000	5	0.45	5	0.45	9	36	3.27	1	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	5.0	0.45
TOTAL		**11 - 3**	**0**	**0.00**	**0**	**4**	**.000**	**5**	**0.45**	**5**	**0.45**	**9**	**36**	**3.27**	**1**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0.00**	**0**	**0**	**5.0**	**0.45**

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Overall Individual Statistics
All games

as of Sep 02, 2026

Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
2 - 1	0 - 0	0 - 1	1 - 0	1 - 0

Team Box Score

				Attack					Set				Serve				
##	Player	SP	MP-MS	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	TA	PCT	SA	SA/S	SE	TA	PCT
1	Ledebuhr, Ava	11	3-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	2	0.18	10	.200	0	0.00	0	3	1.000
2	Nolan, Sydney	11	3-3	43	3.91	9	105	.324	2	0.18	4	.500	1	0.09	5	37	.865
4	Rome, Audrey	8	3-3	11	1.38	4	23	.304	0	0.00	2	.000	0	0.00	3	6	.500
5	Entenmann, Lilian	8	3-1	7	0.88	4	17	.176	1	0.13	1	1.000	0	0.00	6	27	.778
6	Lijic, Kate	11	3-3	4	0.36	3	23	.043	118	10.73	277	.426	5	0.45	3	41	.927
7	Simovski, Andrea	11	3-3	28	2.55	6	75	.293	0	0.00	3	.000	6	0.55	3	42	.929
8	Williams, Ligia	8	3-2	11	1.38	4	22	.318	0	0.00	0	.000	0	0.00	1	2	.500
9	Hostetler, Kayla	9	3-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	1	.000	0	0.00	0	0	.000
11	Scrucca, Nina	11	3-3	25	2.27	7	54	.333	0	0.00	4	.000	6	0.55	8	38	.789
13	Edginton, Kayla	1	1-0	0	0.00	0	1	.000	0	0.00	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	.000
16	Busignani, Izzy	4	3-0	13	3.25	5	33	.242	0	0.00	3	.000	0	0.00	0	1	1.000
18	Simeunovic, Tatjana	2	2-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	.000	0	0.00	1	5	.800
21	Ninova, Viktoria	11	3-0	0	0.00	0	4	.000	5	0.45	23	.217	5	0.45	9	37	.757
CINCINNATI		**11**	**3-3**	**142**	**12.91**	**42**	**357**	**.280**	**128**	**11.64**	**328**	**.390**	**23**	**2.09**	**39**	**239**	**.837**
Opponents		**11**	**3-3**	**131**	**11.91**	**48**	**343**	**.242**	**116**	**10.55**	**316**	**.367**	**17**	**1.55**	**27**	**233**	**.884**

			Receptions			Dig		Blocking						Points	
##	Player	SP	RE	TA	PCT	DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	TOTAL	BLK/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
1	Ledebuhr, Ava	11	3	36	.917	25	2.27	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0	0.00
2	Nolan, Sydney	11	2	39	.949	21	1.91	0	3	3	0.27	0	0	45.5	4.14
4	Rome, Audrey	8	0	0	.000	0	0.00	1	5	6	0.75	0	0	14.5	1.81
5	Entenmann, Lilian	8	0	0	.000	4	0.50	1	2	3	0.38	0	0	9.0	1.13
6	Lijic, Kate	11	0	0	.000	8	0.73	0	3	3	0.27	1	1	10.5	0.95
7	Simovski, Andrea	11	7	61	.885	22	2.00	1	2	3	0.27	0	0	36.0	3.27
8	Williams, Ligia	8	0	1	1.000	2	0.25	1	3	4	0.50	0	0	13.5	1.69
9	Hostetler, Kayla	9	2	29	.931	4	0.44	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0	0.00
11	Scrucca, Nina	11	0	0	.000	8	0.73	0	2	2	0.18	2	0	32.0	2.91
13	Edginton, Kayla	1	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0	0.00
16	Busignani, Izzy	4	0	6	1.000	2	0.50	0	0	0	0.00	1	0	13.0	3.25
18	Simeunovic, Tatjana	2	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0	0.00
21	Ninova, Viktoria	11	1	32	.969	36	3.27	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	5.0	0.45
-	TEAM	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CINCINNATI		**11**	**17**	**206**	**.917**	**132**	**12.00**	**4**	**20**	**14.0**	**1.27**	**4**	**1**	**179.0**	**16.27**
Opponents		**11**	**23**	**200**	**.885**	**133**	**12.09**	**6**	**29**	**20.5**	**1.86**	**2**	**1**	**168.5**	**15.32**