

# CAROLINA VOLLEYBALL

## 2023 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

|         |                      |           |
|---------|----------------------|-----------|
| Aug. 25 | vs. Pacific          | W, 3-2    |
| Aug. 25 | at Arizona           | W, 3-2    |
| Aug. 26 | vs. UC Davis         | L, 1-3    |
| Aug. 31 | vs. West Virginia    | W, 3-0    |
| Sep. 2  | vs. Loyola-Maryland  | W, 3-0    |
| Sep. 8  | at Michigan          | L, 0-3    |
| Sep. 10 | at Michigan State    | L, 1-3    |
| Sep. 15 | vs. Santa Clara      | W, 3-1    |
| Sep. 17 | vs. Coastal Carolina | W, 3-0    |
| Sep. 22 | vs. Virginia*        | W, 3-0    |
| Sep. 24 | vs. No. 8 Pitt*      | L, 3-0    |
| Sep. 29 | at Florida State*    | 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 1  | at Miami*            | 1 p.m.    |
| Oct. 6  | vs. Louisville*      | 6 p.m.    |
| Oct. 8  | vs. Notre Dame*      | 1 p.m.    |
| Oct. 13 | at Syracuse*         | 6 p.m.    |
| Oct. 15 | at Boston College*   | 1 p.m.    |
| Oct. 20 | at Clemson*          | 7 p.m.    |
| Oct. 22 | at Georgia Tech*     | 1 p.m.    |
| Oct. 25 | at Duke*             | 6:30 p.m. |
| Oct. 29 | vs. NC State*        | 1 p.m.    |
| Nov. 3  | vs. Virginia Tech*   | 6 p.m.    |
| Nov. 5  | vs. Wake Forest*     | 1 p.m.    |
| Nov. 10 | at Wake Forest*      | 7 p.m.    |
| Nov. 12 | at Louisville*       | 1 p.m.    |
| Nov. 19 | vs. Florida State*   | 1 p.m.    |
| Nov. 24 | vs. Duke*            | 2 p.m.    |

\* ACC Match

## WEEK 5: AT FSU & MIAMI



North Carolina TAR HEELS (7-4, 1-1 ACC)

Head Coach: Mike Schall

Career Record: 7-4 (1st season as head coach)

## SCENE SETTER

### SERIES HISTORY

#### vs. Florida State (8-6)

» **Series:** Florida State leads the series 47-25

» **Last time:** Florida State defeated UNC in four sets in Tallahassee on Nov. 18, 2022

» **In Tallahassee:** Florida State is 31-7 against UNC at home

#### vs. Miami (8-4)

» **Series:** Miami leads the series 18-17

» **Last time:** Miami defeated Carolina in four sets on Sep. 30, 2022, in Chapel Hill

» **In Miami:** Miami is 12-3 against UNC at home

### NOTABLES

» The Tar Heels are looking for their first win over the Hurricanes and Seminoles since 2019

» After the first weekend of ACC play, Sadie Swift leads the conference in blocks

## BY THE NUMBERS

1

» For the first time since 1990, over 33 years, the Tar Heels have a new coach. It's the first season as head coach for Mike Schall

7

» The Tar Heels' young 2022 squad features seven newcomers, four true freshmen and three transfers

11

» The Tar Heels represent 11 different states

52

» The Tar Heels are entering the program's 52nd season. 1971-1972 was the first season the team was a varsity sport

## PRESEASON TAKEAWAYS

• **PICKED SIXTH:** In the annual ACC Coaches' Poll, the Tar Heels were picked to finish sixth in the league this season for the second season in a row

• **ALL-ACC:** Junior outside hitter Mabrey Shaffmaster was selected to the preseason All-ACC Team going into the season

• **TRANSFERS:** The Tar Heels added three transfers to the roster in the off-season: graduates Emani' Foster (Charlotte), Maria Miggins (High Point) and Lauren Schutter (Michigan State)

• **FRESHMAN CLASS:** Carolina has four members of its freshman class: Romani Thurman (early-enrolled in January 2023), Safi Hampton, Sydney Nolan and Zoe Behrendt. The class was ranked as a top-15 signing class by PrepVolley.com

• **NEW COACHING STAFF:** In addition to head coach Mike Schall, the Tar Heels have three new assistant coaches on staff: Rachel Ferguson, Parker Mikesch and Jack Stevens

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## UNC'S 2023 RECORD WHEN...

|   |     |   |         |                               |     |
|---|-----|---|---------|-------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Overall</b> .....                    | 7-4 | <i>In the second set</i>                  |         | <b>By Blocks...</b>           |     |
| <b>Home</b> .....                       | 5-1 | Record when winning the second set .....  | 6-2     | Leading in Blocks .....       | 3-1 |
| <b>Away</b> .....                       | 1-2 | Record when losing the second set .....   | 1-2     | Trailing in Blocks.....       | 3-3 |
| <b>Neutral</b> .....                    | 1-1 | <i>In the third set</i>                   |         | Tied in Blocks .....          | 1-0 |
| <b>ACC</b> .....                        | 0-0 | Record when winning the third set.....    | 6-1     | <b>By Months...</b>           |     |
| <i>Home</i> .....                       | 1-1 | Record when losing the third set .....    | 1-3     | In August .....               | 2-1 |
| <i>Away</i> .....                       |     | <i>In the fourth set</i>                  |         | In September .....            | 5-3 |
| <b>Non-Conference</b> .....             | 6-3 | Record when winning the fourth set.....   | 1-0     | In October .....              |     |
| <b>vs. Ranked Opponents</b> .....       | 0-1 | Record when losing the fourth set .....   | 2-2     | In November .....             |     |
| <b>vs. Top-10 Opponents</b> .....       | 0-1 | <b>By Kills...</b>                        |         | In December .....             |     |
| <b>vs. Unranked Opponents</b> .....     | 7-3 | Leading in Kills.....                     | 7-1     | <b>By Days of the Week...</b> |     |
| <b>By Match Length...</b>               |     | Trailing in Kills .....                   | 0-3     | Tuesday .....                 |     |
| 3-set Matches .....                     | 4-2 | Tied in Kills.....                        | 0-0     | Wednesday.....                |     |
| 4-set Matches .....                     | 1-2 | <b>By Digs...</b>                         |         | Thursday .....                | 1-0 |
| 5-set Matches .....                     | 2-0 | Leading in Digs .....                     | 6-1     | Friday.....                   | 2-1 |
| <b>By Match Score...</b>                |     | Trailing in Digs.....                     | 1-3     | Saturday .....                | 3-0 |
| Leading 1-0.....                        | 7-0 | Tied in Digs .....                        | 0-0     | Sunday.....                   | 1-3 |
| Leading 2-0.....                        | 5-0 | <b>By Hitting Percentage...</b>           |         | <b>Game Streaks...</b>        |     |
| Leading 2-1.....                        | 3-0 | Leading in Hitting % .....                | 7-0     | Longest Winning Streak.....   | 3   |
| Tied 1-1 .....                          | 2-2 | Trailing in Hitting %.....                | 0-4     | Longest Losing Streak .....   | 2   |
| Trailing 0-1 .....                      | 0-3 | Tied in Hitting %.....                    | 0-0     | Current Streak.....           | 11  |
| Trailing 0-2 .....                      | 0-3 | Hitting at least .200/at least .300 ..... | 6-0/2-0 |                               |     |
| Trailing 1-2 .....                      | 0-1 | Hitting under .200/under .100.....        | 1-4/0-0 |                               |     |
| <b>By Sets...</b>                       |     | Opponent hits under .200/under .100.....  | 6-0/2-0 |                               |     |
| <i>In the first set</i>                 |     | Opponent hits over .200/over .300 .....   | 1-4/0-2 |                               |     |
| Record when winning the first set ..... | 7-0 |   |         |                               |     |
| Record when losing the first set.....   | 0-4 |   |         |                               |     |

## THE LAST TIME...

### THE LAST TIME UNC...

|   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Held opponent to 15 points or less (set)..... | 9/17/23, vs. Coastal Carolina (25-14) |
| Held opponent to single-digits (set) .....    | 10/10/21, vs. Virginia Tech (25-8)    |
| Scored 30 or more points (set) .....          | 8/25/18, vs. #4 Minnesota (W, 30-28)  |
| Hit .300 or better.....                       | 9/17/23, vs. Coastal Carolina (.301)  |
| Hit .400 or better.....                       | 9/4/21, vs. Wofford (.400)            |
| Hit .500 or better.....                       | 10/25/15, at Clemson (.500)           |
| Hit below .200.....                           | 9/24/23, vs. Pitt (.111)              |
| Hit below .100.....                           | 11/13/2022, vs. Louisville (.055)     |
| Hit below .000.....                           | 9/21/06, at Virginia Tech (-.050)     |
| Had 70 kills or more .....                    | 10/1/21, at Miami (70)                |
| Had 80 kills or more .....                    | 10/9/11, #21 Miami (80)               |
| Had 90 kills or more .....                    | 10/14/16, at Notre Dame (107)         |
| Had 100 kills or more .....                   | 3/6/21, vs. Syracuse (107)            |
| Had 15 blocks or more.....                    | 10/30/22, vs. Clemson (18.0)          |
| Had 20 blocks or more.....                    | 10/11/19, Miami (24.0)                |
| Had 10 aces or more.....                      | 9/2/23, vs. Loyola Maryland (10)      |

### THE LAST TIME A TAR HEEL...

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| Had 20 or more kills .....   | 8/25/23, Mabrey Shaffmaster vs. Pacific (24)           |
| Had 30 or more kills .....   | 11/25/05, Dani Nyenhuis vs. Boston College (30)        |
| Had 60 or more attacks ..... | 10/2/22, Mabrey Shaffmaster vs. FSU (61)               |
| Had 70 or more assists ..... | 9/17/04, McKenzie Byrd vs. #20 Loyola Marymt. (74)     |
| Had 90 or more assists ..... | 11/11/00, Eve Rackham vs. Ga. Tech (94)                |
| Had 30 or more digs.....     | 11/23/16, Sheila Doyle vs. Duke (31)                   |
| Had 40 or more digs.....     | 10/14/16, Sheila Doyle at Notre Dame (40)              |
| Had 10 or more blocks.....   | 10/11/19, Skyy Howard vs. Miami (13.0)                 |
| Had 15 or more blocks.....   | 10/11/16, Sydnye Fields at Duke (16)                   |
| Had 5 or more aces.....      | 11/26/22, Mabrey Shaffmaster vs. Duke (5)              |
| Had a triple-double.....     | 11/22/17, Holly Carlton at Wake Forest (22A, 13D, 10B) |

### THE LAST TIME AN OPPOSING TEAM...

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Held UNC to 15 points or less (set)..... | 9/10/23 vs. Michigan State (25-15) |
| Held UNC to single digits (set).....     | 10/28/22, vs. Georgia Tech (25-8)  |
| Scored 30 or more points (set) .....     | 9/20/19, VCU (L, 28-30)            |
| Hit .300 or better.....                  | 9/24/23, Pitt (.312)               |
| Hit .400 or better.....                  | 8/27/22, Northern Colorado (.419)  |
| Hit below .100.....                      | 9/2/23, Loyola Maryland (.064)     |
| Hit below .000.....                      | 10/21/16, Boston College (-.010)   |
| Had 70 kills or more .....               | 11/19/17, at Louisville (70)       |
| Had 80 kills or more .....               | 10/9/11, #21 Miami (84)            |
| Had 90 kills or more .....               | 12/9/16, #8 UCLA (102)             |
| Had 100 kills or more.....               | 12/9/16, #8 UCLA (102)             |
| Had 15 blocks or more.....               | 10/7/22, Wake Forest (16.0)        |
| Had 25 blocks or more.....               | 11/1/13, #20 Florida State (28.0)  |
| Had 10 aces or more.....                 | 9/10/23, at Michigan State (13)    |

### THE LAST TIME AN OPPONENT...

|                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Had 20 or more kills .....   | 9/10/23, Taylah Holdem, Michigan State (21)               |
| Had 30 or more kills .....   | 11/19/17, Melanie McHenry, Louisville (30)                |
| Had 60 or more attacks ..... | 9/6/22, Emani Foster, Charlotte (65)                      |
| Had 70 or more assists ..... | 10/7/07, Ali Sausfield, #13 Duke (70)                     |
| Had 30 or more digs .....    | 10/14/16, Ryann DeJarld, Notre Dame (40)                  |
| Had 40 or more digs.....     | 10/14/16, Ryann DeJarld, Notre Dame (40)                  |
| Had 10 or more blocks.....   | 9/26/21, Alana Walker, Virginia (11)                      |
| Had a triple-double.....     | 11/29/19, Talyn Jackson, at Virginia Tech (10K, 48A, 16D) |

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

| NO. | NAME                | POS.  | HT.  | CL.   | HOMETOWN/PREVIOUS COLLEGE                         |
|-----|---------------------|-------|------|-------|---|
| 1   | Zoe Behrendt        | S     | 6-0  | Fr.   | Whitefish Bay, Wis. / Whitefish Bay               |
| 3   | Lauren Schutter     | MB    | 6-2  | R-Fr. | Alma, Kansas / Wabaunsee / Michigan State         |
| 5   | Sydney Nolan        | OH    | 6-4  | Fr.   | Florence, Ky. / Notre Dame Academy                |
| 7   | Sadie Swift         | MB    | 6-3  | So.   | Austin, Texas / Stephen F. Austin                 |
| 8   | Emani' Foster       | OH    | 5-10 | Gr.   | Henderson, N.C. / Vance County / Charlotte        |
| 9   | Mabrey Shaffmaster  | OH    | 6-1  | Jr.   | New Castle, Ind. / New Castle                     |
| 11  | Maria Miggins       | S/OPP | 6-0  | Gr.   | The Woodlands, Texas / High Point                 |
| 12  | Anita Babic         | S     | 6-0  | So.   | Phoenix, Ariz. / Corona Del Sol                   |
| 14  | Kaya Merkler        | MB    | 6-3  | Sr.   | Chapel Hill, N.C. / Chapel Hill                   |
| 16  | Ava Swain           | OH    | 6-1  | So.   | Odessa, Fla. / Berkeley Prep                      |
| 20  | Carson Overbeck     | L/DS  | 5-8  | R-So. | Chapel Hill, N.C. / Carrboro                      |
| 22  | Safi Hampton        | OH    | 6-1  | Fr.   | Jessup, Md. / Hammond                             |
| 23  | Romani Thurman      | OPP   | 5-10 | Fr.   | Little Rock, Ark. / Little Rock Christian Academy |
| 24  | Marissa Meyerhoefer | L/DS  | 5-7  | Jr.   | Mooresville, N.C. / South Iredell                 |
| 25  | Maddy May           | L/DS  | 5-10 | So.   | Winterville, N.C. / DH Conley                     |
| 36  | Cadence Shea        | OH    | 6-1  | R-Fr. | Westlake, Ohio / St. Joseph's Academy             |

## COACHES AND STAFF

|                                     |                                |  |                         |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| <b>Head Coach</b> .....             | Mike Schall (1st Season as HC) | <b>Primary Sport Administrator</b> .....   | Dwight Hollier          |
| <b>Assistant Coach</b> .....        | Rachel Ferguson                | <b>Secondary Sport Administrator</b> ..... | Michael Beale           |
| <b>Assistant Coach</b> .....        | Parker Mikesch                 | <b>Orthopedic Surgeon</b> .....            | Dr. Alex Creighton      |
| <b>Assistant Coach</b> .....        | Jack Stevens                   | <b>Team Physician</b> .....                | Dr. Kelly Waicus        |
| <b>Director of Operations</b> ..... | Phoebe Havenaar                | <b>Head Athletic Trainer</b> .....         | Dr. Meredith Petschauer |
|                                     |                                | <b>GA Athletic Trainer</b> .....           | Caitlin Bacon           |
|                                     |                                | <b>Academic Advisor</b> .....              | Lydia Ellsworth         |

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

### BY CLASS:

**Graduate (3)** - Miggins, Foster, Merkler

**Juniors (2)** - Meyerhoefer, Shaffmaster

**Sophomores (5)** - Overbeck\*, May, Swain, Babic, Swift

**Freshmen (6)** - Schutter\*, Shea\*, Thurman, Nolan, Behrendt, Hampton

\*Redshirt

### BY POSITION:

**Outside Hitters (6)** - Foster, Shaffmaster, Swain, Hampton, Shea, Nolan

**Opposite (1):** Thurman

**Middle Blockers (3)** - Merkler, Schutter, Swift

**Defensive Specialists (3)** - Meyerhoefer, May, Overbeck

**Setters (3)** - Behrendt, Babic, Miggins

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Zoe BEHRENDT: bear-ant

EMANI' Foster: e-mon-e

KAYA Merkler: Kye (rhymes with eye) uh

Marissa MEYERHOEFER: My-er-ha-fur

Lauren SCHUTTER: shutter

MABREY Shaffmaster: may-bree

ROMANI Thurman: Row-mon-ee

Mike SCHALL: shawl

Parker MIKESCH: mick-ish

Phoebe HAVENAAR: Have-AN-are

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

| No. | Name                | Pos. | Ht.  | Yr.    |
|-----|---------------------|------|------|--------|
| 12  | Anita Babic         | S    | 6-0  | So.    |
| 1   | Zoe Behrendt        | S    | 6-0  | Fr.    |
| 8   | Emani' Foster       | OH   | 5-10 | Grad.  |
| 22  | Safi Hampton        | OH   | 6-1  | Fr.    |
| 25  | Maddy May           | L/DS | 5-10 | So.    |
| 14  | Kaya Merkler        | MB   | 6-3  | Grad.  |
| 24  | Marissa Meyerhoefer | L/DS | 5-7  | Jr.    |
| 11  | Maria Miggins       | S    | 6-0  | Grad.  |
| 5   | Sydney Nolan        | OH   | 6-4  | Fr.    |
| 20  | Carson Overbeck     | L/DS | 5-8  | Jr.    |
| 3   | Lauren Schutter     | MB   | 6-2  | RS-Fr. |
| 9   | Mabrey Shaffmaster  | OH   | 6-1  | Jr.    |
| 36  | Cadence Shea        | OH   | 6-1  | RS-Fr. |
| 16  | Ava Swain           | OH   | 6-1  | Jr.    |
| 7   | Sadie Swift         | MB   | 6-3  | So.    |
| 23  | Romani Thurman      | OH   | 5-10 | Fr.    |

## NOTABLE

### SEASON OUTLOOK

»Following the retirement of Joe Sagula after 33 years at the helm in January, **Mike Schall**, who had been on staff since 2017 as an assistant, was named head coach

»The Tar Heels are coming off a 17-12 (9-9 ACC) 2022 season. Carolina extended its win streak to five over Duke with a pair of victories over the Blue Devils last season, while also earning conference wins against Virginia, Virginia Tech, Boston College NC State, Clemson and Notre Dame.

»Carolina had four players earn conference award recognition: **Mabrey Shaffmaster** (First team All-ACC), **Charley Niego** (Second team All-ACC), **Anita Babic** (All-ACC Freshman Team) and **Liv Mogridge** (All-ACC Freshman Team)

»**Mabrey Shaffmaster** also earned AVCA All-Region Honors for the second season in a row

»Key Losses: The Tar Heels lost three starters from 2022: **Charley Niego, Parker Austin and Liv Mogridge**. Niego, a five-time all-conference selection, was second on the team in kills, averaging 2.96 kills per set, while also contributing 260 digs, 24 service aces and 52 blocks.

»Carolina has welcomed seven newcomers to Chapel Hill for the 2023 season, including four true freshmen, which PrepVolley.com ranked as a top-15 class, and three transfers

»Carolina's defense will also have the benefit of returning its primary libero, **Maddy May**. May led the Tar Heels with 355 digs and was second on the team in service aces with 37 and earned a pair of ACC Freshmen of the Week honors

»After taking a redshirt season in 2022, **Cadence Shea** will have her first opportunity to see game action this season. Shea, a six-foot-one outside hitter, was an all-Ohio state selection in high school at St. Joseph's Academy

### WE ARE THE CAPTAINS NOW

Voted on by their peers, **Carson Overbeck, Maddy May** and **Mabrey Shaffmaster** are Carolina Volleyball's 2023 team captains. All three are first-time captains

### TAR HEEL BORN, TAR HEEL BRED

Carolina's roster features a pair of Tar Heel legacies:

»**Carson Overbeck**: mom, Carla, a three-time All-America and four-time NCAA Champion on the UNC women's soccer team from 1986-89. Carla is currently an assistant for Duke women's soccer. Father Greg is also a Carolina graduate

»**Emani' Foster**: Mother, Doris, is a UNC graduate

»**Kaya Merkler and Carson Overbeck** are the two Chapel Hill natives on the roster

### THE CLUB CONNECTION

»Both **Kaya Merkler** and **Maddy May** played for the Triangle Volleyball Club in Morrisville, N.C.

## QUICK FACTS

### UNIVERSITY

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Location                 | Chapel Hill, N.C.        |
| Chartered                | 1789                     |
| Undergraduate Enrollment | 19,743                   |
| Nickname                 | Tar Heels                |
| Mascot                   | Rameses the Ram          |
| Colors                   | Carolina Blue & white    |
| Conference               | Atlantic Coast           |
| Home Arena               | Carmichael Arena (6,800) |
| Director of Athletics    | Bubba Cunningham         |
| Interim Chancellor       | Dr. Kevin M. Guskiewicz  |
| Sport Administrator      | Dwight Hollier           |
| Secondary Sport Admin    | Michael Beale            |

### COACHING STAFF

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Head Coach               | Mike Schall (1st year)  |
| Alma Mater               | Penn State '94          |
| Assistant Coach          | Rachel Ferguson         |
| Alma Mater               | Heidelberg '03          |
| Assistant Coach          | Parker Mikesch          |
| Alma Mater               | Ohio State '22          |
| Assistant Coach          | Jack Steves             |
| Director of Operations   | Phoebe Havenaar         |
| Volleyball Office        | (919) 962-5228          |
| Volleyball Fax           | (919) 843-8543          |
| Administrative Assistant | Sara Koenig             |
| Head Athletic Trainer    | Dr. Meredith Petschauer |
| Strength & Conditioning  | Erik Hernandez          |
| Team Physician           | Dr. Kelly Waicus        |

### VOLLEYBALL HISTORY (PRIOR TO 2023)

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| First Season            | 1971-72   |
| All-Time Overall Record | 1,120-632 |
| All-Time ACC Record     | 411-195   |
| ACC Titles (Last)       | 13 (2016) |
| NCAA Appearances (Last) | 19 (2021) |

### TEAM INFORMATION

|                              |           |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| 2022 Record                  | 17-12     |
| ACC Record (Finish)          | 9-9 (7th) |
| Postseason                   | N/A       |
| Final Rank (AVCA Poll)       | N/A       |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost |           |
| Newcomers                    | 7         |

### ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
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| Facebook          | /UNCVolleyball        |
| Twitter/Instagram | @UNCVolleyball        |

## NOTABLE

### ATHLETIC PEDIGREE

» **Kaya Merkler:** Father, Kristopher, played ice hockey at Yale and mother, Elif, played volleyball at Yale

» **Carson Overbeck:** Mom, Carla, was a three-time All-America and four-time NCAA Champion on the UNC soccer team from 1986-89. She captained the 1995 U.S. World Cup squad that advanced to the semifinals and also served as captain of the 1996 U.S. Women's Soccer Olympic Team that won the gold medal. She is currently an assistant coach for the Duke women's soccer team

» **Mabrey Shaffmaster:** Sister, Melani, is the starting setter on the Minnesota volleyball team

» **Marissa Meyerhoefer:** Mother, Laura, played volleyball at Pace University

» **Cadence Shea:** Father, Aaron, was a four-year letter winner on the University of Michigan football team from 1995-1999, before playing in the NFL from 2000-200. Mother, Caitlin, was a four-year letter winner on the Lehigh University soccer team from 1996-1999. Aaron was roommates with Tom Brady in college and Tom is the godfather to Cadence's brother

» **Ava Swain:** Father, David, played football at the University of Florida 1990-1994 and was an All-SEC and four-time SEC champion center and guard for the Gators

» **Romani Thurman:** Father, Scotty, played basketball at Arkansas from 1992-95, leading the Razorbacks to the 1994 National Championship title and hitting the game-winning shot over Duke. He is the only player in Arkansas basketball history to be named to the All-SEC first team three times

» **Parker Mikesch:** Stepfather is Tim Horsmon, head volleyball coach at Dayton

### CAROLINA CONNECTION

» Mike Schall's daughter Annabelle is a senior setter on the UNCW volleyball team and is teammates with Hannah Forbes, the daughter of UNC baseball head coach Scott Forbes

### SERBIAN TONGUE

» **Anita Babic's** parents, Jelena Zarkovic and Darko Babic, moved to Arizona from Serbia. Anita speaks fluent Serbian

### AGE GAP

» **Maddy May's** and her younger sister Sophie have a 16-year age gap. Sophie is three years old and Maddy is 19

## TAR HEEL MAJORS

» **Anita Babic:** Pre-Business Administration

» **Zoe Behrendt:** Pre-Media & Journalism

» **Emani' Foster:** Master of Biomedical & Health Informatics

» **Safi Hampton:** Pre-Media & Journalism

» **Maddy May:** Exercise & Sport Science with a Coaching Education Minor

» **Kaya Merkler:** Master of Public Health

» **Marissa Meyerhoefer:** Business Administration

» **Maria Miggins:** Master of Business Administration

» **Sydney Nolan:** Undecided

» **Carson Overbeck:** Global Studies

» **Lauren Schutter:** Pre-Media & Journalism

» **Mabrey Shaffmaster:** Exercise & Sport Science

» **Cadence Shea:** Pre-Human Development & Family Science

» **Ava Swain:** Communication Studies

» **Sadie Swift:** Pre-Business Administration

» **Romani Thurman:** Communication Studies

## TAR HEEL HOME STATES

» **NORTH CAROLINA (5):** Emani' Foster, Kaya Merkler, Carson Overbeck, Marissa Meyerhoefer, Maddy May

» **MARYLAND (1):** Safi Hampton

» **INDIANA (1):** Mabrey Shaffmaster

» **FLORIDA (1):** Ava Swain

» **OHIO (1):** Cadence Shea

» **TEXAS (2):** Sadie Swift, Maria Miggins

» **KENTUCKY (1):** Sydney Nolan

» **KANSAS (1):** Lauren Schutter

» **WISCONSIN (1):** Zoe Behrendt

» **ARIZONA (1):** Anita Babic

» **ARKANSAS (1):** Romani Thurman

# SEASON/CAREER BESTS



## #1 ZOE BEHRENDT Freshman | Setter | 6-0 | Whitefish Bay, Wis.

|         | SEASON                         | CAREER                         |
|---------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSISTS | 16 VS LOYOLA MARYLAND (9/2/23) | 16 VS LOYOLA MARYLAND (9/2/23) |
| ACES    | 3 VS. UC DAVIS (8/26/23)       | 3 VS. UC DAVIS (8/26/23)       |
| DIGS    | 9 VS. WEST VIRGINIA (8/31/23)  | 9 VS. WEST VIRGINIA (8/31/23)  |



## #3 LAUREN SHUTTER RS-Fr. | Middle Hitter | 6-2 | Alma, Kansas | Michigan State

|        | SEASON                         | CAREER                         |
|--------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| KILLS  | 1 VS. LOYOLA MARYLAND (9/2/23) | 1 VS. LOYOLA MARYLAND (9/2/23) |
| BLOCKS | 2 AT MICHIGAN STATE (9/10/23)  | 2 AT MICHIGAN STATE (9/10/23)  |



## #5 SYDNEY NOLAN Freshman | Outside Hitter | 6-4 | Florence, Ky,

|        | SEASON                      | CAREER                      |
|--------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| KILLS  | 8 VS. SANTA CLARA (9/15/23) | 8 VS. SANTA CLARA (9/15/23) |
| BLOCKS | 3 VS. SANTA CLARA (9/15/23) | 3 VS. SANTA CLARA (9/15/23) |



## #7 SADIE SWIFT Sophomore | Middle Blocker | 6-3 | Austin, Texas

|               | SEASON                   | CAREER                   |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| KILLS         | 10 AT ARIZONA (8/25/23)  | 10 AT ARIZONA (8/25/23)  |
| TOTAL BLOCKS  | 9 VS. VIRGINIA (9/22/23) | 9 VS. VIRGINIA (9/22/23) |
| BLOCK ASSISTS | 7 VS. VIRGINIA (9/22/23) | 7 VS. VIRGINIA (9/22/23) |
| DIGS          | 3 (THREE TIMES)          | 3 (THREE TIMES)          |



## #8 Emaní Foster Grad. | Outside Hitter | 5-10 | Henderson, N.C. | Charlotte

|              | SEASON                   | CAREER                              |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| KILLS        | 19 VS. PACIFIC (8/25/23) | 28 (THREE TIMES)                    |
| BLOCKS       | 2 (TWICE)                | 6 (TWICE) - LAST AT UTSA (10/14/22) |
| SERVICE ACES | 3 (TWICE)                | 6 AT CLEMSON (1/30/21)              |
| ATTACKS      | 57 AT ARIZONA (8/25/23)  | 73 AT UTSA (10/14/22)               |
| DIGS         | 13 AT ARIZONA (8/25/23)  | 26 VS UNCW (3/26/21)                |

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## #9 MABREY SHAFFMASTER Junior | Outside Hitter | 6-1 | New Castle, Ind.

|              | SEASON                      | CAREER                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------|--|
| KILLS        | 24 VS. PACIFIC (8/25/2023)  | 27 AT DUKE (11/26/21)                    |
| DIGS         | 10 AT ARIZONA (8/25/2023)   | 20 AT FSU (11/18/22)                     |
| SERVICE ACES | 5 VS. LOYOLA (9/2/23)       | 5 (THREE TIMES) LAST VS. LOYOLA (9/2/23) |
| BLOCKS       | 4 VS. SANTA CLARA (9/15/23) | 4 (THREE TIMES)                          |
| ATTACKS      | 56 VS. PACIFIC (8/25/23)    | 61 VS. FSU (10/22/22)                    |



## #11 MARIA MIGGINS Graduate | Setter/Opp. | 6-0 | The Woodlands, Texas

|         | SEASON                        | CAREER                                    |
|---------|-------------------------------|---|
| ASSISTS | 24 VS. PACIFIC (8/25/2023)    | 45 AT CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (3/19/21)       |
| ACES    | 1 (TWICE)                     | 4 (TWICE) LAST AT GARDNER-WEBB (10/15/22) |
| BLOCKS  | 4 VS. WEST VIRGINIA (8/31/23) | 5 (TWICE) LAST VS RADFORD (11/4/22)       |
| DIGS    | 9 VS. WEST VIRGINIA (8/31/23) | 20 AT JMU (8/27/21)                       |
| KILLS   | 5 VS. LOYOLA (9/2/23)         | 13 (TWICE) LAST VS. UNCA (11/12/22)       |



## #12 ANITA BABIC Sophomore | Setter | 6-0 | Phoenix, Ariz.

|         | SEASON                          | CAREER                             |
|---------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| KILLS   | 4 (TWICE)                       | 6 (THREE TIMES)                    |
| ASSISTS | 48 (TWICE) LAST VS. SANTA CLARA | 48 (TWICE) LAST VS. SANTA CLARA    |
| ACES    | 2 48 AT ARIZONA (8/25/2023)     | 4 AT VIRGINIA (9/25/22)            |
| DIGS    | 10 (TWICE)                      | 13 AT VIRGINIA TECH (10/9/22)      |
| BLOCKS  | 3 VS. VIRGINIA (9/22/23)        | 5 (TWICE) LAST VS. DUKE (11/23/22) |



## #14 KAYA MERKLER Graduate | Middle Hitter | 6-3 | Chapel Hill, N.C.

|               | SEASON                    | CAREER                   |
|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| KILLS         | 7 AT ARIZONA (8/25/2023)  | 16 AT SYRACUSE (3/5/21)  |
| ATTACKS       | 15 AT ARIZONA (8/25/2023) | 43 AT SYRACUSE (3/5/21)  |
| BLOCKS        | 3 VS PACIFIC (8/25/23)    | 9 VS. CLEMSON (10/30/22) |
| BLOCK ASSISTS | 2 AT ARIZONA (8/25/2023)  | 8 VS. CLEMSON (10/30/22) |
| DIGS          | 4 (TWICE)                 | 10 AT SYRACUSE (3/5/21)  |



## #16 AVA SWAIN Freshman | Outside Hitter | 6-1 | Odessa, Fla.

|       | SEASON    | CAREER                          |
|-------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| KILLS |           | 2 VS. BOSTON COLLEGE (10/14/22) |
| DIGS  | 1 (TWICE) | 1 (THREE TIMES)                 |

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## #20 CARSON OVERBECK Redshirt Sophomore | L/DS | 5-8 | Chapel Hill, N.C.

|      | SEASON                   | CAREER                          |
|------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ACES | 2 AT ARIZONA (8/25/2023) | 3 VS. BOSTON COLLEGE (10/14/22) |
| DIGS | 6 AT ARIZONA (8/25/2023) | 9 AT VIRGINIA (9/25/22)         |



## #22 SAFI HAMPTON Freshman | Opposite | 5-10 | Jessup, Md.

|        | SEASON                   | CAREER                   |
|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| KILLS  | 9 VS. UC DAVIS (8/26/23) | 9 VS. UC DAVIS (8/26/23) |
| BLOCKS | 2 AT MICHIGAN (9/8/23)   | 2 AT MICHIGAN (9/8/23)   |
| ACES   | 2 VS. VIRGINIA (9/22/23) | 2 VS. VIRGINIA (9/22/23) |
| DIGS   | 7 VS. VIRGINIA (9/22/23) | 7 VS. VIRGINIA (9/22/23) |



## #23 ROMANI THURMAN Freshman | Opposite | 5-10 | Little Rock, Ark.

|        | SEASON                        | CAREER                        |
|--------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| KILLS  | 14 VS. UC DAVIS (8/26/23)     | 14 VS. UC DAVIS (8/26/23)     |
| BLOCKS | 5 AT MICHIGAN STATE (9/10/23) | 5 AT MICHIGAN STATE (9/10/23) |
| DIGS   | 5 AT MICHIGAN STATE (9/10/23) | 5 AT MICHIGAN STATE (9/10/23) |



## #24 MARISSA MEYERHOEFER Junior | L/SD | 5-7 | Mooresville, N.C.

|      | SEASON                      | CAREER          |
|------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| ACES | 1 VS. SANTA CLARA (9/25/23) | 1 (FIVE TIMES)  |
| DIGS | 4 (FIVE TIMES)              | 6 (THREE TIMES) |



## #25 MADDY MAY Sophomore | L/DS | 5-10 | Winterville, N.C.

|         | SEASON                            | CAREER                                |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| DIGS    | 22 VS. COASTAL CAROLINA (9/17/23) | 22 (TWICE) LAST VS. COASTAL (9/17/23) |
| ACES    | 3 (THREE TIMES)                   | 6 VS. ARIZONA (9/3/22)                |
| ASSISTS | 9 VS. VIRGINIA (9/22/23)          | 11 AT VIRGINIA TECH (10/9/22)         |



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**#36 CADENCE SHEA** Freshman | Outside/RS Hitter | 6-1 | Westlake, Ohio

| SEASON | CAREER |
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