# MATCH NOTES

ATLANTA VIBE // PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION 2024



2024 SCHEDUCE							
ov	ERALL RECORD: 1-0	HOME: 0-0 / R	OAD: 1-0				
Date Januar	Opponent Y	Time (ET)	TV/Result				
24 26	at Omaha at Orlando	8:00 pm 7:00 pm	W, 3-2 YouTube				
Februa 1 9 12 18 29	ry San Diego Grand Rapids Orlando at Grand Rapids Omaha	7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Stadium Stadium Bally Live Bally Live Bally Live				
March 2 4 9 14 21 24 27 30	at San Diego at Las Vegas Las Vegas at Omaha Orlando at Columbus Columbus San Diego	10:00 pm 10:00 pm <b>7:00 pm</b> 8:00 pm <b>7:00 pm</b> 2:00 pm <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	Bally Live				
April 1 8 10 13 16	at Grand Rapids at Las Vegas at San Diego Omaha Grand Rapids	7:00 pm 10:00 pm 10:00 pm <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>					



### ATLANTA VIBE (1-0) **ORLANDO VALKYRIES (O-O)**

Friday, January 26 | 7:00 p.m. ET Orlando, Fla. | Addition Financial Arena



#### PROBABLE STARTERS

#### **GRACE CLEVELAND** Opposite // 6'3" // Purdue

First-year pro ... Got into coaching after college, serving most recently as an assistant coach for Butler volleyball in 2023 ... Two-time AVCA All-America honoree (First and Second Team) .. Three-time First Team All-Big Ten ... 2021 Purdue Athlete of the Year.



#### **TORI STRINGER** Setter // 5'11" // Louisville

Third-year pro ... Maiden name Dilfer ... Led Team USA to a Silver Medal at the 2022 Pan American Cup Final Six with Linnehan after college ... First Louisville player to earn First-Team AVCA All-America distinction in 2021 ... Two-time ACC Setter of the Year (2020 and 2021).



#### **LEAH EDMOND** Outside Hitter // 6'2" // Kentucky

Fourth-year pro ... Previously played professionally in Puerto Rico ... Four-time AVCA All-America selection at UK ... Two-time SEC Player of the Year (2018 and 2019) ... Finished her college career as the Wildcats' all-time leader with 1,978 kills and 4,655 attack attempts.



#### **SHELLY FANNING** Middle Blocker // 6'2" // Baylor

Fifth-year pro ... Previously played professionally in Puerto Rico and Poland ... Three-time AVCA All-American at Baylor (First Team in 2019) ... Unanimous First-Team All-Big 12 honors in final two seasons ... Left as Baylor's career leader with a .347 hitting percentage.



#### **ALLI LINNEHAN** Outside Hitter // 6'3" // Kentucky

Second-year pro ... Maiden name Stumler ... Previously played professionally in France ... Led Team USA to a Silver Medal at the 2022 Pan American Cup Final Six with Stringer after college Three-time AVCA All-American ... 2021 AVCA Southeast Region & SEC Player of the Year.



#### KARIS WATSON Middle Blocker // 6'3" // Clemson

Eighth-year pro ... Played pro in France, Switzerland, German, Portugal, Sweden and the UK ... Served as volunteer assistant coach at Winthrop in 2022.



### INJURIES + INACTIVES

7:00 pm

3:00 pm

2:00 pm

7:00 pm

No injuries to report



#### L MORGAN HENTZ Libero // 5'9" // Stanford

Fourth-year pro ... Has been competing with Team USA, and spent one season playing professionally in Germany ... Three-time First Team AVCA All-America selection ... Led Stanford to three NCAA Championships and three Pac-12 titles ... Three-time Pac-12 Libero of the Year.



#### ATLANTA VIBE MEDIA RELATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA

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#### **RECENT TRANSACTIONS**

January 20 - The Atlanta Vibe claimed Yossiana Pressley off waivers from the Omaha Supernovas.

January 20 - The Atlanta Vibe waived Meghan Jemison and Kara McGhee.

January 13 - The Atlanta Vibe waived libero/DS Allison Whitten, setter Kylie Cole, and libero/DS Kaylie McHugh.

December 20 - Outside hitter Kacie Evans signed a contract with the Atlanta Vibe.

**December 19** - Outside hitter Meghan Jemison signed a contract with the Atlanta Vibe.

**December 11** - The Atlanta Vibe drafted middle blocker Chiamaka Nwokolo (No. 6 overall), setter Whitney Bower (No. 9), libero Kamaile Hiapo (No. 20), middle blocker Kara McGhee (No. 23), and opposite May Pertofsky (No. 34).

**December 11** - The Atlanta Vibe acquired No. 2 overall pick Magda Jehlářová in a trade that sent Ali Bastianelli and Kendra Dahlke to the San Diego Mojo.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Inaugural Season	
Home Arena	Gas South Arena (Duluth, Ga.)
Capacity	13,000
Ownership Group	Colleen Craig
	Sinjin Smith
	Edwin Moses
2024 Record	1-0
Home	0-0
Road	1-0
Head Coach	Todd Dagenais
	1-0
Assistant Coach	Brian Doyon
Assistant Coach	Sally Polhamus

#### UPCOMING KEY DATES

#### February 1

Vibe Home Opener
Atlanta Vibe vs. San Diego Mojo

#### May 2

Atlanta's final regular season match Atlanta Vibe vs. Columbus Fury

#### May 16-19

Pro Volleyball Federation Championship Weekend

#### ATLANTA VIBE FRONT OFFICE

President	Theresa Wenzel
Senior Vice President	Cheryl Lafoy
Director, PR, Branding, Social	Kelsey Bibik
Director, Data & Analytics	Teresa Ray Durand
Director, Community & Game Events	Shelby Foyer
Director, Youth Volleyball	Cindy Young
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Manager of Volleyball Operations	Emma Schurfranz
Manager, Ticketing	Jonathan Chen
Account Executive	Kiara Jackson
Account Executive	Marc Moody
Game Operations	Von Harris





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	2	20	Grace Cleveland	Орр		6-3	R	Bloomington, III.	Purdue	FA	gracecleve
	1	12	Tori Stringer*	S		5-11	2	Los Gatos, Calif.	Louisville	FA	toridilfer
	1	13	Leah Edmond	ОН		6-2	3	Lexington, Ky.	Kentucky	FA	leahedmond13
	2	23	Kacie Evans	ОН		5-11	R	Wadsworth, Ohio	Georgia	FA	kacieevans_
	į 3	3	Shelly Fanning	MB		6-2	4	Cypress, Texas	Baylor	FA	shellyfstafford
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į		3	Kamaile Hiapo	L/DS	kuh-MY-lee hee-AW-po	5-7	R	Gilbert, Ariz.	BYU	DR	maimaihiapo
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	-	21	Marlie Monserez	S	mon-sir-AY	6-0	R	Windermere, Fla.	UCLA/Florida	a FA	marliemonz
	1	18	Chiamaka Nwokolo	MB	chee-uh-MAH-kuh WOE-kuh-low	6-0	R	Columbus, Ohio	Pitt	DR	chiamakaaa
	2	24	Regan Pittman	MB	RAY-ginn	6-5	R	Spring Hill, Kan.	Minnesota	FA	reganpittman
	2	22	Yossiana Pressley	ОН	YAW-see-AW-nuh	6-0	1	Cypress, Texas	Baylor	FA	yossiana22_
	1	16	Karis Watson	MB	CARE-iss	6-2	7	Rock Hill, S.C.	Clemson	FA	karisw8
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		9	Morgan Hentz*	L	Kull-IVIT-lee Tiee-AVV-po	5-7 5-9	3	Lakeside Park, Ky.	Stanford	FA	morganhentz
		9 12	Tori Stringer*	S		5-9 5-11	2	Los Gatos, Calif.	Louisville	FA	toridilfer
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	-	16	Karis Watson	MB	CARE-iss	6-2	7	Rock Hill, S.C.	Clemson	FA	karisw8
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	2	18	Chiamaka Nwokolo	MB	chee-uh-MAH-kuh WOE-kuh-low		R	Columbus, Ohio	Pitt	DR	chiamakaaa
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		21	Marlie Monserez	S	mon-sir-AY	6-0	R	Windermere, Fla.	UCLA/Florida		marliemonz
		22	Yossiana Pressley	ОН	YAW-see-AW-nuh	6-0	1	Cypress, Texas	Baylor	FA	yossiana22_
		23	Kacie Evans	ОН	TAVV-3CC-AVV-Hull	5-11		Wadsworth, Ohio	Georgia	FA	kacieevans_
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#### **VOLLEYBALL COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach: Todd Dagenais (Central Michigan) Assistant Coach: Brian Doyon (SUNY ESF) Assistant Coach: Sally Polhamus (Winthrop) Director of High Performance: Chip Smith

Athletic Trainer: Sean Delfavero

Manager of Volleyball Operations: Emma Schurfranz

"Acquired Via" Key
FA = Free Agency
DR = Draft
TR = Trade

<sup>\*</sup> Franchise-Tagged Players



#### ATLANTA VIBE STORYLINES AND NOTES

#### **RETURN TO ADDITION FINANCIAL**

Vibe head coach Todd Dagenais and assistant coach Brian Doyon return to the UCF campus for the first time since leaving the program to lead the Atlanta pro volleyball team.

Dagenais stands as the winningest coach in UCF history, leading the Knights to a 308-159 (.660) overall record in his 15-year tenure as head coach, leading them to five-straight NCAA Tournament appearances (six total) and only four conference match losses in his final five seasons in Orlando. Doyon coached alongside Dagenais for seven years before joining him in Atlanta.

Vibe Director of Community Engagement and Game Events Shelby Foyer is a former Knight as well, having played for Dagenais from 2013 to 2016.

### VIBE WIN INAUGURAL PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION MATCH

Wednesday night's matchup between the Atlanta Vibe and the Omaha Supernovas marked the first ever match in Pro Volleyball Federation history. Both teams were tabbed to finish second and first in the league's preseason poll, respectively.

After the Vibe went up 2-0 in the match, Omaha rallied back to tie it up and send it to a deciding fifth set. Leah Edmond's 27<sup>th</sup> kill of the night finished off the game to give the Vibe the first win in Pro Volleyball history.

Alli Linnehan had the first kill of the match, giving her the first point in PVF history. The last time Linnehan played at the CHI Health Center was in the 2020 NCAA Championship, when she knocked down the final kill in the match to give Kentucky their first and only National Championship.

#### PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION PRESEASON POLL

The Vibe were tabbed to finish second in the inaugural season of the league, receiving two first-place votes to finish just one point behind the Omaha Supernovas.

Two Atlanta players were selected for the Preseason All-League team – outside hitter Leah Edmond was a unanimous selection, and the addition of libero Morgan Hentz makes Atlanta the only team in the league to place more than one player on the Preseason team.

#### PRESEASON SELECTED ORDER OF FINISH

Rank / Team / Points First-place votes in parenthesis

- 1. Omaha Supernovas (4) 33
- 2. Atlanta Vibe (2) 32
- 3. Columbus Fury (1) 23 Grand Rapids Rise - 23

- 5. San Diego Mojo 15
- 6. Orlando Valkyries 12
- 7. Vegas Thrill 9

#### PRESEASON ALL-LEAGUE TEAM

Leah Edmond, Atlanta Vibe\*
Morgan Hentz, Atlanta Vibe
Asjia O'Neal, Columbus Fury
Claire Chaussee, Grand Rapids Rise
Bethania De La Cruz, Omaha Supernovas\*
Molly McCage, Vegas Thrill

\* Unanimous Selection

#### **SOUTHERN ROOTS**

Six members of the Vibe's full roster are originally from Southern US states, and eight attended colleges in the South.

Outside hitter **KACIE EVANS** played for the University of Georgia, located just 50 miles from the Vibe's home court at Gas South Arena. Middle blocker **KARIS WATSON** attended Clemson, located just 93 miles from the arena, and grew up in Rock Hill, South Carolina, which is 210 miles from Duluth.

Lexington, Kentucky, is 390 miles from the arena and is home to **LEAH EDMOND'S** and **ALLI LINNEHAN'S** alma mater, the University of Kentucky. Edmond also calls Lexington home.

Libero MORGAN HENTZ grew up in Lakeside Park, Kentucky, where she often faced off against Leah Edmond on the court. SHELLY FANNING and YOSSIANA PRESSLEY were teammates at Baylor but also grew up together in Cypress, Texas, meeting across the net from each other all throughout high school.

Setter **MARLIE MONSEREZ** is from Florida and played for the Gators in undergrad.

#### **VIBE ON THE SENATE FLOOR**

On Monday, January 22, Georgia State Senator Jason Esteves (D-Atlanta) moved into motion Senate Resolution (NUMBER) that recognizes the Atlanta Vibe as the official professional women's indoor volleyball team of Atlanta.

Team owner Colleen Craig spoke to the Senate floor alongside team president Theresa Wenzel, and the team was later recognized by Georgia House Representative Dr. Jasmine Clark (District 108).



#### ATLANTA VIBE STORYLINES AND NOTES

### BALLY SPORTS AND STADIUM ANNOUNCED AS LEAGUE MEDIA RIGHTS PARTNERS

In a multi-year agreement with both partners, the Pro Volleyball Federation determined Bally Live will broadcast a majority of the live matches free on the Bally Live App during the 2024 inaugural season – with a minimum of 40 matches slated for the platform. Stadium will broadcast a "Match of the Week" live across its app, website, and OTT partners – with 20 matches slated for this coming year. These matches will also be simulcast on Bally Live.

### CBS SPORTS BECOMES PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION'S FIRST MEDIA RIGHTS PARTNER

CBS Sports is the first partner to be announced as part of Pro Volleyball Federation's media rights package, which is expected to include both domestic and international rights. The multi-year CBS Sports agreement includes a minimum of 10 matches to be aired in 2024, plus the semifinals and championship match of Pro Volleyball Federation's championship weekend.

The CBS Sports matches will be aired primarily on CBS Sports Network in 2024, with opportunities for matches to also be aired on CBS throughout the term of the partnership. The League's complete national broadcast schedule, along with additional media rights partners, will be announced at a later date.

### PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION, USA VOLLEYBALL ANNOUNCE NEW ALLIANCE

Pro Volleyball Federation has teamed up with USA Volleyball – the national governing body of the sport in the U.S. – to promote volleyball at its highest level.

USA Volleyball will support Pro Volleyball Federation's professional league in America, which launches in January. The partnership reinforces the League's commitment to work with USA Volleyball clubs, athletes and regions while USAV supports Pro Volleyball Federation's commitment to providing top professional opportunities to America's greatest female volleyball players.

Pro Volleyball Federation currently boasts 17 players from the United States who have spent time in the U.S. National Team gym. Overall, there are 35 domestic and international players in the League who have been part of their respective country's Olympic or national team system.

More than 135 athletes have signed contracts to play in the inaugural season of Pro Volleyball Federation. They will be led by a group of accomplished coaches who have combined for more than 2,500 career victories.

### PVF'S LANDMARK AGREEMENT WITH VOLLEYSTATION

Pro Volleyball Federation – the premier women's volleyball league in North America – continues to establish itself as a sports technology leader with the announcement of its agreement with VolleyStation as the official data management partner for the League.

VolleyStation will provide a centralized data management system to help the League create a database of teams, players and matches. This information will be shared via Pro Volleyball Federation digital platforms seconds after the conclusion of a point. Data will be pushed in real time to both teams, websites and the media and can seamlessly integrate with television broadcast outlets to allow for in-depth analysis during a match.

VolleyStation is not limited to match statistics, as coaches can use data to scout opponents as well as evaluate players on their own rosters. In addition, the system will provide video as well as live webinars to train officials to work comprehensively with the system.

#### VIBE ADD SIX PLAYERS THROUGH INAUGURAL PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION DRAFT

The Atlanta Vibe added six players through the 2023 Pro Volleyball Draft on Monday, headlined by two first round picks in **CHIAMAKA NWOKOLO** and **MAGDA JEHLÁŘOVÁ**. The inaugural draft was held in Atlanta as all six of the Vibe's opponents traveled to the Peach State to dole out 35 of the top collegiate talent entering the pro ranks.

Head coach Todd Dagenais first chose Chiamaka Nwokolo (Vibe outside Leketor Member-Meneh's college teammate) with the No. 6 overall pick in the first round of the Draft out of Pitt. Later in the day, he made a trade to acquire No. 2 overall selection Magda Jehlářová, sending Ali Bastianelli and Kendra Dahlke to the San Diego Mojo.

The Vibe then picked up BYU teammates setter WHITNEY BOWER and libero KAMAILE HIAPO in the second and third rounds, respectively, followed by Oregon middle blocker KARA MCGHEE in the fourth round and Washington opposite MAY PERTOFSKY in the fifth round.

#### ATLANTA ROSTER HIGHLIGHTS

Libero MORGAN HENTZ brings Olympic gym experience to the Vibe, having spent two years competing with Team USA. The 2023 Athletes Unlimited Defensive Player of the Year has three years of pro experience after the three-time First Team AVCA All-American led the Stanford Cardinal to three NCAA Championships.

#### ATLANTA VIBE STORYLINES AND NOTES

Outside hitter **LEKETOR MEMBER-MENEH** will also have a college teammate in Atlanta with her, as she helped to lead Pitt to an NCAA Final Four appearance alongside No. 6 overall Draft pick **CHIAMAKA NWOKOLO** in 2021.

Setter **TORI DILFER-STRINGER** looks to lead the Vibe to the first ever Pro Volleyball Federation Championship after working alongside the league to help it to develop into a league that works for its players. Dilfer-Stringer and her teammate Morgan Hentz both serve as Player Relations Associates with the Pro Volleyball Federation.

MAGDA JEHLÁŘOVÁ\*, CHIAMAKA NWOKOLO, WHITNEY BOWER, and KAMAILE HIAPO all make their pro careers after being selected by the Vibe in the 2023 Pro Volleyball Federation Draft. Jehlářová and Nwokolo were both selected in the first round, with Nwokolo being selected by the Vibe with the No. 6 overall pick and the Vibe acquiring Jehlářová (No. 2 overall pick) via trade.

Georgia standout **KACIE EVANS** starts her pro career after signing with the Vibe as a free agent following the Draft. Evans, a three-time All-SEC Team honoree, leaves UGA as the Dawgs' all-time sets played record holder (517).

**REGAN PITTMAN** came out of retirement to play in the Pro Volleyball Federation this season, having spent the last two years post-grad starting and running her business, Stand Tall Volleyball Academy. At the University of Minnesota, Pittman was a three-time AVCA All-American honoree and a three-time All-Big Ten First Team selection.

**KARIS WATSON** brings the most pro experience to the Vibe's roster, having played professionally for seven seasons since graduating from Clemson in 2014. Watson's pro career has taken her through France, Switzerland, Germany, Portugal, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.



#### 2024 ATLANTA VIBE STATS

				H	itting					Ser	ving
	<u>Team</u>	Sets Won	Kills	Errors	Attacks	Kill %	Assists	Digs	Blocks	Aces	Errors
1/24	Atlanta	3	62	17	203	31%	58	97	16	2	9
1/24	Omaha	2	65	7	195	33%	53	94	12	5	11



#### 2024 ATLANTA VIBE STATS

The Vibe in	The Vibe with [ ] than their opponent	
3 sets0-0	More kills	0-0
4 sets0-0	Same # kills	0-0
5 sets1-0	Fewer kills	1-0
The Vibe in	Higher kill %	0-0
THE VIDE III	Same kill %	0-0
lamuan. 4.0	Lower kill %	1-0
January1-0		
February0-0	More attacks	1-0
March0-0	Same # attacks	0-0
April 0-0 May 0-0	Fewer attacks	0-0
•	More blocks	1-0
	Same # blocks	0-0
The Vibe on	Fewer blocks	0-0
Mondays0-0	More assists	1-0
Tuesdays0-0	Same # assists	
Wednesdays1-0	Fewer assists	
Thursdays0-0		
Fridays0-0	More digs	1-0
Saturdays0-0	Same # digs	
Sundays 0-0	Fewer digs	
The Vibe when wearing		
Red0-0	Vibe set records when starting	
Blue0-0		2.2
	Grace Cleveland	
Black1-0	Leah Edmond	
	Shelly Fanning	
	Alli Linnehan	
	Tori Stringer	
	Karis Watson	3-2



#### SEASON HIGHS



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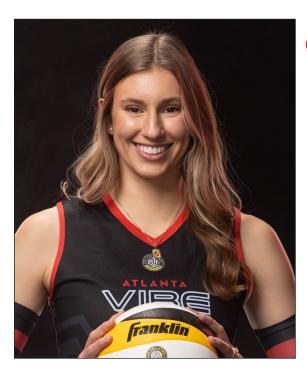
1...... Alli Linnehan (at Omaha 1/24)

TEAM	
<b>KILLS</b> 62	4
<b>ATTACKS</b> 203	4
KILL PERCENTAGE 31at Omaha 1-2	4
<b>BLOCKS</b> 16at Omaha 1-2	4
<b>ASSISTS</b> 58	4
<b>DIGS</b> 97 at Omaha 1-2	4
<b>ACES</b> 2 at Omaha 1-2	4

#### **OPPONENTS**

INDIVIDUAL
KILLS 16Brooke Nuneviller (at Omaha 1/24)
48Brooke Nuneviller (at Omaha 1/24)
KILL PERCENTAGE min. 10 attacks 50% (13-1-26) Jess Schaben-Lansmen (at Omaha 1/24)
BLOCKS 4Tori Dixon (at Omaha 1/24)
ASSISTS 39Sydney Hilley (at Omaha 1/24)
DIGS 23Kendall White (at Omaha 1/24)
ACES 3Bethania De La Cruz (at Omaha 1/24)

TEA	AM
KILLS	at Omaha 1-24
<b>ATTACKS</b> 195	at Omaha 1-24
KILL PERCENTAGE 33%	at Omaha 1-24
<b>BLOCKS</b> 12	at Omaha 1-24
<b>ASSISTS</b> 53	at Omaha 1-24
<b>DIGS</b> 94	at Omaha 1-24
<b>ACES</b> 5	at Omaha 1-24



# #20 GRACE CLEVELAND OPPOSITE / 6'B" / 1ST-YEAR PRO / PURDUE

**PVF Transactions**: Signed a contract with the Atlanta Vibe (5/30/23).

- Two-time AVCA All-America honoree (First and Second Team)
- Two-time VolleyballMag.com All-America honoree (First and Third Team)
- Three-Time First Team All-Big Ten
- 2021 Purdue Athlete of the Year
- Became just the sixth Boilermaker ever to be named First Team All-American and first since Sherridan Atkinson in 2018
- Finished her career with 1,320 kills, 469 blocks, 423 digs, and 73 service aces.



# TORI STRINGER SETTER / 5'11" / BRD-YEAR PRO / LOUISVILLE

**PVF Transactions**: Signed a contract with the Atlanta Vibe (5/30/23).

#### Pro Experience:

- Athletes Unlimited (USA) 2022
- Pinkin de Corozal (Puerto Rico) 2022
- Bartoccini Fortinfissi Perugia (Italy) 2022

- Three-year letterwinner with Louisville after transferring from TCU after the 2018 campaign.
- Dilfer-Stringer became the first-ever Louisville player to earn First-Team AVCA All-America distinction in 2021.
- Two-time ACC Setter of the Year (2020, 2021), 2021 AVCA East Region Player of the Year, two-time First Team All-ACC.



# #13 LEAH EDMOND OUTSIDE / 6'2" / 4TH-YEAR PRO / KENTUCKY

**PVF Transactions**: Signed a contract with the Atlanta Vibe, becoming the first player signed in the Pro Volleyball Federation (5/30/23).

#### Pro Experience:

- Athletes Unlimited (USA) 2021-23
  - 2023 AU Champion
- Valencianas de Juncos (Puerto Rico) 2021-22

- Earned four AVCA All-America and All-Region honors and four First Team All-SEC honors in four years at Kentucky.
- Back-to-back SEC Player of the Year (2018, 2019).
- Wildcats' all-time leader with 1,978 kills and 4,655 attack attempts.



# #23 KACIE EVANS OUTSIDE / 5'11" / ROOKIE / GEORGIA

**PVF Transactions**: Signed a contract with the Atlanta Vibe as an undrafted free agent (12/11/23).

- Three-time All-SEC Team honoree
- Georgia's all-time sets played record holder (517)
- AVCA Third Team All-America
- AVCA Southeast All-Region Team
- AVCA Southeast Region Freshman of the Year
- · SEC Freshman of the Year
- Finished her UGA career with 1,768 kills (3.42 per set), 1,127 digs (2.18 per set), and 2,057 points (3.98 per set).



### #3 SHELLY FANNING MIDDLE / 6'2" / 5TH-YEAR PRO / BAYLOR

**PVF Transactions**: Signed a contract with the Atlanta Vibe (5/30/23).

#### Pro Experience:

- Athletes Unlimited (USA) 2023
- Criollas de Caguas (Puerto Rico) 2022-23
- Changas de Naranjito (Puerto Rico) 2021-22
- Valencianas de Juncos (Puerto Rico) 2020-21
- DPD IŁ Capital Legionovia Legionowo (Poland) 2020-21
- Indias de Mayagüez (Puerto Rico) 2019-20

- Three-time AVCA All-America performer, receiving First-Team honors as a redshirt senior. She also secured three AVCA All-Region Team selections and became the first player in Baylor history to earn All-Big 12 Conference distinction four times, including three First-Team commendations.
- Received unanimous First-Team All-Big 12 picks in her final two seasons





# MORGAN HENTZ DIBERO / 5'9" / 4TH-YEAR PRO / STANFORD

**PVF Transactions**: Signed a contract with the Atlanta Vibe (5/30/23).

#### Pro Experience:

- Athletes Unlimited (USA) 2022-23
- Dresder SC 1898 (Germany) 2021

#### Team USA:

- 2023 Volleyball Nations League Final Round
- 2022 World Championship 4th
- 2022 USAV Cup Friendlies vs. Türkiye
- 2022 FIVB Volleyball Nations League Final Round 5th
- 2015 FIVB U18 World Championship in Peru Silver Medal

#### College Experience:

 Hentz was a three-time First-Team AVCA and VolleyballMag.com All-America selection at Stanford. She was a key member of three NCAA Championship teams and played a pivotal role in Stanford winning three Pac-12 titles from 2017 to 2019.



### **KAMAILE HIAPO**LIBERO/DS / 5'7" / ROOKIE / BYU/ARIZONA

**PVF Transactions**: Drafted No. 20 overall (third round) by the Atlanta Vibe in the 2023 Pro Volleyball Federation Draft (12/11/23).

- Transferred to BYU as a graduate transfer after spending four seasons at Arizona.
- Led the Cougars in digs with 277 in her graduate year, was second on the team with 162 assists and third with 31 service aces. Hiapo finished with double-digit digs in 22 of 32 matches.
- Named Honorable Mention All-Pac-12 twice during her time with Wildcats.
- Led Arizona with 492 digs in her senior season, good for fourth in Wildcat single-season history.



# #17 ALLI LINNEHAN OUTSIDE / 6'1" / 2ND-YEAR PRO / KENTUCKY

**PVF Transactions**: Signed a contract with the Atlanta Vibe (5/30/23).

#### Pro Experience:

- Athletes Unlimited (USA) 2023
  - 2023 AU Silver Medal winner
- Neptunes de Nantes (France) 2022-23

- Three-time AVCA All-American (First Team junior year, Second Team sophomore and senior seasons).
- 2021 AVCA Southeast Region and SEC Player of the Year.
- One of five players in Kentucky history with 1,000 or more career kills during the 25-point rally scoring era.
- Led Kentucky to the 2020-21 NCAA Championship.



# LEKETOR MEMBER-MENEH OUTSIDE / 5'7" / 2ND-YEAR PRO / PITT

**PVF Transactions**: Signed a contract with the Atlanta Vibe (5/30/23)

#### Pro Experience:

• Futura Volley Giovani Busto Arsizio (Italy) - 2022-23

- Part of Pitt's first NCAA Final Four appearance by a women's team in school history in 2021, and helped Pitt reach its sixth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance, marking the program's longest NCAA postseason streak in history.
- AVCA All-America Second Team in 2021.
- · Transfered to Pitt after Mizzou.



# #21 MARLIE MONSEREZ SETTER / 6'0" / 1ST-YEAR PRO / FLORIDA/UCLA

PVF Transactions: Signed a contract with the Atlanta Vibe (5/30/23).

- Played for UCLA beach volleyball team for two seasons, finishing with a 48-17 record.
- Played four years of undergrad with Florida indoor team.
- AVCA All-America Second Team honors in senior season (2021), along with All-SEC honors.
- She finished second in the SEC and 11th nationally in assists per set (11.15), as well as first on the team in assists (1182), second in digs (277), third in service aces (23), fourth in blocks (60.0) and sixth in kills (96) in her senior season.



### #18 CHIAMAKA NWOKOLO MIDDLE / 6'0" / ROOKIE / PITT

**PVF Transactions**: Drafted No. 6 overall (first round) by the Atlanta Vibe in the 2023 Pro Volleyball Federation Draft (12/11/23).

- 2023 AVCA All-East Coast Region Team
- Two-time All-ACC Second Team Selection
- AVCA and VolleyballMag.com All-America Honorable Mention
- Led Pitt to three consecutive NCAA Final Four appearances and three ACC Championships in five seasons with the Panthers.



### #24 REGAN PITTMAN SETTER / 6'5" / 1ST-YEAR PRO / MINNESOTA

**PVF Transactions**: Signed a contract with the Atlanta Vibe (10/23/23).

- Three-time AVCA All-America honoree (First Team, Second Team and honorable mention)
- Three-time First-Team All-Big Ten selection
- · Senior CLASS Award First-Team selection
- 2019 Volleyball Magazine First Team selection
- Finished her career with 502 career blocks, a .356 career hitting percentage and 902 career kills; she ranked eighth all-time in UM history in career blocks and tied for third in career hitting percentage.



### **#22** YOSSIANA PRESSLEY OUTSIDE / 6'0" / 2ND-YEAR PRO / BAYLOR

**PVF Transactions**: Signed a contract with the Omaha Supernovas (6/6/23) ... Waived by Omaha (1/19/24) ... Claimed off waivers by the Atlanta Vibe (1/21/24).

#### Pro Experience:

• ASPTT Mulhouse Volley-Ball (France) - 2021-22

- Five-time AVCA All-American, with First Team honors each of her last three years.
- Five First Team AVCA All-Region honors
- Garnered unanimous First Team All-Big 12 honors all five years.
- 2019 AVCA, espnW, and Big 12 Conference Player of the Year



### #24 KARIS WATSON MIDDLE / 6'2" / 8TH-YEAR PRO / CLEMSON

**PVF Transactions**: Signed a contract with the Atlanta Vibe (10/27/23).

#### Pro Experience:

- Saint-Dié-des-Vosges (France) 2022-23
- VC Kanti Schaffhausen (Switzerland) 2020-22
- VfB Suhl LOTTO Thüringen (Germany) 2019-20
- Atlético Voleibol Clube (Portugal) 2018-19
- Hylte/Halmstad (Sweden) 2017-18
- Tendring Volleyball Club (UK) 2016-17

- Four-year letter winner for Clemson from 2011 to 2014, where she appeared in 88 matches for the Tigers.
- Over the course of her college career, she saw action in 301 sets, including a career-high 119 sets during her senior season.
- Watson's contributions to the team extended to her impressive statistics, as she tallied 459 kills and recorded 320 total blocks with the Tigers.
- In her senior season, she achieved a .323 hitting percentage, amassing 236 kills over 32 matches. She tallied 10 or more kills in a match on seven occasions during the 2014 campaign, including a season-high 13 kills against Winthrop on September 6, 2014.



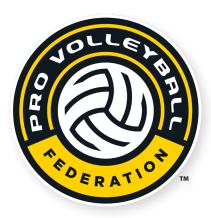
#### ALTERNATES



### #14 WHITNEY BOWER SETTER / 5'7" / ROOKIE / BYU

**PVF Transactions**: Drafted No. 9 overall (second round) by the Atlanta Vibe in the 2023 Pro Volleyball Federation Draft (12/11/23).

- Played five seasons at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, where she earned the WCC Setter of the Year title twice, was named to the All-Big 12 First Team and the AVCA Southwest All-Region team.
- She left BYU as the program's rally scoring era assists leader, tallying 4,583 in her five-year career.
- Bower finished her Cougar career first in the history books in sets played (464), second in service aces (135) and third in total digs (1,230).



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**2025 TEAMS ANNOUNCED** 

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GRACE CLEVELAND OPP | 6'3 | PURDUE



TORI STRINGER



LEAH EDMOND OH | 6'2 | KENTUCKY



KACIE EVANS OH | 5'11 | GEORGIA



SHELLY FANNING MB | 6'2 | BAYLOR



MORGAN HENTZ L | 5'9 | STANFORD



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BRIAN DOYON ASSISTANT COACH



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