



# MATCH NOTES

VEGAS THRILL / PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION INAUGURAL SEASON

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## MATCH NINE

**Vegas Thrill (3-5) vs.  
Atlanta Vibe (5-3)**

Monday, March 4 | 7 p.m. PST

Dollar Loan Center | Las Vegas, NV



Vegas Head Coach.....Fran Flory	Atlanta Head Coach..... Todd Dagenais
Thrill Record.....3-5 (.375)	Vibe Record..... 5-3 (.625)
College Record (32nd Season).....515-414 (.554)	College Record (14th Season).....308-159 (.660)

### 2024 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
2.07	at Omaha	W 3-2
2.10	at Orlando	L 3-1
2.15	Omaha	L 3-1
2.19	San Diego	W 3-0
2.22	Orlando	L 3-1
2.24	Columbus	L 3-0
2.26	at Columbus	L 3-1
2.29	at San Diego	W 3-2
3.4	Atlanta	7pm
3.9	at Atlanta	4pm
3.11	at Columbus	4pm
3.17	at Grand Rapids	1pm
3.24	San Diego	4pm
3.26	Grand Rapids	7pm
3.30	at Omaha	4pm
4.8	Atlanta	7pm
4.13	at Grand Rapids	4pm
4.17	Columbus	7pm
4.20	Grand Rapids	7pm
4.26	at San Diego	7pm
4.28	at Atlanta	11am
5.1	Orlando	7pm
5.6	Omaha	7pm
5.11	at Orlando	1pm

ALL TIMES PACIFIC STANDARD  
AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

### SHORT TERM IR:

Hannah Pukis #9 S and Molly McCage #5 MB

### PROJECTED STARTERS



S - #6 Alisha Glass  
Childress



OH - #1 Khat Bell



OH - #15 Gabby  
Gonzales



OPP - #91 Saskia  
Hippe



MB - #7 Layne Van  
Buskirk



MB - #12 Berkeley  
Oblad



L - #4 Kylie Murr

### BROADCAST INFORMATION



Tonight's match will be broadcast on  
[youtube.com/@realprovb](https://youtube.com/@realprovb)

Victoria Dennis (Analyst) and A.J. Kanell (Play-by-Play)



**2024 ROSTER**

**ALPHABETICAL**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Exp	Hometown	College	Acquired	Instagram
1	Khat Bell	OH	6-2	8	San Diego, CA	Texas	FA	@_khatbell
6	Alisha Glass Childress	S	6-0	9	Leland, MI	Penn State	FA	@aglass1_6
15	Gabby Gonzales	OH	6-3	R	Marietta, GA	Ohio State/Oregon	DR	@gabbygonzaless
21	Ainise Havili	S	5-10	4	Fort Worth, TX	Kansas	FA	@ahavili
91	Saskia Hippe	OPP	5-10	15	Berlin, Germany	-	FA	@saskia_hippe
24	Meghan Jemison	OH	6-0	R	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA	Stanford	FA	@meghanjemison
8	Janet Kalaniuvalu	OH	6-2	2	Orem, UT	Southern Utah/Miami	FA	@janet.faitumalo
11	Hannah Maddux	OH	6-2	R	San Antonio, TX	South Alabama	DR	@hannah.maddux
19	Amani McArthur	ALT/MB	6-3	R	Kennesaw, GA	Mich. State	FA	@lovely_maniiii
5	Molly McCage	MB	6-3	8	Spring, TX	Texas	FA	@mollymccage
4	Kylie Murr	L	5-6	R	Yorktown, IN	Ohio State/Minnesota	DR	@kyliemurr
12	Berkeley Oblad	MB	6-4	4	Henderson, NV	Utah	FA	@berkeleydawn12
10	Paulina Prieto-Cerame	OPP	6-2	4	San Juan, PR	Penn State/Texas	FA	@paulinaprietoceramee
9	Hannah Pukis	S	5-11	R	Tacoma, WA	Wash. State/Oregon	DR	@hannahpukis
17	Kenna Sauer	OH	6-1	R	Ankeny, IA	Houston/Texas Tech/Missouri	FA	@kenna_sauer
2	Madison Schermerhorn	ATL/L	5-10	R	Ligonier, IN	Purdue	DR	@m_schermerhorn
7	Layne Van Buskirk	MB	6-4	4	Windsor, Canada	Pitt	FA	@laynevanbuskirk

**NUMERICAL**

No.	Name	Pos.
1	Khat Bell	OH
2	Madison Schermerhorn	L
4	Kylie Murr	L
5	Molly McCage	MB
6	Alisha Glass Childress	S
7	Layne Van Buskirk	MB
8	Janet Kalaniuvalu	OH
9	Hannah Pukis	S
10	Paulina Prieto-Cerame	OPP
11	Hannah Maddux	OH
12	Berkeley Obald	MB
15	Gabby Gonzales	OH
17	Kenna Sauer	OH
19	Amani McArthur	MB
21	Ainise Havili	S
22	Anna Church	L
24	Meghan Jemison	OH
91	Saskia Hippe	OPP



**COACHING STAFF**  
 HEAD COACH: FRAN FLORY  
 ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH: DENISE CORLETT  
 ASST. COACH: MELODY NUA



**Pronunciation Guide**

#1 – Khat Bell.....	CAT Bell
#2 – Maddie Schermerhorn.....	MAD-dee SHER-murr-horn
#4 – Kylie Murr.....	Kie-lee Murr
#5 – Molly McCage.....	MAW-lee Mic-Cage
#6 – Alisha Glass Childress.....	uh-leesh-uh Glass
#7 – Layne Van Buskirk.....	Lane VAN Bus-kurk
#8 – Janet Kalaniuvalu.....	JAN-et KAW-law-nee-ew-vaw-lew
#9 – Hannah Pukis.....	HAN-nuh Pew-kiss
#10 – Paulina Prieto-Cerame.....	PAW-lee-nuh Pree-et-tow Se-RAH-meh
#11 – Hannah Maddux.....	HAN-nuh MAD-dux
#12 – Berkeley Oblad.....	Burk-lee OH-blad
#15 – Gabby Gonzales.....	GAB-bee GON-zaw-les
#17 – Kenna Sauer.....	KEN-nuh SOUR
#19 – Amani McArthur.....	uh-MON-nee Mic-ARE-thur
#21 – Ainise Havili.....	uh-NEE-say Huh-Vee-lee
#22 – Anna Church.....	AN-uh CH-erch
#24 – Meghan Jemison.....	Meg-in JEM-i-sin
#91 – Saskia Hippe.....	SAW-skee-uh Hip-pay
Head Coach: Fran Flory.....	FRAN FI-oory
Associate Head Coach: Denise Corlett.....	Deh-neese COR-lett
Assistant Coach: Melody Nua.....	Mel-uh-dee New-uh

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**HEAD COACH  
FRAN FLORY**

**ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH  
DENISE CORLETT**



- 32nd Season
- AVCA Hall of Fame Coach
- Head Coach LSU - 23 Years
- First in All-Time SEC Wins
- First in All-Time LSU Wins
- Three SEC Championships
- Two NCAA Final Four Appearances (1990, 1991)
- First LSU Beach Volleyball Coach
- Alma Mater: University of Texas - 1984

**COACHING HISTORY**

2024-Present.....Vegas Thrill  
 1986.....Wittenberg  
 1987.....Texas A&M (Asst.)  
 1988-1991.....LSU (Asst.)  
 1992.....Southeastern Louisiana  
 1993-1997.....Kentucky  
 1998-2021.....LSU  
 2014-2016.....LSU Beach

- 33rd Season
- UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame
- Interim Head Coach, Associate Head Coach, and Assistant Coach at Stanford - 31 Years
- Two-Time AVCA National Assistant Coach of the Year
- Nine NCAA Championships as Assistant at Stanford
- Alma Mater: UCLA - 1981

**COACHING HISTORY**

2024-Present.....Vegas Thrill  
 1989-2019.....Stanford  
 1987-1988.....San Jose State (Asst.)





## VEGAS - ATLANTA CONNECTIONS

- Thrill libero Kylie Murr and Vibe middle blocker Regan Pittman played for Minnesota. The duo played for the Gophers during different times, Murr (2023) and Pittman (2016-21). During their respective playing careers, Murr labeled herself as No. 17 all-time in single season total digs with 472, while Pittman is No. 8 all-time in total blocks with 502.
- Vegas middle blocker Layne Van Buskirk and Atlanta outside hitter Lektor Member-Meneh both played at Pitt. Buskirk is No. 4 all-time in block assists (392), No. 4 all-time in hitting percentage (.361) and No. 6 all-time in total blocks (442), while Member-Meneh is No. 2 all-time for kills in a NCAA tournament run with 77 in 2021.
- The Vibe's Leah Edmond, Morgan Hentz, Shelly Fanning, Alli Linnehan, Yossiana Pressley, and Karis Watson played in the Athletes Unlimited Volleyball league along with the Thrill's Alisha Glass Childress, Molly McCage and Saskia Hippe.

## REAL PRO VOLLEYBALL

- Vegas Thrill is the seventh franchise of Pro Volleyball Federation, North America's Premier Women's Professional Indoor League.
- Pro Volleyball Federation head coaches have combined for more than 2,500 career victories. The League boasts 17 players from the United States who have played with the National Team. Overall, there are 35 players who have been part of an Olympic or National Team.
- Vegas Thrill's Alisha Glass Childress and Molly MCCage represent two of U.S. National Team members from the league.
- Vegas Thrill is Las Vegas' fourth major professional team behind the Las Vegas Raiders, Las Vegas Aces, and Vegas Golden Knights.

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away
Omaha Supernovas	6	3	0.667	2-2	4-1
Columbus Fury	4	2	0.667	2-0	2-2
Atlanta Vibe	5	3	0.625	2-2	3-1
Grand Rapids Rise	3	3	0.500	2-1	1-2
Orlando Valkyries	4	5	0.444	3-3	1-2
Vegas Thrill	3	5	0.375	1-3	2-2
San Diego Mojo	1	5	0.167	1-2	0-3





**MATCH PREVIEW**

**THRILL VS. VIBE**

The Vegas Thrill (3-5) return home to the Dollar Loan Center to face off against the Atlanta Vibe (5-3) Monday night. This will be the first all-time meeting between the two squads.

Vegas comes into this match with a record of 3-5, winning its most recent outing against the San Diego Mojo on Feb. 29 (25-23, 25-20, 19-25, 27-29, 15-11). In the match, Vegas outside hitter Khat Bell recorded 28 kills, which stands as the most kills in a single match by any league player. With the victory against San Diego, the Thrill broke a three-match skid and have a chance win back-to-back matches for the first time ever with a win tonight.

Atlanta comes in with a record of 5-3 and currently second in the league standings. The Vibe's most recent match was also against the Mojo, with Atlanta taking a three-set sweep. On the road, the Vibe tally a record of 3-1 outside of Atlanta. With a in win in tonight's match, Atlanta can tie for first place with the Omaha Supernovas in the league standings.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH**

**THRILL**



Saskia Hippe - The 15-year pro out of Berlin, Germany, has at least 10 kills in five outings this season. Her season-high in this category is 17 against the Omaha Supernovas (Feb. 15). The opposite hitter has also recorded a season-best 10 digs on three different occasions. In the most recent match against the Mojo (Feb. 29) she had eight kills, two digs and one block.



Khat Bell - The 2012 National Champion at Texas dominated her most recent match against the San Diego Mojo (Feb. 29) collecting 28 kills, 16 digs, one block, and once ace. Her 28 kills is the most in a single match by any player this season. The outside hitter has recorded two matches with at least 22 kills. Had a season-best 13 digs against the Orlando Valkyries (Feb. 22).



Alisha Glass Childress - The setter has gathered at least 35 assists in every match played this season, including a season-high 57 at San Diego (Feb. 29). The setter has collected at least 10 digs in four different matches with a season-high 19 vs. Omaha (Feb. 15). In her most recent match against the Mojo (Feb. 29) she had 57 assists, 14 digs and two blocks.

**VIBE**



Leah Edmond- The Kentucky alum has collected at least 10 kills in eight matches, which includes a season-high 27 kills in the season opener against the Omaha Supernovas (Jan. 24). The outside hitter has at least 12 digs in six different matches with a season-high 19 against the Orlando Valkyries (Jan. 26).



Marlie Monserez - The Florida and UCLA alum has collected at least 19 kills in five matches, which includes a season-high 47 kills against the Orlando Valkyries (Feb. 12). Monserez also has four matches with at least 11 digs, including a season-high 17 against Orlando (Feb. 12).



Alli Linnehan - The Florida alum has collected at least 11 digs on four different occasions, including a season-high 23 against the Orlando Valkyries (Jan. 26). Had a season-best 13 kills against the Omaha Supernovas (Jan. 24).



**VEGAS THRILL RUNDOWN**

**INFORMATION GUIDE**



Location: Las Vegas, NV  
First Season: 2024

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**PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION**

The Pro Volleyball Federation is REAL pro volleyball and the premier women's professional volleyball league in North America. Pro Volleyball Federation will begin play on January 24, 2024 with world class players and coaches, including some of America's greatest volleyball players.



Pro Volleyball Federation has attracted some of volleyball's most elite talent, including olympians, National Team members, and college champions. Beginning this season, Pro Volleyball Federation will play with a REAL league format with teams playing in major league arenas across North America and owned by REAL pro owners and team operators. This league is also paying volleyball athletes a REAL living wage, with additional compensation based on league awards and post-season results.



# 2024 FOUNDING FRANCHISES



*2025 TEAMS ANNOUNCED*  
Dallas Indianapolis Kansas City











**#17** Kenna Sauer

OH, 6-1, Ankeny, IA /  
Houston/ Texas Tech/ Missouri

Match-By-Match Statistics

SP K TA PCT SA AST DIG BLK

at Omaha								
at Orlando								
Omaha								
San Diego								
Orlando	3	6	18	.33	1	0	4	1
Columbus	2	2	6	.33	0	0	4	0
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**#19** Amani McArthur

MB/Alternate, 6-3, Kennesaw, GA /  
Michigan State

Match-By-Match Statistics

SP K TA PCT SA AST DIG BLK

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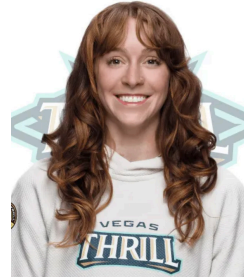
**#21** Ainise Havili

S, 5-10, Fort Worth, TX / Kansas

Match-By-Match Statistics

SP K TA PCT SA AST DIG BLK

at Omaha	DNP							
at Orlando	DNP							
Omaha	1	0	0	.00	0	3	1	0
San Diego	DNP							
Orlando	3	0	0	.00	0	8	2	0
Columbus	DNP							
at Columbus	1	0	0	.00	0	1	0	0
at San Diego	DNP							
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**#22** Anna Church

L, 5-8, Fairway, KS / St. Louis/Kansas

Match-By-Match Statistics

SP K TA PCT SA AST DIG BLK

at Omaha								
at Orlando								
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