



MATCH NOTES

VEGAS THRILL / PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION INAUGURAL SEASON

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MATCH 11

Vegas Thrill (3-7) at Columbus Fury (4-3)

Monday, March 11 | 4 p.m. PST
Nationwide Arena | Columbus, OH



Vegas Head Coach.....Fran Flory
Thrill Record.....3-7 (.300)
College Record (32nd Season).....515-414 (.554)

Columbus Head Coach..... Ángel Pérez
Fury Record..... 4-3 (.571)

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	L 3-0
3.9	at Atlanta	L 3-1
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

Neil Sika (Play-by-Play), Audrey Flaugh (Analyst)



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
#2 – Maddie Schermerhorn.....	SHER-murr-horn
#4 – Kylie Murr.....	KIE-lee murr
#5 – Molly McCage.....	mic-CAGE
#6 – Alisha Glass Childress.....	uh-LEESH-uh
#8 – Janet Kalaniuvalu.....	KAW-law-nee-ew-VAW-lew
#9 – Hannah Pukis.....	PEW-kiss
#10 – Paulina Prieto-Cerame.....	PREE-et-toe se-RAH-mah
#12 – Berkeley Oblad.....	BURK-lee OH-blad
#17 – Kenna Sauer.....	KEN-nuh SOUR
#19 – Amani McArthur.....	uh-MON-nee
#21 – Ainise Havili.....	uh-NEE-say huh-VEE-lee
#24 – Meghan Jemison.....	JEM-ah-sin
#91 – Saskia Hippe.....	SAW-skee-uh HIP-ay
Associate Head Coach: Denise Corlett.....	COR-lett
Assistant Coach: Melody Nua.....	NEW-uh

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HEAD COACH FRAN FLORY



Former head coach in the SEC, Fran Flory becomes the first head coach in franchise history of the Vegas Thrill. Flory comes to the Thrill after spending 24 seasons at LSU and 32 total years of coaching experience. Flory is the longest-tenured head coach at LSU and the Tigers winningest coach in program history with 405 victories, including nine NCAA Tournament appearances, seven 20-win seasons, seven SEC West divisional titles, and the 2009 SEC Championship. During her time with the Tigers, Flory coached 49 All-SEC recipients and 16 AVCA All-South Region selections, including AVCA All-Americans Brittnee Cooper (2007-2009) and Taylor Bannister (2017, 2019). Cooper was also named SEC Player of the Year in 2009, while Elena Martinez won back-to-back SEC Defensive Player of the Year awards in 2007 and 2008. Flory started her coaching career as the head coach at Wittenberg (1986), then was an assistant coach at Texas A&M (1987). Flory also served as an assistant coach for LSU from 1988-91, then held head coaching stints at Southeastern Louisiana (1992) and Kentucky (1993-1997). Before returning to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, becoming the head coach at LSU in 1998. At the time, Flory was the fifth head coach in program history for the Tigers. In her 32 years of coaching, Flory has collected 515 wins. In 2022, she was inducted into the American Volleyball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame. Flory also had a lot of success as a player the University of Texas (1980-83). The outside hitter was a member of Texas' AIAW National Championship squad. She received All-Southwest Conference and All-South Region honors during all three seasons with the Longhorns.

COACHING HISTORY

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



ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH DENISE CORLETT



Former assistant coach with Stanford, Denise Corlett spent 31-years as a member of the women's volleyball staff. During her time with the Cardinals, Corlett was a two-time AVCA National Assistant Coach of the Year, leading the Cardinal to a record of 875-146 (.857) during her association with the program. She was on staff for an unprecedented nine NCAA championships and 18 Pac-12 championships. During her tenure, the Cardinals twice won three NCAA titles in a four-year span (1994, 1996-97 and 2016, 2018-19). The conference titles included six in a row between 1994-99, and more recently 10 of her last 14 seasons with the program. At Stanford, Corlett coached in 14 national championship matches, helped the team to 17 final fours and mentored 38 players to 93 AVCA All-America awards. She was also a part of Stanford's first beach volleyball staff, serving as an associate head coach from 2013-15 and the head coach of the program in 2016. Corlett was inducted into the Southern California Indoor Volleyball Hall of Fame in 2019. Prior to Stanford, Corlett served as an assistant at San Jose State (1987-88) and spent five years assisting at UCLA (1982-86), her alma mater. She held a graduate assistant position for the Bruins for two years and was a volunteer assistant for three. Corlett received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from UCLA in 1981. During her time at UCLA, Corlett played three varsity sports and was named the All-University Athlete of the Year in 1979. She was the national badminton champion in 1977 and won the Broderick Award in that sport. She was a three-time All-American in volleyball and played on the Bruins' national champion women's basketball team. In 1999, she was inducted into the UCLA Athletics Hall of Fame.

COACHING HISTORY

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



VEGAS - COLUMBUS CONNECTIONS

- Vegas Thrill players Khat Bell, Molly McCage and Columbus Fury middle blocker Asjia O'Neal all played at Texas. The trio earned All-Big 12 First Team honors at least once during their respective careers.
- Thrill setter Alisha Glass Childress and Fury players Gabby Blossom, Megan Courtney Lush and Kaitlyn Hord all played at Penn State during different times. In the record book, Childress is No. 4 all-time in assists (5,800) while Blossom ranks No. 8 all-time (3,271).
- Vegas setter Ainise Havili and Columbus outside hitter Reagan Cooper were both letter winners at Kansas. Cooper played for the Jayhawks from 2019-22, while Havili played for the program from 2014-17. Havili is the program's all-time leader in assists with 5,255.
- Fury players Gabby Blossom, Jenna Rosenthal, Ray Santos and Maria Schlegel played in the Athletes Unlimited Volleyball league along with the Thrill players 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
Atlanta Vibe	7	3	0.700	3-2	4-1
Omaha Supernovas	7	3	0.700	2-2	5-1
Columbus Fury	4	3	0.571	2-0	2-3
Grand Rapids Rise	4	4	0.500	3-1	1-3
Orlando Valkyries	4	6	0.400	3-4	1-2
Vegas Thrill	3	7	0.300	1-4	2-3
San Diego Mojo	2	5	0.286	2-2	0-3





MATCH PREVIEW

THRILL VS. FURY

The Vegas Thrill (3-7) will travel to Columbus, Ohio, for a matchup against the Columbus Fury (4-3) on Monday night at Nationwide Arena. This will be the third all-time meeting between the Thrill and Fury. Columbus owns the all-time series 2-0.

FIRST MATCH: Columbus won the first-ever outing in a three-set sweep on Feb. 24 (26-24, 25-23, 25-20) at the Dollar Loan Center. Vegas was led by Hannah Maddux's 15 kills and eight digs. Saskia Hippe also recorded eight digs along with 10 kills. Alisha Glass Childress dished out a match-high 40 assists and had three blocks. Columbus was paced by Reagan Cooper's 15 kills and seven digs. Megan Courtney Lush had a team-high nine digs and had 10 kills. Raymariely Santos recorded 32 assists and Kaitlyn Hord had a match-high four blocks.

SECOND MATCH: The Fury won second matchup in four-sets (25-23, 22-25, 25-21, 25-23) on Feb. 26 at Nationwide Arena. The Thrill were led by Hannah Maddux who recorded 15 kills, while three other Vegas players recorded double-figures in kills with Molly McCage (13), Gabby Gonzales (11) and Berkeley Oblad (11). Setter Alisha Glass Childress dished out 54 assists, while adding nine digs and four blocks. Libero Kylie Murr posted a match-high 24 digs in the backcourt, while Maddux collected 19 and Gonzales had 17. Columbus was paced by Reagan Cooper's match-high 21 kills. Raymariely Santos' had 38 assists and 16 digs. Valeria León also tallied 16 digs, while Cooper collected 15 and Samantha Drechsel had 10.

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 first match against the Fury (Feb. 24) she had 10 kills, eight digs and one block. In the most recent outing against Columbus (Feb. 26) she collected nine kills, seven digs and one assists



Gabby Gonzales - The Oregon alum has four matches with at least 10 kills, which includes a season-high 15 against the Vibe (March 4). Gonzales has also collected at least 10 digs on four different occasions, including a season-best 23 against the San Diego Mojo (Feb. 29). In the most recent match against the Fury (Feb. 26) she had 11 kills, 17 digs and one ace.



Alisha Glass Childress - The setter has gathered at least 30 assists in every match played this season, including a season-high 57 at the San Diego Mojo (Feb. 29). The setter has collected at least 10 digs in four different matches with a season-high 19 vs. Omaha Supernovas (Feb. 15). In her most recent outing against the Fury (Feb. 26) she had 54 assists, nine digs, two blocks and four blocks.

PLAYERS TO WATCH: FURY



Reagan Cooper- The Kansas alum had an impactful performance in the first match against the Thrill (Feb. 24) collecting 15 kills, seven digs and two service aces. In the second outing against Vegas, the outside hitter had 21 kills, 15 digs and two blocks. Copper has five different matches with at least 15 kills on the season.



Raymariely Santos - The nine-year pro and Arkansas alum has at least 20 assists in all matches played. In the first match against Vegas (Feb. 24) she had 32 assists, six digs and one block. During the second outing, she collected 38 assists, 16 digs and one block.



Megan Courtney Lush - The seven-year pro and Penn State alum has collected at least 11 digs on four different occasions. Lush has also collected at least 10 kills on three different occasions. In the first match against the Thrill (Feb. 24) she collected 10 kills, nine digs and one block.



VEGAS THRILL RUNDOWN

**THE DOLLAR LOAN CENTER:
HOME OF THE THRILL**

ARENA QUICK FACTS

Grand Opening:	March 8, 2022
Construction:	Sept. 2020-Feb. 2022
First Professional Game:	Silver Knights vs. Condors, April 2, 2022
First Thrill Match:	Thrill vs. Supernovas, Feb. 15, 2024
Cost:	\$84 million
Capacity:	5,567
Suites:	28
Square Feet:	200,000

ABOUT THE DLC

The Dollar Loan Center is the home of the Vegas Thrill. The state-of-the-art arena located in Henderson, Nevada, was opened in March 2022. The \$84 million project took only a span of 18 months to build. The arena has a capacity of 5,567 seats, while holding 28 suites. The Dollar Loan Center is not only the home of the Thrill, but also hosts the Henderson Silver Knights (AHL affiliate of the Vegas Golden Knights), the Vegas Knight Hawks of the Indoor Football League and the NBA G League Ignite. The arena is also home to the Southern Nevada Sports Hall of Fame, the Craggy Range Sports Bar and Grill and a team store. The arena also includes a sensory room, as the DLC is proud to partner with KultureCity to feature a space and tools for guests with sensory processing impairments.



THE DLC IS ALSO HOME TO:

Henderson Silver Knights (AHL)

Vegas Knight Hawks (IFL)

NBA G League Ignite (NBAGL)

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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



#91 Saskia Hippe

OPP, 6-1, Berlin, Germany / 15+ years pro

EUROPE: Women's European U18 Championship 2007 ...
 Women's European Volleyball Championships in 2011 and 2013
 ... Top scorer in German Championship With 511 combined:
 2015, 2016 ... Challenge Cup Top scorer, Best Attacker, and
 Best Server with Olympiacos Piraeus : 2017 and 2018 ...
 Hellenic Championship M.V.P. with Olympiacos Piraeus: 2017
 and 2018.

Match-By-Match Statistics

	SP	K	TA	PCT	SA	AST	DIG	BLK
at Omaha	5	11	42	.26	0	2	10	2
at Orlando	4	12	39	.31	1	0	5	0
Omaha	4	17	35	.49	0	1	10	1
San Diego	3	12	24	.50	0	1	10	1
Orlando	3	5	8	.62	0	0	1	0
Columbus	3	10	28	.36	0	0	8	1
at Columbus	4	9	31	.28	1	1	7	0
at San Diego	3	8	28	.28	1	0	2	1
Atlanta	1	1	6	.17	0	0	2	0
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