



# MATCH NOTES

VEGAS THRILL / PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION INAUGURAL SEASON

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## MATCH 14

**Vegas Thrill (5-8) vs.  
Grand Rapids Rise (5-5)**

Tuesday, March 26 | 7 p.m. PT

Dollar Loan Center | Henderson, NV



Vegas Head Coach.....Fran Flory  
Thrill Record.....5-8 (.385)  
College Record (32nd Season).....515-414 (.554)

Grand Rapids Head Coach..... Cathy George  
Rise Record..... 5-5 (.500)  
Career Record (36th season).....671-462 (.592)

### 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	W 3-1
3.17	at Grand Rapids	W 3-2
3.24	San Diego	L 3-0
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

### PROJECTED STARTERS



S - #6 Alisha Glass  
Childress



OH - #1 Khat Bell



OH - #17 Kenna  
Sauer



OH - #11 Hannah  
Maddux



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
11	Hannah Maddux	OH	6-2	R	San Antonio, TX	South Alabama	DR	@hannah.maddux
19	Amani McArthur (PS)	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

(PS)= Practice squad

**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
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 (PS)	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
#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 THRILL / #JOINTHERIDE**

## VEGAS - GRAND RAPIDS CONNECTIONS

- Thrill outside hitter Gabby Gonzales and Rise setter Mac Podraza played four seasons together at Ohio State (2019-22). The duo led the Buckeyes to a combined record of 80-37, including two NCAA Regional Semifinal appearances (2020 and 2021) and an NCAA Regional Final appearance (2022).
- Thrill setter Alisha Glass Childress and Grand Rapids middle blocker Nia Grant, setter Mac Podraza and outside hitter Erika Pritchard all played at Penn State during different times. In the program record book, Childress is No. 4 all-time in assists (5800) and Grant is No. 10 all-time in hitting percentage (.381).
- Grand Rapids players Symone Abbott, Claire Chaussee, Marin Grote and Kayla Caffey 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	9	4	0.692	4-2	5-2
Omaha Supernovas	8	4	0.667	3-3	5-1
Columbus Fury	5	5	0.500	3-2	2-3
Grand Rapids Rise	5	5	0.500	3-2	2-3
Orlando Valkyries	5	8	0.385	3-4	2-4
Vegas Thrill	5	8	0.385	1-5	4-3
San Diego Mojo	3	6	0.366	2-3	1-3





**MATCH PREVIEW**

**THRILL VS. RISE**

The Vegas Thrill (5-8) will face off against the Grand Rapids Rise (5-5) on Tuesday night at the Dollar Loan Center. This will be the second all-time meeting between the Thrill and Rise. Vegas won the first matchup 3-2 on March 17 at Van Andel Arena.

**FIRST MATCH:** Vegas recorded the first reverse sweep in league history in the 3-2 victory (21-25, 21-25, 25-21, 25-16, 15-12). Vegas had three players with double figure kills, led by outside hitter Khat Bell's 18, while outside hitter Hannah Maddux tallied 16 and middle blocker Berkeley Oblad collected 11. The Thrill had a combined 17 blocks on the night, including middle blocker Layne Van Buskirk's season-high six, while Bell, Maddux and Oblad all had three. Libero Kylie Murr and Bell collected a match-high 16 digs.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH: THRILL**



**Molly McCage** – The 2012 National Champion and former Germany's Best Blocker has three matches with at least 11 kills, including a season-high 14 in the season opener against the Omaha Supernovas (Feb. 7). The middle blocker has at least three blocks on five different occasions with a season-high eight against Omaha (Feb. 7).



**Gabby Gonzales** - The Oregon alum has five matches with at least 10 kills, which includes a season-high 15 against the Atlanta Vibe (March 4). Gonzales has also collected at least 10 digs on five different occasions, including a season-best 23 against the San Diego Mojo (Feb. 29). In her most recent outing against the San Diego Mojo (March 24) she collected 10 kills, eight digs and one assist.



**Alisha Glass Childress** - The Penn State alum currently leads the league in assists with 557. The setter has also 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 San Diego Mojo (March 24) she had 37 assists and nine digs.

**PLAYERS TO WATCH: RISE**



**Claire Chaussee** - The Louisville alum has at least 10 kills in every match played, including three matches with at least 21. Her season-high in this category is 23 against the San Diego Mojo (March 4). The outside hitter has at least 10 digs on eight different occasions with a season-best 19 against the Atlanta Vibe (Feb. 18).



**Symone Abbott** - The Northwestern alum has recorded at least 15 kills in four different matches, including a season-best 17 against the San Diego Mojo (Feb. 23). The outside hitter has also collected at least 10 digs on four different occasions with a season-best 13 at San Diego (March 4).



**Emiliya Dimitrova** - The 17-year pro out of Shumen, Bulgaria, has 10 kills in every match played, along with a season-high 26 on two different occasions. The opposite hitter also has six matches with at least 10 digs, including a season-best 22 against the Atlanta Vibe (Feb. 18).



**VEGAS THRILL RUNDOWN**

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

**ARENA QUICK FACTS**


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

















