

## **MATCH NOTES**

## Match 1 - Banner Night Omaha Supernovas (0-0) vs. Atlanta Vibe (0-0)

Friday | January 10 | 7 p.m. CST Supernovas Radio Network on 660 AM KCRO CHI HEALTH CENTER, OMAHA, NEB.



Omaha Head Coach ......Laura "Bird" Kuhn Supernovas Record (2nd season)..... 17-7 (.708) Head Coach Career Record (7th season)... 93-67 (.581)

Atlanta Head Coach ......Kayla Banworth Vibe Record (1st season)......0-0 (.000) Head Coach Career Record (4th season) 29-38 (.433)

SERIES HISTORY: This is the fifth meeting between Omaha and Atlanta. The Vibe won the 2024 season series 3-1, including a 2-0 record inside the CHI Health Center, highlighted by a five-set victory in the first-ever PVF match on January 24, 2024. The Supernovas lone win against Atlanta came in a dominant sweep on the road on Feb. 29, 2024. Three of the four matches have gone at least four sets. The Vibe is the only opponent in the history of the PVF that Omaha doesn't have a winning record against.

#### RADIO BROADCAST INFORMATION

#### The Supernovas Radio Network can be heard in five states, led by flagship station 660 AM KCRO and

Broadcast Crew: Grant Hansen (PxP) and Renee Saunders (Color

five other affiliates.

#### **BROADCAST INFORMATION**



- Friday's match will be broadcast statewide on Nebraska Public Media.
- Crew: Larry Punteney (PxP) and Lindsay Peterson (Color

## Match 2 - Rise Home Opener Omaha Supernovas (0-0) at Grand Rapids Rise (0-0)

Sunday | January 12 | 5 p.m. CST Supernovas Radio Netowrk on 660 AM KCRO VAN ANDEL ARENA, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.



Omaha Head Coach ......Laura "Bird" Kuhn Supernovas Record (2nd season)...... 17-7 (.708)

Grand Rapids Head Coach......Cathy George Rise Record (2nd season)......13-13 (.500) Head Coach Career Record (7th season)... 93-67 (.581) Head Coach Career Record (37th season) .680-470 (.591)

SERIES HISTORY: This is the sixth meeting between Omaha and Grand Rapids, with the Supernovas holding a 4-1 series advantage. Sunday's match is also a repeat of the inaugural 2024 PVF Championship in which Omaha won in a sweep to claim the PVF title on May 18, 2024 at the CHI Health Center. The Supernovas first-ever road win came against the Rise in a 3-1 win on Feb. 12, 2024 at Van Andel. The lone series win for the Rise came in the 2024 regular season finale with a five-set thriller on May 12, 2024.

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Broadcast Crew: Grant Hansen (PxP) and Geoff Exstrom (Color

#### BROADCAST INFORMATION



- Sunday's match will be the first-ever PVF match broadcast nationwide on FS1.
- Crew: Paul Sunderland (PxP) and Holly McPeak (Color).

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### 2025 SCHEDULE

Date		Opponent	Time/Result
01.10		Atlanta	7 p.m.
01.12 a	at	Grand Rapids	5 p.m.
01.17 a	at	Vegas	9 p.m.
01.19		San Diego	3 p.m.
01.24 a	at	Columbus	6 p.m.
01.31		Columbus	7 p.m.
02.02 a	at	Orlando	2 p.m.
02.06 a	at	Indy	6 p.m.
02.08 a	at	Atlanta	6 p.m.
02.16		San Diego	3 p.m.
02.20 a	at	San Diego	9 p.m.
02.27		Orlando	7 p.m.
03.02		Indy	3 p.m.
03.05 a	at	Columbus	6 p.m.
03.13 a	at	Indy	6 p.m.
03.15	at	Orlando	6 p.m.
03.22		Indy	6 p.m.
03.28		Vegas	7 p.m.
03.30		Grand Rapids	3 p.m.
04.05		Orlando	6 p.m.
04.10 a	at	Vegas	9 p.m.
04.12 a	at	San Diego	8 p.m.
04.17		Grand Rapids	7 p.m.
04.19		Atlanta	6 p.m.
04.25		Columbus	TBA
04.27		Vegas	3 p.m.
05.02 a	at	Grand Rapids	6 p.m.
05.04 a	at	Atlanta	5 p.m.

\*All Times Central & Subject to Change

### 2024 PRO VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONS



From preseason favorites to first-ever Champions, the Omaha Supernovas took the pro volleyball world by storm in the Pro Volleyball Federation's inaugural season in 2024. The Supernovas swept the Grand Rapids Rise to claim the PVF Championship at the CHI Health Center in Omaha on May 18. Setter Sydney Hilley was named Postseason MVP after coming off the bench in leading Omaha to a reverse sweep of San Diego in the semifinals before the championship sweep.

The championship win capped off a historic year for the Supernovas, who showed the hunger for professional volleyball in the United States, hosting the seven most-attended pro volleyball matches in U.S. history. That includes the U.S. record on March 16, 2024 with 12,090 fans watching Omaha beat the Orlando Valkyries 3-1. The Supernovas drew seven crowds of 10,000 people or more out of its 12 home matches finishing with the No. 1 average attendance mark in the world among pro volleyball teams with 9,656 fans per match. A total of 134,969 fans attended pro volleyball matches at the CHI Health Center in 2024, which also includes the 19,094 spectators who attended the PVF Semifinals and Championship.

The product on the court was equally as impressive with the Supernovas finishing 18-8 overall and a 9-3 mark at home. Star outside hitters Brooke Nuneviller and Bethania De La Cruz were named to the PVF All-League First Team while De La Cruz took home the PVF Server of the Year award after leading the league with 32 aces during the regular season. Bulgarian middle blocker Hristina Vuchkova missed the first three games of the season, but arrived in Omaha to lead the Supernovas and PVF with 70 total blocks by season's end. She was also an All-League selection, being named to the second team.





#### 2024 PVF Postseason MVP

Sydney Hilley

### PVF All-League

Brooke Nuneviller 1st Team
Betty De La Cruz 1st Team
Hristina Vuchkova 2nd Team

#### **PVF Server of the Year**

Betty De La Cruz 2024

#### **PVF Player of the Week**

Natalia Valentín-Anderson5/7/24Betty De La Cruz4/9/24Sydney Hilley4/2/24Brooke Nuneviller3/12/24

#### **QUICK FACTS**

LocationOmaha, Neb.
Metro Population 968,000
First Season2024
Colors Amaranth, Purple, Light Blue, Navy
Home ArenaCHI Health Center
Capacity18,320
WebsiteSupernovas.com
Ownership GroupDanny White
Jason Derulo
PartnerKirk Thompson
Team PresidentDiane Mendenhall
Special Assistant to the PresidentMike West
VP, OperationsGrant Gallo
VP, Corporate Sponsorships Jeff Hoggan
Sr. Director of Ticket Sales Jacob Rockoff
Dir. Comms, Media & BroadcastGeoff Exstrom
Dir. Brand Strategy & ContentNick Bowlby
Special OperationsMelissa Hansen
Dir. Fan ExperienceAndy Rosenau
Asst. Dir. of Ticket & Engagement Nicole Meyer
Ticket Sales AssociateDylan Boyte
Ticket Sales AssociateRachel Magdanz

#### FRANCHISE FIRSTS

Stat	First
Stat  Serve Dig Set Assist Block Ace Kill Set Win Set Loss Sweep Four-Set Win	First  Sydney Hilley, S  Betty De La Cruz, OH  Sydney Hilley, S  Sydney Hilley, S  Danielle Hart, MB  Tori Dixon, MB  Brooke Nuneviller, OH  vs. Atlanta (1/24/24)  vs. San Diego (2/3/24)  at Grand Rapids (2/12/24)
Five-Set Win Home Win	at Orlando (3/9/24) vs. San Diego (2/3/24)
Road Win	at Grand Rapids (2/12/24)

#### PRESEASON HONORS

- Coming off its championship-winning season, the Supernovas were voted to finish third in the PVF Preseason Poll, receiving one of the eight first-place votes. Both the poll and all-league teams were voted by the head coaches who weren't allowed to vote for their own team and players.
- Omaha will have the top outside hitter duo entering the 2025 season with 2024 All-League First Team Selection Brooke Nuneviller and PVF Rookie of the Year Reagan Cooper both voted to the Preseason All-League Team.

Rank	Team	Points
1.	Atlanta Vibe (4)	43
2.	Orlando Valkyries (2)	41
3.	Omaha Supernovas (1)	36
4.	Indy Ignite (1)	27
5.	Grand Rapids Rise	26
6.	Vegas Thrill	25
7.	San Diego Mojo	14
8.	Columbus Fury	12

#### PRESEASON ALL-LEAGUE TEAM

Leah Edmond, Atlanta Vibe Morgan Hentz, Atlanta Vibe\* Reagan Cooper, Omaha Supernovas Brooke Nuneviller, Omaha Supernovas Brittany Abercrombie, Orlando Valkyries Kaz Brown, Orlando Valkyries Ronika Stone, San Diego Mojo

\* - Unanimous selection A tie in the voting created seven positions

#### PEDIGREE OF GREATNESS

- Aside from winning their own league title, the 2025 Supernovas field a roster full of championship experience and individual stardom dating back to their college days. This season's roster has combined for the following:
- Nine NCAA Volleyball National Championships, Semifinal and Championships Appearances. MB Kayla Caffey won the 2022 title with Texas in her final year of college at the CHI Health Center, securing the first of back-to-back Longhorn championships. OH Valeria Vazquez Gomez leads the team in semfinals appearances, helping Pittsburgh reach four-straight National Semifinals from 2021 to 2024.
- 12 conference titles. Vazquez Gomez and setter Kendra Wait are tied for the most on the Supernovas with four. Vazquez Gomez won

four ACC titles while Wait helped Creighton to Big East championships in all four of her college seasons.

• 27 AVCA All-American honors spread across 14 Supernovas. Seven of those earning multiple honors including Wait [4], Brooke Nuneviller [4], Kaitlyn Hord [4], Mac Podraza [3], Emily Londot [3] and Kelsie Payne [3].

#### WELCOME BACK TO THE GOOD LIFE

- Six Supernovas on the 2025 roster have college connections within the state. Four having played at Nebraska and two at Creighton.
- Lindsay Krause, Ally Batenhorst, Kayla Caffey and Kaitlyn Hord were all Huskers under head coach John Cook, but Krause is the only one of the four to play all four seasons at NU (2021-2024).
- Krause and Batenhorst have the longest teammate history as Huskers from 2021 to 2023. Caffey (2021) and Hord (2022) joined that due as teammates for one year each.
- Setter Kendra Wait and libero Allison Whitten each played for Creighton under head coach Kirsten Berthal Booth. Wait spent all four seasons in Omaha while Whitten joined the Bluejays for her final season in 2022, where she and Wait shared the floor as starters.

#### CARRYING THE CHAMPIONSHIP TORCH

- Two Supernovas from the inaugural championship-winning team return to Omaha for the 2025 season. That includes outside hitter Brooke Nuneviller and setter Natalia Valentín-Anderson.
- Nuneviller was a pillar on the 2024 team, making her a priority in the free agency period over the summer. The Oregon product showcased her two-way play en route to PVF All-League First Team honors. She recorded 3.33 kills (8th in PVF) and 3.32 digs (6th) per set, including the franchise record for most digs in a single match with 22.
- Nuneviller was also the first player in franchise history to be named PVF Player of the Week [March 12]. Plus, she's currently the all-time franchise leader in kills, attacks, kills per set and digs.
- Valentín-Anderson shared time as the starting setter in 2024, but quickly established herself as one of the best defensive setters in the league. The Puerto Rico Olympian averaged 8.60 assists and 2.87 digs per set in 21 matches, highlighted by her PVF Player of the Week honor following a week where she averaged 12 assists and four digs per match. Also, her defense was put on national display when her incredible two-dig save against the Vegas Thrill on May 6 was featured No. 2 on SportCenter's Top 10 Plays.

#### **ROCK, CHALK JAYHAWK**

- Much like its ties to Nebraska, the 2025 Supernovas draw several connections with Kansas.
- Opposite Kelsie Payne, outside hitter Reagan Cooper and middle blocker Toyosi Onabanjo each finished their college careers at KU as Cooper and Onabanjo spent time together as teammates for the 2023 season. Plus, setter Kendra Wait heralds from the Sunflower State, growing up in Gardner, Kansas.



- All three received All-American honors in Lawrence with Payne leading the way with two first team honors (2016, 2015) and a third team nod (2017). Cooper made the third team (2023) in her lone season with KU while Onabanjo was named an honorable mention in 2024 after averaging 2.58 kills and 1.23 blocks per set.
- Omaha head coach Laura "Bird" Kuhn made her name known in the coaching ranks at Kansas from 2011-2017, winning the 2015 AVCA Assistant of the Year after the Jayhawks made its first-ever National Semifinal in school history.
- Supernovas Team President Diane Mendenhall earned her bachelor's degree from Kansas while being a four-year starter for the Jayhawks.

#### **CONSISTENCY BREEDS SUCCESS**

- The Supernovas took that title literal in its 2024 championship run, becoming one of the most consistent teams in the PVF.
- Omaha was the lone team in the league last season to not have been swept, winning at least one set in every match played.
- The Supernovas were also the only team in the PVF to not lose multiple matches in a row. Omaha peaked at the right time, ripping of its longest winning streak of the season [4] down the stretch. In fact, the Supernovas won six of its last seven matches to win the title, including that winning streak.

#### HARD SERVE, NO CONE REQUIRED

- A major reason for the Supernovas championship run in the inaugural season was due in part to its stellar serving, leading the PVF with 105 aces in 106 sets for a league-leading 0.99 aces per set mark.
- That effort was led by 2024 PVF Server of the Year winner and Dominican Republic Olympian Bethania De La Cruz, who hammered a league-leading 35 aces in 92 sets (0.38), which led the second-highest total by more than 10.
- It was a balanced serving attack behind De La Cruz as seven other Supernovas recorded at least seven aces including Brooke Nuneviller (12), Paige Briggs-Romine (10), Jess Schaben-Lansman (9), Tori Dixon (9), Stephanie Samedy (8), Sydney Hilley (8), and Natalia Valentín-Anderson (7).

#### **WORLDLY TIES**

- The Supernovas will field three players with ties outside the United States, including Puerto Ricans Natalia Valentín-Anderson and Valeria Vazquez Gomez as well as Columbian libero Camila Gómez.
- A 16-year pro, Valentín-Anderson is one of the greatest and most respected setters of her generation, leading the Puerto Rico National Team to its only Olympic appearance in its country's history. As the starting setter, the team finished 11th in 2016 at the Rio Summer Olympics.
- Valentín-Anderson brings an illustrious professional career to Omaha having spent time in Italy, Poland, France, Azerbaijan and Puerto Rico. She's a legend in the Puerto Rico league winning the "Best Setter" award four times and the league's MVP in 2012-2013.

- Gómez played in 21 of the 26 matches for the PVF Runner-Up Grand Rapids Rise during the inaugural 2024 season, posting 187 digs [2.63 D/S] and 38 assists. She's also a veteran of the Columbian National Team, winning 11 medals for her home country including 20 individual accolades.
- Vazquez Gomez heralds from Manati, Puerto Rico and has played in a few tournaments for the national team which includes winning a bronze medal at the 2022 Challenger Cup. She also participated in the 2023 and 2024 NORCECA Challenger Cup Qualification, finishing third and first respectively.

#### GOT PASS? WE DO.

- The Supernovas finished as the best passing team in the PVF during the 2024 season, recording a 54% positive rate with a 28% perfect rate.
- Outside hitter Brooke Nuneviller passed at a team-leading 60% positive, which ranked fourth in the league and second amongst attackers.
- Camila Gómez brings impressive passing numbers over from Grand Rapids. After taking over as the primary libero in the final 12 matches of the season, Gómez recorded a positive rate of 67% which led the entire PVF.
- As a result of its passing, Omaha allowed the fewest aces among all seven teams in the league with 65. Atlanta was nearest with 69 aces allowed, but Orlando was a distant third with 80 allowed in 24 matches.
- The Supernovas peaked with a positive pass percentage of 66 in their five-set win over the San Diego Mojo on April 20 at the CHI Health Center. Omaha posted 60% or more in five separate matches which tied Orlando for second-most in the league behind Atlanta [8].
- As far as perfect passing, Omaha recorded a season-high 39% in the franchise opener against Atlanta making it more impressive with that number coming in a five-set match.
- Unsurprisingly, the Supernovas led the PVF in opponent positive pass percentage with 47% while allowing a 23% perfect rate. The season low came in the PVF Semifinal on May 15 when San Diego passed at 34% positive.

Rank & Team	Positive Pass %	Perfect Pass %
1. Omaha	54%	28%
2. Atlanta	53%	24%
T3. Orlando	52%	27%
T3. Grand Rapids	52%	23%
5. Columbus	50%	23%
6. San Diego	46%	18%
7. Vegas	43%	21%

#### THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH

- One season after consisting of one of the most experienced rosters in the PVF, the Supernovas enter 2025 with an emphasis on youth.
- Omaha will see the pro debut of eight rookies in 2025: MB Phoebe Awoleye, OH Ally Batenhorst, OH Lindsay Krause, OPP Emily Londot, MB Toyosi Onabanjo, OH Valeria Vazquez Gomez, S Kendra Wait and L Allison Whitten.
- Kayla Caffey, Reagan Cooper, Kaitlyn Hord, Brooke Nuneviller and Mac Podraza are either entering their second or third season as pros, further showing the youth movement in Omaha.
- In total, 13 of the 16 players on the Supernovas have three years or fewer of professional seasons under their belt.
- Natalia Valentín-Anderson is the clubhouse leader with 16 years of professional experience followed by Kelsie Payne (6 years) and Camila Gómez (4 years).

#### SUPERNOVAS-VIBE CONNECTIONS

- PVF Draft No. 1 overall pick Merritt Beason makes a quick return to Nebraska for her pro debut Friday against the Supernovas. The opposite spent her last two college seasons in Lincoln for Nebraska Volleyball leading the Huskers to a National Championship appearance and one National Semifinal. She was teammates with current Supernovas Lindsay Krause [2023-2024] and Ally Batenhorst (2023).
- · Atlanta head coach Kayla Banworth is one of the best players in Nebraska Volleyball history. A former walk-on, Banworth transformed into one of the best players in program history under John Cook from 2007-2010. She developed into an Olympian, winning eight medals during an illustrious international career including a bronze medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics. She later returned to Lincoln to be an assistant coach from 2017-2019, helping NU win its fifth national title in school history (2017). She returns to the head coaching ranks after spending three seasons at Ole Miss, pulling off one of the best turnarounds in Division I volleyball from year one (1-19) to year two (21-9).
- Vibe middle blocker Taya Beller was a twotime D2CCA All-America First Team selection at Wayne State in Nebraska. Heralding from Lindsay, Nebraska, Beller attended Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family High School.
- Batenhorst will reunite with former USC setter Mia Tuaniga when the two face off on Friday. The two were teammates in L.A. for the 2024 college season.



### **PROJECTED STARTERS**





**ALPHABETICAL** 

Phoebe Awoleye

Ally Batenhorst

Reagan Cooper

Camila Gómez

Lindsay Krause

Toyosi Onabanjo

Natalia Valentín-Anderson

Valeria Vazquez Gomez

Kelsie Payne

Mac Podraza

Kendra Wait 20 Allison Whitten

Kaitlyn Hord

**Emily Londot** Brooke Nuneviller

Kayla Caffey

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Nuneviller



Cooper



Payne



Caffey



Hord



Gómez

### NIIMERICAI ROSTER

PR = Practice Squad

FA = Free Agency

DR = Draft

TR = Trade

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NO.	NAME	POS	HT	EXP	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE AC	QUIRED	INSTAGRAM
1	Natalia Valentín-Anderson	S	5-7	16	Caguas, Puerto Rico	FIU	FA	nvale09
4	Valeria Vazquez-Gomez (PR	R) OH	6-1	R	Manati, Puerto Rico	Pittsburgh	DR	vevg_
5	Brooke Nuneviller	OH	5-11	2	Chandler, Arizona	Oregon	FA	brooke_nuneviller
6	Kendra Wait	S	5-10	R	Gardner, Kansas	Creighton	DR	kendra_wait_5
8	Reagan Cooper	OH	6-2	1	Rowlett, Texas	Kansas / Texas Tech	FA	_reagancooper
9	Mac Podraza (PR)	S	6-2	1	Sunbury, Ohio	Penn State / Ohio State	FA	macpodraza10
10	Camila Gómez	L	5-2	4	Cali, Columbia	Texas A&M	FA	camilagh13
11	Kelsie Payne	OPP	6-3	6	Austin, Texas	Kansas	FA	kelsiepayne
14	Ally Batenhorst	OH	6-5	R	Houston, Texas	USC / Nebraska	DR	allybatenhorst
17	Phoebe Awoleye	MB	6-2	R	Marietta, Georgia	Minnesota / LMU / Georgia	FA	phoebe.awoleye
20	Allison Whitten	L	5-7	R	Simpsonville, S.C.	Creighton / Morehead State	FA	awhitten10
21	Toyosi Onabanjo	MB	6-1	R	Houston, Texas	Kansas	DR	toyosi.onabanjo
22	Lindsay Krause	OH	6-4	R	Omaha, Nebraska	Nebraska	DR	lindsayykrause
23	Kaitlyn Hord	MB	6-4	2	Lexington, Kentucky	Nebraska / Penn State	FA	kait_hord
27	Emily Londot	OPP	6-3	R	Utica, Ohio	Ohio State	DR	todnolylime
28	Kayla Caffey	МВ	6-0	2	Chicago, Illinois	Nebraska / Texas / Missoui	ri <b>FA</b>	itskaylalexis

### **COACHING STAFF**

### Head Coach: Laura 'Bird' Kuhn (Georgia Tech, 2005) Assistant Coach: Thomas Robson (Viterbo, 2021) Assistant Coach: Steven Roschitz (Graceland, 2016) Assistant Coach: Gina Mancuso-Prososki (Nebraska, 2012) Director of Ops: Rick Pruett (Dakota Wesleyan, 1991) Head Athletic Trainer: Becca Himes (Salisbury, 2015)

#### **HUMAN PERFORMANCE TEAM**

Head Team Physician: Jaime Seeman Strength & Conditioning Coach: Laura Pilakowski Butter Mindset Coach: Larry Widman Team Nutritionist: Brooke Snyder

### FROM WHERE?

Arizona	1
Columbia	1
Georgia	1
Kansas	1
Kentucky	1
Nebraska	
Ohio	2
Puerto Rico	
South Carolina	1
Texas	4

### **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

Name	Pronunciation
Phoebe Awoleye	Fee-Bee / AWE-Wuh-Lay
Ally Batenhorst	BAY-Ten-Horst
Camila Gómez	Cuh-MILLA
Laura "Bird" Kuhn	Koon
Brooke Nuneviller	Nun-Uh-Vill-Err
Toyosi Onabanjo	Toy-OH-See / On-Uh-BAN-Jo
Mac Podraza	Puh-DROZZA
Rick Pruett	Pru-it
Natalia Valentín-Anderson	Val-Len-Teen
Valeria Vazguez Gomez	Vuh-LARRY-uh / VASS-Kezz





#### **SUPERNOVAS**

- · Head Coach (2024-present)
- Intertim Head Coach (2024)
- · Assistant Coach (2024)

#### OTHER COACHING EXPERIENCE

- · Head Coach, Texas A&M (2018-22)
- · Assistant Coach, Kansas (2011-17)
- · Assistant Coach, Miami (2008-10)
- · Assistant Coach, Appalachian State (2007)

#### **COACHING RECORD**

- Overall: 347-163 (.680)
- · With Supernovas: 17-7 (.708)
- As Head Coach: 93-67 (.581)

#### **EDUCATION**

Georgia Tech University (2005)
 Bachelor's, Business Management

#### PERSONAL

• Birthday: Nov. 19

#### LAURA "BIRD" KUHN COACHING TREE

Assistant Coach	After Bird's Staff
Kolby O'Donnell	Associate HC, LMU
Wendell Camargo	Associate HC, Missouri
Cullen Irons	Assistant Coach, Missouri
	Assistant Coach, UNLV

# Laura "Bird" Kuhn

#### HEAD COACH · 2ND SEASON · GEORGIA TECH (2005)

#### **CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS**

- · Inaugural PVF Champion (2024)
- 9 NCAA Tournament Appearances
- 2015 National Semifinal Appearance
- Developed 8 AVCA All-Americans & 10 Honorable Mentions

#### **COACHING HONORS**

- PVF Coach of the Year (Media, 2024)
- · SEC Coach of the Year (2019)
- AVCA Assistant Coach of the Year (2015)

#### YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

TEAR BY TEAR REGORD						
Year	School	Record	Win%	Conf.	Conf. Place	Postseason Finish
2007	App. St.	19-14	.575	14-4	2nd	
2008	Miami	26-6	.813	14-6	T-3rd	
2009	Miami	18-13	.581	11-9	T-5th	NCAA First Round
2010	Miami	23-9	.719	13-7	3rd	NCAA First Round
2011	Kansas	15-14	.517	3-13	3rd	
2012	Kansas	26-7	.788	12-4	3rd	NCAA Second Round
2013	Kansas	25-9	.735	12-4	2nd	NCAA Regional Semifinal
2014	Kansas	22-9	.710	10-6	T-2nd	NCAA First Round
2015	Kansas	30-3	.909	14-2	2nd	NCAA National Semifinal
2016	Kansas	27-3	.900	15-1	1st	NCAA Second Round
2017	Kansas	22-8	.733	11-5	T-3rd	NCAA First Round
2018*	Texas A&M	17-13	.567	10-8	T-5th	
2019*	Texas A&M	23-8	.742	13-5	T-3rd	NCAA Regional Semifinal
2020-21*	Texas A&M	9-9	.500	9-9	7th	
2021*	Texas A&M	14-14	.500	7-11	9th	
2022*	Texas A&M	13-16	.448	5-13	12th	
	Professiona	al				
2024* 2025*	Supernovas Supernovas		.708 		2nd	PVF Champions

93-67 .58

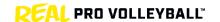
\*As Head Coach Assistant Coach for first two matches of 2024 PVF Season

#### **PVF WINNINGEST COACHES**

1.	Todd Dagenais	19-6 (.760)	ATL	2024
2.	Laura "Bird" Kuhn	18-8 (.692)	OMA	2024-Present
3.	Tayyiba Haneef-Park	13-12 (.520)	SD	2024-Present
4.	Cathy George	13-13 (.500)	GRR	2024-Present
5.	Amy Pauley	8-16 (.333)	ORL	2024-Present
6.	Angel Perez	8-16 (.333)	COL	2024-Present
7.	Fran Flory	8-16 (.333)	LV	2024-Present
8.	Kayla Banworth	0-0	ATL	New for 2025
9.	George Padjen	0-0	IND	New for 2025
10.	Rámon Hernandez Cruz	0-0	LV	New for 2025
**/	Ainimum 10 matches coa	ched		

#### THE BIRDHOUSE BLITZ

Origin of "Bird" Nickname	Dad Called Me "Bird Legs"
Favorite Athlete	Michael Jordan
Favorite Volleyball Memory	2015 Kansas Final Four Run
Favorite Restaurant	Chilis, Duh
Guilty Pleasure Snack	Doritos
Pre-Match Ritual	Carpool Karaoke with Thomas
If Not Coaching Volleyball	Stocking Cards at Hallmark & Coaching Special Olympics
Pre-Match SongJack	Harlow's "Lovin on Me" or Crime Mob's "Knuck If You Buck"



#### SUPERNOVAS ATTENDANCE RECORDS

TOP	10 ATTENDA	NCE MARKS			
Rk	Attendance	Opponent	Date		
1.	12,090	Orlando	3/16/24		
2.	11,918	Orlando	2/18/24		
3.	11,624	Atlanta	1/24/24		
4.	11,403	San Diego	2/3/24		
5.	11,303	San Diego	4/20/24		
6.	10,678	Grand Rapids*	5/18/24		
7.	10,315	Vegas	3/30/24		
8.	9,076	Vegas	2/7/24		
9.	8,416	San Diego**	10/27/23		
10.	8,114	Atlanta	3/14/24		
*PVF Championship					

12.090

\*\*PVF Semifinals

U.S. PRO VOLLEYBALL ATTENDANCE RECORD

9.656

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE IN 2024 (No. 1 in the World in Pro Volleyball)

7

MATCHES OF 10.000+ ATTENDANCE

134.969

TOTAL FANS WHO ATTENDED SUPERNOVAS MATCHES DURING THE 2024 SEASON

#### U.S. PRO VB ATTENDANCE RECORDS

TOP	<b>10 ATTENDA</b>	NCE MARKS	
Rk	Attendance	Teams	Date
1.	12,090	Omaha vs. Orlando	3/16/24
2.	11,918	Omaha vs. Orlando	2/18/24
3.	11,624	Omaha vs. Atlanta	1/24/24
4.	11,403	Omaha vs. San Diego	2/3/24
5.	11,303	Omaha vs. San Diego	4/20/24
6.	10,678	*Omaha vs. GRR	5/18/24
7.	10,315	Omaha vs. Vegas	3/30/24
8.	10,213	**U.S. WNT vs. D.R.	1/9/16
9.	9,165	Omaha at Columbus	2/21/24
10.	9,076	Omaha vs. Vegas	2/7/24
*PVI	- Championsh	ip	

\*\*Olympic Qualifier at Pinnacle Bank Arena (Lincoln, NE)

Top 7

MOST ATTENDED U.S. PRO VB MATCHES HAVE BEEN HOSTED BY THE SUPERNOVAS

9 OF 10

MOST ATTENDED U.S. PRO VB MATCHES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN NEBRASKA

9 OF 10

MOST ATTENDED U.S. PRO VB MATCHES HAVE INVOLVED THE SUPERNOVAS

8

MATCHES HAVE SURPASSED 10,000 FANS WITH THE SUPERNOVAS HOSTING 7 OF THOSE

#### SUPERNOVAS WELCOME OVER 134,000 FANS IN CHAMPIONSHIP-WINNING INAUGURAL SEASON

The Omaha Supernovas finished out its first professional volleyball season in storybook fashion, becoming the first-ever Pro Volleyball Federation Champions after sweeping the Grand Rapids Rise on Saturday, May 18 at the CHI Health Center in downtown Omaha.

During its championship run in the inaugural PVF season, Omaha and the Supernovas became the league's shining star, hosting 134,969 fans across the 15 matches held at the CHI Health Center. That includes a whopping 9,656 average mark for the 12 Supernovas' home matches, plus the 19,094 spectators who attended the PVF Semifinals and Championship.

The Supernovas erased any doubt that professional volleyball could happen in the United States with their 9,656 match average the No. 1 mark amongst professional volleyball teams in the world.

Omaha broke many of its own attendance records across its historic season, starting with 11,824 fans attending the first-ever PVF match on Jan. 24 between Omaha and the Atlanta Vibe. That mark was broken a few weeks later on Sunday, Feb. 18 as 11,918 fans showed up to watch the Supernovas take on the Orlando Valkyries. The newest and most current attendance record was set on Saturday, March 16 with 12,090 spectators packing into the CHI Health Center to see the Supernovas beat the Valkyries in four sets.

In total, Omaha hosted crowds of 10,000 people or more in seven of the 15 matches hosted at CHI this past season, including five-digit crowds in six of the 12 regular season contests.

The Supernovas took advantage of the partisan crowd, going 9-3 at home during the regular season before winning two-straight at CHI to become the inaugural champions.





### PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION STANDINGS

	Overall			M	Match Result Details				Sets			Points				
	W	L	Pct.	Н	Α	Pts	3-0	3-1	3-2	2-3	Won	Lost	Ratio	Won	Lost	Ratio
Atlanta Vibe	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
Columbus Fury	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
Grand Rapids Rise	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
Indy Ignite	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
Orlando Valkyries	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
Omaha Supernovas	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
San Diego Mojo	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000
Vegas Thrill	0	0	.000	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	1.000

#### **UPCOMING PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION SCHEDULE**

<b>Thursday, January 9</b> San Diego at Orlando
Friday, January 10 Atlanta at Omaha7 p.m. CST
Friday, January 10 Grand Rapids at Vegas9 p.m. CST
Saturday, January 11 San Diego at Columbus
Thursday, January 16 Columbus at Atlanta

<b>Saturday, January 11</b> Orlando at Indy
Sunday, January 12 Omaha at Grand Rapids3 p.m. CST
Sunday, January 12 Atlanta at Vegas7 p.m. CST
Thursday, January 16 Grand Rapids at Indy6 p.m. CST
<b>Thursday, January 16</b> Orlando at San Diego

### **2025 SUPERNOVAS STARTING LINEUPS**

	Opponent	OH	OH	OPP	S	MB	MB	L
	Atlanta							
1/12	at Grand Rapids							
1/17	at Vegas							
	San Diego							
-,	At Columbus							
1/31	Columbus							
2/2								
	at Indy							
2/8	at Atlanta							
	San Diego							
	) At San Diego							
	' Orlando							
3/2	· /							
3/5								
	At Indy							
3/15	At Orlando							
	Indy							
	Vegas							
	Grand Rapids							
4/5	Orlando							
	at Vegas							
	at San Diego							
	Grand Rapids							
	Atlanta							
	Columbus							
	Vegas							
5/2	at Grand Rapids							
5/4	at Atlanta							

#### ALL-TIME RECORD WHEN...

Three Sets 6-0
Four Sets 8-4
Five Sets 4-4
Kills: More/Same/Less12-2/2-0/4-6
Assists: More/Same/Less11-0/2-1/5-7
Aces: More/Same/Less13-3/3-3/2-2
Blocks: More/Same/Less8-2/0-0/8-8
Digs: More/Same/Less 10-2/2-0/6-6
Scores First Point of Match 12-2
Wins First Set 15-3
First to Two Set Wins17-1
Home11-3
Away7-5

25+ KILLS	Stephanie Samedy (30) vs. SD (5/15)
50+ Attacks	Stephanie Samedy (61) vs. SD (5/15)
50+ Assists	Natalia Valentín-Anderson (55) at COL (5/4)
20+ Digs	Brooke Nuneviller (20) at COL (5/4)
5+ Blocks	Tori Dixon (6) vs. GRR (4/26)
3+ Aces	Stephanie Samedy (3) at COL (5/4)
Hit .400+ (min. 10 TA)	Stephanie Samedy (.410) vs. SD (5/15)
10+ Kills in 5+ Straight Matches	Bethania De La Cruz (7)   4/2 to 5/4

**LAST TIME A SUPERNOVA...** 



### **2024 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS**

		LULT I								
Date		Kills	Errors	Attacks	Attack%	Assists D	igs	Blocks	Aces	Errors
01.10	ОМА									
00										
	ATL									
01.12										
	GRR									
01.17	OMA									
01.17										
	LV									
01.19	OMA									
	SD									
01.24	OMA									
	COL									
01.01										
01.31										
	COL									
02.02	OMA									
	ORL									
02.06										
02.00										
	IND									
02.08										
	ATL									
02.16	DMA									
	SD									
02.20										
02.20										
	SD									
02.27	DMΑ									
	ORL									
03.02										
00.02	IND									
03.05										
	COL									
03.13	DMA									
	IND									
03.15										
03.13										
	ORL									
03.22	DMA									
	IND									
03.28										
	LV									
00.00										
03.30										
	GRR									
04.05	DMΑ									
	ORL									
04.10										
00	LV									
0.4.10										
04.12										
	SD									
04.17	ΟMA									
	GRR									
04.19										
U <del>7</del> .10										
	ATL									
04.25										
	COL									
04.27	OMA									
	LV									
05.00										
05.02										
	GRR									
05.04	OMA									
	ATL									





- Athletes Unlimited Best Setter (2021, 2024)
- NORCECA Championships Best Setter (2021)
- 4x Puerto Rico League Best Setter (2012, 2013, 2014, 2020)
- NORCECA Champions Cup Best Setter (2019)
- French Cup Best Setter (2018)
- Puerto Rico League MVP (2012)
- AVCA All-American Honorable Mention (2009)

PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

2024Omaha Supernovas & Athletes Unlimited
2022-23Cangrejeras de Santurce (P.R.) & Athletes Unlimited
2021-22Valenvianas de Juncos (P.R.) & Athletes Unlimited
2020-21Sanjuaneras de la Capital (P.R.) & Zanetti Bergamo (Ital
2019-20DevelopRes SkyRes Rzeszow (Poland) & Llaneras de Toa Baja
P.R.]
2018-19Llaneras de Tao Baja (P.R.) & StPahpael Var VB(France
2017-18St. Raphael Var VB (France)
2016-17Leonas de Ponce (P.R.)
2015-16Leonas de Ponce (P.R.) & Azerrail Baku (Azerbaijan)
2013-15Leonas de Ponce (P.R.)
2012-13Leonas de Ponce (P.R.) & Lancheras de Catano (P.R.)
2011-12Lancheras de Catano (P.R.)
2010-11Leonas de Ponce (P.R.)
2006-07Leonas de Ponce (P.R.)
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# NATALIA VALENTÍN-ANDERSON

16-YEAR PRO · SETTER · 5-10 · CAGUAS, PUERTO RICO · FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL

#### OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2024-PRESENT)

- · Split time as the starting setter in 2024.
- Averaged 8.60 assists and 2.87 digs per set in 21 matches.
- $\cdot$  Named PVF Player of the Week (5/7) after averaging over 12 assists and four digs per set.
- Featured as No. 2 on SportsCenter's Top 10 Highlights against Vegas on May 6.

#### PREVIOUS PRO STOPS

- · Played in some of the top leagues in the world including Italy, France, Poland, Azerbaijan and Puerto Rico.
- Four-time winner of the "Best Setter" award in Puerto Rico league while being named MVP in 2012-13.
- · Named "Best Setter" for the 2018-19 French Cup.

#### INTERNATIONAL CAREER

- Member of the Puerto Rico National Team that competed in the 2016 Rio Olympics.
- Competed with Puerto Rico in three world championships (2014, 2018, 2022).
- · Won three medals at three separate Pan American Cups.
- Led Puerto Rico to a silver medal at the 2021 NORCECA Championships.

#### **COLLEGE CAREER**

- Played at Florida International from 2007-2010.
- $\dot{\,\,}$  Was part of the first trio in FIU history to be awarded AVCA All-American honors.
- Left as the program's all-time leader in assists (4,413) and second in digs (1,100).
- · Three-time All-Sun Belt conference selection.

#### MATCH-BY-MATCH

SP K TA PCT SA AST DIG BLK

**Atlanta** 

at Grand Rapids

at Vegas

San Diego

at Columbus

Columbus

at Orlando

at Indy

at Atlanta

San Diego

at San Diego

Orlando

Indy

aly) at Columbus

at Indy

at Orlando

Indy

Vegas

**Grand Rapids** 

Orlando

at Vegas

at San Diego

**Grand Rapids** 

Atlanta

Columbus

Vegas

at Grand Rapids

at Atlanta

TOTALS





- NCAA National Semifinalist (2021-2024)
- AVCA All-American Second Team (2022)
- Volleyballmag.com Fourth Team All-American (2022)
- AVCA All-East Coast Region Team (2024, 2022)
- · All-ACC First Team (2022)
- · All-ACC Second Team (2023, 2024)
- · Preseason All-ACC Team (2023)

#### PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

2025.....Omaha Supernovas (PVF)

# VALERIA VAZQUEZ GOMEZ

**#4** 

#### ROOKIE • OUTSIDE HITTER • 6-1 • MANATI, PUERTO RICO • PITTSBURGH

#### OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2025)

- First professional contract with the Omaha Supernovas signed on December 27, 2024.
- Drafted No. 30 overall in the fourth round of the 2024 PVF Draft by Omaha.

#### **COLLEGE CAREER**

- · Competed at Pittsburgh (2019-2024) for six seasons.
- · Vital contributor in Pittsburgh's four consecutive NCAA National Semifinal Appearances (2021-2024).
- College career totals stand at 1,311 points (2.57 P/S), 1,097 kills (2.11 K/S), 1,031 digs (1.99 D/S), 154 blocks and 131 aces.
- 2.05 kills and 1.93 digs per set with 31 blocks and a career-high 41 aces in her final college season in 2024.
- · 2022 AVCA Second Team All-American after posting 2.85 kills and 2.31 digs per set with 40 blocks and 24 aces.
- Three-time All-ACC Selection: First Team in 2022, Second Team in 2024 and 2023.

#### MATCH-BY-MATCH

SP K TA PCT SA AST DIG BLK

Atlanta

at Grand Rapids

at Vegas

San Diego

at Columbus

Columbus

at Orlando

at Indy

at Atlanta

San Diego

at San Diego

Orlando

Indy

at Columbus

at Indy

at Orlando

Indy

Vegas

**Grand Rapids** 

Orlando

at Vegas

at San Diego

**Grand Rapids** 

Atlanta

Columbus

Vegas

at Grand Rapids

at Atlanta

TOTALS





- PVF Champion (2024)
- All-PVF First Team (2024)
- AVCA All-American First Team (2022)
- AVCA All-American Second Team (Spring 2021, 2021)
- AVCA All-American Honorable Mention (2018)
- 3x All-Pac-12 Team (Spring 2021, 2021, 2022)
- ·Pac-12 All-Freshman (2018)
- All-Pac-12 Honorable Mention (2018)

### PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

2025	Umana Supernovas
2024	Omaha Supernovas & Athletes Unlimited
2022-23	Nilufer Belediyespor (Turkey)

# BROOKE NUNEVILLER

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#### 2-YEAR PRO • OUTSIDE HITTER • 5-10 • CHANDLER, ARIZONA • OREGON

#### OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2024-PRESENT)

- Starting OH for Omaha during 2024 season, being named to the All-PVF First Team.
- Averaged 3.33 Kills (8th in PVF) & 3.32 Digs per set (6th) in 25 matches.
- · Supernovas single-game record for most digs (22).
- · All-time franchise leader in Kills, Attacks, Kills Per Set & Digs.

#### PREVIOUS PRO STOPS

- · Spent her first pro season after college in Turkey.
- Placed 3rd overall in her first season at Athletes Unlimited in the fall of 2023.
- Finished 18th in AU in fall of 2024.

#### INTERNATIONAL CAREER

- · Member of the 2023 USA National Team.
- Selected to the Junior National Team in 2018 & 2019.
- Named to Women's Collegiate National Team in 2018 & 2019.

#### **COLLEGE CAREER**

- Played at Oregon from 2018-2022.
- Four-time AVCA All-American & Three-time All-Pac-12 Selection in five seasons.
- Only player in Pac-12 history to record 1,500+ kill and 2,000 digs in playing career.
- Four-time All-Region selection, including the 2018 Pacific North Freshman of the Year 8 2021 Pacific North Payer of the Year.

#### MATCH-BY-MATCH

SP K TA PCT SA AST DIG BLK

Atlanta

at Grand Rapids

at Vegas

San Diego

at Columbus

Columbus

at Orlando

at Indy

at Atlanta

San Diego

at San Diego

Orlando

Indy

at Columbus

at Indy

at Orlando

Indy

Vegas

**Grand Rapids** 

Orlando

at Vegas

at San Diego

**Grand Rapids** 

Atlanta

Columbus

Vegas

at Grand Rapids

at Atlanta

TOTALS





- AVCA All-American First Team (2024)
- · AVCA All-American Third Team (2023)
- · AVCA All-American Honorable Mention (2021, 2022)
- AVCA All-Region Teams (2021-2024)
- AVCA Player of the Year Semifinalist (Out of 14)
- AVCA National Player of the Week (Sept. 24, 2024)
- Volleyball Magazine All-American (2021-2024)
- Big East Player of the Year (2023, 2024)
- Big East Setter of the Year (2023, 2024)
- All-Big East Team (2021-2024)
- All-Big East Tournament Team (2021-2024)
- Big East Tournament MVP (2024)

#### PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

2025.....Omaha Supernovas (PVF)

# KENDRA WAIT

#6

#### ROOKIE · S · 5-10 · GARDNER, KANSAS · CREIGHTON

#### OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2025)

- First professional contract with the Supernovas signed on December 23, 2024.
- · Drafted No. 37 overall in the fifth round of the 2024 PVF Draft.

#### **COLLEGE CAREER**

- $\cdot$  One of the most decorated players in Creighton Volleyball history, playing from 2021-2024.
- Ended her career with 4,970 career assists (10.73 A/S), 1,465 digs (3.16 D/S), 507 kills (1.10 K/S), 360 blocks and 85 aces.
- Creighton Volleyball Career Records: 2nd in assists, 3rd in digs, 5th in assists per set and matches played, 11th in digs per set and block assists, and 12th in aces and total blocks.
- Tied for third in program history for most digs in a match with 36.
- First CU player to be a four-time AVCA All-American. Named to the first team in 2024, third team in 2023 and honorable mentions in 2022 and 2021.
- Ended her college career as back-to-back Big East Player and Setter of the Year.
- · Four-time All-Big East selection.

#### MATCH-BY-MATCH

SP K TA PCT SA AST DIG BLK

**Atlanta** 

at Grand Rapids

at Vegas

San Diego

at Columbus

Columbus

at Orlando

at Indy

at Atlanta

San Diego

at San Diego

Orlando

Indy

at Columbus

at Indy

at Orlando

Indy

Vegas

**Grand Rapids** 

Orlando

at Vegas

at San Diego

**Grand Rapids** 

Atlanta

Columbus

Vegas

at Grand Rapids

at Atlanta

TOTALS





- All-PVF Second Team (2024)
- PVF Rookie of the Year (2024)
- AVCA All-American Third Team (2023)
- · All-Big 12 First Team (2023)

#### PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

2025.....Omaha Supernovas (PVF) 2024.....Columbus Fury (PVF)

# REAGAN COOPER

<sup>#</sup>8

#### 1-YEAR PRO · OUTSIDE HITTER · 6-2 · ROWLETT, TEXAS · KANSAS/TTU/WSU

#### **OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2025)**

• Signed with the Supernovas during free agency after the inaugural 2024 season.

#### COLUMBUS FURY (2024)

- $\cdot$  Selected 14th overall by the Fury in the 2023 U.S. College Player Draft
- · Named PVF's Rookie of the Year and All-PVF Second Team in professional debut season.
- Recorded a team-leading 339 kills (4th in PVF) and 4.13 kills per set (3rd) in 23 matches.
- · 20 or more kills in six matches last season, including a season-high 29 kills which is second-most in PVF history.

#### **COLLEGE CAREER**

- Competed at Kansas (2023), Texas Tech (2020-2022) and Washington State (2019) in college.
- Named to AVCA All-American Third Team after posting 3.90 kills per set on a .345 hitting percentage with 41 blocks during her final college season with the Jayhawks.
- Totaled 702 kills and 118 blocks in her three seasons in Lubbock. Recorded the second-most blocks in her last two years with the Red Raiders.
- Appeared in 11 matches and 19 sets in her freshman season at Washington State, collecting 39 kills, nine digs and five blocks.

#### MATCH-BY-MATCH

SP K TA PCT SA AST DIG BLK

**Atlanta** 

at Grand Rapids

at Vegas

San Diego

at Columbus

Columbus

at Orlando

at Indy

at Atlanta

San Diego

at San Diego

Orlando

Indy

at Columbus

at Indy

at Orlando

Indy

Vegas

**Grand Rapids** 

Orlando

at Vegas

at San Diego

**Grand Rapids** 

Atlanta

Columbus

Vegas

at Grand Rapids

at Atlanta

TOTALS





- AVCA All-American Second Team (2022)
- Big Ten Setter of the Year (2022)
- All-Big Ten First Team (2023, 2022, 2021, Spring 2021)
- AVCA All-American Third Team (2021)
- AVCA All-American Honorable Mention (Spring 2021)

#### PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

2025.....Omaha Supernovas (PVF) 2024.....Grand Rapids Rise (PVF)

# MAC PODRAZA

#9

#### 1-YEAR PRO · SETTER · 6-2 · SUNBURY, OHIO · PENN STATE / OHIO STATE

#### OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2025)

· Signed with the Supernovas during free agency after the inaugural 2024 season.

#### **GRAND RAPIDS RISE (2024)**

- $\cdot$  Signed with the Rise as an undrafted free agent after the 2023 U.S. College Player Draft.
- Split time at setter with Ashley Evans, recording 161 assists, 49 digs, 11 blocks and seven kills in 19 matches.
- Season-high 33 assists and four blocks in a five-set loss to Omaha (4/26).
- · Racked up double-digit assists in six matches.

#### **COLLEGE CAREER**

- · Competed at Penn State (2023) and Ohio State (2019-2022).
- Finished five-year college career with 5,237 assists (37.4 per match), 1,035 digs, 325 kills, 314 blocks and 57 aces in 140 matches.
- Tallied 10.39 assists and 2.15 digs per set with 73 blocks and 14 aces in her final season with Penn State. She was also named to the All-Big Ten First Team.
- Three-time AVCA All-American selection with Ohio State, being named to the second team in 2022, third team in 2021 and honorable mention in the spring of 2021.
- Named Big Ten Setter of the Year in 2022.
- Four-time All-Big Ten First Team selection from the spring of 2021 through 2023.

#### MATCH-BY-MATCH

SP K TA PCT SA AST DIG BLK

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at Grand Rapids

at Vegas

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at Columbus

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Indy

Vegas

**Grand Rapids** 

Orlando

at Vegas

at San Diego

**Grand Rapids** 

Atlanta

Columbus

Vegas

at Grand Rapids

at Atlanta

TOTALS





- Pan American Cup Best Digger (2013, 2014, 2019, 2023)
- Pan American Cup Best Libero (2014, 2024)
- Pan American Cup Best Receiver (2013, 2014)
- Pan American Games Best Libero (2019, 2023)
- Pan American Games Best Digger (2019)
- Pan American Games Best Receiver (2019)
- South American Championships Best Libero (2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- South American Championships Best Digger (2017)
- South American Olympic Qualification Best Libero [2016].
- · Carioca Championship Best Digger & Libero (2021)

#### PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

2025	Omaha Supernovas (PVF)
2024	Grand Rapids Rise (PVF)
2022-23	EC Pinheiros (Brazil)
2020-21	Sesc-RJ/Flamengo (Brazil)
2014-16	Vallecaucana (Columbia)
2013-14	CSU Medicina Targu Mures (Romania)

# CAMILA **GÓMEZ**

#10

#### 4-YEAR PRO · LIBERO · 5-2 · CALI, COLUMBIA · TEXAS A&M / MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

#### OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2025)

· Signed with the Supernovas during free agency after the inaugural 2024 season.

#### **GRAND RAPIDS RISE (2024)**

- Recorded 187 digs and 38 assists in PVF inaugural season, appearing in 21 of 26 matches with 12 starts and 71 total sets.
- Totaled double-digit digs in 11 out of the 12 outings she started, including a season-high 20 against Omaha on April 26.

#### PREVIOUS PRO STOPS

- EC Pinheiros (Brazil, 2022-23): Won the Copa Sao Paulo and runner-up in the Paulista Championship.
- · Sesc-Rj/Flemengo (Brazil, 2020-21): Helped the team win the Carioca Championship and second in the Troféu Super Volei.

#### INTERNATIONAL CAREER

- Has collected 11 medals as part of the Columbian National Team.
- Claimed a silver medal at the 2022 Pan-American Cup and a bronze medal in 2019 at the same event. Added another silver medal to her career total at the 2019 Pan-American Games.
- Gómez has won 20 Best Libero, Digger or Receiver awards in international competitions.

#### **COLLEGE CAREER**

- Competed at Texas A&M (2019) and Miami Dade College (2016-17) for her college career.
- Started in all 31 matches in her final college season at A6M, leading the team in digs (470) and digs per set (3.92).
- Both marks made the Texas A&M record books with her season digs total 5th all-time and her digs per set 11th. Her 470 digs is also the second-most in a single-season in the rally scoring era with her digs per set fourth. Plus, her 3.92 digs per set career mark is second all-time in the rally scoring era.
- Led Miami Dade College to back-to-back NJCAA national championships, earning NJCAA All-Tournament honors as a sophomore.

#### MATCH-BY-MATCH

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Atlanta

at Grand Rapids

at Vegas

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Indy

Vegas

**Grand Rapids** 

Orlando

at Vegas

at San Diego

**Grand Rapids** 

Atlanta

Columbus

Vegas

at Grand Rapids

at Atlanta

TOTALS





- AVCA All-American First Team (2015, 2016)
- AVCA All-American Third Team (2017)
- Big 12 Player of the Year (2016)
- · All-Big 12 First Team (2015, 2016, 2017)
- · All-Big 12 Freshman Team (2014)
- AVCA All-Midwest Region First Team (2015, 2016, 2017)
- NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team (2015)
- Big 12 Preseason Player of the Year (2016, 2017)

#### PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

2025	Omaha Supernovas (PVF)
2023-24	Athletes Unlimited (U.S.) & Cittá Di
Messina (Italy)	
2022-23	Sigorta Shop (Turkey)
2020-22	Gimcheon Korea Expressway Hi-Pass
(South Korea)	
2019-20	VC Kanti Schaffhausen (Switzerland)
2018-19	EC Pinheiros (Brazil)

# **KELSIE** PAYNE

#### 6-YEAR PRO · OPP · 6-3 · AUSTIN, TEXAS · KANSAS

#### **OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2025)**

· Signed with the Supernovas during free agency after a season in Italy.

#### ATHLETES UNLIMITED (2024)

- Finished 27th overall in her first pro volleyball season in the United States.
- Averaged 2.41 kills per set on a .240 hitting percentage with 2.34 digs per set and 10 blocks.

- · Cittá Di Messina (2023-24): Third in the Italian Cup A2 and fourth in Italian Serie A2 in her Ione season in Italy.
- EC Pinheiros (2018-19): Helped the team win the Copa Sao Paulo.

#### INTERNATIONAL CAREER

- One of 12 players to compete for the U.S. Women's National Team at the 2016 Pan American Cup to which they won a bronze medal.
- · Captured the gold medal as part of the U.S. Collegiate National Team-Europe in the 13th European Global Challenge.

#### **COLLEGE CAREER**

- ullet One of the best players to compete at Kansas (2014-2017) in program history.
- Ended her career as the school record holder in career kills (1,510), kills per set (3.63) and hitting percentage (.334). She was second in career points per set (4.15) as well as total career blocks (351).
- One of three Jayhawks all-time to have at least 1,300 career kills and 300 blocks.
- Became a three-time AVCA All-American while being coached by current Supernovas head coach Laura "Bird" Kuhn which included a spot on the first team in 2015 and 2016.
- First Kansas player to be named Big 12 Player of the Year in 2016 after averaging 3.98 kills, 1.99 digs and 0.98 blocks per set.
- · Also se the KU record for single-season kills with 496 during the 2015 campaign, which ended with the Jayhawks in the Final Four.

#### MATCH-BY-MATCH

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**Grand Rapids** 

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**TOTALS** 





- AVCA All-American Honorable Mention (2024)
- All-Big Ten First Team (2024)
- NCAA National Runner-Up (2023)
- NCAA Louisville Regional All-Tournament Team [2022]

#### PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

2025.....Omaha Supernovas (PVF)

# ALLY BATENHORST

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#### ROOKIE • OUTSIDE HITTER • 6-5 • HOUSTON, TEXAS • USC / NEBRASKA

#### **OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2025)**

• Selected No. 15 overall in the second round by the Supernovas in the 2024 PVF Draft.

#### **COLLEGE CAREER**

- Spent her last season of college at USC (2024) after three seasons at Nebraska (2021-2023) under John Cook.
- Broke out at USC as a six-rotation attacker, leading the team in points (563.5), kills per set (3.94) and kills (481). Batenhorst also added 2.11 digs per set, 96 blocks and 30 aces which were all second on the team.
- Appeared in at least 26 matches in every season at Nebraska, totaling 84 career matches and 245 sets played across three seasons.
- Totaled 606 career points (2.47 P/S), 535 kills (2.18 K/S), 184 digs and 120 total blocks in three years at NU.
- Batenhorst had her best season as a junior at Nebraska with 2.25 kills per set and 52 total blocks.
- Arrived at Nebraska as the No. 3 overall prospect in the 2021 class, winning the Gatorade National Player of the Year for the 2020-2021 season.
- · Played club for the Houston Juniors, leading the team to a gold medal at the 2016 USAV National Championships.
- Won the gold medal at the 2018 NORCECA Championships with the USA U18 National Team. Also competed with the 2020 U.S. Women's National Training Team and 2019 U18 Training Team.
- ·Ally's mother, Susan, attended Nebraska, and her father, Kurt, played basketball and ran track at Nebraska Wesleyan.

#### MATCH-BY-MATCH

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**Grand Rapids** 

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**TOTALS** 





- AVCA All-Northwest Region Team (2024)
- · All-Big Ten Second Team (2024)
- · Pacific South All-Region Honorable Mention (2022)
- · All-WCC First Team (2022)
- · SEC All-Freshman Team (2020-21)

# **PHOEBE** AWOLEYE

#### ROOKIE • MB • 6-2 • MARIETTA, GA. • MINNESOTA / LMU / GEORGIA

#### OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2025)

· Signed with the Supernovas as an undrafted free agent on December 23, 2024.

#### COLLEGE CAREER

- Played at Minnesota (2023-2024), Loyola Marymount (2022) and Georgia (2020-2021) in her five-year college career.
- · Had her best season as a graduate student in 2024, finishing with 1.48 blocks per set (173 total) which was No. 2 in the Big Ten, No. 10 in the country and No. 6 all-time for a single-season in Minnesota volleyball history. She also added 114 kills (0.97 K/S) on a .281 clip.
- Her 1.64 blocks per set during Big Ten play in 2024 was No. 1 in the storied volleyball conference.
- Tied the Minnesota school single-match record with 14 blocks vs. Maryland on October 12, 2024.
   Recorded 141 total blocks (1.34 B/S) with 0.81 kills per set as a senior for the Golden Gophers in 2023.
- Tallied 2.13 kills per set (.379 hitting percentage) and 1.39 blocks per set during her lone season at LMU, garnering First Team All-West Coast Conference honors.
- · As a sophomore in 2021 at Georgia, Awoleye was one of two Bulldogs to play and start in all 29 matches.
- Posted 171 kills (1.53 K/S) on a .309 hitting percentage with 122 total blocks (1.09 B/S) in 2021.
- · 2020 SEC All-Freshman Team selection in her debut season, slamming down 66 kills on a .219 clip with a team-leading 63 blocks in 18 matches played
- · Her 1.05 blocks per set mark in 2020 was fifth in the SEC.

#### MATCH-BY-MATCH

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**TOTALS** 

**PER SET** 

#### PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

2025.....Omaha Supernovas (PVF)





- Big East Defensive Player of the Week (2022)
- ullet OVC Commissioner's Honor Roll (2018-2021)

# ALLISON WHITTEN

<sup>#</sup>20

#### ROOKIE • L • 5-7 • SIMPSONVILLE, SC • CREIGHTON / MOREHEAD STATE

#### OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2025)

- ${\boldsymbol \cdot}$  Signed with the Supernovas during the free agency period.
- $\hbox{\bf \cdot} \ \hbox{Competed with the Atlanta Vibe during Training Camp prior to the 2024 inaugural PVF season. } \\$

#### COLLEGE CAREER

- Played at Creighton (2022) and Morehead State (2018-2021) during her five-year college career.
- Ended her college career with 2,289 digs (4.27 D/S), 258 assists and 121 aces
- Finished her college career ranked sixth among active players with 2,289 career digs.
- Was the Bluejays starting libero for the 2022 season, helping CU to a share of the Big East conference title and a NCAA Tournament berth.
- Recorded 3.92 digs per set in 119 sets, reaching double figures in all but six matches.
- Four-year starting libero for Morehead State, tallying 1,823 career digs with the Eagles and a 4.37 digs per set mark in four seasons.
- Became the 27th member of Morehead State's 1,000-dig club.
- · Her 577 digs in her final season with the Eagles ranked inside the top five for most digs in a single campaign in program history.

#### MATCH-BY-MATCH

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TOTALS

PER SET

#### PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

2025.....Omaha Supernovas (PVF)





- AVCA All-American Honorable Mention (2024)
- · All-Big 12 First Team (2024)

#### PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

2025.....Omaha Supernovas (PVF)

# TOYOSI ONABANJO

<sup>#</sup>21

#### ROOKIE • MIDDLE BLOCKER • 6-1 • HOUSTON, TEXAS • KANSAS / IOWA

#### OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2025)

- · Signed first professional contract with the Supernovas on December 23, 2024.
- Drafted No. 8 overall in the first round of the 2024 PVF Draft.

#### **COLLEGE CAREER**

- · Competed at Kansas (2023-2024) and Iowa (2021-2022) in her four-year college career.
- Ended her career with 872.5 points, 670 kills (1.93 K/S), 300 blocks and 35 aces in 100 career matches.
- Broke out as a senior, being named an AVCA All-American Honorable Mention and All-Big 12 First Team.
- Had an explosive 2024 season, posting 2.58 kills per set and 1.23 blocks per set. Her .409 season hitting percentage was ranked No. 2 in the Big 12 and was a top-15 mark in the country.
- Ended her junior season at Kansas with 1.82 kills per set and 107 total blocks.
- · Appeared in 42 career matches at lowa in her first two college seasons, recording 209 kills and 61 blocks.

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TOTALS





- AVCA All-American First Team (2019)
- AVCA All-American Second Team (2021)
- · AVCA All-American Third Team (2020)
- AVCA All-American Honorable Mention (2018)
- AVCA All-Region Team (2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018)
- All-Big Ten First Team (2021, 2020, 2019)
- · All-Big Ten Second Team (2022, 2018)
- · All-Big Ten Freshman Team (2018)

#### PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

2025	Omaha Supernovas (PVF)
2024	Columbus Fury (PVF)
2023	CSM Volei Alba-Blai (Romania)

# KAITLYN

<sup>#</sup>23

#### 2-YEAR PRO • MIDDLE BLOCKER • 6-4 • LEXINGTON, KY • NEBRASKA / PENN STATE

#### **OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2025)**

· Signed with the Supernovas during free agency after the inaugural 2024 season.

#### COLUMBUS FURY (2024)

- Signed with the Fury as a free agent for the inaugural season, coming over from Romania where she spent her first professional season.
- Played in 22 matches and 72 sets, averaging 1.54 kills and 0.58 blocks per set.
- Recorded 111 total kills on a .332 hitting percentage, which was tied for third overall in the PVF.

#### **COLLEGE CAREER**

- Competed at Nebraska (2022) and Penn State (2019-2022) across five seasons.
- In her lone season at Nebraska, Hord led the nation in blocks at 1.61 per set and a career-high 169 total blocks. She also added 1.40 kills per set on a .297 hitting percentage. She was later named to the All-Big Ten Second Team and AVCA All-Region Team.
- Four-time AVCA All-American, three-time All-Big Ten First Team and All-Big Ten Second Team selection at Penn State
- Finished her five-year college career with 1,558.5 points (3.07 P/S), 1,175 kills (2.31 K/S) and 697 total blocks with a .292 career hitting percentage.

#### MATCH-BY-MATCH

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TOTALS





- AVCA All-American Second Team (2022, 2020)
- AVCA All-American Honorable Mention (2021)
- AVCA National Freshman of the Year (2020)
- AVCA Northeast All-Region (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020)
- AVCA Midwest All-Region (2024)
- ullet AVCA Northeast Region Player of the Year (2022)
- AVCA Northeast Freshman of the Year (2020)
- All-Big Ten First Team (2024, 2023, 2022, 2020)
- All-Big Ten Second Team (2021)
- · All-Big Ten Freshman Team (2020)

#### PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

2025.....Omaha Supernovas (PVF)

# EMILY LONDOT

<sup>#</sup>27

#### ROOKIE • OPPOSITE • 6-3 • UTICA, OH • OHIO STATE

#### OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2025)

• Drafted by the Supernovas with the No. 10 overall pick in the second round of the 2024 PVF Draft.

#### COLLEGE CAREER

- · Competed at Ohio State for five seasons (2020-2024), and leaves as one of the best players in program history.
- Londot finished her college career with 2,606.5 points (4.78 P/S), 2,291 kills (4.20 K/S), 1,314 digs (2.41 D/S), 409 total blocks and 86 aces.
- Three-time AVCA All-American, four-time All-Big Ten First Team and All-Big Ten Second Team selection with the Buckeyes.
- Her acolades extend to the AVCA All-Region teams, earning a spot on the Northeast All-Region Team four times and the Midwest All-Region team in 2024.
- Led the Big Ten in kills per set and total kills in 2023. In her last three seasons, Londot was top five in each of the previously mentioned categories.
- Reset her career highs during her fifth and final season in Columbus with 573 total kills (4.34 K/S), 2.68 digs per set, 114 blocks and 34 aces for a grand total of 667 points.
- Burst onto the scene to win the National Freshman of the Year award in 2020 after posting 4.07 kills per set, 2.16 digs per set and 72 blocks for 371 points.

#### MATCH-BY-MATCH

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TOTALS





- 2022 National Champion (Texas)
- AVCA All-American Second Team (2021)
- · AVCA North All-Region (2021)
- · 2021 National Runner-Up (Nebraska)
- · All-SEC Freshman Team (2017)

#### PREVIOUS PRO TEAMS

 2025.......Omaha Supernovas (PVF)

 2024......Grand Rapids Rise (PVF) & Athletes

 Unlimited

 2023.......Criollas de Caguas (Puerto Rico) &

Athletes Unlimited

# KAYLA CAFFEY

<sup>#</sup>28

#### 2-YEAR PRO • MIDDLE BLOCKER • 6-0 • CHICAGO, ILL • TEXAS / NEBRASKA / MISSOURI

#### OMAHA SUPERNOVAS (2025)

· Signed with the Supernovas during free agency after the inaugural 2024 season.

#### **GRAND RAPIDS RISE (2024)**

- Signed with the Rise as a free agent for the inaugural season, coming over from Puerto Rico where she played her first pro season.
- Played in 19 matches (started 17) and 65 sets for the Rise, recording 81 kills (.293), 39 digs, 37 blocks, four aces and four assists.

#### **COLLEGE CAREER**

- · Competed at Texas (2022), Nebraska (2020-2021) and Missouri (2016-2019) in a seven-year college career.
- Helped the Longhorns to the first of back-to-back national championships in 2022 as Caffey recorded 1.42 kills per set on a .343 hitting percentage with 72 blocks in 25 matches.
- Aided Nebraska to the 2021 national championship match, earning AVCA All-American Second Team honors that season by averaging 2.41 kills and 1.11 blocks per set on a team-leading .363 hitting percentage. That mark ranked fourth in the Big Ten. Caffey tallied double-figure kills 10 times and hit .400 or better in 12 separate matches.
- Spent four years at Missouri, but redshirted her freshman year in 2016 and earned a medical redshirt after sitting out the 2018 season following an injury.
- One of the best middle blockers in the SEC in her redshirt freshman season in 2017, earning SEC All-Freshman honors after posting 130 blocks (5th in SEC), 1.54 kills per set and 23 aces.

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