



# ATLANTA VIBE

## MATCH NOTES

### MATCH THREE

## Atlanta Vibe (1-1) at Columbus Fury (0-1)

Thursday | January 16 | 6 p.m. EST  
YouTube  
Gas South Arena • Atlanta, Georgia



Atlanta Head Coach ..... Kayla Banwarth    Columbus Head Coach ..... Ángel Pérez  
Vibe Record ..... 1-1 (.500)                      Vegas Record ..... 0-1 (.000)

**SERIES NOTES:** This is the Vibe's first match up against the Columbus Fury. It marks the third match for the Vibe and second match for the Fury in the 2025 season.

### BROADCAST AND RADIO INFORMATION

 YouTube	Today's match will be streamed through YouTube.
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### WELCOME TO PROFESSIONAL VOLLEYBALL

The Atlanta Vibe are one of eight teams taking the court in the second season of Pro Volleyball Federation. Below are a few facts about Atlanta and Pro Volleyball Federation.

- ⇒ Pro Volleyball Federation head coaches have combined for more than 2,500 career victories.
- ⇒ There are approximately 6.9 million participants in the sport of volleyball in the US.
- ⇒ The Vibe are entering their second season as one of the city's professional sports teams.

### GEORGIA - OHIO CONNECTIONS

Check out these connections between the teams and coaching staffs to learn more about the upcoming match

- ⇒ University of Florida has a few players on the court in tonight's match-up: Vibe Opposite Hitter Anna Dixon, Fury Libero Paula Cerame, Vibe Setter Marlie Monserez, and Vibe Opposite Merritedat Beason
- ⇒ Vibe Setter Whitney Bower and Fury Head Coach Ángel Pérez competed their collegiate careers at BYU
- ⇒ Last year's overall set records between Atlanta and Columbus was 8-6, having the Vibe sweep the Fury twice, while the Fury beat Atlanta in four sets twice

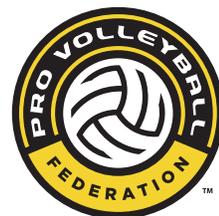
### 2025 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
01.10	at Omaha	8 p.m.
01.12	at Vegas	8 p.m.
01.16	Columbus	7 p.m.
01.19	Grand Rapids	6 p.m.
01.23	Vegas	7 p.m.
01.30	at San Diego	10:05 p.m.
02.02	at Vegas	8 p.m.
02.06	Orlando	7 p.m.
02.08	Omaha	7 p.m.
02.13	at Grand Rapids	7 p.m.
02.16	Indy	6 p.m.
02.20	at Indy	7 p.m.
02.23	at Columbus	2 p.m.
03.01	at Orlando	7 p.m.
03.07	Las Vegas	7 p.m.
03.09	Indy	3 p.m.
03.13	at Grand Rapids	7 p.m.
03.15	San Diego	7 p.m.
03.21	Orlando	7 p.m.
03.23	at Columbus	2 p.m.
03.28	San Diego	7 p.m.
03.30	Columbus	3 p.m.
04.08	at San Diego	7 p.m.
04.12	at Orlando	10:05 p.m.
04.19	at Omaha	7 p.m.
04.26	Grand Rapids	8 p.m.
05.01	at Indy	7 p.m.
05.04	Omaha	6 p.m.



### ATLANTA VIBE COMMUNICATIONS

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All times Eastern and subject to change

## THIS WEEK FOR THE ATLANTA VIBE

<b>01.15</b>	<b>01.16</b>	<b>01.17</b>	<b>01.18</b>	<b>01.19</b>	<b>01.20</b>	<b>01.21</b>
Open Practice & Media Availability 10:30 - 12:30 Practice GSU Sports Arena	<b>GAMEDAY!</b> vs Columbus 7 p.m. ET	Open Practice & Media Availability 11:30 - 1:00 Practice GSU Sports Arena	Open Practice & Media Availability 10:30 - 12:00 Practice GSU Sports Arena	<b>GAMEDAY!</b> vs Grand Rapids 6 p.m. ET	No Media Availability	Open Practice & Media Availability 11:00 - 1:00 Practice GSU Sports Arena

### VIBE HOST HOME OPENER FOR 2025 SEASON

The Atlanta Vibe are excited to host their First Serve match, playing in front of their home crowd for the first time in 2025. The league has announced that each team will have 14 home matches this season, giving local fans even more ability to watch the Vibe. After ending in Gas South Arena with a win 3-0 sweep against Columbus, the Vibe gear up to take on their opponent on for the first time this season.

### VIBE RESULTS FROM TRAVEL WEEKEND

After the season opening weekend, the Vibe come home with a 1-1 record, losing to Omaha in a tight five set match, having the Omaha Supernovas best the Vibe 15-13 in the final set. The Vibe responded with a dominant sweep against the Vegas Thrill. Ending with a team hitting efficiency of .262, Middle Blocker Khori Louis led the team with a .727 hitting efficiency, earning 9 kills on 11 attempts. The Vibe bring momentum into the gym, coming off the weekend with a resounding win.

### PRE-SEASON PVF POLLS: VIBE ON TOP

The Vibe were tabbed to finish first in the second season of the league, receiving 4 first-place votes to finish at the top.

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	Colombus Fury	12

*First-place votes in parenthesis*

### PRE-SEASON ALL-LEAGUE TEAM

Two Vibe players make the Pre-Season All-League team, with Hentz being the only unanimous vote across all teams.

- ⇒ 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*

### COACH BANWARTH'S FIRST HOME MATCH

Vibe Head Coach, Kayla Banwarth, is set to make history as she coaches in front of an Atlanta crowd for the first time ever. Her debut in front of Atlanta fans is very exciting, as she mentioned in a previous radio interview: "The atmosphere of the matches are super exciting. You are going to have fun when you come to a match and watching super high level volleyball."

### FIRST TIME DRAFTEES PLAY IN THE A

In the PVF Draft this past November, the Vibe selected five outstanding collegiate athletes to join the 2025 season roster. This Thursday marks their first time competing in Gas South Arena in front of their loyal fan base. Look out for them while the Vibe take on the Fury.

- #5 Merritt Beason | Nebraska
- #4 Bianca Bertolino | Georgia Tech
- #1 Taylor Head | Florida State
- #22 Khori Louis | Florida State
- #91 Mia Tuaniga | Southern California

# EMORY HEALTHCARE

## INJURY REPORT

- IR - Shelly Fanning (Out, Right Foot)
- IR - Karis Watson (Out for Season, Left ACL)

# PROJECTED STARTERS



**Monserez**



**Beason**



**Head**



**Edmond**



**Louis**



**Beller**

# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

\* - Franchise Tagged Players

NO.	NAME	POS	HT	EXP	HOMETOWN	COLLEGE	ACQUIRED	INSTAGRAM
5	Merritt Beason	Opp	6-4	R	Gardendale, Al.	Nebraska/Florida	DR	merbson
10	Taya Beller	MB	6-2	R	Lindsay, Nebraska	Wayne State College	FA	taya_beller
4	Bianca Bertolino	OH	6-0	R	San Guillermo-Santa Fe, Arg.	Georgia Tech	DR	biancabortolino_
14	Whitney Bower	S	5-7	1	Nampa, Idaho	BYU	DR	whitneybower
24	Anna Dixon	OH	6-3	R	Louisburg, Kansas	Florida (Mizzou)	FA	annadixon
13	Leah Edmond	OH	6-2	4	Lexington, Kentucky	Kentucky	FA	leahedmond13
3	Shelly Fanning	MB	6-2	5	Cypress, Texas	Baylor	FA	shellystafford
1	Taylor Head	OH	5-10	R	Winter Garden, Fl.	Fl. State/Arkansas	DR	tayllorhead
9	Morgan Hentz	L	5-9	4	Lakeside Park, Ky.	Stanford	FA	morganhentz
20	Madolyn Isringhausen	OH	5-11	R	Edwardsville, Ill.	Tennessee Tech	FA	maddieisringhausen
15	Aiko Jones	Opp	6-2	R	Kingston, Jamaica	Louisville	FA	aikoajones
22	Khori Louis	MB	6-3	R	Tallahassee, Fl.	Florida State	DR	khorilouis
21	Marlie Monserez	S	6-0	1	Windermere, Fl.	UCLA (Florida)	FA	marliemonz
7	Pia Timmer	OH	6-2	R	Nordhorn, Germany	Washington St.	FA	piatimmer7777
91	Mia Tuaniga	S	5-9	R	Long Beach, Cali.	Uni of Southern Cal.	DR	miatuaniga
12	McKenna Vicini	MB	6-2	R	Lexington, Ky.	Stanford	FA	mckennavicini

FA = Free Agency DR = Draft TR = Trade

## COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Kayla Banwarth (Nebraska, 2012)

**Assistant Coach:** Brian Doyon (SUNY ESF, 1995)

**Assistant Coach:** Sally Polhamus (Xavier, 1997)

**Director of High Performance:** Chip Smith

**Manager of Volleyball Operations:** Emma Schurfranz (Kennesaw State, 2023)

## NUMERICAL

- 1 Taylor Head
- 3 Shelly Fanning
- 4 Bianca Bertolino
- 5 Merritt Beason
- 7 Pia Timmer
- 9 Morgan Hentz
- 10 Taya Beller
- 12 McKenna Vicini
- 13 Leah Edmond
- 14 Whitney Bower
- 15 Aiko Jones
- 20 Madolyn Isringhausen
- 21 Marlie Monserez
- 22 Khori Louis
- 24 Anna Dixon
- 91 Mia Tuaniga

## FROM WHERE?

Kentucky	3
Florida	2
California	2
Kansas	1
Illinois	1
Texas	1
Idaho	1
Alabama	1
Jamaica	1
Nebraska	1
Germany	1
Argentina	1

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Name	Pronunciation
Merritt Beason	MERR-it
Bianca Bertolino	bee-AHN-kah bear-toh-LEE-noh
Madolyn Isringhausen	MAD-uh-lin ISS-ring-how-zen
Khori Louis	KOH-ree
Aiko Jones	EYE-coe
Marlie Monserez	mon-sir-AY
Pia Timmer	Pee-ah
Mia Tuaniga	too-uh-NING-uh
McKenna Vicini	vi-CHEEN-ee

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# HEAD COACH KAYLA BANWARTH

As a former Power Five head volleyball coach and a member of the 2016 USA Olympic Team, Banwarth has expansive knowledge of the game. Her impressive career with Team USA spanned six years of international competition, during which she collected eight medals. Notably, she earned a bronze medal at the 2016 Olympics, adding to her legacy in American volleyball history.



Banwarth previously served as head coach at Ole Miss and as an assistant for the powerhouse Nebraska program. After making a shift to coaching in 2017, Banwarth stepped into an assistant role at the University of Nebraska. In her debut season, she helped guide the Huskers to a Big Ten Championship and a NCAA Championship title. In 2020, Banwarth became head coach at Ole Miss turning around the volleyball program from a 1-9 record in the 2020-2021 season to a staggering 21-9 record in 2022. Banwarth heads into her first season as the newly appointed Atlanta Vibe head coach.

**The Banwarth File**

Hometown..... Dubuque, Iowa  
 Alma Mater ..... Nebraska [2012]  
 Date of Birth ..... January 21, 1989 [35 years old]

**Coaching History**

2024-present .....Atlanta Vibe (Head Coach)  
 2020-21. ....Ole Miss (Head Coach)  
 2017-19 .....Nebraska (Assistant Head Coach)  
 2016-17.....Pepperdine (Men's) (Vol. Asst. Head Coach)

**Year-By-Year (as Head Coach)**

Year	School	Overall	Conference	Home Record	Postseason
2020	Ole Miss	1-19	1-19 / SEC	0-8	--
2021	Ole Miss	21-9	10-8 / SEC	7-5	--



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
 Banwarth holds the third highest career digs record at Nebraska at 1,706 digs.

# GAS SOUTH ARENA

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 Duluth, Georgia 30097  
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Gas South Arena is a vibrant, versatile venue showcasing a multitude of concerts, sporting events, family shows, and more. In addition to the Atlanta Vibe, it is also home to the Atlanta Gladiators (ECHL) and Georgia Swarm (NLL).

The venue has a capacity of 13,000 and features a state-of-the-art house reduction system which can quickly convert the space to a 3,500 theater-style setting or a large convention and tradeshow space with a capacity of 10,000 attendees. The Arena also includes 30 corporate suites, 2 party suites, club level seats, a spacious concourse, wider seats, a high-end sound system and acoustical enhancements to provide the best experience for every event.



## ATLANTA VIBE QUICK FACTS

<b>Location</b> .....	Atlanta, Georgia
<b>Second Season</b> .....	2025
<b>Colors</b> .....	Light Red, Light Blue, Dark Red, Dark Blue
<b>Home Arena</b> .....	Gas South Arena (Duluth, Ga.)
<b>Capacity</b> .....	13,000
<b>Website</b> .....	AtlantaVibe.com
<b>Ownership Group</b> .....	Colleen Craig Sinjin Smith Edwin Moses
<b>President</b> .....	Theresa Wenzel
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<b>Director, Youth Volleyball</b> .....	Cindy Young
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<b>Director, Ticketing</b> .....	Jonathan Chen
<b>Game Operations</b> .....	Von Harris

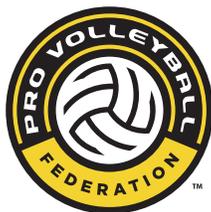
### Pro Volleyball Federation, USA Volleyball Announce Alliance

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

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

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

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



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# PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION



Pro Volleyball Federation is the premier women's professional volleyball league in North America. Pro Volleyball Federation will begin play in January 2025 with world class players and coaches, including some

of America's greatest volleyball players and elite players from around the world. Our entire focus is on ensuring that our level and quality of play, our treatment of players, the quality of our event presentations, and our day-to-day fan experience is world class and the very best offered in North America. For more information, visit ProVolleyball.com.

## 2025 Pro Volleyball Federation Standings

	W	L	PCT.	Home	Away
Omaha Supernovas	2	0	1.000	1-0	1-0
Indy Ignite	1	0	1.000	1-0	0-0
Atlanta Vibe	1	1	.500	0-0	1-1
Orlando Valkyries	1	1	.500	1-0	0-1
San Diego Mojo	1	1	.500	0-0	1-1
Vegas Thrill	1	1	.500	1-1	0-0
Columbus Fury	0	1	.000	0-1	0-0
Grand Rapids Rise	0	2	.000	0-1	0-1

## UPCOMING PRO VOLLEYBALL FEDERATION SCHEDULE

### Friday, January 17

Omaha at Vegas ..... 10 p.m. EST

### Saturday, January 18

Indy at Columbus ..... 7 p.m. EST

### Sunday, January 19

San Diego at Omaha ..... 4 p.m. EST

### Sunday, January 19

Grand Rapids at Atlanta ..... 6 p.m. EST

### Sunday, January 19

Orlando at Vegas ..... 8 p.m. EST

### Thursday, January 23

Vegas at Atlanta ..... 7 p.m. EST

### Friday, January 24

Omaha at Columbus ..... 7 p.m. EST

### Friday, January 24

Indy at San Diego ..... 10:05 p.m. EST









