



MATCH NOTES

MATCH FOUR Atlanta Vibe [2-1] at Grand Rapids Rise [0-3]

Sunday | January 19 | 6 p.m. EST
FS1
Gas South Arena • Atlanta, Georgia

Atlanta Head Coach Kayla Banwarth
Vibe Record 2-1 (.667)



Grand Rapids Head Coach Cathy George
Grand Rapids Record 0-3 (.000)

SERIES NOTES: This is the Vibe's first match up against the Grand Rapids Rise. It marks the fourth match for the Vibe and the Rise in the 2025 season.

BROADCAST AND RADIO INFORMATION

FS1

Today's match will be streamed on Fox Sports 1.

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 - MICHIGAN CONNECTIONS

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

- ⇒ Both teams have liberos hailing from Stanford - Morgan Hentz with the Vibe and Elena Oglivie with the Rise
- ⇒ A few Florida Gators on the floor for the match - for the Vibe there is opposite hitter Anna Dixon (#24), setter Marlie Monserez (#21), and opposite hitter Merritt Beason (#5) and for the Rise outside hitter Carli Snyder (#4)
- ⇒ Last season, the Vibe lost to the Rise in the league semi-finals match, marking this Sunday as the first time the Vibe match up against their opponent for the 2025 season

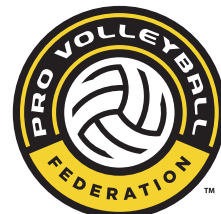


ATLANTA VIBE COMMUNICATIONS

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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.



All times Eastern and subject to change

THIS WEEK FOR THE ATLANTA VIBE

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

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT AT GAS SOUTH ARENA

The Atlanta Vibe are excited to host their Faith and Family Night match, playing in front of their home crowd for the second 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. This night will be a celebration of shared values, inviting all to enjoy a memorable night of inclusion and excitement.

RESULTS FROM HOME OPENER MATCH

In a tight five set thriller, the Vibe open their home match with a win over the Columbus Fury. With the night being a back-and-forth battle, the Vibe come out on top in a nail-biting 16-14 fifth set result. Ending with a team hitting efficiency of .235, opposite hitter Merritt Beason reached a season high of 23 kills to lead Atlanta to victory. Outside hitter Leah Edmond led the defensive front with five total blocks, alongside libero Morgan Hentz with 27 digs.

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 COMMENTS ON FIRST HOME MATCH

After Vibe Head Coach Kayla Banwarth reflected on her first appearance on the Atlanta home court, she mentioned in a post-game presser: "I was really looking forward to playing in front of our home crowd. I heard nothing but great things about the fans, the engagement, and the atmosphere and tonight did not disappoint. They were very energetic and they willed us to that win in that fifth set."

CATCH THE DRAFTEES PLAYING IN THE A

In the PVF Draft this past November, the Vibe selected five outstanding collegiate athletes to join the 2025 season roster. This Sunday marks their second time competing in Gas South Arena. Don't miss out on these rookies making their mark in Atlanta.

- #5 Merritt Beason | Nebraska
- #4 Bianca Bertolino | Georgia Tech
- #1 Taylor Head | Florida State
- #22 Khorī 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



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	whitneyybower
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	taylorhead
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 Monserrez	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 Monserrez
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 Monserrez	mon-sir-AY
Pia Timmer	Pee-ah
Mia Tuaniga	too-uh-NING-uh
McKenna Vicini	vi-CHEEN-ee

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 BirthJanuary 21, 1989 [35 years old]

Coaching History

2024-presentAtlanta Vibe (Head Coach)
2020-21.Ole Miss (Head Coach)
2017-19Nebraska (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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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

Location	Atlanta, Georgia
Second Season	2025
Colors	Light Red, Light Blue, Dark Red, Dark Blue
Home Arena	Gas South Arena (Duluth, Ga.)
Capacity	13,000
Website	AtlantaVibe.com
Ownership Group	Colleen Craig Sinjin Smith Edwin Moses
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Communications and Marketing Manager	Anna Porter
Director, Youth Volleyball	Cindy Young
Manager of Volleyball Operations	Emma Schurfranz
Director, Ticketing	Jonathan Chen
Game Operations	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.



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
Indy Ignite	2	0	1.000	2-0	0-0
Omaha Supernovas	2	0	1.000	1-0	1-0
Atlanta Vibe	2	1	.667	1-0	1-1
Orlando Valkyries	2	1	.667	1-0	1-0
Vegas Thrill	1	1	.500	1-1	0-0
San Diego Mojo	1	2	.333	0-1	1-1
Columbus Fury	0	2	.000	0-1	0-1
Grand Rapids Rise	0	3	.000	0-1	0-2

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




MERRITT BEASON

Opposite Hitter, 6-4, Gardendale, Al. / Nebraska/Florida

Career Highlights

- AVCA All-America First Team (2023)
- AVCA Region Player of the Year (2023)
- AVCA All-Region team (2022, 2023)

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MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

	SP	K	TA	PCT	SA	AST	DIG	BLK
at Omaha	5	17	48	.188	1	0	10	2
at Las Vegas	3	14	35	.286	1	0	5	1
Columbus	5	23	48	.396	1	0	10	1
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TAYA BELLER

Middle Blocker, 6-2, Lindsay, Ne. / Wayne State College

Career Highlights

- Voted AVCA and D2CCA All-America First Team (2022, 2023)
- AVCA All-Central Region First Team in 2022 and 2024
- All-NSIC First Team in 2021, 2022 and 2023

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MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

	SP	K	TA	PCT	SA	AST	DIG	BLK
at Omaha	1	1	2	.000	0	0	0	0
at Las Vegas								
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BIANCA BERTOLINO

Outside Hitter, 6-0, San Guillermo-Santa Fe, Arg. / Georgia Tech

Career Highlights

- 2024 All-ACC Second Team
- 2024 AVCA Southeast All-Region
- 2021 ACC All-Freshman Team

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MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

	SP	K	TA	PCT	SA	AST	DIG	BLK
at Omaha	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
at Las Vegas	1	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0
Columbus	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0
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WHITNEY BOWER

Setter, 5-8, Nampa, Idaho / BYU

Career Highlights

- AVCA Southwest All-Region team 2023
- All-Big 12 First Team 2023
- WCC Player of the Year 2023

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MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

	SP	K	TA	PCT	SA	AST	DIG	BLK
at Omaha	3	0	0	.000	0	1	2	0
at Las Vegas								
Columbus	3	0	0	.000	1	9	3	0
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MARLIE MONSEREZ

Setter, 6-0, Windermere, Florida / Florida

Career Highlights

- 2024 All-PVF Second Team
- Finished at the top of league rankings in 2024 with an average of 10.2 assists per set
- Earned 11 SEC Setter of the Week honors as a Florida Gator

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MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

	SP	K	TA	PCT	SA	AST	DIG	BLK
at Omaha	5	2	10	.100	0	56	11	1
at Las Vegas	3	2	7	.286	0	36	7	1
Columbus	5	1	8	-.125	0	46	12	1
Grand Rapids								
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PIA TIMMER

Outside Hitter, 6-2, Nordhorn, Germany / Washington State

Career Highlights

- Pac 12 All-Conference First Team (2020-21, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- AVCA Pacific North All-Region (2020-21, 2021, 2022, 2023)
- 2019 Pac 12 All-Freshman Team

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MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

	SP	K	TA	PCT	SA	AST	DIG	BLK
at Omaha	5	12	47	.128	0	0	13	1
at Las Vegas	3	5	18	.286	1	0	10	0
Columbus	5	11	30	.267	0	0	13	0
Grand Rapids								
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MIA TUANIGA

Setter, 5-9, Long Beach, California / USC

Career Highlights

- 2024 Big Ten Preseason All-Conference Team
- Pac-12 All-Conference Team (2022, 2023)
- AVCA All-Pacific South Region Team (2022, 2023)

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MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

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at Omaha								
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MCKENNA VICINI

Middle Blocker, 6-2, Lexington, Kentucky / Stanford

Career Highlights

- NCAA champion (2019)
- Three-time Pac-12 champion (2019, 2022, 2023)
- Became the 10th player in Stanford history to register 500 career blocks

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MATCH-BY-MATCH STATISTICS

	SP	K	TA	PCT	SA	AST	DIG	BLK
at Omaha	5	11	23	.435	0	56	11	1
at Las Vegas	3	1	6	.167	0	0	3	1
Columbus	5	3	12	.167	0	0	1	3
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