



# PURDUE BOILERMAKERS

## 2021 VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES



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### 2021 PURDUE VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Record: 10-1

#### AUGUST

Reamer Club Xtra Special Volleyball Premier

27	LMU (BTN+)	W, 3-1
29	#RV KANSAS (BTN+)	W, 3-0

#### SEPTEMBER

Rebel Challenge

2	at #RV UNLV	W, 3-0
3	vs. #25 Washington State	W, 3-0

Xavier University Tournament

10	vs. #10 Louisville	L, 0-3
11	vs. Lipscomb	W, 3-0

Stacey Clark Classic

17	JACKSONVILLE STATE (BTN+)	W, 3-0
17	PURDUE FORT WAYNE (BTN+)	W, 3-0
18	#22 TENNESSEE (BTN+)	W, 3-0

24	#3 OHIO STATE (BTN)	W, 3-2
26	at Indiana (BTN+)	W, 3-0

#### OCTOBER

1	ILLINOIS (BTN+)	7 PM
2	RUTGERS (BTN+)	7 PM
6	at Illinois (BTN)	9 PM
9	at Iowa (BTN+)	8 PM
15	at #3 Ohio State (BTN)	6 PM
17	#14 PENN STATE (ESPN2)	2 PM
20	MICHIGAN STATE (BTN)	8 PM
23	at #12 Nebraska (BTN)	TBA
27	NORTHWESTERN (BTN+)	7 PM
31	#5 WISCONSIN (ESPNU)	12 PM

#### NOVEMBER

5	at #RV Maryland (BTN+)	7 PM
6	at Rutgers (BTN+)	TBA
12	at #5 Wisconsin (BTN+)	8 PM
14	at #7 Minnesota (BTN)	3 PM
19	#RV MICHIGAN (BTN)	7 PM
21	at Northwestern (BTN+)	TBA
26	INDIANA (BTN+)	TBA
27	#12 NEBRASKA (BTN+)	TBA

All Times Eastern

### UP NEXT

Friday, Oct. 1 | Saturday, Oct. 2

Homecoming Weekend

Location: Holloway Gymnasium - West Lafayette, Ind.

#4



**#4 PURDUE**  
Record: 10-1 (2-0 Big Ten)  
Home: 7-0  
Away: 1-0  
Neutral: 2-1  
  
HC: Dave Shondell  
(19th year) 398-200 (321-149 BIG)



**ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI**  
Record: 10-3 (2-0 Big Ten)  
Home: 1-2  
Away: 3-1  
Neutral: 6-0  
  
HC: Chris Tamas (5th year) 88-43  
(49-31 BIG)



**RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS**  
Record: 8-5 (0-2 Big Ten)  
Home: 2-3  
Away: 1-2  
Neutral: 5-0  
  
HC: Caitlin Schwehofer (2nd year)  
14-19 (6-14)

#### SCHEDULE NOTES

- With the latest AVCA coaches poll, Purdue is slated to play(ed) 15 top-25 matchups.
- Five of Purdue's nine non-conference opponents were recognized in the AVCA preseason poll, including then-#25 Washington State, #10 Louisville, #22 Tennessee and UNLV, which is receiving votes.
- Purdue's 10-1 start is the program's best since 2018 (11-0). In the past 10 years, Purdue has started 10-1 or better on three occasions: 2021, 2018 (11-0), 2011 (11-0).
- Purdue took down #3 Ohio State to open Big Ten play. It marked the first victory over a top-3 opponent in Holloway since 2015 (vs. #3 Minnesota, W 3-2, 11/21/15). Meanwhile, the last top-5 win came on 10/26/2019 vs. #5 Nebraska (3-2) at home.
- Purdue's final month of the regular season will be a grueling month on the road with five its eight matches in hostile environments. Of those five matches, three are ranked or receiving votes in the latest AVCA poll.
- Fans will have nine opportunities to catch Purdue on TV.

#### ILLINOIS FIGHTING ILLINI

Series History: 42-47 (ILL Leads) | Last Meeting: April 3, 2021 (L, 2-3 at PUR)

- Purdue split the final weekend of the regular season with Illinois, 1-1.
- In the last five meetings dating back to the 2018 season, Purdue has only won once: April 2, 2021 (3-0).
- The Illini have played two top-20 opponents in then-#11 Washington and #19 Creighton, which the team fell in four sets on both occasions.
- Currently, Illinois is riding a five-match win streak dating back to a sweep over Missouri on Sept. 17.
- Illinois' brings the toughest serve in the Big Ten, ranking 1st in the league and 4th in the NCAA with 2.22 aces per set. The effort is led by Taylor Kuper, who averages 0.52 (2nd in the league) and also happens to rank 4th in the Big Ten with 4.54 digs per set.
- The attack is led by Kennedy Collins, who owns a .357 attack%, 9th in the Big Ten.

#### RUTGERS SCARLET KNIGHTS

Series History: 14-0 (PUR leads) | Last Meeting on March 20, 2021 (W, 3-0 at RUT)

- The teams' 14-match history, Purdue has swept the team nine times and won in four on five occasions.
- In the last seven meetings dating back to Nov. 15, 2017, Purdue has only hosted Rutgers once: 11/20/19.
- The Scarlet Knights have two ranked among the Big Ten's top 10 in hitting%, with efforts by Beka Kojadinovic (3.00 kills per set) leading the way. She is also four aces shy of becoming the program all-time rally scoring era leader with 91 career aces.
- Inna Balyko was Rutgers' first All-Big Ten honoree and is averaging 9.56 helpers per frame.
- Shealyn McNamara owns a .358 hitting % and 1.27 blocks per set, ranking in the Big Ten's top-10 in both categories.

**46** SEASONS

**22** NCAA TOURNAMENT  
APPEARANCES

**22** AVCA  
ALL-AMERICANS

## AVCA Top-25 Coaches Poll

Rank	School	Record	Previous Rank
1	Texas (64)	9-0	1
2	Pittsburgh	12-0	4
3	Louisville	10-0	5
4	Purdue	10-1	7
5	Wisconsin	9-1	2
6	Kentucky	8-3	7
7	Minnesota	6-3	9
8	Ohio State	10-2	3
9	Baylor	7-3	10
10	BYU	11-1	11
11	Oregon	11-1	13
12	Nebraska	8-3	12
13	Washington	7-3	6
14	Penn State	9-3	20
15	UCLA	9-1	19
16	Creighton	14-1	16
17	Stanford	6-4	14
18	Georgia Tech	11-1	18
19	Utah	8-3	15
20	Tennessee	10-2	21
21	Western Kentucky	13-1	22
22	Florida	7-5	17
23	Pepperdine	10-1	23
24	Colorado	11-1	24
25	San Diego	8-3	25

Receiving votes: Washington State 75; Marquette 32; Ole Miss 15; Florida State 10; Michigan 7; Maryland 5; Rice 4.

## Purdue In The Poll

Date	Rank	Date	Rank
Final 2021	7	Oct. 18	
Preseason	8	Oct. 25	
Aug. 30	8	Nov. 1	
Sept. 6	6	Nov. 8	
Sept. 13	9	Nov. 15	
Sept. 20	T-7	Nov. 22	
Sept. 27	4	Nov. 29	
Oct. 4		Dec. 20 (Final)	
Oct. 11			

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## STANDINGS

Through Matches of 9/29

School	Overall Record	Big Ten Record	Win Pct.
Penn State	10-3	3-0	.769
Purdue	10-1	2-0	.909
Illinois	10-3	2-0	.769
Nebraska	8-3	2-0	.727
Minnesota	7-3	2-0	.700
Wisconsin	9-1	1-1	.900
Michigan	8-3	1-1	.727
Maryland	13-2	1-2	.867
Ohio State	11-2	1-2	.846
Indiana	7-8	1-2	.467
Michigan State	7-4	0-2	.636
Rutgers	8-5	0-2	.615
Northwestern	5-8	0-2	.385
Iowa	2-10	0-2	.167

## FULL STEAM AHEAD

- Purdue's 10-1 start includes sweeps of five wins (four of which were sweeps) of AVCA recognized programs in RV Kansas, RV UNLV, #22 Tennessee, #25 Washington State and #3 Ohio State.
- The Boilermakers opened the season with four straight matches hitting above .300, its longest streak since the 2017 season.
- Purdue has won 30 sets this season and only forfeited six.

## PURDUE IN THE AVCA RANKINGS

- The program is currently in its longest streak among the AVCA top-10 with 12 straight weeks (dates back to March 8, 2021).
- The program has been ranked for 66 consecutive weeks (Preseason 2017-2021), the longest active streak by any Purdue team.
- Purdue started the season matching its highest preseason ranking (#8) in program history (ties 2014).
- The program ended the 2020 season with its highest-ever final ranking at #7.
- The Boilermakers have set program-bests in the AVCA rankings three times this year: first with its 2020 final poll (7th), then in Week 3 this fall (6th) and now 4th.

## EFFICIENT FROM THE START

- During preseason, HC Dave Shondell said his focus for the 2021 season would be on hitting efficiency after finishing the spring with a .243 clip (6th in the Big Ten).
- Purdue averaged a .309 attack % through the first six matches, one of just two teams in program history since at least 2003 to do so (joins 2017 team, .385 %).
- Currently, Purdue is No. 12 in the nation and fourth in the league in hitting % (.292).
- Four Boilermakers averaged a .300 attack % or better during non-conference play: Grace Cleveland (.391), Emma Ellis (.390), Taylor Trammell (.333) and Hayley Bush (.321).

## BIG TEN CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK: JAELE JOHNSON

- Johnson received her first Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week and second overall (Player of the Week given on Feb. 1, 2021).
- Led the team with 13.0 total blocks.
- Set a career-high six digs vs. then-#3 Ohio State and matched a career-high seven block assists.
- At Indiana, she came one block assist shy of tying her career-best in block assists.
- Johnson helped to hold OSU and IU to a combined .140 hitting efficiency, the second-lowest in the league in the opening week of Big Ten play.
- Paired her defensive performance with 11 kills (1.38 per set), including eight kills and a .385 hitting clip against the Buckeyes.
- With Johnson's defense at the net, she jumped 72 spots in the national rankings to No. 70 in the nation with her average of 1.22 blocks per set.
- Johnson is the second Boilermaker this season to be recognized (Hayley Bush, Setter of the Week (9/6).

## DEFENSIVE LIVES HERE

- Purdue out-blocked opponents 23-10 in the opening weekend of play.
- The 23 blocks led to a 11-spot jump in the national rankings to 15th with 2.74 blocks per set.
- Purdue held Ohio State and Indiana to an average of .140 attack %.
- This season, Purdue is averaging 15.2 digs per set.

## THE TAKEDOWN OF #3 OHIO STATE

- After losing two straight sets, Purdue came from behind to take set four and force a fifth. The win marked the first victory over a top-3 opponent in Holloway since 2015 (vs. #3 Minnesota, W 3-2, 11/21/15).
- The Boilermakers out-blocked the Buckeyes 11-6.
- Purdue won its first five-set match since at Michigan State (11/29/19).
- The Boilermakers averaged a .216 hitting clip and held Ohio State to .209.
- Freshman Raven Colvin was a difference-maker, starting the final two sets and registering six kills, no errors and a .667 attack % to go alongside two block assists.
- Jena Otec saw 29 receptions in the match and totaled 22 digs.
- Purdue forced 12 service errors for OSU. Moreover, OSU was held to a season-low attack % (.210) and a season-high 29 attack errors.
- Shortly after, Holloway was ranked as the toughest place to play in the Big Ten, a testament to Boilermaker fans, as Mackey Arena received the same praise for men's basketball.

## MONON SPIKE MATCH: SWEEPING INDIANA

- Purdue retained the traveling trophy, the Monon Spike, with the sweep at Indiana for the 14th straight year.
- The Boilermakers held IU to a .009 hitting %, marking the third straight match the Hoosiers have been held to under .100 %: .055 on 2/28/21 and .089 on 2/23/21.
- Marissa Hornung anchored the team in libero, totaling 19 digs in the match.
- Grace Cleveland led the team with 11 kills while Maddy Chinn went errorless with four kills on seven hits (.571%), a team-best.

## PLAYING THEIR BEST VOLLEYBALL

- Caitlyn Newton (.236 attack %) is on track to have her most efficient season to date. She has hit over .400 twice: .414 in the season-opener vs. LMU (8/27) and .406 vs. Lipscomb (9/11).
- Grace Cleveland is well beyond her efficiency numbers from years past. She currently owns a .337 hitting % and 4.3 points per set, with one errorless match at UNLV (9/2, 13-0-23) and nearly had one vs. Tennessee, where she went errorless through the first two sets with 11 kills. In total, Cleveland did not have more than three errors in a non-conference match and has one or fewer error in five matches this season.
- Pin hitters Maddy Chinn, Emma Ellis and Maddie Koch have all stepped up when their time came:
- Chinn set a career-high 11 kills and five digs vs. #22 Tennessee (9/18).
- Ellis tied her career-best 13 kills while setting a career-high .600 attack % vs. Lipscomb (9/11).
- Koch went a perfect 3-0-3 for her first 1,000 attack %. Moreover, she tied a career-high two block assists vs. #RV Kansas (8/29).

## THE SETTER: HAYLEY BUSH

- Hayley Bush is one of the most dynamic setters in all Division I, ranking 5th in active career assists/set and 12th in career assists.
- She is joined by Sidney Hilley (WIS) as the only two Big Ten setters to have at least 3,922 assists and average at least 10.80 assists per set.
- Bush is one of just three Big Ten setters with at least 800 career digs.
- At 5-10, Bush is considered "undersized". In reality, she is one of four starting Big Ten setters under 6'0".
- Although there are 27 starting setters in all of Power 5 with heights below 6'0", Bush was one of just three who was averaging over 11.0 assists per set through the non-conference season: Andrea Fuentes Wake Forest (11.46), Natalie Hayward, Tennessee (11.29) and Bush (11.11).
- Bush recorded a pair of double-doubles to open Big Ten Play, including 47 assists and 13 digs vs. #3 Ohio State.

## THE PURDUE ROSTER AT A GLANCE

- The 21-woman roster is the largest in program history.
- Purdue is the most experienced team in the Big Ten with 13 players having at least two years of experience (over half at 61%).
- The entire 2020 roster returns for the fall, including fifth year returners AVCA Third Team All-American Caitlyn Newton and AVCA All-America Honorable Mention and Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year Jena Otec.
- There is a program-record four AVCA All-America recognized players on the roster: First Team All-American Grace Cleveland, Third Team All-American Newton and Honorable Mentions Hayley Bush and Otec. Meanwhile Taylor Trammell was recognized by VolleyballMag.com as an All-America Honorable Mention.
- Four newcomers join the ranks to make up the No. 10 recruiting class (VolleyballMag.com): Raven Colvin (2020 Under Armour All-America Honorable Mention), Ali Hornung (2020 Under Armour First Team All-America and Gatorade State Player of the Year for Indiana), Emily Rastovski (2019 Under Armour All-America) and Sydney Yim (Gatorade State Player of the Year for Massachusetts).

## Dave Shondell & Coaching Staff

- Head Coach Dave Shondell, associate head coach John Shondell and assistant coach Kathy Jewell are the longest-tenured coaching staff in the Power Five, entering their 19th season together at Purdue.
- Shondell has recently signed a contract extension, running through the 2024 season and Jewell was promoted to Assistant Head Coach - Recruiting Coordinator on Sept. 1, 2021.
- Together, they led Purdue to become one of 13 programs in the nation with at least nine Sweet Sixteen appearances in the last 16 years.
- Shondell and company have coached 22 All-Americans and 79 All-Big Ten honorees.
- HC Shondell is one of three active Big Ten coaches to own at least a .661 win %.

## STATS TO WATCH

- Shondell's 600th match at Purdue is slated to come vs. Rutgers on Oct. 2.
- Shondell is nearing his 400th win, which could come as soon as Oct. 2.
- Hayley Bush is 78 assists away from her 4,000th and is 200 digs away from her 1,000th.
  - > Currently, Bush ranks No. 8 all-time with 3,993 assists and will match 7th-place with her 4,116th assist.
- Jena Otec needs three more service aces to match the No. 10 mark in program history with 145 career aces. No Boilermaker has accomplished the feat this century. Brooke White (1993-96) is the last Boilermaker to surpass 145 aces.
- Caitlyn Newton is 80 kills away from entering the program's top-10 in career kills (needs 1,418 to match 10th-place).

Record in Three Set Matches: 6-1

Record in Four Set Matches: 1-0

Record in Five Set Matches: 1-0

When Winning the First Set: 9-0

When Dropping the First Set: 0-1

## Individual National Rankings - As of 9/29/21

### 2021 SEASON

#### Assists Per Set

No. 35 Hayley Bush (10.60)

#### Blocks Per Set

No. 43 Taylor Trammell (1.36)  
No. 70 Jael Johnson (1.22)  
No. 275 Grace Cleveland (.094)

#### Hitting %\*

No. 123 Grace Cleveland (.337)

\*Must Average 3.33 attacks/set

#### Attacks Per Set

No. 123 Caitlyn Newton (9.91)

#### Kills Per Set

No. 117 Grace Cleveland (3.54)  
No. 127 Caitlyn Newton (3.51)

#### Points Per Set

No. 85 Grace Cleveland (4.29)  
No. 117 Caitlyn Newton (4.07)

### CAREER STATS

#### Career Sets

No. 8 Jena Otec (471)  
No. 88 Caitlyn Newton (415)

#### Career Assists

No. 15 Hayley Bush (3,835)

#### Career Matches

No. 13 Jena Otec (127)

#### Career Assists Per Set

No. 13 Hayley Bush (10.80)

#### Career Service Aces

No. 22 Jena Otec (140)

#### Career Kills

No. 40 Caitlyn Newton (1,290)  
No. 145 Grace Cleveland (1,002)

#### Career Digs

No. 75 Jena Otec (1,350)  
No. 127 Marissa Hornung (1,175)

## Team National Rankings - As of 9/29/21

### No. 5 | Toughest Schedule

No. 4 | Attendance by % Capacity (100.02)

No. 12 | Hitting % (.292)

No. 15 | Blocks Per Set (2.74)

No. 17 | Match W-L (.909)

No. 57 | Kills Per Set (13.42)

No. 61 | Opponent Hitting % (.170)

No. 85 | Assists Per Set (12.03)

### The Last Time....

#### A Match Went to 5 Sets

Sept. 24, 2021 vs. #3 Ohio State  
W, 3-2 (25-17, 19-25, 21-25, 25-22, 15-11)

#### Last Victory over a Top-5 Team

vs. #3 Ohio State (H)  
W, 3-2 (25-17, 19-25, 21-25, 25-22, 15-11)

#### Team Hitting % of .400 or Better

.456 | Sept. 17, 2021 vs. PFW | W, 3-0

#### 60 or More Team Kills

63 | Feb. 6, 2021 vs. #6 Minnesota | L, 2-3

#### 15 or More Total Team Blocks

17 | March 19, 2021 at Rutgers | W, 3-1

#### 80 or More Team Digs

82 | Sept. 24, 2021 vs. #3 Ohio State | W, 3-2

#### 10 or More Team Aces

13 | Feb. 5, 2021 vs. #6 Minnesota | L, 2-3





## 2021 PURDUE VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School/Last School
1	Ava Torrance	Jr.	DS	5-1	Avon, Ind. / Avon
2	Hayley Bush	RS-Sr.	S	5-10	Union, Ky. / Ryle
3	Megan Renner	RS-So.	S	6-2	Cedar Rapids, Iowa / Linn-Mar
4	Caitlyn Newton	Gr.	OH	6-1	Terre Haute, Ind. / Terre Haute
5	Maddy Chinn	Jr.	OH	6-2	Oakland Township, Mich. / Notre Dame Prep
6	Savana Chacon	So.	DS	5-8	Crown Point, Ind. / Crown Point
7	Raven Colvin	Fr.	MB	6-1	Indianapolis, Ind. / Heritage Christian
8	Maddie Schermerhorn	Jr.	DS	5-10	Ligonier, Ind. / West Noble
9	Lourdes Myers	RS-Fr.	MB	6-3	Alliance, Ohio / St. Thomas Aquinas
10	Marissa Hornung	Sr.	DS	5-7	New Albany, Ind. / Providence
11	Emma Terwilliger	Sr.	DS	5-5	Valparaiso, Ind. / Valparaiso
12	Emma Ellis	Jr.	OH	6-2	Charlotte, N.C. / Charlotte Catholic
13	Molly Brown	So.	MB	6-2	Goshen, Ind. / Northridge
15	Sydney Yim	Fr.	S	6-1	Newburyport, Mass. / Newburyport
16	Maddie Koch	Jr.	OH	6-1	Ashwaubenon, Wis. / Ashwaubenon
17	Taylor Trammell	So.	MB	6-2	Lexington, Ky. / Henry Clay
18	Jael Johnson	Sr.	MB	6-2	Mooresville, Ind. / Avon
19	Jena Otec	Gr.	DS	5-10	Crystal City, Mo. / St. Pius X
20	Grace Cleveland	Sr.	OH	6-3	Bloomington, Ill. / Normal Community
21	Ali Hornung	Fr.	DS/OH	5-10	New Albany, Ind. / Providence
22	Emily Rastovski	Fr.	OH	6-1	Valparaiso, Ind. / Morgan Township

**Head Coach:** Dave Shondell, 19th season

**Associate Head Coach:** John Shondell, 19th season

**Assistant Head Coach - Recruiting Coordinator:** Kathy Jewell, 19th season

**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Chad Sutton, 2nd season

**Graduate Manager:** Michael Bouril, 2nd season

**Supervisor of Volleyball Operations:** Carrie Gurnell, 1st season

### Pronunciation Guide:

Chacon: CHUH-cone

Lourdes: LORD-is

Schermerhorn: Skimmer-horn

Hornung: HORN-nung

Koch: COOK

Trammell: TRAM-mel

Jael: Jay-EL

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