



LOUISVILLE

2021 Cardinal Volleyball

2021 Schedule

August

Fri. 27 vs. Cal Poly
Fri. 27 vs. TAMU-Corpus Christi
Sat. 28 at Arizona State

September

Fri. 3 So. Dak. vs. NKU
Fri. 3 MISSOURI
Sat. 4 NKU vs. Missouri
Sat. 4 SOUTH DAKOTA
Sun. 5 Missouri vs. So. Dak
Sun. 5 NORTHERN KENTUCKY
Fri. 10 vs. Purdue
Sat. 11 vs. TBD
Wed. 15 KENTUCKY
Sat. 18 at Nebraska
Fri. 24 MIAMI
Sun. 26 FLORIDA STATE

October

Fri. 1 at Clemson
Sun. 3 at Georgia Tech
Fri. 8 BOSTON COLLEGE
Sun. 10 SYRACUSE
Fri. 15 at Virginia Tech
Sun. 17 at Wake Forest
Fri. 22 VIRGINIA
Sun. 24 Pittsburgh
Sun. 31 at Duke

November

Fri. 5 at NC State
Sun. 7 at North Carolina
Fri. 12 GEORGIA TECH
Mon. 15 at Notre Dame
Fri. 19 DUKE
Wed. 24 at Pitt
Fri. 26 NOTRE DAME

Pronunciation Guide

Ayden: A-den
Nena: Nen-(like men) uh
Mbonu: em-BAH-new
Chaussee: chaw-SAY
Phekran: Peg-grahn (trilly r like in Spanish)
Cara: CARE-uh
Cresse: Cressy (rhymes with Dressy)
Elena: uh-LANE-uh
Aiko: EYE-coe (like Geico)
Mia: ME-uh
Vasilou: Vas-uh-lou
Amaya: uh-MY-yuh
Meske: MESS-key

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#13 Louisville

Record: 0-0
Conf. ACC

**Coach Dani Busboom
Kelly**

VS.

Cal Poly
Record: 0-0
Conf.: Big Sky

Arizona State
Record: 0-0
Conf.: Pac-12

TAMU-CC
Record: 0-0
Conf.: Southland

2021 Cardinal Roster

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (High School)
1 Ceci Rush	L/DS	So.	5-9	New Albany, IN / Providence
2 Ayden Bartlett	L/DS	So.	5-6	Leavenworth, KS / Leavenworth
3 Nena Mbonu	OH	Jr.	6-0	Spring, Texas / Klein
4 Alexa Hendricks	L/DS	Jr.	5-7	Louisville, Ky. / Assumption
6 Brooke Smith	OH	So.	6-2	Leo, IN / Leo
7 Emily Scott	MB	Sr.	6-2	Appleton, WI / Kimberly
9 Claire Chaussee	OH	Sr.	6-0	Sun Prairie, WI / Sun Prairie
10 Phekran Kong	MB	So.	6-3	Sioux Falls, SD / Washington
11 Anna Stevenson	MB	Gr.	6-2	Laurens, S.C. / Laurens
12 Tori Dilfer	S	Gr.	5-11	Los Gatos, Calif. / Valley Christian
13 Cara Cresse	MB	Fr.	6-6	Ft. Wayne, Ind. / Blackhawk
14 Anna DeBeer	OH	So.	6-0	Louisville / Assumption
15 Aiko Jones	OPP	R-Jr.	6-2	Kingston, Jamaica / Wolmer
16 Paige Morningstar	S	Fr.	6-0	Pittsburgh, PA / North Allegheny
17 Mia Stander	L/DS	Sr.	5-3	Atlanta, Ga. / Marist
19 Elena Scott	L/DS	Fr.	5-9	Louisville, Ky. / Mercy Academy
20 Rachael DeMarcus	S	Sr.	5-7	Lexington, Ky. / Bryan Station
22 Jamie Vasilou	S	Sr.	5-5	Bloomington, Illinois / Normal
25 Amaya Tillman	MB	Jr.	6-3	Topeka, Kan. / Shawnee Heights

A Quick Peek at the Cards

- ◆ In 2020, the Cardinals reached their sixth Sweet Sixteen and second in the last two years.
- ◆ The 2020 ACC title is the third in the last six seasons for the Cardinals (15-3, 12-2), and their second outright. Louisville shared the championship with Pitt in 2017 after winning it outright in 2015. Louisville also earned the ACC's automatic qualification to the NCAA Championship with the win over North Carolina.
- ◆ The Cardinals snapped Pitt's home match winning streak at 37 (dating back to 2017) as their final match in the fall of 2020. The win vaulted UofL into the No. 5 ranking spot.
- ◆ The Cardinals made their first appearance in the NCAA Elite Eight in 2019 after beating No. 2 ranked Texas, an upset was called the biggest in NCAA Volleyball Tournament history.
- ◆ The Cardinals were ranked as high as No. 1 in blocking as a team in 2020.
- ◆ The Cardinals were picked second in the ACC Preseason Coaches Poll. With Anna DeBeer, Aiko Jones, Tori Dilfer and Amaya Tillman being named Preseason All-ACC.
- ◆ The Cardinals advanced to the Sweet Sixteen when Claire Chaussee came off the bench to notch a career-high 21 kills to beat San Diego 3-1.
- ◆ The Cards had ten 3-0 wins last season.

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2020 FINAL ACC Standings

School	ACC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.	Streak
Louisville	13-2	0.867	15-3	0.833	L1
Notre Dame	14-3	0.824	15-4	0.789	L1
Pitt	14-4	0.778	19-5	0.792	L1
Georgia Tech	13-4	0.765	14-5	0.737	L1
Florida State	9-5	0.643	13-5	0.722	W3
Miami	9-7	0.563	11-7	0.611	W1
North Carolina	9-7	0.563	10-8	0.556	L4
Syracuse	7-8	0.467	7-9	0.438	L1
NC State	7-9	0.438	8-9	0.471	L2
Duke	7-10	0.412	9-13	0.409	L4
Clemson	7-9	0.438	12-10	0.545	W1
Virginia Tech	5-11	0.313	6-11	0.353	L4
Boston College	4-12	0.250	6-12	0.333	W5
Wake Forest	2-13	0.133	1-15	0.067	L2
Virginia	0-17	0.000	2-12	0.143	L4



Card Nation, the City of Louisville, KIVA and the Louisville Fire Department mourn the untimely death of Lesley Drury Prather, who lettered at UofL from 1998-2001. She died in a car accident while travelling to a club volleyball tournament in Kansas City along with her daughter, Rhyann and Carrie Urton McCaw and her daughter Kacey Urton McCaw was standout athlete and student at Syracuse from 1994-97.

Prather was a standout player for the Cardinals and led UofL to three conference championships, four NCAA appearances and a Sweet Sixteen appearance. She was named All-Conference USA twice and was named to the AVCA All-Region team. A true student-athlete, Drury Prather was also named to the Athletic Director's and C-USA Commissioner's Honor Roll for her commitment to academics. After graduation, she was on the athletic staff as a Coordinator for CardsCare and worked in athletic marketing. Her love of volleyball was always evident as she served as head volleyball coach in IU Southeast from 2009-2012. She led the Grenadiers to four-straight KMAC Semifinal appearances and never had a losing record during her tenure. Her overall record at IU Southeast was 81-63 (.562). She was active in the club coaching scene, coaching for KIVA, a local Louisville volleyball club. After resigning from IU Southeast in 2012, Prather joined the Louisville Metro Fire Department.

A native of Louisville, Drury-Prather attended high school at Pleasure Ridge Park (PRP) where she lettered in three sports (volleyball, women's basketball, and track). She was married to fellow Cardinal Forever Justin Prather and they were the parents of four children. She was the older sister to the current UofL volleyball director of operations Sarah Drury Petkovic.

AVCA Top-15 Preseason Coaches Poll

Rank	School (First-Place Votes)	Total Points	Record	Last Week
1	Texas (32)	1561	0-0	NR
2	Wisconsin (15)	1522	0-0	NR
3	Kentucky (17)	1435	0-0	NR
4	Washington	1355	0-0	NR
5	Nebraska	1346	0-0	NR
6	Florida	1275	0-0	NR
7	Minnesota	1130	0-0	NR
8	Purdue	1096	0-0	NR
9	Pittsburgh	1085	0-0	NR
10	Baylor	1000	0-0	NR
11	Ohio State	981	0-0	NR
12	Penn State	902	0-0	NR
13	Louisville	806	0-0	NR
14	Oregon	776	0-0	NR
15	BYU	734	0-0	NR
16	Western Kentucky	553	0-0	NR
17	UCLA	496	0-0	NR
18	Washington State	431	0-0	NR
19	Utah	398	0-0	NR
20	San Diego	319	0-0	NR
21	Stanford	264	0-0	NR
22	Pepperdine	234	0-0	NR
23	Rice	223	0-0	NR
24	Georgia Tech	193	0-0	NR
25	Notre Dame	157	0-0	NR

Others receiving votes and listed on two or more ballots: Southern California 105; Creighton 69; Missouri 51; Hawai'i 47; LSU 41; UNLV 33; Michigan 28; Marquette 27; Dayton 25; Kansas State 13; Tennessee 13; Kansas 11; Texas State 11; Illinois 9; Arizona 8; UC San Diego 8; Wright State 5; Cal Poly 4; Arkansas 2.

2020 SEASON HIGHS

Hitting %: .714 (16-2-21) by Claire Chaussee (vs. WFU)
 Kills:18 by Anna DeBeer vs. Boston College
 Hitting Att.:38 by Aiko Jones vs. FSU
 Digs:23 by Alexis Hamilton vs. Notre Dame
 Blocks:10 by Amaya Tillman Boston College
 Aces:7 by Alexis Hamilton vs. Notre Dame
 Assists:.....52 by Rachael DeMarcus vs BC



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3 Nena Mbonu



4 Alexa Hendricks



6 Brooke Smith



7 Emily Scott



9 Claire Chaussee



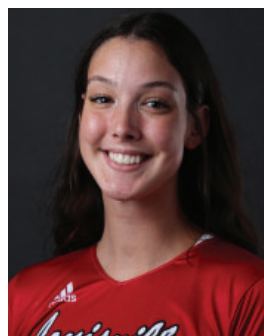
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11 Anna Stevenson



12 Tori Dilfer



13 Cara Cresse



14 Anna DeBeer



15 Aiko Jones



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DeMarcus**



22 Jamie Vasilou



25 Amaya Tillman

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2020 Louisville Quick Facts

Location: Louisville, Ky.
Founded: 1798
Enrollment: 21,016
President: Dr. Neeli Bendapudi
VP/Director of Athletics: Vince Tyra
SWA/VB Administrator: Amy Calabrese
Nickname: Cardinals
Colors: Red & Black
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Atlantic Coast Conference
Facility/Capacity: L&N Federal Credit Union Arena/
1000

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Dani Busboom Kelly (Nebraska '07)
Record at UofL: 73-26
Overall Record: 73-26
Director of Volleyball Operations: Sarah Drury
Petkovic (Louisville, 2002)
Associate Head Coach: Dan Meske (Ohio St. '07)
Assistant Coach: Todd Chamberlain (Ball St. '09)
Volunteer Coach: Linda Hampton-Keith
Graduate Manager: Merideth Jewell
Overall 2019 Record: 15-3
ACC Record: 12-2
Starters Ret./Lost: 6/0
Letterwinners Ret./Lost: 17/2
Top Returners: Tori Dilfer (Sr., S, 5-10); Anna Steven-
son (Sr., MB, 5-10); Aiko Jones (R-Jr., OPP, 6-2); Ama-
ya Tillman (Jr., MB, 6-3); Anna DeBeer (So., OH, 6-0)
Top Players Lost: **Name:** Alexis Hamilton, Piper Roe
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UofL Volleyball by the Numbers

972.....Program Wins
28.....Conference Regular Season/Tournament Championships
29.....NCAA Appearances
20.....Professional Alumnae
22.....National Team Members
4.....UofL Athletic Hall of Famers
6.....Sweet Sixteens
1.....Elite Eight
5.....30+ win seasons

Season Openers

The Cards are 26-17 all-time in season openers. Coach Dani Busboom Kelly is 1-3 in openers.

This Week in Cardinal Volleyball

No. 13 University of Louisville volleyball opens regular season play this weekend, traveling to Tempe, Ariz. for a three-game slate in the Sun Devil Volleyball Classic on Aug. 27-28. The Cardinals will square off against Cal Poly in game one of a double-header on Friday, Aug. 27 at 1:00 p.m. ET before taking on Texas A&M- Corpus Christi at 8:00 p.m. ET. UofL will conclude action on Saturday, Aug. 28 with a match against Arizona State at 7:00 p.m. ET.

Take a Peek at the Competition

Cal Poly

This marks only the second meeting between Louisville and Cal Poly, the first of which came on Sep. 10, 2006, and resulted in 3-2 win for the Mustangs. Led by head coach Caroline Walters (2nd season), Cal Poly has won the Big West title in two of the last three seasons and has made an NCAA Tournament appearance three consecutive years. In Walters' first season at the helm, the Mustangs finished with a 21-9 record and second in the Big West at 13-3. The Mustangs return two 2019 First Team All-Big West selections in setter Avalon DeNecochea and middle blocker Meredith Phillips. After not competing in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Friday's match will mark Cal Poly's first in 629 days.

TAMU-CC

The Cardinals match against Texas A&M- Corpus Christi will be the first meeting between the two programs. Last season, the Islanders won the Southland conference tournament championship for the third time in program history and enter this season as the preseason favorite to win the conference. Head coach Steve Green enters his seventh season with Corpus Christi and led the team to its third NCAA appearance last season. The Islanders return Southland Setter of the Year Faith Panhans and Southland Libero of the Year Carissa Barnes, as well as three other Southland Preseason All-conference selections in Rachel Young, Kylie Filipiak and Montez Uigaese.

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Arizona State

Louisville's last match of the weekend against Arizona State will be the fourth meeting between the Sun Devils and the Cards. Louisville is 2-1 against the ASU and won the last meeting on Sep. 7, 2019 3-1 at home. In the 2020-21 season, Arizona State, led by head coach Sanja Tomasevic finished ninth in the PAC-12 with a 6-14 record. ASU returns 13 players for the 2021 season including, All-PAC-12 honorable mentions Iman Isanovic and Marta Levinska.

Busboom Kelly Against the Field

Dani Busboom Kelly is 0-0 vs. Cal Poly; 0-0 vs. Texas A&M Corpus Christi and 1-0 vs. Arizona State 1-0 since being named head coach in 2017.

Captains, oh my Captains

Tori Dilfer, Aiko Jones and Amaya Tillman were voted 2021 Team Captains.

2021 ACC Preseason Coaches Poll

1. Pitt (195 points, 13 first-place votes)
2. Louisville (182 points, two first-place votes)
3. Georgia Tech (168 points)
4. Notre Dame (159 points)
5. Florida State (135 points)
6. Syracuse (127 points)
7. North Carolina (113 points)
8. Miami (106 points)
9. Duke (96 points)
10. NC State (92 points)
11. Clemson (62 points)
12. Boston College (44 points)
13. Virginia Tech (38 points)
14. Wake Forest (33 points)
15. Virginia (25 points)

2021 ACC Preseason All-ACC Team

Anna DeBeer, Louisville, So., OH
Tori Dilfer, Louisville, Gr., S
Aiko Jones, Louisville, Jr., OPP
Anna Stevenson, Louisville, Gr., MB

Dilfer and Stevenson Named to USCNT

Louisville seniors Anna Stevenson and Tori Dilfer were chosen as two of twenty-nine top volleyball players who will train in Anaheim, Calif., on June 13-18 as part of the 2021 USA Volleyball Women's Collegiate National Team. Players on the Collegiate National Team, selected by the U.S. Women's National Team staff and National Team Development Program (NTDP), will work with top volleyball coaches at USAV's Anaheim training center. Athletes will receive evaluation, feedback and individual development plans.

Five Named to All-ACC Academic Team

The University of Louisville volleyball team landed five Cardinals on the All-ACC Academic Team. ACC Champion Louisville and Notre Dame lead the league with five players each on the academic team, followed by Florida State and Pitt with four each. NC State has three honorees on the team. Amaya Tillman, Anna Stevenson, Aiko Jones, Tori Dilfer and Anna DeBeer join the best of the ACC scholar-athletes.

Busboom Kelly named the 2020 AVCA East Region Coach of the Year

Named ACC Coach of the Year, Busboom Kelly led Louisville to its third ACC Championship, winning 13 league matches. Under her guidance, the Cardinals lead the nation in blocks per set and lead the league in opponent hitting percentage. Louisville also ranks among the top five in the ACC in hitting percentage (second, .285), kills per set (second, 14.08) and assists per set (12.58).

DeBeer Named 2020 East Region Freshman of the Year

Named ACC Freshman of the Year, DeBeer, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, ranked near the top of the ACC in kills per set with 3.17. The rookie outside hitter had a .283 hitting percentage and averaged 1.50 digs per set.

Dilfer, Jones, Stevenson, DeBeer 2020 All-East Region First Team

Dilfer, the ACC Setter of the Year, leads the ACC, ranked among the top 20 in the NCAA in assists per set with 10.93. The senior from Los Gatos, California, keyed a Louisville offense that was among the nation's leaders in hitting percentage (13th, .285) and kills per set (21st, 14.08).

Jones was named First Team All-ACC and was an ACC Player of the Week. She played in all 52 sets and started in all 16 matches. She leads the team with 153 kills, hitting .267. She has three assists and leads the Cards in aces with 16. She has 56 digs and 56 blocks.

Stevenson established herself as one of Louisville's most potent weapons, both offensively and defensively. She played in all 52 sets and has 132 kills, hits .449, with 10 aces, 22 digs and 68 blocks. She was named to the All-ACC First Team. She was ranked No. 10 in the nation in hitting percentage and No. 34 in blocks.

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Dilfer Named 2020 ACC Setter of the Year

Tori Dilfer led the ACC and ranked among the top 20 in the NCAA in assists per set with 10.93. The senior from Los Gatos, California, keyed a Louisville offense that was among the nation's leaders in hitting percentage (13th, .285) and kills per set (21st, 14.08).

Tillman Named 2020 ACC Defensive Player of the Year

Amaya Tillman led the league and ranked third in the nation in blocks per set with 1.65. She spearheaded a stout Louisville defense that is the best nationally in blocks per set this season with 3.25 and ranks 17th in opponent hitting percentage (.132).

DeBeer Named 2020 ACC Freshman of the Year

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, DeBeer ranks 10th in the league in kills per set with 3.17. The rookie outside hitter has a .283 hitting percentage and averages 1.50 digs per set.

Stevenson, Jones, DeBeer, and Dilfer Named 2020 1st Team All -ACC/Tillman Named 2nd Team

Thirteen different schools are represented on the All-ACC Team, led by Louisville and Notre Dame with five honorees. Aiko Jones leads the Cardinals in kills with 153, hits .267 and has a team-high 16 aces. Stevenson hits .449 with 132 kills and 68 total blocks.

NCAA Stat Rankings Highlights Team

No. 1 in Blocks/Set 3.25
No. 17 in Opponent Hitting percentage .132
No. 21 in Kill/Sets 14.08
No. 13 in Hitting percentage .285

NCAA Stat Ranking Individual

No. 3 in Blocks/Set Amaya Tillman 1.65
No. 10 in Hitting % Anna Stevenson .449
No. 16 in Assists/Set Tori Dilfer 10.93
No. 34 in Blocks/Set Anna Stevenson 1.31

ACC Rankings

The Cards lead the ACC in blocks/set (3.25), kills/set (14.08) and opponent hitting percentage (.132).

Best Hitting Percentage, Most Blocks & Most Assists in a Single Match

Louisville's .474 hitting percentage against Boston College on Oct. 2, 2020 is the best of any Division I

team this season in a three-set match, and the Cardinals' 19.0 team blocks against the Eagles on Oct. 3 is the most by any team in a four-set match (tied with UK).

Cards Ranked No. 1 in the Nation In Blocks

Louisville led the ACC and the nation in blocks per set with 3.25 per set average.

Tillman No. 3 in the 2020 NCAA Stats

Louisville's Amaya Tillman averaged 1.65 blocks per set which is No. 3 the nation. She was ranked as high as No. 1 in this category.

DeBeer Named ACC Freshman of the Week

The rookie from Louisville, Kentucky, DeBeer totaled 13 digs, 10 kills, one block and an ace in two wins over Duke. The Cardinal outside hitter posted a .389 hitting percentage to go with 11.5 points.

Get the Brooms!

The Cards had ten 3-0 sweeps in 2020.

Deuce Games in 2020

The Cardinals had eight sets go to deuce games and are 4-4 when there is "bonus" volleyball.

Recruiting Class Ranked No. 17

The Cards' recruiting class for the Class of 2020 has been ranked No. 17 by PrepVolleyball.com. The Cardinals signed Ayden Bartlett, 5-8 DS/Libero, Leavenworth (Kansas); Anna DeBeer, 5-11 OH, Assumption (Louisville, Kentucky); Phekran "PK" Kong, 6-3 MB, Washington (Sioux Falls, South Dakota); Ceci Rush, 5-6 DS/Libero, Providence (Clarksville, Indiana); Brooke Smith, 6-2 OH, Leo (Indiana).

Cards Rank in APR

Five UofL athletics teams are among the nation's leaders within their sports in the most recent multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR) data. UofL's men's and women's basketball, women's cross country, women's golf and volleyball are among the top 10 percent in their respective sports in the latest multiyear APR, which measures academic eligibility, retention, and graduation for student-athletes.

Aiko Jones Named ACC Player of the Week

A native of Kingston, Jamaica, Jones shone in Louisville's sweep of No. 8 Syracuse. The Cardinal had double-digit kills in both contests, highlighted by a .500 hitting percentage on 11 kills in Friday's 3-0 win. Jones racked up 28 total kills on a .345 hitting percentage while adding nine blocks, six digs and two aces across the two matches.

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RPI Run Down

With less than 100 schools playing volleyball in 2020, the RPI was not been released for theyear. The Cardinals' final RPI in 2019 was 15, the best in the ACC. RPI stands for Ratings Percentage Index and the index comprises a team's winning percentage (25%), its opponents' winning percentage (50%), and the winning percentage of those opponents' opponents (25%). The opponents' winning percentage and the winning percentage of those opponents' opponents both comprise the strength of schedule (SOS). Thus, the SOS accounts for 75% of the RPI calculation and is 2/3 its opponents' winning percentage and 1/3 its opponents' opponents' winning percentages.

Nebraska Connections:

- ♦When Dani Busboom Kelly helped the Huskers capture the 2015 NCAA National Championship at the CenturyLink Center in Omaha, it was the same place Busboom Kelly won the national title as a player for the Huskers in 2006.
- ♦Dani Busboom Kelly is married to Nebraska football player Lane Kelly.
- ♦Associate head coach Dan Meske was a fellow assistant coach with the Huskers with Coach Dani Busboom Kelly.
- ♦Louisville played in the 2005 NCAA Sweet Sixteen in Omaha, Nebraska in the (then) Qwest Center.
- ♦Former Louisville outside hitter Kaitlynn James played two seasons at Nebraska before transferring back to her hometown and UofL, playing in 2011 and 2012.

Cards Named New Volunteer Coach

Linda Hampton-Keith brings a wealth of experience to the Cardinals' program after serving as the head coach at NC State for four seasons. In her first season with the Wolfpack, Hampton-Keith guided the team to 13 ACC wins and then the team followed up that season with a program record 15 ACC wins and its first NCAA tournament win in school history. In all, she led NC State to 16 new team season records, 11 individual career and season records, 11 All-ACC selections, five AVCA All-Region selections and two AVCA All-Americans.

Cards Have New Sports Medicine Director

Kelsey Pennebaker was named as the director of sports medicine/women's health for the University of Louisville's volleyball team. Pennebaker was the athletic trainer for volleyball and dance at the University of Michigan since July of 2016. She served in the same position at the University of Michigan for field hock-

ey and cheerleading from July 2014 to July 2016. A native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Pennebaker graduated from Winona State University with a bachelor of science in athletic training. She obtained her master of arts in integrative studies with a concentration in public health administration from Northern Kentucky University in May of 2013.

Twenty Win Seasons

The Cardinals reached their 30th 20-win season in 2019 with the win over Samford. UofL has had five 30-win seasons. The 1982 season mark of 39-14 is the school record.

Home Sweet Home

The Cards were 13-2 in in L&N Federal Credit Union Arena in 2019 They were 10-3 in 2018 overall and 7-2 in ACC play at home. (6-2 in Cardinal Arena and 1-0 at Sacred Heart Academy where the Notre Dame match was relocated after a power outage affected the Arena.) UofL is 6-1 this year at home.

Home Quiet Home

The Cards are playing before no more than 150 fans from their pass list due to COVID restrictions put in place on both the city and state levels.

Conference Openers

UofL is 4-3 in ACC Opening matches.
UofL was 1-0 in AAC Opening matches.
UofL was 8-0 in Big East Opening matches.
UofL was 9-1 in Conference USA Opening matches.
Since 1995, UofL is 19-4 in conference openers.

Fresh Faces

For 19 of the past 20 years, the Cardinals have had a freshman in their starting line-up. Below is a look at Cardinals who have started as a freshman during this stretch.

2021 - Elena Scott

2020- Anna DeBeer

2019 - Aiko Jones, Shannon Shields, Alexa Hendricks, Amaya Tillman, Amber Stivrins

2018 - Emily Scott /Claire Chaussee

2017 - Alexis Hamilton

2016 - Melanie McHenry

2015 - Molly Sauer, Aniah Philo

2014 - Tess Clark, Maggie DeJong

2013 - Maya McClendon

2012 - Haley Pouliezios

2011 - No freshmen on roster

2010- Emily Juhl

2009 - Lola Arslanbekova

2008 - Gwen Rucker and Renee Tomko

2007 - Lindsey Mango

2006 - Samantha Dabbs and Justine Landi

2005 - Nicole Bateman and Kristie Wetterer

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2004 - Elena Pilnikova
2003 - Ana Yartseva
2002 - Jennifer Craven and Lena Ustymenko

It's In their Genes

The athletic gene runs strong in the Cardinal family, past and present. Of the current Cardinals: **Tori Diller**'s dad, Trent, played football at Fresno State and in the NFL for 14 years, her mother, Cassandra, swam at Fresno State and her sister, Madeleine, played indoor volleyball at Notre Dame and Pepperdine and finished career on the beach volleyball team at Pepperdine, grandfather, Frank Lynch, played football and ran track and field at Cal and her other grandfather, John Franzman, played baseball at Arizona. **For the Former Cardinals: Jasmine Bennett**'s dad, **Winston**, played basketball at Kentucky where he scored 1,399 career points. **Emily Juhl**'s great grandfather, **Eddie Eagan**, is the only American to win Olympic medals in both the summer and winter games in different sports (boxing and bobsledding). All-AAC middle blocker, **Randi Ewing**, is the daughter of NBA All-Star **Patrick Ewing** and the sister of Patrick Ewing, Jr., the Big East Conference Sixth Man of the Year for Georgetown in 2008. **Laura Blab** is the daughter of Indiana Hoosier hoops great **Ewe Blab**.

UofL's Home Court has a new name: L&N Federal Credit Union

L&N Federal Credit Union, a cooperative, not-for-profit financial institution located in Louisville, committed \$2 million to University of Louisville Athletics that will help fund upcoming projects for the Cardinals. In recognition of their gift, UofL's campus venue Cardinal Arena was renamed L&N Federal Credit Union Arena. Opened in 1991 and renovated in 2017, the 1,100-seat facility is located at the corner of Floyd Street and Brandeis Avenue and is connected to the northeast corner of the Swain Student Activities Center. It houses the offices, training and competition facilities for the Cardinals' women's volleyball team.

The 1,000 Kill Club

1.) Lola Arslanbekova	2,145
2.) Lena Ustymenko	1,861
3.) Sonja Percan	1,850
4.) Laurie Maxwell	1,545
5.) Shannon Misek	1,543
6.) Bing Sun	1,501
7.) Kelly McClain	1,461
8.) Tina Naehr	1,455
9.) Melanie McHenry	1,345
10.) Kim Blackstone	1,295
11.) Sonya Gubaidulina	1,253
12.) Beth Kuhnell	1,242
13.) Liz Egger	1,238
14.) Jackie Byrne	1,203

15.) Janet Craddock	1,171
16.) Janelle Jenkins	1,152
17.) Nastya Zaitseva	1,149
18.) Tess Clark	1,122
19.) Emily Juhl	1,079
20.) Susan Elpers	1,034
21.) Marina Sinichenko	1,029
Anna Stevenson	719

Career Digs

1. Caitlin Welch ('10-'13)	2,128
2. Molly Sauer ('15-'18)	2,207
3. Shannon Misek ('89-'92)	1,482
4. Lindsey Mango ('07-'10)	1,435
5. Kelly McClain ('97-'00)	1,366
6. Sarah Drury ('99-'03)	1,205
7. Emily Roberson ('98-'01)	1,194
8. Beth Kuhnell ('93-'96)	1,174
9. Annie Filley ('94-'97)	1,145
10. Theresa Macklin ('85-'88)	1,096

Two Cardinal Coaches In the ACC

Syracuse's Leonid Yelin has the most wins in Cardinal coaching history with 366. Dani Busboom Kelly has the highest winning percentage in Cardinal coaching history (.786).

Katie George from Setter to Analyst

Football sideline reporter, volleyball analyst and anchor on the ACC Network broadcast, Katie George, is a former Cardinal setter. During her career, she won three conference championships in three different conferences with a Big East Tournament crown in 2012 (beating Marquette), the 2013 American Athletic Conference (AAC) crown (running the table 18-0) and the 2015 ACC Championship. She was 2-2 versus Pitt (1-0 in Big East) and (1-2 in ACC)

From Cardinal Middle to ESPN Analyst

UofL alumna Jennifer Hoffman Fowler is an analyst for the ESPN and the ACC Network. The 2005 graduate of the University of Louisville played for the Cardinals from 2002-05 and won four conference Championships, three in the C-USA and one in the Big East. She went to two NCAA Sweet Sixteens and led the nation in blocking.

Volleyball is a Weird Sport

Volleyball is one of the few sports where a team can score more points than their opponent and actually lose. In 2018, in the five-setter with Purdue, UofL scored 109 total points and Purdue scored 98. UofL fell 23-25, 25-17, 26-28, 25-13, 10-15.)

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Head Coach
**Dani
Busboom Kelly**
Nebraska 2007

Dani Busboom Kelly At a Glance Playing Career:

Nebraska 2004-2007

A four-year starter, she concluded her career as one of only two players ranked among the top-10 in NU history in both digs and assists, finishing second on the digs chart with 1,281 and third in career assists with 2,925. The Cortland, Neb., native guided the Huskers to a 124-10 record, the best four-year mark in school history, three Big 12 titles, two NCAA finals appearances and a national title in 2006.

USA National Training Team 2008

Coaching Career

2009-2010: Asst. Coach University of Tennessee

2011: Asst. Coach, University of Louisville

2012-16: Asst. Coach, University of Nebraska

Awards:

2016 AVCA Assistant Coach of the Year

2017 East Region Coach of the Year

2018 Coach USA Collegiate National Team -
Europe Gold Medal

2019 USA High Performance Coach

2021 ACC Coach of the Year



L&N Federal Credit Union Arena:

The University of Louisville has the rare privilege of having a Volleyball-only facility in L&N Federal Credit Union Arena. The on-campus arena was refurbished in 2017 and increased the seating, added end zone seating, installed a Teraflex floor, new lobby, refurbished lockerrooms, training room, players lounge and common areas.

Top L&N Federal Credit Union Arena Crowds

1,253 vs. Texas. (NCAA 11/30/94)

1,201 vs. Duke (NCAA 12/1/93)

1,150 vs. Central Florida (11/29/95)

1,085 vs. Florida State (11/4/19)

1,083 vs. No. 20 Kentucky (9/14/19)

1,082 vs. Belmont (12/4/15)

1,077 vs. North Carolina (11/19/17)

1,076 vs. No. 21 Florida State (9/29/17)

1,074 vs. Notre Dame (11/22/19)

1,071 vs. Syracuse, 11/15/19)

1,038 vs. Georgia Tech (10/15/17)

Largest Volleyball Crowd Away Match

14,438 vs. Florida (12/9/05)

Qwest Center, Omaha, Nebraska

Top Volleyball Home Crowds

5,862 vs. Kentucky 9/9/14 at KFC Yum!

5,007 vs. Kentucky 8/29/12 at KFC Yum!

4,312 vs. #3 Penn State 8/25/12 at KFC Yum!

4,187 vs. #1 Nebraska 12/13/96 at KICC

4,163 vs. #9 Texas 10/8/12 at KFC Yum!

3,800 vs. #1 Nebraska 12/10/05 at KICC

3,412 vs. Michigan

3,219 vs. Cincinnati 11/22/12 at KFC Yum!

2,955 vs. WKU 12/2/05 at the Gardens

2,810 vs. Notre Dame 9/23/12 at KFC Yum!

2,783 vs. Belmont 11/29/12 at KFC Yum!

2,703 vs. Illinois 9/1/96 at Knights Hall

All Time Record in L&N Federal Credit Union Arena

The Cardinals are 235-38 all-time in Cardinal Arena.

First ever win in Cardinal Arena was 8/31/91, a 3-1 win over Morehead State.

The Cardinals played in the KFC Yum! Center from 2011-16.

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The Cards Record (in 2020)

When playing at home:	8-1
When playing on road:	5-1
When playing at neutral sites:	2-1
When match goes three-sets:	10-2
When match goes four-sets:	5-0
When match goes five-sets:	0-1
When winning first set:	13-0
When opponent wins first set:	2-3
When winning second set:	12-1
When opponent wins second set:	1-1
When winning third set:	11-1
When opponent wins third set:	1-2
When winning fourth set:	5-0
When opponent wins fourth set:	0-1
When winning fifth set:	0-0
When opponent wins fifth set:	0-1
When Louisville records more kills:	13-1
When Opponent records more kills:	2-2
When kills are even:	0-0
When UofL has higher hitting %:	15-0
When Opp. has higher hitting %:	0-3
When hitting percentage is tied:	0-0
When Louisville has more aces:	12-0
When Opponent has more aces:	2-3
When aces are even:	1-0
When Louisville has more digs:	13-1
When Opponent has more digs:	2-2
When digs are even:	0-0

When Louisville has more blocks:	12-2
When Opponent has more blocks:	2-1
When blocks are even:	1-0

The Last Time

Louisville recorded 50-59 kills:	59 vs. Washington (4/18/21)
Louisville recorded 60+ kills:	60 vs. FSU (3/19/21)
Louisville hit .300-.399:	.365 vs. Duke (3/13/21)
Louisville hit .400+:	.474 vs. Boston College (10/2/20)
Louisville dished out 50+ assists:	55 vs. Washington (4/18/21)
Louisville recorded 8-9 aces:	9 vs. Samford (12/5/19)
Louisville recorded 10+ aces:	10 vs. Duke (3/13/21)

Louisville recorded 50-59 digs:	59 vs. Boston College (10/3/20)
Louisville recorded 60+ digs:	60 vs. Washington (4/18/21)
Louisville recorded 5-9 solo blocks:	13 vs. Boston Coll. (10/3/20)
Louisville recorded 10-14 total blocks:	14 vs. Miami (4/1/21)
Louisville recorded 15+ blocks:	15 vs. Washington (4/18/21)

A Cardinal recorded 15-19 kills ... 17 by Anna DeBeer vs. Washington (4/18/21)

A Cardinal recorded 20+ kills ... 21 by Claire Chaussee vs. San Diego (4/15/21)

A Cardinal recorded 30+ kills ... 30 by Lola Arslanbekova at Illinois

A Cardinal recorded 20+ digs ... 20 by Alexis Hamilton vs. Boston College (10/3/20)

A Cardinal recorded 3+ solo blocks 4 by Amanda Green vs. Miami (11/2/18), 4 by Aiko Jones & Amaya Tillman vs. Boston College (10/3/20) & Syracuse (10/9/20) & FSU (3/19/21)

A Cardinal recorded 5-9 block assists 9 by Amaya Tillman vs. Washington (4/18/21)

Cardinal recorded 10+ blocks ... 10 by Amaya Tillman vs. Boston College (10/3/20) vs. Washington (4/18/21)

Cards in the NCAA

Year (ranking)

1983
UCLA def. UofL 3-0
1990
LSU def. UofL 3-0
1991
Florida def. UofL 3-0
1992
Pacific def. UofL 3-0
1993
Duke def. UofL 3-0
1994
Texas def. UofL 3-0
1995 (25/25)
UofL def. UCF 3-1
Hawaii def. UofL 3-0
1996 (15/16)
UofL def. Brown 3-0
UofL def. Maryland 3-1
Nebraska def. UofL 3-0
1998 (20/21)
UofL def. American 3-0
UofL def. No. Ill. 3-1
Penn State def. UofL 3-0
1999
Kansas State def. UofL 3-0

2000

Michigan def. UofL 3-1

2001

(22/RV)

UofL def. Ga. Tech 3-2

Pacific def. UofL 3-1

2002

(22/RV)

UofL def. Ball State 3-0

Ohio State def. UofL 3-0

2003

(16/22)

UofL def. Notre Dame, 3-0

Illinois def. UofL 3-0

2004

(15/16)

UofL def. Illinois 3-1

UofL def. Missouri 3-1

Nebraska def. UofL 3-0

2005

(6/11)

UofL def. WKU 3-1

UofL def. Maryland 3-0

Florida def. UofL 3-0

2006

(12/RV)

Middle Tenn. def. UofL 3-2

2007

(17/RV)

Middle Tenn. def. UofL 3-2

2008

(17/RV)

Purdue def. UofL 3-2

2009

Minnesota def. UofL 3-1

2010

UofL def. Middle Tenn. 3-0

Purdue def. UofL 3-1

2011

UofL def. Ball State 3-0

Purdue def. UofL 3-1

2012

UofL def. Belmont 3-1

Michigan def. UofL 3-1

2013

Marquette def. Louisville 3-0

2015

Louisville def. Belmont 3-1

Illinois def. Louisville 3-1

2017

Northern Iowa def. Louisville 3-0

2018

Louisville def. Dayton 3-0

Illinois def. Louisville 3-1

2019

Louisville def. Samford 3-0

Louisville def. WKU 3-2

Louisville def. Texas 3-2

Minnesota def. Louisville 3-0

2020

Louisville def. San Diego 3-1

Washington def. Louisville 3-2

The ACC in the NCAA School (Appearances)

Louisville (29)
Duke (20)
FSU (21)
Notre Dame (21)
UNC (18)
Pitt (16)
Georgia Tech (10)
Miami (9)
Clemson (7)
Virginia (3)
NC State (2)
Syracuse (1)
Virginia Tech (0)
Boston College (0)
Wake Forest (0)

UofL in the First Round

The Cardinals have won 14 first round matches in their 29 years of NCAA play with five Sweet Sixteen appearances. They have an overall mark of

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The Deal on the 2020 Cards

#1 Ceci Rush

2020: (pronounced See-See) Rush played in 26 sets for the Cardinals with an assist, five aces and nine digs. Had her best match against Boston College when she had a kill, an ace and two digs. **Prep:** Rush played for Providence High school for Coach Terri Purichia and for Coach Craig Bossmeyer at Union Volleyball Club. At Providence, she was named Academic All-State as a senior. She helped lead Providence to the state runner-up as a freshman, to semi-state runner-up as a sophomore and junior and regional runner up as a senior. As a senior, she recorded 339 digs, averaging 3.4 digs per set and notched 32 aces, playing for Providence, which was nationally ranked at No. 19 going into this season.

#2 Ayden Bartlett

2020: Ayden plays two rotations for the Cards at defensive specialist. She has played in 43 sets with five aces and 90 digs. Her best match came against Florida State when she had a career-high 18 aces. Against San Diego, she played in three sets. **Prep:** Bartlett played for Coach Cassie Rockers at Leavenworth High School and Club Coach Beau Barnthson at MAVS Volleyball. As a freshman, she was HM All-Sunflower League before being named to the First Team All Sunflower League and qualified for the state volleyball tournament as a sophomore. As a junior, she was named to the First Team United Kansas Conference and was the United Kansas Conference Player of the Year. Voted to the third Team All-State squad, she also won the Janice Van Gorp Fearless Spirit Award. As a senior, she was 1st team United Kansas Conference made the Region 8 AVCA team and was a Kansas vs Missouri All-Star Large Class Participant. For her club competition, she was part of the 16 USA division National Champion team and was named to the 16s USA All-Tournament Team. She was also voted by Prep Volleyball 2018 Season as a 3rd team All American. She won silver as a USA High-Performance Youth in 2017 and was a USA High-Performance Junior Women's A1 (Gold 2018) and USA High-Performance All-Tournament Team (2018). She helped win first place in the 18s Open NIT and was recognized by Prepvolleyball as a Senior Ace # 94.

#3 Nena Mbonu

2020: (pronounced NEN-UH em-BON-oo) Nena has earned a starting role and has 75 kills, hits .256 with 10 blocks. She had her best match at Duke and at Miami where she tied her career-high with 14 kills, adding three blocks against the 'Canes. Against San Diego, she had one kill in three sets. **2019:** Nena played in 14 matches, providing both a defensive and offensive spark off the bench. She had a season high 11 kills against Clemson. She hit .316 (8-2-19) at Cincinnati, the team that knocked off No. 2 Pitt in the NCAA's in the 2019 NCAA Tournament. She had a season-high 3 digs at Kentucky and versus Clemson. She had a four blocks against Georgia Tech. She was named to the ACC Honor Roll.

#4 Alexa Hendricks: 2020: As a defensive specialist, Alexa has played in 29 sets with four assists, and 30 digs. Her best amatch came at Duke where she had nine

digs. **2019:** Hendrix played in all but four matches for the Cards as a solid defensive specialist. She had a season-high 12 digs against North Carolina with nine versus NC State and seven versus Cincinnati, Notre Dame, Virginia Tech, recording 105 in all. She notched 11 aces over the season with two versus Xavier, two at Wake Forest and two versus Virginia. She also recorded 26 assists with a season high of four at Cincinnati and versus NC State. An outstanding student, she was named to the ACC Honor Roll and is a Red and Black Scholar.... Nickname "Rick" to differentiate between Alexa and Alexis Hamilton.

#6 Brooke Smith

2020: Brooke has seen action in one set with a kill, an assist in the Boston College match. **Prep:** Smith played for Coach Ashlee Robbins at Leo High School and Coach William Robbins at Empowered Volleyball Academy. At Empowered, she was on the JVA Watchlist in 2017 and 2018 and was a Prepvolleyball Frosh 59 Special Honorable mention in 2016. This year, she was on the 18U USA National Runnerup team in the National Division and made the Nationals All-Star team for 18U. She was also on the JVA Watchlist for Beach Volleyball in 2019. At Leo High School, she was a First Team All-State selection in 2017 and 2018 and made First Team All-Northeast Indiana in 2017 and 2018. She was First Team All NE8 Conference in 2017, 2018 and 2019 and led her high school team in kills the last three seasons. She was named AVCA Player of the Week and made First team 3A All-District in 2018 and 2019 and played in the All-Star game representing northern Indiana. She was an Under Armour HM All-American in 2019 and was on the 2020 Senior Aces "The 150" list.

#7 Emily Scott: 2020: Has not played this season. Started the **2019** season as a starter at MB and is another mature player who now provides blocking and offense off the bench. She played in 19 matches with a season-high of 14 kills against NC State and 12 versus North Carolina. She hit .500 against Dayton (5-0-10), and had a hot hand against No. 19 Cincinnati, hitting .417 (5-0-12) and .241 versus UNC (12-5-29). She recorded three assists and one ace (versus Clemson). She recorded 48 total blocks with a season-high seven at home versus UNC. She had six versus UNC, four versus UC and four against four opponents. With a total of 20 digs, she had a season-high four versus Western Kentucky in the regular season. Emily is an outstanding student as a member of the ACC Honor Roll and a Red and Black Scholar.

#9 Claire Chaussee: 2020: (pronounced CHAW-say) She has been a starter and a spark off the bench offensively. She has played in 44 sets with 112 kills, averaging 2.55 per set. She has 10 assists, 6 aces, 73 digs and 19 blocks. She had her best match against Wake Forest when she had 16 kills and hit .714. She came off the bench against San Diego and led the Cards with a career-high 21 kills, she added an assist, two aces, and 8 digs. **2019:** A valued reserve, Claire took over as a starter for the injured Melanie McHenry on the left side on Oct. 15, 2019 during the Notre Dame match. Averaging 2.75 kills per set, she had 13 match-

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es in double-digit kills, led by a season high 19 at Miami and at Florida State. She notched four double-doubles with 12 kills and 12 digs at Notre Dame, 11 kills and a season-high 13 digs at Virginia Tech. In the home match against Miami, she had 13 kills and 11 digs and had 14 kills and 12 digs at Pitt. Against Texas A&M, she hit .344 (15-4-32) and hit .435 versus Notre Dame (12-2-23). In the NCAA match against Western Kentucky, she had 14 kills, hit .270 with two aces, nine digs and a block to lead the Cardinals to their first Elite Eight Appearance. Claire was named to the ACC Honor Roll.

#10 Phekran "PK" Kong

2020: PK played in one match this year with 1 assist. **Prep:** Phekran (PEG-gron) Kong, a 6-3 middle blocker from Sioux Falls, S.D. where she played for Coach Kelly Schroeder at Washington High School and for Coach Mark McCloskey at Pentagon Volleyball Club. At Pentagon, she was on the 2018 Ultra Ankle Watch List. For her high school as a junior, she recorded 118 blocks and 296 kills last season for the Class AA runner-up. This year she recorded 211 kills with 82 service aces and 72 total blocks en route to a third place finish. She was named First Team All-Metro Conference, and Second Team All-Metro Conference and was named to the Second Team All-State squad. Nickname is PK.

#11 Anna Stevenson: 2020: Anna has established herself as one of Louisville's most potent weapons, both offensively and defensively. She has played in all 52 sets and has 132 kills, hits .449, with 10 aces, 22 digs and a 68 blocks. She was named to the All-ACC First Team. She was named to the First Team All-East Region. She is ranked No. 10 in the nation in hitting percentage and No. 34 in blocks. She had her best match against Pitt and Florida State where she had 13 kills apiece, adding nine blocks at FSU. Against San Diego, she had seven kills, two digs and six blocks.

2019: Transferred from Auburn, where she played for former UofL assistant coaches Rick Nold and Alex Wilharm, because she wanted to play in the post season. Stevenson started all but one match in 2019 at middle blocker, and earned second team All-ACC honors. Hitting .273, she had 14 matches of .300 hitting or better, highlighted by her 14-3-28 (.393) effort against No. 2 Texas that sent UofL to its first Elite Eight. At Syracuse, she hit .600 (13-1-20) and a sizzling .857 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament against Samford (12-0-14). She had two aces against Xavier and a total of 12 assists. She far and away led the team in blocking, with a total of 140, 40 more than the next Cardinal. She had a season-high 10 at Boston College and was never held blockless by an opponent. She had nine at Notre Dame, and eight apiece at home against Virginia and Pitt. She had seven at Cincinnati and versus NC State. Anna is a Red and Black Scholar, on the All-ACC Academic Volleyball Team and is a member of the ACC Honor Roll.

#12 Tori Dilfer: 2020: Tori was named the ACC Setter of the Year and First Team All-ACC. She was named to the AVCA All-East Region First Team. She played in all but two matches, with 27 kills, a team-high 492 assists, nine

aces, 95 digs and 26 blocks. Her best match came against FSU when she had 49 assists. She had six blocks against Miami and two aces at Pitt. Against San Diego, she had a kill, 41 assists and ace, seven digs and four blocks. **2019:** Transferred in from TCU ... Cards started season out in 6-2 offense, then switched to 5-1 with Tori and freshman setter Shannon Shields sharing responsibilities. Tori Dilfer was named NCAA All-Texas Region for helping the team's Cinderella run to the Elite Eight. started the season at setter when UofL was running a 6-2 offense. The Cardinals moved to the 5-1 later in the season with Dilfer at the helm and she led them to their first Elite Eight Appearance. She had a total of 880 assists (8.38 per set) and was second on the team in aces with 28. She had a season-high three aces against Xavier, Syracuse, Notre Dame and Samford. She had a season-high 57 assists at Miami and had more than 40 on eight other occasions. She hit a perfect 100 percent at Duke with a 4-0-4 night. She racked up 39 total blocks with her season-high coming against NC State when she notched five against the Pack. An outstanding student, Tori made the ACC Honor Roll, the All-ACC Academic Team and is a Red and Black Scholar.

#14 Anna DeBeer

2020: Anna was voted ACC Freshman of the Year, First Team All-ACC, ACC All-Freshman and was a three-time ACC Player of the Week. She was named to the AVCA All-East Region First Team and was voted the East Region Freshman of the Year. She has played in 46 sets with 146 kills, hits .283 with two assists, 10 aces, 69 digs and 18 blocks. Her best match came against Pitt when she had 22 kills and hit .395 with three blocks. She had three aces each against both Georgia Tech and North Carolina. Against San Diego, she had 11 kills, eight digs and five blocks. **Prep:** A native Louisvillian, Anna played for Coach Ron Kordes at Assumption High School in Louisville and KIVA for Coach Alan Davis, was an AAU Junior National Volleyball Championship All-American in 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 and a member of the Ultra-Ankle JVA All-National Team in 2017, 2018, and 2019. She led her club team to the USA Today National Champions in 2017 and 2018, and National Championships in Prep Volleyball Max Preps in 2018. At Assumption, she led her team to the Kentucky State Championships in 2017, 2018, and 2019. Her individual honors include being named Durango Fall Classic MVP in 2017 and all-Durango Tournament in 2018 and 2019. An Asics Challenge All-Tournament Team in 2019, she was named to the All USA Preseason High School Volleyball Team in 2019 and the Max Preps Preseason High School Volleyball All-American Team in 2019. A Max Preps/AVCA Kentucky Player of the Week in 2019, she was ranked No. 19 in the Class of 2020 Prep Volleyball Top Senior Aces. She was Seventh Region All Tournament Volleyball in 2017, 2018, and 2019 and Seventh Region Player of the Year in 2019. She made KVCA First Team All-State in 2017 and 2018 and KHSAA Volleyball State All-Tournament Team in 2018, 2019. This year she was the KHSAA Volleyball State Tournament MVP in 2019 and an Under Armour All-America First Team selection in 2019. She led the Rockets to a 36-7 record and the state championship along with a No. 11 national ranking as rated by PrepVolleyball.com. DeBeer recorded 409 kills, 287 digs, 27 service aces and 27 blocks. Kentucky's Ms. Vol-

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leyball, she was selected as the was named the top female athlete in the state of Kentucky by MaxPreps.

#15 Aiko Jones: 2020: Aiko (pronounced EYE-koh) was named First Team All-ACC and was an ACC Player of the Week. She was named to the AVCA All-East Region's first team. She played in all 52 sets and started in all 16 matches. She leads the team with 153 kills, hitting .267. She has three assists and leads the Cards in aces with 16. She has 56 digs and 56 blocks. Her best match came against Syracuse when she had 17 kills. She had three aces each against Miami, Pitt and NC State. She had seven blocks at Boston College. Against San Diego, she had five kills, six digs and three blocks. **2019:** Aiko Jones had a breakout season in her first year, earning First Team All-ACC, AVCA All-East Region, AVCA HM All-American honors as well as being named to the NCAA Texas All-Regional Team. In the regular season, she was named to the All-LUV and All-Cardinal Classic teams. She started every set of every match and led the team in kills, and attacks while hitting .258 for the season from the right side. She was third on the team with 27 aces and third in digs with 151 and second in blocks with 97. She had a season-high 23 points when she was unstoppable against the No. 2 ranked Longhorns of Texas with 23 which tallied up to .375 hitting (23-5-48) to lead UofL to its first Elite Eight appearance. She had two double-doubles: a 18 kill, 10 dig performance at Syracuse and 10 kill, 10 dig output at Pitt. She had 21 matches with double-digit kills. She had 20 kills at Miami and at Western Kentucky to lead the Cardinals to the Sweet Sixteen. She had 19 kills at Virginia Tech, and 18 at Boston and Syracuse. In all, she was responsible for 460 of the Cardinals' points. As strong in the classroom as she is on the court, Aiko is a member of the ACC Honor Roll, was named to the ACC All-Academic Team and is a Red and Black Scholar.

#17 Mia Stander: 2020: Mia (pronounced MEE-ya) played in 19 sets with one assist and an ace and recorded 11 digs. Against San Diego, she had two digs. **2019:** Mia Stander played in 30 matches last year at defensive specialist. She had 10 aces, 29 assists and 122 digs (fifth on the team). She had a season-high 12 digs at Western Kentucky after notching 10 against Samford in the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament. A steady server, Stander had 10 aces with a season high two at Boston College. She tallied 29 assists with a season high four at Miami. She even notched a kill at Notre Dame on a broken play. Mia is a member of the ACC Honor Roll and is a Red and Black Scholar.

#20 Rachael DeMarcus: 2020: Acts as backup setter. Stepped in for Tori Dilfer at Boston College and led the Cards to two wins. She has seven kills, 86 assists, an ace, 10 digs and two blocks in the nine sets she played. Her 52 digs against BC was a season-high for the Cards. **2019:** Transferred from South Alabama, where she appeared in 26 matches with 17 starts ... Ranked eighth in the Sun Belt Conference in assists per set (6.83) ... Also ranked eighth in the league in assists per set (8.10) in conference matches ... Named the Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Week on Nov. 5, after recording 78 assists for an average of 11.14

assists per set in a pair of matches against Troy ... Finished with 30 or more assists in eight matches ... Recorded five double-doubles on the season, which ranked second on the team ... Finished with a career-high 50 assists against Arkansas State (Nov. 15) in the opening round of the Sun Belt Conference Tournament, and tied her career-high in digs (13).

#22 Jamie Vasilou: 2020: Jamie played in one set and uncorked an ace and notched a dig against Miami. **2019:** Feel good story of the squad ... walked on as a manager ... earned a spot on the team in the spring ... started her athletic career as an elite Level 8 gymnast ... Also ran track ... Moved to volleyball late in her high school career ... In her first year as a player, Jamie played in five matches, with a pair of assists against Tennessee Tech as her season high. Jamie excels in the classroom and is a member of the ACC Honor Roll and is a Red and Black Scholar.

#25 Amaya Tillman: 2020: Named ACC Defensive Player of the Year, Amaya was also 2nd Team All-ACC. She is currently ranked No. 3 in the nation in blocks per set. She has been ranked as high as No. 1 in that category. She has played in 49 sets with 68 kills, five digs, 81 blocks. Her best match came against BC when she had 10 blocks. Against San Diego, she had four kills and nine blocks. **2019:** In her first year as a Cardinal, Amaya progressed quickly, earning a starting slot at middle blocker. Her progress did not go unnoticed as she was named to the ACC's All-Freshman Team. She had 95 total blocks with 13 at Pitt as a season high. She had nine at Western Kentucky in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to advance to the Sweet Sixteen. Against No. 2 Texas, she had six kills, three blocks as the Cardinals advanced to their first Elite Eight. She had a season-high four digs at Virginia Tech. She had six blocks against both Wake Forest and at Miami. She had an ace against Wake and at Boston College. She hit .667 (6-0-8) in the win over Syracuse and hit .500 at BC (7-1-12). Excelling in the classroom, Amaya made the ACC Honor Roll, was named to the All-ACC Academic Team and is a Red and Black Scholar.

2020 University of Louisville Women's Volleyball Overall Statistics (as of Apr 18, 2021)

Overall Record: 15-3 Conf: 12-2 Home: 6-1 Away: 6-1 Neutral: 3-1

#	Player	SP	Attack					Set		Serve			RE	Dig		Block					BHE	PTS
			K	K/S	E	TA	Pct	A	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S		DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	BLK	BLK/S	BE		
1	Rush, Ceci	29	1	0.03	0	1	1.000	1	0.03	5	6	0.17	2	10	0.34	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	6.0
2	Bartlett, Ayden	51	1	0.02	0	3	.333	13	0.25	3	16	0.06	7	99	1.94	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	4.0
3	Mbonu, Nena	36	78	2.17	32	180	.256	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	0	10	0.28	2	8	10.0	0.28	2	0	84.0
4	Hendricks, Alexa	35	1	0.03	0	1	1.000	5	0.14	0	1	0.00	4	31	0.89	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
5	Roe, Piper	3	5	1.67	1	6	.667	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	5	5.0	1.67	0	0	7.5
6	Smith, Brooke	1	1	1.00	0	2	.500	1	1.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
8	Hamilton, Alexis	61	2	0.03	1	6	.167	41	0.67	14	20	0.23	6	212	3.48	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	16.0
9	Chaussee, Claire	53	146	2.75	55	374	.243	11	0.21	8	14	0.15	7	85	1.60	1	22	23.0	0.43	2	0	166.0
10	Kong, Phekran pk	2	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.50	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
11	Stevenson, Anna	61	145	2.38	35	271	.406	7	0.11	10	9	0.16	1	26	0.43	22	57	79.0	1.30	6	1	205.5
12	Dilfer, Tori	54	31	0.57	10	84	.250	581	10.76	12	16	0.22	0	114	2.11	0	32	32.0	0.59	10	3	59.0
14	DeBeer , Anna	55	174	3.16	70	408	.255	2	0.04	10	24	0.18	15	90	1.64	3	22	25.0	0.45	4	0	198.0
15	Jones, Aiko	61	168	2.75	71	410	.237	3	0.05	18	24	0.30	4	65	1.07	7	57	64.0	1.05	2	3	221.5
17	Stander, Mia	24	1	0.04	0	2	.500	1	0.04	1	6	0.04	2	13	0.54	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0
20	DeMarcus, Rachael	10	7	0.70	3	21	.190	87	8.70	1	0	0.10	0	10	1.00	0	2	2.0	0.20	0	2	9.0
22	Vasilou, Jamie	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	1	0	1.00	0	1	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
25	Tillman, Amaya	58	79	1.36	27	186	.280	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	0	5	0.09	23	77	100.0	1.72	3	0	140.5
TM	Team	59	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	13	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
Totals		61	840	13.77	305	1955	.274	754	12.36	83	138	1.36	61	771	12.64	58	282	199.0	3.26	29	10	1,122.0
Opponents		61	679	11.13	393	2004	.143	623	10.21	61	130	1.00	83	677	11.10	34	183	125.5	2.06	21	13	865.5

Team Statistics	LOU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	840	679
Errors	305	393
Total Attacks	1955	2004
Attacks Pct	.274	.143
Kills/Set	13.8	11.1
SET		
Assists	754	623
Assists Per Set	12.4	10.2
SERVE		
Aces	83	61
Errors	138	130
Aces Per Set	1.4	1.0
SERVE/RECEPTIONS		
Errors	61	83
Errors Per Set	1.0	1.4
DEFENSE		
Digs	771	677
Digs Per Set	12.6	11.1
BLOCKING		
Solo	58	34
Assists	282	183
Blocks	199.0	125.5
Blocks Per Set	3.3	2.1
Errors	29	21
Ball Handling Errors	10	13
ATTENDANCE		
Total	1,072	456
Dates-Avg Per Date	7/119	7/48
Neutral Site #-Avg	4/7	-

C	Date	Opponent	W L	Score	Score by Set	Att.
*	9/25/2020	NOTRE DAME	L	0-3	25-27, 22-25, 24-26	150
*	10/02/2020	at Boston College	W	3-0	25-19, 25-16, 25-9	0
*	10/03/2020	at Boston College	W	3-1	25-21, 25-14, 26-28, 25-16	0
*	10/09/2020	SYRACUSE	W	3-0	25-15, 25-12, 25-21	0
*	10/10/2020	SYRACUSE	W	3-0	25-18, 25-21, 27-25	150
*	10/23/2020	at Pittsburgh	L	0-3	24-26, 21-25, 23-25	183
*	10/25/2020	at Pittsburgh	W	3-1	26-24, 25-22, 22-25, 25-23	246
	3/06/2021	WAKE FOREST	W	3-0	25-14, 25-20, 25-14	150
*	3/07/2021	WAKE FOREST	W	3-0	25-19, 25-18, 25-18	150
*	3/13/2021	at Duke	W	3-0	25-6, 25-16, 25-21	0
	3/14/2021	at Duke	W	3-0	25-15, 25-22, 25-20	0
*	3/20/2021	vs Florida St.	W	3-1	19-25, 25-16, 25-21, 25-16	26
*	3/26/2021	GEORGIA TECH	W	3-0	25-18, 25-15, 25-17	236
*	3/28/2021	NC STATE	W	3-0	26-24, 25-22, 25-13	236
*	4/01/2021	at Miami (FL)	W	3-1	25-12, 23-25, 25-23, 25-16	1
*	4/02/2021	vs North Carolina	W	3-0	25-15, 28-26, 25-18	0
	4/15/2021	vs San Diego	W	3-1	14-25, 25-23, 25-17, 29-27	0
	4/18/2021	vs Washington	L	2-3	23-25, 25-21, 25-21, 14-25, 13-15	0

* = Conference game