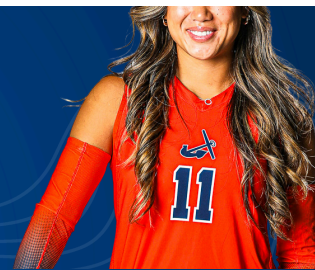




# HOPE

## 2025 VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES

GAME 25



GAME 25 | NOV. 1, 2025 | 1:00 P.M. ET | HOLLAND, MI | DEVOS FIELDHOUSE (3,400)



HOPE COLLEGE  
FLYING DUTCH  
19-5, 6-0 MIAA

VS.



ALMA COLLEGE  
SCOTS  
9-14, 2-3 MIAA

Record \_\_\_\_\_ 19-5 (6-0 MIAA)  
Ranking (AVCA) \_\_\_\_\_ 9th  
Last Game \_\_\_\_\_ Oct. 22, 2025, v. Olivet; L 3-0  
Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Becky Schmidt  
Record at Hope \_\_\_\_\_ 595-171 (22nd season)

Record \_\_\_\_\_ 9-14 (2-3 MIAA)  
Ranking (AVCA) \_\_\_\_\_ N/A  
Last Game \_\_\_\_\_ Oct. 24, 2025, v. Calvin; L 0-3  
Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_ Leah Good  
Record at Alma \_\_\_\_\_ 29-48 (3rd season)



### 2025 TEAM STATISTICS

Kills \_\_\_\_\_ 1111  
Assists \_\_\_\_\_ 1017  
Digs \_\_\_\_\_ 1193  
Service Aces \_\_\_\_\_ 190  
Service Errors \_\_\_\_\_ 208  
Solo Blocks \_\_\_\_\_ 52  
Block Assists \_\_\_\_\_ 244  
Total Blocks \_\_\_\_\_ 174

### 2025 TEAM STATISTICS

Kills \_\_\_\_\_ 873  
Assists \_\_\_\_\_ 805  
Digs \_\_\_\_\_ 1381  
Service Aces \_\_\_\_\_ 158  
Service Errors \_\_\_\_\_ 106  
Solo Blocks \_\_\_\_\_ 36  
Block Assists \_\_\_\_\_ 152  
Total Blocks \_\_\_\_\_ 112.0

### 2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Kills \_\_\_\_\_ Brooke Fox (217)  
Assists \_\_\_\_\_ Lauren Lee (868)  
Digs \_\_\_\_\_ Kathryn Oates (348)  
Service Aces \_\_\_\_\_ Kathryn Oates (34)  
Solo Blocks \_\_\_\_\_ Olivia Wyma (32)  
Block Assists \_\_\_\_\_ Olivia Wyma (62)  
Total Blocks \_\_\_\_\_ Olivia Wyma (94)

### 2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Kills \_\_\_\_\_ Emily Carling (169)  
Assists \_\_\_\_\_ Olivia Deeb (341)  
Digs \_\_\_\_\_ Grace Steiner (366)  
Service Aces \_\_\_\_\_ Emily Carling (46)  
Solo Blocks \_\_\_\_\_ Katelyn Schell (9)  
Block Assists \_\_\_\_\_ Katelyn Schell (32)  
Total Blocks \_\_\_\_\_ Katelyn Schell (41)

## VOLLEYBALL EYES MIAA TITLE SHARE WITH HOME VICTORY VS. ALMA

The ninth-ranked Hope College volleyball team returns to DeVos Fieldhouse this afternoon for the first time in 2 ½ weeks, with an opportunity to clinch a share of an MIAA regular-season championship and the top seed for this month's MIAA Tournament.

The Flying Dutch, who moved back into the Top 10 in the AVCA rankings this week, are seeking their 20<sup>th</sup> victory in 25 matches this season and their seventh league victory in as many matches.

Hope could be crowned MIAA champions for a third consecutive season for the second time in program history and the first since a three-year run between 1996-98..

The Flying Dutch are 70-33 all-time against the Scots and have dominated the series since 2005 when the current 38-match winning streak began.

Twenty-five of those victories have come in three sets, including the past five.

Hope is supporting the Community Action House Food Club today and during the regular-season finale on Friday, Nov. 7, at 6:30 p.m. against Trine University.

Fans receive free admission for those matches by donating non-perishable food items when they enter DeVos Fieldhouse.

### 2025 SCHEDULE

|   |         |   |           |
|---|---------|---|-----------|
|   | Oct. 8  | Adrian Bulldogs<br>Merillat Sport & Fitness Center   Adrian, MI | W, 3-0    |
|  | Oct. 10 | Millikin Big Blue<br>DeVos Fieldhouse   Holland, MI             | W, 3-1    |
|  | Oct. 11 | Coe Kohawks<br>DeVos Fieldhouse   Holland, MI                   | W, 3-0    |
|  | Oct. 11 | Wisconsin-Eau Claire Blugolds<br>DeVos Fieldhouse   Holland, MI | L 3-1     |
|  | Oct. 14 | Kalamazoo Hornets<br>DeVos Fieldhouse   Holland, MI             | W, 3-0    |
|  | Oct. 17 | Albion Britons<br>Merillat Sport & Fitness Center   Adrian, MI  | W, 3-1    |
|  | Oct. 22 | Olivet Comets<br>Merillat Sport & Fitness Center   Adrian, MI   | W, 3-0    |
|  | Nov. 1  | Alma Scots<br>DeVos Fieldhouse   Holland, MI                    | 1 p.m.    |
|  | Nov. 7  | Trine Thunder<br>DeVos Fieldhouse   Holland, MI                 | 6:30 p.m. |

### A HOPE WIN WOULD....

give the Flying Dutch an opportunity the third consecutive outright MIAA Championship in their next match on November 7 vs. Trine University at DeVos Fieldhouse.

be the Orange and Blue's 28<sup>th</sup> consecutive victory in MIAA regular-season matches, dating back to the 2022 season.

put the Flying Dutch at the 20-win mark for the seventh consecutive full season.



**BECKY SCHMIDT**  
HC

## MEDIA AND CREDENTIALS INFORMATION

### CREDENTIALS

Season media credentials can be requested by working members of the media by contacting members of the Hope College Sports Information Department. Email Sports Information Director Alan Babbitt (babbitt@hope.edu) or Sports Information Coordinator Mackenzie McMahon (mcmahon@hope.edu). Also call the office at (616) 395-7860.

### PARKING

Free parking is available to media and fans in parking lots adjacent to DeVos Fieldhouse and on the streets near the facility. Handicapped parking is also available in each lot outside of DeVos Fieldhouse.

### INTERVIEWS

Interviews with coaches and student-athletes can be arranged before or after practices and after games through the Hope College Sports Information Department.

### PHOTOGRAPHERS

Photographers and videographers are asked to shoot from areas that don't interfere with the game nor block spectators' views of the game.

### INTERNET

Free internet is provided by Hope College for guests of the college. Search for Hope Guest on your device and use the password welcome2hope to access the internet.

### HISTORY

|                          |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| First Season             | 1972      |
| Seasons                  | 53        |
| All-Time Record          | 1,181-510 |
| Conference Titles (Last) | 17 (2024) |
| Tournament Titles (Last) | 7 (2024)  |

### TEAM INFO

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| 2024 Overall Record    | 29-3 |
| 2024 Conference Record | 8-0  |
| 2024 Home Record       | 15-2 |
| 2024 Away Record       | 8-1  |
| 2024 Neutral Record    | 6-0  |

## QUICK FACTS

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Location                    | Holland, MI  |
| Founded                     | 1866   |
| Enrollment                  | 3,369 (Spring 2024)  |
| President                   | Matthew A. Scogin  |
| Athletics Director          | Tim Schoonveld   |
| Sports Information Director | Alan Babbitt   |
| Colors                      | Blue (Pantone) & Orange (Pantone)                                  |
| Nickname                    | Flying Dutch   |
| Affiliations                | NCAA Division III<br>Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association |
| Conference Website          | <a href="https://miaa.org">https://miaa.org</a>                    |
| Ticket Office               | 616-395-7890   |

## HOPE VOLLEYBALL COMMUNICATIONS STAFF

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
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| Email                          | babbitt@hope.edu   |
| Sports Information Coordinator | Mackenzie McMahon  |
| Email                          | mcmahon@hope.edu   |
| Hope Athletics Website         | <a href="http://athletics.hope.edu">athletics.hope.edu</a> |
| Facebook                       | /Hope College Volleyball                                   |
| X                              | @HopeVolleyball  |
| Instagram                      | @hopevolleyball  |

## FACILITY

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Volleyball Facility | DeVos Fieldhouse |
| Capacity            | 3,400+           |
| Largest Crowd       | -----            |
| Year Opened         | 2006             |

## COACHING STAFF

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Head Coach                                 | Becky Schmidt  |
| Associate Head Coach                       | Carrie LeHocky |
| Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator | Taylor Babec   |
| Assistant Coach                            | Amber Morse    |
| Assistant Coach                            | Gabbi Vachon   |

## SUPPORT STAFF

|                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| Strength & Conditioning Coach | Dan Margritz  |
| Head Athletic Trainer         | Tonia Gruppen |

## ROAD SWEEP AT OLIVET

The 11th-ranked Hope College volleyball team kept its conference momentum rolling Wednesday night with a 3-0 sweep at The University of Olivet, winning 25-23, 25-14, 29-27, inside the Cutler Event Center. The victory lifted the Flying Dutch to 19-5 overall and 6-0 in the MIAA, maintaining their spot atop the conference standings. Senior Brooke Fox (Saunemin, Illinois / Pontiac Township) powered 12 kills on a crisp .303 hitting percentage. Sophomore middle blocker Olivia Wyma (Hartland, Wisconsin / Arrowhead) contributed nine kills and three blocks.

## ALBION SHOWDOWN

The 12th-ranked Hope College volleyball team aced a big challenge on the road Friday night. The Flying Dutch tied a school record with 17 service aces during a first-place showdown at Albion College and earned a 25-19, 24-26, 25-14, 25-19 victory. Hope (18-5) seized sole possession of the MIAA lead after handing the Britons their first league loss. The Orange and Blue matched the 2013 record for a 25-point set with 17 aces, accomplished in three sets vs. Kalamazoo College. The Flying Dutch surpassed their previous four-set best of 10 aces vs. Trine University in 2008. Freshmen Amelia Gagnon (Belmont, Michigan / Grand Rapids West Catholic) and Kiera Morrison (Bartlett, Illinois / Wheaton Academy) spearheaded the serving with five aces apiece.

## PURPLE COMMUNITY VICTORY

Many hands contributed to a victorious and meaningful on October 14 for the 12th-ranked Hope College volleyball team. The Flying Dutch honored family and friends before the Purple Community Game, benefiting Van Andel Institute, at DeVos Fieldhouse, then defeated Kalamazoo College in three sets (25-14, 25-22, 25-17). Hope (17-5, 4-0 MIAA) received kills from 13 different contributors against Kalamazoo. Sophomore middle blocker Olivia Wyma (Hartland, Wisconsin / Arrowhead) led the attack with 10 kills.



Senior outside hitter Brooke Fox (Saunemin, Illinois / Pontiac Township) chipped in seven kills and nine digs. Senior outside hitter Kate Luurtsema (Alto, Michigan / South Christian) added five kills. Freshman libero Amelia Gagnon (Belmont, Michigan / Grand Rapids West Catholic) totaled a season-high 17 digs.

## TOUGH LOSS TO EAU-CLAIRE

The Flying Dutch started with an electric first-set performance against No. 12 Wisconsin-Eau Claire on Oct. 11 at DeVos Fieldhouse but lost 9-25, 25-20, 25-22, 25-12. Senior Lauren Lee (Plymouth, Michigan / Skyline) paced Hope with 34 assists, seven kills, and a .538 hitting percentage, while junior Kamryn Burbridge (Grand Haven, Michigan / Grand Haven) recorded nine kills and two aces. Sophomore Olivia Wyma (Hartland, Wisconsin / Arrowhead) added six kills and four total blocks. Junior Kate Oates (Liberty Township, Ohio / Cincinnati Christian) anchored the back row with 18 digs. As a team, Hope totaled 45 kills and hit .248, while Eau Claire had 47 kills at a .250 clip.

## SWEEPING COE

The opening set against Coe set the tone for a 27-25, 25-13, 25-19 victory on Saturday, Hope's 12th in a row. Senior Brooke Fox (Saunemin, Illinois / Pontiac Townships) led Hope with 10 kills and three service aces while hitting .308 against Coe (12-7). Junior Kamryn Burbridge (Grand Haven, Michigan / Grand Haven) followed with eight kills and two blocks, while senior Ella Contant (Elmhurst, Illinois / York Community) added seven kills and a .313 hitting percentage. Sophomore Olivia Wyma (Hartland, Wisconsin / Arrowhead) tallied six kills and a team-high four blocks. Senior Lauren Lee (Plymouth, Michigan / Skyline) directed the offense with 28 assists and added 10 digs for a double-double, while junior Kate Oates (Liberty Township, Ohio / Cincinnati Christian) anchored the back row with 14 digs. As a team, the Orange and Blue hit .248 with 11 aces and six total blocks.

## GOOD START IN D.C.

The 18th-ranked Hope College volleyball team flexed its balance and serving power during a 3-0 sweep over the University of California-Santa Cruz on Sept. 19 (25-9, 25-20, 25-21) and a second sweep against host Gallaudet University (25-16, 25-17, 25-21) in the evening at the Worthington Classic in Washington, D.C. Senior Kate Luurtsema (Alto, Michigan / South Christian) led vs. UC-Santa Cruz with seven kills. Junior Kamryn Burbridge (Grand Haven, Michigan / Grand Haven) had a team-high kill vs. Gallaudet.

## NCAA TOURNAMENT REMATCH

The 12th-ranked Hope College volleyball team aced the rematch of last year's NCAA Division III Tournament regional final. The Flying Dutch tied their season high with 14 service aces during a four-set victory against Millikin University (Illinois) on Friday night at DeVos Fieldhouse's DeVette-Van Wieren Court. The 25-23, 25-21, 27-29, 25-20 victory over Millikin (8-9) extended the Flying Dutch's winning streak to 11 matches and opened a three-win weekend. Six different Orange and Blue servers recorded at least one ace. Senior Tess Herendeen (Fort Wayne, Indiana / Homestead), junior Kate Oates (Liberty Township, Ohio / Cincinnati Christian) and freshman Kiera Morrison (Bartlett, Illinois / Wheaton Academy) shared match-high honors with three aces.

## SERVING A VICTORY VS. ADRIAN.

Junior Kamryn Burbridge delivered a career-best four aces for the 12th-ranked Hope College volleyball team during a three-set victory at Adrian College on Wednesday. Burbridge (Grand Haven, Michigan / Grand Haven) also shared match-high honors with eight kills and contributed two blocks. With a 25-18, 25-13, 25-14 win, the Flying Dutch extended their winning streak to 10 matches while improving to 14-4 overall and 3-0 in MIAA play. The 6-foot-1 Burbridge hit at a .400 clip to share top kill honors with senior outside hitter Brooke Fox (Saunemin, Illinois / Pontiac Township). Sophomore middle blocker Olivia Wyma (Hartland, Wisconsin / Arrowhead) added seven kills and a team-high four blocks. Senior setter Lauren Lee (Plymouth, Michigan / Skyline) totaled 31 assists.

## RINGING THE BELLES

Faced with another back-and-forth third set, the 13th-ranked Hope College volleyball team closed out a second MIAA opponent this week by scoring the match's final two points. The Flying Dutch won at Saint Mary's College in three sets on Friday, 25-20, 25-16, 26-24. The third-set score and finish matched Tuesday's MIAA opener against Calvin University. Hope extended its winning streak to nine and improved to 13-4 overall. Sophomore Olivia Wyma (Hartland, Wisconsin / Arrowhead) recorded a match-high 12 kills. Senior Brooke Fox (Saunemin, Illinois / Pontiac Township) added 11 kills, while Burbridge and Contant had nine apiece. Freshman Kiera Morrison (Bartlett, Illinois / Wheaton Academy) finished with seven. Fox also led the defensive effort with 11 digs.

## RIVALRY VICTORY

The 13th-ranked Hope College volleyball team proved strong and mighty at the net from the start on Sept. 30 in The Rivalry. Led by middle hitters Kamryn Burbridge and Olivia Wyma, the Flying Dutch powered their way to a three-set victory over Calvin University, winning the MIAA opener 25-14, 25-18, 26-24 in front of a DeVos Fieldhouse crowd of 1,721.

Burbridge (Grand Haven, Michigan / Grand Haven) totaled a match-high 11 kills at a .529 clip. The 6-foot-1 junior also recorded three block assists. Wyma (Hartland, Wisconsin / Arrowhead) delivered 10 kills at a .429 clip. The 6-4 sophomore also contributed two solo blocks and four block assists. Setter Lauren Lee contributed 33 assists.

## DOWNING TWO RANKED FOES

Hope College setter Lauren Lee has been selected as the American Volleyball Coaches Association NCAA Division III Volleyball Player of the Week. This is the second time Lee has received the honor. The senior from Plymouth, Michigan (Skyline) claimed the recognition as a freshman during the 2022 season. A chemistry major, Lee totaled 84 assists (10.50 per set), 14 digs (1.75 per set), eight kills, four service aces and 13 points (1.63 per set) over matches against Illinois Wesleyan and Marietta.

## DOWNING TWO RANKED FOES

The Flying Dutch pushed their winning streak to seven matches with two four-set victories at home last week: No. 14 Marietta College, on Sept. 26 and No. 4 and previously unbeaten Illinois Wesleyan University on Sept. 27. The Flying Dutch won 25-13, 21-25, 25-14, 25-17, vs. Marietta, hitting .315 as a team, with four players reaching double figures in kills. The Flying Dutch roared back after nine-win Marietta took the second set to even the match. Hope beat IWU (25-20, 21-25, 25-17, 25-7). Senior Ella Contant led the Flying Dutch with 10 kills. Senior Brooke Fox and junior Kamryn Burbridge each added nine and seven kills, respectively.



## PERFECT WEEKEND

The 18th-ranked Hope College volleyball team capped off a dominant weekend in Washington, D.C. with two more wins on Sept. 20. The Flying Dutch pushed their win streak to five matches by opening the day with a gritty 3-1 victory over Franklin and Marshall University (Pennsylvania), 19-25, 25-15, 28-26, 25-23, and closing it by sweeping Whittier College (California) in three sets, 25-19, 28-26, 25-23, at Gallaudet University's Worthington Classic. Senior setter Lauren Lee (Plymouth, Michigan / Skyline) was named Tournament MVP.

Sophomore middle blocker Olivia Wyma (Hartland, Wisconsin / Arrowhead) also made the all-tournament team.

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## FUN IN PITTSBURGH

The 18th-ranked Hope College volleyball team stayed in control from start to finish Sept. 18 night, sweeping No. 22-ranked Carnegie Mellon University in straight sets (25-16, 25-17, 26-24) at the Highmark Center for Health, Wellness and Athletics in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Flying Dutch improved to 5-4 on the season. Hope finished with 41 kills as a team at a .246 hitting percentage. Defensively, the Flying Dutch held Carnegie Mellon (9-3) to .173. hitting Senior Brooke Fox (Saunemin, Illinois / Pontiac Township HS) led the offense with nine kills.

## TEAM RECORD IN MATCHES

RECORD IN 3 SETS: 10-1  
RECORD IN 4 SETS: 3-1  
RECORD IN 5 SETS: 1-2

## TEAM HIGHS

ATTACK %: .354 (vs. Ohio Northern)  
KILLS - ALL: 61 (vs. Franklin & Marshall)  
KILLS - 3 SETS: 49 (vs. Whittier)  
KILLS - 4 SETS: 61 (vs. Franklin & Marshall)  
KILLS - 5 SETS: 56 (vs. Wittenberg)  
TOTAL ATTEMPTS - ALL: 189 (vs. Wittenberg)  
TOTAL ATTEMPTS - 3 SETS: 147 (vs. Whittier)  
TOTAL ATTEMPTS - 4 SETS: 182 (vs. Franklin & Marshall)  
TOTAL ATTEMPTS - 5 SETS: 189 (vs. Wittenberg)  
ASSISTS - ALL: 55 (vs. La Verne)  
ASSISTS - 3 SETS: 46 (vs. Ohio Northern)  
ASSISTS - 4 SETS: 55 (vs. La Verne)  
ASSISTS - 5 SETS: 50 (vs. Wittenberg)  
DIGS - ALL: 86 (vs. La Verne)  
DIGS - 3 SETS: 56 (vs. Carnegie Mellon)  
DIGS - 4 SETS: 86 (vs. La Verne)  
DIGS - 5 SETS: 83 (Wittenberg)  
ACES: 14 (vs. UC-Santa Cruz)  
BLOCKS: 16 (vs. Denison)

## INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

POINTS - ALL: 20.5, Olivia Wyma (vs. Franklin & Marshall)  
POINTS - 3 SETS: 14, Kamryn Burbridge (vs. Whittier)  
POINTS - 4 SETS: 20.5, Olivia Wyma (vs. Franklin & Marshall)  
POINTS - 5 SETS: 20, Brooke Fox (vs. Chicago)  
ATTACK %: .519, Olivia Wyma (vs. Franklin & Marshall)  
KILLS - ALL: 18, Brooke Fox (vs. Chicago)  
KILLS - 3 SETS: 13, Brooke Fox (vs. Ohio Northern)  
KILLS - 4 SETS: 17, Olivia Wyma (vs. Franklin & Marshall)  
KILLS - 5 SETS: 18, Brooke Fox (vs. Chicago)  
TOTAL ATTEMPTS - ALL: 52, Brooke Fox (vs. La Verne)  
TOTAL ATTEMPTS - 3 SETS: 34, Brooke Fox (vs. Carnegie Mellon)  
TOTAL ATTEMPTS - 4 SETS: 52, Brooke Fox (vs. La Verne)  
TOTAL ATTEMPTS - 5 SETS: 48, Brooke Fox (vs. Chicago)  
ASSISTS - ALL: 49, Lauren Lee (vs. La Verne)  
ASSISTS - 3 SETS: 44, Lauren Lee (vs. St. Mary's)  
ASSISTS - 4 SETS: 49, Lauren Lee (vs. La Verne)  
ASSISTS - 5 SETS: 41, Lauren Lee (vs. Chicago)  
DIGS - ALL: 27, Kathryn Oates (vs. Chicago)  
DIGS - 3 SETS: 19, Kathryn Oates (vs. Carnegie Mellon)  
DIGS - 4 SETS: 24, Kathryn Oates (vs. La Verne)  
DIGS - 5 SETS: 27, Kathryn Oates (vs. Chicago)  
ACES: 5, Brooke Fox (vs. Franklin & Marshall), Amelia Gagnon (vs. UC Santa Cruz)  
BLOCKS: 9, Olivia Wyma (vs. Denison)

## TOP-5 SHOWDOWNS

The eighth-ranked Hope College volleyball team dropped a pair of matches to Top-5 ranked opponents on Saturday in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The Flying Dutch lost to No. 5 University of La Verne (California) in four sets (25-20, 12-25, 25-27, 27-25), then No. 3 University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in three (25-12, 25-21, 25-20).

Two Hope teammates were named to the all-tournament team: senior setter Lauren Lee (Plymouth, Michigan / Skyline) and sophomore middle blocker Olivia Wyma (Hartland, Wisconsin / Arrowhead).

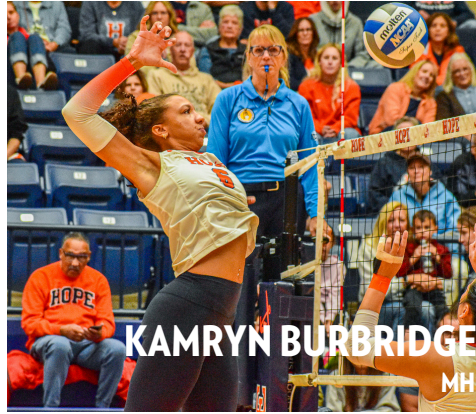
## GOING THE DISTANCE VS. CHICAGO

The Hope College volleyball team showed its trademark grit on Friday afternoon but fell just short in a five-set battle against the University of Chicago at the Kolf Sports Center in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

The Maroons claimed the match 25-21, 25-22, 14-25, 22-25, 15-8 to hand the eighth-ranked Flying Dutch their second loss of the season. Chicago (4-3) topped the teams outside the American Volleyball Coaches Association NCAA Division III Top 25 who received votes. Senior Brooke Fox (Saunemin, Illinois / Pontiac Township HS) led Hope's attack with a match-high 18 kills and added two service aces.

## BOUNCE BACK IN OHIO

The third-ranked Hope College volleyball team swept host Ohio Wesleyan in the morning, then outlasted Wittenberg University in a five-set thriller on Sept. 6. In the opener, Hope's attack clicked early and never slowed in a 25-19, 25-21, 25-17 victory over Ohio Wesleyan. The Flying Dutch hit .240 as a team, paced by sophomore Olivia Wyma (Hartland, Wisconsin / Arrowhead HS), who recorded 11 kills on a .563 hitting percentage. The afternoon matchup against Wittenberg turned into a test of resilience for the Flying Dutch, who won 25-21, 28-26, 28-30, 11-25, 15-7. Junior Kamryn Burbridge (Grand Haven, Michigan / Grand Haven) led the charge with 16 kills and three blocks.



## FIRST LOSS

The Hope College volleyball team opened strong but fell in a five-set battle at Denison University (Ohio) on Sept. 5. The Flying Dutch (2-1) took sets one and three, but the Big Red answered each time and pulled away late for a 13-25, 25-19, 15-25, 25-19, 15-11 victory inside Livingston Gymnasium. Senior Brooke Fox (Saunemin, Illinois / Pontiac Township HS) led Hope with 12 kills.

## 2-0 START

The third-ranked Hope College volleyball team turned back a second opponent in as many days on Aug. 30. Hope powered Concordia University (Wis.) in straight sets, 25-20, 25-17, 25-19, at DeVos Fieldhouse. Middle hitter senior Kate Luurtsema (Alto, Michigan / South Christian) led the charge with 10 kills on the afternoon, while senior setter Lauren Lee (Plymouth, Michigan / Skyline) orchestrated the attack with 30 assists. Lee also put down seven kills in the win.

## SUCCESSFUL HOME OPENER

The third-ranked Hope College volleyball team delivered a statement win in its home opener on Aug. 29. With several new faces in the lineup, the Flying Dutch erupted early and often for a 25-15, 25-15, 25-17 victory against Ohio Northern University at DeVos Fieldhouse. Senior Brooke Fox (Saunemin, Illinois / Pontiac Township HS) led Hope with 13 kills.

## MIAA PRESEASON FAVORITES

The Hope College volleyball team is favored to continue its reign as MIAA champion. Winners of the past two league titles, the Flying Dutch finished first in the 2025 MIAA Preseason Coaches Poll, with six of eight possible first-place votes and totaled 10 points. Calvin placed second with 13 points and three first-place votes, finishing ahead of Albion (22), Trine (30), Adrian (35), Alma (40), Saint Mary's (51), Olivet (56) and Kalamazoo (62).

## 2025 STANDINGS

|              | MIAA | OVERALL |
|--------------|------|---------|
| HOPE         | 6-0  | 19-5    |
| CALVIN       | 5-1  | 21-3    |
| ALBION       | 4-2  | 21-4    |
| TRINE        | 3-2  | 10-8    |
| OLIVET       | 3-2  | 8-15    |
| ALMA         | 2-3  | 9-14    |
| KALAMAZOO    | 1-4  | 14-8    |
| SAINT MARY'S | 1-5  | 10-15   |
| ADRIAN       | 0-6  | 1-18    |

## 2024 MIAA PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

1. HOPE (8 pts., 8 first-place votes)
2. CALVIN (16 pts., 1 first-place vote)
3. ALBION (22 pts.)
4. ADRIAN (29)
5. TRINE (35)
6. OLIVET (49)
7. ALMA (50)
8. KALAMAZOO (56)
9. SAINT MARY'S (59)

## MIAA ACADEMIC ELITE SELECTION

Eva Hurting '25 was among three Hope College standouts from its women's lacrosse and volleyball teams are among the first-ever 88 recipients of the MIAA's honor created to recognize exceptional academic achievement among student-athletes across the conference.

Established by the MIAA Faculty Athletic Representatives, the Academic Elite Award will be presented annually to the male and female student-athlete in each sport with the highest cumulative grade-point average. Honorees must have at least two years of varsity participation and hold junior or senior academic standing. Each of these three Hope student-athletes achieved a cumulative 4.0 GPA.

A public accounting and business major, Hartung graduated last spring with a public accounting and business degree. Eva was named to the MIAA Academic Honor Roll for three consecutive years and received the 2024 NCAA Elite 90 Award, also recognizing her high academic results.



# BECKY SCHMIDT *HEAD COACH*

Becky Schmidt '99 has made her mark on Hope College volleyball as a student-athlete and as a head coach. In 21 seasons, Schmidt has guided the Flying Dutch to a 538-132 record heading into the NCAA Division III Tournament. Her collegiate coaching record, which includes three seasons (38-33) at the University of Redlands, Calif., is 576-165 that ranks her among the nation's elite.

In 2024, Schmidt guided the Flying Dutch to a second consecutive sweep of MIAA regular-season and tournament titles and chosen as the AVCA Region 5 and MIAA Volleyball Coach of the Year.

In 2023, Schmidt led Hope to a national runner-up finish and was voted as the AVCA Region 7 Coach of the Year and the inaugural MIAA Volleyball Coach of the Year.

In 2014, Schmidt guided the Flying Dutch to their first national championship with a 6-0 run during the NCAA Division III Tournament. Hope matched a school record for wins in a single season with a 34-2 record. Fifteen times, Schmidt has guided the Flying Dutch to the NCAA Division III Tournament. Four times, Hope has won the NCAA regional final and advanced to the national quarterfinals.

Schmidt has led Hope to seven outright MIAA regular-season championships (2024, 2023, 2021 fall, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2005) and two MIAA title shares (2014 and 2013). Five times, Schmidt guided led the Flying Dutch to MIAA Tournament titles: 2024, 2023, 2021 spring, 2016, and 2010. The 2021 spring title occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Four times, Schmidt led the Flying Dutch to unbeaten records in MIAA play (8-0 in 2024 and 2023 and 16-0 in 2005 and 2009). The 2024 team won all 24 sets during eight MIAA matches. The 2009 team had a 34-4 mark, a school record for victories, and advanced to the national semifinals. The 2013 team reached the national quarterfinals and ended with a 32-3 record.

In November 2008, she was elected the NCAA Division III representative to the Board of Directors of the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).

Schmidt had an article published in the June-July, 2008 issue of "Coaching Volleyball", the publication of the American Volleyball Coaches Association. The article, "Cultivating Competition: Five Scrimmages to Kindle Your Athletes' Competitive Fire," flows from coach Schmidt's twin interests: volleyball and sports psychology.

A 1999 Hope graduate, Schmidt played middle blocker and ranked among the NCAA leaders in several statistical categories. She was voted the most valuable player in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA) as both a junior and senior. As a senior, she became the first Hope volleyball player to receive NCAA Division III All-American honors. She was also awarded an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship.

A kinesiology major, she received departmental recognitions for her academic work. Her senior year she was presented the John Schouten Award as the college's outstanding female student-athlete. After graduating from Hope she was a graduate assistant volleyball coach at Miami University of Ohio while completing her master's degree in Sport Behavior and Performance. Prior to returning to her alma mater, she was head coach at the University of Redlands, Calif., compiling a 38-33 record in three seasons at the NCAA Division III institution. Schmidt has also coached volleyball club teams in Michigan, Ohio, and California. In California, she has coached the Redlands Dragons 18s team and helped establish a volleyball development program for 12-year-olds. In 2002 she coached a USA Athlete's International volleyball team to a gold medal in Australia.

## YEAR-BY-YEAR AS HEAD COACH

| YEAR        | RECORD | NOTES                 |
|-------------|--------|-----------------------|
| 2024        | 29-2   | 1st in MIAA, 3-0 NCAA |
| 2023        | 32-3   | 1st in MIAA, 5-1 NCAA |
| 2022        | 24-8   | 2nd MIAA, 3-1 NCAA    |
| 2021 fall   | 25-5   | 1st in MIAA, 2-1 NCAA |
| 2021 spring | 9-1    | 2nd in MIAA           |
| 2019        | 24-8   | 2nd in MIAA, 2-1 NCAA |
| 2018        | 25-8   | 2nd in MIAA, 0-1 NCAA |
| 2017        | 19-11  | 2nd in MIAA           |
| 2016        | 25-6   | 2nd in MIAA, 0-1 NCAA |
| 2015        | 24-7   | 2nd in MIAA           |
| 2014        | 34-2   | T1 in MIAA, 6-0 NCAA  |
| 2013        | 32-3   | T1 in MIAA, 3-1 NCAA  |
| 2012        | 29-5   | 2nd in MIAA, 1-1 NCAA |
| 2011        | 25-7   | 2nd in MIAA, 1-1 NCAA |
| 2010        | 27-5   | 1st in MIAA, 1-1 NCAA |
| 2009        | 34-4   | 1st in MIAA, 4-1 NCAA |
| 2008        | 26-7   | 1st in MIAA, 0-1 NCAA |
| 2007        | 24-9   | 2nd in MIAA           |
| 2006        | 25-10  | 2nd in MIAA, 1-1 NCAA |
| 2005        | 27-8   | 1st in MIAA           |
| 2004        | 19-14  | 4th in MIAA           |

## COACHING STAFF



**CARRIE LEHOCKY**  
Associate Head Coach

Carrie Lehocky '07 rejoined the Hope College volleyball staff prior to the 2018 season and became associate head coach in 2022. She also serves as an assistant professor of kinesiology at Hope. During her Hope volleyball playing career, she was a defensive specialist who was on the coaching staff for the 2009 national semifinalist team. Lehocky coached for seven years with the Impact Dynamic Volleyball club, six years at Byron Center High School and one year apiece at Grand Haven and West Ottawa high schools. She also coached two years of freshmen girls basketball at Byron Center. Lehocky was a middle school physical wellness instructor for West Ottawa Public Schools. She graduated from Hope College with a B.A. in Physical Education and a Health Education minor.



**TAYLOR BABEC**  
Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator

Taylor Babec joined the Hope College volleyball coaching staff as an assistant coach prior to the 2024 season. Babec was a four-year letterwinner at Illinois Wesleyan University as a middle hitter. Babec finished her career ranked 14th in program history with an average of 0.70 blocks per set. Babec graduated from Illinois Wesleyan in May 2024 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. A native of Joliet, Illinois, Babec appeared in all of 30 Illinois Wesleyan matches during the 2023 season and made 26 starts. Babec recorded 145 kills and finished second on the team team with 63 blocks. Babec also claimed College Sports Communicators Academic All-District honors as a senior. Babec earned Academic All-Collegiate Conference of Illinois-Wisconsin honors three consecutive seasons (2023, 2022 and 2021).



**AMBER MORSE**  
Assistant Coach

Amber Morse joined the Hope College Volleyball coaching staff prior to the 2018 season. Morse is in her 14th year of coaching volleyball. During this time she coached one year at Holland High School, eight years at Jenison High School, volunteered three years at Byron Center High School and one year at the American International School of Budapest. She has also coached several years of club volleyball. Morse is a 2007 Hope College graduate with a B.A. in Exercise Science. During her Hope volleyball playing career, she was a two-time, All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association middle hitter. Morse lives from Jenison, Michigan, with her husband Phil and children: Levi, Claire, and Emmitt.



**GABBI VACHON**  
Assistant Coach

Gabbi Vachon '20 joined the Hope College volleyball coaching staff prior to the 2022 season. The former setter for the Flying Dutch totaled 1,135 digs for the Flying Dutch over four seasons for an average of three digs per set. Vachon also made the MIAA Academic Honor Roll all four years at Hope.

## 2025 NUMERICAL ROSTER

| NO. | NAME             | Pos. | Ht.  | Yr. | Hometown (High school/Previous school)      |
|-----|------------------|------|------|-----|---|
| 1   | Kate Luurtsema   | MH   | 5-11 | Sr. | Alto, MI / South Christian                  |
| 2   | Amelia Gagnon    | DS   | 5-7  | Fr. | Belmont, MI / Grand Rapids West Catholic    |
| 3   | Natalie Pannucci | MH   | 6-0  | Jr. | North Muskegon, MI / North Muskegon         |
| 4   | Brooke Hehl      | OH   | 5-10 | Fr. | Rochester Hills, MI / Lutheran Northwest    |
| 5   | Gracie Allen     | S    | 5-8  | Sr. | Edwards, CO / Vail Christian                |
| 6   | Kamryn Burbridge | MH   | 6-1  | Jr. | Grand Haven, MI / Grand Haven               |
| 7   | Abby Samol       | MH   | 6-1  | So. | Mason, OH / William Mason                   |
| 9   | Jenna James      | MH   | 6-2  | Sr. | Grand Ledge, MI / Grand Ledge               |
| 10  | Ella Contant     | MH   | 5-9  | Sr. | Elmhurst, IL / York Community               |
| 11  | Lauren Lee       | S    | 5-7  | Sr. | Plymouth, MI / Skyline                      |
| 12  | Kathryn Oates    | DS   | 5-6  | Jr. | Liberty Township, OH / Cincinnati Christian |
| 13  | Ella Deyklen     | OH   | 5-9  | Fr. | Jenison, MI / Tri-Unity Christian           |
| 14  | Angie Butler     | OH   | 5-10 | So. | Novi, MI / Mercy                            |
| 15  | Kate Vanderhill  | DS   | 6-0  | Fr. | Hudsonville, MI / Unity Christian           |
| 16  | Olivia Wyma      | MH   | 6-4  | So. | Hartland, WI / Arrowhead                    |
| 17  | Jill Collins     | DS   | 5-10 | Fr. | Northville, MI / Mercy                      |
| 18  | Kiera Morrison   | OH   | 5-10 | Fr. | Bartlett, IL / Wheaton Academy              |
| 19  | Tess Herendeen   | DS   | 5-9  | Sr. | Fort Wayne, IN / Homestead                  |
| 21  | Brooke Fox       | OH   | 5-9  | Sr. | Saunemin, IL / Pontiac Twp.                 |