

# OAKLAND UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS





# ***OAKLAND VOLLEYBALL***

*SEPTEMBER 3, 2021  
6:00 PM*



*SEPTEMBER 5, 2021  
2:00 PM*



# GOLDEN GRIZZLIES SCHEDULE



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## **GOLDEN DOME INVITATIONAL**

**AUGUST 27**

vs. Western Kentucky L, 3-0

**AUGUST 27**

vs. Loyola (IL) L, 3-1

**AUGUST 28**

vs. Notre Dame L, 3-2

## **GOLDEN GRIZZLIES INVITATIONAL**

**SEPTEMBER 3**

vs. Bradley 6:00PM

**SEPTEMBER 5**

vs. Eastern Michigan 2:00PM

## **DEPAUL INVITATIONAL**

**SEPTEMBER 10**

vs. Penn 3:00PM

**SEPTEMBER 11**

vs. Akron 3:00PM

**SEPTEMBER 11**

vs. DePaul 8:00PM

## **GREEN & WHITE CLASSIC**

**SEPTEMBER 17**

vs. Central Michigan 2:30PM

**SEPTEMBER 17**

vs. MSU 7:00PM

**SEPTEMBER 19**

at Bowling Green 2:00PM

**SEPTEMBER 24**

at Youngstown State 6:00PM

**SEPTEMBER 25**

at Robert Morris 4:00PM

**SEPTEMBER 28**

vs. PFW 6:00PM

**OCTOBER 1**

at Cleveland State 6:00PM

**OCTOBER 7**

vs. Milwaukee 5:00PM

**OCTOBER 8**

vs. UIC 6:00PM

**OCTOBER 10**

vs. Green Bay 2:00PM

**OCTOBER 12**

at IUPUI 6:00PM

**OCTOBER 15**

at NKU 6:00PM

**OCTOBER 16**

at Wright State 4:00PM

**OCTOBER 23**

vs. Robert Morris 2:00PM

**OCTOBER 24**

vs. Youngstown State 2:00PM

**OCTOBER 29**

vs. Cleveland State 6:00PM

**NOVEMBER 4**

at Green Bay 7:00PM

**NOVEMBER 5**

at UIC 7:00PM

**NOVEMBER 7**

at Milwaukee 3:00PM

**NOVEMBER 12**

vs. Wright State 6:00PM

**NOVEMBER 13**

vs. NKU 4:00PM



## 2021 OAKLAND VOLLEYBALL

<i>NOTRE DAME INVITATIONAL</i>					
AUGUST 27	WESTERN KENTUCKY	SEPTEMBER 19	BOWLING GREEN	OCTOBER 24	YOUNGSTOWN STATE
	LOYOLA	SEPTEMBER 24	YOUNGSTOWN STATE	OCTOBER 29	CLEVELAND STATE
AUGUST 28	NOTRE DAME	SEPTEMBER 25	ROBERT MORRIS	NOVEMBER 4	GREEN BAY
<i>GOLDEN GRIZZLIES INVITATIONAL</i>		SEPTEMBER 28	PURDUE FORT WAYNE	NOVEMBER 5	UIC
SEPTEMBER 3	BRADLEY	OCTOBER 1	CLEVELAND STATE	NOVEMBER 7	MILWAUKEE
SEPTEMBER 5	EMU	OCTOBER 7	MILWAUKEE	NOVEMBER 12	WRIGHT STATE
<i>DEPAUL INVITATIONAL</i>		OCTOBER 8	UIC	NOVEMBER 13	NORTHERN KENTUCKY
SEPTEMBER 10	PENN	OCTOBER 10	GREEN BAY		
SEPTEMBER 11	AKRON	OCTOBER 12	IUPUI		
<i>GREEN &amp; WHITE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT</i>		OCTOBER 15	NORTHERN KENTUCKY		
SEPTEMBER 17	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	OCTOBER 16	WRIGHT STATE		
	MICHIGAN STATE	OCTOBER 23	ROBERT MORRIS		

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# COACHING STAFF



## **ROB BEAM**

### **HEAD COACH**

Rob Beam enters his 15th season at the helm of the Oakland volleyball program and has guided the Golden Grizzlies' program to one of the top teams in the Horizon League, with aspirations for even higher goals for the program.

Most recently, Beam helped the Golden Grizzlies to a 7-9 record in a shortened 2021 winter season due to COVID-19. Senior libero Lindsay Wightman thrived under Beam's counsel, as she became the first player in program history to tab AVCA All-Region First Team honors. On the season, she ranked second in the country in digs per set [6.31] and 30th in total digs [366]. Her digs per set broke a school record previously held by Lauren Duquette. Senior middle hitter Jamie Walling continued her monumental career by joining Wightman on the Horizon League Second Team.

Freshman outside hitter Patti Cesarini grabbed a spot on the HL All-Freshman Team to round out Golden Grizzlies with all-conference accolades.

Once again, OU excelled in the classroom under Beam in 2021, as Walling and junior libero Katelyn Johnson were named to the Horizon League All-Academic Team. Oakland also earned the AVCA Team Academic Award for the 2020-21 academic year.

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# COACHING STAFF



## **AMBER HILDEBRANDT**

### **ASSOCIATE COACH**

Amber Hildebrandt enters her first year as an associate coach for the Oakland University women's volleyball program. Hildebrandt is a former Golden Grizzly who competed at OU from 2009-2012 and served as a volunteer assistant under Beam in 2014.

Hildebrandt arrived to Rochester with a combined 10 years of coaching and playing experience at the Division I level. She coached at Appalachian State for three seasons over two stints (2015-2016, 2019-2021) while also spending two years as an assistant at Xavier (2016-2017).

At Oakland, Hildebrandt's responsibilities include player development, coordinating the recruiting process, training attacking players, and overseeing the offensive performance on game day.

Most recently, Hildebrandt led Appalachian State to two-straight Sun Belt Tournament appearances. The Mountaineers totaled five preseason All-Sun Belt selections in the two-season span and nine conference victories in 2019.

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**BEKAH STRANGE**  
GRADUATE ASSISTANT



**RICK WOOTTEN-SMITH**  
VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT

## GRADUATE STUDENT



**JAMIE WALLING**  
MIDDLE HITTER  
6'1"

## SENIORS



**MYANA CARTER**  
OUTSIDE HITTER  
5'6"



**KERRA CORNIST**  
MIDDLE BLOCKER  
6'0"



**KATELYN JOHNSON**  
DS/LIBERO  
5'5"



**SYDNEY MANN**  
DS/LIBERO  
5'8"



**ABBY NEIDINGER**  
OUTSIDE HITTER  
6'0"



**JESSIBA RIEDL**  
MIDDLE BLOCKER  
6'0"



**BRITTANY WELCH**  
OUTSIDE HITTER  
5'11"



**LINDSAY WIGHTMAN**  
DS/LIBERO  
5'6"

## JUNIORS

HALEY BROWN  
AVOLYN LEPO  
MADISON ROSS  
ANNABELLE TOMEI

OUTSIDE HITTER/DS  
MIDDLE BLOCKER  
SETTER  
SETTER

## REDSHIRT FRESHMAN

PATTI CESARINI  
LIBBY CLEVELAND  
KENNEDY DOLMAGE  
ANNA NIE

OUTSIDE HITTER  
MIDDLE BLOCKER  
DS/LIBERO  
MIDDLE BLOCKER

## FRESHMEN

CLARKE ADAMS  
KIRA BUZA  
EMILY WICHMANN

OUTSIDE HITTER  
MIDDLE BLOCKER  
DS/LIBERO





# KATELYN JOHNSON

**DS/LIBERO**

**HOMETOWN:**  
LAPEER, MI

**CLASS:** SENIOR

**HEIGHT:** 5'5"

**MAJOR:**  
NURSING

**2021 (SPRING):**

-TOTALLED 53  
DIGS, AVERAGING 1.71  
PER SET

-RANKED 5TH ON  
TEAM IN DIGS PER  
SET

-TALLIED A  
SEASON-HIGH 12  
DIGS PER SET IN  
TWO MATCHES

AGAINST WRIGHT  
STATE (2/9)

**HIDDEN  
TALENT:**

CAN PLAY  
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## VOLLEYBALL TAKES #25 NOTRE DAME TO FIVE SETS



JAMIE WALLING

21 KILLS | .356 H% | 3 BLOCKS



0-3



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KILLS	53	64
ASSISTS	49	62
DIGS	68	76
BLOCKS	9	8



The Oakland University volleyball team finished just shy of an upset over tournament host and No. 25 ranked Notre Dame in a five-set loss (13-25, 16-25, 25-14, 25-21, 13-15) on Saturday for its final match at the Golden Dome Invitational.

The Golden Grizzlies (0-3) dropped the opening two sets to the Fighting Irish (1-1) but responded with consecutive set victories to force a match-deciding fifth period. Late in the set, the programs were tied at 12-all following consecutive kills by tournament standout Jamie Walling. However, Notre Dame earned three of the next four points to clinch the victory.

Walling, a middle hitter who returned for a fifth-season sporting the Black and Gold due to the Covid-19 pandemic, shined on both sides. She totaled a match-best 21 kills with a .356 hitting percentage and added four digs, three blocks, and one service ace. On the tournament, Walling averaged a robust 4.25 kills per set at a .379 hitting clip. Redshirt freshman Patti Cesarini was also impressive with 15 kills, six digs, two blocks, and a single ace.

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# KENNEDY DOLMAGE

**DS/LIBERO**

**HOMETOWN:**  
ROCHESTER, MI

**CLASS:**  
REDSHIRT FRESHMAN

**HEIGHT:**  
5'4"

**MAJOR:**  
ACCOUNTING

## **2021 (SPRING):**

-TOTALLED 40  
DIGS, AVERAGING 1.08  
PER SET

-RANKED THIRD ON THE  
TEAM IN SERVICE ACES  
PER SET (0.22)

-SEASON HIGH 2 ACES  
AGAINST PFW (3/8)



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