

MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

2026 Season

6 Final Four Appearances (2003, 2004, 2009, 2015, 2016, 2019) | 2004 National Runner-Up | 30 NCAA Tournament Appearances | 2002, 2015, 2018 Big Ten Champions

Game

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14 GOPHERS (0-0, 0-0 B1G)

12 ARIZONA ST (1-0, 0-0 B12)

Friday, Aug. 28

8 p.m. CT

Sanford Pentagon

Game

2

14 GOPHERS (0-0, 0-0 B1G)

13 CREIGHTON (0-0, 0-0 B12)

Saturday, Aug. 29

4 p.m. CT

Sanford Pentagon

SERIES INFORMATION

Minnesota trails Arizona State, 2-1, and leads Creighton, 6-2

First Meeting: 1973 (ASU), 1980 (Creighton)

Last Meeting: 2000 (ASU), 2023 (Creighton)

For the second-straight year, the No. 14 Minnesota Golden Gophers open the season at the AVCA First Serve at the Sanford Pentagon in Sioux Falls, S.D. The Gophers will take on No. 12 Arizona State on Friday, Aug. 28 at approximately 8 p.m. CT. No. 13 Creighton and No. 9 Purdue play before Minnesota at 6 p.m. Both Friday matches will be televised on FOX. On Saturday, the Gophers take on Creighton at approximately 4 p.m., following the 2 p.m. Arizona State/USC tilt. Both Saturday matches will air on FS1.



Head Coach: Keegan Cook

Alma Mater: (St. Mary's, 2007)

Career Record: 260-90 (12th Year)

Record at MN: 62-34 (4th Year)

2026 TOP RETURNERS

Kills: Alex Acevedo (2.64 kps)

Assists: Stella Swenson (9.77 apts)

Blocks: Jordan Taylor (1.23 bps)

Digs: Zeynep Palabiyik (3.73 dps)

BROADCAST INFORMATION

TV: FOX/FOX 9+ (Aug. 28)/FS1 (Aug. 29)

Talent: Connor Onion (Play-By-Play), Anna Connelly (Analyst),

Michelle McMahon (Sideline - Friday)

Live Stats: GopherSports.com

2026 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	MN RK/OPP	TIME (CT)	TV/RESULT
8/10	at Texas**	14/2	8 p.m.	NR
8/22	at Iowa St.**	14/NR	4 p.m.	NR
8/28	vs. Arizona St.^	14/12	8 p.m.	FOX
8/29	vs. Creighton^	14/13	4 p.m.	FS1
9/1	vs. Florida%	14/17	8 p.m.	BTN
9/2	vs. Auburn%	14/NR	5 p.m.	FS1
9/11	Miami&	14/NR	6 p.m.	B1G+
9/13	St. Thomas&	14/NR	1 p.m.	B1G+
9/18	vs. South Dakota^	14/NR	7 p.m.	Midco Sports+
9/19	vs. South Dakota St.^	14/NR	2:30 p.m.	Midco Sports+
9/24	at Illinois*	14/NR	7 p.m.	B1G+
9/26	Oregon*	14/25	6 p.m.	B1G+
10/1	Northwestern*	14/NR	7 p.m.	B1G+
10/4	Wisconsin*	14/6	5 p.m.	BTN
10/9	at Rutgers*	14/NR	6 p.m.	B1G+
10/11	at Ohio St.*	14/NR	3 p.m.	BTN
10/16	Michigan*	14/NR	7 p.m.	B1G+
10/17	Maryland*	14/NR	6 p.m.	B1G+
10/23	at Purdue*	14/9	6 p.m.	B1G+
10/25	Washington*	14/NR	1 p.m.	BTN
10/30	at UCLA*	14/NR	9 p.m.	B1G+
11/1	at USC*	14/20	4 p.m.	B1G+
11/6	Penn St.*	14/10	6 p.m.	B1G+
11/8	at Iowa*	14/NR	2 p.m.	B1G+
11/11	Indiana*	14/16	7 p.m.	B1G+
11/14	Michigan St.*	14/NR	7 p.m.	BTN
11/17	at Nebraska*	14/1	7:30 p.m.	B1G+
11/20-25	B1G Tournament	-	TBA	BTN
11/28	High Point	14/NR	1 p.m.	B1G+
12/3-5	NCAA Tournament			

** Exhibition

^ Sanford Pentagon (Sioux Falls, S.D.)

% B1G/SEC Challenge

& Diet Coke Classic

\$ NCAA Tournament

* Conference Game

NUMBERS TO KNOW

260 -- Keegan Cook won his 260th career match on Dec. 6 vs. Iowa State. Now in his 12th year as a head coach, Cook enters his fourth season at the helm of Gopher Volleyball with a 62-34 Minnesota record. He was named the AVCA Region Coach of the Year in 2025.

55 -- The 2026 season marks the 55th year of Gopher volleyball.

30 -- The 2025 NCAA Tournament was the 30th all-time postseason appearance for Minnesota. That is the 11th most of any program in the country as the Gophers advanced to the Sweet 16 in 2025.

24 -- The Gophers went 24-10 in the 2025 season, including 14-4 at Maturi Pavilion.

22 -- Minnesota ranked 22nd nationally in blocks per set last season. The Gophers averaged 2.65 bps, third in the Big Ten.

16 -- Sweeps in 34 matches last year for the Golden Gophers. Minnesota also won seven matches in four sets (1-2 in five).

14 -- Minnesota Golden Gophers enter the season as No. 14 in the AVCA Preseason poll. The Gophers will open the 2026 season at the Sanford Pentagon, where they'll take on the No. 12 Arizona State Sun Devils and No. 13 Creighton Bluejays.

12 -- Returners to the Gopher squad from last season, including starting setter Stella Swenson and Kate Thibault, who played in all 119 sets in the 2025 season.

6 -- Minnesota ranked 6th in average attendance at 4,488 per match (avg.) in 2025. They ranked 4th overall (80,779 total fans).

4 -- The Gophers welcome four newcomers to this year's roster: freshmen OH Makenna Crosson, DS Madi Kraft and MB Elena Hoecke all joined the Gophers in January 2026. Lucie Blažková joins the Gophers after two seasons at Washington State.

2 -- This is the first of two trips for Gopher Volleyball at the Sanford Pentagon this year. Minnesota plays Arizona State and Creighton this weekend and follows with its second trip to Sioux Falls, S.D. Sept. 18-19 to play South Dakota and South Dakota State.

1 -- Minnesota had one player land a spot on the Preseason All-Big Ten team in Carly Gilk. She played in 29 matches as a freshman and averaged 2.31 kills, 1.68 digs, 0.59 blocks and 0.26 aces.

GOPHER VOLLEYBALL ROSTER (2025 STATISTICS)

NO.	POS.	NAME	SP	KPS	DPS	APS	BPS	ACES
1	S	Stella Swenson	119	0.59	2.14	9.77	0.62	0.30
3	OH	McKenna Wucherer	--	--	--	--	--	--
4	OH	MaKenna Crosson	--	--	--	--	--	--
5	L	McKenna Garr	115	--	3.35	0.78	--	0.18
6	DS	Kate Thibault	119	0.01	2.06	0.42	--	0.06
7	OPP	Carly Gilk	95	2.31	1.68	0.27	0.59	0.26
8	MB	Calissa Minatee	28	1.71	0.07	0.07	1.04	--
10	S	Georgia Lee	115	--	0.35	0.16	--	0.23
11	DS	Madi Kraft	--	--	--	--	--	--
12	L	Zeynep Palabiyik	15	--	3.73	0.93	--	0.20
13	DS	Olivia Swenson	7	--	0.43	--	--	2
15	MB	Jordan Taylor	100	1.32	0.18	0.03	1.23	--
16	MB	Lucie Blaskova	100	2.80	0.66	0.17	1.21	0.30
17	MB	Elena Hoecke	--	--	--	--	--	--
24	OH	Alex Acevedo	42	2.64	1.26	0.12	0.31	15
33	OH	Kelly Kinney	108	2.35	0.69	0.13	0.50	0.26



Head Coach: JJ Van Niel

Alma Mater: (USC, 1998)

Career Record: 87-14 (4th Year)

Record at ASU: Same

2026 RETURNING STAT LEADERS

Kills: Noemie Glover (4.23 kps)

Assists: Faith Frame (0.75 apts)

Blocks: Ella Lomigora (1.14 bps)

Digs: Faith Frame (3.18 dps)



Head Coach: Brian Rosen

Alma Mater: (South Carolina - 2008)

Career Record: 73-23 (4th Year)

Record at CU: 28-6 (2nd Year)

2026 RETURNING STAT LEADERS

Kills: Jaya Johnson (2.40 kps)

Assists: Ivy Leuck (2.14 apts)

Blocks: Jaya Johnson (0.81 bps)

Digs: Sydney Bressinger (3.10 dps)

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2026 MINNESOTA VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/last school)
1	Stella Swenson	S	6-1	Jr.	Minnetonka, Minn. (Wayzata)
3	Mckenna Wucherer	OH	6-1	5th	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield Central)
4	Makenna Crosson	OH	6-3	Fr.	San Jose, Calif. (Archbishop Mitty)
5	McKenna Garr	DS/L	5-7	So.	Rush City, Minn. (Rush City)
6	Kate Thibault	DS/L	5-6	Sr.	Watertown, Minn. (Watertown-Mayer/Oregon)
7	Carly Gilk	OPP	6-2	So.	Brooklyn Park, Minn. (Champlin Park)
8	Calissa Minatee	MB	5-11	Sr.	Kansas City, Mo. (N. Kansas City)
10	Georgia Lee	S	6-1	Sr.	Phoenix, Ariz. (Corona Del Sol/Rutgers)
11	Madi Kraft	DS/L	5-6	Fr.	Eagan, Minn. (Eagan)
12	Zeynep Palabiyik	DS/L	5-4	Sr.	Istanbul, Turkey (Enka Schools)
13	Olivia Swenson	DS	6-3	Jr.	Minnetonka, Minn. (Wayzata)
15	Jordan Taylor	MB	6-5	So.	Houston, Texas (Langham Creek)
16	Lucie Blažková	MB	6-3	Sr.	Ceská Trebová, Czech Republic (Wash. St.)
17	Elena Hoecke	MB	6-3	Fr.	Prior Lake, Minn. (Prior Lake)
24	Alex Acevedo	OH	6-3	Sr.	Nampa, Idaho (Skyview/Oregon)
33	Kelly Kinney	OH	6-2	So.	West Palm Beach, Fla. (The King's Academy)

Head Coach: Keegan Cook (St. Mary's, 2007, 4th Year)

Associate Head Coach: Nellie Coleman (UCLA, 2009)

Assistant Coach: Arica Nassar (Oregon St., 2015)

Assistant Coach: Spencer Wickens (Pepperdine, 2021)

Tech Coordinator: Sanky Sanny (Temple, 2016)

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER AND PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

21	Alex Acevedo (Ah-sah-veedoh)	8	Calissa Minatee (Cuh-lissa Minna-tee)
16	Lucie Blažková (Blash-koh-va)	12	Zeynep Palabiyik (Puh-lobby-ick)
4	Makenna Crosson	13	Olivia Swenson
5	McKenna Garr	1	Stella Swenson
7	Carly Gilk	15	Jordan Taylor
17	Elena Hoecke (Hay-kee)	6	Kate Thibault (Thee-bault)
33	Kelly Kinney (Kinn-knee)	3	Mckenna Wucherer (Like 'Looker')
10	Georgia Lee		

GOPHERS IN SEASON OPENERS

- The Gophers are 42-12 all-time in season-opening games. The then No. 11 Minnesota volleyball team fell 3-1 to eventual NCAA champions Texas A&M. It marked the last time the Gophers played at the Sanford Pentagon, also part of the AVCA First Serve. The Aggies took home the victory 23-25, 25-21, 21-25, 21-25. Julia Hanson led Minnesota with 16 kills on .256 while Stella Swenson went for 39 assists, five blocks and four digs. Calissa Minatee had 10 kills and one block while Zeynep Palabiyik had 15 digs.

GOPHERS IN THE RANKINGS

- The 'U' entered the 2026 season with a No. 14 ranking in the Preseason AVCA poll (finished 15th in 2024). The Gophers have now been ranked in the preseason poll in 11 straight seasons and 25 of the last 27. The last time Minnesota was unranked in a preseason poll was before the 2015 season, in which they went on to make the Final Four.

GILK PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN

- Gophers sophomore Carly Gilk was named to the Preseason All-Big Ten Team, one of 19 student-athletes receiving recognition. She played in 29 matches as a freshman, averaging 2.31 kills, 1.68 digs, 0.59 blocks and 0.26 aces per set while hitting .290. She made the Big Ten All-Freshman Team and was an AVCA All-Northwest Region selection.

GILK WINS GOLD AT PAN AMERICAN CUP; TAYLOR AN ALTERNATE

- Two Gophers were named to the U.S. Women's U21 National Team in opposite Carly Gilk, while middle blocker Jordan Taylor was named an alternate. The 14 athletes were chosen from a group of 20 who just finished a training block in Columbus. Team USA won gold on July 12 with a 3-0 win over Canada.

ABOUT THE STATE FARM VOLLEYBALL SHOWCASE

- Launched in 2024, the State Farm Women's Volleyball Showcase shines a national spotlight on the start of the college volleyball season through elite competition, premium television exposure and standout non-conference matchups. The five-match showcase will feature nationally televised contests across opening weekend

SCOUTING ARIZONA STATE.

- Arizona State was voted as the preseason No. 1 team by the coaches in the conference. Additionally, senior Noemie Glover was named the Big 12 Preseason Player of the Year, while three were on the preseason team. The Sun Devils are also No. 12 in the AVCA preseason poll and already pulled off an upset over No. 2 Texas this past weekend. The Sun Devils won back-to-back Big 12 titles and sit atop the preseason Conference poll for the first time in their three seasons as a Big 12 member. The Sun Devils were 28-4 last season and 17-1 in Big 12 play. They advanced to the Sweet 16 after defeating Coppin State and Utah State, but fell to Creighton to end the 2025 campaign.

2025 BIG TEN STANDINGS (FINAL)

School	Big Ten Record	Pct.	Overall Record	Pct.
Nebraska	20-0	1.000	33-1	.971
Wisconsin	17-3	.850	28-5	.848
Purdue	15-5	.750	27-7	.794
USC	15-5	.750	25-7	.781
Indiana	14-6	.700	25-8	.758
Minnesota	12-8	.600	24-10	.706
Penn State	12-8	.600	19-13	.594
UCLA	12-8	.600	19-13	.594
Michigan	11-9	.550	22-11	.667
Illinois	8-12	.400	13-16	.448
Michigan State	8-12	.400	18-12	.600
Oregon	8-12	.400	17-13	.567
Washington	8-12	.400	13-17	.433
Northwestern	7-13	.350	17-15	.531
Iowa	6-14	.300	15-17	.469
Ohio State	3-17	.150	6-22	.214
Rutgers	3-17	.150	12-20	.375
Maryland	1-19	.050	8-22	.267

AVCA PRESEASON POLL

Rank	Team (1st votes)	2026 Record
1	Nebraska [57]	1,568
2	Texas [1]	1,427
3	Kentucky [4]	1,398
4	Pittsburgh	1,383
5	Stanford	1,312
6	Wisconsin	1,268
7	Louisville	1,140
8	Texas A&M [1]	1,089
9	Purdue	1,002
10	Penn State	947
11	SMU	934
12	Arizona State	920
13	Creighton	843
14	Minnesota	721
15	Kansas	566
16	Indiana	497
17	Florida	455
18	TCU	444
19	North Carolina	437
20	Southern California	395
21	Baylor	361
22	Tennessee	194
23	Colorado	180
24	BYU	161
25	Oregon	138

Others receiving votes and listed on two or more ballots: Miami (FL) 124; Iowa State 104; Georgia Tech 77; UCLA 61; Cal Poly 58; Utah 41; San Diego 34; Western Kentucky 33; Marquette 28; Northern Iowa 27; Dayton 22; Rice 14; Kansas State 10; Michigan State 10; Arizona 8; Illinois 7; Florida State 3; Villanova 3

MINNESOTA AVCA TOP-25 POLL HISTORY

Highest National Ranking: 1st, Sept. 13, 20 & 27 2004, Oct. 3, 2016, Nov. 28, 2016, Sept. 4-18, 2017

Highest Final National Ranking: 2nd (Dec. 22, 2004)

Highest Preseason Ranking: 1, (Aug. 2004)

Top-Ranked Opponent Defeated: 5 times, last vs. Texas, 9/2/24

Last Time Unranked: Sept. 7, 2015 (Before 2023 season)

2025 AVCA RANKINGS (BY WEEK):

Preseason: 11	Sept. 1: 14
Sept. 8: 13	Sept. 15: 12
Sept. 22: 12	Sept. 29: 10
Oct. 6: 14	Oct. 13: 18
Oct. 20: 20	Oct. 26: 20
Nov. 3: 22	Nov. 10: 20
Nov. 17: 19	Nov. 24: 18
Dec. 1: 17	Final: 15

TEAM MATCHUPS (2025 STATISTICS)

Team	Minnesota	Arizona St.	Creighton
Overall/Conf. Record	24-10 (12-8)	28-4 (17-1)	28-6 (16-0)
Kills	1526 (12.82 ps)	1590 (13.36 ps)	1653 (14.0 ps)
Hit %	.283	.281	.288
Assists	1397 (11.74 ps)	1498 (12.59 ps)	1532 (13.0 ps)
Aces	200 (1.68 ps)	167 (1.40 ps)	251 (2.1 ps)
Digs	1533 (12.88 ps)	1588 (13.25 ps)	1621 (13.7 ps)
Blocks	315.5 (2.65 ps)	337.0 (2.83 ps)	261.0 (2.2 ps)

- Arizona State is led by Glover, the reigning Big 12 Volleyball Player of the Year. Glover led the Sun Devils in total points, total kills, points per set, and kills per set in 2025. Her 4.23 kills per set (No. 8), 4.81 points per set (No. 8), and 423 kills (No. 10) all ranked inside the top 10 of all Big 12 players.
- Also landing spots on the Big 12 Volleyball Preseason Team were outsiders Aniya Clinton and Una Vajagic. Clinton played at Kansas State for four years before becoming a Sun Devil and had 351 kills, good enough for second on the team. She was named a Second Team All-Big 12 selection last season. Vajagic is coming to ASU after spending two years at Wisconsin and is a member of the Serbian National Team. She started in all matches for the Badgers in 2025 and ranked second on the team in kills (307) and digs (275).

SCOUTING CREIGHTON

- Creighton enters the season ranked 13th in the AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25 Preseason Poll. The Bluejays return three starters and nine letterwinners from a team that finished last year 28-6, won an unprecedented 12th straight regular-season BIG EAST title and finished the season ranked 10th in the country.
- The Bluejays graduated four seniors, including All-Americans Ava Martin, Kiara Reinhardt and Annalea Maeder, but have reloaded with seven newcomers while also getting back Ava TeStrake from injury. Jaya Johnson was an All-Big East selection when she averaged 2.40 kills, 1.06 digs and 0.81 blocks. After transferring from Ohio State in 2024, Eloise Brandewie joined the Bluejays and had 1.40 kills and 1.02 blocks in 100 sets last season. Abbey Hayes was named a Big East All-Freshman Team after she averaged 1.88 kills and 1.23 digs per set in 34 matches. Sydney Breissingler led Creighton with 366 digs last season. Like Minnesota's Gilk, Ayden Ames also won a gold medal with USA Volleyball's U21 Team at the Pan American Games. She joins the Creighton team after playing at Texas in 2025. Katie Dalton joins the Bluejays after being a Second Team All-Big 12 setter for Kansas.

MINNESOTA'S HISTORY VS. ASU AND CREIGHTON

- Minnesota is 1-2 all-time vs. Arizona State. The teams played three times between 1983 and 2000 and have not played one another since.
- Minnesota is 6-2 all-time against Creighton. The Bluejays beat Minnesota in year one under coach Cook at the Pav in 2023. They then ended the Gophers' season at home in the 2023 NCAA Tournament Round of 32.

BAPTISM BY FIRE

- Minnesota lost four starters to season-ending injuries last season in OH Alex Acevedo and McKenna Wucherer, MB Calissa Minatee and L Zeynep Palabiyik.
- Due to injuries in 2025, Minnesota depended heavily on five freshmen to fill those roles in opposite Carly Gilk, middle Jordan Taylor, libero McKenna Garr, setter Stella Swenson and outside Kelly Kinney.

MINNESOTA MILESTONES

- Last season, Stella Swenson became the first Gophers freshman to hit 1,000 assists since her sister, Samantha Seliger-Swenson, did so in 2015.
- McKenna Garr, Carly Gilk, Georgia Lee, Kelly Kinney and Stella Swenson all hit 20 aces last season for the first time while McKenna Garr posted a 300-dig season.

SWENSON CAPS STRONG ROOKIE YEAR IN 2025

- Named Big Ten Setter of the Week in just her second week as the Minnesota starter, Swenson had a great rookie year when she averaged 9.77 assists, 2.14 digs, 0.59 kills, 0.62 blocks and 0.30 aces per set. She's tallied eight double-doubles in 2025 and nine 40+ assist matches
- Her rookie accolades included All-Big Ten Second Team, Big Ten All-Freshman Team and both the All-Tournament Teams at the Diet Coke Classic and Golden Gopher Invitational. She was also named to the AVCA Player of the Year Watch List on Oct. 2, the only freshman to make the list.

LAST YEAR'S STARTING LINEUP COMBINATIONS

- Minnesota has used 14 different starting lineup combinations last season as it navigates injuries and youth. Four starters are out for the season due to injuries and two more regulars have missed at least one match due to injury. 13 of the 16 players on the roster started at least one match last year.

MEDIA PROTOCOLS

MEDIA CREDENTIALS: Requests for media credentials (newspaper, radio, TV, photo) for Minnesota home games must be made on-line at gophersports.com/media.

MEDIA ENTRANCE: Media must enter Maturi Pavilion through west lobby, which is at the main ticket office and between University of Fourth Street.

PRESS AREA: Print media are asked to remain in their seats for the majority of the time. Media should use restrooms located off the concourse.

PHOTO LOCATIONS: Photogs can shoot with their backs on the table across from the benches, outside the 10-foot zone.

POSTGAME INTERVIEWS: Will take place in the media room near the University Avenue entrance of Maturi Pavilion.

PRESS AREA CLOSING: Press area will close 75 minutes following the last conducted interview.

GOPHERS 2025 RECORD WHEN...

Overall Record	24-10
Against Big Ten Teams	12-8
At Home	14-4
On Opponents' Home Court	10-5
At a Neutral Location	0-1
On Television	7-6
On Streaming Services	17-4
In Three Sets	16-4
In Four Sets	7-4
In Five Sets	1-2
Winning the First Set	21-3
Losing the First Set	3-7
Winning First Two Sets	21-1
Losing First Two Sets	0-5
Split After Two Sets	4-4
Against Ranked Teams	4-7
Against Unranked Teams	20-3
Minnesota Leads in Hitting Percentage	23-0
Minnesota Trails in Hitting Percentage	1-10
Minnesota Leads Match in Kills	13-0
Minnesota Trails Match in Kills	7-10
Minnesota Tied Match in Kills	4-0
Minnesota Leads in Assists	14-0
Minnesota Trails in Assists	9-10
Minnesota Tied in Assists	1-0
Minnesota Leads in Digs	14-1
Minnesota Trails in Digs	5-9
Minnesota Tied in Digs	5-0
Minnesota Leads in Blocks	19-4
Minnesota Trails in Blocks	4-5
Minnesota Tied in Blocks	1-1
In the month of August	3-1
In the month of September	9-0
In the month of October	5-4
In the month of November	5-4
In the month of December	2-1

THE LAST TIME THE GOPHERS...

Won in Three Sets	12/11/25 at Pitt
Lost in Three Sets	11/28/25 vs. Wisconsin
Won in Four Sets	11/26/25 vs. Purdue
Lost in Four Sets	11/5 at Wisconsin
Won in Five Sets	11/16/25 at Iowa
Lost in Five Sets	11/1/25 vs. USC
Hit .300-.399 in a Match	(.384) 12/6/25 vs. Iowa State
Hit .400-.499 in a Match	(.412) 10/24/25 at Indiana
Hit .500-.599 in a Match	(.582) 12/5/25 vs. Fairfield
Had over 60 Kills in a Match	(11/16/25 at Iowa (67)
Had Over 70 Kills in a Match	9/21/23 at Iowa (76)
Had Over 10 Aces in a Match	10/12/25 vs. Ohio St. (11)
Had Over 15 Blocks in a Match	11/16/25 at Iowa (16.0)
Had Over 90 Digs in a Match	9/7/24 vs. TCU (99)
Held a Team Hitting < .100	12/5/25 vs. Fairfield (.056)
Had A Player Hit over .900	N. Gros (1.000 at MSU 10/12/22)
Had a Player with Triple Double	M Shaffmaster (9/7/24, TCU)
Player Had 20 Kills, 20 Digs...Samedy (31 K, 20 D, 11/21/21, UW)	
Had player with 21+ Kills	J Hanson (23, 12/6/25, ISU)
Had a Player with 30+ Kills	S Samedy (31, 11/21/21, UW)
Had a Player with 40+ Kills	N Branagh (11/4/00 PSU)
Had a Player with 14+ Blocks	P Awoloye (10/12/24, MARY)
Had a Player with 30+ Digs	CC McGraw (9/24/21, MICH)
Had a Home Sellout (5,500)	10/12/24 vs. Maryland
Defeated a No. 1 Ranked Team	9/2/24 vs. #1 Texas
Defeated a Top-5 Team	11/25/22 at #5 Nebraska
Defeated a Top-10 Team	9/25/24 vs. #7 Wisconsin

Setter History at Minnesota (2015-25)			
Category	Sam Seliger-Swenson (2015-18)	Melani Shaffmaster (2020-24)	Stella Swenson (2025-)
Matches	134	140	34
Assists	5,661 (11.82 aps)	5,091 (9.75 aps)	1163 (9.77 aps)
Kills	200 (0.42 kps)	441 (0.84 kps)	70 (0.59 kps)
Digs	1,150 (2.40 dps)	1,479 (2.83 dps)	255 (2.14 dps)
Aces	123 (0.26 saps)	128 (0.25 saps)	36 (0.30 saps)
Blocks	226 (0.50 bps)	355 (0.70 bps)	74 (0.62 bps)

2025 STARTING LINEUPS

Date & Opp	OPP/DS	SETTER	OH	OH/OPP/DS	L	MB/DS	MB
8/25 vs. A&M	Garr	Swenson	Hanson	Crowl	Palabiyik	Myers	Minatee
8/29 vs. Cal Poly	Garr	Swenson	Hanson	Crowl	Palabiyik	Myers	Minatee
8/30 vs. Ball St.	Garr	Swenson	Hanson	Thibault	Palabiyik	Myers	Minatee
8/31 vs. UST	Garr	Swenson	Hanson	Gilk	Palabiyik	Taylor	Minatee
9/4 at Vandy	Lee	Swenson	Hanson	Acevedo	Garr	Thibault	Minatee
9/5 at Lipscomb	Kinney	Swenson	Hanson	Acevedo	Garr	Myers	Minatee
9/12 vs. USF	Thibault	Swenson	Hanson	Acevedo	Garr	Myers	Minatee
9/13 vs. Dayton	Thibault	Swenson	Hanson	Acevedo	Garr	Myers	Minatee
9/14 vs. SDSU	Crowl	Swenson	Hanson	Acevedo	Garr	Myers	Minatee
9/19 at Loy.	Gilk	Swenson	Kinney	Acevedo	Garr	Myers	Taylor
9/21 at Marq.	Thibault	Swenson	Hanson	Acevedo	Garr	Myers	Taylor
9/25 vs. MSU	Kinney	Swenson	Hanson	Acevedo	Garr	Myers	Taylor
9/28 vs. RUT	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Acevedo	Garr	Myers	Taylor
10/1 at Michigan	Kinney	Swenson	Hanson	Acevedo	Thibault	Myers	Taylor
10/5 at NW	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Acevedo	Garr	Myers	Taylor
10/8 vs. UCLA	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Kinney	Garr	Myers	Taylor
10/12 vs. OSU	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Kinney	Garr	Myers	Taylor
10/17 at Ore	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Kinney	Garr	Myers	Taylor
10/18 at Wash	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Kinney	Garr	Myers	Taylor
10/24 at Indiana	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Kinney	Garr	Myers	Taylor
10/26 at Purdue	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Kinney	Garr	Myers	Taylor
10/29 vs. ILL	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Kinney	Garr	Myers	Taylor
11/1 vs. USC	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Thibault	Garr	Myers	Taylor
11/5 at WIS	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Kinney	Garr	Myers	Taylor
11/8 vs. NEB	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Kinney	Garr	Myers	Taylor
11/14 vs. PSU	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Lee	Garr	Myers	Taylor
11/16 at Iowa	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Kinney	Garr	Myers	Taylor
11/21 at UMD	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Thibault	Garr	Myers	Taylor
11/23 at RUT	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Kinney	Garr	Myers	Taylor
11/26 vs. PUR	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Thibault	Garr	Myers	Taylor
11/28 vs. WIS	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Thibault	Garr	Myers	Taylor
12/5 vs. Fairfield	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Thibault	Garr	Myers	Taylor
12/6 vs. Iowa St.	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Thibault	Garr	Myers	Taylor
12/11 at Pitt	Gilk	Swenson	Hanson	Thibault	Garr	Myers	Taylor

2025 Individual Match-By Match Highs

Date & Opp	Kills	Assists	Digs	Total Blocks	Points
8/25 vs. Texas A&M	Hanson (16)	Swenson (39)	Palabiyik (15)	Swenson (5.0)	Hanson (16.5)
8/29 vs. Cal Poly	Hanson (21)	Swenson (48)	Thibault (19)	Myers (4.0)	Hanson (21.5)
8/30 vs. Ball St.	Hanson (12)	Swenson (39)	Palabiyik (15)	Gilk (3.0)	Hanson (14)
8/31 vs. UST	Hanson (18)	Swenson (37)	Thibault (12)	Minatee (5.0)	Hanson (19.5)
9/5 at Vandy	Hanson (13)	Swenson (30)	Garr (16)	Myers (7.0)	Hanson (14.5)
9/6 at Lipscomb	Hanson (16)	Swenson (27)	Garr (14)	Minatee (6.0)	Hanson (18)
9/12 vs. South Fla.	Hanson (7)	Swenson (28)	Garr (11)	Minatee (7.0)	Acevedo (10.5)
9/13 vs. Dayton	Kinney (12)	Swenson (36)	Garr (11)	Myers (5.0)	Hanson (13.5)
9/14 vs. SDSU	Acevedo (16)	Swenson (36)	Garr (19)	Myers (7.0)	Acevedo (17.5)
9/19 vs. Loyola C.	Kinney (11)	Swenson (28)	Garr (20)	Taylor (5.0)	Kinney (12.0)
9/21 vs. Marquette	Hanson (15)	Swenson (42)	Garr (17)	Taylor (8.0)	Hanson (16.0)
9/25 vs. Michigan St.	Hanson (11)	Swenson (32)	Garr (13)	Myers (6.0)	Hanson (14.5)
9/28 vs. Rutgers	Myers (8)	Swenson (28)	Garr (6)	Myers (3.0)	Myers (9.5)
10/1 at Michigan	Hanson (7)	Swenson (19)	Thibault (10)	Taylor (5.0)	Hanson (8.5)
10/5 at N'Western	Hanson (18)	Swenson (41)	Garr (14)	Taylor (8.0)	Hanson (20.0)
10/8 vs. UCLA	Hanson (13)	Swenson (25)	Garr (13)	Myers (2.0)	Hanson (15.5)
10/12 vs. Ohio St.	Hanson (16)	Swenson (32)	Gilk (10)	Taylor (6.0)	Hanson (17.0)
10/17 at Oregon	Kinney (11)	Swenson (23)	Garr (13)	Taylor (8.0)	Kinney (13.5)
10/18 at Washington	Hanson (15)	Swenson (31)	Swenson (11)	Myers (9.0)	Hanson (19.5)
10/24 at Indiana	Hanson (17)	Swenson (49)	Garr (12)	Myers (4.0)	Hanson (20.5)
10/26 at Purdue	Hanson (19)	Swenson (45)	Gilk (10)	Myers (9.0)	Hanson (26.5)
10/29 vs. Illinois	Hanson (23)	Swenson (33)	Gilk (10)	Myers (8.0)	Hanson (24.0)
11/1 vs. USC	Hanson (26)	Swenson (44)	Swenson (14)	Myers (4.0)	Hanson (29.5)
11/5 at Wisconsin	Hanson (21)	Swenson (41)	Garr (15)	Taylor (7.0)	Hanson (22.5)
11/8 vs. Nebraska	Hanson (13)	Swenson (28)	Swenson (9)	Taylor (3.0)	Hanson (14.5)
11/14 vs. Penn St.	Hanson (14)	Swenson (28)	Garr (17)	Taylor (6.0)	Hanson (16.0)
11/16 at Iowa	Kinney (17)	Swenson (58)	Garr (15)	Taylor (11.0)	Gilk (19.5)
11/21 at Maryland	Hanson (12)	Swenson (31)	Garr (13)	Myers (6.0)	Hanson (15.5)
11/23 at Rutgers	Kinney (10)	Swenson (29)	Garr (8)	Taylor (7.0)	Kinney (14.0)
11/26 vs. Purdue	Hanson (19)	Swenson (40)	Thibault (12)	Taylor (4.0)	Hanson (20.0)
11/28 vs. Wisconsin	Kinney (7)	Swenson (22)	Garr (15)	Myers (5.0)	Hanson (9.5)
12/5 vs. Fairfield	Hanson (13)	Swenson (31)	Garr (10)	Myers (6.0)	Hanson (17.5)
12/6 vs. Iowa St.	Hanson (23)	Swenson (35)	Garr (11)	Taylor (5.0)	Hanson (24.0)
12/11 at Pitt	Gilk/Kinney (9)	Swenson (28)	Garr (10)	Myers (6.0)	Hanson (10.0)

2025 MN/Opponents Match-By-Match

Date	Opponent	Kills	Hitting Pct.	Aces	Digs	Team Blocks	Points
8/25	Texas A&M	48/64	.240/.304	4/1	38/53	7.0/12	59.0/77.0
8/29	Cal Poly	69/46	.350/.216	2/4	78/66	5.0/7	76.0/57.0
8/30	Ball State	50/39	.523/.293	4/1	38/28	6.0/2	60.0/42.0
8/31	UST	46/52	.237/.176	10/4	49/49	9.0/7	69.0/63.0
9/5	Vanderbilt	35/33	.247/.116	5/6	36/29	12/2	52.0/41.0
9/6	Lipscomb	35/38	.358/.184	7/3	38/38	11/1	53.0/42.0
9/12	South Fla.	35/22	.338/-.025	8/5	31/31	11.5/4	54.5/31.0
9/13	Dayton	61/44	.305/.167	4/6	49/43	8/4	61/44.0
9/14	SDSU	55/55	.196/.134	5/4	70/70	17.5/11	77.5/70.0
9/19	Loyola Chi.	43/30	.375/.061	4/2	52/41	7/3	54.0/35.0
9/21	Marquette	51/49	.265/.203	1/1	59/54	13/3	65.0/53.0
9/25	Michigan St.	40/45	.389/.211	4/3	37/39	8/1	52.0/49.0
9/28	Rutgers	41/41	.369/.277	11/6	31/29	5/5	57.0/52.0
10/1	Michigan	29/65	.093/.383	4/3	37/53	8/9	41.0/77.0
10/5	Northwestern	53/53	.290/.217	6/5	58/58	11/4	70.0/62.0
10/8	UCLA	31/42	.089/.230	5/4	47/59	4/12	40.0/58.0
10/12	Ohio St.	39/34	.283/.181	11/5	33/35	6/7	56.0/46.0
10/17	Oregon	35/59	.181/.270	5/10	40/60	11/4	51.0/73.0
10/18	Washington	47/51	.266/.242	6/4	52/53	12/7	65.0/62.0
10/24	Indiana	61/49	.412/.286	10/10	46/42	9/3.5	80.0/62.5
10/26	Purdue	60/74	.253/.269	11/6	53/65	14.5/7	85.5/87.0
10/29	Illinois	46/35	.337/.144	5/4	42/37	11/4	62.0/43.0
11/1	USC	56/68	.181/.349	15/7	57/63	8.5/14	79.5/89.0
11/5	Wisconsin	49/53	.267/.311	7/7	42/43	11/8	67.0/68.0
11/8	Nebraska	36/55	.268/.434	4/4	33/47	5/3	45.0/62.0
11/14	Penn St.	40/41	.242/.209	4/3	46/35	6/8.5	50.0/52.5
11/16	Iowa	67/67	.342/.222	2/6	54/58	16/5.5	85.0/78.5
11/21	Maryland	44/19	.391/.034	6/3	48/34	7/5	57.0/27.0
11/23	Rutgers	36/37	.373/.170	6/6	28/26	14/5	56.0/48.0
11/26	Purdue	54/65	.252/.276	4/6	59/66	7/11	65.0/82.0
11/28	Wisconsin	26/52	.132/.385	3/8	46/44	6/6	35.0/66.0
12/5	Fairfield	40/27	.582/.056	8/1	31/21	11.5/1.5	59.5/29.5
12/6	Iowa State	47/33	.384/.170	5/3	41/39	7/4	59.0
12/11	Pitt	47/33	.178/.271	4/3	34/49	10/5.5	47.0/55.0

2026 ACCOLADES

Carly Gilk
Preseason All-Big Ten

2025 GOPHER MATCH HIGHS

ATTACK PERCENT (K-E-TA)

.582 (40-1-67) 3s vs. Fairfield 12/5/25

KILLS (K-E-TA)

69 (69-14-157) 4s vs. Cal Poly, 8/29/25

TOTAL ATTEMPTS (K-E-TA)

160 (56-27-160) 5s vs. USC, 11/1/25

ASSISTS

64; 5s at Iowa, 11/16/25

DIGS

78; 4s vs. Cal Poly, 8/29/25

ACES

15; 5s vs. USC, 11/1/25

BLOCKS (BS-BA)

17.5; 4s vs. SDSU, 9/14/25

ATTACK PERCENT (K-E-TA) minimum 12 kills

.632; Julia Hanson (12-0-19) 3s vs. Ball State, 8/30/25

KILLS (K-E-TA)

26; Julia Hanson (26-9-63) 5s vs. USC, 11/1/25

TOTAL ATTEMPTS (K-E-TA)

63; Julia Hanson (26-9-63) 5s vs. USC, 11/1/25

POINTS (K-A-B)

29.5; Julia Hanson (26K, 2SA, 1BLK) 5s vs. USC, 11/1/25

ASSISTS

58; Stella Swenson 5s at Iowa, 11/16/25

DIGS

20; McKenna Garr 3s at Loyola Chicago, 9/19/25

ACES

9; Carly Gilk 5s vs. USC, 11/1/25

BLOCKS (BS-BA)

11.0 (0-11) Jordan Taylor, 5s at Iowa, 11/16/25

BY THE NUMBERS (Match)

10+ KILL MATCHES		
	2025	Overall
Alex Acevedo	6	8
Carly Gilk	7	7
Kelly Kinney	10	10
Calissa Minatee	2	5
Lourdes Myers	2	3
Mckenna Wucherer	--	42

15+ KILL MATCHES		
	2025	Overall
Alex Acevedo	1	1
Carly Gilk	2	2
Kelly Kinney	2	2
Mckenna Wucherer	--	13

20+ KILL MATCHES		
	2025	Overall
Mckenna Wucherer	--	1

30+ ASSIST MATCHES		
	2025	Overall
Stella Swenson	22	22

40+ ASSIST MATCHES		
	2025	Overall
Stella Swenson	9	9

50+ ASSIST MATCHES		
	2025	Overall
Stella Swenson	1	1

60+ ASSIST MATCHES		
	2025	Overall

10+ DIG MATCHES		
	2025	Overall
Alex Acevedo	--	3
McKenna Garr	24	24
Carly Gilk	7	7
Zeynep Palabiyik	3	30
Stella Swenson	8	8
Kate Thibault	9	18
Mckenna Wucherer	--	7

15+ DIG MATCHES		
	2025	Overall
Alex Acevedo	--	1
McKenna Garr	6	6
Zeynep Palabiyik	3	16
Stella Swenson	1	1
Kate Thibault	2	3

20+ DIG MATCHES		
	2025	Overall
Alex Acevedo	--	1
McKenna Garr	3	3
Zeynep Palabiyik	--	9
Stella Swenson	--	--
Kate Thibault	--	--

3+ BLOCK MATCHES		
	2025	Overall
Alex Acevedo	3	3
Carly Gilk	9	9
Kelly Kinney	6	6
Calissa Minatee	4	28
Stella Swenson	11	11
Jordan Taylor	17	17
Mckenna Wucherer	--	18

5+ BLOCK MATCHES		
	2025	Overall
Carly Gilk	1	1
Kelly Kinney	1	1
Calissa Minatee	2	10
Stella Swenson	4	4
Jordan Taylor	12	12
Mckenna Wucherer	--	1

8+ BLOCK MATCHES		
	2025	Overall
Calissa Minatee	--	1
Jordan Taylor	4	4

10+ BLOCK MATCHES		
	2025	Overall
Jordan Taylor	1	1

MATCHES WITH AN ACE		
	2025	Overall
Alex Acevedo	10	29
McKenna Garr	15	15
Carly Gilk	13	13
Kelly Kinney	14	14
Georgia Lee	14	22
Zeynep Palabiyik	2	23
Olivia Swenson	2	2
Stella Swenson	20	20
Kate Thibault	5	16
Mckenna Wucherer	--	11

MATCHES WITH MULTIPLE ACES		
	2025	Overall
Alex Acevedo	4	12
McKenna Garr	4	4
Carly Gilk	5	5
Kelly Kinney	9	9
Georgia Lee	9	11
Chloe Ng	--	1
Zeynep Palabiyik	1	7
Stella Swenson	8	8
Kate Thibault	1	8
Mckenna Wucherer	--	4

MATCHES WITH 3+ ACES		
	2025	Overall
Alex Acevedo	1	3
McKenna Garr	1	1
Carly Gilk	1	1
Kelly Kinney	2	2
Georgia Lee	2	3
Stella Swenson	2	2
Kate Thibault	--	1

MATCHES WITH 5+ ACES		
	2025	Overall
Alex Acevedo	--	1
Carly Gilk	1	1
Stella Swenson	1	1

BY THE NUMBERS (Season)

150+ KILLS		
	Times	Year(s)
Carly Gilk	1	2025
Kelly Kinney	1	2025
Calissa Minatee	1	2024
Mckenna Wucherer	3	2022-24

200+ KILLS		
	Times	Year(s)
Kelly Kinney	1	2025
Mckenna Wucherer	1	2023

300+ KILLS		
	Times	Year(s)
Mckenna Wucherer	1	2023

400+ KILLS		
	Times	Year(s)

500+ ASSISTS		
	Times	Year(s)
Stella Swenson	1	2025

750+ ASSISTS		
	Times	Year(s)
Stella Swenson	1	2025

1,000+ ASSISTS		
	Times	Year(s)
Stella Swenson	1	2025

300+ DIGS		
	Times	Year(s)
McKenna Garr	1	2025
Zeynep Palabiyik	1	2024

400+ DIGS		
	Times	Year(s)
Zeynep Palabiyik	1	2024

70+ BLOCKS		
	Times	Year(s)
Calissa Minatee	1	2024
Stella Swenson	1	2025
Jordan Taylor	1	2025

100+ BLOCKS		
	Times	Year(s)
Calissa Minatee	1	2024
Jordan Taylor	1	2025

20+ SERVICE ACES		
	Times	Year(s)
Alex Acevedo	1	2024
McKenna Garr	1	2025
Carly Gilk	1	2025
Julia Hanson	2	2024-25
Kelly Kinney	1	2025
Georgia Lee	1	2025
Stella Swenson	1	2025

30+ SERVICE ACES		
	Times	Year(s)
Alex Acevedo	1	2024
Stella Swenson	1	2025

GOPHER NOTES TO KNOW

ALL-TIME NCAA APPEARANCES (MINNESOTA RANKS 11TH ALL-TIME)

- 45: Penn State - 44: Stanford, Nebraska - 42: Hawaii, Texas - 41: USC - 37: BYU - 36: Florida
- 34: Louisville - 31: UC Santa Barbara - **30: Minnesota** - 29: Wisconsin - 27: Pepperdine

MINNESOTA'S NCAA TOURNAMENT HISTORY

- Minnesota made its 30th appearance in the NCAA Tournament in 2025. The 'U' has made the tournament in 11 straight and 26 of the last 27 seasons overall.
- The Gophers all-time record in NCAA Tournaments is 64-30.
- Minnesota has made the Final Four six times (2003, 2004, 2009, 2015, 2016, 2019). The 'U' made the national title match in '04, losing in three sets to Stanford.
- As a program, the 'U' has made the Sweet 16 on 21 occasions and the Elite Eight on 10 occasions.
- Playing at home in the NCAA Tournament, Minnesota is 18-1 its last 19 games. The only loss came in the 2018 Sweet 16 to Oregon. Minnesota came into the 2018 NCAA Tournament as the No. 2 overall seed, hosting the first and second rounds in addition to regionals.
- Before 2023, 2008 was the last time the 'U' made NAAs but didn't at least make the Sweet 16.

GOPHERS HISTORY IN THE REGIONAL SEMIFINALS AND FINALS

- Minnesota made its 21st appearance in the NCAA Regional Semifinals in 2025 and first since 2022. In 2022, it was the 'U's 12th straight Sweet 16 appearance when making the NCAA Tournament.

FINAL FOUR SUCCESS

- Since 2015, Minnesota is one of just SIX teams in the country to have made at least three Final Four appearances in the past nine seasons.
- The Gophers went to the Final Four in 2015, 2016 and 2019. Wisconsin has also been to three Final Fours in the past six years.
- Wisconsin (4), Texas (5), Stanford (4) and Nebraska (8) are the only programs to make the national semifinals more than the Gophers in that span in that time frame.

BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD RUNS THROUGH MINNEAPOLIS

- In the past nine seasons, Minnesota has dominated the Big Ten Player of the Year award race. A Gopher has won the conference's most prestigious award six times since 2015.
- All-time, nine Gophers have won Big Ten Player of the Year since its debut in 1983. Martie Larsen (1983), Nicole Branagh (2000) and Cassie Busse (2003) were the others.

BIG TEN PLAYER OF THE YEAR (since 2015):

2015: Daly Santana (MN)

2016: Sarah Wilhite (MN*)

2017: Simone Lee (PSU)

2018: Samantha Seliger-Swenson (MN)

2019: Dana Rettke (WIS)

2020-21: Stephanie Samedy (MN)

2021: Stephanie Samedy (MN)

2022: Taylor Landfair (MN)

2023: Sarah Franklin (WIS)

2024: Sarah Franklin (WIS)

2025: Bergen Reilly (NEB)

* Wilhite was also named the AVCA National Player of the Year

FIRST TEAM ALL-BIG TEN SELECTIONS ALL-TIME

- Since Big Ten Volleyball began in 1983, Minnesota has the second most all-time All-Big Ten selections with 79. Penn State leads all Big Ten teams with 100.

1. Penn State (102)
- 2. Minnesota (80)**
3. Wisconsin (68)
4. Illinois (59)
5. Ohio State (53)
6. Purdue (46), Nebraska (46)
8. Michigan State (32)
9. Michigan (25)
10. Northwestern (16)
11. Indiana (16)
12. Iowa (9)
13. Maryland (4)
14. Oregon, UCLA, USC (4)
17. Rutgers, Washington (1)

GOPHERS IN BIG TEN PLAY

- Since 2012, Minnesota is 198-70 (.749) in B1G play, including 11 seasons over .500 in league play.
- In 10 of those seasons, the 'U' went 15-5 or better in B1G play, with the best being 19-1 in 2018.
- 2023 (12-8 B1G) was the first season since 2014 (9-11 Big Ten) that Minnesota won less than 15 of its conference matches. The Gophers clinched their 11th straight winning B1G season vs. Rutgers
- The Gophers won B1G titles in 2016 and 2018 and have finished either 1st, 2nd or 3rd in 10 of the last 13 seasons.

ALL-AMERICANS SINCE 2012

28 TOTAL | 13 INDIVIDUALS | 13 FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICANS

2025: Julia Hanson (2T)
2024: Julia Hanson (HM)
2022: Taylor Landfair (1T)
2021: Stephanie Samedy (1T), CC McGraw (HM)
2020-21: Stephanie Samedy (1T), Regan Pittman (HM), Taylor Landfair (HM)
2019: Alexis Hart (3T), Regan Pittman (1T), Stephanie Samedy (2T)
2018: Regan Pittman (2T), Stephanie Samedy (1T), Sam Seliger-Swenson (1T)
2017: Alexis Hart (3T), Stephanie Samedy (1T), Sam Seliger-Swenson (2T)
2016: Sam Seliger-Swenson (1T), Hannah Tapp (2T), Sarah Wilhite (1T)
2015: Daly Santana (1T), Sam Seliger-Swenson (2T), Hannah Tapp (1T), Paige Tapp (3T)
2014: Paige Tapp (3T)
2013: Tori Dixon (1T), Ashley Wittman (2T)
2012: Tori Dixon (2T), Katherine Harms (1T)

ALL-BIG TEN SELECTIONS SINCE 2012

49 TOTAL | 24 INDIVIDUALS | 34 FIRST TEAM SELECTIONS

2025: Julia Hanson (1T), Stella Swenson (2T)
2024: Lydia Grote (1T), Julia Hanson (1T), Melani Shaffmaster (1T), Phoebe Awoleye (2T)
2023: Taylor Landfair (1T), Kylie Murr (1T), Melani Shaffmaster (2T), Lydia Grote (2T)
2022: Taylor Landfair (1T), Carter Booth (1T), Melani Shaffmaster (1T), CC McGraw (2T)
2021: Stephanie Samedy (1T), CC McGraw (1T), Jenna Wenaas (2T)
2020-21: Stephanie Samedy (1T), Regan Pittman (1T), Taylor Landfair (1T)
2019: CC McGraw (1T), Regan Pittman (1T), Stephanie Samedy (1T), Alexis Hart (2T), Taylor Morgan (2T)
2018: Regan Pittman (1T), Stephanie Samedy (1T), Sam Seliger-Swenson (1T), Alexis Hart (2T), Taylor Morgan (2T), Adanna Rollins (2T)
2017: Alexis Hart (1T), Stephanie Samedy (1T), Sam Seliger-Swenson (1T)
2016: Sam Seliger-Swenson (1T), Hannah Tapp (1T), Sarah Wilhite (1T), Molly Lohman (HM)
2015: Daly Santana (1T), Sam Seliger-Swenson (1T), Hannah Tapp (1T), Paige Tapp (HM)
2014: Paige Tapp (1T), Daly Santana (HM)
2013: Tori Dixon (1T), Ashley Wittman (1T)
2012: Tori Dixon (1T), Katherine Harms (1T), Ashley Wittman (HM)

BIG TEN ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM SELECTIONS SINCE 2012

13 TOTAL

2025: Carly Gilk, Stella Swenson
2022: Carter Booth, McKenna Wucherer
2020-21: Taylor Landfair, Melani Shaffmaster
2018: CC McGraw, Adanna Rollins
2017: Stephanie Samedy
2016: Alexis Hart
2015: Samantha Seliger-Swenson
2013: Hannah Tapp
2012: Daly Santana

FOUR-TIME ALL-AMERICANS



Stephanie Samedy



Samantha Seliger-Swenson

CAREER RECORDS

ASSISTS

1. Sharon Oesterling (1986-89)	6,024
2. Becky Bauer (1994-97)	5,918
3. Lindsey Berg (1998-2001)	5,913
4. Sam Seliger-Swenson (2015-18)	5,674
5. Sue Jackson (1990-93)	5,120
6. Melani Shaffmaster (2020-Pres.)	5,091
7. Rachel Hartmann (2005-08)	4,925
8. Lindsey Taatjes (2001-04)	4,720
9. Mia Tabberson (2009-2012)	2,565
10. Alexandra Palmer (2012-13)	2,348
11. Kelly Bowman (2003-06)	2,163
12. Jennie Collings (1983-86)	2,115
13. Taylor Carico (2009-10)	1,207
14. Katie Schau (2013-16)	1,013
15. Chris Donnell (1982-83)	921
16. Kylie Miller (2019)	694
17. Stephanie Nucci (2010)	611
18. Bayley McMenimen (2018-21)	540
19. Erica Handley (2014-16)	514
Missy Larson (1984-1987)	514
21. Diana Libbesmeier (1979-82)	502

DIGS

1. Paula Gentil (2002-05)	2,791
2. Christine Tan (2006-09)	1,927
3. CC McGraw (2018-22)	1,924
4. Dalianliz Rosado (2014-17)	1,870
5. Jessica Granquist (2008-11)	1,737
6. Stephanie Samedy (2017-21)	1,538
7. Ashley Wittman (2010-13)	1,510
8. Melani Shaffmaster (2020-Pres.)	1,479
9. Malama Peniata (2003-06)	1,424
10. Sharon Oesterling (1986-89)	1,291
11. Chris Schaefer (1986-89)	1,287
12. Hailey Cowles (2007-10)	1,286
13. Lindsey Taatjes (2001-04)	1,284
14. Daly Santana (2012-15)	1,280
15. Nicole Branagh (1997-2000)	1,242
16. Sarah Pearman (1993, 95-97)	1,198
17. Andrea Gonzalez (1985-88)	1,188
18. Sam Seliger-Swenson (2015-18)	1,150
19. Kelly Bowman (2003-06)	1,089
20. Karyn Daline (1983-86)	1,067

SERVICE ACES

1. Sharon Oesterling (1986-89)	314
2. Lindsey Berg (1998-2001)	283
3. Andrea Gonzalez (1986-88)	265
4. Jean Schintz (1991-94)	223
5. Jill Halsted (1979-82)	221
6. Diane Libbesmeier (1979-82)	204
7. Chris Schaefer (1986-89)	201
8. Daly Santana (2012-15)	182
9. Cassie Busse (2000-03)	168
10. Emily Ahlquist (1989-92)	148
11. Katrien DeDecker (1993-96)	139
12. Becky Bauer (1994-97)	138
13. Pam Miller (1983-86)	137
14. Karen Staab (1986-1989)	134
15. Martie Larsen (1980-83)	133
16. Lori Miller (1986-1989)	132
17. Melani Shaffmaster (2020-Pres.)	128
Gail Spencer (1980-1982)	128
19. Samantha Seliger-Swenson (2015-18)	121
20. Tori Dixon (2010-13)	112

DIGS

1. Paula Gentil (2004)	924
2. Paula Gentil (2003)	656
3. Jessica Granquist (2010)	647
4. Paula Gentil (2005)	637
5. Christine Tan (2008)	611

SEASON RECORDS

6. Paula Gentil (2002)	574
7. Jessica Granquist (2011)	567
8. Dalianliz Rosado (2015)	539
9. Malama Peniata (2006)	532
10. Dalianliz Rosado (2017)	524
11. Christine Tan (2007)	517
12. CC McGraw (2021)	510
13. Lindsey Taatjes (2004)	495
Chris Schaefer (1989)	495
15. Christine Tan (2009)	494
16. Kylie Murr (2023)	472
17. Zeynep Palabiyik (2024)	471
18. CC McGraw (2019)	450
19. Sarah Pearman (1996)	448
20. CC McGraw (2018)	428
21. Ashley Wittman (2013)	425

DIGS PER SET

1. Paula Gentil (2004)	6.70
2. Paula Gentil (2005)	5.54
3. Malama Peniata (2006)	5.22
4. Jessica Granquist (2010)	5.07
5. Paula Gentil (2003)	5.05
6. Christine Tan (2008)	4.89
7. Christine Tan (2007)	4.70
8. Paula Gentil (2002)	4.63
9. CC McGraw (2021)	4.59
10. Jessica Granquist (2011)	4.57
11. Dalianliz Rosado (2017)	4.44
12. CC McGraw (2019)	4.37
13. Dalianliz Rosado (2015)	4.18
Kylie Murr (2023)	4.18
15. CC McGraw (2019)	4.08
16. CC McGraw (2018)	4.00
17. Christine Tan (2009)	3.86
18. Zeynep Palabiyik (2024)	3.84
19. Chris Schaefer (1989)	3.78
20. Nicole Branagh (2000)	3.70
21. Sarah Pearman (1996)	3.64

BLOCKS PER SET

1. Jessy Jones (2007)	1.62
2. Paige Tapp (2014)	1.55
3. Stephanie Hagen (2000)	1.53
4. Charnette Fair (1999)	1.50
Charnette Fair (2000)	1.50
6. Phoebe Awoleye (2024)	1.48
7. Regan Pittman (2020-21)	1.48
8. Carter Booth (2022)	1.48
9. Lauren Gibbemeyer (2009)	1.43
Pam Miller (1985)	1.43
11. Lauren Gibbemeyer (2010)	1.41
Regan Pittman (2019)	1.41
13. Molly Lohman (2016)	1.40
14. Lauren Gibbemeyer (2008)	1.39
15. Martie Larsen (1983)	1.38
16. Molly Lohman (2017)	1.35
17. Molly Lohman (2015)	1.34
18. Phoebe Awoleye (2023)	1.34
Jessy Jones (2006)	1.33
Martie Larsen (1982)	1.30
21. Tori Dixon (2013)	1.29

BLOCK ASSISTS

45 at Michigan 10/17/1992	
39 vs. Michigan 11/9/1990	
38 at Nebraska 2/19/2021	
38 vs. Wright State 8/30/2002	
34 vs. Maryland 10/12/2024	
34 at Wisconsin 11/2/1995	
34 vs. Michigan State 10/29/1999	
34 at Illinois 11/1/2002	
34 at Illinois 11/23/2007	

MATCH RECORDS

33 vs. Cal State Northridge 12/2/1994	
32 11 games tied at 32	
32 vs. Northern Iowa 12/3/2022	
TOTAL BLOCKS	
23.5 vs. Michigan 11/9/1990	
23.5 vs. Cal State Northridge 12/2/1994	
23 at Northwestern 10/25/1985	
22 vs. Ohio State 10/27/2007	
21 at Ohio State 10/22/1999	
21 vs. Penn State 11/4/2000	
21 vs. Washington 12/13/2003	
21 at Illinois 11/23/2007	
20 at Nebraska 2/19/2021	
20 vs. Indiana 10/12/1985	
20 at Hawai'i Hilo 9/13/1986	
20 vs. Indiana 11/10/1989	
20 vs. Michigan 9/26/2007	
20 vs. Michigan State 10/29/1999	
20 vs. Wisconsin 9/24/1999	
20 vs. Wright State 8/30/2002	

TOTAL BLOCKS

14 Phoebe Awoleye vs. Maryland 10/12/2024	
14 Regan Pittman at Nebraska 2/19/2021	
14 Molly Lohman vs. Michigan 9/22/2017	
13 Regan Pittman vs. Illinois 3/13/2021	
13 Martie Larsen at Illinois 9/17/1983	
13 Pam Miller at Northwestern 10/25/1985	
13 Stephanie Hagen vs. Illinois 11/10/2000	
12 Pam Miller vs. Indiana 10/12/1985	
12 Karen Lushine vs. DePaul 9/20/1991	
12 Gretchen Dahl vs. CS Northridge 12/2/1994	
12 Linda Shudlick vs. Michigan 9/26/1997	
12 Lauren Gibbemeyer at Wisconsin 11/15/2009	

BLOCK ASSISTS

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13 Stephanie Hagen vs. Illinois 11/10/2000	
12 Molly Lohman vs. Michigan 9/22/17	
12 Gretchen Dahl vs. CS Northridge 12/2/1994	
12 Linda Shudlick vs. Michigan 9/26/1997	
12 Lauren Gibbemeyer at Wisconsin 11/15/2009	
11 Phoebe Awoleye vs. Ohio State 11/18/2023	
11 Dawn Thompson vs. Michigan 11/9/1990	
11 Heidi Foesch at Illinois 11/17/1995	
11 Stephanie Hagen at Ohio State 10/22/1999	
11 Bethany Brafford vs. Brown 9/8/2001	
11 Meredith Nelson at Wisconsin 10/12/2003	
11 Meredith Nelson at Ohio State 10/17/2003	

TOTAL ACES

10 Sharon Oesterling vs. Northern Illinois 10/31/1987	
10 Sharon Oesterling vs. Michigan 10/1/1989	
9 Carly Gilk vs. USC 11/1/2025	
9 Andrea Gonzalez vs. Santa Clara 9/2/1988	
8 Candi Their vs. Illinois 10/6/1984	
8 Sharon Oesterling at Georgetown 9/1/1989	
8 Jean Schintz vs. Penn State 11/27/1993	
8 Katrien DeDecker vs. Wisconsin 10/22/1994	
8 Paula Gentil vs. Campbell 10/1/2005	
8 Lindsey Berg at Northwestern 11/5/1999	

KEEGAN COOK

MINNESOTA HEAD COACH (4th YEAR)



Cook Cook at a Glance

Education

- St. Mary's (2007), Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics with a minor in Religious Studies.

Prior to Minnesota

- Spent the last 10 seasons coaching at the University of Washington.

Career Path

- Named Minnesota head coach on Dec. 22, 2022
- Spent the last eight seasons as the head coach at Washington
- Spent 2013 and 2014 seasons as an assistant at Washington
- Promoted to head coach when Jim McLaughlin left for Notre Dame
- Before Washington, he was an assistant from 2007-12 at his alma mater, St. Mary's

Coaching Accomplishments

- 62-34 (.645); 37-23 B1G (.617) record at Minnesota
- 198-56 (.780) record as a head coach at UW
- 11 NCAA Tournament appearances
- Seven Sweet 16 appearances
- Four Elite Eight appearances
- One Final Four appearance (2020-21)
- Four Pac-12 Regular Season Championships
- 2020-21 Pac-12 Coach of the Year
- 37 All-Pac 12 Selections
- 11 All-Big Ten Selections
- 19 All-America honors (12 individuals)
- One Pac-12 Player of the Year
- Two Pac-12 Setters of the Year



Keegan Cook was named as the eighth full-time head coach of the University of Minnesota volleyball program on Dec. 12, 2022. In three years at the helm of the program, he's led the Gophers to a pair of NCAA Tournament berths, holding a 62-34 (37-23 B1G) record.

The 2025 season was a rousing success despite dealing with extraordinarily difficult circumstances. Minnesota went 24-10 (12-8 Big Ten) despite losing four starters to season-ending injuries during the first 45 days of the season. Minnesota rode five freshmen starters and two seniors to a sixth-place finish in the Big Ten and a top-16 seed in the NCAA Tournament, where they hosted the first two rounds at Maturi Pavilion. The Gophers advanced to their first Sweet 16 under coach Cook in 2025 and finished with a No. 15 final AVCA ranking. Cook was named AVCA Northwest Region Coach of the Year for his work. Julia Hanson was named Second Team All-America.

The 2024 season saw a four-win increase from 2023 as Minnesota finished the season 21-11 (13-7 B1G) and a No. 18 ranking in the AVCA polls. Top wins for the 'U' included a 3-2 upset over then No. 1 Texas, who entered the season as two-time defending champions. Minnesota also outlasted No. 7 Wisconsin in a 3-2 thriller at the Pav on Sept. 25, coach Cook's first win in two tries in the rivalry. The Gophers earned three First Team All-Big Ten honors with opposite Lydia Grote, outside Julia Hanson and setter Melani Shaffmaster being honored. Hanson earned AVCA All-America (HM) and VBMag.com Third Team All-America.

Senior middle Phoebe Awoloye was named Second Team All-Big Ten after a season that saw her lead the Big Ten with 1.64 blocks per set in conference matches. Minnesota headed into the postseason as a No. 6 seed, making the Lexington, Ky. regional.

In year one of his tenure at Minnesota, he led the Gophers to a 17-13 (12-8 Big Ten) record and a trip to the NCAA Tournament. After defeating Utah State in the first round, the Gophers fell to No. 12 Creighton in the Round of 32. Four players were named All-Big Ten in 2023 under his watch, including reigning Big Ten Player of the Year Taylor Landfair and Kylie Murr (first team). Opposite Lydia Grote and setter Melani Shaffmaster were both named Second Team All-Big Ten.

Minnesota started its 2023 season with a Big Ten/Big 12 Challenge Tournament title, earning a four set win over TCU and a sweep over then No. 15 Baylor. The Gophers top win of the season came on Sept. 8 in a five set win over then No. 6 Oregon in Palo Alto, Calif. Minnesota finished its preseason slate 4-4 and started the conference slate slow, going 2-4 in its first six matches. The Gophers were able to turn their season around, however, winning 10 of their final 14 league games to earn a postseason bid.

"It is an honor to lead a historic program in Minnesota and compete in the best conference in the nation in the Big Ten," said Cook. "I want to thank President Joan Gabel, Director of Athletics Mark Coyle, Deputy Athletic Director Julie Manning and the entire search committee for trusting me to lead the Gophers. I am looking forward to getting to know the team, the alumni and engaging with the passionate fans and volleyball community in Minnesota. I can't wait to get started."

In year one at Minnesota for Cook, he was able to navigate a difficult non-conference schedule and a pair of surprising early Big Ten losses to lead the Gophers to a 16-12 (12-8 Big Ten) regular season. The 'U' finished fifth in the Big Ten and made its ninth straight NCAA Tournament appearance.

Cook spent the past eight seasons at the helm of the University of Washington, where he led the Huskies to four Pac-12 Championships. UW made eight trips to the NCAA Tournament, six trips to the Sweet 16 and four appearances the Elite Eight under Cook. The Huskies also made a thrilling run to the Final Four in the spring of 2021.

Twelve different Huskies combined for 18 AVCA All-America honors under Cook, covering every position on the court, with a Pac-12 Player of the Year award for outside hitter Courtney Schwan and two Pac-12 Setter of the Year honors for Ella May Powell. The Huskies went 198-56 (.780) over Cook's eight seasons with a league record of 119-41, a .744 winning percentage that ranks fifth-best among all coaches in Pac-12 history.

Cook's seventh season in the fall of 2021 provided a second Pac-12 title in the span of one calendar year. Following quickly on the heels of the championship from the spring, Washington successfully defended its conference title with a 17-3 mark. That included a 17-1 finish after the Huskies lost their first two Pac-12 matches. Washington swept its way into the Sweet 16 for the sixth time in Cook's seven seasons, but suffered a 3-2 loss in front of a sold out crowd at No. 2-seeded Texas in the regional semis.

The Huskies were the only team in the fall of 2021 to put four players on the top three AVCA All-America teams. Ella May Powell (3rd-team) got her third All-America honor, Claire Hoffman (3rd-team) and Samantha Drechsel (2nd-team) became two-time All-Americans, and middle blocker Marin Grote (2nd-team) earned her first distinction. Powell was Pac-12 Setter of the Year once again, and Cook earned a third Pacific North Region Coach of the Year honor.

In the winter of spring of 2021, following the global pandemic, Washington showed its resiliency and the willingness of its players to grow and change. In spite of graduating a First Team All-American outside hitter and two more starters from the 2019 squad, the Huskies returned to the top of the Pac-12 with a 17-3 record, and then won three-straight five set matches in the NCAA tournament to make the Final Four for the first time in Cook's head coaching tenure, and the fifth time in UW history. Washington ended the year ranked No. 4 by the AVCA, tied for the third-highest final ranking in program history.

Cook was named Pac-12 Coach of the Year for the first time in 2020-21, and AVCA Pacific North Coach of the Year for the second time. For the first time since 2006, the Huskies had two First Team All-Americans and a Second Team All-American. Ella May Powell, who also won Pac-12 Setter of the Year, was named to the First Team as was outside hitter Samantha Drechsel, and outside hitter Claire Hoffman earned Second Team distinction.

A third Elite Eight trip in five seasons came in 2019, when the Huskies knocked off SEC Champion Kentucky in the Sweet 16 before coming up just short at No. 1-ranked Baylor in the Elite Eight. Kara Bajema ascended to First Team All-America status in her senior season and broke the school record for most kills in a season with 597. A first-time All-America honoree was sophomore setter Ella May Powell, who was named to the Third Team. Half a dozen Huskies earned All-Pac-12 honors as Washington finished second in the Pac-12 with a 15-5 record, 27-7 overall.

The Huskies finished No. 6 in the final 2019 AVCA poll, one of three top-6 final rankings in Cook's six seasons. In addition to the win over the SEC Champs, the Huskies won the only meeting with Pac-12 and eventual NCAA Champion Stanford, beating the Cardinal in Maples Pavilion for the first time since 2007. The Huskies also had consecutive wins against NCAA runner-up Wisconsin, winning both ends of a home-and-away series to go 3-0 overall against the teams in the NCAA final.

COACHING RECORDS

Year	Coach	Overall Record (Pct.)		BT Finish
1972	Dee Jilek	8-3 (.727)		
1973	Dee Jilek	16-11 (.593)		
1974	Linda Wells	31-6-1 (.832)		
1975	Rosie Wegrich	35-13 (.729)		
1976	Rosie Wegrich	36-17-1 (.676)		
1977	Linda Wells	43-21-2 (.667)		
1978	Linda Wells	58-14 (.806)		
1979	Linda Wells	39-16-2 (.702)		
1980	Linda Wells	37-19 (.667)		
1981	Linda Wells	37-19 (.661)	8-6 (.571)	4th
1982	Stephanie Schleuder	23-9 (.719)	8-5 (.615)	T2nd - West
1983	Stephanie Schleuder	15-16 (.484)	6-7 (.462)	3rd - West
1984	Stephanie Schleuder	16-16 (.500)	4-9 (.308)	4th - West
1985	Stephanie Schleuder	22-12 (.647)	11-7 (.611)	4th
1986	Stephanie Schleuder	21-11 (.656)	13-5 (.722)	2nd
1987	Stephanie Schleuder	24-11 (.686)	12-6 (.667)	3rd
1988	Stephanie Schleuder	21-10 (.677)	11-7 (.611)	T2nd
1989	Stephanie Schleuder	29-9 (.763)	13-5 (.722)	T2nd
1990	Stephanie Schleuder	8-26 (.235)	2-16 (.111)	9th
1991	Stephanie Schleuder	14-16 (.467)	11-8 (.579)	5th
1992	Stephanie Schleuder	25-12 (.676)	13-7 (.650)	4th
1993	Stephanie Schleuder	24-10 (.706)	14-6 (.700)	T3rd
1994	Stephanie Schleuder	21-15 (.583)	10-10 (.500)	6th
1995	Pam Miller-Dombeck	13-17 (.433)	7-13 (.350)	8th
1996	Mike Hebert	24-11 (.686)	14-6 (.700)	4th
1997	Mike Hebert	23-10 (.670)	12-8 (.600)	T5th
1998	Mike Hebert	17-14 (.548)	7-13 (.350)	8th
1999	Mike Hebert	27-9 (.750)	15-5 (.750)	2nd
2000	Mike Hebert	30-4* (.882)	17-3* (.850)	2nd
2001	Mike Hebert	19-13 (.594)	10-10 (.500)	T6th
2002	Mike Hebert	32-6 (.842)	17-3 (.850)	1st
2003	Mike Hebert	26-11 (.703)	15-5 (.750)	t-2nd
2004	Mike Hebert	33-5 (.868)	17-3 (.850)	t-2nd
2005	Mike Hebert	25-8 (.758)	14-6 (.700)	t-3rd
2006	Mike Hebert	26-8 (.765)	17-3 (.850)	t-2nd
2007	Mike Hebert	18-13 (.581)	11-9 (.550)	t-3rd
2008	Mike Hebert	27-7 (.794)	16-4 (.800)	2nd
2009	Mike Hebert	28-9 (.757)	15-5 (.750)	3rd
2010	Mike Hebert	26-8 (.765)	14-6 (.700)	2nd
2011	Laura Bush	20-11 (.645)	11-9 (.550)	5th
2012	Hugh McCutcheon	27-8 (.771)	15-5 (.750)	T2nd
2013	Hugh McCutcheon	29-7 (.806)	15-5 (.750)	3rd
2014	Hugh McCutcheon	19-12 (.613)	9-11 (.450)	8th
2015	Hugh McCutcheon	30-5 (.857)	18-2 (.900)	1st
2016	Hugh McCutcheon	29-5 (.853)	17-3 (.850)	T2nd
2017	Hugh McCutcheon	28-6 (.823)	15-5 (.750)	3rd
2018	Hugh McCutcheon	27-4 (.871)	19-1 (.950)	1st
2019	Hugh McCutcheon	27-6 (.818)	17-3 (.850)	T-2nd
2020-21	Hugh McCutcheon	16-3 (.842)	15-2 (.882)	2nd
2021	Hugh McCutcheon	23-9 (.719)	15-5 (.750)	T-3rd
2022	Hugh McCutcheon	22-9 (.710)	15-5 (.750)	T-3rd
2023	Keegan Cook	17-13 (.567)	12-8 (.600)	5th
2024	Keegan Cook	21-11 (.656)	13-7 (.650)	T-6th
2025	Keegan Cook	24-10 (.706)	12-8 (.600)	T-6th



The 2018 season saw a young Huskies team come of age in the postseason, as Washington traveled for the opening weekend of the tournament for the first time since 2011, and came away with its biggest tournament upset since 2010 with a 3-0 sweep of No. 9-seed Creighton in front of a packed gym in Omaha to advance to the NCAA Round of 16.

Cook's third season in 2017 was complicated by multiple injuries throughout the year that caused the Huskies to use seventeen different starting lineups, and yet UW battled through the adversity to still tie for second in the Pac-12 with a 14-6 record. Washington earned the No. 8 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season, but was upset in a five set battle in the second round of the tournament by Illinois, finishing with a 25-8 record.

After the tremendous success of his first season at the head of the bench, Cook had the year two challenge of replacing six seniors, including four starters and a pair of All-Americans. But the 2016 Huskies, without a single senior in the starting lineup, saw new leaders emerge and freshman starters grow into their roles, and Washington emerged from a grueling Pac-12 season on top of the standings once again with a 16-4 league record. It was the third Pac-12 title for the Huskies in Cook's four years on staff.

The Huskies advanced through to the Elite Eight of the NCAA tournament for the second year in a row, and at season's end three Huskies earned AVCA All-America honors for the first time in their careers. Junior outside hitter Courtney Schwan was named to the First Team, and won Pac-12 Player of the Year honors, the fourth Husky to win that honor. Junior setter Bailey Tanner and junior opposite Crissy Jones each earned All-America Second Team distinction. Schwan, Jones, and Tanner were all named All-Pac-12 as well, with Kara Bajema named to the Pac-12 All-Freshman Team.

Only Washington and Texas had three All-Americans on the AVCA's top two teams in 2016. With the All-America honors for 2015 seniors Lianna Sybeldon (middle blocker) and Cassie Strickland (libero), Cook had a Husky All-American at every position in just two seasons.

The first season under Cook saw the Huskies maintain their place among the nation's elite, as the Dawgs claimed a share of the Pac-12 Championship and advanced to the Elite Eight, losing a close four-set to eventual national champion Nebraska. The Huskies went 31-3 for a third consecutive thirty win season. The Dawgs went 18-2 in Pac-12 play for the third year in a row, sharing the conference title with USC for Washington's second Pac-12 title in three years. The 2016 Pac-12 title would make it three in the past four.

That Washington did not skip a beat was all the more impressive considering the Huskies had to replace 2014 grads Krista Vansant, the two-time Honda Award winner and two-time Pac-12 Player of the Year, plus Third Team All-American outside hitter Kaleigh Nelson. Yet the Huskies led the Pac-12 and ranked second nationally with a .305 attack percentage, while senior middle blocker Lianna Sybeldon ranked second in the NCAA with a .450 attack mark.

Sybeldon headlined a long list of 2015 awards in Cook's first season, as she earned First Team AVCA All-America honors, the first UW middle on the first team since 1997. Senior libero Cassie Strickland was an All-America honorable mention, and also became the first Husky in any sport to win the Senior CLASS Award. Tia Scambray, Crissy Jones, Melanie Wade, and Bailey Tanner were all All-Pac-12 honorable mention and Cook in his first year was named AVCA Pacific North Region Coach of the Year.

Cook was an assistant coach at Washington for the 2013-14 seasons, which happened to be the program's first consecutive 30-win seasons. The Huskies won 30 games in 2013 and advanced to the national semifinals and then won 31 games in 2014 and competed in the regional semifinals. Cook was also tasked with leading Washington's beach volleyball team, which made its debut in April 2014.

Prior to his time at Washington, Cook was an assistant coach from 2007-12 at his alma mater St. Mary's College of California. Cook helped the Gaels win their first West Coast Conference title in 2009 and saw the team compete in the NCAA tournament three times.

Cook got his start in collegiate coaching at St. Mary's, first as a volunteer assistant, then a full-time assistant coach, eventually promoted to the top assistant for the Gaels. He spent eight years on the St. Mary's staff, six as assistant coach from 2007-12, helping the Gaels become one of the top teams in the West Coast Conference.

Over Cook's final five years at St. Mary's, the Gaels advanced to the NCAA Championships three times, including a trip to the second round in his last season in 2012. He helped lead the Gaels to their first West Coast Conference title in program history in 2009 and another NCAA second round appearance, falling just short of fourth-seeded Stanford in five sets.

A native of Pleasanton, Calif., Cook earned his Bachelor of Arts from St. Mary's in 2007, majoring in Mathematics with a minor in Religious Studies and has excelled in statistical analysis as a Volleyball Information Supervisor (VIS) for the FIVB. Additionally, Cook was the head coach of the NorCal Volleyball Club for ten years, with ten club teams under his guidance. All of Cook's teams qualified for the Junior Olympic Championships over his last five years and his 16-Under team won the 2008 Junior Olympic gold medal.

Cook has also stepped in to work with USA Volleyball in recent years. In 2016, he was the head coach for the U.S. Collegiate Women's National Team for its tour of China, and in the summer of 2018 Cook led the U.S. Junior Women's National Team to compete in the NORCECA Championships in Mexico. He was tabbed to lead the U.S. Girl's Youth National Team at the NORCECA Continental Championships in 2020 though the event would be canceled. In the summer of 2022, Cook was an assistant on the U.S. Girl's U19 Team that won gold at the Pan American Cup.

Cook married Sarah Ammerman in the spring of 2020. The couple welcomed their first child, Oliver, in 2021. They have a second son, Finley, who was born in 2023.



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ALL-BIG TEN SECOND TEAM (2025)
 AVCA PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST (OCT. 2, 2025)
 BIG TEN ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM (2025)
 BIG TEN SETTER OF THE WEEK (SEPT. 1, 2025)
 DIET COKE CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM (2025)
 GOLDEN GOPHER INVITATIONAL ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM (2025)

2025 - SOPHOMORE SEASON:

39 assists, four digs, five blocks vs. A&M (Aug. 25) • had her first double-double with 48 assists and 14 digs vs. Cal Poly (Aug. 29) • 37 assists, 11 digs vs. UST (Aug. 31) • 30 assists at Vandy (Sept. 5) • 27 assists and seven digs at Lipscomb (Sept. 6) 36 assists, eight digs and five kills vs. Dayton (Sept. 13) • went for 36 assists, 15 digs, six blocks and five kills vs. SDSU (Sept. 14) • went for 42 assists and seven digs at Marquette (Sept. 21) • had 28 assists and a career-best four aces vs. RU (Sept. 28) • 19 assists and seven digs at Michigan (Oct. 1) • 41 assists and 14 digs at NU (Oct. 5) • 31 assists and 11 digs at Washington (Oct. 18) • career-highs of 49 assists and five aces at Indiana (Oct. 24) • 45 assists at Purdue (Oct. 26) • 44 assists and 14 digs vs. No. 22 USC (Nov. 1) • 41 assists vs. UW (Nov. 5) • career-high 58 assists with 10 digs at Iowa (Nov. 16) • 31 assists, eight digs, two aces at Maryland (Nov. 21) • 40 assists, 11 digs vs. Purdue (Nov. 26) • 35 assists and eight digs vs. Iowa St. (Dec. 6).

2024 - FRESHMAN SEASON:

Swenson redshirted in 2024, developing behind redshirt senior Melani Shaffmaster.

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB:

A 6-foot-1 setter from Minnetonka, Minn. (Wayzata H.S.), Stella signed with Minnesota after one of the most decorated prep careers in state history • a four-time all-state selection, Swenson has been named all-conference six times and First Team All-Metro three times • she led Wayzata H.S. to three consecutive state titles from 2021-23 • twice she has been named to the MSHSL All-State Tournament team • Wayzata has been ranked as the No. 7 and No. 8 high school team in the country in her junior and senior years, respectively • the 2023 Ms. Baden Award Winner (top senior player in Minnesota) is the three-time Star Tribune Player of the Year and a three-time Minnesota Gatorade Player of the Year • in her career at Wayzata, she's totaled 3,017 assists, 203 blocks, 184 service aces and 632 digs • she has led the Trojans in assists and aces in each of the last three seasons • during her high school career, Wayzata has accumulated a record of 108-4 • on the club circuit for Minnesota Select Volleyball Club, Swenson was named an All-American on both the 16-Open and 17-Open levels • she helped her team to a National Runner-Up finish at the 17-Open USA GJCN's and a third place finish at the 14-Open USA GJNC's • an AVCA, MaxPreps and JVCA All-American honoree, Swenson was the No. 9 overall recruit in 2024 (No. 1 in Minnesota) according to Prep Volleyball and No. 8 according to Prep Dig • she is also a U.S. National Team Development Program member • Swenson was named a Third Team All-American by VolleyballMag.com in December of 2023.

PERSONAL:

The daughter of Erik Swenson and Vicki Seliger Swenson, she's joined in her family by older sister Samantha Seliger Swenson and brother-in-law Eric Loeppky in addition to her twin sister Olivia (younger by 21 minutes) and younger sister Eva • her dad, Erik, played football for the University of North Dakota • her mom, Vicki, played volleyball for Iowa State University • her older sister Samantha played volleyball for University of Minnesota and was one of two four-time All-Americans in program history • academically, Olivia was a member of Wayzata High School's honor roll • she intends to major in mechanical engineering at Minnesota.

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2025-26	MINN	119-34	70	0.59	22	198	.242	1163	9.77	36	0.30	37	255	2.14	1	4	70	74	0.62	7	0	145.0	1.22
TOTAL		119 - 34	70	0.59	22	198	.242	1163	9.77	36	0.30	37	255	2.14	1	4	70	74	0.62	7	0	145.0	1.22

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 7 vs. Cal Poly 8/29/25 10/29/25
 Attacks: 17 vs. Cal Poly 8/29/25 DOUBLE-DOUBLES: 8
 Assists: 56 at Iowa 11/16/25
 Serve Aces: 5 at Indiana 10/24/25
 Digs: 15 vs. SDSU 9/14/25
 Block solos: 1 vs. Dayton 9/13/25
 Block assists: 6 vs. Illinois

2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent (Date)	Start	SP	K-E-TA	Pct.	A	SA	D	BS	BA	TB	Pts
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vs. Creighton (8/29)											
vs. Florida (9/1)											
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vs. St. Thomas (9/13)											
vs. South Dakota (9/18)											
vs. South Dakota St. (9/19)											
at Illinois (9/24)											
vs. Oregon (9/26)											
vs. Northwestern (10/1)											
vs. Wisconsin (10/4)											
at Rutgers (10/9)											
at Ohio State (10/11)											
vs. Michigan (10/16)											
vs. Maryland (10/17)											
at Purdue (10/23)											
vs. Washington (10/25)											
at UCLA (10/30)											
at USC (11/1)											
vs. Penn State (11/6)											
at Iowa (11/8)											
vs. Indiana (11/11)											
vs. Michigan State (11/14)											
at Nebraska (11/17)											
vs. B1G Tournament (11/20)											
NCAA Tournament (12/4)											

WHY MINNESOTA:

"I chose Minnesota because it felt like home. I knew when I first entered the Pav, I wanted to be a Golden Gopher. I love the atmosphere and the support is amazing. When I met with Coach Cook and his staff, immediately knew I wanted to play for them. I know they care about me as a person and will help me be the best I can be. I love the team and making the choice to come to Minnesota was an easy one. I can't wait to get there in January and start competing."



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MCKENNA WUCHERER

OUTSIDE | 5TH | 6-1

BROOKFIELD, WIS.

BROOKFIELD CENTRAL H.S.



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AVCA ALL-NORTH REGION HONORABLE MENTION (2022, 2023)

BIG TEN ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM (2022)

BIG TEN/BIG 12 CHALLENGE MVP; ALL-TOURNAMENT (2023)

DIET COKE CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM (2023)

PRESEASON ALL-BIG TEN (2025)

2025 • SENIOR SEASON:

Redshirted last season due to injury. Will be back in 2026. Preseason All-Big Ten selection.

2024 • JUNIOR SEASON:

Played in 27 matches in 2024, missing six due to a back injury • recorded 2.49 kills, 1.34 digs and 0.57 blocks per set • tallied 10 contests with double-figure kills • totaled 14 kills, 10 digs and six blocks vs. Stanford (Sept. 1) • 12 kills, nine digs and four blocks vs. Texas (Sept. 2) • 16 kills vs. TCU (Sept. 7) • 10 kills, six digs and four blocks vs. LIU (Sept. 12) • 11 kills, eight digs and four blocks at OSU (Oct. 27) • 11 kills at MSU (Nov. 1) and Michigan (Nov. 3), adding five digs and a block at UM • 12 kills vs. Washington (Nov. 7) • tallied 10 kills vs. UM (Nov. 17) • had 15 kills at Wisconsin (Nov. 20).

2023 • SOPHOMORE SEASON:

Played in all 30 matches, averaging a team-best 3.24 kills per set • posted 16 kills in the season opener over TCU (Aug. 25) • 14 kills in a sweep over No. 15 Baylor • totaled 14 kills, career-high nine digs vs. Texas (Aug. 29) • career-highs in kills (21) and digs (10) in a win vs. No. 6 Oregon (Sep. 8) • went for 22 kills and 16 digs in the Diet Coke Classic (Sep. 14/16) • had 15 kills/12 digs at Iowa (Sep. 21) • went for 16 kills at Rutgers (Oct. 7) • tallied 17 kills in a win over Michigan State (Oct. 22) • totaled consecutive double doubles (16 kills/10 digs vs. OSU; 11 kills, 11 digs vs. NU) on Nov. 3 and 5 • had 11 kills and eight digs vs. Purdue (Nov. 10) • went for 11 kills, six digs vs. Iowa (Nov. 17) • tallied 16 kills and eight digs vs. No. 1 NU (Nov. 25) • 11 kills at Creighton (Dec. 2).

2022 • FRESHMAN SEASON:

Ranked second on the team with 2.73 kills per set • made her college debut against Pepperdine, going for 13 kills and earning the start (9/15) • set a career-high with 15 kills, three blocks and two digs vs. WSU (9/17) • totaled 13 kills with a pair of blocks at Purdue (9/23) • went for 9 kills on .333 hitting with four blocks vs. Wisconsin (9/25) • had 16 kills vs. NU (9/28) • totaled 11 kills, three digs and three blocks vs. Iowa (10/2) • totaled 10 kills vs. Ohio State (10/12) • posted 16 kills to tie her career-high against Purdue (10/22) • totaled 15 kills, five digs, four blocks at Wisconsin (10/29) • had nine kills at Penn State (11/18) • 10 kills, five digs at OSU (11/25) • had three • had nine kills and four blocks vs. SE Louisiana (12/2) • totaled six kills vs. UNI (12/3).

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB:

2021 AVCA and Under Armour First Team All-American and the Wisconsin Gatorade Player of the Year • the 6-foot-1 outside from Brookfield, Wis., came to Minnesota as one of the most decorated players in Wisconsin prep history • the No. 1 ranked 2022 recruit in both the state of Wisconsin and the country, Wucherer was a four-time Greater Metro Conference Player of the Year and a four-time WVCA All-State selection • as a junior, she was named the 2020 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and USA Today Girls Volleyball Player of the Year in addition to being named a Gatorade Player of the Year finalist • Wucherer was an Under Armour First Team All-American in 2020 as well • ranked as the nation's No. 1 recruit in the Class of 2022 by both PrepDig.com and PrepVolleyball.com, she concluded her prep volleyball career with 2,028 kills and 1,076 digs.

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2022-23	MINN	71-21	194	2.73	76	517	.228	3	0.04	0	0.00	1	47	0.66	2	2	43	45	0.63	5	1	217.5	3.06
2023-24	MINN	109-30	353	3.24	162	1028	.186	30	0.28	9	0.08	51	194	1.78	49	4	30	34	0.31	2	0	381.0	3.50
2024-25	MINN	87-26	217	2.49	96	626	.193	23	0.26	6	0.07	16	117	1.34	36	1	49	50	0.57	2	0	248.5	2.86
TOTAL		267 - 77	764	2.86	334	2171	.198	56	0.21	15	0.06	68	358	1.34	87	7	122	129	0.48	9	1	847.0	3.17

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 21 vs. Oregon 9/8/23

Block asst: 5 vs. Indiana 10/11/24

Attacks: 55 at Maryland 10/6/23

Pct.: .520 vs. Baylor 8/26/23

Assists: 3 at Iowa 9/21/23

Serve Aces: 2 vs. Texas 9/2/24

Digs: 12 at Iowa 9/21/23

Block solos: 1 vs. Stanford 9/1/24

2026 GAME-BY-GAME

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vs. Auburn (9/2)											
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vs. St. Thomas (9/13)											
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vs. Wisconsin (10/4)											
at Rutgers (10/9)											
at Ohio State (10/11)											
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at USC (11/1)											
vs. Penn State (11/6)											
at Iowa (11/8)											
vs. Indiana (11/11)											
vs. Michigan State (11/14)											
at Nebraska (11/17)											
vs. BIG Tournament (11/20)											
NCAA Tournament (12/4)											

• compiled 444 kills and 210 digs in 2021, leading the Lancers (35-12) to the Division 1 state semifinals • tallied 50 service aces and 30 blocks while posting a kill percentage of .536 and a hitting percentage of .414 • Wucherer missed 19 matches during the season while winning a bronze medal at the Under-18 World Championships in Mexico with the U.S. U18 Women's National Team.

PERSONAL:

The daughter of Greg and the late Wendy Wucherer, Mckenna has two older sisters, Miranda and Abby • Miranda is an assistant coach at Northern Kentucky while Abby attended Southern Utah. Sports Management major.



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MAKENNA CROSSON

OUTSIDE | FR. | 6-3

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2026 • FRESHMAN SEASON:

Enrolled in January of 2026

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB:

A 6-foot-3 outside hitter, Crosson comes to the Midwest after completing a stellar high school career in California • Crosson was named a MaxPreps All-American as a sophomore in 2023 and earned a MaxPreps Player of the Year Watch List nod in 2025 • a two-time WCAL Second Team All-League honoree, Crosson was named the WCAL Player of the Year as a senior • as a sophomore, Crosson blasted 310 kills (.370 hitting) with 150 digs, 35 blocks and 35 aces while passing a 2.1 • she missed most of her junior season due to injury, but as a senior has posted 430 kills (.370 hitting), 35 aces and 22 blocks while passing a 2.5 • ranked as the No. 35 player in the nation for the 2026 class by PrepDig.com, Crosson comes in as the No. 11 player in California and the No. 5 outside hitter • PrepVolleyball.com has Crosson listed as the No. 25 player in America • on the AAU circuit, Crosson competed for Visionary Volleyball Club, where she helped the team to a 2022 Silver Medalist finish in the USVA GJNC 14 USA division.

PERSONAL:

The daughter of Courtney and Sam Crosson, she also has a younger sister, Logan • both of her parents played collegiately at the University of the Pacific • her father, Sam, is currently the head indoor and beach volleyball coach at West Valley Junior College • previously, he served for four seasons as the head coach at the University of California-Berkeley • Academically, she is a three-time Dean's List honoree and a two-time President's List selection • Crosson is also on her school's Honor Roll • she plans on majoring in biomedical engineering at Minnesota.

WHY MINNESOTA:

"I chose Minnesota because of the competitive culture the team and coaching staff have been building. It also felt like a second home when I came to campus on my official visit and I am pretty close with a bunch of girls on the team."

GOALS:

"I want to win a national championship and help get the program there. Personally, I want to become an All-American or freshman of the year but I know I need to work hard to get there."

MINNESOTA HIGHS

2026 GAME-BY-GAME

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vs. Michigan State (11/14)											
at Nebraska (11/17)											
vs. B1G Tournament (11/20)											
NCAA Tournament (12/4)											

CAREER STATISTICS



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MCKENNA GARR

DS/LIBERO | SO. | 5-7

RUSH CITY, MINN.

RUSH CITY H.S.



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2025 • FRESHMAN SEASON:

Tallied five digs in her Gophers debut vs. No. 9 Texas A&M (Aug. 25) • went for 11 digs in a win over Cal Poly (Aug. 29) • totaled a then career-best 16 digs with an ace in her first start at libero at Vanderbilt (Sept. 5) • tallied 14 digs in a sweep at Lipscomb (Sept. 6) • had 11 digs vs. USF (Sept. 12) and Dayton (Sept. 13) • totaled a career-best 19 digs with five assists against South Dakota St. (Sept. 14) • totaled a season-best 20 digs at LCU (Sept. 19) • had 17 digs at Marquette (Sept. 21) • totaled 13 digs vs. Michigan St. (Sept. 25) • 14 digs at NU (Oct. 5) • three aces and 10 digs at Washington (Oct. 18) • career-high eight assists with nine digs at Purdue (Oct. 26) • six assists and 13 digs vs. No. 22 USC (Nov. 1) • 15 digs and an ace at UW (Nov. 5) • 17 digs vs. PSU (Nov. 14) • 15 digs at Iowa (Nov. 16) • 13 digs, six assists and two aces at Maryland (Nov. 21) • 15 digs against Wisconsin (Nov. 28) • four assists and 10 digs vs. Fairfield (Dec. 5).

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

A libero/defensive specialist out of Rush City, Minn., McKenna Garr looks to provide more quality backcourt play to the Gophers • competing for Rush City H.S. the last four years, Garr was a three-time all-state and four-time all-conference player who was named a top five finalist for the Minnesota Ms. Baden award in 2024 • in 2023, she was voted as the top libero in Minnesota High School Volleyball • she made the all-state tournament team as a junior • in her high school career, she tallied 354 kills, 1,324 digs, 256 aces, 314 assists and 10 blocks • Garr is her schools' record holder in both aces and digs • she led Rush City to three straight state tournament appearances, including earning a bid to the state championship match in 2023 • on the AAU circuit, Garr competed for Northern Lights Volleyball Club • in 2024, she helped the team finish third at AAU Nationals in the open division and was named an AAU Nationals All-American • she also helped the team finish fifth at USAV Nationals in 2023 and third in 2021.

PERSONAL:

The daughter of Jennifer Demenge and Jason Garr, she has one older sister, Summer • her sister played volleyball in college at the University of Wisconsin-Stout • her mom, Jennifer, played basketball and volleyball at Itasca College while her dad, Jason, played baseball collegiately at University of Wisconsin-Superior • a three-time honor roll student and a member of the National Honor Society, McKenna plans on majoring in nursing at Minnesota.

WHY MINNESOTA:

"I chose Minnesota because I grew up going to campus and watching games here. Experiencing the environment made me want to be a part of this."

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: N/A

Assists: 8 at Purdue 10/26/25

Serve Aces: 2 vs. OSU 10/12/25

Digs: 20 vs. Marq. 9/21/25

2026 GAME-BY-GAME

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vs. BIG Tournament (11/20)											
NCAA Tournament (12/4)											

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2025-26	MINN	115-33	0	0.00	0	2	.000	90	0.78	21	0.18	23	385	3.35	44	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	21.0	0.18
TOTAL		115 - 33	0	0.00	0	2	.000	90	0.78	21	0.18	23	385	3.35	44	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	21.0	0.18



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KATE THIBAULT

DS/LIBERO | SR. | 5-4

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ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN (2024)
CSC ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT (2024)

2025 • JUNIOR SEASON:

Had seven digs in the opener vs. No. 9 Texas A&M (Aug. 25) • had 19 digs and a kill vs. Cal Poly (Aug. 29) • tallied 12 digs vs. UST (Aug. 31) • went for 10 digs and five assists with an ace vs. Dayton (Sept. 13) • totaled 14 digs with two aces and three assists vs. SDSU (Sept. 14) • tallied 17 digs vs. MU (Sept. 21) • tallied three assists and 10 digs vs. MSU (Sept. 25) • had 10 digs at Michigan in her first start at libero (Oct. 1) • nine digs at NU (Oct. 5) • two assists and seven digs at Oregon (Oct. 17) • nine digs at Purdue (Oct. 26) • one kills and six digs vs. USC (Nov. 1) • 11 digs at Iowa (Nov. 16) • posted 12 digs against Purdue (Nov. 26) • four assists and six digs vs. Iowa St. (Dec. 6).

2024 • SOPHOMORE SEASON:

Played in all 32 matches in her first season at Minnesota, posting 1.79 digs and 0.31 assists per set • tallied seven 10+ dig matches • opened her Gophers career with six digs against No. 5 Stanford and six digs in an upset of No. 1 Texas (Sept. 1 and 2) • tallied 14 digs vs. TCU (Sept. 7) • had 12 digs vs. Auburn (Sept. 13) • tallied 10 digs in a sweep over Green Bay (Sept. 19) • had one kill and five digs against Chicago State (Sept. 21) • went for eight digs against Wisconsin (Sept. 25) • totaled 13 digs at UCLA (Oct. 4) • went for nine digs at Penn State (Oct. 20) • had 11 digs vs. NU (Oct. 23) • had 11 digs at OSU (Oct. 27) • tallied six total digs in matches at MSU (Nov. 1) and Michigan (Nov. 3) • posted seven digs vs. Washington (Nov. 7) • had nine digs against NU (Nov. 14) • totaled a career-high 16 assists at Wisconsin (Nov. 20) • six digs at Illinois (Nov. 27) • eight digs and three assists vs. OSU (Nov. 29).

PRIOR TO MINNESOTA:

As a rookie, she played in 19 matches for Oregon on a team that finished 29-6 (16-4 Pac-12) and made the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament • the Ducks finished 2023 as the No. 7 ranked team by the AVCA • she averaged 1.34 digs, 0.31 aces and 0.08 assists per set in 2023 • Thibault recorded two 10+ dig matches and established four-or-more digs eight times • she had at least one ace in 10 matches, including seven matches with multiple aces.

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

At Watertown-Mayer High School, she was one of five finalists for the Ms. Baden Award in 2022, which is given annually to the top senior player in the state of Minnesota • a two-time Class 2A all-state performer, she finished prep career with nearly 2,300 digs, breaking the state digs record as a senior Thibault averaged 5.59 digs per set during the 2022 campaign and finished the year with 458 total digs, a top-15 mark in the state • she tallied 10+ digs in 26 of 28 matches, including four outings with at least 25 digs • Thibault also led the team with 57 service aces • Thibault was a five-time Wright County All-Conference selection and a two-time MNVBCA All-State honoree • she was a four-time Class AA Showcase All-Tournament honoree and a two-time Journal All-Area selection • in her career, Watertown-Mayer went 105-29 • in 134 matches played, Thibault tallied 297 kills, 14 blocks, 187 aces and 2,263 digs.

PERSONAL:

The daughter of Chris and Rachel Thibault • Kate has two siblings, Drew and Paige • Paige currently plays collegiate volleyball at Auburn University • her mom, Rachel, played in college at Denver University while her dad, Chris, played amateur beach volleyball • she will major in sports management at Minnesota.

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2023-24	Oregon	62-21	0	0.00	0	0	.000	6	0.10	19	0.31	27	86	1.39	14	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	19.0	0.31
2024-25	MINN	120-32	3	0.03	1	7	.286	37	0.31	0	0.00	6	215	1.79	25	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0	0.03
2025-26	MINN	119-34	2	0.02	0	8	.250	50	0.42	6	0.05	21	245	2.06	13	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	8.0	0.07
TOTAL FOR MINN		239 - 66	5	0.02	1	15	.267	87	0.36	6	0.03	27	460	1.92	38	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	11.0	0.05
TOTAL		301 - 87	5	0.02	1	15	.267	93	0.31	25	0.08	54	546	1.81	52	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	30.0	0.10

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 1 vs. USC 11/1/25
Assists: 3 vs. Dayton 9/13/25
Serve Aces: 3 vs. Colorado
11/5/23
Digs: 19 vs. Cal Poly 8/29/25

2026 GAME-BY-GAME

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at Iowa (11/8)											
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vs. Michigan State (11/14)											
at Nebraska (11/17)											
vs. BIG Tournament (11/20)											
NCAA Tournament (12/4)											

WHY MINNESOTA:

"It is truly a blessing to have the opportunity to wear a Minnesota volleyball jersey for my last year of eligibility. When exploring my options, I was looking to be surrounded by amazing people, a place full of tradition and be a part of a competitive team. Minnesota volleyball was just that. I am so ready to be a part of this team and to compete in the Maroon and Gold!"



BIG TEN ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM (2025)

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CARLY GILK

OPPOSITE | SO. | 6-2

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CHAMPLIN PARK H.S.



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CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 16 at Iowa 11/16/25

Assists: 3 at Iowa 11/16/25

Serve Aces: 9 vs. USC 11/1/25

Digs: 12 vs. Purdue 11/26/25

Block Assts: 5 at Iowa 11/16/25

Block Solo: N/A

2026 GAME-BY-GAME

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vs. Michigan State (11/14)											
at Nebraska (11/17)											
vs. BIG Tournament (11/20)											
NCAA Tournament (12/4)											

2025 • FRESHMAN SEASON:

Hit .444 with 11 kills in her Gophers debut vs. Cal Poly (Aug. 29) • had nine kills on .389 with three blocks against Ball State (Aug. 30) • totaled five kills and a pair of blocks vs. UST (Aug. 31) • tallied seven kills with two blocks at Loyola Chicago (Sept. 19) • had seven kills and three blocks vs. Rutgers (Sept. 28) • went for five kills and three digs at Michigan (Oct. 1) • totaled seven kills with a career-high two aces and six digs at NU (Oct. 5) • five kills and a career-best 10 digs vs. UCLA (Oct. 8) • eight kills, 10 digs and three blocks vs. OSU (Oct. 12) • 11 kills on .550 with nine digs at Washington (Oct. 18) • 12 kills, seven digs and four blocks at IU (Oct. 24) • career-high 15 kills with 10 digs at Purdue (Oct. 26) • 10 digs vs. Illinois (Oct. 29) • had 12 kills with career-highs in digs (11) and aces (9) vs. USC (Nov. 1) • eight kills and seven digs at UW (Nov. 5) • 10 kills vs. No. 1 Nebraska (Nov. 8) • went for career-highs in kills (16) and blocks (5) at Iowa (Nov. 16) • eight kills, seven digs at RU (Nov. 23) • seven kills and 12 digs vs. Purdue (Nov. 26) • seven kills, six digs and four blocks vs. Fairfield (Dec. 5) • eight kills and six digs vs. Iowa St. (Dec. 6).

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

The 6-foot-2 opposite hitter out of Brooklyn Park, Minn., came to the Gophers as the No. 1 ranked player in Minnesota in the 2025 class (Prep Dig) • the 2024 Star Tribune All-Minnesota Player of the Year, Gilk is a three-time all-state honoree and a four-time all-conference selection • in 2024 fall, she was a Ms. Baden finalist in Minnesota after a senior year that included 455 kills (.301), 307 digs, 39 aces and 25 blocks • she led Champlin Park H.S. to the state tournament for the first time in her career • as a prep, Gilk posted 1,460 kills, 861 digs, 160 blocks, and 169 aces • on the club circuit, Gilk played for Minnesota Select • in 2024, she was named a Senior Prep Volleyball Second Team All-American • Gilk was honored as a JVA All-American for the class of 2025 in 2021, 2022 and 2023 as well • she made Prep Volleyball's Top-100 list in 2023 and earned USAV Nationals All-Tournament honors.

PERSONAL:

The daughter of Shelley and Matt Gilk, she also has a twin brother, Luke, and two older siblings, Abby and Jack, who are also twins • her mom, Shelley, played collegiate golf at Northern Illinois and eventually became a professional golfer • her sister Abby played softball at Augustana College • a four-time honor roll student, Carly plans to major in business at Minnesota.

WHY MINNESOTA:

"I fell in love with Minnesota because of the amazing culture and people that are there! Keegan and Kristen have such amazing values and want to bring out the best in a person both on and off the court. I love the high level and competitive atmosphere that Minnesota has, and I know I will have some of the best teammates I could ask for. I also thought it was really special to be able to play the sport I love in front of so many hometown friends and family. Minnesota is such a great program, and I am so grateful to be a part of it."

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2025-26	MINN	95-29	219	2.31	75	496	.290	26	0.27	25	0.26	45	160	1.68	25	0	56	56	0.59	5	0	272.0	2.86
TOTAL		95 - 29	219	2.31	75	496	.290	26	0.27	25	0.26	45	160	1.68	25	0	56	56	0.59	5	0	272.0	2.86



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CALISSA MINATEE

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DIET COKE CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM (2024)

GOLDEN GOPHER INVITATIONAL ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM (2025)

2025 • JUNIOR SEASON: Golden Gopher Invitational All-Tournament Team • tallied 10 kills on .500 vs. No. 9 Texas A&M (Aug. 25) • had 10 kills on .667 vs. Cal Poly (Aug. 29) • went for seven kills on .455 vs. Ball State (Aug. 29) • tallied seven kills and five blocks vs. UST (Aug. 31) • went for six blocks at Lipscomb (Sept. 6) • totaled a season-high seven blocks vs. South Fla. (Sept. 12) • had four kills and a pair of blocks vs. Dayton (Sept. 13) • suffered a lower body injury vs. South Dakota State that will force her to miss the rest of the season (Sept. 14).

2024 • SOPHOMORE SEASON: Played in all 32 matches, recording 1.52 kills, 0.98 blocks and 0.25 digs per set • tallied three double-dit kill matches • had seven blocks in the season-opener against No. 5 Stanford (Sept. 1) • totaled nine kills and six blocks in an upset of No. 1 Texas (Sept. 2) • went for a career-high 11 kills with four blocks at Baylor (Sept. 6) • tallied eight kills and three blocks vs. TCU (Sept. 7) • posted a career-high eight blocks vs. UST (Sept. 10) • had eight kills on .636 vs. LIU (Sept. 12) • tallied 14 blocks in three matches at the Capital Credit Union Classic in Green Bay (Sept. 19-21) • tied her career-best with 11 kills vs. Wisconsin (Sept. 25) • went for 11 kills at UCLA (Oct. 4) • tallied eight kills and two blocks vs. Indiana (Oct. 11) • had eight kills and five blocks at Ohio State (Oct. 27) • six kills with four blocks at Wisconsin (Nov. 20) • seven kills vs. Iowa (Nov. 23) • nine kills, six blocks at Illinois (Nov. 27) • seven kills against OSU (Nov. 29) • six blocks at Kentucky (12/6).

2023 • FRESHMAN SEASON: Played in 15 matches as a true freshman, posting 0.63 kills and 0.75 blocks per set • Minatee made her debut at Florida, going for two kills and two blocks in her first start (Sep. 3) • had a career-high five blocks (two solo) in a win over No. 6 Oregon (Sep. 8) • went for three kills and two blocks against No. 5 Stanford (Sep. 9) • had a block and a kill vs. HPU (Sep. 14) • had career-highs in kills (3), digs (4) and block assists (4) at Iowa (Sep. 21) • totaled three kills at Purdue (Oct. 26) • had a career-best four kills in a sweep over Iowa (Nov. 17).

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB: A two-time all-conference and a two-time all-district selection who was also selected as an Under Armour All-American • the three-time North Kansas City H.S. Team MVP was a USA Indoor Volleyball National Training Development Team attendee and as a freshman in high school held the highest hitting percentage in the entire state of Missouri • in her senior year, Minatee tallied 208 kills (.422) hitting with 138 digs, 50 blocks and 35 aces • that followed up a junior year that saw her tally 248 kills (.347) with 184 digs, 66 blocks and 37 aces • Minatee registered more than 200 kills and 50 blocks in each of her first two high school seasons as well • she ranks as the No. 56 player in the 2023 class by PrepVolleyball.com • she was named an AVCA Second Team All-American in the fall of 2022 • in club volleyball, Minatee led her team to first place at the 2022 Sunshine 17U Open and second place at the NEQ 17U open.

PERSONAL: The daughter of Jacinthia Prater-Minatee and Lester Minatee, has two sisters, Chandler and Camryn • Chandler currently plays college basketball at Oklahoma State, where she was a 2021-22 First Team Academic All-Big 12 selection • off the court, Minatee has been a National Honor Society Member since April 2021 • she's a three-time Academic All-State honoree and a four-time academic letterwinner at N. Kansas City High • in April of 2022, she was awarded as her school's 'Student of the Month' • plans to major in architecture at Minnesota.

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 11 at UCLA 10/4/24 Blocks: 8 vs. St. Thomas 9/10/24
 Attacks: 24 vs. Wisconsin 9/25/24
 Assists: 1 vs. TCU 9/7/24
 Serve Aces: 1 vs. UST 9/10/24
 Digs: 4 at Iowa 9/21/23
 Block solos: 2 vs. Stanford 9/1/24
 Block assists: 8 vs. UST 9/10/24

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NCAA Tournament (12/4)											

WHY MINNESOTA:

"Minnesota has a family-like environment that really attracted me. Their holistic development of the student-athletes stood out for me."

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2023-24	MINN	32-15	20	0.63	8	52	.231	0	0.00	0	0.00	1	4	0.13	2	2	22	24	0.75	3	0	33.0	1.03
2024-25	MINN	114-32	173	1.52	59	374	.305	6	0.05	1	0.01	6	28	0.25	2	7	105	112	0.98	10	0	233.5	2.05
2025-26	MINN	28-9	48	1.71	10	89	.427	2	0.07	0	0.00	0	2	0.07	0	3	26	29	1.04	3	0	64.0	2.29
TOTAL		174 - 56	241	1.39	77	515	.318	8	0.05	1	0.01	7	34	0.20	4	12	153	165	0.95	16	0	330.5	1.90



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GEORGIA LEE

SETTER | SR. | 5-9

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2025 - JUNIOR SEASON:

Tallied an ace in her Gophers debut vs. No. 9 Texas A&M (Aug. 25) • had a career-high three aces at Vanderbilt (Sept. 5) • totaled two aces and a season-best four digs at Lipscomb (Sept. 6) • tied her season-best with three aces against South Fla. (Sept. 12) • tallied an ace and two digs vs. Dayton (Sept. 13) • went for an ace and two digs vs. South Dakota State (Sept. 14) • totaled a career-best four service aces vs. Rutgers (Sept. 28) • had two assists and two digs at Michigan (Oct. 1) • two aces and two assists at NU (Oct. 5) • went for two aces vs. OSU (Oct. 12) • ace, dig, assist at Indiana (Oct. 24) • two aces, two assists and two digs vs. Illinois (Oct. 29) • two aces vs. USC (Nov. 1) • two aces at Wisconsin (Nov. 5) • had three digs vs. Purdue (Nov. 26) and four digs vs. Wisconsin (Nov. 28).

PRIOR TO MINNESOTA:

Spent the 2023 and 2024 seasons playing at Rutgers University • appeared in 29 combined matches in 2023 and 2024, averaging 2.05 assists, 0.14 aces and 0.56 digs per set in 77 sets played • played in 23 matches this past fall (62 sets) with starts against No. 16 USC, UCLA, Michigan State and No. 8 Purdue • in 2024, Lee totaled double-digit assists in seven matches, including six times in Big Ten play • she set career-highs in assists (24) and digs (7) in a match at Michigan State on Nov. 8. Lee tallied aces in seven matches and had 20+ assists twice • made 21 assists in her first start of the season versus No. 16 USC.

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB:

Attended Corona Del Sol High School in Phoenix, Ariz. • helped Corona Del Sol to the No. 1 ranking in Arizona and AIA State Girls Championship behind a 39-5 overall record and 10-0 6A - Central Conference record • named to 2022 AVCA All-America Watch List and PrepVolleyball Watch List • earned 2021 All-Temple District First Team and All-Premier Second Region First Team honors • registered 2021 AIA All-6A Conference Second Team and Sports360AZ All-Academic Team accolades • played club volleyball for Aspire and participated in the USA Volleyball National Development Team Program.

PERSONAL:

The daughter of Darci and Jared Lee, she has one brother, Owen, and one sister, Tatum • she plans on majoring in economics and human resources at Minnesota.

WHY MINNESOTA:

"Being a Golden Gopher has always been a dream of mine. My family and I love the state of Minnesota and try to spend every summer there. I feel so fortunate to be a part of such an elite and amazing program!"

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 1, 2X

Attacks: 3, vs. USC 10/20/24

Assists: 24 vs. MSU 11/8/24

Serve Aces: 4 vs. RU 9/28/25

Digs: 7 vs. MSU, 11/8/24

Block solos: 1 vs. USC, 10/20/24

Block assists: 1 vs. USC, 10/20/24

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vs. B1G Tournament (11/20)											
NCAA Tournament (12/4)											

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2023-24	RU	15-6	0	0.00	0	2	.000	32	2.13	3	0.20	6	10	0.67	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	3.0	0.20
2024-25	RU	62-23	2	0.03	1	8	.125	126	2.03	8	0.13	20	33	0.53	0	0	1	1	0.02	0	2	10.5	0.17
2025-26	MINN	115-34	0	0.00	0	3	.000	18	0.16	27	0.23	27	40	0.35	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	27.0	0.23
TOTAL FOR MINN		115 - 34	0	0.00	0	3	.000	18	0.16	27	0.23	27	40	0.35	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	27.0	0.23
TOTAL		192 - 63	2	0.01	1	13	.077	176	0.92	38	0.20	53	83	0.43	0	0	1	1	0.01	0	3	40.5	0.21



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MADI KRAFT

DS/LIBERO | FR. | 5-6

EAGAN, MINN.

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2026 • FRESHMAN SEASON:
Enrolled in January of 2026

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB:

Kraft comes in as a libero/defensive specialist from Eagan, Minn • a four-time South Suburban All-Conference selection, Kraft was twice named to the Minnesota Class AAAA All-State team in addition to being named a Ms. Baden Finalist in 2025 • A two-time Star Tribune All-Minnesota Team honoree, Kraft led Eagan High School to the 2022 South Suburban Conference title • four times she was named her school's Defensive Player of the Year and she holds Eagan's program record for most career digs • she ranks as the No. 8 player in Minnesota, including the second ranked libero, according to PrepDig.com • in her prep career, Kraft registered 1,788 digs in 115 matches played, also tallying 150 aces • this fall, she contributed 350 digs, 50 aces and passed a 2.2 • as a junior, she led the team with 509 digs and 31 aces, passing a 2.1 • she posted a career-best 596 digs in 2023 with 32 aces • as a true freshman, Kraft went for 333 digs and 37 aces, helping her team to the conference crown • on the club circuit for Northern Lights, Kraft helped her 17-1's team to a first place finish at the Junior National Tournament last year in Dallas, Texas • in 2024, she earned an AAU All-American nod in the 16-1's division • Kraft led her team to a third place finish in the National Division in 2022 at the US Junior National Championships for her 14-1's team.

PERSONAL:

The daughter of Tami and Chad Kraft, she has two younger brothers, Jaxon and Colton • Chad wrestled at the University of Minnesota from 1994-99 and was the first four-time All-American in Gopher sports history • Tami played volleyball collegiately at Willmar Community College • academically, she is a four-time Honor Roll student and a member of Eagan High School's National Honor Society • Kraft is a four-time Academic All-State honoree • she's currently undecided on what her major at Minnesota will be.

WHY MINNESOTA:

"I have been following the Gophers volleyball program since I was little and it is home to me. I love the environment, the coaches, the staff and the players on the team. They also have a great academic support program for the student-athletes. I also want to compete in the Big Ten Conference."

GOALS:

"To be disciplined and reliable, bringing a positive attitude to practices and games. I want to focus on the team's success."

MINNESOTA HIGHS

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at Nebraska (11/17)											
vs. B1G Tournament (11/20)											
NCAA Tournament (12/4)											

CAREER STATISTICS



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ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN (2024)

GOLDEN GOPHER INVITATIONAL ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM (2025)

2025 - JUNIOR SEASON: Tore her ACL on Aug. 31 against St. Thomas and will miss the 2025 season • will medical redshirt • in four starts, averaged 3.73 digs, 0.20 aces and 0.93 assists per set • went for 15 digs in the opener vs. No. 9 Texas A&M (Aug. 25) • totaled 18 digs and seven assists vs. Cal Poly (Aug. 29) • went for 15 digs and two assists vs. Ball State (Aug. 29) • eight digs and two aces vs. UST (Aug. 31).

2024 - SOPHOMORE SEASON: Started in all 32 matches, leading the team with 3.86 digs per set • tallied 1.32 assists and 0.14 aces per set • posted nine matches with 20-or-more digs • ranked seventh in the Big Ten in digs per set • posted a then career-high 22 digs with six assists and a kill in an upset of No. 1 Texas (Sept. 2) • went for a career-best 29 digs at No. 23 Baylor (Sept. 6) • had 24 digs and three assists vs. TCU (Sept. 7) • had 20 digs vs. UST (Sept. 10) • totaled 20 digs and four assists in a sweep over Green Bay (Sept. 19) • had 10 digs vs. UND with five assists (Sept. 20) • tallied 24 digs and season-highs in assists (6) and aces (2) vs. Wisconsin (Sept. 25) • totaled an ace and 15 digs at OSU (Oct. 27) • posted nine digs and tied her career-high with two aces at MSU (Nov. 1) • had a career-high nine assists vs. UW (Nov. 7) • went for 20 digs at NU (Nov. 14) • had her first double-double with 14 digs, 13 assists vs. UM (Nov. 17) • 22 digs at Wisconsin (Nov. 20) • 21 digs, 10 assists vs. OSU (Nov. 29).

2023 - FRESHMAN SEASON: Played in 20 matches (69 sets) as a freshman in 2023, averaging 1.12 digs, 0.28 assists and 0.13 aces per set • Palabiyik made her Gophers debut with six digs vs. HPU (Sep. 14) • had two aces at Maryland (Oct. 6) • tallied an ace vs. Northwestern (Oct. 15) • had an assist, ace and three digs at Ohio State (Nov. 3) • had an ace and three digs at NU (Nov. 5) • set her career-highs in digs against Purdue (Nov. 10) and Indiana (Nov. 12) • tallied her first career kill and had a career-best 11 digs vs. Iowa (Nov. 17) • had an assist and seven digs vs. Illinois (Nov. 24) • had six digs and a kill against No. 1 Nebraska (Nov. 25) • totaled four digs in her first NCAA match vs. Utah St. (Dec. 1) • had five assists and eight digs against Creighton (Dec. 2).

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB: Palabiyik last played for the U21 Turkish national team, who is competing for a spot to play in the European championship • she played for Besiktas Ceylan (Istanbul, Turkey) for the 2022-23 season, helping the team to a 1 League title • in 2021-22, Palabiyik competed for Eczacibasi Dynavit, leading the team to a Cev Cup championship • the club also finished in third place in the Sultans League, the highest professional volleyball league in Turkey • from 2020-23, she played for the Eczacibasi Sports Club Juniors Team • during her second season there, the team finished second in the U20 Turkish Championship before winning the title during the 2022-23 season.

PERSONAL: The daughter of Figen and Murat Palabiyik, he also has a younger sister, Defne • she's undecided on her major at Minnesota.

WHY MINNESOTA:

"The reason why I chose the University of Minnesota is because it is a high level, both academically and athletically. The winning culture and passion of the team and fans matches my ambitious personality. I also felt very comfortable and safe when I met the staff. I can't wait to live in a place that is different from where I'm from, but still feels like family."

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 1 at Green Bay 9/19/24

DOUBLE DOUBLES: 2

Attacks: 4 at Baylor 9/6/24

Assists: 13 vs. Michigan 11/17/24

Aces: 2 vs. UST 8/31/25

Digs: 29 at Baylor 9/6/24

20+ DIG MATCHES: 9

2026 GAME-BY-GAME

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CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2023-24	MINN	69-20	2	0.03	0	3	.667	19	0.28	9	0.13	11	77	1.12	10	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	11.0	0.16
2024-25	MINN	122-32	3	0.02	1	15	.133	161	1.32	17	0.14	32	471	3.86	39	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	20.0	0.16
2025-26	MINN	15-4	0	0.00	0	1	.000	14	0.93	3	0.20	4	56	3.73	2	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	3.0	0.20
TOTAL		206 - 56	5	0.02	1	19	.211	194	0.94	29	0.14	47	604	2.93	51	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	34.0	0.17



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OLIVIA SWENSON

DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST | JR. | 6-3

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WAYZATA H.S.



@OLIVIA.SWENSONN

2025 - REDSHIRT FRESHMAN SEASON:

Swenson made her collegiate debut at Loyola Chicago, going for an ace and two digs (Sept. 19) • played against Rutgers (Sept. 28) • appeared against Illinois (Oct. 29) • tallied a dig at Maryland (Nov. 21) • put down an ace vs. Iowa State (Dec. 6).

2024 - FRESHMAN SEASON:

Swenson enrolled Minnesota in January of 2024 for her first season as a Gopher. Redshirted in her first year on campus.

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB:

A 6-foot-3 outside and opposite out of Plymouth, Minn. (Wayzata H.S.), Olivia continues the Swenson sister pipeline to the University of Minnesota • her accolades include four all-conference selections, two all-state and all-metro nods and four All-Metro West CCX Team honors • Swenson has helped her team to three straight Minnesota State High School Class AAAA titles (sophomore through senior years) • a 2022 MSHSL State Volleyball All-Tournament Team selection, Swenson has helped Wayzata to be ranked No. 7 and No. 8 in the country, respectively, in junior and senior years • a 2023 Ms. Baden Award Finalist, Olivia was named Star Tribune Prep Athlete of the Week two times and was named to Volleyball Magazine Dream Team • she is ranked as the No. 36 player in the country according to Prep Volleyball • in club, Olivia helped Minnesota Select to a National Runner-Up finish at the 17-Open (USA GJNCs) in 2023 and a third place finish at the 14-Open in 2021.

PERSONAL:

The daughter of Erik Swenson and Vicki Seliger Swenson, she's joined in her family by older sister Samantha Seliger Swenson and brother-in-law Eric Loeppky in addition to her twin sister Stella (older by 21 minutes) and younger sister Eva • her dad, Erik, played football for the University of North Dakota • her, mom, Vicki, played volleyball for Iowa State University • her older sister Samantha played volleyball for University of Minnesota and was one of two four-time All-Americans in program history • academically, Olivia was a member of Wayzata High School's honor roll • she intends to major in psychology at Minnesota

WHY MINNESOTA:

"It has always been my dream to play volleyball at the University of Minnesota. I grew up attending matches and watching my older sister play. The fans are amazing and the Pav has such a fun atmosphere. As soon as I met Coach Cook and his staff, I knew this is where I wanted to stay. I am thankful to represent my home state and play in front of my family and friends. I can't wait to get to Minnesota in January and start training with my teammates."

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: N/A

Attacks: N/A

Asst: N/A

Aces: 1 vs. Iowa St. 12/6/25

Digs: 2 vs. Loyola 9/19/25

Blocks: N/A

Blk solo: N/A

Block asst: N/A

PCT: N/A

2026 GAME-BY-GAME

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vs. Wisconsin (10/4)											
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at Iowa (11/8)											
vs. Indiana (11/11)											
vs. Michigan State (11/14)											
at Nebraska (11/17)											
vs. B1G Tournament (11/20)											
NCAA Tournament (12/4)											

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2025-26	MINN	7-6	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	2	0.29	0	3	0.43	1	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0	0.29
TOTAL		7 - 6	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	2	0.29	0	3	0.43	1	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0	0.29



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JORDAN TAYLOR

MIDDLE BLOCKER | SO. | 6-5

HOUSTON, TEXAS

LANGHAM CREEK H.S.



@JORDAN_TAYLORRR

BIG TEN DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK (NOV. 17, 2025)

2025 - FRESHMAN SEASON:

Totaled four kills on .571 with two blocks in her Gophers debut vs. Ball State (Aug. 30) • had four kills and two blocks vs. UST (Aug. 31) • three kills on .750 vs. South Florida (Sept. 12) • had four kills and five blocks vs. SDSU (Sept. 14) • tallied six kills, five blocks at LC (Sept. 19) • went for six kills and eight blocks at Marquette (Sept. 21) • totaled seven kills and two blocks vs. Rutgers (Sept. 28) • went for four kills and five blocks at Michigan (Oct. 1) • six kills and a career-best eight block assists at NU (Oct. 5) • six blocks vs. OSU (Oct. 12) • four kills and eight blocks at Oregon (Oct. 17) • had eight kills each at Indiana and at Purdue (Oct. 24 and 26) • seven kills on .875 vs. Illinois (Oct. 29) • went for six kills and two blocks vs. USC (Nov. 1) • six kills, seven blocks at Wisconsin (Nov. 5) • went for a career-best 11 blocks with three kills at Iowa (Nov. 16) • seven blocks at Rutgers (Nov. 23) • six kills and four blocks vs. Purdue (Nov. 26) • four kills, five blocks vs. Fairfield (Dec. 5) • five blocks vs. Iowa St. (Dec. 6).

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB:

A 6-foot-5 middle blocker out of Houston, Texas, Jordan Taylor brings talent, physicality and defensive ability to the Gophers • a three-time all-district selection at Langham Creek H.S., Taylor was named the District 16-6A Outstanding Blocker of the Year three times in her career • she was named to the 2023 All-Greater Houston First Team by the Houston Chronicle • in her prep career, Taylor tallied 1,741 kills (.345 hitting) and 654 blocks • she totaled 712 kills and 133 total blocks as a senior in 2024 and delivered a single-season career best 214 blocks as a junior in 2023 • Taylor competed in club for Houston Juniors and she also has two years in the USA gym with the National Team Developmental Program • helped lead the USA U19 Team to a silver medal during the summer of 2025 in Croatia.

PERSONAL:

The daughter of Tiffany Taylor, Jordan is an only child • she made the All-Academic Team at her high school and intends to major in business at Minnesota.

WHY MINNESOTA:

"I chose Minnesota because of the environment on and off the court. I love the city and the campus. I also really like the culture the Minnesota volleyball team is building.

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 8 at Purdue 10/26/25

Attacks: 14 vs. SDSU 9/12/25

Asst: 20 vs. UCLA 10/8/25

Aces: N/A

Digs: 2 at Ore. 10/17/25

Blocks: 8 at NU 10/5/25

Blk solo: 2 vs. Iowa St.

12/6/25

Block asst: 11 at Iowa 11/16/25

PCT: .875 vs. Illinois 10/29/25

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vs. Penn State (11/6)											
at Iowa (11/8)											
vs. Indiana (11/11)											
vs. Michigan State (11/14)											
at Nebraska (11/17)											
vs. BIG Tournament (11/20)											
NCAA Tournament (12/4)											

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2025-26	MINN	100-31	132	1.32	28	301	.346	3	0.03	0	0.00	0	18	0.18	1	14	109	123	1.23	9	0	200.5	2.01
TOTAL		100 - 31	132	1.32	28	301	.346	3	0.03	0	0.00	0	18	0.18	1	14	109	123	1.23	9	0	200.5	2.01



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MIDDLE BLOCKER | SR. | 6-3

ČESKÁ TREBOVÁ, CZECH REPUBLIC

GYMNÁZIUM A SOŠ PEDAGOGICKÁ (WASH. ST.)



@LUCI_BLAZKOVA

2025 AVCA NORTHWEST ALL-REGION
2025 ALL-WCC FIRST TEAM
2025 WCC ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM
2025 CSC ACADEMIC ALL-REGION
2025 ALL-WCC PRESEASON TEAM
2024 ALL-WCC SECOND TEAM
2024 WCC ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

2026 • SENIOR SEASON:

Enrolled in June of 2026 at Minnesota after transferring from Washington St.

PRIOR TO MINNESOTA:

After redshirting in her first year at Washington State in 2023, Blažková starred in the last two seasons for the Cougars • her accolades include being a 2025 AVCA Northwest All-Region selection and a 2025 All-WCC First Team honoree • she made the second team in 2024 in addition to being named to the WCC All-Freshman Team • a three-time WCC Player of the Week last year, she was named WCC Defensive Player and Freshman of the Week once each in her rookie season • in 2025, she started in all 28 matches • she set the WSU all-time single-season hitting percentage record with a .443 mark on 280 kills and her .443 hitting percentage finished ninth-highest in the nation and led the WCC • Blažková hit over .700 in three matches and .500+ in 11 matches • her 1.21 blocks per set ranked 68th in the nation and second in the WCC, and her 121 total blocks was third-most in the WCC • as a freshman in 2024, she started all 28 matches for WSU • her 134 blocks and 1.20 blocks per set ranked third in the WCC, while her 42 solo blocks led the conference by a margin of 15, and was good four fourth-most in a season by a Cougar all-time • she also boasts international experience, helping the Czech Republic to the Golden European League silver medal.

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB:

Played club volleyball for VK Dukla Liberec where she was a two-time league champion and runner-up in the Czech cup while playing at the highest level of competitive club volleyball in the Czech Republic • playing for her country, she helped the Czech Republic earn a 2023 European Golden League title as well as 2023 European Championship qualification.

PERSONAL:

Lucie is originally from Česká Trebová, Czech Republic • she has two older brothers, Martin and Tomáš • she is the daughter of Katerina Blažková and Martin Blažek.

WHY MINNESOTA:

"I chose Minnesota because of the amazing program and community. I want to be the best player possible and help the team to achieve the highest goals."

CAREER HIGHS

2026 GAME-BY-GAME

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CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2024-25	WSU	112-28	200	1.79	67	478	.278	14	0.13	25	0.22	44	63	0.56	2	42	92	134	1.20	14	0	313.0	2.79
2025-26	WSU	100-28	280	2.80	45	531	.443	17	0.17	30	0.30	27	66	0.66	1	27	94	121	1.21	8	1	384.0	3.84
TOTAL FOR MINN		-		0.00			.000		0.00		0.00			0.00					0.00			0.0	0.00
TOTAL		212 - 56	480	2.26	112	1009	.365	31	0.15	55	0.26	71	129	0.61	3	69	186	255	1.20	22	1	697.0	3.29



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ELENA HOECKE

MIDDLE BLOCKER | FR. | 6-3
LINO LAKES, MINN.
CENTENNIAL H.S.



@ELENA_HOECKE

2026 • FRESHMAN SEASON:

Enrolled in January of 2026

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB:

The 6-foot-3 middle blocker out of Lino Lakes, Minn., comes to the Gophers after a decorated prep career • a five-time varsity player at Centennial High School, Hoecke was named a 2026 Under Armour All-American, the 2025 Minnesota Ms. Baden Award winner and the 2025 Star Tribune Volleyball Player of the Year • the two-time All-State selection was named to the 2025 AAAA State All-Tournament Team • A three-time team captain at Centennial, Hoecke was ranked as the No. 1 overall player in the 2026 class in Minnesota according to PrepDig.com (No. 14 player nationally) • PrepVolleyball.com has her as the No. 16 ranked player in America • Hoecke was named to the AVCA High School Player of the Year watch list and the 2025 Best & Brightest First Team • she earned 2025 Breakdown Pre-Season Player of the Year honors and was named the 2025 AVCA Region 7 Player of the Year • as both a senior and freshman in high school, Hoecke helped Centennial to the State Consolation Championships • a four-time all-conference selection, the three-time team captain posted 1,389 career kills, 685 digs, 383 blocks, 200 aces and a .313 hitting percentage • as a senior, she hit .412 with 338 kills, 189 digs, 103 blocks and 37 aces • as a junior, she hit .324 with 368 kills, 255 digs, 69 blocks and 45 aces • she posted over 140 kills in each of her five varsity seasons • she has experience playing in the USA gym as well, competing as a U19 National Team Player for U21 World Championships last summer • Hoecke played for the 2024 USA U-19 National Team and won a gold medal at the NORCECCA Girls' U19 Continental Championship • she's competed in the USA National Team Development Program since 2022.

PERSONAL:

The daughter of Heather and Kyle Hoecke, she also has an older sister, Elise • her mom graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School and her dad graduated from the Carlson School of Management at the 'U' with an MBA • a four-time academic letter winner and a National Honor Society member, Hoecke plans on majoring in kinesiology at Minnesota.

WHY MINNESOTA:

"I chose Minnesota because of the winning history and the amazing culture. I want to play at the highest level and this program gives me the opportunity to do so. I know my coaches and teammates are going to push me to become the best volleyball player and person I can be. Minnesota has a great winning history, and I want to help continue that legacy. Being from Minnesota, I grew up going to Gopher volleyball games, and I cannot wait to play in front of my home crowd at the Pav!"

GOALS:

"My goal is to play a key role on the team and to be an All-American. I will do whatever it takes to help the team win a Big Ten Championship along with Minnesota's first National Championship."

MINNESOTA HIGHS

2026 GAME-BY-GAME

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CAREER STATISTICS



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ALEX ACEVEDO

OUTSIDE HITTER | SR. | 6-2
NAMPA, IDAHO (SKYVIEW H.S.)
OREGON



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ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN; BIG TEN DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR (2024-25)

DIET COKE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT MVP (2025)

DIET COKE CLASSIC ALL-TOURNAMENT (2025)

2025 - JUNIOR SEASON: Went for 11 kills in the opener against No. 9 Texas A&M (Aug. 25) • had 11 kills on .556 hitting versus Ball State (Aug. 30) • tallied seven kills vs. Vanderbilt (Sept. 5) • totaled seven kills and three blocks vs. South Fla. (Sept. 12) • had 11 kills on .310 hitting and six digs vs. Dayton (Sept. 13) • went for a career-high 16 kills with six digs on her way to Diet Coke Classic Tournament MVP honors vs. SDSU (Sept. 14) • 11 kills, five digs and three blocks at Marquette (Sept. 21) • had 10 kills vs. MSU (Sept. 25) • four kills and five digs at Michigan (Oct. 1) • went for seven kills and an ace before leaving with a knee injury at NU (Oct. 5). Will miss the rest of the regular season.

2024 - SOPHOMORE SEASON: Acevedo made her debut against No. 23 Baylor, going for 10 kills, an ace and seven digs (Sept. 6) • totaled three kills, five digs and an ace vs. UST (Sept. 10) • totaled two service aces with four kills and eight digs vs. LIU (Sept. 12) • totaled a career-high four service aces with seven digs vs. Auburn (Sept. 13) • tallied nine kills against UND with nine digs (Sept. 20) • totaled a career-high 12 kills in a sweep against Wisconsin (Sept. 25) • had nine kills, two aces vs. Purdue (Sept. 28) • went for five kills at Penn State (Oct. 20) • tallied an ace and two digs at Michigan State (Nov. 1) • posted two kills and two aces against Oregon (Nov. 9) • went for seven kills and a career-high 20 digs at NU (Nov. 14) • had a career-high seven service aces with 12 digs vs. Michigan (Nov. 17) • tallied seven digs at Wisconsin (Nov. 20) • totaled 10 digs with an ace vs. Iowa (Nov. 23) • went for a kill, ace and five digs against Ohio State (Nov. 29).

PRIOR TO MINNESOTA: Acevedo redshirted at the University of Oregon in 2023. She came to MN in the spring of 2024.

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB: 2022-23 Idaho Gatorade Player of the Year • in her senior year of high school, she led the Skyview Hawks (22-5) to their third consecutive 4A state championship, recording 339 kills, 151 digs and 33 blocks and a .400 hitting percentage • she had 26 kills and three blocks in the championship match • was also named Idaho's 4A Player of the Year by coaches in the state and was rated as the No. 13 recruit in the Class of 2024 by PrepVolleyball.com • Acevedo stepped into the national spotlight at the GEICO Volleyball Invitational and responded with 42 kills in the two-match showcase • in the weekend opener against Papillion-La Vista South (Neb.), she had a season-high 27 kills, nine digs and three blocks.

PERSONAL: The daughter of Nada and Eric Acevedo, she also has a younger brother, Jovan • her mom played basketball in college at Southern Oregon University • in high school, she was a 4.0 GPA student who has volunteered locally on behalf of multiple charitable organizations, including the Family Access Network and the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program • she also served as a buddy/mentor for her brother at the Idaho Special Olympics • she is undecided on what her major will be at Minnesota.

WHY MINNESOTA:

"I'm so excited to join the Golden Gophers. The university and volleyball team have everything I am looking for and I'm so thankful for the opportunity to help this program compete in the Big Ten!"

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 16 vs. SDSU 9/14/25 Block solos: 1 at USC 10/5/24
Attacks: 47 vs. SDSU 9/14/25
Assists: 2 vs. SDSU 9/14/25
Serve Aces: 7 vs. Michigan
11/17/24
Digs: 20 at Nebraska 11/14/24
Block Asst: 3 vs. USF 9/12/25

2026 GAME-BY-GAME

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CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2024-25	MINN	105-30	78	0.74	44	280	.121	6	0.06	37	0.35	26	145	1.38	20	1	8	9	0.09	1	0	120.0	1.14
2025-26	MINN	42-15	111	2.64	26	303	.281	5	0.12	15	0.36	8	53	1.26	13	1	12	13	0.31	2	0	133.0	3.17
TOTAL		147 - 45	189	1.29	70	583	.204	11	0.07	52	0.35	34	198	1.35	33	2	20	22	0.15	3	0	253.0	1.72



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KELLY KINNEY

OUTSIDE | SO. | 6-2

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA.

THE KING'S ACADEMY



@KELLYKINNEY

2025 • FRESHMAN SEASON:

Went for nine kills on .300 with four digs vs. Cal Poly (Aug. 29) • had 11 kills on .333 vs. UST (Aug. 31) • tallied a career-high 12 kills on .360 vs. Dayton (Sept. 13) • totaled six kills and a pair of blocks vs. SDSU (Sept. 14) • 11 kills at Loyola Chicago (Sept. 19) • nine kills with a career-high four blocks at Marquette (Sept. 21) • went for two kills, two aces and three blocks at Michigan (Oct. 1) • seven kills on .300 with two blocks at NU (Oct. 5) • five kills and a career-best four aces vs. OSU (Oct. 12) • 11 kills and three blocks at Oregon (Oct. 17) • career-high 15 kills at Indiana (Oct. 24) • 11 kills, three aces at Purdue (Oct. 26) • 11 kills at Wisconsin (Nov. 5) • career-high 17 kills on .483 at Iowa (Nov. 16) • 10 kills, six digs and an ace at Rutgers (Nov. 23) • 14 kills and two aces vs. Purdue (Nov. 26) • eight kills, six digs vs. Iowa St. (Dec. 6).

HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB:

A 6-foot-2 outside out of the Sunshine State, Kelly Kinney comes in as a heralded recruit • the four-time Palm Beast Post All-District and Sun Sentinel All-Region selection was named an Under Armour All-American in 2024 • a three-time MVP and team captain at The King's Academy, Kinney helped lead the team to five indoor district championships and two beach district championships • Kinney had a decorated prep career, tallying 1340 kills (.301 hitting), 769 digs, 148 aces and 115 blocks • as a senior in 2024, she posted 370 kills (.322), 189 digs, 45 aces and 21 blocks • she was ranked by Prep Volleyball as the No. 11 overall ranked player in the 2025 class, including the No. 1 ranking of any player in the south • she was named an All-American by Prep Volleyball, Volleyball Magazine and Prep Dig • on the club circuit, Kinney led the 17U Tribe Volleyball Club to a 2024 AAU National Championship this summer • in 2023, she helped her team finish third at both AAU and GJNC nationals • she was named to the 2024 GJNC 16 Open All-Tournament Team • Kinney has also spent significant time in the USA gym, taking part in the National Team Development Program from 2021-24 • she made the U19 FIVB roster for the summer of 2025 and competed at the U19 World Championships • she played on the USA U19 National Team in both 2023 and 2024, helping the team win a gold medal at the NORCECA Continental Championship • she also took part in the 2023 USA U21 National Team's sixth place finish at the FIVB World Championships.

PERSONAL:

The daughter of Alison Brady Kinney and Matt Kinney, Kelly has an older sister, Lily • her dad, Matt, played college soccer at both Columbia University and Claremont McKenna College • her sister, Lily, plays club volleyball at Florida State University • a five-time honor roll student and a Principal's List student, Kelly is undecided on what her major will be at Minnesota • she is a member of her school's National Honor Society and National English Honor Society.

WHY MINNESOTA:

"I chose Minnesota because of the culture. The coaches and the players made me feel like I am part of a family, not just a volleyball program. As soon as I watched my first game at The Pav, I knew Minnesota is where I wanted to be."

CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 17 at Iowa 11/16/25 11/23/25
 Attacks: 34 vs. USC 11/1/25
 Assists: 1 vs. Lipscomb 9/6/25
 Serve Aces: 4 vs. OSU 10/12/25
 Digs: 6 vs. Iowa St. 12/6/25
 Block solos: N/A
 Block assists: 6 at Rutgers

2026 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent (Date)	Start	SP	K-E-TA	Pct.	A	SA	D	BS	BA	TB	Pts
vs. Arizona St. (8/28)											
vs. Creighton (8/29)											
vs. Florida (9/1)											
vs. Auburn (9/2)											
vs. Miami (9/11)											
vs. St. Thomas (9/13)											
vs. South Dakota (9/18)											
vs. South Dakota St. (9/19)											
at Illinois (9/24)											
vs. Oregon (9/26)											
vs. Northwestern (10/1)											
vs. Wisconsin (10/4)											
at Rutgers (10/9)											
at Ohio State (10/11)											
vs. Michigan (10/16)											
vs. Maryland (10/17)											
at Purdue (10/23)											
vs. Washington (10/25)											
at UCLA (10/30)											
at USC (11/1)											
vs. Penn State (11/6)											
at Iowa (11/8)											
vs. Indiana (11/11)											
vs. Michigan State (11/14)											
at Nebraska (11/17)											
vs. BIG Tournament (11/20)											
NCAA Tournament (12/4)											

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2025-26	MINN	108-34	254	2.35	107	725	.203	14	0.13	28	0.26	37	74	0.69	16	0	54	54	0.50	2	0	309.0	2.86
TOTAL		108 - 34	254	2.35	107	725	.203	14	0.13	28	0.26	37	74	0.69	16	0	54	54	0.50	2	0	309.0	2.86

1 • STELLA SWENSON • JR • MINNETONKA, MINN

-Older sister Samantha Seliger-Swenson was one of two four-time First Team AVCA All-Americans at Minnesota as a setter from 2015-18. Sam is married to Erik Loeppky, who played in the Olympics for Canada's men's volleyball team.

-Has a twin sister, Olivia, who is also on the team, and a younger sister, Eva as well.

-Dad, Erik, played football for the University of North Dakota. Mom, Vicki, played volleyball for Iowa State University.

-Minnesota has been her dream school her whole life and she knew she wanted to come here after watching her older sister play.

-Committed three weeks after it was legal for her to do so.

-Off the court: likes to read, knit, do puzzles and play chess.

-Biggest inspiration: her mom Vicki.

3 • MCKENNA WUCHERER • 5TH • BROOKFIELD, WIS

-Has two older sisters, Miranda and Abby. Abby played VB at Southern Utah while Miranda played at N. Kentucky before transferring to Minnesota in 2022. She now coaches at WKU.

-Father is Greg Wucherer. Her mother Wendy passed away when she was young (breast cancer) and McKenna wears pink shoes in her honor.

-Played soccer when she was young, also was an all-state high jumper in track and field during high school.

-Committed to Minnesota at 14 years old

-Sports Team: Green Bay Packers/Milwaukee Brewers/Bucks

4 • MAKENNA CROSSON • FR. • SAN JOSE, CALIF.

-Dad is a volleyball coach and was always in the gym with him. Both parents played volleyball at Pacific where they met. Mom works at Stanford in compliance. All her family lives in California.

-Dad and head coach Keegan Cook were assistant coaches at St. Mary's.

-Favorite Gophers: Lydia Grote, who played for her dad, Stephanie Samedy, Jenna Wenaas and Julia Hanson.

Biggest Inspirations: Her parents

5 • MCKENNA GARR • SO. • RUSH CITY, MINN

-From Rush City, a small town of 3,000 people an hour north of Minneapolis. Grew up and lived there her whole life.

-Has two dogs, Athena and Havoc.

-Has an older sister, Summer. Mom also played college volleyball at Minnesota Duluth and Itasca.

-Played softball before getting into volleyball. Started getting recruited at 15, Minnesota was her dream school.

-Looked up to Tori Dixon as a kid, she was her idol. Garr thought she wanted to be a middle blocker.

-Her family has had season tickets to Gopher volleyball for the past five years. Ordered B1G+ and would watch on TV too.

-Favorite hobby is riding horses at her family home.

Hidden Talent: I can sew

Biggest Inspirations: Sister, Summer.

6 • KATE THIBAUT • SR • WATERTOWN, MINN.

-Transferred to Minnesota from Oregon in the spring of 2024.

-Played club with the Swenson sisters

-Used to be a gymnast when she was in grade school

-Mom played in college at Denver and dad played amateur volleyball. Aunt played at USF and uncle played at Ohio State.

-Her sister Paige was a senior on Auburn volleyball

-Minnesota was always her dream school growing up

-Off the court, loves to play pickleball, be outside and go to the lake. Enjoys paddleboarding, spike ball, golfing and frooling

-Fun Fact: Was homeschooled for 10 years before high school

7 • CARLY GILK • SO • BROOKLYN PARK, MINN.

-The daughter of Shelley and Matt Gilk, she also has a twin brother, Luke, and two older siblings, Abby and Jack, who are also twins •

-Mom, Shelley, played collegiate golf at Northern Illinois and eventually became a professional golfer

-Her sister Abby played softball at Augustana College

-Dad from Brookings, S.D. and mom from Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin, family moved to Minnesota as it's right in between

-Played tee ball, soccer, gymnastics as a kid. Played baseball on the same team as her brother as young kids.

-First person in her family to play volleyball, besides one cousin.

-Off the court, loves to ski, ice fish and hike.

-Worked on a farm in Dayton, Minn., during the summer and rides horses when she is done working.

Favorite Food: Sushi, chocolate croissants, ice cream, pickles

Fun Fact: We have two sets of twins in my family and I can do a round off back flip

Favorite Sport To Watch: Football or Basketball

Pro Sports Team: Minnesota Wild

Hidden Talent: I can play the Ukulele

Biggest Inspirations: My mom

8 • CALISSA MINATEE • SR • KANSAS CITY, MO.

-Looked up to former Gophers All-Americans Taylor Morgan (2015-19) and Stephanie Samedy (2017-21) growing up.

-Has two sisters, Chandler (older) and Camryn (younger). Chandler plays basketball in college at Oklahoma State, where she transferred to from Kansas. Camryn plays volleyball and is about to be in high school this fall.

-Used to do dance and played soccer before volleyball.

-Favorite Food: Fettuccine Alfredo

Musical Artists: Kendrick Lamar and Brickface

Fun Fact: I still listen to Tove Lo

Sport to Watch: Hockey and Tennis

Pro Sports Team: Boston Celtics (fav. player: Jayson Tatum)

Vacation Spot: Hawaii

Inspiration: Mother

10 • GEORGIA LEE • SR • CORONA DEL SOL, ARIZ.

-Played her first two seasons of college volleyball at Rutgers.

-Originally born in Washington, D.C.; dad was going to Georgetown at the time. Her parents lived out there and we were there for the first year of her life. Then we moved to Minnesota and lived in Duluth. Moved to Arizona when she was six.

-Mom grew up in Minnesota and went to the University of Minnesota. Her whole family lives here in a town called Ortonville.

-Grew up coming to Minnesota every summer for two weeks.

-Did soccer, gymnastics, tennis, cheer growing up before getting into volleyball at 10 years old.

-Brother Owen was on track team at Arizona State.

-Grew up a huge Gophers fan. Watched Gopher volleyball with her family all the time.

-Went to all the camps when on vacation to Minnesota. It was always the biggest dream of hers to be a Golden Gopher.

-Huge Vikings fan, wants to be the GM when she's older.

Pro Sports Team: Minnesota Vikings

Biggest Inspirations: Parents

11 • MADI KRAFT • FR. • EAGAN, MINN.

-Played on Eagan high school's varsity team as an eighth grader.

-The daughter of Tami and Chad Kraft, she has two younger brothers, Jaxon and Colton. Chad wrestled at the University of Minnesota from 1994-99 and was the first four-time All-American in Gopher sports history. Tami played volleyball collegiately at Willmar Community College.

-From Minnesota and the Minneapolis metro area so has followed the Gophers for quite some time.

12 • ZEYNEP PALABIYIK • SR • ISTANBUL, TURKEY

-Parents are Figen (mom) and Murat (dad), younger sister Defne.

-When she's not playing volleyball, likes to hang out with friends and my teammates. I like to do to coffee shops and watch TV shows. In Istanbul, I love searching for different places and experiencing new things.

-Favorite Food: Pizza

-Fun Fact: I have two cats, Potato and Sparky

-Favorite Sport to Watch: Basketball

-Favorite Pro Sports Teams: Houston Rockets

-Biggest Inspirations: My mother

13 • OLIVIA SWENSON • JR • MINNETONKA, MINN

-The daughter of Erik Swenson and Vicki Seliger Swenson, older sister Sam was a four-time All-American at Minnesota and twin sister Stella is on the team with her now

-Idolized the Tapp sisters [Hannah and Paige], Sarah Wilhite, Molly Lohman, Dalianliz Rosado, Sam growing up

-Had a major hip surgery a couple years ago that caused her to miss her entire sophomore season at Wayzata

-Off the court, loves to draw paint and do ceramics. Also loves to sleep, go to the lake, go boating and jet skiing. Very focused on school as well. Has a sand volleyball court at family house

15 • JORDAN TAYLOR • SO • HOUSTON, TEXAS

-She participated in Team USA U19's team this summer with Kelly Kinney, coached by Keegan Cook. They took silver in the World Championships.

-Originally from Richmond, Texas. Moved to Houston when she was young to be closer to extended family. Only child.

-Used to play basketball and dance when she was younger.

-Her 15s year she was at a club camp and [Gophers head coach] Keegan Cook was there. She worked with him and found out where he was the coach at, and started considering Minnesota.

-College volleyball idol was Texas' Brionne Butler.

-Outside of VB likes to read and listen to music (Nirvana/Kanye).

Favorite Food: Sushi; Favorite Sport To Watch: Basketball

Fun Fact: Actually left-handed but learned how to hit right

Pro Sports Team: Houston Rockets

Biggest Inspirations: Mom

16 • LUCIE BLAŽKOVÁ • SR. • ČESKÁ TREBOVÁ, CZECH REPUBLIC

-Played two years at Washington State before transferring to Minnesota.

-The daughter of Kateřina and Martin Blažková, she has two older brothers, Martin and Tomáš. Both her father and brother Martin played volleyball in the Czech Republic.

17 • ELENA HOECKE • FR. • LINO LAKES, MINN.

-Along with volleyball, played basketball and softball growing up.

-Grew up watching Gopher alumni Hannah and Paige Tapp as well as Stephanie Samedy.

-Loves to travel and explore new places. I love to hike, go to the lake and spend time with family and friends.

-Pro Sports Team: Minnesota Vikings and Timberwolves

24 • ALEX ACEVEDO • SR • NAMPÁ, IDAHO

-Committed to Oregon in seventh grade, used to live in Oregon but moved to Idaho in high school to get more support for her younger brother, Jovan, who has autism. Alex spent a lot of time growing up helping her brother with PT and speech therapy

-Did karate, gymnastics, basketball and track as a kid in addition to volleyball. She was a karate national champion in her age group in middle school

-Her mom moved from Serbia to the United States for college. She played college basketball at Southern Oregon University. She had only played one year of organized basketball before college and became a two-time All-American at SOU

-Her mom also speaks five different languages and met her dad in college at SOU

-Off the court, loves to walk her dog and baking

-Fun Fact: knows most lyrics to tons of Eminem songs

33 • KELLY KINNEY • SO • WEST PALM BEACH, FLA

-Grew up playing soccer and tennis, got into volleyball because her older sister played it.

-Played for Keegan Cook with U19's USA Team, earned a silver medal this summer in Croatia.

-Outside of volleyball, loves to read, hang out with friends, going to the beach or going to the pool.

-Looked up to Stephanie Samedy, both Florida natives.

Fun Fact: Went on mission trip to Nicaragua to build houses

Pro Sports Team: Liverpool FC

Favorite Vacation Spot: Greece

Biggest Inspirations: My mom and sister



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STELLA SWENSON

S | 6-1 | Jr.
Minnetonka, Minn.


3

MCKENNA WUCHERER

OH | 6-1 | 5th.
Brookfield, Wis.


4

MAKENNA CROSSON

OH | 6-3 | Fr.
San Jose, Calif.


5

McKENNA GARR

DS/L | 5-7 | So.
Rush City, Minn.


6

KATE THIBAUT

DS/L | 5-4 | Sr.
Watertown, Minn.


7

CARLY GILK

OPP | 6-2 | So.
Brooklyn Park, Minn.


8

CALISSA MINATEE

MB | 6-1 | Sr.
Kansas City, Mo.


10

GEORGIA LEE

S | 6-1 | Sr.
Phoenix, Ariz.


11

MADI KRAFT

DS/L | 5-6 | Fr.
Eagan, Minn.


12

ZEYNEP PALABIYIK

DS/L | 5-4 | Sr.
Istanbul, Turkey.


13

OLIVIA SWENSON

DS | 6-3 | Jr.
Minnetonka, Minn.


15

JORDAN TAYLOR

MB | 6-5 | Fr.
Houston, Texas


16

Lucie Blažková

MB | 6-3 | Sr.
Ceská Trebová, C. Republic


17

ELENA HOECKE

MB | 6-3 | Fr.
Lino Lakes, Minn.


24

ALEX ACEVEDO

OH | 6-2 | R-So.
Nampa, Idaho


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KELLY KINNEY

OH | 6-2 | So.
West Palm Beach, Fla.

HEAD COACH
KEEGAN COOK

4th Year
St. Mary's (2007)



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Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
24 - 10	12 - 8	14 - 4	10 - 5	0 - 1

Team Box Score

			Attack					Set		Serve				Dig			Blocking							
##	Player	SP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	A	A/S	SA	SE	SA/S	RE	DIG	DIG/S	BS	BA	TOT/S	BLK/S	BE	BHE		PTS	
1	Swenson, Stella	119	70	0.59	22	198	.242	1163	9.77	36	37	0.30	1	255	2.14	4	70	74	0.62	7	0		145.0	
4	Crowl, Lauren	87	23	0.26	11	91	.132	1	0.01	0	0	0.00	0	13	0.15	1	17	18	0.21	0	0		32.5	
5	Garr, McKenna	115	0	0.00	0	2	.000	90	0.78	21	23	0.18	44	385	3.35	0	0	0	0.00	0	0		21.0	
6	Thibault, Kate	119	2	0.02	0	8	.250	50	0.42	6	21	0.05	13	245	2.06	0	0	0	0.00	0	0		8.0	
7	Gilk, Carly	95	219	2.31	75	496	.290	26	0.27	25	45	0.26	25	160	1.68	0	56	56	0.59	5	0		272.0	
8	Minatee, Calissa	28	48	1.71	10	89	.427	2	0.07	0	0	0.00	0	2	0.07	3	26	29	1.04	3	0		64.0	
10	Lee, Georgia	115	0	0.00	0	3	.000	18	0.16	27	27	0.23	0	40	0.35	0	0	0	0.00	0	0		27.0	
11	Ng, Chloe	2	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	1	1	0.50	0	1	0.50	0	0	0	0.00	0	0		1.0	
12	Palabiyik, Zeynep	15	0	0.00	0	1	.000	14	0.93	3	4	0.20	2	56	3.73	0	0	0	0.00	0	0		3.0	
13	Swenson, Olivia	7	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	2	0	0.29	1	3	0.43	0	0	0	0.00	0	0		2.0	
15	Taylor, Jordan	100	132	1.32	28	301	.346	3	0.03	0	0	0.00	1	18	0.18	14	109	123	1.23	9	0		200.5	
20	Myers, Lourdes	116	197	1.70	54	426	.336	1	0.01	2	7	0.02	0	44	0.38	11	130	141	1.22	22	0		275.0	
22	Hanson, Julia	115	470	4.09	122	1139	.306	10	0.09	34	45	0.30	22	184	1.60	14	61	75	0.65	8	0		548.5	
24	Acevedo, Alex	42	111	2.64	26	303	.281	5	0.12	15	8	0.36	13	53	1.26	1	12	13	0.31	2	0		133.0	
33	Kinney, Kelly	108	254	2.35	107	725	.203	14	0.13	28	37	0.26	16	74	0.69	0	54	54	0.50	2	0		309.0	
MINNESOTA		119	1526	12.82	455	3782	.283	1397	11.74	200	255	1.68	154	1533	12.88	48	535	315.5	2.65	58	0		2,041.5	
Opponents		119	1574	13.23	658	4071	.225	1477	12.41	154	318	1.29	200	1557	13.08	34	325	196.5	1.65	54	2		1,924.5	

Team statistics

	MINN	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	1526	1574
Errors	455	658
Total Attacks	3782	4071
Attack Pct	.283	.225
Kills/Set	12.82	13.23
SET		
Assists	1397	1477
Attempts	3700	3981
Assist Pct	.378	.371
Assists/Set	11.74	12.41
SERVE		
Aces	200	154
Errors	255	318
Attempts	2714	2476
Serve Pct	.906	.872
Aces/Set	1.68	1.29
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	154	200
Errors/Set	1.29	1.68
Attempts	2158	2459
Reception Pct	.929	.999
DEFENSE		
Digs	1533	1557
Digs/Set	12.88	13.08
BLOCKING		
Block solo	48	34
Block Assist	535	325
Total Blocks	315.5	196.5
Blocks/Set	2.65	1.65
Block Errors	58	54
Ball handling errors	0	2
ATTENDANCE		
Total	80779	34401
Dates/Avg Per Date	18/4488	15/2293
Neutral Site #/Avg	1/3397	-
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	0	-

Team Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Score-by-set	Att.
08/25/2025	vs Texas A&M	L 1-3	23-25,25-21,21-25,21-25	3397
08/29/2025	Cal Poly	W 3-1	17-25,25-12,25-21,25-18	4123
08/30/2025	Ball St.	W 3-0	25-16,25-18,25-15	4195
08/31/2025	St. Thomas (MN)	W 3-1	25-22,25-20,23-25,25-18	4227
09/05/2025	at Vanderbilt	W 3-0	25-23,25-20,25-21	3034
09/06/2025	at Lipscomb	W 3-0	25-18,25-15,25-19	361
09/12/2025	South Fla.	W 3-0	25-13,25-13,25-19	4090
09/13/2025	Dayton	W 3-0	25-22,25-21,25-22	4503
09/14/2025	South Dakota St.	W 3-1	25-23,26-28,25-18,25-20	4721
09/19/2025	at Loyola Chicago	W 3-0	25-19,25-10,25-15	633
09/21/2025	at Marquette	W 3-0	28-26,25-21,25-21	827
* 09/25/2025	Michigan St.	W 3-0	25-16,26-24,25-18	4327
* 09/28/2025	Rutgers	W 3-0	25-22,25-13,29-27	4358
* 10/01/2025	at Michigan	L 1-3	25-18,12-25,14-25,12-25	1738
* 10/05/2025	at Northwestern	W 3-1	25-18,25-22,17-25,26-24	1331
* 10/08/2025	UCLA	L 0-3	18-25,22-25,22-25	4700
* 10/12/2025	Ohio St.	W 3-0	25-22,25-21,25-14	4758
* 10/17/2025	at Oregon	L 1-3	20-25,25-23,14-25,19-25	2460
* 10/18/2025	at Washington	W 3-1	14-25,25-17,25-20,25-12	3598
* 10/24/2025	at Indiana	W 3-1	25-19,25-19,18-25,25-19	1883
* 10/26/2025	at Purdue	L 2-3	25-19,25-17,25-27,21-25,16-18	2415
* 10/29/2025	Illinois	W 3-0	26-24,25-12,25-22	4984
* 11/01/2025	Southern California	L 2-3	25-19,22-25,25-23,15-25,12-15	4613
* 11/05/2025	at Wisconsin	L 1-3	20-25,22-25,25-18,16-25	6992
* 11/08/2025	Nebraska	L 0-3	15-25,21-25,20-25	5312
* 11/14/2025	Penn St.	W 3-0	25-23,25-23,25-22	4486
* 11/16/2025	at Iowa	W 3-2	21-25,25-19,25-18,23-25,15-13	1320
* 11/21/2025	at Maryland	W 3-0	25-16,25-11,25-13	1447
* 11/23/2025	at Rutgers	W 3-0	25-19,25-21,25-16	1738
* 11/26/2025	Purdue	W 3-1	25-21,28-26,14-25,25-22	4407
* 11/28/2025	Wisconsin	L 0-3	18-25,18-25,17-25	5117
12/05/2025	Fairfield	W 3-0	25-12,25-7,25-13	4341
12/06/2025	Iowa St.	W 3-0	25-22,25-21,25-14	3517
12/11/2025	at Pittsburgh	L 0-3	16-25,23-25,22-25	4624



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Attack (by PCT)

#	Player	S	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT
8	Minatee, Calissa	28	48	1.71	10	89	.427
15	Taylor, Jordan	100	132	1.32	28	301	.346
20	Myers, Lourdes	116	197	1.70	54	426	.336
22	Hanson, Julia	115	470	4.09	122	1139	.306
7	Gilk, Carly	95	219	2.31	75	496	.290
24	Acevedo, Alex	42	111	2.64	26	303	.281
6	Thibault, Kate	119	2	0.02	0	8	.250
1	Swenson, Stella	119	70	0.59	22	198	.242
33	Kinney, Kelly	108	254	2.35	107	725	.203
4	Crowl, Lauren	87	23	0.26	11	91	.132
10	Lee, Georgia	115	0	0.00	0	3	.000
5	Garr, McKenna	115	0	0.00	0	2	.000
13	Swenson, Olivia	7	0	0.00	0	0	.000
12	Palabiyik, Zeynep	15	0	0.00	0	1	.000
11	Ng, Chloe	2	0	0.00	0	0	.000

Kill (by K)

#	Player	S	K	K/S
22	Hanson, Julia	115	470	4.09
33	Kinney, Kelly	108	254	2.35
7	Gilk, Carly	95	219	2.31
20	Myers, Lourdes	116	197	1.70
15	Taylor, Jordan	100	132	1.32
24	Acevedo, Alex	42	111	2.64
1	Swenson, Stella	119	70	0.59
8	Minatee, Calissa	28	48	1.71
4	Crowl, Lauren	87	23	0.26
6	Thibault, Kate	119	2	0.02
10	Lee, Georgia	115	0	0.00
5	Garr, McKenna	115	0	0.00
13	Swenson, Olivia	7	0	0.00
12	Palabiyik, Zeynep	15	0	0.00
11	Ng, Chloe	2	0	0.00

Set (by A/S)

#	Player	S	A	A/S	TA	PCT
1	Swenson, Stella	119	1163	9.77	2878	.400
12	Palabiyik, Zeynep	15	14	0.93	45	.289
5	Garr, McKenna	115	90	0.78	276	.322
6	Thibault, Kate	119	50	0.42	129	.388
7	Gilk, Carly	95	26	0.27	87	.287
10	Lee, Georgia	115	18	0.16	68	.265
33	Kinney, Kelly	108	14	0.13	48	.271
24	Acevedo, Alex	42	5	0.12	25	.200
22	Hanson, Julia	115	10	0.09	82	.110
8	Minatee, Calissa	28	2	0.07	4	.500
15	Taylor, Jordan	100	3	0.03	24	.125
4	Crowl, Lauren	87	1	0.01	7	.143
20	Myers, Lourdes	116	1	0.01	27	.000
13	Swenson, Olivia	7	0	0.00	0	.000
11	Ng, Chloe	2	0	0.00	0	.000

Serve (by SA/S)

#	Player	S	SA	SE	SA/S	TA	PCT
11	Ng, Chloe	2	1	1	0.50	4	.750
24	Acevedo, Alex	42	15	8	0.36	179	.955
1	Swenson, Stella	119	36	37	0.30	415	.911
22	Hanson, Julia	115	34	45	0.30	444	.899
13	Swenson, Olivia	7	2	0	0.29	15	1.000
7	Gilk, Carly	95	25	45	0.26	244	.816
33	Kinney, Kelly	108	28	37	0.26	307	.879
10	Lee, Georgia	115	27	27	0.23	356	.924
12	Palabiyik, Zeynep	15	3	4	0.20	52	.923
5	Garr, McKenna	115	21	23	0.18	452	.949
6	Thibault, Kate	119	6	21	0.05	206	.898
20	Myers, Lourdes	116	2	7	0.02	29	.759
8	Minatee, Calissa	28	0	0	0.00	0	.000
15	Taylor, Jordan	100	0	0	0.00	6	1.000
4	Crowl, Lauren	87	0	0	0.00	5	1.000



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Block (by BLK/S)

#	Player	S	BS	BA	TOTAL	BLK/S
15	Taylor, Jordan	100	14	109	123.0	1.23
20	Myers, Lourdes	116	11	130	141.0	1.22
8	Minatee, Calissa	28	3	26	29.0	1.04
22	Hanson, Julia	115	14	61	75.0	0.65
1	Swenson, Stella	119	4	70	74.0	0.62
7	Gilk, Carly	95	0	56	56.0	0.59
33	Kinney, Kelly	108	0	54	54.0	0.50
24	Acevedo, Alex	42	1	12	13.0	0.31
4	Crowl, Lauren	87	1	17	18.0	0.21
11	Ng, Chloe	2	0	0	0.0	0.00
13	Swenson, Olivia	7	0	0	0.0	0.00
10	Lee, Georgia	115	0	0	0.0	0.00
12	Palabiyik, Zeynep	15	0	0	0.0	0.00
5	Garr, McKenna	115	0	0	0.0	0.00
6	Thibault, Kate	119	0	0	0.0	0.00

Defense (by DIG/S)

#	Player	S	DIG	DIG/S	BHE
12	Palabiyik, Zeynep	15	56	3.73	0
5	Garr, McKenna	115	385	3.35	0
1	Swenson, Stella	119	255	2.14	0
6	Thibault, Kate	119	245	2.06	0
7	Gilk, Carly	95	160	1.68	0
22	Hanson, Julia	115	184	1.60	0
24	Acevedo, Alex	42	53	1.26	0
33	Kinney, Kelly	108	74	0.69	0
11	Ng, Chloe	2	1	0.50	0
13	Swenson, Olivia	7	3	0.43	0
20	Myers, Lourdes	116	44	0.38	0
10	Lee, Georgia	115	40	0.35	0
15	Taylor, Jordan	100	18	0.18	0
4	Crowl, Lauren	87	13	0.15	0
8	Minatee, Calissa	28	2	0.07	0

Points (by POINTS/S)

#	Player	S	POINTS	POINTS/S
22	Hanson, Julia	115	548.5	4.77
24	Acevedo, Alex	42	133.0	3.17
7	Gilk, Carly	95	272.0	2.86
33	Kinney, Kelly	108	309.0	2.86
20	Myers, Lourdes	116	275.0	2.37
8	Minatee, Calissa	28	64.0	2.29
15	Taylor, Jordan	100	200.5	2.01
1	Swenson, Stella	119	145.0	1.22
11	Ng, Chloe	2	1.0	0.50
4	Crowl, Lauren	87	32.5	0.37
13	Swenson, Olivia	7	2.0	0.29
10	Lee, Georgia	115	27.0	0.23
12	Palabiyik, Zeynep	15	3.0	0.20
5	Garr, McKenna	115	21.0	0.18
6	Thibault, Kate	119	8.0	0.07

Receptions (by PCT)

#	Player	S	RE	RE/S	TA	PCT
20	Myers, Lourdes	116	0	0.00	12	1.000
12	Palabiyik, Zeynep	15	2	0.13	68	.971
6	Thibault, Kate	119	13	0.11	374	.965
33	Kinney, Kelly	108	16	0.15	323	.950
24	Acevedo, Alex	42	13	0.31	252	.948
15	Taylor, Jordan	100	1	0.01	14	.929
5	Garr, McKenna	115	44	0.38	610	.928
7	Gilk, Carly	95	25	0.26	288	.913
1	Swenson, Stella	119	1	0.01	11	.909
22	Hanson, Julia	115	22	0.19	186	.882
13	Swenson, Olivia	7	1	0.14	4	.750
8	Minatee, Calissa	28	0	0.00	0	.000
11	Ng, Chloe	2	0	0.00	0	.000
4	Crowl, Lauren	87	0	0.00	0	.000
10	Lee, Georgia	115	0	0.00	0	.000
TM	TEAM	-	16	0.13	-	-



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	Date	Opponent		Score	Score-by-set	Overall	Conf	Time	Att.
	08/25/2025	vs Texas A&M	L	1-3	23-25,25-21,21-25,21-25	0-1	0-0	02:15	3397
	08/29/2025	Cal Poly	W	3-1	17-25,25-12,25-21,25-18	1-1	0-0	02:02	4123
	08/30/2025	Ball St.	W	3-0	25-16,25-18,25-15	2-1	0-0	01:12	4195
	08/31/2025	St. Thomas (MN)	W	3-1	25-22,25-20,23-25,25-18	3-1	0-0	01:59	4227
	09/05/2025	at Vanderbilt	W	3-0	25-23,25-20,25-21	4-1	0-0	01:44	3034
	09/06/2025	at Lipscomb	W	3-0	25-18,25-15,25-19	5-1	0-0	01:40	361
	09/12/2025	South Fla.	W	3-0	25-13,25-13,25-19	6-1	0-0	01:17	4090
	09/13/2025	Dayton	W	3-0	25-22,25-21,25-22	7-1	0-0	01:35	4503
	09/14/2025	South Dakota St.	W	3-1	25-23,26-28,25-18,25-20	8-1	0-0	02:32	4721
	09/19/2025	at Loyola Chicago	W	3-0	25-19,25-10,25-15	9-1	0-0	01:11	633
	09/21/2025	at Marquette	W	3-0	28-26,25-21,25-21	10-1	0-0	01:40	827
*	09/25/2025	Michigan St.	W	3-0	25-16,26-24,25-18	11-1	1-0	01:50	4327
*	09/28/2025	Rutgers	W	3-0	25-22,25-13,29-27	12-1	2-0	01:36	4358
*	10/01/2025	at Michigan	L	1-3	25-18,12-25,14-25,12-25	12-2	2-1	01:41	1738
*	10/05/2025	at Northwestern	W	3-1	25-18,25-22,17-25,26-24	13-2	3-1	02:06	1331
*	10/08/2025	UCLA	L	0-3	18-25,22-25,22-25	13-3	3-2	01:57	4700
*	10/12/2025	Ohio St.	W	3-0	25-22,25-21,25-14	14-3	4-2	01:45	4758
*	10/17/2025	at Oregon	L	1-3	20-25,25-23,14-25,19-25	14-4	4-3	01:55	2460
*	10/18/2025	at Washington	W	3-1	14-25,25-17,25-20,25-12	15-4	5-3	01:48	3598
*	10/24/2025	at Indiana	W	3-1	25-19,25-19,18-25,25-19	16-4	6-3	01:54	1883
*	10/26/2025	at Purdue	L	2-3	25-19,25-17,25-27,21-25,16-18	16-5	6-4	02:38	2415
*	10/29/2025	Illinois	W	3-0	26-24,25-12,25-22	17-5	7-4	01:38	4984
*	11/01/2025	Southern California	L	2-3	25-19,22-25,25-23,15-25,12-15	17-6	7-5	02:15	4613
*	11/05/2025	at Wisconsin	L	1-3	20-25,22-25,25-18,16-25	17-7	7-6	02:01	6992
*	11/08/2025	Nebraska	L	0-3	15-25,21-25,20-25	17-8	7-7	01:31	5312
*	11/14/2025	Penn St.	W	3-0	25-23,25-23,25-22	18-8	8-7	01:57	4486
*	11/16/2025	at Iowa	W	3-2	21-25,25-19,25-18,23-25,15-13	19-8	9-7	02:31	1320
*	11/21/2025	at Maryland	W	3-0	25-16,25-11,25-13	20-8	10-7	01:19	1447
*	11/23/2025	at Rutgers	W	3-0	25-19,25-21,25-16	21-8	11-7	01:29	1738
*	11/26/2025	Purdue	W	3-1	25-21,28-26,14-25,25-22	22-8	12-7	02:17	4407
*	11/28/2025	Wisconsin	L	0-3	18-25,18-25,17-25	22-9	12-8	01:38	5117
	12/05/2025	Fairfield	W	3-0	25-12,25-7,25-13	23-9	12-8	01:30	4341
	12/06/2025	Iowa St.	W	3-0	25-22,25-21,25-14	24-9	12-8	01:25	3517
	12/11/2025	at Pittsburgh	L	0-3	16-25,23-25,22-25	24-10	12-8	01:33	4624

Team Record	W-L-T	Attendance	Dates	Total	Avg.
Overall:	24-10	Total:	34	118577	3488
Conference:	12-8	Home:	18	80779	4488
Home:	14-4	Away:	15	34401	2293
Away:	10-5	Neutral:	1	3397	3397
Neutral:	0-1				
3 sets:	16-4				
4 sets:	7-4				
5 sets:	1-2				