

CHARLOTTE

2020-21 Charlotte 49ers Volleyball Game Day

2020-21 CHARLOTTE SCHEDULE/RESULTS

JANUARY (2-1)

24 (Sun)	at Davidson	W, 3-0
30 (Sat)	at Clemson	L, 2-3
	at Clemson	W, 3-1

FEBRUARY

7 (Sun)	at Marshall*	1:00 p.m.
8 (Mon)	at Marshall*	1:00 p.m.
14 (Sun)	FIU*	1:00 p.m.
15 (Mon)	FIU*	1:00 p.m.
21 (Sun)	at WKU*	2:00 p.m.
22 (Mon)	at WKU*	2:00 p.m.
28 (Sun)	MIDDLE TENNESSEE*	1:00 p.m.

MARCH

1 (Mon)	MIDDLE TENNESSEE*	1:00 p.m.
7 (Sun)	at Florida Atlantic*	12:00 p.m.
8 (Mon)	at Florida Atlantic*	12:00 p.m.
14 (Sun)	OLD DOMINION*	1:00 p.m.
15 (Mon)	OLD DOMINION*	1:00 p.m.

APRIL

1-3 (Thurs-Sat)	at C-USA Championships Hattiesburg, Miss.	TBA
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*Conference USA Match

All Times Eastern

Home Match in **BOLD** (Halton Arena)



MEDIA NOTE:

When referring to the team, please use "Charlotte 49ers." The official name of the school is UNC Charlotte. However, athletic teams all go by "Charlotte 49ers." Niners is also correct. For scoreboard reference, Charlotte, CLT, 49ers are all acceptable.

TAKING DOWN THE TIGERS; SPLIT SATURDAY MATCHES AT ACC's CLEMSON

Charlotte wrapped up non-conference play with a pair of matches at Clemson on January 30th dropping the afternoon matinee in heartbreaking fashion 3-2 before storming back for a convincing 3-1 win in the nightcap. The Niners were led by **Emani' Foster's** 22 kills in the opener that saw Charlotte win the first two sets before dropping the next three. Later that evening, Charlotte hit .340 as a team, held the Tigers to .199 to claim a four-set victory marking the second-straight year the Niners have defeated an ACC opponent. Foster threw down 20 more kills and hit .439 in the win while **Nalani Lyde** went error-free with 15 kills hitting .577. The 49ers out-blocked Clemson 14-4 in the win.

FOSTER MAKES IT 2-FOR-2 IN FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK HONORS

For the second week in a row, **Emani' Foster** won Conference USA's Freshman of the Week award after a stellar pair of matches at Clemson on January 30th. Foster continued her career-opening tear posting two 20-kill matches while adding impressive defensive numbers as the 49ers split a pair of matches at Clemson on Saturday. In the opening five-set loss, Foster threw down 22 kills, hitting .386, added 17 digs, six aces and a couple of blocks for 29.5 points. In the nightcap, Foster hit .489 with 20 kills and just two errors in a 3-1 win at Clemson to go along with eight more digs and six more blocks accounting for 25 more points. For the day, Foster put down 42 kills, hit .412 at Clemson, popped up 25 digs, had eight blocks and seven aces. All of those numbers averaged out to 4.67 kills/set, 2.78 digs/set, just under a block per set and a whopping 6.06 points/set.

SEASON-OPENING SWEEP; 7TH-STRAIGHT TO START A NEW YEAR

Charlotte opened up the spring regular season with a 3-0 sweep at crosstown rival Davidson on Sunday, January 24th. The victory was the 49ers seventh-straight on opening day and fourth-straight by a sweep. **Emani' Foster** led the way with 14 kills in the win followed by **Sydney Rowan's** eight while **Amani McArthur** hit .583 (7-0-12) in the sweep.

DANDY DEBUTS

Emani' Foster led all attackers with 14 in her collegiate debut at Davidson on January 24th with fellow freshman **Annika Thompson** leading the way with 20 assists. Two other rookies also contributed in a big way with **Sophie Whalen's** 16 digs with three aces and three blocks from **Lara Kretschmer**.

PAIR OF PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS

For their efforts at Davidson, both **Sophie Whalen** (defensive) and **Emani' Foster** (freshman) were named Conference USA Players of the Week on Tuesday afternoon. Whalen recorded 16 digs in the match opening with five in the first, four in the second and saved seven in the third to go along with a couple of assists. As the 49ers newest starting libero in three years, Whalen's 16 digs immediately set a season best in C-USA for a three-set match while her 5.33 digs/set average is currently tied for first overall.

Foster began her career with a bang delivering a match-high 14 kills with a .306 hitting percentage on Sunday. Foster began the day with six kills in the opening set including four of the final five and the last two needed to clinch a come-from-behind set one win 25-22. After three more in a 25-18 set two win, Foster put down five more in the third for her match-high 14. Foster added seven digs on defense in addition to her 4.67 kills/set and 5.00 points/set average, which both now lead Conference USA.

Set Records in '20-'21

Set One: 3-0
Set Two: 3-0
Set Three: 1-2
Set Four: 1-1
Set Five: 0-1

Charlotte In ...

Three-Set Matches: 1-0
Four-Set Matches: 1-0
Five-Set Matches: 0-1

Charlotte When ...

Leading after One: 2-1
Trailing after One: 0-0
Leading after Two: 2-1
Tied after Two: 0-0
Trailing after Two: 0-0
Leading after Three: 2-1
Trailing after Three: 1-0
Tied after Four: 0-1

Charlotte On ...

Tuesday: 0-0
Thursday: 0-0
Friday: 0-0
Saturday: 1-1
Sunday: 1-0

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2020-21 ROSTER BREAKDOWN

The 49ers welcome back just five players from last year's squad led by lone senior **Sydney Rowan**. **Bethany Clayton** is the only junior while **Nalani Lyde**, **Amani McArthur** and **Annika Wetterstrom** make up the returning sophomores. Sophomore **Maia Edwards** is the only other player on the roster with collegiate experience transferring from Weber State while the remaining seven are true freshmen.

C-USA PRESEASON HONORS: 4TH IN POLL

Sydney Rowan represented the 49ers on Conference USA's annual preseason team as voted on by the league's head coaches. The Niners were picked fourth in the east division as C-USA shifts to division play for the spring season. The top four teams from each will qualify for the C-USA Tournament in April.

All-Time Five-Set Records

(rally scoring era)

Total: 60-59

2020-21: 0-1

2019: 4-2

2018: 4-8

2017: 2-5

2016: 1-3

2015: 2-4

2014: 4-6

2013: 2-3

2012: 2-0

2011: 7-2

2010: 2-3

2009: 3-3

2008: 3-3

2007: 4-1

2006: 3-3

2005: 6-0

2004: 4-2

2003: 3-3

2002: 2-5

2001: 2-2

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2020-21 Charlotte Volleyball Charlotte Combined Team Statistics (as of Jan 30, 2021) All matches



RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	2-1	0-0	2-1	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-1	0-0	2-1	0-0

#	Player	gp	Attack					Set		Serve			rc	Dig		Blocking					pts	
			k	bs	e	ba	pac	a	sa	ss	scs	dig		dsb	bs	ba	bsa	bsc	bsc			
11	FOSTER, Emari	12	56	4.67	10	121	.380	2	0.17	8	3	0.67	5	32	2.67	3	5	8	0.67	0	0	69.5
7	ROWAN, Sydney	12	33	2.75	11	122	.180	4	0.33	4	1	0.33	3	35	2.92	1	2	3	0.25	0	0	39.0
11	LYDE, Malani	12	25	2.08	6	60	.317	2	0.17	0	0	0.00	1	5	0.42	1	4	4	0.33	2	1	27.0
5	CLAYTON, Bethany	12	20	1.67	2	53	.340	1	0.08	0	0	0.00	0	8	0.67	0	9	9	0.75	1	0	24.5
12	MICHAEL, Ariani	9	16	1.78	1	34	.441	1	0.11	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	3	4	0.44	1	0	18.5
15	KRETSCHMER, Lara	12	10	0.83	8	24	.083	2	0.17	6	6	0.50	0	7	0.58	2	11	13	1.08	1	0	23.5
14	WETTERSTROM, Anni	12	1	0.08	0	4	.250	0	0.00	2	3	0.17	0	20	1.67	1	0	0	0.00	0	2	3.0
9	UPSHAW, Camryn	5	1	0.20	2	5	-.200	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	7	7	1.40	1	0	4.5
6	RICHES, Jessica	2	1	0.50	3	6	-.333	1	0.50	0	0	0.00	0	2	1.00	1	1	1	0.50	0	0	1.5
17	THOMPSON, Annika	12	0	0.00	0	2	.000	67	5.58	2	4	0.17	0	26	2.17	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0
16	CLAY, Eslen	5	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.20	0	1	0.00	0	4	0.80	1	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
4	WHALEN, Sophie	12	0	0.00	0	0	.000	9	0.75	0	2	0.00	4	45	3.75	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.0
	TEAM		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	CHARLOTTE	12	163	13.58	43	431	.278	148	12.33	22	20	1.83	16	184	15.33	7	42	28.0	2.33	6	3	213.0
	Opponents	12	158	13.17	70	439	.200	144	12.00	16	20	1.33	22	198	16.50	1	24	13.0	1.08	3	2	187.0

Team Statistics	CLT	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	163	158
Errors	43	70
Total Attacks	431	439
Attack Pct	.278	.200
Kills/Set	13.6	13.2
SET		
Assists	148	144
Attempts	437	441
Assist Pct	.339	.327
Assists/Set	12.3	12.0
SERVE		
Aces	22	16
Errors	20	20
Attempts	281	246
Serve Pct	.929	.919
Aces/Set	1.8	1.3
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	16	22
Errors/Set	1.3	1.8
Attempts	226	268
Reception Pct	.929	.915
DEFENSE		
Digs	184	198
Digs/Set	15.3	16.5
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	7	1
Block Assist	42	24
Total Blocks	28.0	13.0
Blocks/Set	2.3	1.1
Block Errors	6	3
Ball handling errors	3	2

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	All
01/24/21	at Davidson	W 3-0	25-22, 25-14, 25-20	25
01/30/21	at Clemson	L 2-3	25-19, 25-16, 21-25, 21-25, 11-15	142
01/30/21	at Clemson	W 3-1	26-24, 25-12, 28-30, 25-19	200

Record in 3-set matches: 1-0
Record in 4-set matches: 1-0
Record in 5-set matches: 0-1

#4 Sophie Whalen L/DS • 5-6 • Fr. • Biltmore Lake, N.C.

Season/Career Highs	
Kills:	
Errors:	
Attempts:	
Hitting %:	
Assists:	4 at Clemson-M2 (1/30) ... 3 at Clemson-M1 (1/30) ... 2 at Davidson (1/24)
Aces:	
Digs:	17 at Clemson-M1 (1/30) ... 16 at Davidson (1/24)
Solo Blocks:	
Block Assist:	
Total Blocks:	

Season Notes:

- **Named C-USA's Defensive Player of the Week on 1/25**
- Currently leads C-USA with most digs in a three-set match (16) at Davidson 1/24
- Made collegiate debut on 1/24 at Davidson

#5 Bethany Clayton OH • 5-11 • Jr. • Pinnacle, N.C.

Season Highs		Career Highs	
Kills:	8 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)		8 at Clemson-M1 (1/30/21)
Errors:	1 at Davidson (1/24)		4 at Davidson (8/28/18)
Attempts:	26 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)		26 at Clemson-M2 (1/30/21)
Hitting %:	.471 (8-0-17) at Clemson-M1 (1/30)		.471 (8-0-17) at Clemson-M1 (1/30)
Assists:	1 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)		3 vs. Rice (11/16/18)
Aces:			none
Digs:	4 at Davidson (1/24)		4 at Davidson (1/24)
Solo Blocks:			none
Block Assist:	5 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)		5 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Total Blocks:	5 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)		5 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)

Season Notes:

- Re-set career highs in kills, hitting and blocks at Clemson on 1/30
- Set multiple new career highs in 3-0 win at Davidson on 1/24

#6 Jessica Ricks OH • 5-10 • Fr. • Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Season/Career Highs	
Kills:	1 at Davidson (1/24)
Errors:	3 at Davidson (1/24)
Attempts:	6 at Davidson (1/24)
Hitting %:	
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	2 at Davidson (1/24)
Solo Blocks:	
Block Assist:	
Total Blocks:	

Season Notes:

- Made collegiate debut on 1/24 at Davidson

#7 Sydney Rowan OH • 5-10 • Sr. • High Point, N.C.

Season Highs		Career Highs	
Kills:	13 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)		28 at FIU (10/11/19)
Errors:	6 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)		12 vs. Bethune-Cookman (9/1/17)
Attempts:	50 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)		85 vs. Winthrop (10/8/19)
Hitting %:	233 (13-3-43) at Clemson-M2 (1/30)		.500 (18-2-32) vs. UTEP (10/6/17)
Assists:	2 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)		3 vs. Florida Atlantic (9/30/18)
Aces:	2 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)		4 (2x) last at UAB (11/10/19)
Digs:	10 at Davidson (1/24)		22 vs. Kent State (8/30/19)
Solo Blocks:	1 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)		1 (7x) last at Clemson-M1 (1/30/21)
Block Assist:	2 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)		5 vs. Winthrop (10/8/19)
Total Blocks:	3 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)		5 vs. Winthrop (10/8/19)

Season Notes:

- C-USA Preseason Team Selection

#8 Emani' Foster OH • 5-10 • Fr. • Henderson, N.C.

Season/Career Highs	
Kills:	22 at Clemson-M1 (1/30) ... 20 at Clemson-M2 (1/30) ... 14 at Davidson (1/24)
Errors:	5 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)
Attempts:	44 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)
Hitting %:	.439 (20-2-41) at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Assists:	1 (2x) last at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Aces:	6 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)
Digs:	17 at Clemson-M1 (1/30) ... 10 at Davidson (1/24)
Solo Blocks:	2 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Block Assist:	4 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Total Blocks:	6 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)

Season Notes:

- **Named C-USA's Freshman of the Week on 1/25 and 2/2**
- Set new career highs in both matches at Clemson on 1/30 ... lost 3-2 in the afternoon, 3-1 win for the Niners in the nightcap
- Made collegiate debut on 1/24 at Davidson

#9 Camryn Upshaw MB • 6-0 • Fr. • Flower Mound, Texas

Season/Career Highs	
Kills:	1 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Errors:	2 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Attempts:	5 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Hitting %:	
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	
Solo Blocks:	
Block Assist:	6 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Total Blocks:	

Season Notes:

- Made collegiate debut on 1/24 at Davidson

#10 Maia Edwards MH • 6-1 • RSo. • Laramie, Wyo.

Season/Career Highs	
Kills:	
Errors:	
Attempts:	
Hitting %:	
Assists:	
Aces:	
Digs:	
Solo Blocks:	
Block Assist:	
Total Blocks:	

Season Notes:**#11 Nalani Lyde** OH • 6-1 • So. • Washington, D.C.

Season Highs		Career Highs	
Kills:	15 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)		22 vs. Winthrop (10/8/19)
Errors:	3 (2x) last at Clemson-M1 (1/30)		11 vs. UMBC (9/14/19)
Attempts:	26 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)		61 vs. Winthrop (10/8/19)
Hitting %:	.577 (15-0-26) at Clemson-M2 (1/30)		.577 (15-0-26) at Clem.-M2 (1/30)
Assists:	2 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)		2 at Clemson-M1 (1/30/21)
Aces:			2 vs. Davidson (9/17/19)
Digs:	3 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)		22 vs. Canisius (9/14/19)
Solo Blocks:			1 (4x) last at Louisiana Tech (11/8/19)
Block Assist:	3 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)		5 at UAB (11/10/19)
Total Blocks:	at Clemson-M2 (1/30)		5 at UAB (11/10/19)

Season Notes:

- Set a new season high with 15 kills in 3-1 win at Clemson on 1/30 hitting .577 in the nightcap victory

#12 Amani McArthur MB • 6-3 • So. • Summerville, N.C.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Kills:	7 (2x) last at Clemson-M1 (1/30)	7 (2x) last at Clemson-M1 (1/30/21)
Errors:	1 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)	2 (4x) last vs. #19 Rice (11/1/19)
Attempts:	17 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)	17 at Clemson-M1 (1/30/21)
Hitting %:	.583 (7-0-12) at Davidson (1/24)	.583 (7-0-12) at Davidson (1/24/21)
Assists:		none
Aces:		none
Digs:		4 at Duke (9/3/19)
Solo Blocks:	1 at Davidson (1/24)	1 (2x) last at Davidson (1/24/21)
Block Assist:	3 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)	4 (3x) last at Loyola-Maryland (9/13/19)
Total Blocks:	3 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)	5 vs. Kent State (8/30/19)

Season Notes:

- Began the new year with a career-high seven kills and .583 hitting afternoon in a 3-0 sweep over Davidson on 1/24

#16 Esten Clay L/DS • 5-5 • Fr. • Scott Depot, W.Va.

	Season/Career Highs
Kills:	
Errors:	
Attempts:	
Hitting %:	
Assists:	1 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)
Aces:	
Digs:	4 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)
Solo Blocks:	
Block Assist:	
Total Blocks:	

Season Notes:

- Made collegiate debut on 1/24 at Davidson

#14 Annika Wetterstrom S • 5-10 • So. • Longmont, Colo.

	Season Highs	Career Highs
Kills:	1 at Davidson (1/24)	3 (3x) last vs. Florida Atlantic (11/16/19)
Errors:		3 vs. ECU (8/31/19)
Attempts:	2 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)	7 (3x) last at UAB (11/10/19)
Hitting %:		.500 (2-0-4) vs. Cleveland State (9/6/19)
Assists:	22 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)	55 vs. Davidson (9/17/19)
Aces:	2 at Davidson (1/24)	3 (3x) last at Louisiana Tech (11/8/19)
Digs:	7 (2x) last at Clemson-M1 (1/30)	23 (2x) last vs. Winthrop (10/8/19)
Solo Blocks:		1 at South Carolina (9/10/19)
Block Assist:		6 vs. Canisius (9/14/19)
Total Blocks:		6 vs. Canisius (9/14/19)

Season Notes:**#17 Annika Thompson S • 5-10 • Fr. • Collierville, Tenn.**

	Season/Career Highs
Kills:	
Errors:	
Attempts:	1 (2x) last at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Hitting %:	
Assists:	24 at Clemson-M2 (1/30) ... 23 at Clemson-M1 (1/30) ... 20 at Davidson (1/24)
Aces:	1 (2x) last at Clemson-M1 (1/30)
Digs:	11 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Solo Blocks:	
Block Assist:	
Total Blocks:	

Season Notes:

- Made collegiate debut on 1/24 at Davidson

#15 Lara Kretschmer MB • 6-3 • Fr. • Berlin, Germany

	Season/Career Highs
Kills:	5 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Errors:	5 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)
Attempts:	9 at Clemson-M1 (1/30)
Hitting %:	.571 (5-1-7) at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Assists:	2 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Aces:	3 (2x) last at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Digs:	3 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Solo Blocks:	1 (2x) last at Clemson-M1 (1/30)
Block Assist:	6 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)
Total Blocks:	6 at Clemson-M2 (1/30)

Season Notes:

- Re-set every career high in pair of matches at Clemson on 1/30
- Made collegiate debut on 1/24 at Davidson



#4 Sophie Whalen
L/DS • Fr.
Biltmore Lake, N.C.



#5 Bethany Clayton
OH • Jr.
Pinnacle, N.C.



#6 Jessica Ricks
OH • Fr
Reynoldsburg, Ohio



#7 Sydney Rowan
OH • Sr.
High Point, N.C.



#8 Emani' Foster
OH • Fr.
Henderson, N.C.



#9 Camryn Upshaw
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Flower Mound, Texas



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#12 Amani McArthur
OH • So.
Summerville, S.C.



#14 Annika Wetterstrom
S • Fr.
Longmont, Colo.



#15 Lara Kretschmer
MB • Fr.
Berlin, Germany



#16 Esten Clay
L/DS • Fr.
Scott Depot, W.Va.



#14 Annika Thompson
S • Fr.
Collierville, Tenn.



Karen Weatherington
Head Coach
(6th Season)



Verna Julaton
Assistant Coach
(6th Season)



Ana Pego
Assistant Coach
(2nd Season)



Tracy Beyer
Athletic Trainer
(3rd Season)