



2026 BIG TEN MEDIA DAY NOTES - INDIANA

Jaidyn Jager • Sophomore • Outside Hitter

Carlsbad, California (La Costa Canyon)

Player Tidbits

- One of three team captains in 2026
- 2025 Second Team All-Big Ten selection
- 2025 Big Ten All-Freshman Team selection
- 2025 AVCA Midwest All-Region selection
- Two-time Big Ten Freshman of the Week (Sept. 8; Nov. 3) in 2025
- Coached by Indiana Associate Head Coach Rachel Morris at La Costa Canyon

2025 (Freshman)

- Started in all 33 matches as a six-rotation outside hitter
- Provided 383 kills, a team-high 249 digs, 57 blocks and 31 aces
- On the season, averaged:
 - 3.39 kills per set, 2.20 digs per set, 0.50 blocks per set and 0.27 aces per set
- Recorded 10+ kills on 23 occasions
 - had career-high 20 kills in win over SEMO (Sept. 4)
- Matched the team lead with six double-doubles
 - four of them in Big Ten play
- Sixth among all power four freshmen nationally in kills per set (383)
- The only freshman in the country in 2025 with:
 - at least 380 kills, 200 digs, 50 blocks and 30 aces in 2025

Prep and Personal

- Part of IU's highest-ranked recruiting class in program history (2025)
- No. 31 Overall Recruit by Prep Dig
- No. 51 Overall Recruit by Prep Volleyball
- 2025 USA Volleyball Girls Open 18U All-Tournament Team
- 2024 18U Elite Triple Crown Champions – Coast Volleyball
- 2021 All-Coastal League Player of the Year
- 2021 Prep Volleyball Second Team All-American
- 2021 All-CIF Girls Volleyball First Team

Head Coach Steve Aird

London, Ontario (9th Season as Head Coach at Indiana)

Coach Tidbits

- Has coached nine All-Big Ten athletes at Indiana
- 2025 signing class was highest in program history (No. 14)
- IU has the sixth most Big Ten wins (42) in league since 2022
- 77-51 overall record since beginning of the 2022 campaign
- 33-9 record at Wilkinson Hall over the last three seasons

Team Highlights under Aird

Season Trends

- 20-win seasons - 2023, 2025
- 10-win Big Ten seasons - 2023, 2025
- 10-win home seasons - 2023, 2024, 2025
- Top-6 Big Ten finishes - 2023, 2025
- Top-15 recruiting classes - 2020, 2025, 2026

Season Records

- Most wins in program history (25) - 2025
- Most regular season wins in program history (23) - 2025
- Most Big Ten wins in program history (14) - 2025
- Most road wins in program history (9) - 2025
- Most ranked road wins in program history (3) - 2025

Trending Quickly (Last Five Years - since 2022)

Top-15 Recruiting Classes	2
Overall Record	77-51
Big Ten Record	42-38
Home Record	40-16
Wilkinson Hall Record	40-15
8+ Win Big Ten Seasons	4
Power 4/5 Non-Conference Wins	4
Big Ten Weekly Awards	11
Top-25 Wins	7
Top-25 Road Wins	5
AVCA All-Americans	3
NCAA Tournament Wins	2

Sade Ilawole • Junior • Setter

Woodland Hills, California (Sierra Canyon)

Player Tidbits

- Two-time team captain (2026, 2025)
- 2025 Academic All-Big Ten selection
- Three-year starting setter at Sierra Canyon High School
- Has played as a defensive specialist and setter for the Hoosiers

2025 (Sophomore)

- Played in six matches during her sophomore campaign
- Academic All-Big Ten selection
- Provided 13 assists and 10 digs
- Had six assists and five digs in a four-set defeat at No. 11 Purdue (Nov. 29)

2024 (Freshman)

- Played in 21 matches with three starts as a freshman
- Recorded 44 digs, 18 assists and four aces
- Made first career start at setter vs. No. 8 Wisconsin (12 assists, seven digs)
- Appeared in 13 of 20 Big Ten matches for the Hoosiers

Prep and Personal

- Prepped at Sierra Canyon High School in Los Angeles, California
- Played her club volleyball for Mizuno Long Beach
- Went 91-22 in three years as the starting setter for Sierra Canyon
- Finished her high school career with 3,105 assists, 122 aces and 680 digs
- Named the 2023 Mission League MVP
- 2023 All-CIF Southern Section (Division 1) selection
- Selected as the 2023 Daily News Offensive Player of the Year
- Second Team All-American by both Max Preps and Prep Volleyball
- 2022 Prep Volleyball First Team All-American
- Ranked as the No. 97 overall recruit by Prep Volleyball
- Two-time USAV Club National Champion