

BULLDOGS

10-12
OVERALL5-5
SoConNR
AVCA TOP 25KEYLOR CHAN
HEAD COACH132-100
OVERALL @ SAM8TH
SEASON

NOTEWORTHY

•Samford Volleyball went 1-1 on its most recent road trip, falling 3-0 at the Citadel and bouncing back with a 3-1 win at UNCG. The Bulldogs posted their third-highest attack percentage of the season in the win over the Spartans, hitting .358 for the match.

•Kaleigh Meritt hit .441 in the win with 17 kills while Gracie Lynn Butler posted her seventh double-double of the season, logging 13 kills and 12 digs while posting a .367 attack percentage.

•Sophia Plasman posted a career-high nine kills against UNCG while Kayla Keshock stuffed the stat sheet with 26 assists, five block assists, and four kills.

•Both Butler and Meritt rank in the top five in the SoCon in total kills, with Butler (348) sitting second and Meritt ranking tied for fifth (246).

•Middle blockers Kate Wonus (.284) and Greer Golden (.273) rank eighth and ninth in the SoCon in hitting percentage while junior libero Kate Morgan sits sixth in the league with an average of 3.85 dig per set.

•Freshmen continue to make an impact for the Bulldogs, including setter Lexi Thatcher who comes into the week ranking third in the SoCon with 671 assists. Annabelle Straty ranks third on the team with 130 digs while Ally Cordes has noted double-digit kills in two of Samford's like five matches.

•Samford boasts a 23-19 record over Furman and has won 13 of its last 14 matchups with the Paladins, including a victory in the championship of the SoCon Tournament on Nov. 20, 2022. The Bulldogs will look to avenge a 3-2 at Furman its last time out on Sept. 30.

•Despite falling 3-0 at Wofford on Sept. 29 earlier this season, the Bulldogs hold a 21-8 advantage over Wofford and have won seven of the last 10 meetings.

PALADINS

15-6
OVERALL6-4
SoConNR
AVCA TOP 25MICHELLE YOUNG
HEAD COACH404-310
OVERALL @ FURMAN24TH
SEASON

TERRIERS

15-6
OVERALL6-4
SoConNR
AVCA TOP 25LYNZE ROOS
HEAD COACH142-116
OVERALL @ UNCG9TH
SEASON

BY THE NUMBERS

Samford has posted a .733 winning percentage in October over the previous two seasons, including a mark of 7-2 last season.

.733

Gracie Lynn Butler comes into the week ranking 12th in the country with 348 total kills and 16th with an average of 4.41 kills per set.

12th



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2023 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

| OVERALL RECORD: | 10-12 |
|-----------------|-------|
| SoCon: | 5-5 |
| NON-CONFERENCE: | 5-7 |
| HOME: | 6-4 |
| AWAY: | 1-6 |
| NEUTRAL: | 3-2 |

AUGUST

| | | |
|----|-----------------------|--------|
| 19 | Kennesaw State (Exh.) | L, 3-1 |
| 25 | vs. Miami (OH)# | W, 3-0 |
| 25 | at Memphis# | L, 3-2 |
| 26 | vs. Alcorn State# | W, 3-0 |

SEPTEMBER

| | | |
|----|--------------------|--------|
| 1 | Evansville^ | L, 3-1 |
| 3 | North Alabama^ | W, 3-1 |
| 4 | Florida State | L, 3-0 |
| 7 | vs. Army\$ | L, 3-1 |
| 7 | vs. Jacksonville\$ | W, 3-0 |
| 8 | at Georgia\$ | L, 3-0 |
| 13 | UAB | W, 3-1 |
| 15 | at South Alabama+ | L, 3-0 |
| 16 | vs. Auburn+ | L, 3-1 |
| 22 | UNCG* | W, 3-1 |
| 23 | The Citadel* | L, 3-0 |
| 29 | at Wofford* | L, 3-0 |
| 30 | at Furman* | L, 3-2 |

OCTOBER

| | | |
|----|-------------------|---------|
| 6 | Western Carolina* | W, 3-0 |
| 7 | ETSU* | W, 3-0 |
| 12 | Mercer* | L, 3-2 |
| 13 | Chattanooga* | W, 3-0 |
| 20 | at The Citadel* | L, 3-0 |
| 21 | at UNCG* | W, 3-1 |
| 26 | Furman* | 7:00 PM |
| 27 | Wofford* | 7:00 PM |

NOVEMBER

| | | |
|----|----------------------|---------|
| 3 | at ETSU* | 5:00 PM |
| 4 | at Western Carolina* | 5:00 PM |
| 10 | at Chattanooga* | 5:00 PM |
| 11 | at Mercer* | 5:00 PM |

POSTSEASON

| | | |
|-------|----------------------------------|-----|
| 17-19 | Southern Conference Championship | TBA |
|-------|----------------------------------|-----|

* SoCon Match | Home matches in bold
Tiger Brawl | ^ - Samford Classic | \$ - Bulldog Classic | + - Alabama Showdown
** All times Central & Subject to Change



**#1 LILLY SMITH**

DS/L | 5-9 | SR
West Chicago, IL | West Chicago Community HS

**#2 SAMANTHA HORN**

S | 5-10 | SO
Plainfield, IL | Joliet Catholic Academy

**#4 KALEIGH MERITT**

OH | 6-2 | SO
Evansville, IN | FJ Reitz HS

**#5 LEXI THATCHER**

S | 5-11 | FR
Indianapolis, IN | Bishop Chatard HS

**#6 ANNABELLE STRATY**

DS/L | 5-7 | FR
Dublin, OH | Dublin Coffman HS

**#7 KATE MORGAN**

DS/L | 5-10 | JR
Waxahachie, TX | Waxahachie HS

**#8 ASHLEY EVANS**

MB | 6-2 | FR
Lake Mary, FL | Lake Mary HS

**#9 KAYLA KESHOCK**

S | 6-0 | SR
Spanish Fort, AL | Spanish Fort HS

**#10 KATE WONUS**

MB | 6-0 | SR
Lady Lake, FL | Trinity Catholic

**#12 AUDREY O'BRIEN**

DS/L | 5-4 | SR
Birmingham, AL | Briarwood Christian School

**#13 ALLY CORDES**

OH | 6-1 | FR
Wyoming, OH | Wyoming HS

**#14 GREER GOLDEN**

MB | 6-2 | SO
Mountain Brook, AL | Mountain Brook HS

**#15 GRACIE LYNN BUTLER**

OH | 6-1 | JR
Hazel Green, AL | Hazel Green HS

**#16 JANIE STINCHCOMB**

MB | 6-3 | FR
Duluth, GA | Greater Atlanta Christian

**#18 SOPHIA PLASMAN**

OH | 6-0 | SO
Greensboro, NC | Caldwell Academy

**#19 AMELIA JOHNSTON**

DS/L | 5-5 | SO
Collierville, TN | Collierville HS

**KEYLOR CHAN**

Head Coach
8th Season

**BEN SABIN**

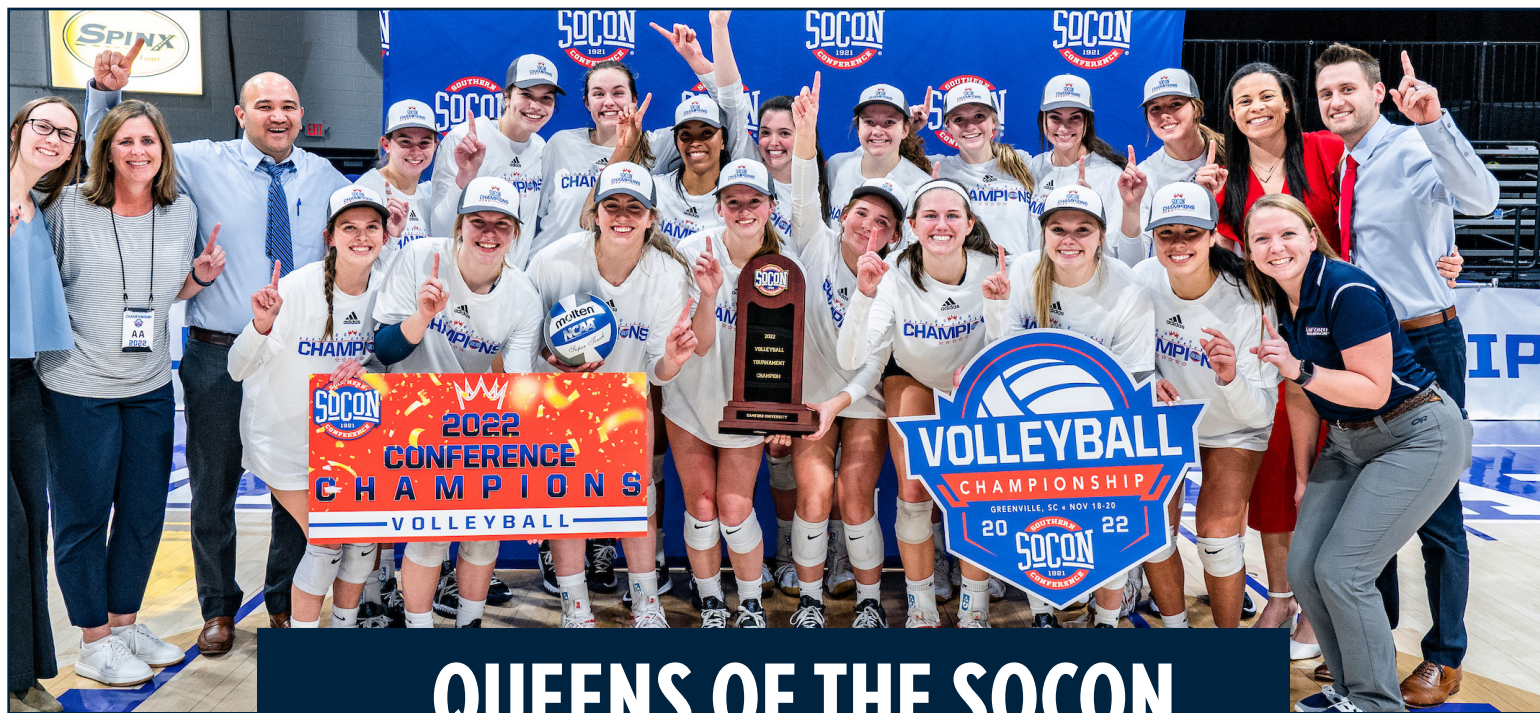
Associate Head Coach
7th Season

**SABEL SABIN**

Assistant Coach
4th Season

**SYDNEY CARLSON**

Volunteer Assistant
1st Season



QUEENS OF THE SOCON



BY THE NUMBERS

5

The Bulldogs have captured five of the last seven Southern Conference Tournament Titles while also claiming three of the last four.

17

Samford has averaged 17 wins per season over a seven-year span, posting two 20-win seasons and a .581 winning percentage.

2

The Bulldogs have captured both the SoCon regular season and tournament titles twice, doing so in 2019 and the spring of 2021.



CHAMPIONSHIP SEASONS

2022: 19-13 (11-5 SoCon) - SoCon Tournament Champions

2021: (Spring): 15-4 (13-3 SoCon) - SoCon Regular Season/Tournament Champions

2019: 24-6 (15-1 SoCon) - SoCon Regular Season/Tournament Champions

2018: 19-15 (11-5 SoCon) - SoCon Tournament Champions

2016: 21-14 (11-7 SoCon) - SoCon Tournament Champions





2023 SAMFORD NUMERICAL ROSTER



| # | NAME | CLS | HT | POS | HOMETOWN | PREVIOUS SCHOOL |
|----|--------------------|-----|------|------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Lilly Smith | Sr. | 5-9 | DS/L | West Chicago, Ill. | West Chicago Community HS |
| 2 | Samantha Horn | So. | 5-10 | S | Plainfield, Ill. | Joliet Catholic Academy |
| 4 | Kaleigh Meritt | So. | 6-2 | OH | Evansville, Ind. | FJ Reitz HS |
| 5 | Lexi Thatcher | Fr. | 5-11 | S | Indianapolis, Ind. | Bishop Chatard |
| 6 | Annabelle Straty | Fr. | 5-7 | DS/L | Dublin, Ohio | Dublin Coffman High School |
| 7 | Kate Morgan | Jr. | 5-10 | DS/L | Waxahachie, Texas | Waxahachie HS |
| 8 | Ashley Evans | Fr. | 6-2 | MB | Lake Mary, Fla. | Lake Mary HS |
| 9 | Kayla Keshock | Sr. | 6-1 | S | Spanish Fort, Ala. | Spanish Fort HS |
| 10 | Kate Wonus | Sr. | 6-0 | MB | Lady Lake, Fla. | Trinity Catholic |
| 12 | Audrey O'Brien | Sr. | 5-4 | DS/L | Birmingham, Ala. | Briarwood Christian School |
| 13 | Ally Cordes | Fr. | 6-1 | OH | Wyoming, Ohio | Wyoming HS |
| 14 | Greer Golden | So. | 6-2 | MB | Mountain Brook, Ala. | Mountain Brook HS |
| 15 | Gracie Lynn Butler | Jr. | 6-1 | OH | Hazel Green, Ala. | Hazel Green HS |
| 16 | Janie Stinchcomb | Fr. | 6-3 | MB | Duluth, Ga. | Greater Atlanta Christian School |
| 18 | Sophia Plasman | So. | 6-0 | OH | Greensboro, N.C. | Caldwell Academy |
| 19 | Amelia Johnston | So. | 5-5 | DS/L | Collierville, Tenn. | Collierville HS |

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

| POSITION | NAME | YR @ SU |
|-------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| Head Coach: | Keylor Chan | 8th |
| Associate Head Coach: | Ben Sabin | 7th |
| Assistant Coach: | Sabel Sabin | 4th |
| Volunteer Assistant: | Sydney Carlson | 1st |
| Athletic Trainer: | Anna Bolton | 2nd |
| Strength & Conditioning | Jonathan Farris | 11th |
| Media Contact: | Joey Mullins | 21st |

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

| NAME | PRONUNCIATION |
|-------------------|---------------|
| Ally Cordes | CORE-dis |
| Kayla Keshock | Key-shock |
| Kyleigh Merritt | Kay-lee |
| Sophia Plasman | So-FYE-uh |
| Annabelle Straty | STRAT-EE |
| Kate Wonus | WAH-nus |
| Keylor Chan | Key-lure |
| Ben & Sabel Sabin | SAY-ben |



QUICK FACTS

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Location: | Birmingham, Ala. |
| Year Founded: | 1841 |
| Enrollment: | 5,791 |
| Nickname: | Bulldogs |
| School Colors: | Red and Blue |
| Arena (Capacity): | Pete Hanna Center (5,000) |
| Affiliation: | NCAA Division I |
| Conference: | Southern |
| President: | Dr. Beck Taylor |
| Director of Athletics: | Martin Newton |

COACHING STAFF

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Head Coach | Keylor Chan |
| Alma Mater/Yr | Florida (1995) |
| Record at Samford/Yrs | 132-100 (8th) |
| Overall Record/Yrs | 384-378 (25th) |
| Assistant Coaches/Yrs | Ben Sabin (7th) |
| | Sabel Sabin (4th) |

TEAM INFORMATION

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| 2022 Record | 19-13 |
| Southern Conference Record | 11-5 |
| Regular Season | 2nd |
| Tournament Record | 3-0 |
| Home Record | 8-2 |
| Away Record | 5-7 |
| Neutral | 6-3 |
| Final 2022 National Ranking | NR |
| Starters Returning/Lost (2021) | 4/2 |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lost (2021) | 11/6 |

VOLLEYBALL HISTORY

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|--|---|
| First Year of Volleyball: | 1987 |
| All-Time Record: | 576-645 |
| All-Time Division I Record: | 576-645 |
| NCAA Tournament Appearances/Most Recent: | 7 / 2022 |
| Most Recent NCAA Opponent: | Louisville, L (3-0) |
| | NCAA Regional, Louisville, Ky. (12/02/22) |

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

| | |
|------------|---|
| Seniors | 4 |
| Juniors | 2 |
| Sophomores | 5 |
| Freshmen | 5 |

GEOGRAPHICAL BREAKDOWN

| | |
|----------------|---|
| Alabama | 4 |
| Florida | 2 |
| Illinois | 2 |
| Indiana | 2 |
| Ohio | 2 |
| Georgia | 1 |
| North Carolina | 1 |
| Tennessee | 1 |
| Texas | 1 |



2023 SOUTHERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS

| SCHOOL | CONF | CONF% | CONF HOME | CONF AWAY | Streak | OVR | PCT | HOME | AWAY | NEU | STRK |
|------------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| The Citadel | 10-0 | 1.000 | 5-0 | 5-0 | W10 | 22-0 | 1.000 | 6-0 | 9-0 | 7-0 | W22 |
| Mercer | 8-2 | .800 | 4-1 | 4-1 | W6 | 12-9 | .571 | 4-2 | 4-4 | 4-3 | W6 |
| Furman | 6-4 | .600 | 4-1 | 2-3 | W3 | 15-6 | .714 | 7-1 | 5-4 | 3-1 | W3 |
| Wofford | 6-4 | .600 | 2-2 | 4-2 | L3 | 15-6 | .714 | 8-3 | 5-3 | 2-0 | L3 |
| Samford | 5-5 | .500 | 4-2 | 1-3 | W1 | 10-12 | .455 | 6-4 | 1-6 | 3-2 | W1 |
| Chattanooga | 4-6 | .400 | 1-3 | 3-3 | L1 | 16-9 | .640 | 4-4 | 7-4 | 5-1 | L1 |
| Western Carolina | 3-7 | .300 | 2-3 | 1-4 | L2 | 6-15 | .286 | 3-3 | 1-8 | 2-4 | L2 |
| ETSU | 3-7 | .300 | 3-3 | 0-4 | W1 | 3-18 | .143 | 3-3 | 0-8 | 0-7 | W1 |
| UNCG | 0-10 | .000 | 0-5 | 0-5 | L10 | 1-20 | .048 | 0-7 | 1-13 | 0-0 | L13 |

2023 SOCON OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

| | |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| August 28 | Morgan Romano, Chattanooga |
| September 4 | Ali Ruffin, The Citadel |
| September 11 | Ali Ruffin, The Citadel |
| September 18 | Gracie Lynn Butler, Samford |
| September 25 | Ali Ruffin, The Citadel |
| October 2 | Gylan Finch, Chattanooga |
| October 9 | Ali Ruffin, The Citadel |
| October 16 | Skyler Bumpers, Mercer |
| October 23 | Kylee Quigley, Mercer |
| October 30 | |
| November 6 | |
| November 13 | |

2023 SOCON DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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|--------------|-------------------------------|
| August 28 | Jaelynn Elgert, The Citadel |
| September 4 | Abbey Richman, Wofford |
| September 11 | Sarah Barham, Wofford |
| September 18 | Abbey Richman, Wofford |
| September 25 | Abbey Richman, Wofford |
| October 2 | Abbey Richman, Wofford |
| October 9 | Sarah Barham, Wofford |
| October 16 | Gina DeLancey, The Citadel |
| October 23 | Paige Gallentine, Chattanooga |
| October 30 | |
| November 6 | |
| November 13 | |

2023 SOCON SETTERS OF THE WEEK

| | |
|--------------|----------------------------|
| August 28 | Elaine Redman, Chattanooga |
| September 4 | Ella Abraham, Furman |
| September 11 | Belle Hogan, The Citadel |
| September 18 | Elaine Redman, Chattanooga |
| September 25 | Belle Hogan, The Citadel |
| October 2 | Elaine Redman, Chattanooga |
| October 9 | Belle Hogan, The Citadel |
| October 16 | Kiera McCarles, Mercer |
| October 23 | Emily Navarro, Furman |
| October 30 | |
| November 6 | |
| November 13 | |



SOCON PRESEASON POLL

2023 PRESEASON POLL

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| 1. ETSU (5) | 58 |
| 2. Samford (2) | 57 |
| 3. Wofford (2) | 52 |
| 4. Western Carolina | 40 |
| 5. Chattanooga | 35 |
| 6. The Citadel | 27 |
| 7. Mercer | 24 |
| 8. Furman | 19 |
| 9. UNCG | 12 |

() Denotes first-place votes

2023 PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

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|---|
| Ali Ruffin, The Citadel, Jr., OH |
| Brianna Cantrell, ETSU, So., OH |
| Lundyn Coffman, ETSU, Gr., MB |
| Gracie Lynn Butler, Samford, Jr., OH |
| Kate Morgan, Samford, Jr., LIB/DS |
| Bailey Hartsough, Western Carolina, Jr., OH |
| Eden Punch, Western Carolina, Sr., MB |
| Sarah Barham, Wofford, Sr., MB |

2023 SOCON OFFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

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|-------------------------------------|
| September - Ali Ruffin, The Citadel |
| October |
| November |

2023 SOCON DEFENSIVE PLAYERS OF THE MONTH

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|------------------------------------|
| September - Abbey Richman, Wofford |
| October |
| November |

2023 SOCON SETTERS OF THE MONTH

| |
|--------------------------------------|
| September - Belle Hogan, The Citadel |
| October |
| November |

2022 FIRST TEAM ALL-SOCON

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| Ali Ruffin, The Citadel, So., OH |
| Lundyn Coffman, ETSU, Sr., MB |
| Caroline Dykes, ETSU, So., S |
| Annie Karle, Mercer, Gr., OH |
| Kenya McQuirter, Samford, R-Jr., OH |
| Natalie Tyson, Chattanooga, R-Sr., OH |
| Merry Gebel, Western Carolina, 5th, OH |

2022 SECOND TEAM ALL-SOCON

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|---|
| Brianna Cantrell, ETSU, Fr., OH |
| Gracie Lynn Butler, Samford, So., OH |
| Lauren Deaton, Samford, Gr., OH |
| Kate Morgan, Samford, So., LIB |
| Paige Gallentine, Chattanooga, So., LIB |
| Sarah Barham, Wofford, Jr., MB |
| Millie Loehr, Wofford, Jr., MB |

2022 SOCON ALL-FRESHMAN TEAM

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|----------------------------------|
| Brianna Cantrell, ETSU, OH |
| Kimani Johnson, ETSU, RS |
| Whitley Rammel, ETSU, MB/RS |
| Lauren Haynes, Furman, OH |
| Lillian Beardsley, Mercer, RS |
| Greer Golden, Samford, MB |
| Victoria Hensley, Wofford, S |

Player of the Year - Merry Gebel, Western Carolina

Freshman of the Year - Brianna Cantrell, ETSU

Libero of the Year - Kate Morgan, Samford

Setter of the Year - Caroline Dykes, ETSU

Coach of the Year - Benavia Jenkins, ETSU





KEYLOR CHAN

HEAD COACH • 8TH SEASON • FLORIDA (1995)

THE KEYLOR CHAN FILE

| | |
|--------------------------------|---|
| » Alma Mater: | Florida, 1995 |
| » Hometown: | Longwood, Fla. |
| » Career Record: | 384-378 (25th season) |
| » Record at Samford: | 132-100 (8th season) |
| » NCAA Tournament Appearances: | 9 |
| | 2002, 2003, 2005, 2010, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021 Spring, 2022 |
| » Conference Championships: | 7 |
| | 2016, 2018, 2019, 2020-21, 2022 SoCon Tournament / 2019, 2021 Spring SoCon Regular Season |



NOTING CHAN'S CAREER

384

Chan has recorded 384 victories in his career as an NCAA Division I head coach, including 132 at Samford.

7

The Longwood, Fla., native has led the Bulldogs to seven total championships in his seven previous seasons at Samford. The Bulldogs have five SoCon Tournament titles and were the regular-season champs in 2019 and the spring of 2021.

132

In seven seasons as head coach at Samford, Chan has guided the Bulldogs to 132 wins on the court.

9

Chan has led teams to the NCAA Tournament nine times in his 25 seasons as a head coach, including five times at Samford.

100

Chan's teams have maintained an amazing 100% graduation rate throughout his career.

YEAR-BY-YEAR RECORD

| YEAR | SCHOOL | OVERALL | CONF | NOTES |
|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| 1999 | Furman | 18-15 | 13-7 (SoCon) | |
| 2000 | Northwestern | 7-23 | 4-16 (Big 10) | |
| 2001 | Northwestern | 10-17 | 6-14 (Big 10) | |
| 2002 | Northwestern | 17-16 | 10-10 (Big 10) | NCAA Tournament |
| 2003 | Northwestern | 18-15 | 9-11 (Big 10) | NCAA Tournament |
| 2004 | Northwestern | 10-20 | 5-15 (Big 10) | |
| 2005 | Northwestern | 20-12 | 10-10 (Big 10) | NCAA Tournament |
| 2006 | Northwestern | 14-15 | 8-12 (Big 10) | |
| 2007 | Northwestern | 18-13 | 9-11 (Big 10) | |
| 2008 | Northwestern | 8-23 | 2-18 (Big 10) | |
| 2009 | Northwestern | 16-16 | 7-13 (Big 10) | |
| 2010 | Northwestern | 20-13 | 9-11 (Big 10) | NCAA Tournament |
| 2011 | Northwestern | 16-15 | 7-13 (Big 10) | |
| 2012 | Northwestern | 16-15 | 5-15 (Big 10) | |
| 2013 | Northwestern | 16-16 | 8-12 (Big 10) | |
| 2014 | Northwestern | 16-15 | 6-14 (Big 10) | |
| 2015 | Northwestern | 14-17 | 6-14 (Big 10) | |
| 2016 | Samford | 21-14 | 9-7 (SoCon) | NCAA Tournament, SoCon (Tour) Champs |
| 2017 | Samford | 13-18 | 8-8 (SoCon) | |
| 2018 | Samford | 19-15 | 11-5 (SoCon) | NCAA Tournament, SoCon (Tour) Champs |
| 2019 | Samford | 24-6 | 15-1 (SoCon) | NCAA Tournament, SoCon (Tour/RS) Champs |
| 2021 (S) | Samford | 15-4 | 13-3 (SoCon) | NCAA Tournament, SoCon (Tour/RS) Champs |
| 2021 (F) | Samford | 11-18 | 9-7 (SoCon) | |
| 2022 | Samford | 19-13 | 11-5 (SoCon) | NCAA Tournament, SoCon (Tour) Champs |
| 2023 | Samford | 10-12 | 5-5 | |
| TOTALS | | 384-378 | 206-257 | |



Volleyball Announces 2024 Mission Trip to Brazil

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. – The Samford Volleyball Team will embark on a week-long mission trip to Brazil in March of 2024, Head Coach Keylor Chan announced on Monday, June 5.

“Our trip to Brazil will be the program's first mission/volley tour,” Chan said. “We were set for this tour in the summer of 2020, but due to the Covid pandemic, the mission was canceled. As a staff, we felt this was a perfect time to set the mission in motion again.”

During the trip, the Bulldogs will visit Saquarema, Rio de Janeiro, and Sao Paulo. The trip will feature a handful of matches against local teams, in addition to community outreach activities and mission work.

The Bulldogs will depart from Birmingham on March 1 and return on March 10.

“Experiencing volleyball on the world stage is special,” Chan said. “It broadens perspectives and connects in ways that deepen our roots as human beings. Brazil is a world leader in volleyball and will provide a broad range of experiences that will surely help the program grow. It was also critical to build a mission component into the trip and Brazil has many opportunities to share our faith with others.”

Volleyball has a long and rich history in Brazil that dates back to the 1800s. The Brazilian women's national team has won two Olympic Gold Medals in the last 15 years (2008, 2012) while the men have won three gold medals since 1992.

“Personally, I'm excited to lead our group abroad,” Chan said. “We will need support from all our stakeholders in Samford Volleyball to make this happen, but I'm confident all will see the value and help make this experience possible.”

A donation link can be found at samfordsports.com/sports/womens-volleyball.



2023-24 Samford Women's Volleyball Combined Team Statistics All games

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Game Records

| Overall | Conference | Home | Away | Neutral |
|---------|------------|-------|-------|---------|
| 10 - 12 | 5 - 5 | 6 - 4 | 1 - 6 | 3 - 2 |

Team Box Score

| # | Player | SP | Attack | | | | | Set | | Serve | | | RE | Dig | | Blocking | | | | | | PTS |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| | | | K | K/S | E | TA | PCT | A | A/S | SA | SE | SA/S | | DIG | DIG/S | BS | BA | TOT/S | BLK/S | BE | BHE | |
| 1 | Smith, Lilly | 4 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 1 | 0.25 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 4 | 1.00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 2 | Horn, Samantha | 4 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 14 | 3.50 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 6 | 1.50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| 4 | Meritt, Kaleigh | 78 | 246 | 3.15 | 84 | 675 | .240 | 8 | 0.10 | 20 | 47 | 0.26 | 6 | 98 | 1.26 | 4 | 20 | 24 | 0.31 | 5 | 4 | 280.0 |
| 5 | Thatcher, Lexi | 79 | 22 | 0.28 | 8 | 91 | .154 | 671 | 8.49 | 7 | 10 | 0.09 | 0 | 130 | 1.65 | 1 | 11 | 12 | 0.15 | 3 | 6 | 35.5 |
| 6 | Straty, Annabelle | 79 | 1 | 0.01 | 0 | 3 | .333 | 12 | 0.15 | 3 | 3 | 0.04 | 21 | 130 | 1.65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 4.0 |
| 7 | Morgan, Kate | 79 | 1 | 0.01 | 0 | 11 | .091 | 47 | 0.59 | 24 | 34 | 0.30 | 13 | 304 | 3.85 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 25.0 |
| 9 | Keshock, Kayla | 67 | 85 | 1.27 | 57 | 253 | .111 | 140 | 2.09 | 24 | 26 | 0.36 | 0 | 51 | 0.76 | 3 | 38 | 41 | 0.61 | 0 | 1 | 131.0 |
| 10 | Wonus, Kate | 79 | 109 | 1.38 | 38 | 250 | .284 | 7 | 0.09 | 7 | 21 | 0.09 | 1 | 43 | 0.54 | 5 | 56 | 61 | 0.77 | 9 | 0 | 149.0 |
| 12 | O'Brien, Audrey | 38 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0.00 | 2 | 10 | 0.05 | 0 | 4 | 0.11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 2.0 |
| 13 | Cordes, Ally | 16 | 38 | 2.38 | 19 | 93 | .204 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 3 | 0.00 | 1 | 8 | 0.50 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0.38 | 1 | 0 | 42.0 |
| 14 | Golden, Greer | 79 | 110 | 1.39 | 36 | 271 | .273 | 5 | 0.06 | 14 | 18 | 0.18 | 0 | 25 | 0.32 | 3 | 49 | 52 | 0.66 | 8 | 1 | 151.5 |
| 15 | Butler, Gracie Lynn | 79 | 348 | 4.41 | 133 | 901 | .239 | 12 | 0.15 | 26 | 22 | 0.33 | 39 | 184 | 2.33 | 6 | 23 | 29 | 0.37 | 6 | 2 | 391.5 |
| 18 | Plasman, Sophia | 27 | 39 | 1.44 | 17 | 119 | .185 | 2 | 0.07 | 6 | 12 | 0.22 | 0 | 11 | 0.41 | 2 | 9 | 11 | 0.41 | 2 | 0 | 51.5 |
| 19 | Johnston, Amelia | 57 | 0 | 0.00 | 2 | 4 | -.500 | 13 | 0.23 | 6 | 12 | 0.11 | 21 | 94 | 1.65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | 6.0 |
| SAMFORD | | 79 | 999 | 12.65 | 394 | 2671 | .227 | 932 | 11.80 | 139 | 218 | 1.76 | 118 | 1092 | 13.82 | 26 | 210 | 131 | 1.66 | 34 | 14 | 1,269.0 |
| Opponents | | 79 | 944 | 11.95 | 355 | 2595 | .227 | 843 | 10.67 | 118 | 167 | 1.49 | 139 | 1096 | 13.87 | 43 | 225 | 155.5 | 1.97 | 33 | 18 | 1,217.5 |

Team statistics

| | SU | OPP |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| ATTACK | | |
| Kills | 999 | 944 |
| Errors | 394 | 355 |
| Total Attacks | 2671 | 2595 |
| Attack Pct | .227 | .227 |
| Kills/Set | 12.65 | 11.95 |
| SET | | |
| Assists | 932 | 843 |
| Attempts | 2669 | 2565 |
| Assist Pct | .349 | .329 |
| Assists/Set | 11.80 | 10.67 |
| SERVE | | |
| Aces | 139 | 118 |
| Errors | 218 | 167 |
| Attempts | 1695 | 1721 |
| Serve Pct | .871 | .903 |
| Aces/Set | 1.76 | 1.49 |
| SERVE RECEPTIONS | | |
| Errors | 118 | 139 |
| Errors/Set | 1.49 | 1.76 |
| Attempts | 1554 | 1477 |
| Reception Pct | .924 | .999 |
| DEFENSE | | |
| Digs | 1092 | 1096 |
| Digs/Set | 13.82 | 13.87 |
| BLOCKING | | |
| Block solo | 26 | 43 |
| Block Assist | 210 | 225 |
| Total Blocks | 131 | 155.5 |
| Blocks/Set | 1.66 | 1.97 |
| Block Errors | 34 | 33 |
| Ball handling errors | 14 | 18 |
| ATTENDANCE | | |
| Total | 3938 | 3211 |
| Dates/Avg Per Date | 10/394 | 7/459 |
| Neutral Site #/Avg | 5/124 | - |
| Current win streak | 0 | - |
| Home win streak | 0 | - |

Team Results

| Date | Opponent | Score | Score-by-set | Att. |
|--------------|--------------------|-------|-------------------------------|------|
| 08/25/2023 | vs Miami (OH) | W 3-0 | 25-20,25-19,26-24 | 300 |
| 08/25/2023 | at Memphis | L 2-3 | 25-21,16-25,21-25,25-16,10-15 | 353 |
| 08/26/2023 | vs Alcorn | W 3-0 | 25-13,25-12,25-8 | 100 |
| 09/01/2023 | Evansville | L 1-3 | 25-22,21-25,20-25,20-25 | 324 |
| 09/03/2023 | North Ala. | W 3-1 | 20-25,28-26,26-24,25-23 | 313 |
| 09/04/2023 | Florida St. | L 0-3 | 20-25,14-25,17-25 | 633 |
| 09/07/2023 | vs Army West Point | L 1-3 | 21-25,25-22,15-25,14-25 | 89 |
| 09/07/2023 | vs Jacksonville | W 3-0 | 25-23,25-19,25-21 | 67 |
| 09/08/2023 | at Georgia | L 0-3 | 14-25,14-25,21-25 | 769 |
| 09/13/2023 | UAB | W 3-1 | 19-25,25-18,25-19,25-22 | 369 |
| 09/15/2023 | at South Alabama | L 0-3 | 14-25,19-25,13-25 | 612 |
| 09/16/2023 | vs Auburn | L 1-3 | 19-25,25-20,24-26,11-25 | 65 |
| * 09/22/2023 | UNC Greensboro | W 3-1 | 22-25,25-19,25-17,25-14 | 683 |
| * 09/23/2023 | The Citadel | L 0-3 | 28-30,21-25,18-25 | 513 |
| * 09/29/2023 | at Wofford | L 0-3 | 24-26,18-25,14-25 | 154 |
| * 09/30/2023 | at Furman | L 2-3 | 25-21,27-25,18-25,20-25,5-15 | 518 |
| * 10/06/2023 | Western Caro. | W 3-0 | 26-24,25-22,25-18 | 247 |
| * 10/07/2023 | ETSU | W 3-0 | 26-24,25-13,25-11 | 203 |
| * 10/12/2023 | Mercer | L 2-3 | 25-23,24-26,25-19,16-25,13-15 | 245 |
| * 10/13/2023 | Chattanooga | W 3-0 | 25-16,25-16,25-21 | 408 |
| * 10/20/2023 | at The Citadel | L 0-3 | 21-25,17-25,18-25 | 377 |
| * 10/21/2023 | at UNC Greensboro | W 3-1 | 22-25,25-16,25-16,25-11 | 428 |



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Attack (by PCT)

| # | Player | S | K | K/S | E | TA | PCT |
|----|---------------------|----|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|
| 6 | Straty, Annabelle | 79 | 1 | 0.01 | 0 | 3 | .333 |
| 10 | Wonus, Kate | 79 | 109 | 1.38 | 38 | 250 | .284 |
| 14 | Golden, Greer | 79 | 110 | 1.39 | 36 | 271 | .273 |
| 4 | Meritt, Kaleigh | 78 | 246 | 3.15 | 84 | 675 | .240 |
| 15 | Butler, Gracie Lynn | 79 | 348 | 4.41 | 133 | 901 | .239 |
| 13 | Cordes, Ally | 16 | 38 | 2.38 | 19 | 93 | .204 |
| 18 | Plasman, Sophia | 27 | 39 | 1.44 | 17 | 119 | .185 |
| 5 | Thatcher, Lexi | 79 | 22 | 0.28 | 8 | 91 | .154 |
| 9 | Keshock, Kayla | 67 | 85 | 1.27 | 57 | 253 | .111 |
| 7 | Morgan, Kate | 79 | 1 | 0.01 | 0 | 11 | .091 |
| 19 | Johnston, Amelia | 57 | 0 | 0.00 | 2 | 4 | -.500 |
| 1 | Smith, Lilly | 4 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| 12 | O'Brien, Audrey | 38 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| 2 | Horn, Samantha | 4 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | 0 | .000 |

Kill (by K)

| # | Player | S | K | K/S |
|----|---------------------|----|-----|------|
| 15 | Butler, Gracie Lynn | 79 | 348 | 4.41 |
| 4 | Meritt, Kaleigh | 78 | 246 | 3.15 |
| 14 | Golden, Greer | 79 | 110 | 1.39 |
| 10 | Wonus, Kate | 79 | 109 | 1.38 |
| 9 | Keshock, Kayla | 67 | 85 | 1.27 |
| 18 | Plasman, Sophia | 27 | 39 | 1.44 |
| 13 | Cordes, Ally | 16 | 38 | 2.38 |
| 5 | Thatcher, Lexi | 79 | 22 | 0.28 |
| 6 | Straty, Annabelle | 79 | 1 | 0.01 |
| 7 | Morgan, Kate | 79 | 1 | 0.01 |
| 19 | Johnston, Amelia | 57 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 1 | Smith, Lilly | 4 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 12 | O'Brien, Audrey | 38 | 0 | 0.00 |
| 2 | Horn, Samantha | 4 | 0 | 0.00 |

Set (by A/S)

| # | Player | S | A | A/S | TA | PCT |
|----|---------------------|----|-----|------|------|-------|
| 5 | Thatcher, Lexi | 79 | 671 | 8.49 | 1827 | .356 |
| 2 | Horn, Samantha | 4 | 14 | 3.50 | 27 | .519 |
| 9 | Keshock, Kayla | 67 | 140 | 2.09 | 355 | .386 |
| 7 | Morgan, Kate | 79 | 47 | 0.59 | 196 | .240 |
| 1 | Smith, Lilly | 4 | 1 | 0.25 | 1 | 1.000 |
| 19 | Johnston, Amelia | 57 | 13 | 0.23 | 32 | .406 |
| 15 | Butler, Gracie Lynn | 79 | 12 | 0.15 | 68 | .162 |
| 6 | Straty, Annabelle | 79 | 12 | 0.15 | 46 | .261 |
| 4 | Meritt, Kaleigh | 78 | 8 | 0.10 | 42 | .190 |
| 10 | Wonus, Kate | 79 | 7 | 0.09 | 26 | .192 |
| 18 | Plasman, Sophia | 27 | 2 | 0.07 | 16 | .125 |
| 14 | Golden, Greer | 79 | 5 | 0.06 | 31 | .129 |
| 13 | Cordes, Ally | 16 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | .000 |
| 12 | O'Brien, Audrey | 38 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | .000 |

Serve (by SA/S)

| # | Player | S | SA | SE | SA/S | TA | PCT |
|----|---------------------|----|----|----|------|-----|-------|
| 9 | Keshock, Kayla | 67 | 24 | 26 | 0.36 | 261 | .900 |
| 15 | Butler, Gracie Lynn | 79 | 26 | 22 | 0.33 | 270 | .919 |
| 7 | Morgan, Kate | 79 | 24 | 34 | 0.30 | 347 | .902 |
| 4 | Meritt, Kaleigh | 78 | 20 | 47 | 0.26 | 215 | .781 |
| 18 | Plasman, Sophia | 27 | 6 | 12 | 0.22 | 74 | .838 |
| 14 | Golden, Greer | 79 | 14 | 18 | 0.18 | 98 | .816 |
| 19 | Johnston, Amelia | 57 | 6 | 12 | 0.11 | 50 | .760 |
| 5 | Thatcher, Lexi | 79 | 7 | 10 | 0.09 | 165 | .939 |
| 10 | Wonus, Kate | 79 | 7 | 21 | 0.09 | 98 | .786 |
| 12 | O'Brien, Audrey | 38 | 2 | 10 | 0.05 | 54 | .815 |
| 6 | Straty, Annabelle | 79 | 3 | 3 | 0.04 | 29 | .897 |
| 2 | Horn, Samantha | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 2 | 1.000 |
| 1 | Smith, Lilly | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0 | .000 |
| 13 | Cordes, Ally | 16 | 0 | 3 | 0.00 | 32 | .906 |



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| Date | Opponent | SP | Attack | | | | Set | | | Serve | | | | Recept | | | Blocking | | | | | BHE | POINTS | SCORE |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | | | K | E | TA | PCT | A | TA | PCT | SA | SE | TA | PCT | RE | TA | PCT | DIG | BS | BA | BE | TOTAL | | | |
| 08/25/2023 | vs Miami (OH) | 3 | 48 | 19 | 100 | .290 | 39 | 99 | .394 | 5 | 10 | 75 | .867 | 9 | 56 | .839 | 45 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1.5 | 0 | 54.5 | 3-0 |
| 08/25/2023 | at Memphis | 5 | 62 | 23 | 146 | .267 | 58 | 146 | .397 | 10 | 19 | 97 | .804 | 3 | 96 | .969 | 51 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 6.0 | 0 | 78.0 | 2-3 |
| 08/26/2023 | vs Alcorn | 3 | 40 | 3 | 70 | .529 | 32 | 67 | .478 | 13 | 9 | 73 | .877 | 3 | 29 | .897 | 26 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 5.0 | 1 | 58.0 | 3-0 |
| 09/01/2023 | vs Evansville | 4 | 53 | 27 | 163 | .160 | 50 | 158 | .316 | 7 | 8 | 87 | .908 | 5 | 88 | .943 | 67 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3.0 | 2 | 63.0 | 1-3 |
| 09/03/2023 | North Ala. | 4 | 54 | 24 | 167 | .180 | 52 | 159 | .327 | 11 | 13 | 98 | .867 | 7 | 89 | .921 | 75 | 1 | 16 | 2 | 9.0 | 4 | 74.0 | 3-1 |
| 09/04/2023 | Florida St. | 3 | 33 | 14 | 95 | .200 | 31 | 98 | .316 | 2 | 5 | 52 | .904 | 5 | 69 | .928 | 34 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 7.0 | 0 | 42.0 | 0-3 |
| 09/07/2023 | vs Army West Point | 4 | 45 | 22 | 145 | .159 | 43 | 148 | .291 | 7 | 9 | 76 | .882 | 7 | 90 | .922 | 55 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 6.0 | 1 | 58.0 | 1-3 |
| 09/07/2023 | vs Jacksonville | 3 | 41 | 14 | 103 | .262 | 38 | 102 | .373 | 7 | 7 | 73 | .904 | 1 | 55 | .982 | 45 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 7.0 | 0 | 55.0 | 3-0 |
| 09/08/2023 | at Georgia | 3 | 27 | 11 | 81 | .198 | 27 | 89 | .303 | 1 | 11 | 51 | .784 | 9 | 66 | .864 | 27 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 5.5 | 0 | 33.5 | 0-3 |
| 09/13/2023 | UAB | 4 | 50 | 16 | 148 | .230 | 47 | 145 | .324 | 5 | 10 | 93 | .892 | 9 | 76 | .882 | 69 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 7.0 | 0 | 62.0 | 3-1 |
| 09/15/2023 | at South Alabama | 3 | 28 | 21 | 107 | .065 | 28 | 113 | .248 | 2 | 6 | 47 | .872 | 6 | 65 | .908 | 44 | 0 | 10 | 3 | 5.0 | 0 | 35.0 | 0-3 |
| 09/16/2023 | vs Auburn | 4 | 45 | 21 | 120 | .200 | 43 | 121 | .355 | 8 | 5 | 80 | .938 | 6 | 86 | .930 | 45 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 5.0 | 0 | 58.0 | 1-3 |
| 09/22/2023 | UNC Greensboro | 4 | 59 | 13 | 126 | .365 | 56 | 123 | .455 | 7 | 17 | 96 | .823 | 4 | 68 | .941 | 42 | 2 | 16 | 3 | 10.0 | 0 | 76.0 | 3-1 |
| 09/23/2023 | The Citadel | 3 | 38 | 17 | 128 | .164 | 35 | 122 | .287 | 3 | 11 | 68 | .838 | 2 | 71 | .972 | 52 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 7.0 | 0 | 48.0 | 0-3 |
| 09/29/2023 | at Wofford | 3 | 37 | 19 | 95 | .189 | 34 | 93 | .366 | 4 | 12 | 57 | .789 | 9 | 67 | .866 | 38 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2.0 | 0 | 43.0 | 0-3 |
| 09/30/2023 | at Furman | 5 | 60 | 32 | 170 | .165 | 59 | 179 | .330 | 4 | 9 | 95 | .905 | 5 | 101 | .950 | 74 | 1 | 12 | 4 | 7.0 | 0 | 71.0 | 2-3 |
| 10/06/2023 | Western Caro. | 3 | 46 | 19 | 114 | .237 | 43 | 109 | .394 | 4 | 6 | 74 | .919 | 4 | 60 | .933 | 41 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 5.0 | 1 | 55.0 | 3-0 |
| 10/07/2023 | ETSU | 3 | 45 | 14 | 102 | .304 | 39 | 100 | .390 | 10 | 6 | 74 | .919 | 1 | 46 | .978 | 43 | 2 | 10 | 1 | 7.0 | 2 | 62.0 | 3-0 |
| 10/12/2023 | Mercer | 5 | 65 | 22 | 177 | .243 | 61 | 169 | .361 | 7 | 12 | 103 | .883 | 13 | 99 | .869 | 78 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 3.0 | 0 | 75.0 | 2-3 |
| 10/13/2023 | Chattanooga | 3 | 43 | 14 | 104 | .279 | 42 | 103 | .408 | 10 | 11 | 73 | .849 | 1 | 52 | .981 | 45 | 2 | 10 | 2 | 7.0 | 1 | 60.0 | 3-0 |
| 10/20/2023 | at The Citadel | 3 | 27 | 19 | 90 | .089 | 26 | 98 | .265 | 2 | 11 | 57 | .807 | 5 | 64 | .922 | 40 | 1 | 12 | 2 | 7.0 | 2 | 36.0 | 0-3 |
| 10/21/2023 | at UNC Greensboro | 4 | 53 | 10 | 120 | .358 | 49 | 128 | .383 | 10 | 11 | 96 | .885 | 4 | 61 | .934 | 56 | 2 | 14 | 1 | 9.0 | 0 | 72.0 | 3-1 |
| Totals | | 79 | 999 | 394 | 2671 | .227 | 932 | 2669 | .349 | 139 | 218 | 1695 | .871 | 118 | 1554 | .924 | 1092 | 26 | 210 | 34 | 131.0 | 14 | 1269.0 | |
| Opponents | | 79 | 944 | 355 | 2595 | .227 | 843 | 2565 | .329 | 118 | 167 | 1721 | .903 | 139 | 1477 | .906 | 1096 | 43 | 225 | 33 | 155.5 | 18 | 1217.5 | |

Team Averages

| Sets Played | Kills per set | Assists per set | Service aces per set | Digs per set | Blocks per set | Points per set | Ball handling error per set | Reception errors per set |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 79 | 12.65 | 11.80 | 1.76 | 13.82 | 1.66 | 16.06 | 0.18 | 1.49 |