



UTEP MINERS VOLLEYBALL

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CONFERENCE USA

Date Nov. 14 & 16
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C-USA STANDINGS

TEAM	CONFERENCE	OVERALL
WKU	12-0	26-1
Rice	11-1	22-2
North Texas	9-4	15-10
UTSA	8-4	15-10
Marshall	8-5	17-9
Florida Atlantic	7-5	13-10
UTEP	6-6	13-12
Middle Tennessee	5-7	12-15
Charlotte	4-8	15-14
UAB	4-8	12-13
LA Tech	3-9	13-13
FIU	2-10	9-15
Southern Miss	0-12	2-25

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THE MATCHUP



UTEP MINERS (13-12, 6-6 C-USA)
HEAD COACH: Ben Wallis
RECORD AT UTEP: 13-12 (First Season)
OVERALL RECORD: Same

VS



CHARLOTTE 49ERS (15-14, 4-8)
HEAD COACH: Karen Weatherington

SERIES RECORD: Charlotte leads the all-time series 4-2
MATCH DATE & TIME: Thursday Nov. 14 - 4 p.m. MT



RICE OWLS (22-2, 11-1)
HEAD COACH: Genny Volpe

SERIES RECORD: Rice leads the all-time series 37-10
MATCH DATE & TIME: Saturday Nov. 16 - 12 p.m. MT

CHARLOTTE SCOUTING REPORT

The 49ers are looking to make a final push at the conference tournament this weekend. If they are to run the table, winning their final two matches, then they have a shot at making it to Houston. Yumi Garcia is Charlotte's star libero. The senior has 686 digs and a staggering 6.66 digs per set.

RICE SCOUTING REPORT

Rice is coming off of a ranked matchup with WKU, where it fell in an epic five set war. In the latest polls, the Owls are ranked No. 21 nationally. Nicole Lennon will lead the team into El Paso, Texas, being the front-runner for conference player of the year. She has 390 kills and has won Conference USA Player of the Week on seven different occasions.

MAKING THE TOURNEY

The top eight teams in Conference USA make the post-season tournament, and the Miners currently sit at seventh with a 6-6 league record. The Orange and Blue can punch their ticket to the C-USA tourney with a victory at Charlotte on Thursday. UTEP's seeding could vary from the sixth spot to the eighth, which is dependent on what occurs in the final weekend of play.

STREAK

The Miners appear to be getting hot at the right time. They are on a three-match winning streak, and are 6-2 in their last eight conference games.

A NEW ERA

The Orange and Blue with one more victory will clinch the most conference wins since 2014 (seven), and their first winning season since 2012.

ALRIGHT CHEYENNE, GO OFF THEN

Cheyenne Jones has been on an absolute tear during her last six conference matches. The junior is hitting .418 with 75 kills, and the Miners are 5-1 in this stretch. The outside hitter put on a career performance against Southern Miss with 25 kills and five blocks with a scorching-hot .465 hitting percentage.

POW

Serena Patterson was named Conference USA Offensive Player of the Week after her performance against Marshall (10/25). She is the first offensive player of the week for the Miners since 2013 (Xitalili Herrera - 10/21/13). Patterson had 16 kills and recorded her sixth double-double of the season with 13 digs.

HOW SWEEP IT IS

UTEP has locked in five sweeps this season. This is the most by the Orange and Blue since the 2013 campaign where the Miners had nine.

JUST CANT MISS

The Miners have posted a .380 hitting % or higher on two different occasions this year. The first was against Montana (.393), and the most recent coming versus LA Tech (.381). Prior to these two matches, the last time this happened for UTEP was on August 26, 2011 against Southern (.412).



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UTEP QUICK FACTS

ASSISTANT COACHES

Nick Petrovic	Assistant Coach
Andrea Beaty	Assistant Coach
Tatyana Battle	Graduate Assistant
Nico Nunez	Video/Data Coordinator
Aaron Martinez	Volunteer Coach
Niki Cebak	Manager

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location	El Paso, Texas
Founded	1914
Enrollment	25,000+
Colors	Orange, Navy and Silver Accent
President	Heather Wilson
Athletic Director	Jim Senter

FACILITY INFORMATION

Name	Memorial Gym
Location	El Paso, Texas
Capacity	5,000

IMPROVING THE STANDARD

The Orange and Blue won five matches all of last season. They have already more than doubled that mark with 13 victories. UTEP has also surpassed the Conference win total from 2018 (two) with six. During 2018 the Miners were victorious in only one match in Memorial Gym, and in 2019 they have six.

ON FIRE

Cheyenne Jones and **Serena Patterson** were nearly unstoppable in the sweep against LA Tech. Jones had 14 kills on a .545 hitting clip, and Patterson posted 13 kills and a .550 hitting percentage. This efficiency helped propel the Miners to a .381 hitting percentage as a team, and their first conference victory of the year.

YOST AT THE NET

Mallory Yost is leading the squad with 82 blocks, which is a new career high for the junior. At the middle blocker's pace of .85 blocks per set, she is set to post 90 blocks on the year.

HOWARD GETTING UP

Redshirt freshman Kenidy Howard is leading the Miners during league play with 40 blocks, and is sixth in the league with 1.09 blocks per set.

DIGS, DIGS AND MORE DIGS

Libero **Alex Torres** made history against the Houston Cougars this year. Torres notched 31 digs to become just the 15th player in program history to record 30+ digs in a match.

EFFICIENCY FROM YOST

Mallory Yost had a historic outing against UIW at the Red Raider Classic. The middle blocker recorded 18 kills on just 28 swings, which produced a .593 hitting percentage. This scorching hot hitting clip now sits in record books at third all-time in a five-set match for UTEP.

PATTERSON AT THE PIN

Sophomore **Serena Patterson** paces the team in kills with 236. This is a new career high for the outside hitter, who posted 165 last season. She is also up to a .187 hitting percentage, which is .081 points higher than her 2018 mark.

NON-CONFERENCE SUCCESS

The Miners posted a record above .500 after non-conference play for the first time since 2011. UTEP in the past two seasons combined only won six out-of-conference matches. It surpassed that mark with seven this year.

ACE OF SERVES

The Miners have been dominating the serve game in the early part of the season. UTEP has 133 service aces to its opponent's 125. **Serena Patterson** (22), **Syenna Masaki** (20), **Alex Torres** (18), **Irbe Lazda** (15), **Anamarija Mikovic** (15) and **Izela Alvarez** (13) have already surpassed double-digit aces on the year.

SETTING THE TABLE

Kristen Fritsche and **Syenna Masaki** have been splitting time on the court at the setter position for UTEP. Masaki currently leads the squad with 446 assists, and Fritsche is right behind her with 435.

LAZDA MAKING HISTORY






Freshman **Irbe Lazda** has already made her mark in the UTEP record books. She became the first player in program history to be awarded C-USA Player of the Week. The Latvian native garnered the honor after her performance at the Borderland Invitational. During an epic five-set victory over Texas A&M-CC she posted the second-highest hitting percentage (.700) in a five-set match in UTEP history, and recorded 16 kills.



UTEP MEDIA AVAILABILITY

12	TUE	13	WED	14	THURS	15	FRI	16	SAT	17	SUN
PRACTICE		TRAVEL DAY		UTEP AT CHARLOTTE 4 P.M. MT		TRAVEL DAY		UTEP VS RICE 12 P.M. MT		PRACTICE	
<p>INTERVIEWS & PRACTICE COVERAGE Please contact Brandon Collins with all interview requests for coaches and players. Do not contact players at home or on their cell phones unless arranged by the media relations office.</p>											

2019 SCHEDULE

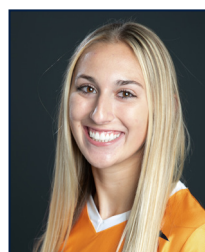
 VS. TULANE AUG. 30 L, 0-3 1-10 CHALLENGE	 AT LOUISIANA AUG. 30 W, 3-0 1-10 CHALLENGE	 VS. INCAR-NATE WORD AUG. 31 W, 3-2 1-10 CHALLENGE	 COPPIN STATE SEPT. 6 W, 3-0 BORDERLAND INVITATIONAL	 TEXAS A&M CC SEPT. 6 W, 3-2 BORDERLAND INVITATIONAL	 PACIFIC SEPT. 7 L, 3-2 BORDERLAND INVITATIONAL
 AT NM STATE SEPT. 8 L, 3-2 BORDERLAND INVITATIONAL	 CSU BAKERS-FIELD SEPT. 13 L, 3-2 MONTANA INVITATIONAL	 MONTANA STATE SEPT. 13 L, 0-3 MONTANA INVITATIONAL	 AT MONTANA SEPT. 14 W, 3-0 MONTANA INVITATIONAL	 INCARNATE WORD SEPT. 20 W, 3-2 RED RAIDER CLASSIC	 HOUSTON SEPT. 20 W, 3-2 RED RAIDER CLASSIC
 AT TEXAS TECH SEPT. 20 L, 0-3 RED RAIDER CLASSIC	 AT RICE SEPT. 27 L, 0-3 C-USA	 AT UTSA SEPT. 29 L, 1-3 C-USA	 UTSA OCT. 6 L, 1-3 C-USA	 UAB OCT. 11 L, 0-3 C-USA	 LA TECH OCT. 13 W, 3-0 C-USA
 AT FIU OCT. 18 W, 3-1 C-USA	 AT FLORIDA ATLANTIC OCT. 20 L, 3-0 C-USA	 MARSHALL OCT. 25 W, 3-0 C-USA	 WKU NOV. 1 L, 0-3 C-USA	 SOUTHERN MISS NOV. 3 W, 3-2 C-USA	 MIDDLE TEN-NESSEE NOV. 8 W, 3-1 C-USA
	 NORTH TEXAS NOV. 10 W, 3-1 C-USA	 AT CHARLOTTE NOV. 14 4 P.M. MT C-USA	 RICE NOV. 16 12 P.M. MT C-USA	 C-USA TOUR-NAMENT NOV. 22-24 C-USA	



#MINERS TO WATCH



#1 | SERENA PATTERSON
 OH | 5-10 | SO-1L
 RED OAK, TEXAS
 (RED OAK HS)



#6 | MALLORY YOST
 MB | 6-1 | JR-2L
 GRETNA, NEB.
 (GRETNA HS)

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	DIG	TB	SA	SE
2018	88-25	165	1.88	96	650	.106	125	34	6	9
2019	96-25	236	2.46	101	721	.187	220	35	22	39
TOTAL	184-50	401	2.18	197	1371	.149	345	69	28	48

CAREER HIGHS

	NO.	OPPONENT	YEAR
Kills	17	vs. CSU Bakersfield	Sept. 13, 2019
Attacks	50	vs. Rice	Oct. 28, 2018
Attack %	.355	vs. UTSA	Sept. 30, 2018
Digs	13	vs. Charlotte	Nov. 4, 2018
Blocks	5	vs. UIC	Aug. 31, 2018
Block Assists	5	vs. UIC	Aug. 31, 2018

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	DIG	TB	BA	BS
2017	95-28	162	1.71	68	430	.219	38	63	54	9
2018	74-23	96	1.30	35	257	.237	26	64	56	8
2019	96-25	181	1.89	48	393	.338	38	82	77	5
TOTAL	265-76	439	1.66	151	1080	.267	102	209	187	22

CAREER HIGHS

	NO.	OPPONENT	YEAR
Kills	18	vs. UIW	Sept. 20, 2019
Blocks	10	vs. UIC	Aug. 31, 2018
Block Assists	7	vs. UIC	Aug. 31, 2018



#11 | CHEYENNE JONES
 OH | 6-1 | JR-2L
 MISSOULA, MONT.
 (VALLEY CHRISTIAN HS)

CAREER STATISTICS

SEASON	SP-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	DIG	TB	BA	BS
2017	94-26	198	2.11	119	599	.132	50	63	61	2
2018	68-23	164	2.41	76	474	.186	43	45	41	4
2019	89-23	232	2.61	84	573	.258	49	69	63	6
TOTAL	251-72	594	2.37	279	1646	.191	142	177	165	12

CAREER HIGHS

	NO.	OPPONENT	YEAR
Kills	25	at Southern Miss	Nov. 3, 2019
Blocks	6	vs. Pacific	Sept. 7, 2019
Attack %	.450	at WKU	Oct. 20, 2017



2019 VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT.	POS.	CL.	EXP.	HOMETOWN /PREVIOUS SCHOOL
1	Serena Patterson	5-10	OH	So.	1L	Red Oak, Texas/Red Oak HS
2	Alianza Darley	5-11	MB/OH	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, N.M./Robertson HS
4	Emily Perez	5-11	OH	So.	Tr.	El Paso, Texas/Incarnate Word
5	Erika Sianez	5-1	DS	Sr.	1L	El Paso, Texas/Western Texas College
6	Mallory Yost	6-1	MB	Jr.	2L	Gretna, Neb./Gretna HS
7	Sophia Chacon	5-7	S	Fr.	HS	El Paso, Texas/Franklin HS
8	Anamarija Mikovic	6-0	OH	Jr.	Tr.	Majdanpek, Serbia/Lamar CC
9	Syenna Masaki	5-9	S/OH	Jr.	Tr.	Kaneohe, Hawaii/Western Nebraska CC
10	Briana Arellano	5-10	OH	Sr.	3L	El Paso, Texas/Canutillo HS
11	Cheyenne Jones	6-1	OH	Jr.	2L	Missoula, Mont./Valley Christian HS
12	Izela Alvarez	5-2	DS	Jr.	Tr.	Dumas, Texas/Montana State Billings
13	Martine Kragholm	6-0	MB	So.	1L	Kristiansand, Norway/Toppvolley Norge
14	Irbe Lazda	6-3	MB/OH	Fr.	HS	Riga, Latvia/Marupe Secondary School
15	Kristen Fritsche	5-8	S	So.	1L	Torrance, Calif./South Torrance HS
16	Alex Torres	5-7	DS	So.	1L	Hutto, Texas/Hutto HS
17	Priscilla Sanchez	5-8	S	Sr.	Tr.	El Paso, Texas/Jackson State
18	Jessica Landeros	5-11	MB/OH	Fr.	HS	El Paso, Texas/Chapin HS
19	Sofia Sifuentes	5-3	DS	Fr.	HS	El Paso, Texas/Coronado HS
20	Kenidy Howard	5-11	MB	Fr.	RS	Frisco, Texas/Frisco Lonestar HS

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT.	POS.	CL.	EXP.	HOMETOWN /PREVIOUS SCHOOL
12	Izela Alvarez	5-2	DS	Jr.	Tr.	Dumas, Texas/Montana State Billings
10	Briana Arellano	5-10	OH	Sr.	3L	El Paso, Texas/Canutillo HS
7	Sophia Chacon	5-7	S	Fr.	HS	El Paso, Texas/Franklin HS
2	Alianza Darley	5-11	MB/OH	Fr.	HS	Las Vegas, N.M./Robertson HS
15	Kristen Fritsche	5-8	S	So.	1L	Torrance, Calif./South Torrance HS
20	Kenidy Howard	5-11	MB	Fr.	RS	Frisco, Texas/Frisco Lonestar HS
11	Cheyenne Jones	6-1	OH	Jr.	2L	Missoula, Mont./Valley Christian HS
13	Martine Kragholm	6-0	MB	So.	1L	Kristiansand, Norway/Toppvolley Norge
18	Jessica Landeros	5-11	MB/OH	Fr.	HS	El Paso, Texas/Chapin HS
14	Irbe Lazda	6-3	MB/OH	Fr.	HS	Riga, Latvia/ Marupe Secondary School
9	Syenna Masaki	5-9	S/OH	Jr.	Tr.	Kaneohe, Hawaii/Western Nebraska CC
8	Anamarija Mikovic	6-0	OH	Jr.	Tr.	Majdanpek, Serbia/Lamar CC
1	Serena Patterson	5-10	OH	So.	1L	Red Oak, Texas/Red Oak HS
4	Emily Perez	5-11	OH	So.	Tr.	El Paso, Texas/Incarnate Word
17	Priscilla Sanchez	5-8	S	Sr.	Tr.	El Paso, Texas/Jackson State
5	Erika Sianez	5-1	DS	Sr.	1L	El Paso, Texas/Western Texas College
19	Sofia Sifuentes	5-3	DS	Fr.	HS	El Paso, Texas/Coronado HS
16	Alex Torres	5-7	DS	So.	1L	Hutto, Texas/Hutto HS
6	Mallory Yost	6-1	MB	Jr.	2L	Gretna, Neb./Gretna HS

HEAD COACH - Ben Wallis
ASSISTANT COACH - Nick Petrovic
ASSISTANT COACH - Andrea Beaty
GRADUATE ASSISTANT - Tatjana Battle

MANAGER - Niki Cebak
VOLUNTEER COACH - Aaron Martinez
VIDEO/VOLLEYBALL DATA COORDINATOR - Nico Nunez

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Izela Alvarez: E-Sell-Uh
Briana Arellano: Ahh-rey-ah-noo
Irbe Lazda: Ear-buh Lahz-Duh
Sophia Chacon: Cha-Cone
Alianza Darley: Ah-Lee-On-Zuh
Kristen Fritsche: Frich-ee

Martine Kragholm: Mar-teen Krag-holm
Jessica Landeros: Lawn-der-rose

Anamarija Mikovic: Ah-Nah-Maria Me-Ko-Vich
Erika Sianez: See-on-yez



2019 UTEP Volleyball
UTEP Overall Individual Statistics (as of Nov 10, 2019)
All matches

Overall record: 13-12 Conf: 6-6 Home: 6-2 Away: 4-6 Neutral: 3-4

##	Player	sp	mp-ms	Attack					Set				Serve				
				k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	ta	pct	sa	sa/s	se	ta	pct
1	PATTERSON, Serena	96	25-21	236	2.46	101	721	.187	12	0.12	92	.130	22	0.23	39	322	.879
11	JONES, Cheyenne	89	23-11	232	2.61	84	573	.258	2	0.02	30	.067	4	0.04	10	22	.545
6	YOST, Mallory	96	25-21	181	1.89	48	393	.338	4	0.04	33	.121	2	0.02	17	94	.819
8	MIKOVIC, Anamarija	83	24-16	138	1.66	78	403	.149	13	0.16	62	.210	15	0.18	14	211	.934
2	DARLEY, Alianza	80	21-9	115	1.44	65	314	.159	1	0.01	19	.053	0	0.00	0	0	.000
14	LAZDA, Irbe	39	10-7	75	1.92	18	138	.413	2	0.05	12	.167	15	0.38	27	101	.733
20	HOWARD, Kenidy	53	16-11	65	1.23	24	154	.266	2	0.04	15	.133	0	0.00	0	0	.000
10	ARELLANO, Briana	43	19-5	35	0.81	28	127	.055	4	0.09	24	.167	4	0.09	15	85	.824
18	LANDEROS, Jessica	25	10-1	30	1.20	15	80	.188	0	0.00	2	.000	0	0.00	0	0	.000
15	FRITSCHKE, Kristen	95	25-12	18	0.19	5	37	.351	435	4.58	1029	.423	9	0.09	38	325	.883
9	MASAKI, Syenna	90	24-9	14	0.16	19	65	-.077	446	4.96	1141	.391	20	0.22	24	328	.927
13	KRAGHOLM, Martine	20	10-1	7	0.35	10	43	-.070	3	0.15	4	.750	3	0.15	8	31	.742
4	PEREZ, Emily	10	7-0	4	0.40	2	8	.250	0	0.00	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	.000
16	TORRES, Alex	84	23-0	2	0.02	2	6	.000	79	0.94	290	.272	18	0.21	25	290	.914
7	CHACON, Sophia	19	11-0	0	0.00	3	3	-1.000	40	2.11	107	.374	1	0.05	2	17	.882
17	SANCHEZ, Priscilla	2	2-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	.000	1	0.50	0	3	1.00
19	SIFUENTES, Sofia	1	1-0	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	.000	0	0.00	0	1	1.00
5	SIANEZ, Erika	60	21-1	0	0.00	0	1	.000	22	0.37	66	.333	6	0.10	4	90	.956
12	ALVAREZ, Izela	47	18-1	0	0.00	0	1	.000	2	0.04	19	.105	13	0.28	13	112	.884
	UTEP	96	25-25	1152	12.0	502	3067	.212	1067	11.1	2945	.362	133	1.39	236	2032	.884
	Opponents	96	25-25	1103	11.4	488	3001	.205	1021	10.6	2915	.350	125	1.30	188	2057	.909

##	Player	sp	Recept			Dig		Blocking					
			re	ta	pct	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be	bhe
1	PATTERSON, Serena	96	44	550	.920	220	2.29	10	25	35	0.36	16	0
11	JONES, Cheyenne	89	0	3	1.000	49	0.55	6	63	69	0.78	6	0
6	YOST, Mallory	96	2	23	.913	38	0.40	5	77	82	0.85	12	1
8	MIKOVIC, Anamarija	83	10	290	.966	95	1.14	7	25	32	0.39	5	0
2	DARLEY, Alianza	80	2	15	.867	21	0.26	6	48	54	0.68	6	2
14	LAZDA, Irbe	39	1	8	.875	15	0.38	6	32	38	0.97	8	0
20	HOWARD, Kenidy	53	1	19	.947	15	0.28	3	55	58	1.09	6	0
10	ARELLANO, Briana	43	4	132	.970	26	0.60	1	1	2	0.05	1	0
18	LANDEROS, Jessica	25	2	5	.600	4	0.16	1	8	9	0.36	1	0
15	FRITSCHKE, Kristen	95	0	3	1.000	141	1.48	0	0	0	0.00	2	4
9	MASAKI, Syenna	90	2	10	.800	147	1.63	0	3	3	0.03	0	29
13	KRAGHOLM, Martine	20	4	27	.852	5	0.25	0	2	2	0.10	2	0
4	PEREZ, Emily	10	0	1	1.000	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
16	TORRES, Alex	84	20	379	.947	299	3.56	0	1	1	0.01	0	3
5	SIANEZ, Erika	60	12	131	.908	79	1.32	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
12	ALVAREZ, Izela	47	6	46	.870	25	0.53	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
19	SIFUENTES, Sofia	1	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
7	CHACON, Sophia	19	0	1	1.000	9	0.47	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
17	SANCHEZ, Priscilla	2	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
-	TEAM	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	UTEP.....	96	124	1847	.933	1188	12.38	45	340	215.0	2.24	65	39
	Opponents.....	96	131	1779	.926	1214	12.65	56	299	205.5	2.14	34	28