MOUNTAINEER GYMNASTICS

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2026 Record	9-14
2026 Big 12 Record	1-5
Head Coach	Jason Butts
Alma Mater	Georgia '06
Record at WVU	169-150-1
Season	15th
Overall Record	169-150-1
Season	15th

2026 SCHEDULE

Jan. 9	at No. 3 Florida	L, 193.45-197.725
	No. 24 North Carolina	L, 193.45-196.675
	Temple	L, 193.45-193.875
Jan. 18	at Kent State	L, 192.025-194.925
	Fisk	W, 192.025-188.975
Jan. 24	**vs. Denver ***	**L, 193.375-196.0**
Jan. 30	**vs. Pitt**	**W, 195.875-194.775**
	Cornell	**W, 195.875-193.275**
	Kent State	**W, 195.875-195.1**
Feb. 6	at Iowa State *	W, ISU forfeit
Feb. 6	at Northern Illinois	W, 194.775-193.7
	Western Michigan	L, 194.775-195.575
Feb. 14	**vs. Arizona State ***	**L, 194.075-194.425**
Feb. 21	at Arizona *	L, 194.65-196.65
Feb. 27	**vs. No. 24 BYU ***	**L, 195.275-195.975**
March 1	at Towson	W, 196.35-195.675
	No. 22 NC State	L, 196.35-197.15
	Ursinus	W, 196.35-191.775
March 7	No. 12 Utah *	L, 195.4-197.65
	No. 24 BYU	L, 195.3-196.55
March 13	at No. 21 NC State	L 195.725-196.65
March 15	at Pitt	L, 195.35-196.4
	Illinois State	W, 195.35-193.625
March 21	2026 Big 12 Championship	6th, 194.25

Home meets in bold

TRACKING THE TUMBLERS

Media Services

The WVU athletics communications office will be available throughout the 2026 gymnastics season to accommodate any media requests. Members of the media wishing to interview a gymnast or member of the coaching staff during the week should contact the gymnastics SID Olivia Sneed at (304) 293-2821 or by email at olivia.vanhorn@mail.wvu.edu.

WVUsports.com

WVUsports.com is the place for media and fans to go for the latest news on Mountaineer gymnastics. Streamed audio and video broadcasts will be available on WVU's official athletics website, along with live stats to keep track of every point. Meet notes are made available in PDF format one day prior to gameday.

Big 12 Digital Media

Fans can track Big 12 gymnastics action on Twitter (@Big12Conference), Facebook (Facebook.com/Big12), Instagram (@Big12Conference) and Youtube (YouTube.com/Big12Conference).

2026 NCAA REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

2026 NC WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mountaineer Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Jason Butts (15th season)
Associate Head Coach: Travis Doak (18th season)
Assistant Coach: Jessica Yamzon (3rd season)
Assistant Coach: Kaylyn Millick (7th season)

INDIVIDUAL EVENT SPECIALISTS

Sophia Rice
Vault | So.



NQS: 9.83
AVG: 9.74
SEASON HIGH: 9.875
CAREER HIGH: 9.975

NOTES

- Native of Morgantown, West Virginia
- Two-time NCAA Individual Event Specialist on vault
- Contributor on vault and floor
- Ranks No. 13 in the Big 12 Conference and No. 23 in the southeast region on vault
- Reached a season-best 9.875 at Utah on March 7
- Her career-beset 9.975 on vault came on March 16, 2025
- Ranks No. 7 on the team this year with 191.45 points
- Tied for sixth on the team with three podium finishes this year

Amber Lowe
Balance Beam | Jr.



NQS: 9.855
AVG: 9.729
SEASON HIGH: 9.9
CAREER HIGH: 9.9

NOTES

- Native of Acworth, Georgia
- First-time NCAA Individual Event Specialist
- Contributor on bars, beam and floor this season
- Also made her career debut in the all-around this year with her first appearance on vault
- Ranks No. 9 in the Big 12 Conference and No. 18 in the southeast region on beam
- Tallied a career-best 9.9 on beam on March 1, marking her first career 9.9+ score on any event
- Ranks second on the team in points (320.05) and podium finishes

Emerson Smith
Floor Exercise | So.



NQS: 9.87
AVG: 9.821
SEASON HIGH: 9.9
CAREER HIGH: 9.925

NOTES

- Native of Westerville, Ohio
- First-time NCAA Individual Event Specialist
- Contributor on vault and floor
- Surpassed 500 career points this season
- Ranks No. 13 in the Big 12 Conference and No. 22 in the southeast region on floor
- Has reached a season-best 9.9 on floor twice
- Her career-beset 9.925 on floor came on March 9, 2025
- Ranks No. 4 on the team this year with 254.75 points
- Third on the team with nine podium finishes this year

MEET-BY-MEET (PLACEMENTS), SEASON AND CAREER STATISTICS



SOPHIA RICE

Sophomore | 5-1
Morgantown, W.Va. | University High

Year	Meets	AA	Total Points
2025	15	0	195.725
2026	13	0	191.45
2027	--	--	--
2028	--	--	--
Career	**28**	**0**	**387.175**

Date	Place	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Jan. 9	Florida	9.825 (T-11)	--	--	7.6 (24)	--
Jan. 18	Kent State	9.8 (4)	--	--	9.725 (6)	--
Jan. 24	West Virginia	9.8 (T-4)	--	--	8.6 (12)	--
Jan. 30	West Virginia	9.675 (T-15)	--	--	--	--
Feb. 6	Northern Illinois	9.75 (T-9)	--	--	--	--
Feb. 14	West Virginia	9.8 (T-2)	--	--	9.7 (T-11)	--
Feb. 21	Arizona	9.85 (2)	--	--	--	--
Feb. 27	West Virginia	9.85 (T-1)	--	--	--	--
March 1	Towson	9.825 (T-3)	--	--	**9.875 (T-8)**	--
March 7	Utah	**9.875 (T-5)**	--	--	--	--
March 13	NC State	9.75 (T-7)	--	--	9.775 (T-10)	--
March 15	Pitt	9.65 (T-15)	--	--	9.55 (18)	--
March 21	Big 12 Championship	9.175 (35)	--	--	--	--
April 2	NCAA Regionals	--	--	--	--	--
2026 NQS		**9.83**	**--**	**--**	**9.261**	**--**
2026 Average		**9.783**	**--**	**--**	**9.47**	**--**
2026 Season High		**9.875**	**--**	**--**	**9.875**	**--**
Career High		**9.975**	**--**	**--**	**9.9**	**--**

Notes: Earned her first podium finish with an event win on vault on Jan. 4, 2025 ... now owns 12 podium finishes (10 on vault and two on floor) and two event wins on vault ... tied for second overall and set a new career high on floor at the 2025 Big 12 Championship ... reached a new career high on vault on March 16, 2025 ... made her debut in the floor lineup on March 9, 2025 ... a three-year Level 10 gymnast for coach Stephen Sawyer with G-Force Gymnastics ... 2025 Big 12 All- Championship Team (Floor) ... Big 12 Newcomer of the Week (Jan. 6) ... Big 12 Event Specialist of the Week (March 18) ... majoring in exercise physiology.



AMBER LOWE

Junior | 5-1
Acworth, Ga. | Allatoona High

Year	Meets	AA	Total Points
2024	13	0	359.6
2025	15	0	386.05
2026	13	1	320.05
2027	--	--	--
Career	**41**	**1**	**1,065.7**

Date	Place	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Jan. 9	Florida	--	9.725 (T-14)	9.0 (23)	9.725 (T-17)	--
Jan. 18	Kent State	--	9.775 (2)	9.725 (5)	9.525 (14)	--
Jan. 24	West Virginia	--	9.85 (1)	9.725 (7)	--	--
Jan. 30	West Virginia	--	9.75 (T-13)	9.85 (4)	**9.8 (T-6)**	--
Feb. 6	Northern Illinois	--	9.825 (T-2)	9.825 (1)	9.775 (T-12)	--
Feb. 14	West Virginia	--	9.825 (3)	9.75 (3)	9.775 (5)	--
Feb. 21	Arizona	--	9.825 (4)	9.675 (8)	--	--
Feb. 27	West Virginia	**9.675 (T-10)**	9.75 (T-7)	9.775 (4)	8.925 (12)	**38.125 (2)**
March 1	Towson	--	9.85 (T-4)	**9.9 (T-1)**	--	--
March 7	Utah	--	9.725 (T-15)	9.875 (T-1)	--	--
March 13	NC State	--	**9.875 (T-3)**	9.85 (1)	--	--
March 15	Pitt	--	9.6 (16)	9.65 (T-11)	--	--
March 21	Big 12 Championship	--	8.95 (33)	9.875 (T-7)	--	--
April 2	NCAA Regionals	--	--	--	--	--
2026 NQS		**--**	**9.835**	**9.855**	**9.545**	**--**
2026 Average		**9.675**	**9.717**	**9.729**	**9.587**	**38.125**
2026 Season High		**9.675**	**9.875**	**9.9**	**9.8**	**38.125**
Career High		**9.675**	**9.875**	**9.9**	**9.875**	**38.125**

Notes: Owns 20 career podium finishes (nine on bars, eight on beam, two on floor and one on all-around) and nine event wins (five on beam, three on bars and one on floor) ... set a career high on beam on March 1, marking her first score of 9.9+ on any event ... earned her first podium finish in a tie for third on beam on Jan. 21, 2024 ... secured a pair of career bests on bars and floor on Feb. 18. 2024 ... made her Mountaineer debut in the season opener on Jan. 7, 2024 ... five-year Level 10 gymnast for coach Krystal Abrille at Atlanta North Stars Gymnastics ... majoring in health and sciences administration.



EMERSON SMITH

Sophomore | 5-2
Westerville, Ohio | Westerville North High

Year	Meets	AA	Total Points
2025	15	0	292.275
2026	13	0	254.75
2027	--	--	--
2028	--	--	--
Career	**28**	**0**	**547.025**

Date	Place	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	AA
Jan. 9	Florida	9.775 (T-17)	--	--	9.775 (16)	--
Jan. 18	Kent State	9.7 (T-10)	--	--	9.7 (7)	--
Jan. 24	West Virginia	9.8 (T-4)	--	--	9.85 (T-2)	--
Jan. 30	West Virginia	**9.825 (T-2)**	--	--	9.825 (T-4)	--
Feb. 6	Northern Illinois	9.8 (T-3)	--	--	9.875 (T-1)	--
Feb. 14	West Virginia	9.775 (T-6)	--	--	9.7 (T-11)	--
Feb. 21	Arizona	9.725 (12)	--	--	9.875 (3)	--
Feb. 27	West Virginia	9.775 (T-4)	--	--	9.85 (T-2)	--
March 1	Towson	**9.825 (T-3)**	--	--	**9.9 (T-1)**	--
March 7	Utah	9.725 (T-15)	--	--	9.8 (T-9)	--
March 13	NC State	9.8 (T-3)	--	--	9.775 (T-10)	--
March 15	Pitt	9.8 (T-6)	--	--	**9.9 (1)**	--
March 21	Big 12 Championship	9.75 (T-19)	--	--	9.85 (T-22)	--
April 2	NCAA Regionals	--	--	--	--	--
2026 NQS		**9.805**	**--**	**--**	**9.87**	**--**
2026 Average		**9.775**	**--**	**--**	**9.821**	**--**
2026 Season High		**9.825**	**--**	**--**	**9.9**	**--**
Career High		**9.825**	**--**	**9.675**	**9.925**	**--**

Notes: Made her career debut in the 2025 season opener on Jan. 4 ... owns 14 career podium finishes (nine on floor and five on vault) and three event wins on floor ... reached a new career high on floor and earned her first event win on March 9, 2025 ... set a new career best on vault on Feb. 14, 2025 ... made her debut in the beam lineup on Jan. 26 and earned a new career high on Feb. 21, 2025 ... earned her first career podium finish on Jan. 12, 2025 ... a five-year Level 10 gymnast for WVU gymnastics alum Becky Morrison Doggette at Buckeye Gymnastics ... majoring in sport, exercise and performance psychology.