



2021 Standings -- As of Mon., Aug. 30

STANDINGS	--- CONFERENCE ---			--- OVERALL ---			Streak
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Evansville	0	0	.000	3	0	1.000	W3
UNI	0	0	.000	2	1	.667	W1
Missouri State	0	0	.000	2	1	.667	W2
Valparaiso	0	0	.000	2	1	.667	W1
Indiana State	0	0	.000	1	2	.333	L1
Loyola Chicago	0	0	.000	1	2	.333	L2
Southern Illinois	0	0	.000	1	2	.333	W1
Illinois State	0	0	.000	0	3	.000	L3
Bradley	0	0	.000	0	3	.000	L3
Drake	0	0	.000	0	2	.000	L2

• Non-Conference: 12-17 • Home: 0-3 • Away: 4-5 • Neutral: 8-9 • Top-25: 0-2 •

Recent Results/ Upcoming Schedule

Friday, August 27

Missouri State vs. Wichita State	L, 3-0
Evansville vs. SIUE	W, 3-0
Southern Illinois vs. UL-Lafayette	L, 3-0
Illinois State vs. VCU	L, 3-1
UNI vs. North Dakota State	W, 3-1
Evansville vs. Kent State	W, 3-0
Loyola vs. Oakland	W, 3-1
Indiana State vs. Kennesaw State	L, 3-1
Drake at Iowa State	L, 3-1
Central Michigan at Bradley	L, 3-1
Missouri State at Arkansas State	W, 3-1
Southern Illinois at Southern Miss.	L, 3-1

Saturday, August 28

Valparaiso vs. UC Santa Barbara	W, 3-2
Evansville at Purdue Fort Wayne	W, 3-0
Indiana State vs. Eastern Michigan	W, 3-1
UNI vs. Ball State	L, 3-1
Loyola vs. #16 Western Kentucky	L, 3-1
Missouri State vs. UT-Martin	W, 3-0
SEMO at Bradley	L, 3-1
Illinois State vs. High Point	L, 3-0
Southern Illinois vs. Mississippi Valley State	W, 3-0
Valparaiso vs. Illinois	L, 3-0
Loyola at #25 Notre Dame	L, 3-0
Indiana State at Charleston	L, 3-1
UNI at Green Bay	W, 3-1
Illinois State at James Madison	L, 3-1
DePaul at Bradley	L, 3-0

Sunday, August 29

Drake vs. Omaha	L, 3-0
Valparaiso at Milwaukee	W, 3-2

Friday, September 3

UNI vs. USC (ESPN3)	9:30 AM
Evansville at Morehead State (ESPN+)	10 AM
Missouri State vs. Memphis	11 AM
Drake vs. UNC Wilmington	12 PM
Alabama A&M at Southern Illinois (ESPN+)	12 PM
Eastern Kentucky at Loyola (ESPN3)	12:30 PM
Valparaiso vs. UNC Asheville	1 PM
Indiana State vs. Alcorn State	1 PM
Evansville vs. Radford	3:30 PM
Ohio at Illinois State (ESPN3)	4:30 PM
Bradley at Oakland	5 PM
Drake at Jacksonville	6 PM
Missouri State at Central Arkansas	6:30 PM
UNI at #3 Kentucky (SECN+)	6:30 PM
Valparaiso at Tennessee Tech	7 PM
UT Martin at Southern Illinois (ESPN+)	7 PM
SIUE at Loyola	7:30 PM

Saturday, September 4

Evansville vs. Cleveland State	10 AM
Drake vs. New Orleans	10 AM
Valparaiso vs. South Alabama	10:30 AM
UIC at Illinois State (ESPN3)	11 AM
Missouri State vs. Little Rock	12 PM
Oral Roberts at Southern Illinois (ESPN3)	1:30 PM
Bradley vs. Eastern Michigan	2 PM
Xavier at Loyola (ESPN+)	2:30 PM
UNI vs. Creighton (ESPN3)	4 PM
Indiana State at Belmont	6 PM

Sunday, September 5

#25 Marquette at Illinois State (ESPN+)	1 PM
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ALL TIMES CENTRAL
*MVC Match



MVC Player of the Week

Alondra Vazquez, Sr., OH, Evansville

A spectacular weekend performance saw Alondra Vazquez average an MVC-best 5.56 kills per set on her way to being named the Most Valuable Player at the Purdue Fort Wayne Invitational. She hit an impressive .380 in the three matches while racking up six service aces. On the defensive side, Vazquez recorded 2.78 digs per set while wrapping up the weekend with eight block assists as UE won all three matches by a 3-0 final. Vazquez opened the year with 14 kills, .423 hitting, nine digs and two block assists versus SIUE. Her top offensive performance came against Kent State where she had 25 kills and hit .489. She added seven digs and four service aces. The weekend finale versus Purdue Fort Wayne saw her tally 11 kills, nine digs and six block assists.

Other Notable Performances: Hannah Thompson (BU); Haley Bush (DU); Karinna Gall (INS) Taylor Venuto (LUC); Manuela Ibarquien (MSU); Carly Spies (UNI); Imani Hartfield (SIU); Peyton McCarthy (VU)



MVC Defensive Player of the Week

Carly Spies, Jr., MB, UNI

Carly Spies dominated the block for the Panthers, leading the team to a 2-1 mark in the GBD Invite over the weekend. Spies finished with a team high 17 blocks while adding 25 kills and a .311 hitting percentage. Spies opened the weekend hitting .381 with 10 kills against North Dakota State. The 6'3" middle blocker then tallied 6 blocks in both matches against Ball State and Green Bay. Spies earned all-tournament team honors at the GBD Invite.

Other Notable Performances: Hannah Thompson (BU); Kylee Macke (DU); Alondra Vazquez (UE); Melina Tedrow (INS); Grace Hinchman (LUC); Teagan Polcovich (MSU); Katy Kluge (SIU); Haley Hart (VU)



MVC Freshman of the Week

Taya Haffner, Fr., S, Evansville

In her first weekend of collegiate action which took place in her home town of Fort Wayne, Taya Haffner had the top weekend for a setter in the MVC to open the season, posting 12.33 helpers per set, a total of 111. She also added 27 digs (3.00/set) on her way to a spot on the Purdue Fort Wayne Invitational All-Tournament Team. In her debut versus SIUE, Haffner finished with 33 assists and four digs. Friday's finale against Kent State saw the freshman register 35 assists and nine digs. Those numbers continued to climb as the weekend moved along as she totaled 43 helpers and 14 digs in the 3-0 win against Purdue Fort Wayne.

Other Notable Performances: McKenna Scheib (BU); Ashlynn Kuhn (DU); Emma Kaelin (INS); Olivia Lovett (LUC); Morgan Sprague (MSU); Kira Fallert (UNI); Anna Jaworski (SIU)

NOTEWORTHY

In addition to the league's player and freshman of the week selections, several conference players had notable performances, including:

Hannah Thompson (BU) - Thompson averaged team highs of 3.18 kills and 5.27 digs per set, while hitting .234 at the season-opening CEFCU Invitational. Breaking the Bradley career digs record in the season opener, Thompson collected 14 kills, three assists, 21 digs and a block in the first outing of the season against MAC preseason favorite Central Michigan to break the school career digs mark that had stood since 2011. She followed that up with 12 kills and 16 digs in a four-set contest against Southeast Missouri State for her 60th career double-double as she moved into 11th in career kills in Bradley history. Thompson fell one kill short of a third straight double-double, hitting .333 and tallying nine kills, an ace and 21 digs in a three-set outing against DePaul.

Haley Bush (DU) - Led Drake with 24 total kills in a pair of matches to open the season for the Bulldogs ... also added 11 total digs and a block ... had a game-high 19 kills in the season opener at Iowa State on 49 total attempts to hit .245 ... also added nine digs in the three-set match ... six of those kills came in the Bulldogs win in the third set where she hit .417.

Karina Gall (INS) - Karinna Gall began her sophomore campaign with a strong weekend of competition at the College of Charleston Invitational. Gall led the team in kills for the weekend, tallying 35 for 2.92 per set while hitting .294. She also tallied 32 digs for 2.67 digs per set on the defensive side. On Saturday, the Belleville, Ill., native recorded a career-best 16 kills on .455 hitting along with 11 digs for her first career double-double. She opened the tournament with 11 kills, eight digs and two blocks against Kennesaw State. Gall is 11th in the Valley in kills per set (2.92) and 13th in hitting percentage (.294).

Taylor Venuto (LUC) - In three matches at the Golden Dome Invitational, Venuto accounted for 2.73 kills and 0.91 blocks per set and hit at a .279 (30-13-61) clip. The 2019 First Team All-MVC selection got the year started off on the right foot, blasting 15 kills and adding six blocks and three digs in the season opener versus Oakland. The next day, she clubbed nine kills, hitting .333 (9-4-15) and pitching in four blocks, in a four-set loss to No. 16 Western Kentucky before notching six kills, a dig and an ace against No. 25 Notre Dame.

Manuela Ibarguen (MSU) - Manuela Ibarguen hit .313 with averages of 3.80 kills and 2.40 digs per set in helping the Bears to a 2-1 record at the A-State Invitational. The junior transfer hit .371 with 16 kills, seven digs and an ace in MSU's 3-1 win Friday at Arkansas State, and attacked at a .400 clip with 16 kills and nine digs in the Bears' Saturday sweep of UT Martin, including nine kills in the third set alone. In the opener, Ibarguen had six kills, eight digs and an ace.

Imani Hartfield (SIU) - Hartfield hit .563 in SIU's three matches over the weekend and put down 19 kills on 32 swings with just one error. The Sanford, Fla. native hit over .450 in each of SIU's three matches, which included hitting a career-high .778 with seven kills on nine swings in Southern's sweep of Mississippi Valley State on Saturday, Aug. 28. Hartfield put down five kills against Louisiana in SIU's season opener and recorded seven kills in each of SIU's final two matches of the weekend. Hartfield's .563 hitting percentage currently leads the Missouri Valley Conference.

Peyton McCarthy (VALPO) - McCarthy led Valpo offensively as it went 2-1 at the Panther Invitational on opening weekend. She hit .357 with a team-best 2.54 kills/set on her way to earning All-Tournament Team honors. After posting nine kills on .389 hitting in the win over UC Santa Barbara and seven kills on .294 hitting versus Illinois, McCarthy unleashed a team-high 17 kills on .371 hitting in the five-set win over Milwaukee to close the weekend.

Kylee Macke (DU) - Led Drake with 24 kills in the first two matches of the season to earn a spot on the Cyclone Challenge All-Tournament Team ... had 18 digs in the four-set loss at Iowa State ... six of those digs came in Drake's third-set victory ... added four digs in the loss to Omaha ... successfully received 46 serves without an error.

Melina Tedrow (INS) - Melina Tedrow continued to climb up the Indiana State record books over the weekend, using a 23 dig performance on Friday against Kennesaw State to move into seventh in ISU history in career digs. After tallying 14 digs against Eastern Michigan and 18 against College of Charleston, she now boasts 1,242 career digs, just 26 digs away from moving into sixth all-time. For the weekend, Tedrow collected 55 digs for 4.58 per set, currently sixth in the Valley. Tedrow also helped dish out 13 assists, including a tournament-high six against Eastern Michigan.

Grace Hinchman (LUC) - Hinchman, who was a MVC All-Freshman Team honoree last year after ranking 16th in the nation with 5.60 digs per set, got her season off to a solid start on August 28 versus No. 25 Notre Dame, averaging 7.00 digs per set. Hinchman totaled 21 digs against the Fighting Irish.

Teagan Polcovich (MSU) - Teagan Polcovich averaged a team-high 4.50 digs per set and helped MSU's floor defense hold the opposition to a .160 attack efficiency on the way to earning all-tournament honors at the A-State Invitational. She had 11 digs in the season opener versus Wichita State, and 17 in each victory over Arkansas State and UT Martin. Against UTM, the Bears' defense limited the Skyhawks to .042 hitting, the lowest figure under Coach McRoberts.

Katy Kluge (SIU) - Katy Kluge averaged 4.80 digs per set in SIU's three matches at the Southern Miss Classic over the weekend. The Oconomowoc, Wis. native recorded double-digit digs in each of Southern's three matches, which included a season-high 21 digs vs. Southern Miss on Friday night. She opened the season with 13 digs, followed with 21 against USM and finished with 14 digs in SIU's three-set sweep of Mississippi Valley State. The redshirt junior is now 263 digs shy of becoming the 12th Saluki to record 1,000-plus career digs.

Haley Hart (VALPO) - Hart stood out defensively at the net in receiving the first All-Tournament Team award of her career at the Panther Invitational. She opened the season with a team-high five blocks in the come-from-behind win over UC Santa Barbara and again paced the Beacons with four blocks against Illinois. Hart closed the weekend by tying her career best with a match-high eight blocks in the win over Milwaukee. For the weekend, Hart averaged 1.31 blocks/set.

McKenna Scheib (BU) - Scheib earned a spot on the CEFCU Invitational All-Tournament team after hitting a team-best .444 and averaging 1.75 kills per set over the first three outings of her career. She had three kills and three blocks in three sets against Southeast Missouri State Saturday before making the first start of her career later that night against DePaul. Against the Blue Demons, Scheib notched a team-best 11 kills, hitting a blistering .588 in the match. In fact, she heated up as the match progressed as she notched six kills on just nine swings in the third and final set.

Ashlynn Kuhn (DU) - Had six kills on 14 attempts in her first collegiate action as she began the season in the starting lineup ... also had a team-high five blocks on the opening weekend ... had four of those blocks in the season-opening loss to Iowa State.

Emma Kaelin (INS) - Freshman setter Emma Kaelin had a stellar start to her Sycamore career at the College of Charleston Invitational. Kaelin began her tournament with a double-double, recording 17 assists and 11 digs against Kennesaw State before putting up back-to-back 30+ assists performances against Eastern Michigan (34 assists, nine digs) and College of Charleston (32 assists, seven kills, five digs and three blocks). For the weekend, Kaelin tallied 83 assists (6.92 per set), 25 digs (2.08 per set), nine kills and four blocks. She is sixth in the Valley through one weekend in assists per set at 6.92.

Olivia Lovett (LUC) - Lovett appeared in two matches last weekend at the season-opening Golden Dome Invitational and performed admirably, averaging 1.57 kills, 2.00 digs and 0.57 service aces per set, while hitting .184 (11-4-38), as Loyola placed third at the four-team event. The freshman outside hitter dazzled in her collegiate debut, tallying a double-double with 11 kills and 13 digs, adding a pair of aces and two blocks, in a four-set win over Oakland on August 27. Lovett then contributed two aces and a dig versus No. 25 Notre Dame the following evening.

Morgan Sprague (MSU) - Morgan Sprague had a double-double in each match as the Bears' starting setter, averaging 9.40 assists and 4.10 digs per set with three aces and four total blocks. Sprague tallied 28 assists and 10 digs in her collegiate debut versus Wichita State, 39 assists, 16 digs and three blocks in the 3-1 win at Arkansas State, and 27 assists, 15 digs and three aces in Saturday's sweep of UT Martin.

Kira Fallert (UNI) - Kira Fallert opened her collegiate career with three impressive performances, leading the Panthers with 42 total points with 36 kills, averaging 3.50 points and 3.00 kills per set. Fallert totaled 36 kills, 19 digs, 4 blocks, 4 service aces and 3 assists. Recording three matched with double digit kills to open her career, Fallert dished out 10 kills in the season opener with North Dakota state then added 15 and a .429 hitting percentage against Ball State. In the final match of the weekend Fallert recorded a team high 11 kills. Fallert earned all-tournament team honors at the GBD Invite

Anna Jaworski (SIU) - Jaworski averaged 10.0 assists and 2.1 digs per set in SIU's three matches at the Southern Miss Classic. Jaworski, who took over SIU's setting duties, finished with 100 assists, 231 digs and three kills in her first weekend of collegiate volleyball. The Naperville, Ill. native tallied 23 assists and eight digs in the opener against Louisiana, and followed with 38 assists and nine digs against Southern Miss. In SIU's 3-0 sweep of Mississippi Valley State, Jaworski totaled 39 assists, four digs and two kills.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

DATE	PLAYER	SCHOOL
A30	Alondra Vazquez	Evansville
S7		
S13		
S20		
S27		
O4		
O11		
O18		
O25		
N1		
N8		
N15		
N22		

DEFENDERS OF THE WEEK

DATE	PLAYER	SCHOOL
A30	Carly Spies	UNI
S7		
S13		
S20		
S27		
O4		
O11		
O18		
O25		
N1		
N8		
N15		
N22		

FRESHMEN OF THE WEEK

DATE	PLAYER	SCHOOL
A30	Taya Haffner	Evansville
S7		
S13		
S20		
S27		
O4		
O11		
O18		
O25		
N1		
N8		
N15		
N22		

MVC Players, Defensive Players and Freshmen of the Week are selected each week during the volleyball season. The players are announced on Monday afternoon and appear in a weekly press release. Nominees are provided by each school's sports information contact and voted on by a panel appointed by the league office.

PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

1	ILLINOIS STATE ⁽³⁾	79
2	DRAKE ⁽³⁾	77
3	LOYOLA ⁽¹⁾	75
4	BRADLEY	71
4	MISSOURI STATE ⁽¹⁾	71
6	UNI ⁽¹⁾	68
7	VALPARAISO	40
8	INDIANA STATE ⁽¹⁾	31
9	EVANSVILLE	26
10	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	12

2021 VOLLEYBALL PRESEASON FIRST TEAM



Missouri Valley Conference vs. Non-Conference Opponents (12-17, .414)

Overall: 12-17 (.414)

Home: 0-3 • Away: 4-5 • Neut: 8-9 • Top-25: 0-2

American Athletic 0-1 (H: 0-0; A: 0-0; N: 0-1)	
Memphis..... 0-0	
vs. Missouri State..... \$3	
Tulane..... 0-0	
at Missouri State..... \$10	
Tulsa..... 0-0	
Southern Illinois..... \$18	
Wichita State..... 0-1	
vs. Missouri State..... L, 3-0	
America East 0-0 (N: 0-0)	
Albany..... 0-0	
vs. Missouri State..... \$17	
ACC 0-1 (A: 0-1)	
Notre Dame..... 0-1	
Loyola..... L, 3-0	
Atlantic-10 0-1 (H: 0-0; N: 0-1)	
Dayton..... 0-0	
vs. Illinois State..... \$11	
Saint Louis..... 0-0	
at Bradley..... \$18	
at Missouri State..... \$12	
at Southern Illinois..... \$7	
VCU..... 0-1	
vs. Illinois State..... L, 3-1	
Atlantic Sun 0-1 (H: 0-0; A: 0-0; N: 0-1)	
Central Arkansas..... 0-0	
vs. Bradley..... \$10	
Missouri State..... \$3	
vs. Southern Illinois..... \$17	
Eastern Kentucky..... 0-0	
at Loyola..... \$3	
Jacksonville..... 0-0	
Drake..... \$3	
Kennesaw State..... 0-1	
vs. Indiana State..... L, 3-1	
Liberty..... 0-0	
at Evansville..... \$17	
Big 12 0-1 (H: 0-0; A: 0-1)	
Iowa State..... 0-1	
Drake..... L, 3-1	
at UNI..... \$15	
Kansas..... 0-0	
Missouri State..... \$17	
Kansas State..... 0-0	
Loyola..... \$10	
Big East 0-1 (H: 0-1; A: 0-0; N: 0-0)	
Creighton..... 0-0	
vs. UNI..... \$4	
DePaul..... 0-1	
at Bradley..... L, 3-0	
vs. Loyola..... \$17	
Marquette..... 0-0	
at Illinois State..... \$5	
UNI..... \$18	
Xavier..... 0-0	
at Loyola..... \$4	
Big Sky 0-0 (H: 0-0; N: 0-0)	
Idaho..... 0-0	
vs. Drake..... \$17	
Montana..... 0-0	
vs. Drake..... \$11	
Northern Colorado..... 0-0	
at Bradley..... \$17	
Big South 0-1 (H: 0-0; N: 0-1)	
High Point..... 0-1	
vs. Illinois State..... L, 3-0	
UNC-Ashville..... 0-0	
vs. Valparaiso..... \$3	
Radford..... 0-0	
vs. Evansville..... \$3	
USC-Upstate..... 0-0	
at Southern Illinois..... \$10	
Big Ten 0-1 (H: 0-0; A: 0-0; N: 0-1)	
Illinois..... 0-1	
at Illinois State..... \$17	
vs. Valparaiso..... L, 3-0	
Northwestern..... 0-0	
Loyola..... \$18	
Big West 1-0 (N: 1-0)	
UC Santa Barbara..... 1-0	
vs. Valparaiso..... W, 3-2	
Long Beach State..... 0-0	
vs. UNI..... \$10	
Colonial 0-2 (A: 0-2; N: 0-0)	
Charleston..... 0-1	
Indiana State..... L, 3-1	
James Madison..... 0-1	
Illinois State..... L, 3-1	
UNC-Wilmington..... 0-0	
vs. Drake..... \$3	
Conference USA 0-2 (H: 0-0; A: 0-1; N: 0-1)	
Middle Tennessee..... 0-0	
vs. Evansville..... \$11	
North Texas..... 0-0	
at Illinois State..... \$17	
UTSA..... 0-0	
vs. UNI..... \$17	
Southern Mississippi..... 0-1	
Southern Illinois..... L, 3-1	
Western Kentucky..... 0-1	
vs. Loyola..... L, 3-1	

Horizon 4-0 (H: 0-0; A: 3-0; N: 1-0)	
Cleveland State..... 0-0	
vs. Evansville..... \$4	
at Evansville..... \$17	
Green Bay..... 1-0	
vs. Drake..... \$10	
UNI..... W, 3-1	
Illinois-Chicago..... 0-0	
at Illinois State..... \$4	
vs. Loyola..... \$18	
IUPUI..... 0-0	
at Indiana State..... \$9	
Milwaukee..... 1-0	
vs. Bradley..... \$10	
Valparaiso..... W, 3-2	
Northern Kentucky..... 0-0	
vs. Evansville..... \$10	
Oakland..... 1-0	
Bradley..... \$3	
vs. Loyola..... W, 3-1	
Purdue Fort Wayne..... 1-0	
Evansville..... W, 3-0	
Wright State..... 0-0	
Illinois State..... \$11	
vs. UNI..... \$17	
Youngstown State..... 0-0	
vs. Valparaiso..... \$10	
Mid-American 2-2 (H: 0-1; A: 0-0; N: 2-1)	
Ball State..... 0-1	
vs. UNI..... L, 3-1	
Central Michigan..... 0-1	
at Bradley..... L, 3-1	
vs. Illinois State..... \$10	
Eastern Michigan..... 1-0	
vs. Bradley..... \$4	
vs. Indiana State..... W, 3-0	
Kent State..... 1-0	
vs. Evansville..... W, 3-0	
Miami (OH)..... 0-0	
Evansville..... \$11	
Ohio..... 0-0	
at Illinois State..... \$3	
vs. Loyola..... \$9	
Toledo..... 0-0	
Valparaiso..... \$11	
Western Michigan..... 0-0	
at Indiana State..... \$10	
Mountain West 0-0 (N: 0-0)	
Fresno State..... 0-0	
vs. Loyola..... \$9	
Ohio Valley 2-1 (H: 0-1; A: 0-0; N: 2-0)	
Austin Peay..... 0-0	
at Indiana State..... \$11	
Belmont..... 0-0	
Indiana State..... \$4	
Eastern Illinois..... 0-0	
at Indiana State..... \$17	
Indiana State..... \$19	
at Southern Illinois..... \$10	
Morehead State..... 0-0	
Evansville..... \$3	
Murray State..... 0-0	
at Evansville..... \$18	
SEMO..... 0-1	
at Bradley..... L, 3-1	
Southern Illinois..... \$17	
SIUE..... 1-0	
vs. Evansville..... W, 3-0	
at Loyola..... \$3	
Valparaiso..... \$17	
Tennessee Martin..... 1-0	
vs. Missouri State..... W, 3-0	
at Southern Illinois..... \$3	
Tennessee State..... 0-0	
Evansville..... \$14	
Tennessee Tech..... 0-0	
Valparaiso..... \$3	
Pac-12 0-0 (A: 0-0; N: 0-0)	
USC..... 0-0	
vs. UNI..... \$3	
Washington State..... 0-0	
UNI..... \$10	
SEC 0-0 (H: 0-0; A: 0-0)	
Kentucky..... 0-0	
UNI..... \$3	
Missouri..... 0-0	
at Illinois State..... \$18	
Southland 0-0 (N: 0-0)	
New Orleans..... 0-0	
vs. Drake..... \$4	
Southeastern Louisiana..... 0-0	
vs. Drake..... \$17	
Summit 1-1 (H: 0-0; A: 0-0; N: 1-1)	
Kansas City..... 0-0	
vs. Missouri State..... \$18	
North Dakota..... 0-0	
at Bradley..... \$17	
Drake..... \$10	
North Dakota State..... 1-0	
vs. UNI..... W, 3-1	
Omaha..... 0-1	
vs. Drake..... L, 3-0	
Oral Roberts..... 0-0	
at Southern Illinois..... \$4	
South Dakota..... 0-0	
Bradley..... \$9	
South Dakota State..... 0-0	
Drake..... \$18	
vs. Valparaiso..... \$11	
Western Illinois..... 0-0	
vs. Valparaiso..... \$17	

Sun Belt 1-1 (H: 0-0; A: 1-0; N: 0-1)	
Arkansas State..... 1-0	
Missouri State..... W, 3-1	
Little Rock..... 0-0	
vs. Missouri State..... \$4	
Louisiana Lafayette..... 0-1	
vs. Southern Illinois..... L, 3-0	
Louisiana Monroe..... 0-0	
at Missouri State..... \$11	
South Alabama..... 0-0	
vs. Valparaiso..... \$4	
SWAC 1-0 (H: 0-0; N: 1-0)	
Alcorn State..... 0-0	
vs. Indiana State..... \$3	
Alabama A&M..... 0-0	
at Southern Illinois..... \$3	
Alabama State..... 0-0	
at Southern Illinois..... \$11	
Mississippi Valley State..... 1-0	
vs. Southern Illinois..... W, 3-0	
West Coast 0-0 (N: 0-0)	
Gonzaga..... 0-0	
vs. UNI..... \$11	
AVCA Top-25 0-2 (H: 0-0; A: 0-1; N: 0-1)	
#3 Kentucky..... 0-0	
UNI..... \$3	
#16 Western Kentucky..... 0-1	
vs. Loyola..... L, 3-1	
#25 Marquette..... 0-0	
at Illinois State..... \$5	
#25 Notre Dame..... 0-1	
Loyola..... L, 3-0	
2020-21 NCAA Teams 0-3 (H: 0-0; A: 0-1; N: 0-2)	
Creighton..... 0-0	
vs. UNI..... \$4	
Dayton..... 0-0	
vs. Illinois State..... \$11	
High Point..... 0-1	
vs. Illinois State..... L, 3-0	
Kentucky..... 0-0	
UNI..... \$3	
Missouri..... 0-0	
at Illinois State..... \$18	
Morehead State..... 0-0	
Evansville..... \$3	
Notre Dame..... 0-1	
Loyola..... L, 3-0	
South Dakota..... 0-0	
Bradley..... \$9	
Washington State..... 0-0	
UNI..... \$10	
Western Kentucky..... 0-1	
vs. Loyola..... L, 3-1	
Wright State..... 0-0	
Illinois State..... \$11	
vs. UNI..... \$17	

BU: Thompson Tops Digs Record

Bradley outside hitter Hannah Thompson wasted no time adding to her lengthy list of accomplishments, breaking the Bradley career digs record in BU's season opener against Central Michigan. Thompson, who averaged team highs of 3.18 kills and 5.27 digs per set at the season-opening CEFCU Invitational, topped the Bradley career digs mark of 1,437 originally set by Rachelle Dejean in 2011 with a 21-dig effort in the first outing of the year. Turning in double-doubles in each of the first two matches of the year, Thompson now has 1476 career digs and is closing in on Bradley's career top 10 in kills. Currently owning 1,042 career kills to rank 11th in Bradley history, Thompson needs just two kills to pass Blythe Zajakowski (1988-91) for 10th in school history.

DU: Heading South

Drake travels to Florida this week for three matches against UNC Wilmington, Jacksonville and New Orleans ... it is the fourth tournament the Bulldogs have ever played in the Sunshine State and just the second since 1994 ... it will be the Bulldogs' second meeting with Jacksonville (1-0), sixth against UNCW (2-3) and first-ever contest against New Orleans.

UE: Three Sweeps

Evansville earned its first 3-0 start since the 2018 season with a weekend sweep at the Purdue Fort Wayne Invitational. Averaging 5.56 kills per set, Alondra Vazquez was the MVP for the tournament while Melanie Feliciano and Taya Haffner garnered All-Tournament honors.

ILS: Career-High for Otene

Tamara Otene was selected to the JMU Invitational All-Tournament Team, following ISU's season opening weekend in Harrisonburg, Virginia. The sophomore outside hitter from Auckland, New Zealand blasted a career-high 18 kills in Friday's match versus VCU, also leading ISU in kills with 10 on Saturday afternoon versus High Point. Otene is hitting .200 on the year and 3.82 points per set.

INS: Quick Starts

Indiana State opened each match over the weekend at College of Charleston with a first set victory in dominant fashion. ISU averaged 14.67 kills in the opening sets of the tournament, hitting no lower than .333 in any opener. Only Kennesaw State managed to hit over .300 in a first set against the Trees with the defense also maintaining control early over Eastern Michigan (.176) and College of Charleston (.000). Set two plagued the Sycamores, however, with the Trees hitting below .100 in two of three matches.

LUC: Home Sweet Home

Loyola has won three of its last four home matches versus nonconference foes as it heads into its 2021 home opener versus Eastern Kentucky on September 4. That match is part of the Rambler Challenge, which also features SIU Edwardsville and Jesuit rival Xavier. Under Amanda Berkley, the Ramblers are 5-1 when hosting the Rambler Challenge.

MSU: Bears Keep Acing

After posting its best ace average since 1995 last season with 1.61 per set, Missouri State improved on that number through three matches this year, serving 17 in 10 sets for a 1.70 average. Sophomore Rylee Fay led the way with seven aces in 36 total attempts at the line.

UNI: Bluegrass Battle

UNI continues the 2021 season at the Bluegrass Battle with matches against USC, Kentucky, and Creighton. This is part of a rotating tournament series that dates back to when Kentucky hosted the 2014 Commonwealth Classic. UNI will face 2020 national champion Kentucky on Friday evening. UNI's only previous contests against a reigning champion came in 2003 versus USC and 2002 versus Stanford. The Panthers have five victories across the six previous tournaments involving these teams. UNI's best work came in the 2018 Trojan Invitational with a second-place finish following wins over No. 13 Creighton and No. 5 Kentucky.

SIU: Dominate Win

Southern Illinois cruised to a 3-0 sweep of Mississippi Valley State for its first win of the 2021 season Saturday at the Southern Miss Classic. The Salukis trailed just twice in the match and hit .375 as a team, which was its highest hitting percentage in a match since Aug. 31, 2018. Meanwhile, Nataly Garcia served up six of SIU's nine aces in the match- which were the most aces by a Saluki since Jennifer Berwanger served up seven at Drake on Nov. 3, 2007.

VU: Ravotto Loves Openers

There's just something about performing in the season opener for junior outside hitter Bella Ravotto. She set a career best with her match-high 18 kills in the win over UC Santa Barbara on Saturday morning and added 12 digs as well. Ravotto has now led Valpo in kills in the season opener in each of her three seasons on campus. In addition, she has five career double-doubles — three of which have come in the three season-opening matches.

Climbing MVC Digs Chart

Valpo's Rylee Cookerly and Drake's Kylee Macke continue to climb The Valley's all-time career digs list. Cookerly sits third on the MVC all-time list. The fifth year player is the NCAA active leader in career digs, while Macke sits third on the active NCAA list. She will enter the weekend with 2,578 career digs, 78 shy of 2nd place. Macke is up to 9th on The Valley all-time list.

Individual Career Digs (MVC History)

2,778	Courtney Pence, Illinois State, 2015-18
2,656	Ellie Blankenship, UNI, 2007-10
2,578	Rylee Cookerly, Valparaiso, 2017-pres
2,482	Emily Butters, Missouri State, 2015-18
2,423	Alana Wittenburg, Drake, 2007-10
2,323	Kendyl Sorge, UNI, 2015-18
2,215	Katie Klages, Evansville, 2010-13
2,202	Kelly Broussard, Wichita State, 2005-08
2,099	Kylee Macke, Drake, 2017-pres
2,095	Julie Walroth, Evansville, 2004-07



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Hitting Percentage	S	K	E	TA	Pct.	Opponent Hitting Pct	S	K	E	TA	Pct.
1. Evansville	9	135	43	311	.296	1. Missouri State	10	119	59	375	.160
2. Missouri State	10	129	46	372	.223	2. Indiana State	12	139	61	410	.190
3. Indiana State	12	146	61	404	.210	3. Valparaiso	13	170	77	479	.194
4. Loyola Chicago	11	148	64	409	.205	4. Northern Iowa	12	134	62	362	.199
5. Illinois State	11	147	70	400	.192	5. Southern Illinois	10	114	46	334	.204
6. Northern Iowa	12	142	73	379	.182	6. Evansville	9	113	49	307	.208
7. Southern Illinois	10	115	56	347	.170	7. Bradley	11	159	47	460	.243
8. Valparaiso	13	138	67	439	.162	8. Drake	7	103	35	262	.260
9. Bradley	11	143	80	487	.129	9. Illinois State	11	144	38	349	.304
10. Drake	7	62	42	238	.084	10. Loyola Chicago	11	163	38	385	.325

Assists	S	No.	Avg/S	Kills	S	No.	Avg/S
1. Evansville	9	127	14.11	1. Evansville	9	135	15.00
2. Loyola Chicago	11	141	12.82	2. Loyola Chicago	11	148	13.45
3. Illinois State	11	138	12.55	3. Illinois State	11	147	13.36
4. Bradley	11	132	12.00	4. Bradley	11	143	13.00
5. Missouri State	10	112	11.20	5. Missouri State	10	129	12.90
6. Southern Illinois	10	110	11.00	6. Indiana State	12	146	12.17
7. Northern Iowa	12	131	10.92	7. Northern Iowa	12	142	11.83
8. Indiana State	12	130	10.83	8. Southern Illinois	10	115	11.50
9. Valparaiso	13	127	9.77	9. Valparaiso	13	138	10.62
10. Drake	7	60	8.57	10. Drake	7	62	8.86

Blocks	S	BS	BA	Total	Avg/S	Service Aces	S	No.	Avg/S
1. Northern Iowa	12	4	56	32	2.67	1. Northern Iowa	12	27	2.25
2. Missouri State	10	16	8	20	2.00	2. Evansville	9	18	2.00
3. Loyola Chicago	11	4	32	20	1.82	3. Missouri State	10	17	1.70
4. Valparaiso	13	6	34	23	1.77	4. Indiana State	12	18	1.50
5. Illinois State	11	4	26	17	1.55	5. Loyola Chicago	11	16	1.45
6. Drake	7	0	20	10	1.43	6. Illinois State	11	15	1.36
7. Southern Illinois	10	3	22	14	1.40	7. Southern Illinois	10	13	1.30
8. Bradley	11	6	18	15	1.36	8. Bradley	11	8	0.73
9. Evansville	9	1	21	11	1.28	9. Valparaiso	13	7	0.54
10. Indiana State	12	0	26	13	1.08	10. Drake	7	1	0.14

Digs	S	No.	Avg/S
1. Bradley	11	225	20.45
2. Missouri State	10	173	17.30
3. Southern Illinois	10	160	16.00
4. Valparaiso	13	202	15.54
5. Loyola Chicago	11	169	15.36
6. Indiana State	12	177	14.75
7. Drake	7	102	14.57
8. Evansville	9	131	14.56
9. Illinois State	11	148	13.45
10. Northern Iowa	12	127	10.58



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(Players listed below have played in at least 50.00 percent of their team's games.)

Hitting % (Min. 3.0 TA/set)	Cl	S	K	E	TA	Pct.
1. Hartfield, Imani-SIU	So	10	19	1	32	.562
2. Scheib, McKenna-BRAD	Fr	8	14	2	27	.444
3. Vazquez, Alondra-UE	Sr	9	50	9	108	.380
4. Feliciano, Melanie-UE	Jr	9	25	6	52	.365
5. Hart, Haley-VALPO	Sr	13	23	5	50	.360
6. McCarthy, Peyton-VALPO	Sr	13	33	8	70	.357
7. Giani, Margherita-SIU	So	10	20	4	46	.348
8. Feldkamp, Anna-LUC	So	11	23	7	51	.314
9. Ibarguen, Manuela-MSU	Jr	10	38	8	96	.312
10. Carly, Spies-UNI	Jr	12	25	6	61	.311

Assists	Cl	S	No.	Avg/S
1. Haffner, Taya-UE	Fr	9	111	12.33
2. Jaworski, Anna-SIU	Fr	10	100	10.00
3. Sprague, Morgan-MSU	Fr	10	94	9.40
4. Kauling, Kora-BRAD	Sr	7	54	7.71
5. Lefler, Katelyn-ILS	Fr	10	73	7.30
6. Kaelin, Emma-INS	Fr	12	83	6.92
7. Janka, Nora-ILS	So	8	49	6.12
8. Jenkins, Lane-LUC	Fr	9	55	6.11
9. Appel, Jenna-LUC	So	11	64	5.82
10. Jenna, Brandt-UNI	Jr	12	65	5.42

Blocks	Cl	S	BS	BA	Total	Avg/S
1. Carly, Spies-UNI	Jr	12	1	16	17	1.42
2. Hart, Haley-VALPO	Sr	13	4	13	17	1.31
3. Giani, Margherita-SIU	So	10	1	10	11	1.10
4. Kaylissa, Arndorfer-UNI	So	12	0	12	12	1.00
Olivia, Tjerna-UNI	Fr	6	0	6	6	1.00

Points	Cl	S	K	SA	BS	BA	Points	Avg/S
1. Vazquez, Alondra-UE	Sr	9	50	6	0	8	60.0	6.67
2. Cardona, Giulia-UE	Fr	9	40	3	0	1	43.5	4.83
3. Flynn, Amelia-MSU	Sr	10	39	2	1	1	42.5	4.25
4. Bush, Haley-DU	So	6	24	0	0	1	24.5	4.08
5. Ibarguen, Manuela-MSU	Jr	10	38	2	0	0	40.0	4.00
6. Otene, Tamara-ILS	So	11	37	3	0	4	42.0	3.82
7. Barnes, Addie-LUC	Jr	7	19	4	1	4	26.0	3.71
8. Kushner, Sarah-ILS	Jr	11	35	2	2	1	39.5	3.59
9. Garcia, Nataly-SIU	Jr	10	26	8	0	3	35.5	3.55
10. Kira, Fallert-UNI	Fr	12	36	4	0	4	42.0	3.50

Kills	Cl	S	No.	Avg/S
1. Vazquez, Alondra-UE	Sr	9	50	5.56
2. Cardona, Giulia-UE	Fr	9	40	4.44
3. Bush, Haley-DU	So	6	24	4.00
4. Flynn, Amelia-MSU	Sr	10	39	3.90
5. Ibarguen, Manuela-MSU	Jr	10	38	3.80
6. Otene, Tamara-ILS	So	11	37	3.36
7. Kushner, Sarah-ILS	Jr	11	35	3.18
Thompson, Hannah-BRAD	Sr	11	35	3.18
9. Keller, Mallory-INS	So	11	33	3.00
Kira, Fallert-UNI	Fr	12	36	3.00

Service Aces	Cl	S	No.	Avg/S
1. Garcia, Nataly-SIU	Jr	10	8	0.80
2. Fay, Rylee-MSU	So	10	7	0.70
3. Vazquez, Alondra-UE	Sr	9	6	0.67
4. Williams, Madeline-INS	Sr	12	7	0.58
Emily, Holterhaus-UNI	So	12	7	0.58
6. Lovett, Olivia-LUC	Fr	7	4	0.57
Barnes, Addie-LUC	Jr	7	4	0.57
8. Mason, Chloe-INS	Jr	6	3	0.50
Payton, Ahrenstorff-UNI	Fr	8	4	0.50
10. Weimerskirch, Kaity-ILS	Jr	11	5	0.45

Digs	Cl	S	No.	Avg/S
1. Thompson, Hannah-BRAD	Sr	11	58	5.27
2. Cookerly, Rylee-VALPO	Sr	13	64	4.92
3. Sparks, Serena-BRAD	Jr	11	54	4.91
4. Kluge, Katy-SIU	Sr	10	48	4.80
5. Weimerskirch, Kaity-ILS	Jr	11	51	4.64
6. Tedrow, Melina-INS	Sr	12	55	4.58
7. Polcovich, Teagan-MSU	So	10	45	4.50
8. Sprague, Morgan-MSU	Fr	10	41	4.10
9. Kaufman, Paige-LUC	Jr	8	32	4.00
10. Flynn, Amelia-MSU	Sr	10	36	3.60

Team Identification	Team ID
Bradley	BRAD
Drake	DU
Evansville	UE
Illinois State	ILS
Indiana State	INS
Loyola Chicago	LUC
Missouri State	MSU
Northern Iowa	UNI
Southern Illinois	SIU
Valparaiso	VALPO