

## VANDERBILT

## VOLLEYBALL



## MATCH I



## **VANDERBILT**

RECORD: 0-0, 0-0 SEC HEAD COACH: Anders Nelson (1st season) CAREER RECORD: 0-0



### KANSAS

RECORD: 0-0, 0-0 Big 12 HEAD COACH: Matt Ulmer (1st season) CAREER RECORD: 166-77 (.683)



#### **SATURDAY, AUG. 23**

2 p.m.



#### LINCOLN, NEB.

Pinnacle Bank Arena



FS1

Connor Onion, Emily Ehman, Anna Connelly

#### **NORF NOTES**

#### **NEXT UP**

- Vanderbilt volleyball returns to competition for the first time in 45 years when the Commodores play No. 14 Kansas at the AVCA First Serve Showcase in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Saturday
- This is the first time that Vandy will participate in the First Serve Showcase, which occurred annually from 1995 to 2011
- •The event was revived in 2024 for the first time since 2014

#### DARE TO BE FIRST

- Libero Hailee Mack was the reintroduced program's first-ever commit in 2023
- Ten student-athletes arrived on Vanderbilt's campus in fall 2024 to redshirt and train during the 2024-25 academic year
- Four early enrollees and one midyear transfer joined the Commodores in Nashville in January 2025

#### **VETERAN EXPERIENCE**

- Vanderbilt's Team 1 consists of 11 freshmen and redshirt freshmen, but six transfer student-athletes bring veteran experience to the Dores' young roster
- Senior middle Jackie Moore transferred from Loyola Marymount to Vanderbilt for her final year of eligibility after leading the NCAA in hitting percentage in 2023
- Sydney Conley and Isabella Bareford enter their sixth seasons of collegiate volleyball, both bringing NCAA tournament experience from their previous stops
- Conley was a member of the 2023 ACC championship team at Florida State
- Bareford was a four-year starter and All-West Coast Conference honoree at LMU

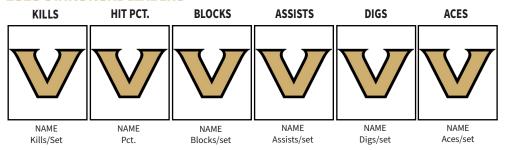
#### FROM THE IVY LEAGUE TO THE SEC

- Junior Kamryn Chaney transferred from Princeton to Vanderbilt midway through the 2024-25 academic year
- In 2024, she was named the Ivy League Player of the Year and garnered first-team AVCA all-region and All-Ivy League recognition
- She led the conference in points (5.20) and kills (4.43) per set, was top 25 nationally in both categories and was ranked No. 1 in the lvy League in points (494) and kills (421) during the 2024 season

#### A FAMILY TRADITION OF FIRSTS

- Two volleyball student-athletes on the Dores' inaugural roster have relatives who started collegiate or professional athletic teams
- Bareford's father, John, helped start the men's volleyball team at UC Irvine
- Moore's aunt, Kym Hampton, played basketball at Arizona State and then in the WNBA on the first New York Liberty team

## 2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS



## **SCHEDULE & RESULTS**

#### 0-0 (0-0 SEC)

HOME: 0-0 | AWAY: 0-0 | NEUTRAL 0-0

Aug. 23	(1) vs. #14 Kansas	FS1	2 p.m.
Aug. 29	(2) Belmont	SECN	7 p.m.
Aug. 31	(3) vs. Illinois	SECN	5 p.m.
Sept. 4	at Lipscomb	ESPN+	6 p.m.
Sept. 5	Minnesota	SECN+	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	at California	ACCNX	9 p.m.
Sept. 12	at UC Santa Barbara	ESPN+	6 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Western Kentucky	ESPN+	6 p.m.
Sept. 19	UC Irvine	SECN+	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	at Texas*	SECN	8 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Texas A&M*	SECN+	6:30 p.m
Oct. 3	Oklahoma*	SECN+	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	Arkansas*	SECN+	1 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Auburn*	SECN+	TBA
Oct. 12	at Florida*	SECN+	Noon
Oct. 17	LSU*	SECN+	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	Ole Miss*	SECN+	1 p.m.
Oct. 24	Georgia*	SECN+	7 p.m.
Oct. 26	South Carolina*	SECN+	1 p.m.
Oct. 31	at Kentucky*	SECN+	6 p.m.
Nov. 2	Missouri*	SECN+	1 p.m.
Nov. 7	Tennessee*	SECN+	7 p.m.
Nov. 14	at Alabama*	SECN+	6 p.m.
Nov. 16	at Mississippi State*	SECN	2 p.m.
Nov. 21-25	(4) at SEC Tournament	SECN/SECN+	TBA
*SEC match   /1	AVCA First Serve Lincoln Neh   (2)	Match 1 Wyatt Lawn	(3) Broadwa

\*SEC match | (1) AVCA First Serve, Lincoln, Neb. | (2) Match 1, Wyatt Lawn | (3) Broadway Block Party, Bridgestone Arena | (4) SEC Tournament, Savannah, Ga. | All times Central

## THE MATCHUP

All-time vs. Kansas	0-0
Series Streak	N/A
First Meeting	8/23/25
Most Recent Meeting	8/23/25
Vandy's Last Win	N/A

#### **SERIES NOTES**

- This is the first-ever meeting between the Dores and Jayhawks
- Kansas was ranked 14th in the AVCA preseason poll and was picked second in the Big 12 preseason poll
- Jayhawks Cristin Cline, Reese Ptacek and Jovanna Zelenovic were named preseason All-Big 12
- Kansas hired Matt Ulmer as its head coach prior to the 2025 season
- Before Kansas, Ulmer was the head coach at Oregon from 2017-
- 24 where he led to the Ducks to seven NCAA Tournament berths including three Elite Eights
- The Jayhawks compiled a 25-5 overall record in 2024 and went 15-3 in Big 12 matches
- Kansas finished the 2024 season ranked 12th in the AVCA poll after falling to Florida in the second round of the NCAA Tournament
- For the second consecutive year, the Jayhawks were ranked in the Top 25 for the entirety of the 2024 season

## **OUICK FACTS**

Name Vanderbilt University
Location Nashville, Tenn.

Founded 1873

**Enrollment** 7,151 (undergraduate) • 13,710

(total)

Nickname Commodores
Colors Black & Gold

**Gymnasium** Memorial Gymnasium (14,316)

 Surface
 Taraflex

 Conference
 Southeastern

 Affiliation
 NCAA Division I

 Chancellor
 Daniel Diermeier

Vice Chancellor/Athletics

Director

Candice Storey Lee

Faculty Athletics Rep Tracey George
Website VUCommodores.com

#### **ABOUT THE DORES**

Isabella Bareford, 2025 Captains Sydney Conley, Ja

Sydney Conley, Jackie Moore,

Mia Soerensen

 First Season
 1979

 All-Time Record
 0-0

 Conference All-Time Record
 0-0

 Seasons
 Second

## **VOLLEYBALL STAFF**

Head Coach Anders Nelson AHN-ders (Ball State '11 • 1st season)

Defensive Coordinator

Russell Corbelli
(Texas A&M '16 • 1st season)

Offensive Coordinator Lauren Plum

(Oregon '15 • 1st season)

Assistant Coach

Azhani Tealer UH-jha-nee
(Kentucky '23 • 1st season)

## **PRONUNCIATIONS**

Taryn DeWese TARE-in DUH-wese Rachel Ogunleye OH-gun-lee Kati Berezowitz BUH-rezz-oh-witz Reese Animashaun An-ih-MUH-shown Mia Soerensen ME-uh SORE-en-sen

## ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

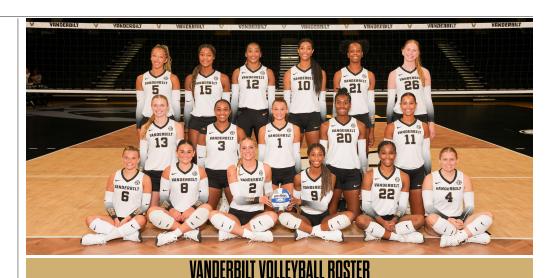
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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	Previous School
1	Hailee Mack	LIB	6-0	So.	Louisville, Ky.	IMG Academy
2	Taryn DeWese	SET	5-11	So.	Bowling Green, Ohio	Lake HS
3	Kamryn Chaney	OUT	6-1	Jr.	Park Forest, Ill.	Marist HS/Princeton
4	Isabella Bareford	SET	5-9	Gr.	Long Beach, Calif.	St. Anthony HS/Loyola Marymount
5	Rachel Ogunleye	MID	6-2	So.	Bloomington, Ill.	University HS
6	Kati Berezowitz	LIB	5-3	Fr.	Burlington, Wis.	Burlington HS
8	Elli Kinney	LIB	5-8	Jr.	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Baylor School/Charleston
9	Reese Animashaun	OUT	5-11	So.	Houston, Texas	St. John's School
10	Sydney Bryant	OUT	6-4	Fr.	Richmond, Texas	George Ranch HS
11	Maya Witherspoon	OUT	5-11	Fr.	Wildwood, Mo.	Lafayette HS
12	Kayla Dunlap	MID	6-4	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn.	Centennial HS
13	Sydney Conley	OPP	6-1	Gr.	Oviedo, Fla.	Hagerty HS/Florida State
14	Mia Soerensen	OPP	6-4	Gr.	Meadville, Penn.	Meadville Area HS/Kent State/UTSA
15	Maddy Bowser	MID	6-3	So.	Vienna, Va.	Bishop O'Connell HS

## 2025 INDIVIDUAL MATCH-BY-MATCH LEADERS

OPPONENT KILLS ATTACKS PCT ACES ASSISTS DIGS BLOCKS POINTS

Sr.

Fr.

Fr.

6-1

6-3

5-10

MID

MID

LIB

Alameda, Calif.

San Diego, Calif.

Cypress, Texas

Alameda HS/Loyola Marymount

Eastlake HS

Cypress Ranch HS

vs. #14 Kansas

Jackie Moore

Ariel Chime

Taylor Porter

Belmont

20

21

22

vs. Illinois

at Lipscomb

Minnesota

at California

at UC Santa Barbara

at Western Kentucky

UC Irvine

at Texas\*

at Texas A&M\*

Oklahoma\*

Arkansas\*

at Auburn\*

at Florida\*

LSU\*

Ole Miss\*

Georgia\*

South Carolina\*

at Kentucky\*

Missouri\*

Tennessee\*

at Alabama\*

at Mississippi State\*

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#### SFC STANDINGS

SEC PCT OVERALL

1. Kentucky

2. Texas

3. Texas A&M

4. Missouri

5. Florida

6. Tennessee

7. Oklahoma

8. LSU

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9. Georgia

10. Ole Miss

11. Arkansas

12 Vanderhilt

13. Auburn

14. South Carolina

15. Mississippi State

16. Alabama

\*Rankings based on SEC Preseason Coaches Poli

#### **AVCA TOP 25**

CONF PCT OVERALL PCT

- 1. Nebraska
- 2. Penn State
- 3. Pittsburgh
- 4. Louisville
- 5. Texas
- Stanford
- 7. Kentucky
  8. Wisconsin
- 9. Texas A&M
- 10. SMU
- 11. Minnesota
- 11. WIIIIIESOLA
- 12. Creighton
- 13. Arizona State
- 14. Kansas 15. Purdue
- 16. Florida
- 17. Missouri
- 18. UCLA
- 19. BYU
- 20. Baylor21. Southern California
- 22. Georgia Tech
- 23. Utah
- 24. Dayton
- 25. TCU

Others receiving votes and listed on two or more ballots: Tennessee, Oregon, North Carolina, Marquette, Western Kentucky, Oklahoma, Miami (Fla.), Washington, Florida State, Houston, Hawai'i, San Diego, Arkansas, Rice, Arizona, Northern Iowa

## NOTES (cont.)

#### AT THE HELM

PCT

- Former Kentucky associate head coach Anders Nelson was hired as the reintroduced volleyball program's first head coach
- Nelson arrived in Nashville in December 2022, and over the next two months, hired Russell Corbelli and Lauren Plum as the program's defensive and offensive coordinators
- In 11 seasons of coaching collegiate volleyball, Nelson has helped his teams achieve the NCAA Tournament every year—first as an assistant coach at Arkansas and Kentucky and then as associate head coach from 2016-22

#### ALL-STAR ON STAFF

- Former All-American and national champion at Kentucky Azhani Tealer joined Nelson's coaching staff in February 2024
- After graduating from Kentucky in December 2023, Tealer was drafted 19th overall by the Orlando Valkries for the inaugural season of the Pro Volleyball Federation (now Major League Volleyball), the United States' first professional women's volleyball organization
- Tealer was signed to the Indy Ignite's first-ever team in summer 2024
- While playing for the Ignite, Tealer achiever first-team All-PVF honors and helped the team reach the PVF final in its inaugural season
- Tealer was a 2025 PVF All-Star and selected to play in the PVF All-Star Match

#### **SCHOLARS AND BALLERS**

• Eight of 10 eligible volleyball student-athletes were named to the 2024-25 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll last spring

#### LOCAL TALENT

- Junior Elli Kinney and freshman Kayla Dunlap represent their home state of Tennessee on the Commodores' inaugural volleyball roster
- Kinney, of Chattanooga, transferred to Vanderbilt after playing her freshman year at Charleston
- Dunlap is the program's first recruit from Middle Tennessee
- Dunlap prepped at Centennial High School in her hometown of Nashville

#### **COMMODORES SAY KONNICHIWA**

- In May 2025, the Vanderbilt volleyball team embarked on a 10-day international tour of Japan visiting Osaka, Kyoto and Tokyo
- Japan was unanimously chosen as the trip's destination by the program's first class of commits
- Vandy played four exhibitions versus Senri Kinran University, Kansai University, Nihon Taiku University and Nihon University
- The team visited iconic sites including Osaka Castle, the Fushimi Inari Shrine, Sensō-ji and more

#### A NEW KIND OF MEMORIAL MAGIC

- Dedicated in 1952 as a memorial to all Vanderbilt men and women who served in World War II, Memorial Gymnasium has been home to Vanderbilt men's and women's basketball, and now, will be the competition site for volleyball
- Vanderbilt will play on a custom taraflex court, which was designed to incorporate volleyball into the existing fabric of the university and athletic department
- The old basketball practice gym in Memorial Gymnasium was converted into the volleyball-only practice facility that allows for three courts on a taraflex floor

#### THE SEC VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT RETURNS

- The SEC announced in September that the SEC Volleyball Tournament would be returning for the first time since 2005
- The 2025 tournament will take place Nov. 21-25 in Savannah, Georgia, at Enmarket Arena
- Vanderbilt participated in the first-ever conference volleyball tournament during its inaugural season in 1979

#### THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE

- Vanderbilt last sponsored volleyball during the 1979-80 season, before the NCAA sponsored volleyball as a sport
- During its inaugural season, the Commodores compiled a 23-16 record and placed second in the DIII state championship played at Maryville College
- The Dores' first-ever win came over Sewanee, and Vandy topped Georgia for its first SEC victory
- •The program was discontinued in October 1980 prior to the end of the scheduled season
- Before being discontinued, an Oct. 3 article cited the team's record as 3-8, however, no official results are available

## **TELEVISION ROSTER**



HAILEE MACK

LIB // 6-0 // So.
Louisville, Ky.



2 TARYN DEWESE

SET // 5-11 // So.
Bowling Green, Ohio



3 KAMRYN CHANEY

OUT // 6-1 // Jr.

Park Forest, Ill.



4 ISABELLA BAREFORD

SET // 5-9 // Gr.
Long Beach, Calif.



5 RACHEL OGUNLEYE

MID // 6-2 // So.
Bloomington, Ill.



6 KATI BEREZOWITZ

LIB // 5-3 // Fr.
Burlington, Wis.



LIB // 5-8 // Jr.
Chattanooga, Tenn.



PREESE ANIMASHAUN
OUT // 5-11 // So.
Houston, Texas



OUT // 6-4 // Fr.
Cypress, Texas



MAYA WITHERSPOON
OUT // 5-11 // Fr.
Wildwood, Mo.



MID // 6-4 // Fr.
Nashville, Tenn.



OPP // 6-1 // Gr. Oviedo, Fla.



OPP // 6-4 // Gr.
Meadville, Penn.



MADDY BOWSER

MID // 6-3 // So.
Vienna, Va.



20 JACKIE MOORE

MID // 6-1 // Sr.
Alameda, Calif.



21 ARIEL CHIME
MID // 6-3 // Fr.
San Diego, Calif.



22 TAYLOR PORTER

LIB // 5-10 // Fr.
Cypress, Texas

## **COACHING STAFF**



ANDERS NELSON
Head Coach
First Season



RUSSELL CORBELL

Defensive Coordinator

First Season

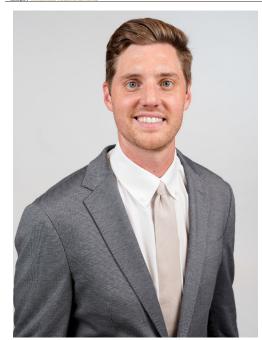


LAUREN PLUM Offensive Coordinator First Season



AZHANI TEALER

Assistant Coach
First Season



## THE NELSON FILE

#### **Nelson by the Numbers**

1 NCAA championship

1 AVCA Player of the Year

1 U.S. Olympian

1 Top-ranked recruiting class

2 Top 5 recruiting classes

4 Top 10 recruiting classes

4 Conference Players of the Year

20 AVCA All-Americans

#### **Coaching History**

Vanderbilt	Head Coach (2022 – Present)
Kentucky	Associate Head Coach (2016-22)
•	Assistant Coach (2013-16)
	Assistant Coach (2012)
Kentucky	Volunteer Assistant Coach (2011)



# ANDERS NELSON

HEAD COACH // FIRST SEASON // BALL STATE '11

A rising star in the coaching profession and integral part of the first SEC volleyball program to win a national championship, Anders Nelson (pronounced ahn-ders) will usher in a new era of Vanderbilt volleyball as the reintroduced program's first head coach, the university announced.

"I coach to instill confidence in athletes and help them reach their full potential...to Shatter their Ceiling," Nelson said.

"I want our volleyball student-athletes to walk into a championship-caliber program, which is why I'm so excited to welcome Anders Nelson as our first coach," said Candice Lee, Vanderbilt vice chancellor for athletics and university affairs and athletic director. "Coach Nelson not only has valuable experience as part of SEC and NCAA championship teams but embraces and understands the unique opportunity that is Vanderbilt. He's excited to come to work every day to help young people dare to grow. As we promised with the Vandy United campaign, we want to reimagine what is possible for Vanderbilt Athletics. And by joining us now, Coach Nelson has time to immerse himself in our collaborative environment and help build every facet of this program from the ground up."

"For Vanderbilt to fulfill its mission, we must always seek out new opportunities to grow," Vanderbilt Chancellor Daniel Diermeier said. "The hiring of Anders Nelson to lead the reintroduction of our volleyball program is a further proof point of our commitment to move forward boldly. With an established record of excellence on and off the court, he is the ideal person to build a program capable of furthering Nashville and Middle Tennessee's flourishing volleyball community and preparing our student-athletes for the lifelong realization of their potential."

Nelson spent 11 seasons at Kentucky, first as an assistant coach and as associate head coach for seven seasons.

The Wildcats reached the NCAA tournament in each of his 11 seasons in Lexington and progressed to at least the second round on all but one occasion. In his seven seasons as associate head coach, Kentucky compiled a 117-11 record in official SEC matches and won at least a share of six consecutive conference titles, including a perfect 18-0 record in 2018.

In April 2021, completing a 2020 season delayed by the COVID pandemic, Kentucky defeated former national champions Washington and Texas in the Final Four to win the SEC's first volleyball national title.

Nelson's recruiting efforts led to the Wildcats signing four classes ranked in the top 10 nationally, two in the top 5 and one top-ranked recruiting class. Among those he helped recruit and reach their potential was 2021 AVCA Player of the Year and 2020-21 Honda Award winner Madison Lilley. During his time in Lexington, Nelson also guided All-American Avery Skinner, who won a silver medal with the U.S. women's volleyball team at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

#### Personal

Raised in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, Nelson was introduced to volleyball at an early age. His older sister Meredith Nelson Uram ranked among the top high school recruits in the nation and earned All-America honors as a middle at the University of Minnesota.

After beginning his own collegiate journey at Minnesota, where he played on the men's club volleyball team, Nelson played three seasons of Division I men's volleyball as a middle for Ball State University. In his final season, he was named to the AVCA All-America Second Team.

Academically, Nelson graduated summa cum laude after double majoring in accounting and finance. He was also a recipient of the prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship following his time at Ball State and earned his MBA from Kentucky in 2018.

Nelson resides with his husband, Mark, and their dog, Cali in Nashville.

## HAILEE MACK

Libero | 6-0 | Sophomore Louisville, Ky. IMG Academy



IG: @mack\_hailee | X: @mack\_hailee1

#### The Mack File

- First-ever Vanderbilt volleyball commit
- Helped start the women's volleyball team at IMG Academy

#### Personal

- Father, Chris, played DI basketball at Xavier and professionally overseas and is the current men's basketball head coach at Charleston
- Mother, Christi, played DI basketball at Dayton
- Sister currently plays volleyball at Flagler College

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"I chose Vanderbilt because of the coaching staff, the city of Nashville, the high academics and the vision of the new program. I think it would be hard for someone to pass up an opportunity to build a volleyball program from the ground up with the resources and support Vanderbilt Athletics has to offer. We get to set the culture for future teams to come, and that's what I am most excited for."

## SEASON HIGHS

DIGS: ASSISTS: ACES:

2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

### **CAREER HIGHS**

DIGS: ASSISTS: ACES:

## 2 TARYN DEWESE TARE-in DUH-wese

Setter | 5-11 | Sophomore Bowling Green, Ohio Lake HS



IG: @taryndewese | X: @TarynDewese

#### The DeWese File

- Played for Toledo Volleyball Club in high school
- 2022-23 District 7 DII All-League and Player of the Year

#### **Why Vanderbilt?**

"I chose Vanderbilt because of the family atmosphere, the wonderful coaching staff, the high academics and the amazing opportunity to be one of the firsts in the program."

## **SEASON HIGHS**

ASSISTS: ACES: DIGS:

2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

## **CAREER HIGHS**

ASSISTS: ACES: DIGS:

## 3 KAMRYN CHANEY

Outside | 6-1 | Junior Park Forest, Ill. Marist HS / Princeton



IG: @kamrynchaney3

#### The Chaney File

- Played two seasons at Princeton before transferring to Vanderbilt
- 2024 Ivy League Player of the Year
- 2024 first-team AVCA all-region
- 2024 first-team All-Ivy League
- 2023 second-team All-Ivy League
- No. 9 in Princeton history for most kills in a season (421)
- Led the Ivy League in points (5.20) and kills (4.43) per set and was top 25 nationally in both categories
- Ranked No. 1 in the Ivy League in points (494) and kills (421) during the 2024 season
- Second-ranked player in the conference for aces (48) and aces per set (0.42)

#### Personal

- Mother, LaTara, played basketball at Michigan
- Majoring in human & organizational development

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"I want a balance of high academics, highly competitive volleyball and a school that will give me all the resources needed to thrive."

### SEASON HIGHS

KILLS: DIGS: ACES: BLOCKS:

2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

### **CAREER HIGHS**

KILLS: 34 vs. High Point (9.21.24) DIGS: 16 vs. St. John's (9.13.24) ACES: 6 vs. Cornell (10.14.23) BLOCKS: 7 vs. St. John's (9.13.24)

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	Α	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	ТВ	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2023-24	PU	73-21	239	3.27	126	650	.174	2	0.03	24	0.33	34	47	0.64	18	6	26	32	0.44	2	0	282.0	3.86
2024-25	PU	95-26	421	4.43	151	968	.279	16	0.17	40	0.42	62	222	2.34	42	10	46	56	0.59	5	0	494.0	5.20
TOTAL FOR V	anderbilt	-		0.00			.000		0.00		0.00			0.00					0.00			0.0	0.00
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## 4 ISABELLA BAREFORD

Setter | 5-9 | Graduate Long Beach, Calif. St. Anthony HS / Loyola Marymount



IG: @isabellabareford

#### The Bareford File

- Graduate transfer from Loyola Marymount
- Four-year All-West Coast Conference, first-team in 2020 and 2022
- 2020 WCC All-Freshman Team
- 2022 NCAA Tournament appearance

#### Personal

- Father, John, was on the first men's volleyball team at UC Irvine
- Earned undergraduate degree in health and human sciences
- Pursuing a master's in medicine, health & society
- Aspires to be a physician associate

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"Vanderbilt has an unparalleled quality of education, athletics and location. I want to make a difference for this team, the university and the community. Few people have the opportunity to start a program and 'dare to be first.' I'm looking forward to helping build the foundation for Commodore Volleyball and its future success. I'm extremely grateful to Anders and the coaching staff for their belief in me."

## SEASON HIGHS

ASSISTS: ACES: DIGS:

## 2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

### **CAREER HIGHS**

ASSISTS: 62 at Saint Mary's (Calif.) (11.5.22)

ACES: 5, twice

DIGS: 20 at San Francisco (2.2.21)

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	Α	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	ВА	тв	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2020-21	LMU	62-16	23	0.37	8	68	.221	636	10.26	20	0.32	34	128	2.06	0	1	8	9	0.15	4	8	48.0	0.77
2021-22	LMU	108-28	38	0.35	15	113	.204	1093	10.12	29	0.27	42	206	1.91	1	1	22	23	0.21	7	12	79.0	0.73
2022-23	LMU	104-28	27	0.26	9	98	.184	1088	10.46	27	0.26	36	167	1.61	1	0	33	33	0.32	2	21	70.5	0.68
2023-24	LMU	91-26	2	0.02	1	15	.067	555	6.10	27	0.30	38	135	1.48	0	0	0	0	0.00	0	17	29.0	0.32
TOTAL FOR V	anderbilt	-		0.00			.000		0.00		0.00			0.00					0.00			0.0	0.00
TOTA	L	365 - 98	90	0.25	33	294	.194	3372	9.24	103	0.28	150	636	1.74	2	2	63	65	0.18	13	58	226.5	0.62

## 5 RACHEL OGUNLEYE OH-gun-lee

Middle | 6-2 | Sophomore Bloomington, Ill. University HS



IG: @rachelogunleye

#### The Ogunleye File

- Played for Illini Elite Volleyball Club in high school
- 2024 Illinois state champion in track and field

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"Vanderbilt is known for its impressive academics, and hopefully soon, for its volleyball program. I picked Vanderbilt because in addition to having amazing coaches, I get the incredible opportunity to build a program at a historic SEC university in an amazing city."

## SEASON HIGHS

**BLOCKS:** KILLS: **ACES:** 

2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

### **CAREER HIGHS**

**BLOCKS:** KILLS: **ACES:** 

## 6 KATI BEREZOWITZ BUH-rezz-oh-witz

Libero | 5-3 | Freshmam Burlington, Wis. Burlington HS



IG: @katiberezowitz | X: @KBerezowitz

#### The Berezowitz File

- Played club volleyball with the Milwaukee Sting in high school
- 2024 conference and county player of the year
- Also played softball in high school

#### Personal

- Sister, Maddie, played volleyball at Kentucky
- Sister, Molly, plays volleyball at Kentucky
- Brother, Josh, plays basketball at Wisconsin-Whitewater

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"I chose Vanderbilt, because it truly felt like a second home to me. The coaching staff is one in a million, and the girls are amazing and so welcoming. Once I set foot on campus, I knew it was the place. It's the full package—the city, being in the SEC and top academics."

## **SEASON HIGHS**

DIGS: ASSISTS: ACES:

2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

## **CAREER HIGHS**

DIGS: ASSISTS: ACES:

## **8** ELLI KINNEY

Libero | 5-8 | Junior Chattanooga, Tenn. Baylor School / Charleston



IG: @ellikinney

#### The Kinney File

- Transferred to Vandy after spending her freshman year at Charleston
- Appeared in all 31 matches as a freshman
- Led the team in passing percentage (.958) in 2023

#### Personal

- Mother played softball at Evansville
- Father played baseball at Tennessee Tech
- Brother plays professional baseball for the Tampa Bay Rays organization
- Majoring in human & organizational development

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"Choosing Vanderbilt was an easy decision for me because of the opportunity to get an amazing education while competing at a high level. Being from Tennessee and growing up around Vanderbilt sports makes joining the first Vanderbilt volleyball team very special to me. I can't wait to be a part of the program and to work with an amazing coaching staff that will push me to be the best person and player that I can be."

### SEASON HIGHS

DIGS: ASSISTS: ACES:

## 2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

### **CAREER HIGHS**

DIGS: 18 at Northeastern (10.26.23) ASSISTS: 5 at The Citadel (8.29.23)

ACES: 3, twice

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	Ε	TA	PCT	Α	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	ВА	ΤВ	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2023-24	CC	108-30	2	0.02	2	20	.000	35	0.32	17	0.16	15	303	2.81	22	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	19.0	0.18
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## 9 REESE ANIMASHAUN An-ih-MUH-shawn

Outside | 5-11 | Sophomore Houston, Texas St. John's School



IG: @reese\_animashaun

#### The Animashaun File

- Played club volleyball with the Houston Skyline in high school
- Holds high school track and field records in three events

#### Personal

• Mother played volleyball at Texas State

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"The Vanderbilt community is amazing. It is supportive and invested in the beginning of volleyball at Vanderbilt. The coaching staff cares about my development as a person, athlete and student. Finally, I wanted the opportunity to study at one of the top schools in the nation, compete with the best of the best in the SEC and experience the city of Nashville."

## SEASON HIGHS

KILLS: DIGS: ACES:

### **CAREER HIGHS**

KILLS: DIGS: ACES:

2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

## **10** SYDNEY BRYANT

Outside | 6-4 | Freshman Richmond, Texas George Ranch HS



IG: @sydneynikole\_bryant

#### The Bryant File

- Played for the Houston Juniors Volleyball Club in high school
- Geroge Ranch kills leader two years in a row (2022, '23)

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"I chose Vanderbilt because of the city, coaching staff, academics and the opportunity to make history. The resources that Vanderbilt can provide for me and the culture that will be brought to the team brings me so much joy and excitement."

SEASON HIGHS

KILLS: DIGS: ACES: **CAREER HIGHS** 

KILLS: DIGS: ACES:

2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

## **11** MAYA WITHERSPOON

Outside | 5-11 | Freshman Wildwood, Mo. Lafayette HS



IG: @maya.witherspoon

#### The Witherspoon File

- 2024-25 Missouri Girls Volleyball Gatorade Player of the Year
- Played club volleyball for the Rockwood Thunder in high school
- Won three consecutive state championships with her high school volleyball team
- 2024 AVCA all-region

#### Personal

- Father, Will, played football at Georgia and in the NFL for the Eagles, Panthers, Rams and Titans
- Mother, Rebecca, played volleyball at Georgia
- Sister, Layne, plays volleyball at Augusta
- Cousin, Greg Hall Jr., played football at Appalachian State and Auburn

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"I chose Vanderbilt, because as cliche as it sounds, Nashville felt like home. I knew that the coaching staff supported me throughout my recruiting process. I wanted to challenge myself athletically but also academically, and Vanderbilt has a huge reputation for their academics and that drew me to the program. Both my parents played in the SEC, and I've always been drawn to play in that conference, because as they say, 'it just means more.' I knew that I wasn't going to get the opportunity to be a part of a new program at a school with such high expectations anywhere else, and that new opportunity to help grow something new also is what made

SEASON HIGHS

KILLS: DIGS: ACES:

2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

**CAREER HIGHS** 

KILLS: DIGS:

ACES:

## **12** KAYLA DUNLAP

Middle | 6-4 | Freshman Nashville, Tenn. Centennial HS



IG: @thekayladunlap

#### The Dunlap File

- Program's first-ever recruit from Middle Tennessee
- Played with the Tennessee Performance Volleyball Club in high school

#### Personal

- Grandfather, King Dunlap IV, played football at Tennessee State
- Grandmother, Robin, was on the track and field team at TSU
- Father, King Dunlap V, played football at Auburn and in the NFL for the Eagles and Chargers
- Mother, Kenya Wyatt, played volleyball at Alabama State

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"I never thought about staying in state for college. Russ, Lauren and Anders helped me realize that having my family close after moving around meant the world to me. They instantly connected with me. I planned on a school with challenging academics. Nashville is home, and it always will be."

## **SEASON HIGHS**

BLOCKS: KILLS: ACES:

2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

### **CAREER HIGHS**

BLOCKS: KILLS: ACES:

## **13** SYDNEY CONLEY

Opposite | 6-1 | Graduate Oviedo, Fla. Hagerty HS / Florida State



IG: @sydneygconley

#### The Conley File

- Graduate transfer from Florida State
- Member of FSU's 2023 ACC champion team

#### Personal

- Mother, Melanie, played volleyball at Nebraska-Omaha
- Father, Michael, played basketball at Nebraska-Omaha
- Received her undergraduate degree in sociology
- Pursuing a master's in human development studies

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"I chose Vanderbilt because the opportunity to earn a great education and live in a beautiful city, all while being a part of a brand new program is something I could never pass up. The coaches are very passionate and excited about what we can do, and I'm grateful for the chance to be a part of that."

## SEASON HIGHS

KILLS: BLOCKS: ACES:

### 2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

## **CAREER HIGHS**

**KILLS:** 15 vs. Syracuse (10.31.21) **BLOCKS:** 8 vs. Pittsburgh (11.3.23)

ACES: 1, twice

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	Α	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	ТВ	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2020-21	FSU	28-13	22	0.79	15	84	.083	2	0.07	1	0.04	2	15	0.54	2	1	15	16	0.57	1	0	31.5	1.13
2021-22	FSU	100-30	179	1.79	63	540	.215	2	0.02	0	0.00	8	59	0.59	8	2	50	52	0.52	3	0	206.0	2.06
2022-23	FSU	105-30	140	1.33	43	419	.232	3	0.03	1	0.01	2	69	0.66	9	7	55	62	0.59	1	0	175.5	1.67
2023-24	FSU	116-32	159	1.37	46	446	.253	8	0.07	0	0.00	0	49	0.42	3	4	71	75	0.65	4	0	198.5	1.71
TOTAL FOR V	anderbilt			0.00			.000		0.00		0.00			0.00					0.00			0.0	0.00
TOTA	L	349 - 105	500	1.43	167	1489	.224	15	0.04	2	0.01	12	192	0.55	22	14	191	205	0.59	9	0	611.5	1.75

## 14 MIA SOERENSEN ME-uh SORE-en-sen

Opposite | 6-4 | Graduate Meadville, Penn. Meadville Area HS / Kent State / UTSA



IG: @miasoerensen

#### The Soerensen File

- Graduate transfer from Texas-San Antonio
- Started collegiate career at Kent State
- Two-time All-American Athletic Conference second team
- Two-time weekly AAC honorable mention
- Led UTSA in kills in 2023 with 337 and 2024 with 299
- Led the Roadrunners in blocks in 2024 with 109
- 2022 Mid-American Conference All-Freshman Team

#### Personal

• Pursuing a master's in biological sciences

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"I chose Vanderbilt because I wanted to be part of something bigger than myself. Building a volleyball program from the ground up is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and the chance to help set the standard alongside my teammates motivates me every day. At the same time, Vanderbilt's academic excellence will challenge me off the court and prepare me for what's next."

## SEASON HIGHS

KILLS: **BLOCKS: ACES:** 

## 2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

### **CAREER HIGHS**

**KILLS:** 22 at Campbell (9.8.23) **BLOCKS:** 9 vs. Boise St. (9.21.24)

ACES: 3, three times

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SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	Α	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2022-23	KentSt	85-25	198	2.33	72	487	.259	1	0.01	0	0.00	0	25	0.29	0	3	51	54	0.64	3	1	226.5	2.66
2023-24	UTSA	106-30	337	3.18	122	862	.249	5	0.05	0	0.00	0	46	0.43	0	5	88	93	0.88	11	0	386.0	3.64
2024-25	UTSA	105-29	299	2.85	106	799	.242	7	0.07	13	0.12	21	83	0.79	0	6	103	109	1.04	9	1	369.5	3.52
TOTAL FOR	Vanderbilt	-		0.00			.000		0.00		0.00			0.00					0.00			0.0	0.00
TOT	AL	296 - 84	834	2.82	300	2148	.249	13	0.04	13	0.04	21	154	0.52	0	14	242	256	0.86	23	2	982.0	3.32

## **15 MADDY BOWSER**

Middle | 6-3 | Sophomore Vienna Va. Bishop O'Connell HS



IG: @maddy.bowser

#### The Bowser File

- Played for the Metro Volleyball Club of D.C. in high school
- 2023 AVCA first-team All-American

#### Personal

- Father ran track at Ohio State
- Sister played volleyball at Penn

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"The degree, the community, the opportunity to play in the SEC. I believe in the coaches' vision for the program. They are knowledgeable and experienced, and I know they will take the program far and genuinely love their players."

## SEASON HIGHS

BLOCKS: KILLS: ACES:

2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

## **CAREER HIGHS**

BLOCKS: KILLS: ACES:

## **20** JACKIE MOORE

Middle | 6-1 | Senior Alameda, Calif. Alameda HS / Loyola Marymount



#### The Moore File

- Played two seasons at Loyola Marymount before transferring to Vandy
- 2022, 2023 All-West Coast Conference first team
- 2022, 2023 AVCA All-Pacific South Region
- 2021 WCC All-Freshman Team
- Led the NCAA in hitting percentage at .454 in 2023
- Averaged 2.53 kills/set as a junior is 2023

#### Personal

- Mother, Angelica, played volleyball and basketball at San Diego State
- Aunt, Kym Hampton, played basketball at Arizona State and then in the WNBA on the first New York Liberty team
- Majoring in political science

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"I chose Vanderbilt because it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help build a volleyball program from the ground up, play in a high-level conference, and get a degree from an exceptional university. I love the coaches and felt extremely welcomed by the Vanderbilt community and I know that my time at Vanderbilt will benefit me for decades to come."

## SEASON HIGHS

BLOCKS: KILLS: ACES:

## CAREER HIGHS

**BLOCKS:** 9 at Pacific (10.9.21) **KILLS:** 16, three times **ACES:** 1, twice

2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	E	TA	PCT	Α	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	TB	B/S	BE	BHE	PTS	PTS/S
2021-22	LMU	95-26	142	1.49	50	303	.304	9	0.09	1	0.01	5	15	0.16	0	8	92	100	1.05	9	1	197.0	2.07
2022-23	LMU	104-28	238	2.29	57	458	.395	6	0.06	1	0.01	4	15	0.14	1	14	73	87	0.84	8	4	289.5	2.78
2023-24	LMU	90-26	228	2.53	42	410	.454	2	0.02	0	0.00	0	18	0.20	1	11	102	113	1.26	5	2	290.0	3.22
TOTAL FOR V	anderbilt			0.00			.000		0.00		0.00			0.00					0.00			0.0	0.00
TOTA	\L	289 - 80	608	2.10	149	1171	.392	17	0.06	2	0.01	9	48	0.17	2	33	267	300	1.04	22	7	776.5	2.69

## 21 ARIEL CHIME

Middle | 6-3 | Freshman San Diego, Calif. Eastlake HS



IG: @arielchime

#### The Chime File

- Played for the COAST Volleyball Club in high school
- 2024 Club All-America 17U honorable mention

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"I wanted to be able to build a legacy at Vanderbilt by being a part of the school's first-ever volleyball program in 2025. I was also drawn to the beautiful city of Nashville and the great academics Vanderbilt has to offer. Finally, the coaches and staff are amazing."

## SEASON HIGHS

BLOCKS: KILLS: ACES:

2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

### CAREER HIGHS

BLOCKS: KILLS: ACES:

## **22 TAYLOR PORTER**

Libero | 5-10 | Freshman Cypress, Texas Cypress HS



IG: @\_taylorporter

#### **The Porter File**

- Played club volleyball with Houston Skyline in high school
- 2024 AVCA all-region
- First in Cypress Ranch HS history to record more than 1,700 kills, 1,300 digs and 160 aces

#### Personal

- Father, Rashad, played basketball at Emory
- Sister, Jordan, plays soccer at Louisiana Tech

#### Why Vanderbilt?

"I chose Vanderbilt, because I wanted to be a part of making history and be the first in building out a new program. I love the coaching staff, and the school is also in the SEC. Vandy offers so many opportunities beyond volleyball that'll help me in the long run."

## **SEASON HIGHS**

DIGS: ASSISTS: ACES:

2025 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

## **CAREER HIGHS**

DIGS: ASSISTS: ACES:

## THE RECORD WHEN...

#### All W L SEC W Overall Home Away Neutral In Three-Set Matches Home Away Neutral In Four-Set Matches Home Away Neutral In Five Set Matches Home Away Neutral In August In September In October In November In December Winning Set 1 Losing Set 1 Winning Set 2 Losing Set 2 Winning Set 3 Losing Set 3 Winning Set 4 Losing Set 4 Winning Set 5 Losing Set 5 Hitting .400 or better Hitting .300 or better Hitting .200 or better Hitting below .200 Leading in attack percentage Equal/lower attack percentage Leading in kills Equal/fewer kills Leading in service aces Equal/fewer service aces Leading in digs Equal/fewer digs

#### THE LAST TIME...

VANDERBILT PRODUCED	A DORE PRODUCED
100+ kills	35+ kills
90+ kills	30+ kills
80+ kills	25+ kills
70+ kills	20+ kills
60+ kills	Two Dores with 20+ kills
50+ kills	
	*minimum 10 attempts
.600+ hitting pct.	.900+ hitting pct.
.550+ hitting pct.	.850+ hitting pct.
.500+ hitting pct.	.800+ hitting pct.
.450+ hitting pct.	.750+ hitting pct.
.400+ hitting pct.	.700+ hitting pct.
.350+ hitting pct.	
.300+ hitting pct.	60+ assists
	50+ assists
80+ assists	40+ assists
70+ assists	
60+ assists	9+ service aces
50+ assists	8+ service aces
40+ assists	7+ service aces
	6+ service aces
20+ service aces	5+ service aces
15+ service aces	
10+ service aces	35+ digs
5+ service aces	30+ digs
	25+ digs
120+ digs	20+ digs
110+ digs	Two Dores with 10+ digs
100+ digs	
90+ digs	12+ total blocks
80+ digs	10+ total blocks
70+ digs	8+ total blocks
60+ digs	2Ft malata
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25+ total blocks	30+ points
20+ total blocks	25+ points
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10+ total blocks	Double-double
	10+ kills/10+ digs
	Double-double 10+ kills/10+ blocks
	Double-double 10+ assists/10+ digs
	Triple-double  10+ kills/10+ digs/10+ blocks
	Triple-double 10+ kills/10+ digs/10+ assists
	<b>20-20 match</b> 20+ kills/20+ digs
	<b>20-20 match</b> 20+ assists/20+ digs

Leading in blocks Equal/fewer blocks