

# 2021 RAZORBACK GYMNASTICS

## 2021 SCHEDULE

LSU

**JANUARY 8  
AT LSU  
BATON ROUGE, LA  
7:30 PM**



LSU

**JANUARY 15  
VS LSU  
BARNHILL ARENA  
7:30 PM**



**JANUARY 22  
VS FLORIDA  
BARNHILL ARENA  
7:00 PM**



**JANUARY 29  
AT GEORGIA  
ATHENS, GA  
7:30 PM**



**FEBRUARY 12  
AT KENTUCKY  
LEXINGTON, KY  
6:00 PM**



**FEBRUARY 19  
VS MIZZOU  
BARNHILL ARENA  
7:30 PM**



**FEBRUARY 26  
VS ALABAMA  
BARNHILL ARENA  
7:00 PM**



**MARCH 5  
AT AUBURN  
AUBURN, AL  
7:00 PM**



**MARCH 20  
SEC CHAMPIONSHIP  
NEW ORLEANS, LA  
3:30 PM**



**APRIL 2-3  
NCAA REGIONALS  
REGIONAL SITES  
TBD**

**TO BE  
ANNOUNCED**



**APRIL 16-17  
NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS  
FORT WORTH, TX  
TBD**



## UNIVERSITY INFO

Location.....	Fayetteville, Ark.
Founded.....	March 27, 1871
Enrollment.....	27,558
Nickname.....	Razorbacks
School Colors.....	Cardinal and White
Affiliation.....	NCAA Division I
Conference.....	Southeastern (SEC)
Chancellor.....	Joseph E. Steinmetz
Director of Athletics.....	Hunter Yurachek
Faculty Athletic Representative.....	Gerald Jordan
Senior Woman Administrator.....	Derita Ratcliffe
University Website.....	uark.edu
Athletics Website.....	ArkansasRazorbacks.com

## PROGRAM HISTORY

All-Time Record (Dual Meets).....	57-101-2
All-Time Record Overall.....	205-271-5
All-Time SEC Record.....	39-74-2
2020 Overall Record.....	2-7
2020 SEC Record   Finish.....	2-5   7th
2020 NCAA Finish.....	18th
Highest NCAA Finish.....	5th (2009 Super Six)
NCAA Regional Appearances.....	16 (last in 2019)
NCAA Super Six Appearances.....	2 (last in 2012)
NCAA Individual Champions.....	2 (both in 2014)
SEC Individual Champions.....	2 (last in 2012)
Best Team Score.....	197.300 (2018)
Best All-Around Score.....	39.725 (2/21/14)
All-American Honors.....	46
All-SEC Honors.....	40

## ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

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Associate Director.....	Mike Cawood
Assistant Director (Gymnastics).....	Jessica Simms
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Assistant Director.....	Mario Bravante
Assistant Director.....	Shawn Price
Assistant Director.....	Jacob Pavilack
Intern.....	Ben Breitbach
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## SUPPORT STAFF

Director of Operations.....	Julie Muhlendorf
Student Coach.....	Jessica Yamzon
Managers.....	Sydney Laird
Managers.....	Kyra McCracken
Athletic Trainer.....	Jenna Allocco
Strength & Conditioning.....	Whitney Smith
Sports Nutrition.....	Karla Horsfall
Mental Health & Performance.....	Jordan Hughes
Academic Advisor.....	Savannah Hall
Communications.....	Jessica Simms

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NAME	EVENTS	CLASS	Ht.	HOMETOWN	CLUB GYM
Sophia Carter	AA	Senior	5-2	Blue Springs, Mo.	Great American Gymnastics
Katarina Derrick	AA	Junior	5-5	Pearland, Texas	Pearland Elite Gymnastics
Amanda Elswick	AA	Junior	5-1	Austin, Texas	Capital Gymnastics
Kiara Gianfagna	AA	Sophomore	4-11	Brownsburg, Ind.	Jaycie Phelps Athletic Center
Kennedy Hambrick	AA	Junior	5-3	Pearland, Texas	Reflex Gymnastics
Madison Hickey	V, FX	Sophomore	5-0	Sycamore, Ill.	Energym Gymnastics
Abby Johnston	AA	Junior	5-4	Parkland, Fla.	American Twisters Gymnastics
Emma Kelley	AA	Freshman	5-2	Richmond, Texas	Fun & Fitness Gymnastics
Bailey Lovett	AA	R-Sophomore	5-2	Greensboro, N.C.	Kristie Phillips Athletic Center
Maggie O'Hara	UB/BB	Graduate	5-7	Lexington, S.C.	Southeastern Gymnastics
Jordan Olszewski	AA	Freshman	5-3	Birmingham, Ala.	Mountain Brook Gymnastics
Savannah Pennese	VT, FX	R-Sophomore	5-3	Porter, Texas	Rowland Ballard Gymnastics
Claire Rogers	AA	Sophomore	5-0	Kansas City, Mo.	Fuzion Gymnastics
Gillian Rutz	AA	Freshman	5-4	South Lebanon, Ohio	Perfection Gymnastics School
Jensen Scalzo	AA	Freshman	5-4	Parkland, Fla.	American Twisters Gymnastics
Sarah Shaffer	AA	R-Senior	5-9	Tyler, Texas	Texas East Gymnastics

## COACHING STAFF

TITLE	NAME	EXPERIENCE	ALMA MATER
Head Coach	Jordyn Wieber	Second Season	UCLA, '17
Assistant Coach	Chris Brooks	Second Season	Oklahoma, '09
Assistant Coach	Catelyn Orel	Second Season	Nebraska, '19
Director of Operations	Julie Muhlendorf	Second Season	Alabama, '11
Jenna Allocco	Trainer	First Season	Western Carolina, '15
Whitney Smith	Strength & Conditioning	Seventh Season	Arkansas, '10



SOPHIA  
CARTER  
AA | SR | 5-2



KATARINA  
DERRICK  
AA | JR | 5-5



AMANDA  
ELSWICK  
AA | JR | 5-1



KIARA  
GIANFAGNA  
AA | SO | 4-11



KENNEDY  
HAMBRICK  
AA | JR | 5-3



MADISON  
HICKEY  
V-FX | SO | 5-0



ABBY  
JOHNSTON  
AA | JR | 5-4



EMMA  
KELLEY  
AA | FR | 5-2



BAILEY  
LOVETT  
AA | R-SO | 5-2



MAGGIE  
O'HARA  
UB/BB | GR | 5-7



JORDAN  
OLSZEWSKI  
AA | FR | 5-3



SAVANNAH  
PENNESE  
VT-FX | R-SO | 5-3



CLAIRE  
ROGERS  
AA | SO | 5-0



GILLIAN  
RUTZ  
AA | FR | 5-4



JENSEN  
SCALZO  
AA | FR | 5-4



SARAH  
SHAFFER  
AA | R-SR | 5-9

## BY STATE

<b>ALABAMA</b>	
Jordan Olszewski	Birmingham

<b>FLORIDA</b>	
Abby Johnston	Parkland
Jensen Scalzo	Parkland

<b>ILLINOIS</b>	
Madison Hickey	Sycamore

<b>INDIANA</b>	
Kiara Gianfagna	Brownsburg

<b>MISSOURI</b>	
Sophia Carter	Blue Springs
Claire Rogers	Kansas City

<b>NORTH CAROLINA</b>	
Sydney Laird	Kings Mountain
Bailey Lovett	Greensboro

<b>OHIO</b>	
Gillian Rutz	South Lebanon

<b>SOUTH CAROLINA</b>	
Maggie O'Hara	Lexington

<b>TEXAS</b>	
Katarina Derrick	Houston
Amanda Elswick	Austin
Kennedy Hambrick	Pearland
Emma Kelley	Richmond
Savannah Pennese	Porter
Sarah Shaffer	Tyler

## BY CLASS

<b>FRESHMEN (4)</b>	
Emma Kelley	Freshman
Jordan Olszewski	Freshman
Gillian Rutz	Freshman
Jensen Scalzo	Freshman

<b>SOPHOMORES (4)</b>	
Kiara Gianfagna	Sophomore
Madison Hickey	Sophomore
Bailey Lovett	Sophomore
Savannah Pennese	R-Sophomore

<b>JUNIORS (4)</b>	
Katarina Derrick	Junior
Amanda Elswick	Junior
Kennedy Hambrick	Junior
Abby Johnston	Junior

<b>SENIORS (3)</b>	
Sophia Carter	Senior
Sarah Shaffer	R-Senior
Maggie O'Hara	Graduate

## PRONUNCIATIONS

Katarina Derrick	CAT-A-REENA
Amanda Elswick	ELS-WICK
Kiara Gianfagna	GEE-UH-FON-YA
Bailey Lovett	LOVE-EHT
Jordan Olszewski	OL-SH-EH-SKI
Savannah Pennese	PEN-EASY
Sarah Shaffer	SHAY-FUR
Jordyn Wieber	WEE-BUR





# JORDYN WIEBER

## SECOND-YEAR HEAD COACH



Olympic gold medalist Jordyn Wieber was introduced as the head coach of the Arkansas Women's Gymnastics program on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, by Vice Chancellor and Director of Athletics Hunter Yurachek.

Wieber is a familiar name in the gymnastics community after a prolific career as a competitor, including earning a gold medal as part of Team USA in the 2012 Olympics. Since finishing her competitive career, Wieber has served as an assistant for legendary UCLA coach Valorie Kondos Field, helping lead the Bruins to the 2018 NCAA Championship. Since arriving at Arkansas, Wieber has coached the Razorbacks to a high level of consistency. Arkansas scored a 49.00 or higher in 14 of 16 events over the course of four home meets, nearly 90% of all events. On the floor, the Gymnastics ranked as high as fourth in the nation and finished the season ninth in the nation. It was against No. 13 Kentucky on Jan. 24 that Arkansas scored a 49.525 on the floor, the second-highest event total in program history. The Razorbacks' success on the floor helped them lock in back-to-back SEC wins against No. 20 Missouri and No. 10 Georgia mid-way through the season. The consecutive wins marked the first time since 2017 that Arkansas won two-straight conference meets and consecutive meets against a ranked opponent.

During her first season at the helm, Wieber coached two regular-season All-Americans in Sophia Carter and Kennedy Hambrick. Carter finished the season ranked 11th on the floor while Hambrick closed out her sophomore campaign ranked 16th in the all-around. Arkansas saw six Gymnastics wrap up the season ranked in the top 100 by Road to Nationals in at least one event, with four Hogs finishing with multiple top 100 rankings. With Wieber's lead, Arkansas won 27 event titles through 10 meets. Hambrick finished the season with the most individual titles among the Gymnastics, securing 11 event titles including a team-high four all-around titles.

The first home meet of the Wieber era was held on Jan. 17 against No. 3 Denver, bringing a record crowd of 6,714 fans to Barnhill Arena. On Feb. 21, Coach Wieber and her Arkansas squad hosted Auburn for a Women's Empowerment Meet, the first of its kind in NCAA gymnastics. 5,224 fans gathered at Barnhill Arena for Women's Empowerment night, the ninth highest attendance in program history, making it the third top-10 attendance for 2020 alone. All-in-all, 21,661 fans saw the Gymnastics in action in Barnhill in 2020. The average attendance of 5,415 fans per meet is a program record, approximately 2,400 more than the 2019 average and over 1,000 more than the previous record, set in year two (2004), when an average of 4,401 Gymnastics fans attended each meet. The Razorbacks finished ninth in the nation for average attendance, making it the ninth time Arkansas finished the season ranked in the top-10 for attendance.

Beyond the gym, Wieber has served as an outspoken advocate for victims of child sexual abuse. Wieber has used the platform of gymnastics to encourage and inspire generations of young girls and others around the nation.

Wieber wrapped up her third season as a volunteer assistant coach at UCLA and her sixth with the program, assisting the team in a variety of roles during her first three years in Westwood following her Olympic career.

Wieber coached the Bruins on floor exercise, an event in which UCLA finished the 2018 and 2019 regular seasons ranked No. 1 in the nation. In 2019, the Bruins recorded scores of 49.5 or better in 11 of 14 meets, averaging a national-best 49.604 on floor. UCLA hit a season-high 49.825 on March 16, which ranks No. 3 all-time in school history, behind five scores of 9.925 or better in that meet, including two perfect 10s. The floor squad also posted marks of 49.775 (March 23) and 49.750 (Feb. 16) over the course of the year, as four Bruins earned regular season All-America honors in the event - Katelyn Ohashi, Kyla Ross, Gracie Kramer and Felicia Hano.

At the NCAA Championships on April 19-20, Wieber coached Ross to the individual floor title with a score of 9.950, the program's second in as many years after Ohashi took home the crown in 2018. After winning their semifinal session with a 197.650 (49.6125 in the floor), UCLA finished third overall in the finals.

The 2018 Bruins scored 49.4 or higher in 11 meets and 49.6 or higher in three meets, including a national season-high of 49.775 set Feb. 25. She and her fellow UCLA coaches were named the 2018 West Region Assistant Coaches of the Year, as they helped lead the Bruins to Pac-12, NCAA regional and NCAA national titles.

Wieber, who has been a vocal advocate for safe sport, has won several awards in the past year, including the Arthur Ashe Courage Award at the ESPYs, the Rising Star Award by the Los Angeles Business Journal, and the Giant Steps A Hero Among Us Award.

A member of the "Fierce Five" United States squad that won team gold at the 2012 Olympics, Wieber was a two-time U.S. all-around champion (2011 and 2012) and the 2011 World all-around champion. Her illustrious Elite Career included three medals (all-around and team gold, beam bronze) at the 2011 World Championships, four U.S. senior national titles (all-around, bars and floor in 2011 and all-around in 2012). She was also the 2008 U.S. junior all-around, vault and floor exercise champion and the American Cup all-around champion in 2009, 2011 and 2012. She dominated the competition at the 2010 Pacific Rim Championships, winning four gold medals (all-around, uneven bars, floor exercise, team) and one silver (vault). In her first international competition at the 2007 Junior Pan American Championships, she won gold medals on uneven bars and balance beam, silver in the all-around and bronze on floor exercise. Wieber officially retired from competitive gymnastics in 2015.

Wieber, from DeWitt, Mich., graduated from UCLA in 2017 with a degree in Psychology. She was a 2016 inductee into the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame and is also a member of the USA Gymnastics Hall of Fame as a member of the 2012 U.S. Olympic team.

## COACHING STAFF



**CHRIS  
BROOKS**  
ASST. COACH



**CATELYN  
OREL**  
ASST. COACH



**FELICIA  
HANO**  
VOLUNTEER COACH

Head Coach.....	Jordan Wieber
Alma Mater.....	UCLA '17
Arkansas Record .....	Overall [2-7] SEC [2-5]
Career Record .....	2-7
Assistant Coach.....	Chris Brooks
Alma Mater.....	Oklahoma '09
Assistant Coach.....	Catelyn Orel
Alma Mater.....	Nebraska '19
Volunteer Coach.....	Felicia Hano
Alma Mater.....	UCLA '20

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## 2020 SCORES AND RESULTS

DATE	MEET	TEAMS	RESULT	TEAM SCORE	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	ATTD.
JAN. 10	AT FLORIDA	NO. 19 ARKANSAS NO. 3 FLORIDA	L	194.400 197.350	48.5250 49.1250	48.6250 49.3500	48.2500 49.4750	49.0000 49.4000	7.531
JAN. 17	DENVER	NO. 32 ARKANSAS NO. 3 DENVER	L	196.825 197.250	49.0000 49.2500	49.3500 49.4250	49.0500 49.4500	49.4250 49.1250	6.741
JAN. 20	AT OKLA.	NO. 19 ARKANSAS NO. 1 OKLAHOMA	L	196.550 198.175	49.0250 49.5250	49.2500 49.6750	49.0250 49.4000	49.2500 49.5750	4.347
JAN. 24	KENTUCKY	NO. 19 ARKANSAS NO. 13 KENTUCKY	L	196.650 196.760	49.0000 49.0750	49.0750 49.2750	49.0500 49.2000	49.5250 49.2000	5.321
JAN. 31	AT MIZZOU	NO. 14 ARKANSAS NO. 20 MISSOURI	W	196.025 195.075	48.8000 49.1750	48.8500 48.1750	48.9750 48.3500	49.4000 49.3750	1.556
FEB. 7	GEORGIA	NO. 15 ARKANSAS NO. 10 GEORGIA	W	196.950 196.750	48.8500 48.9750	49.4250 49.0250	49.2750 49.4000	49.4000 49.3500	4.375
FEB. 14	AT ALABAMA	NO. 14 ARKANSAS NO. 6 ALABAMA	L	196.100 196.625	48.8250 49.3500	49.0500 49.2250	49.0500 48.5250	49.1750 49.5250	9.098
FEB. 21	AUBURN	NO. 14 ARKANSAS NO. 20 AUBURN	L	196.025 196.500	49.1000 49.4000	48.3500 49.0000	49.2000 49.1750	49.3750 48.9250	5.224
FEB. 28	AT LSU	NO. 14 ARKANSAS NO. 5 LSU	L	195.725 197.125	48.8500 49.1000	48.4250 49.5250	49.2500 49.3250	49.2000 49.1750	12.147
MARCH 6	TWU QUAD	NO. 17 ARKANSAS NO. 6 LSU TWU (HOST) CENTENARY	2ND OF 4 L W W	196.300 197.000 192.250 191.625	48.8250 49.2500 48.6250 47.8250	49.1500 49.2500 47.2000 47.7250	48.9500 49.2750 47.3000 47.6500	49.3750 49.2250 49.1250 48.4250	1.016

\*\* SEC Championships and NCAA Competition Cancelled due to COVID-19 \*\*

## BARNHILL ARENA | HOME OF THE GYMBACKS

Barnhill Arena officially closed its doors as a basketball facility on March 3, 1993. Barnhill was reconfigured into the largest volleyball-only arena in time for the 1994 season. It then underwent a second significant face-lift prior to the 2003 season to also become the home of Arkansas gymnastics.



First Opened.....	1954
First Used For Gym .....	2003
Gym Capacity .....	7,296
All-Time Record.....	73-53-2 (18 seasons)
First Meet Date .....	January 10, 2003
First Result.....	L, 193.000-196.425
First Opponent.....	No. 16 Denver
Largest Crowd.....	6,741, Jan. 17, 2020
Crowd Opponent.....	No. 3 Denver
Original Name .....	Arkansas Fieldhouse

### TEAM HOME HIGH SCORES

	OPPONENT	DATE	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	TOTAL
1.	Arkansas Tri	3/16/18	49.025	49.550	49.350	49.375	197.300
2.	Arizona	3/2/18	48.975	49.575	49.400	49.325	197.275
3.	#23 Kentucky	2/26/16	49.000	49.550	49.325	49.350	197.225
	#25 LSU	1/20/12	49.400	49.450	48.950	49.425	197.225
5.	#11 Georgia	1/26/18	49.100	49.175	49.425	49.475	197.175
6.	Kentucky	2/21/14	49.250	49.125	49.275	49.450	197.100
	#4 Alabama	2/22/13	49.425	49.175	49.150	49.350	197.100
8.	#16 Auburn	2/5/10	49.300	49.250	49.350	49.125	197.025
9.	#10 Georgia	2/7/20	48.850	49.425	49.275	49.400	196.950
10.	Pittsburgh	3/12/10	49.175	49.275	49.050	49.375	196.875

### INDIVIDUAL HOME RECORDS

EVENT	ATHLETE	OPPONENT	DATE	SCORE
VAULT	Amanda Wellick	Arkansas Tri-Meet	2/13/15	9.950
	Heather Elswick	#6 Alabama	1/16/15	9.950
	Katherine Grable	#4 Alabama	2/22/13	9.950
BARS	Hailey Garner	Arkansas Tri-Meet	3/16/18	9.975
BEAM	Sophia Carter	Arizona	3/2/18	9.975
	Sophia Carter	#11 Georgia	1/26/18	9.975
FLOOR	Katherine Grable	#2 Oklahoma	3/14/14	9.975
	Jaime Pisani	#13 Auburn	2/3/12	9.975
AA	Katherine Grable	Kentucky	2/21/14	39.725
	Jaime Pisani	#13 Auburn	2/3/12	39.725

### ATTENDANCE HISTORY

YEAR	AVG. ATTENDANCE (Rank)
2003.....	4,739 (4 <sup>th</sup> )
2004.....	4,401 (4 <sup>th</sup> )
2005.....	3,413 (6 <sup>th</sup> )
2006.....	2,474 (11 <sup>th</sup> )
2007.....	2,318 (12 <sup>th</sup> )
2008.....	2,190 (15 <sup>th</sup> )
2009.....	2,587 (10 <sup>th</sup> )
2010.....	2,505 (11 <sup>th</sup> )
2011.....	2,384 (11 <sup>th</sup> )
2012.....	3,081 (8 <sup>th</sup> )
2013.....	3,440 (10 <sup>th</sup> )
2014.....	3,235 (9 <sup>th</sup> )
2015.....	2,930 (11 <sup>th</sup> )
2016.....	3,427 (9 <sup>th</sup> )
2017.....	3,797 (9 <sup>th</sup> )
2018.....	3,876 (9 <sup>th</sup> )
2019.....	3,057 (16 <sup>th</sup> )
2020.....	5,415 (9 <sup>th</sup> )

### RECORD AT THE BARN

YEAR HOME RECORD	
2003.....	0-5
2004.....	8-3
2005.....	1-5
2006.....	3-2
2007.....	6-3
2008.....	3-2
2009.....	4-1
2010.....	4-1
2011.....	4-1
2012.....	4-2
2013.....	4-3-1
2014.....	3-3
2015.....	5-4
2016.....	3-2
2017.....	3-3
2018.....	5-1
2019.....	3-4
2020.....	1-3