

# 2024 ARKANSAS VOLLEYBALL

## COACHING STAFF



**JASON WATSON**  
Head Coach  
Ninth Season



**JORDAN CHILDS**  
Assistant Coach  
First Season



**JILL GILLEN**  
Assistant Coach  
First Season



**JORDAN NEAL**  
Assistant Coach  
Second Season

## QUICK FACTS

### TEAM INFORMATION

|                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|
| 2024 Overall Record     | 16-7 |
| 2024 SEC Record         | 6-5  |
| SEC Finish              | N/A  |
| Home Record             | 9-2  |
| Away Record             | 3-5  |
| Neutral Record          | 4-0  |
| Starters Returning/Lost | 4/3  |
| Newcomers               | 4    |

### COACHING STAFF

|                         |                |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Head Coach              | Jason Watson   |
| Record at Arkansas      | 149-109 (.578) |
| SEC Record              | 82-77 (.516)   |
| Career Record           | 349-257 (.576) |
| Assistant Coach         | Jordan Childs  |
| Assistant Coach         | Jill Gillen    |
| Assistant Coach         | Jordan Neal    |
| Director of Operations  | Andy Rynd      |
| Volleyball Office Phone | 479-575-3813   |

### TEAM HISTORY

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| All-Time Overall Record | 587-394 (.598)      |
| All-Time SEC Record     | 308-229 (.574)      |
| NCAA Tournaments/Last   | 13/2023             |
| SEC Championships/Last  | 1 (Tournament)/1997 |
| First Year of Program   | 1994                |

### FACILITY INFORMATION

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Name            | Barnhill Arena |
| Capacity        | 8,500          |
| Opened          | 1953           |
| All-Time Record | 309-139 (.690) |

## 2024 AWARDS & HONORS

Preseason All-SEC Team  
Hannah Hogue

SEC Defensive Player of the Week: 9/9  
Zoi Evans

SEC Co-Offensive Player of the Week: 9/16  
Romani Thurman

SEC Player/Defensive Player of the Week: 9/30  
Courtney Jackson

SEC Freshman of the Week: 10/7  
Aniya Madkin

SEC Co-Freshman of the Week: 10/14  
Aniya Madkin

SEC Defensive Player of the Week: 11/11  
Courtney Jackson

SEC Co-Freshman of the Week: 11/11  
Olivia Ruy

## 2024 SCHEDULE

OVERALL: 16-7 | SEC: 6-5  
H: 9-2 | A: 3-5 | N: 4-0

|       |                       |                         |        |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| 8/30  | St. Mary's            | San Luis Obispo, Calif. | W, 3-2 |
| 8/31  | Sacramento St.        | San Luis Obispo, Calif. | W, 3-0 |
| 8/31  | Cal Poly              | San Luis Obispo, Calif. | W, 3-1 |
| 9/5   | Rutgers               | Barnhill Arena          | W, 3-0 |
| 9/6   | Wichita State         | Barnhill Arena          | W, 3-0 |
| 9/7   | Louisiana Tech        | Barnhill Arena          | W, 3-0 |
| 9/8   | Little Rock           | Barnhill Arena          | W, 3-0 |
| 9/12  | Tulsa                 | Tulsa, Okla.            | L, 3-2 |
| 9/13  | Stephen F. Austin     | Tulsa, Okla.            | W, L-0 |
| 9/19  | Miami                 | Miami, Fla.             | L, 3-0 |
| 9/20  | Florida International | Miami, Fla.             | W, 3-2 |
| 9/21  | Texas Tech            | Miami, Fla.             | W, 3-1 |
| 9/25  | Georgia               | Barnhill Arena          | W, 3-2 |
| 9/29  | Ole Miss              | Barnhill Arena          | W, 3-0 |
| 10/6  | Oklahoma              | Norman, Okla.           | W, 3-1 |
| 10/13 | Alabama               | Barnhill Arena          | W, 3-0 |
| 10/18 | Texas                 | Austin, Texas           | L, 3-0 |
| 10/20 | Texas A&M             | College Station, Texas  | L, 3-1 |
| 10/25 | Missouri              | Barnhill Arena          | L, 3-1 |
| 10/27 | Mississippi State     | Starkville, Miss.       | L, 3-0 |
| 10/30 | Florida               | Barnhill Arena          | L, 3-1 |
| 11/3  | Auburn                | Barnhill Arena          | W, 3-2 |
| 11/8  | South Carolina        | Barnhill Arena          | W, 3-0 |
| 11/15 | Ole Miss              | Oxford, Miss.           | 6:30PM |
| 11/17 | LSU                   | Baton Rouge, La.        | 2PM    |
| 11/22 | Tennessee             | Knoxville, Tenn.        | 5:30PM |
| 11/24 | Kentucky              | Lexington, Ky.          | 3PM    |
| 11/27 | Oklahoma              | Barnhill Arena          | 6PM    |

## 2024 RAZORBACK VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

| #  | Name             | Position | Class       | Height | Hometown                | High School/Previous School |
|----|------------------|----------|-------------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 0  | Lauryn Lambert   | OH       | Freshman    | 5-9    | Murphy, Texas           | Plano East HS               |
| 1  | Avery Calame     | OH       | R-Sophomore | 5-11   | McKinney, Texas         | McKinney-Boyd HS            |
| 2  | Jada Lawson      | OH       | Senior      | 5-7    | North Little Rock, Ark. | North Little Rock HS        |
| 3  | Sania Petties    | MB       | Senior      | 6-2    | Houston, Texas          | Mississippi State           |
| 4  | Lily Dudley      | OH       | R-Freshman  | 5-11   | Columbia, Mo.           | Rock Bridge HS              |
| 5  | Kylie Weeks      | L        | R-Sophomore | 5-6    | Elkhorn, Neb.           | Elkhorn South HS            |
| 7  | Kayla Robertson  | OH       | Freshman    | 6-1    | Lake St. Louis, Mo.     | Timberland HS               |
| 8  | Lo Jones         | S        | R-Freshman  | 5-9    | Carl Junction, Mo.      | Carl Junction HS            |
| 9  | Aniya Madkin     | OH       | R-Freshman  | 6-2    | Clinton, Miss.          | Clinton HS                  |
| 14 | Rosana Hicks     | OH       | Senior      | 6-1    | Fayetteville, Ark.      | Fayetteville HS             |
| 15 | Courtney Jackson | L        | Senior      | 5-8    | Olathe, Kan.            | Olathe Northwest HS         |
| 17 | Skylar Ellison   | MB       | R-Sophomore | 6-1    | Aledo, Texas            | Aledo HS                    |
| 18 | Hannah Hogue     | S        | Senior      | 5-8    | Fort Smith, Arkansas    | Southside HS                |
| 19 | Olivia Ruy       | OH       | R-Freshman  | 6-2    | Salt Lake City, Utah    | Woods Cross HS              |
| 22 | Ava Roth         | L        | R-Freshman  | 5-6    | Festus, Mo.             | Jefferson HS                |
| 23 | Aleki Alexander  | MB       | Freshman    | 6-2    | Blue Springs, Mo.       | Blue Springs HS             |
| 30 | Romani Thurman   | OH       | Sophomore   | 5-10   | Little Rock, Ark.       | North Carolina              |
| 44 | Zoi Evans        | MB       | Senior      | 6-4    | Tampa, Fla.             | Wiregrass HS                |

Head Coach: Jason Watson/BYU, '95 (Ninth Season/20th Overall)  
 Assistant Coach: Jordan Childs/Truett-McConnell, '19 (First Season)  
 Assistant Coach: Jill Gillen/Arkansas, '23 (First Season)  
 Assistant Coach: Jordan Neal/ Ouachita Baptist, '13 (Second Season)  
 Director of Operations: Andy Rynd/Bowling Green, '15 (Third Season)

### TEAM STUDIES

|                  |                                    |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Lauryn Lambert   | Pre-Business                       |
| Avery Calame     | Marketing                          |
| Jada Lawson      | Biomedical Engineering             |
| Sania Petties    | Psychology                         |
| Lily Dudley      | Interior Design                    |
| Kylie Weeks      | Communication Sciences & Disorders |
| Kayla Robertson  | Pre-Business                       |
| Lo Jones         | Journalism                         |
| Aniya Madkin     | Pre-Business                       |
| Rosana Hicks     | Anthropology                       |
| Courtney Jackson | Marketing                          |
| Skylar Ellison   | Public Health                      |
| Hannah Hogue     | Agricultural Business              |
| Olivia Ruy       | Social Work                        |
| Ava Roth         | English                            |
| Aleki Alexander  | Exploratory                        |
| Zoi Evans        | Operations Management (MA)         |
| Romani Thurman   | Communications                     |

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Avery Calame    | <i>CAL-um</i>            |
| Sania Petties   | <i>sa-NY-uh PET-iss</i>  |
| Aniya Madkin    | <i>uh-NY-uh</i>          |
| Rosana Hicks    | <i>Rose-AH-nuh</i>       |
| Hannah Hogue    | <i>Rhymes with ROGUE</i> |
| Olivia Ruy      | <i>WHO-ee</i>            |
| Aleki Alexander | <i>uh-LEH-key</i>        |
| Romani Thurman  | <i>ro-MAH-nee</i>        |
| Zoi Evans       | <i>Zoey</i>              |

### BY CLASS

**Freshmen/R-Freshmen (8)**  
 Aleki Alexander  
 Lily Dudley  
 Lo Jones  
 Lauryn Lambert  
 Aniya Madkin  
 Kayla Robertson  
 Ava Roth  
 Olivia Ruy

**Sophomores/R-Sophomores (4)**  
 Avery Calame  
 Skylar Ellison  
 Romani Thurman  
 Kylie Weeks

### BY CLASS

**Seniors (6)**  
 Zoi Evans  
 Rosana Hicks  
 Hannah Hogue  
 Courtney Jackson  
 Jada Lawson  
 Sania Petties

### BY STATE

**Arkansas (4)**  
 Rosana Hicks Fayetteville  
 Hannah Hogue Fort Smith  
 Jada Lawson North Little Rock  
 Romani Thurman Little Rock

**Florida (1)**  
 Zoi Evans Tampa

**Kansas (1)**  
 Courtney Jackson Olathe

**Mississippi (1)**  
 Aniya Madkin Clinton

**Missouri (5)**  
 Aleki Alexander Blue Springs  
 Lily Dudley Columbia  
 Lo Jones Carl Junction  
 Kayla Robertson Lake St. Louis  
 Ava Roth Festus

### BY STATE

**Nebraska (1)**  
 Kylie Weeks Elkhorn

**Texas (4)**  
 Avery Calame McKinney  
 Skylar Ellison Aledo  
 Lauryn Lambert Murphy  
 Sania Petties Houston

**Utah (1)**  
 Olivia Ruy Salt Lake City

2024 RAZORBACK VOLLEYBALL MEDIA ROSTER



**0 LAURYN LAMBERT**  
Fr. | OH | 5-9 | Murphy, Texas



**1 AVERY CALAME**  
R-So. | OH | 5-11 | McKinney, Texas



**2 JADA LAWSON**  
Sr. | OH | 5-7 | North Little Rock, Ark.



**3 SANIA PETTIES**  
Sr. | MB | 6-1 | Houston, Texas



**4 LILY DUDLEY**  
R-Fr. | OH | 5-11 | Columbia, Mo.



**5 KYLIE WEEKS**  
R-So. | L | 5-6 | Elkhorn, Neb.



**7 KAYLA ROBERTSON**  
Fr. | OH | 6-1 | Lake St. Louis, Mo.



**8 LO JONES**  
R-Fr. | S | 5-9 | Carl Junction, Mo.



**9 ANIYA MADKIN**  
R-Fr. | OH | 6-2 | Clinton, Miss.



**14 ROSANA HICKS**  
Sr. | OH | 6-1 | Fayetteville, Ark.



**15 COURTNEY JACKSON**  
Sr. | L | 5-9 | Olathe, Kan.



**17 SKYLAR ELLISON**  
R-So. | MB | 6-1 | Aledo, Texas



**18 HANNAH HOGUE**  
Sr. | S | 5-8 | Fort Smith, Ark.



**19 OLIVIA RUY**  
R-Fr. | OH | 6-2 | Salt Lake City, Utah



**22 AVA ROTH**  
R-Fr. | L | 5-6 | Festus, Mo.



**23 ALEKI ALEXANDER**  
Fr. | MB | 6-2 | Blue Springs, Mo.



**30 ROMANI THURMAN**  
So. | OH | 5-10 | Little Rock, Ark.



**44 ZOI EVANS**  
Sr. | MB | 6-4 | Tampa, Fla.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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Sania Petties  
Aniya Madkin  
Rosana Hicks  
Hannah Hogue  
Olivia Ruy  
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## BARNHILL ARENA: HOME OF THE RAZORBACKS

| Single-Match Attendance |            |  | Year-by-Year Attendance |    |        |       |
|-------------------------|------------|--|-------------------------|----|--------|-------|
| Rank                    | Attendance | Opponent / Date                        | Year                    | #  | Total  | Avg.  |
| 1.                      | 4,299      | #1 Wisconsin Aug. 30, 2023             | 1994                    | 15 | 6,548  | 437   |
| 2.                      | 3,847      | Stephen F. Austin (NCAAT) Dec. 1, 2023 | 1995                    | 13 | 6,194  | 477   |
| 3.                      | 3,749      | #20 Florida Nov. 19, 2023              | 1996                    | 18 | 8,296  | 461   |
| 4.                      | 3,557      | TCU (NCAAT) Dec. 2, 2023               | 1997                    | 15 | 8,101  | 540   |
| 5.                      | 3,298      | Mississippi State Nov. 5, 2023         | 1998                    | 19 | 13,299 | 700   |
| 6.                      | 3,015      | #13 Florida Sept. 14, 2012             | 1999                    | 14 | 6,315  | 451   |
| 7.                      | 2,947      | #10 Kentucky Nov. 22, 2023             | 2000                    | 17 | 7,499  | 441   |
| 8.                      | 2,740      | #1 Wisconsin Aug. 31, 2023             | 2001                    | 11 | 5,794  | 527   |
| 9.                      | 2,543      | Alabama Oct. 13, 2024                  | 2002                    | 16 | 7,127  | 451   |
| 10.                     | 2,491      | Ole Miss Sept. 29, 2024                | 2003                    | 11 | 5,683  | 517   |
| 11.                     | 2,349      | South Carolina Nov. 19, 2014           | 2004                    | 14 | 8,254  | 590   |
| 12.                     | 2,334      | Missouri Oct. 25, 2024                 | 2005                    | 14 | 9,365  | 669   |
| 13.                     | 2,129      | Auburn Nov. 3, 2024                    | 2006                    | 14 | 9,817  | 701   |
| 14.                     | 2,067      | Ole Miss Oct. 3, 2023                  | 2007                    | 16 | 10,919 | 682   |
| 15.                     | 1,807      | South Carolina Nov. 8, 2024            | 2008                    | 14 | 9,086  | 649   |
| 16.                     | 1,755      | #19 Kentucky Oct. 7, 2022              | 2009                    | 14 | 10,316 | 737   |
| 17.                     | 1,752      | Wichita State Sept. 6, 2024            | 2010                    | 14 | 11,855 | 847   |
| 18.                     | 1,751      | Missouri Oct. 8, 2023                  | 2011                    | 14 | 12,903 | 922   |
| 19.                     | 1,747      | Texas A&M Sept. 24, 2023               | 2012                    | 18 | 18,297 | 1,016 |
| 20.                     | 1,728      | Louisiana Tech Sept. 7, 2024           | 2013                    | 15 | 13,047 | 870   |
| 21.                     | 1,717      | Michigan State Aug. 25, 2023           | 2014                    | 16 | 15,265 | 954   |
| 22.                     | 1,672      | Missouri Oct. 2, 2013                  | 2015                    | 15 | 14,697 | 980   |
| 23.                     | 1,658      | No. 24 Florida Oct. 30, 2024           | 2016                    | 11 | 9,149  | 832   |
| 24.                     | 1,653      | South Carolina Sept. 22, 2023          | 2017                    | 13 | 12,919 | 994   |
| 25.                     | 1,616      | Georgia Sept. 25, 2024                 | 2018                    | 12 | 8,117  | 624   |
|                         |            |  | 2019                    | 13 | 8,479  | 652   |
|                         |            |  | 2020                    | 12 | 5,675  | 473   |
|                         |            |  | 2021                    | 12 | 10,590 | 882   |
|                         |            |  | 2022                    | 16 | 19,607 | 1,225 |
|                         |            |  | 2023                    | 17 | 40,078 | 2,358 |
|                         |            |  | 2024                    | 11 | 20,934 | 1,903 |

\* 1998 SEC Tournament



Barnhill Arena was opened for the first time in 1954 and 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.



### YEAR BY YEAR

| YEAR         | COACH   | OVERALL        | PCT         | SEC            | PCT         | HOME           | AWAY           | NEUTRAL      | POSTSEASON                       |
|--------------|---------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 1994         | Poole   | 19-17          | .528        | 10-5           | .667        | 9-6            | 7-7            | 3-4          | NIVC                             |
| 1995         | Poole   | 25-15          | .625        | 11-4           | .733        | 10-3           | 9-6            | 6-6          | NIVC                             |
| 1996         | Poole   | 26-11          | .703        | 11-4           | .733        | 15-3           | 8-6            | 3-2          | NCAA (2nd Round)                 |
| 1997         | Poole   | 30-6           | .833        | 13-2           | .867        | 14-1           | 10-4           | 6-1          | NCAA (2nd Round)                 |
| 1998         | Poole   | 29-6           | .829        | 14-1           | .933        | 17-2           | 10-2           | 2-2          | NCAA (Regional Semifinal)        |
| 1999         | Poole   | 30-7           | .811        | 14-1           | .933        | 14-0           | 11-5           | 5-2          | NCAA (2nd Round)                 |
| 2000         | Poole   | 16-14          | .533        | 9-6            | .600        | 11-6           | 5-3            | 0-5          | --                               |
| 2001         | Poole   | 21-12          | .636        | 12-3           | .800        | 10-1           | 8-7            | 3-4          | NCAA (1st Round)                 |
| 2002         | Poole   | 27-6           | .818        | 14-2           | .875        | 13-4           | 11-2           | 3-0          | --                               |
| 2003         | Poole   | 27-7           | .794        | 15-1           | .938        | 11-0           | 8-4            | 8-3          | NCAA (2nd Round)                 |
| 2004         | Poole   | 17-16          | .515        | 10-6           | .625        | 10-5           | 4-8            | 3-3          | NCAA (1st Round)                 |
| 2005         | Poole   | 21-12          | .636        | 11-5           | .688        | 11-4           | 5-6            | 5-2          | NCAA (2nd Round)                 |
| 2006         | Poole   | 16-13          | .552        | 9-11           | .450        | 10-4           | 4-8            | 2-1          | NCAA (1st Round)                 |
| 2007         | Poole   | 12-19          | .387        | 6-14           | .300        | 6-9            | 4-8            | 2-2          | --                               |
| 2008         | Pulliza | 7-23           | .233        | 4-16           | .200        | 4-10           | 3-10           | 0-3          | --                               |
| 2009         | Pulliza | 13-18          | .419        | 7-13           | .350        | 6-8            | 4-9            | 3-1          | --                               |
| 2010         | Pulliza | 14-17          | .452        | 8-12           | .400        | 8-6            | 4-9            | 2-2          | --                               |
| 2011         | Pulliza | 18-13          | .581        | 10-10          | .500        | 8-6            | 6-7            | 4-0          | --                               |
| 2012         | Pulliza | 22-10          | .688        | 13-7           | .650        | 14-4           | 6-5            | 2-1          | NCAA (1st Round)                 |
| 2013         | Pulliza | 16-14          | .533        | 9-9            | .500        | 9-6            | 6-6            | 1-2          | NCAA (1st Round)                 |
| 2014         | Pulliza | 15-16          | .484        | 9-9            | .500        | 9-7            | 4-7            | 2-2          | --                               |
| 2015         | Pulliza | 17-13          | .567        | 7-11           | .389        | 9-6            | 4-7            | 4-0          | --                               |
| 2016         | Watson  | 9-21           | .300        | 7-11           | .389        | 4-8            | 4-9            | 1-4          | --                               |
| 2017         | Watson  | 19-11          | .633        | 9-9            | .500        | 10-3           | 6-6            | 3-2          | --                               |
| 2018         | Watson  | 11-17          | .393        | 5-13           | .278        | 7-6            | 2-10           | 2-1          | --                               |
| 2019         | Watson  | 11-19          | .367        | 5-13           | .278        | 8-5            | 1-11           | 2-3          | --                               |
| 2020         | Watson  | 14-8           | .636        | 14-8           | .636        | 9-3            | 5-5            | 0-0          | --                               |
| 2021         | Watson  | 20-11          | .645        | 10-8           | .556        | 7-5            | 9-7            | 4-2          | NIVC (Quarterfinals)             |
| 2022         | Watson  | 21-9           | .700        | 11-7           | .611        | 13-3           | 5-5            | 3-1          | NCAA Tournament (2nd Round)      |
| 2023         | Watson  | 28-6           | .824        | 15-3           | .833        | 14-3           | 9-3            | 5-0          | NCAA Tournament (Regional Final) |
| 2024         | Watson  | 16-7           | .696        | 6-5            | .545        | 9-2            | 3-5            | 4-0          |                                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |         | <b>587-394</b> | <b>.598</b> | <b>308-229</b> | <b>.574</b> | <b>309-139</b> | <b>184-194</b> | <b>93-60</b> |                                  |

Chris Poole (1994-07) | Overall: 316-161 (.662) | SEC: 159-65 (.710)  
 Robert Pulliza (2008-15) | Overall: 122-124 (.496) | SEC: 67-87 (.435)  
 Jason Watson (2016-pres.) | Overall: 149-109 (.578) | SEC: 82-77 (.516)