

Please contact Matt Rector in the Arizona Media Relations Office with any volleyball related queries or interview requests at (520) 621-0914 or mjrector@email.arizona.edu.



Arizona Volleyball

Weekly Match Notes

Schedule/Results

August

31 South Florida @ 12 p.m.
31 Marshall @ 5:30 p.m.

September

1 at #9 Florida @ 3:30 p.m.
6 Utah % 7 p.m.
8 Louisville % 12 p.m.
14 at Stanford * 7 p.m.
15 at California * 7 p.m.
20 Oregon * 7 p.m.
21 Oregon State * 7 p.m.
28 at UCLA * 7 p.m.
29 at USC * 7 p.m.

October

5 Arizona State * 7 p.m.
12 Washington State * 7 p.m.
13 Washington * 7 p.m.
19 at Oregon * 7 p.m.
20 at Oregon State * 7 p.m.
25 USC * 7 p.m.
26 UCLA * 7 p.m.

November

3 at Arizona State * 7 p.m.
9 at Washington * 7 p.m.
10 at Washington State * 7 p.m.
16 California * 7 p.m.
17 Stanford * 7 p.m.
23 Denver & 7:30 p.m.
24 UCSB or SDSU & 10 a.m.
or 12 p.m.

NCAA Championships

First and Second Rounds

Nov. 29-Dec. 2 Sites/Times TBA

Regionals

Dec. 6-9 Sites/Times TBA

Finals

Dec. 13-15 San Diego, Calif.

**ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL TO SITE AND
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT
NOTICE**

* Denotes Pac-10 Conference Match
@ Florida SunTrust Invitational - Gainesville, Fla.
% Four Points University Plaza Wildcat Classic -
Tucson, Ariz.
& Four Points University Plaza Thanksgiving
Tournament - Tucson Ariz.

**No. 6 Arizona (0-0, 0-0 Pac-10)
at the Florida SunTrust Invitational:
Aug. 31 — vs. South Florida (0-0); vs. Marhsall (0-0)
Sept. 1 — at No. 9 Florida (0-0)**

Coming Attractions: The defending Pac-10 Co-Champion Arizona volleyball team returns to action with a 1,700 mile road trip to Gainesville, Fla., where it will participate in Florida's SunTrust Invitational Aug. 31-Sept. 1. The Cats will take on South Florida and Marshall on the opening day of the invitational and then meet up with ninth-ranked Florida on Sept. 1. All four teams playing in the invitational will see action for the first time in 2001.

The Opposition: *SOUTH FLORIDA* - The Bulls return to action after a first round appearance in the 2000 NCAA Tournament. USF returns three starters and nine letterwinners from a season ago. The 2000 Conference USA regular season champs received 17 votes in the 2001 *USA Today*/AVCA Preseason Coaches Poll. Their 28-6 regular season record from 2000 matched the school mark for wins in a season. The match with Arizona will be the second in the history of the two schools. Arizona defeated USF in the only other match-up in 1999. *MARSHALL* - The Thundering Herd return four starters and 10 letterwinners from last season's 4-27 team. The 2000 campaign marked the first time Marshall had missed the postseason since joining the MAC in 1997. The Aug. 31 match will be the first between the two schools. *FLORIDA* - Meeting Arizona for the second season in a row, but just the third time overall, the ninth-ranked Gators are looking to avenge last season's five-game loss in Tucson. Florida appeared to be on its way to an easy victory, winning the first two games in McKale Center. However, the host Wildcats took the next three games in a thrilling match to steal the victory. The Gators advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament in 2000 after going undefeated in the SEC and winning their 11th consecutive conference title. UF will have plenty of experience in 2001 as five starters and 10 letterwinners return. Arizona has a 2-0 lifetime record against Florida.

The Polls: The Arizona volleyball team was voted sixth in the preseason edition of the *USA Today*/AVCA Coaches Poll. The ranking is the highest preseason mark in school history bettering last season's previous best of 10th. *Volleyball Magazine* places the Cats ninth in its preseason poll.

Pac-10 Coaches Poll: The Pac-10 coaches have picked Arizona to finish third in the conference standings in 2001. The Wildcats, who were picked to finish fourth last season, enter the 2001 season as the co-defending conference champions. 2001 marks the first time the Cats have had an opportunity to defend the title in school history.

Outlook for 2001: The Wildcats return four starters from last seasons's team. All-American setter Dana Burkholder, right-side hitter Jill Talbot, outside hitter Lisa Rutledge and defensive specialist Rachel Williams all return to the floor for the Cats in 2001. Joining them in the starting rotation will be middle blockers Erin Sebbas and Stefani Saragosa and outside hitter Shannon Torregrosa. The loss of NCAA hitting percentage leader and All-Pac-10 middle blocker Marisa DaLee is significant, but will be offset by the return of Saragosa, who played in 30 of Arizona's 33 matches last season with an ailing shoulder that has been surgically repaired, and the spring emergence of Sebbas. Coach Rubio is counting on Torregrosa to have a breakout season in the outside hitter spot vacated by the departure of All-Pac-10 performer Allison Napier. Others returning players that are expected to see extensive floor time are defensive specialists Linda McCullagh and Christina Frost and setter/right side hitter Lauren Benward.

Arizona has also added a number of newcomers that the coaching staff figure will see playing time, including setter Rochelle Ruen, right side hitter Kellie Burton and defensive specialist Kelli Mulvany.

Starting Lineup Possibilities

Setter - Dana Burkholder

Right Side- Jill Talbot

Outside - Lisa Rutledge/Shannona Torregrosa

Middle Blocker- Stefani Saragosa/Erin Sebbas

Defensive Specialist- Rachel Williams/Linda McCullagh/Christina Frost

A Look Back: The 2000 season was one of the finest in school history. The Wildcats finished the season 28-5, matching the school record for wins in a season. 20 of Arizona's 28 victories were 3-0 sweeps and of Arizona's five losses only one was in three game, two were in four games and two went all five. Arizona was an outstanding 14-1 in home matches, 11-2 on the road and 3-2 in neutral court contests. (More)



Overall Record: 0-0

Pac-10 Record: 0-0

Date or Result **Attendance** **UA Assist Leader** **UA Kill Leader** **UA Block Leader** **UA Dig Leader**

Florida SunTrust Invitational, Gainesville, Fla.

08/31-South Florida

08/31-Marshall

09/01-#9 Florida

Starwoods University Plaza Wildcat Classic, Tucson, Ariz.

09/06-Utah

09/08-Louisville

09/14-at Stanford

09/15-at California

09/20-Oregon

09/21-Oregon State

09/28-at UCLA

09/29-at USC

10/05-Arizona State

10/12-Washington

10/13-Washington State

10/19-at Oregon

10/20-at Oregon State

10/25-USC

10/26-UCLA

11/03-at Arizona State

11/09-at Washington

11/10-at Washington State

11/16-California

11/17-Stanford

Starwoods University Plaza Thanksgiving Tournament, Tucson, Ariz.

11/23-Denver

11/24-UC Santa Barbara or San Diego State

2001 Arizona Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	DOB	Exp.	Hometown	Previous School/Club
1	Rachel Williams	DS	5-5	Jr..	07/25/81	1L	Upland, Calif.	Upland HS/Rancho Valley
2	Erin Sebbas	MB	6-2	Sr.	08/05/80	2L	Alta Loma, Calif.	Alta Loma HS/Rancho Valley
4	Linda McCullagh	DS	5-8	Jr.	02/04/79	TR	Coto de Caza, Calif.	Oregon State/Laguna Beach
5	Rochelle Ruen	S	5-11	Fr.	04/24/83	HS	Hope, Idaho	Sandpoint HS/Inland Empire
7	Dusti Johnston	Opp	6-3	Fr.	10/07/82	HS	Yuma, Ariz.	Ciboal HS/Salsa
8	Ilissa Larimore	DS	5-3	Fr.	03/09/82	HS	Tucson, Ariz.	Canyon Del Oro HS
9	Kellie Burton	OPP	6-2	Fr.	05/04/83	HS	Reno, Nev.	Galena HS/Sierra Nevada
10	Stefani Saragosa	MB	6-2	Jr.	02/14/81	1L	Chula Vista, Calif.	Francis Parker HS/Sunwest
11	Kelli Mulvany	DS	5-9	Fr.	03/08/83	HS	Orange, Calif.	Orange Lutheran HS/Saddleback
13	Lisa Rutledge	OH	6-2	Jr.	09/10/81	1L	Vista, Calif.	Vista HS/Strictly Volleyball
15	Angie Ayers	MB/OH	6-2	Fr.	11/26/83	HS	Burney, Calif.	Burney HS/Shasta Creations
16	Lauren Benward	S	6-0	Sr.	08/04/80	2L	Glen Ellen, Calif.	Sonoma Valley HS/Empire
	Heather Killough	MB	6-0	Sr.	11/26/80	2L	Canyonville, Calif.	Canyonville HS/Inland Empire
	Erin Cannon Torregrosa	OH	6-0	Sr.	11/01/80	2L	San Diego, Calif.	San Diego HS/California
	Christina Burkholder	S	5-8	Sr.	06/21/80	2L	Bakersfield, Calif.	Bakersfield HS/Idaho
	Christy Garbacz	OH	6-0	Sr.	08/13/80	2L	Phoenix, Ariz.	Phoenix HS/No. Arizona
	Michelle Talbot	Opp	6-0	Sr.	10/21/80	2L	San Diego, Calif.	San Diego HS/Kent
	Christina Frost	OH	5-8	Sr.	10/01/80	2L	Salinas, Calif.	Salinas HS/California

In Pursuit Of....

**Arizona Career Records and Where the
Current Members Stand
(Top Three, Nearest Mark, Current Player)**

Matches Played

1. Terry Lauchner	1987-90	120
2. Marisa DaLee	1997-2000	118
3. Leigh Halliwell	1985-88	117
Trina Smith	1989-90, 92-93	117
22. Two Tied		96
24. Jill Talbot	1998-Present	93
25. Dana Burkholder	1998-Present	88

Match Starts

1. Charita Johnson	1991-94	112
2. Trina Smith	1989-90, 92-93	109
3. Terry Lauchner	1987-90	106
7. Michelle Fanger	1994-97	88
8. Dana Burkholder	1998-Present	87
15. Jill Talbot	1998-Present	77

Kills

1. Barb Bell	1993-96	1,859
2. Terry Lauchner	1987-90	1,636
3. Melissa Ferris	1991-94	1,273
17. Kelly Waage	1986-89	693
18. Jill Talbot	1998-Present	684
20. Lisa Rutledge	1999-Present	639

Hitting Percentage (min. 1,000 attempts)

1. Marisa DaLee	1997-2000	.397
2. Erin Aldrich	1996-97	.300
3. Jill Talbot	1998-Present	.296
4. Dana Burkholder	1998-Present	.294
7. Lisa Rutledge	1999-Present	.249

Assists

1. Dana Burkholder	1998-Present	4,068
2. Laura Bartsch	1992-95	4,024
9. Leigh Halliwell	1985-88	716
10. Lauren Benward	1998-Present	315
12. Jill Talbot	1998-Present	285

Service Aces

1. Kiyomi Morino	1984-87	160
2. Terry Lauchner	1987-90	154
3. Raeleen Elam	1996-99	130
8. Two Tied		86
10. Jill Talbot	1998-Present	85

Digs

1. Terry Lauchner	1987-90	1,297
2. Lindsey Hahn	1986-89	1,155
3. Michelle Bartsch	1990-93	1,095
7. Caylin Combs	1987-90	909
8. Dana Burkholder	1998-Present	889
13. Jill Talbot	1998-Present	770

Solo Blocks

1. Charita Johnson	1991-94	117
2. Melissa McLinden	1982-85	114
3. Barb Bell	1993-96	113
20. Keisha Johnson Demps	1995-98	35
21. Jill Talbot	1998-Present	34

They advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament, the deepest an Arizona team has ever gone.

UA won its first Pac-10 title, sharing it with USC. 2000 marked the first time a team other than UCLA or Stanford had won the Pac-10 championship since conference play began in 1986. The 16-2 Pac-10 record shattered the school record for conference wins by four.

Individually, returning setter Dana Burkholder became one of the most recognized athletes in school history. She was named both AVCA and *Volleyball Magazine* First-Team All-America (the first, first-team member since 1985), to the NCAA Central Region All-Tournament Team, the Pac-10 Player of the Year, First-Team All-Pac-10 and AVCA All-Pacific Region. She set numerous school records, including single-match (84), single-season (1,562) and career marks (4,068) for assists, while guiding the Arizona offense to a NCAA Division I leading .320 attack percentage, the best in school history and the second-best ever in the Pac-10.

Departed seniors Marisa DaLee and Allison Napier, both 1,000 career kill members, each tallied First-Team All-Pac-10 honors. Giving the Cats three for the season, the most in any single year. DaLee led the nation in hitting percentage (.437) and was also named AVCA All-Pacific Region.

Jill Talbot and Lisa Rutledge, who both return in 2001, each garnered Honorable Mention All-Pac-10 honors as well.

2000 Pac-10 Coach of the Year David Rubio: In nine years as Arizona's head coach, David Rubio has taken the Cats from the abyss of a winless Pac-10 season to the pinnacle of a conference championship.

Inheriting a team that did not win a single match in the conference the year before he arrived, he has turned the Wildcats into a club that has made seven postseason appearances in eight years, won a Pac-10 Championship and 11 NCAA Tournament matches.

Rubio has recruited and coached two All-Americans, the 2000 Pac-10 Player of the Year, 13 All-Pac-10 performers, six All-Pac-10 freshman players and eight academic all-conference athletes at Arizona. Also, UA athletes have earned 13 Pac-10 Player of the Week honors under his guide.

During his tenure at Arizona, Rubio has led the Wildcats to 172 victories and a winning league mark over the last eight seasons. Last year's 16-2 Pac-10 record smashed the school mark for conference victories.

Closing in on 300: Head coach David Rubio is closing in on his 300th career coaching victory. The 10th year Arizona coach needs only eight more wins for the milestone. Rubio has amassed 172 wins at Arizona and an additional 120 in five seasons at CSU Bakersfield

Arizona in Season Openers: The Wildcats stumbled out of the block last season losing its first match in five games to UC Santa Barbara. However, UA recovered quickly and proceeded to win a school record 14 straight matches in a row. Since 1977 the Wildcats are 17-7 (.708) in season openers and are 6-3 (1992-Present) under Coach Rubio.

Year	Result	Opponent	Score	Year	Result	Opponent	Score
1977	..... L	NAU	0-2	1989	..... W	Idaho State	3-1
1978	..... L	Cal State Fullerton	0-2	1990	..... W	BYU-Hawai'i	3-0
1979	..... W	BYU	3-1	1991	..... W	Miami (Ohio)	3-1
1980	..... W	New Mexico State	3-1	1992	..... W	Pepperdine	3-0
1981	..... W	New Mexico State	3-0	1993	..... L	Pepperdine	0-3
1982	..... W	Utah	3-1	1994	..... L	Pacific	1-3
1983	..... L	New Mexico	1-3	1995	..... W	Missouri	3-0
1984	..... W	New Mexico	3-0	1996	..... W	NAU	3-0
1985	..... W	Utah	3-1	1997	..... W	Oklahoma	3-1
1986	..... L	BYU	0-3	1998	..... W	San Diego State	3-0
1987	..... W	New Mexico	3-0	1999	..... W	UTEP	3-0
1988	..... W	New Mexico State	3-0	2000	..... L	UC Santa Barbara	2-3

Rule Changes in 2001: Gone from the rule book is the first to 15 with side-outs. Into play is the faster paced "rally scoring". In a departure from the previous scoring format, a team may score a point whether it is the serving or receiving team, there are no longer "side-outs" in which the service receiving teams cannot score. Simply stated, every time the ball is put in play, each team will have an opportunity to score.

Now, in order for a team to win a non-deciding game (the first four games of the match) it must be the first to reach 30 points and lead by at least two using rally scoring.

In a match deciding game (the fifth game of the match) the first team to reach 15, again in rally scoring format (i.e. no side-outs), and lead by two or more points is the winner of that game.

Another change is that served balls that touch the net and continue on to the opponent's side will remain in play. Balls that strike the net and fall on the serving team's side or out of play will result in a point for the opposition. Previously, any ball that struck the net on a serve was ruled dead and resulted in a side-out.

The final change deals with a ball played outside of the antenna. When an attacking team hits a ball that crosses over the midcourt/netline *outside* of the antenna, a teammate may legally pursue the ball and pass it back to the attacking side, provided that the ball is played outside the antenna and it does not pass over the antenna or the net in the process of the pass. The attacking team will then have an opportunity to continue the play and rally.

Pac-10 Standings

	Pac-10	Overall
Arizona	0-0	0-0
Arizona State	0-0	0-0
California	0-0	0-0
Oregon	0-0	0-0
Oregon State	0-0	0-0
Stanford	0-0	0-0
UCLA	0-0	0-0
USC	0-0	0-0
Washington	0-0	0-0
Washington State	0-0	0-0

This week in the Pac-10

Aug. 31

- **Arizona** vs. South Florida, Marshall
- Arizona State vs. Santa Clara
- California vs. New Hampshire
- Oregon at UT-Arlington Tournament
- Oregon State vs. San Jose State
- Stanford vs. Northwestern
- UCLA vs. Michigan
- Washington hosts Huskey Tournament
- Washington St. vs. Bradley, Boise State

Sept. 1

- **Arizona** at Florida
- Arizona St. vs. Hofstra, South Carolina
- California vs. UMass
- Oregon at UT-Arlington Tournament
- Oregon State vs. Southern Ill., Sac State
- Stanford vs. Pittsburgh, at Virginia
- UCLA vs. Kansas State
- USC at UC Irvine
- Washington hosts Huskey Tournament
- Washington State vs. Gonzaga, Pacific

Sept. 2

- California at UConn
- UCLA at Hawai'i
- USC vs. Wisconsin

2001 Preseason Pac-10 Coaches Poll

1. USC
2. Stanford
3. Arizona
4. UCLA
5. Washington State
6. Arizona State
7. California
8. Oregon State
9. Oregon
10. Washington



Arizona in the Polls

Week	AVCA	VM
Preseason	6th	9th
Sept. 3		
Sept. 10		
Sept. 17		
Sept. 24		
Oct. 1		
Oct. 8		
Oct. 15		
Oct. 22		
Oct. 29		
Nov. 5		
Nov. 12		
Nov. 19		
Nov. 26		
Dec. 3		
Dec. 10		
Final		
* School Record		

2001 Arizona Record Breakdown

Overall: 0-0
Pac-10: 0-0
Non Conference: 0-0

Vs. Ranked Teams: 0-0
Vs. Unranked Teams: 0-0

Home: 0-0
Away: 0-0
Neutral: 0-0

September: 0-0
October: 0-0
November: 0-0
December: 0-0

Thursday: 0-0
Friday: 0-0
Saturday: 0-0

Three Game Match: 0-0
Four Game Match: 0-0
Five Game Match: 0-0

Last 5 Matches: 0-0
Last 10 Matches: 0-0
Current Streak: —

2001 Volleyball Magazine Preseason Poll

- 1 Nebraska
- 2 *Stanford*
- 3 Long Beach State
- 4 *USC*
- 5 Hawai'i
- 6 *Florida*
- 7 Wisconsin
- 8 Penn State
- 9 **Arizona**
- 10 BYU
- 11 Pacific
- 12 Pepperdine
- 13 *UCLA*
- 14 *UC Santa Barbara*
- 15 Minnesota
- 16 Colorado State
- 17 Ohio State
- 18 South Carolina
- 19 Notre Dame
- 20 *Utah*

Italics denote 2001 UA opponent

2001 USA Today/AVCA Preseason Poll

School	Points	Record	Last
1 Nebraska (63)	1623	0-0	1
2 <i>USC (2)</i>	1472	0-0	4
3 Penn State	1374	0-0	6
4 Wisconsin	1320	0-0	2
5 Hawai'i	1261	0-0	3
6 Arizona	1178	0-0	5
7 <i>UCLA</i>	1098	0-0	7
8 Long Beach State	1091	0-0	14
9 <i>Florida</i>	1084	0-0	12
10 <i>Stanford</i>	1017	0-0	19
11 BYU	989	0-0	13
12 Pacific	950	0-0	8
13 <i>UC Santa Barbara</i>	882	0-0	9
14 Colorado State	866	0-0	10
15 Minnesota	724	0-0	11
16 Ohio State	638	0-0	15
17 Pepperdine	606	0-0	18
18 Texas A&M	481	0-0	23
19 Kansas State	354	0-0	16
20 Notre Dame	278	0-0	21
21 <i>Utah</i>	254	0-0	20
22 Santa Clara	232	0-0	17
23 South Carolina	172	0-0	NR
24 Loyola Marymount	155	0-0	25
25 Georgia Tech	123	0-0	NR

Italics denote 2001 UA opponent

2000 USA Today/AVCA Final Poll

School	Points	Record
1 <i>Nebraska (60)</i>	1500	34-0
2 Wisconsin	1439	33-4
3 Hawai'i	1367	31-2
4 <i>USC</i>	1331	29-3
5 Arizona	1250	28-5
6 Penn State	1158	30-6
7 <i>UCLA</i>	1123	25-8
8 Pacific	1027	28-4
9 <i>UC Santa Barbara</i>	1009	26-8
10 <i>Colorado State</i>	984	32-5
11 Minnesota	898	30-4
12 <i>Florida</i>	856	29-5
13 <i>BYU</i>	814	26-7
14 Long Beach State	758	24-8
15 Ohio State	654	26-7
16 Kansas State	589	22-9
17 <i>Santa Clara</i>	517	27-5
18 Pepperdine	446	24-7
19 <i>Stanford</i>	410	19-12
20 <i>Utah</i>	323	23-8
21 Notre Dame	299	26-7
22 Utah State	225	22-10
23 Texas A&M	193	20-9
24 Northern Iowa	85	29-5
25 Loyola Marymount	64	20-9

Italics denote 2000 UA opponent