

# FIFTING ILLINI

VOLLEYBALL

2024 BIG TEN MEDIA DAY NOTES



# **CHRIS TAMAS**

## **HEAD COACH EIGHTH SEASON AS HEAD COACH EIGHTH SEASON AT ILLINOIS**

Chris Tamas enters his eighth season as head coach of the Fighting Illini volleyball program in 2024 after being named to the position in February 2017. Tamas (pronounced Thomas) is the eighth head coach in Illinois history.

In his seven seasons at the helm of the program, Tamas has made an impact on Illinois volleyball and owns an overall record of 131-81 (.618), including a 80-58 (.560) mark in the nation's toughest volleyball league, the Big Ten Conference, as well as four NCAA Tournament appearances, including three NCAA Regional appearances and a trip to the Final Four in 2018.

During the 2022 season, Tamas saw the Fighting Illini go 15-15 overall and 10-10 against Big Ten opponents, Junior outside hitter Raina Terry was named a unanimous selection to the All-Big Ten First Team and also received AVCA All-Region honors. Brooke Mosher was named to the All-Big Ten Freshman Team that season as well. Illinois improved to 16-14 in 2023 with an 11-9 Big Ten mark. Terry, once again, received All-Big Ten First Team honors and garnered AVCA All-Region accolades for a second-straight year.

Tamas earned his 100th career win - with all 100 coming at the helm of the Illini program - after leading Illinois to its third trip to the Round of 16 in five seasons after back-to-back wins to open the 2021 NCAA tournament, including a four-set win over 2020-21 National Champion and No. 7 seed Kentucky in Lexington. The Illini finished the 2021 season ranked No. 16 in the AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25 Poll with a 22-12 overall record and finished seventh with a 12-8 mark in the Big Ten Conference.

Illinois experienced one of its most successful seasons ever in 2018 under Tamas, who was named American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Northeast Region Coach of the Year. The Illini made the program's fourth-ever appearance in the NCAA National Semifinals as the No. 3 overall seed in the tournament - riding a 17-match win streak into the Final Four - and ended the season ranked No. 3 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Coaches Poll. The team registered a 32-4 overall record and finished in second place in the Big Ten Conference with a 17-3 mark, with the 32 victories ranking tied for fourth-most wins in school history.

Under Tamas's leadership, the Illini collected a number of individual honors, highlighted by AVCA All-America First-Team selections in Jordyn Poulter and Jacqueline Quade – the first time in program history that Illinois has had multiple first-team honors in a season - as well as a Third-Team selection in Ali Bastianelli. Poulter and Bastianelli, who also garnered All-America Third Team honors in 2017, were also named Senior CLASS Award finalists and CoSIDA Academic All-District honorees. The trio also collected unanimous All-Big Ten First Team accolades, with junior Ashlyn

> Fleming named to the Second-Team and Poulter garnering the Illini's first-ever Big Ten Conference Co-Setter of the Year honor.

> In his first season at Illinois - and his first-ever season as an NCAA Division I head coach - Tamas led the Illini back to the NCAA Regionals for the

program's 17th Round of 16 in its history. The Illini finished the 2017 season with a 23-11 overall record, including a fifth-place showing in the Big Ten Conference with a 12-8 mark as well as a final ranking of No.17 in the AVCA Coaches Poll.

Tamas came to Illinois following many years learning from some of the game's great coaches, including John Cook at Nebraska and former U.S. National Team coaches Hugh McCutcheon and Ron Larsen. In all, Tamas will be entering his 15th year of collegiate coaching in the Fall of

a unanimous AVCA All-American first team selection and team MVP during his 2003 senior season. In four years with the U.S. Men's National Team (1999, 2003, 2005-06), Tamas made 34 appearances, and, in 1999, helped the squad to a silver medal at the World Junior Championships in Havana. As national team captain in 2003, Tamas helped lead the United State to a bronze medal at the World University Games in Daegu, South Korea.

As a professional, Tamas competed for six years overseas with clubs Protect Eye Orion (Netherlands), Antigos Alunos (Portugal), Real Grupo (Spain), Erdemir (Turkey), Dionysos (Cyprus) and Isku (Finland). In Finland and Cyprus, Tamas helped his clubs to national cup championships.

A native of Santa Barbara, California, Tamas and his wife, Jennifer (Joines) Tamas, have three children, Jimmy, Josephine and Carly, Along with serving as the Illinois assistant coach, Jennifer was also a volunteer assistant at both Nebraska and Cal Poly. She was a four-time All-American middle blocker at Pacific (2000-03) and silver medalist with the United States at the 2008 Summer Olympics while playing professionally for eight years in Japan, Italy, Russia, Azerbaijan and Puerto Rico. She was the U.S. Women's National Team captain for four years.



Chris Tamas was named the eighth head coach in Illinois volleyball history on February 10, 2017.

### THE CHRIS TAMAS FILE

Date of Birth: January 27, 1981 Hometown: Santa Barbara, Calif.

Education: B.S. Sports Sciences/Management, University of the

Pacific, 2003

Family: Wife, Jennifer; Son: Jimmy, Daughters: Josephine, Carly

#### **COACHING EXPERIENCE**

2017-Head Coach, University of Illinois 2018 Final Four appearance 2018 AVCA Northeast Region Coach of the Year 2014-17 Assistant Coach, University of Nebraska 2015 National Champions, Runner-up finish in B1G 2016 Final Four appearance, B1G Champions

Assistant Coach, California Polytechnic University 2013-15 Assistant Coach, University of Minnesota 2011-12

2011 NCAA Sweet 16 appearance 2012 NCAA Elite Eight appearance

2009-11 Assistant Coach, University of California-Riverside

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2003-09 Professional Volleyball

> Protect Eye Orion (Netherlands) Antigos Alunos (Portugal) Real Grupo (Spain) Erdemir (Turkey) Dionysos (Cyprus) Isku (Finland)

National Cup Championship with Dionysos and Isku Team captain for Real Grupo, Erdemir, Dionysos and Isku

1999, '03 USA Volleyball

'05-06 2006 NORCECA Championships Gold Medalist

> 2005 World Grand Champions Cup Silver Medalist 2003 World University Games team captain 2003 World University Games USA flag bearer 2003 World University Games Bronze Medalist 1999 World Jr. Championships team captain 1999 World Jr. Championships Silver Medalist

1999-2003 University of the Pacific

2003 AVCA First-Team All-America

2003 Team MVP

2001-03 MPSF All-America 2000 Most Improved Player Four-year starter and team captain

2023, including two years at Nebraska, two years at Cal Poly, two years at Minnesota and two years at UC-Riverside. Tamas is a 2003 graduate of the University of the Pacific with a degree in sports sciences. He was a four-year starter for the Tigers and

A training camp invitee for the U.S. squad that eventually captured the 2008 Olympic gold medal, Tamas also helped U.S. teams to silver at the 2005 World Grand Champions Cup in Japan and, as a setter, to a gold at the 2006 NORCECA Championships in Mexicali, Mexico.



# 12 RAINA TERRY

GRADUATE STUDENT
6-3 // OUTSIDE HITTER

MARENGO, OHIO // HIGHLAND HS

#### 2023

VolleyballMag All-American - Fourth Team... AVCA Northeast All-Region Selection First Team All-Big Ten... Irish Invitational All-Tournament Team... Boilermaker Challenge All-Tournament Team... Paced the team with 539 kills and 4.69 kills per set... Second on the squad with 36 aces, 0.31 aces per set and 12 solo blocks... Third on the team with 74 total blocks... Finished third nationally in attacks per set, Fourth in total attacks (1,516, seventh in points (618.0) eighth in kills per set and ninth in total kills... Led the team with 19 kills while also tallying eight digs and three blocks at Northern Illinois (8/26/23)... Led the Illini with 13 kills while hitting .323 and logging nine digs and five blocks against Valparaiso (8/29/23)... Paced the İllini with 26 kills, hitting .221 while tallying four blocks and seven digs against Wichita State (9/1/22)... Amassed a squad-best 22 kills while posting four dig and three blocks at UIC (9/5/23)... Posted a team-high 16 kills and six blocks while adding four digs and an ace at Bradley (9/12/23)... Paced the squad with 18 kills and logged nine digs and an ace against USC (9/14/23)... Recorded a squad-best 22 kills while adding seven digs, a pair of assists and an ace against UCF (9/15/23)... Led the team with 19 kills, adding 10 digs for her first double-double of the year at Indiana (9/20/23)... Amassed a team-high 25 kills while adding seven digs and four blocks against Michigan State (9/24/23)... Recorded a team-high 15 kills on 50 attempts while adding eight digs against #1 Wisconsin (10/7/23)... Paced the Illini with a career-high 28 kills while adding eight digs, two aces and a block at Ohio State (10/13/23)... Led the way with 24 kills and four aces while recording seven digs against Rutgers (10/15/23)... Posted 21 kills to lead the team while adding 10 digs, three blocks and a pair of aces at Rutgers (10/22/23)... Logged a team-high 19 kills and added eight digs, three blocks, an ace and an assist against #16 Purdue (10/28/23)... Registered a squad-best 22 kills and added seven digs against Northwestern (11/1/23)... Paced the team with 20 kills, adding four digs and three blocks at #1 Nebraska (11/12/23)... Posted a teamhigh 27 kills and three aces while adding six digs and a pair of blocks against Ohio State (11/15/23)... Tallied a team-high 17 kills and three aces while adding five digs and a pair of blocks against Michigan (11/18/23)... Registered a team-best 18 kills, adding three digs, a block and an ace at Minnesota (11/24/23).

#### 2022

Academic All-Big Ten... Unanimous All-Big Ten First Team Selection... AVCA Northeast All-Region Selection... Preseason All-Big Ten Team... Pac-12/Big Ten Challenge All-Tournament Team... Dayton Invite All-Tournament Team... Started all 30 matches... Led the team with 444 kills and a 4.07 kills per set average... Amassed 20 or more kills on four difference occasions against Purdue (9/30/22), Penn State (10/26/22), Minnesota (11/6/22), Maryland (9/23/22)... Tallied three double-doubles this season at Wisconsin (10/2/22), at Indiana (11/23/22) and against Minnesota (11/6/22)... Logged a season-high 17 digs at Wisconsin (10/2/2ž)... Recorded five total blocks against Northwestern (9/24/22)... Posted four block assists five separate times against Northwestern (9/24/22), at Indiana (11/23/22), against Michigan State (11/18/22), against Eastern Illinois (9/14/22), and at Rutgers (10/30/22)... Recorded a solo block in four matches, against Northwestern (9/24/22), against Washington (9/4/22), against Penn State (10/26/22), and at Marquette (9/17/22)... Tied for fourth in the Illini record books with a season-high seven aces against Missouri State (9/9/22)... Logged three assists against Maryland (9/23/22)... Posted 67 total attacks at Wisconsin (10/2/22)... Hit .483 with 17 kills, three errors and 29 total attacks against Washington (9/4/22).

#### 2021

Academic All-Big Ten ... Bluejay Invitational All-Tournament Team ... Illinois Scholar-Athlete of the Week ... Started all 34 matches on the season, playing in all 127 sets - only one of two players to do both on the team ... Led the Illini with 441 kills for a 3.47 kills per set mark on a .160 hitting percentage ... Paced the Illini and the league and ranked second in the NCAA with 55 aces, which also sits second all-time in program history for service aces in a single season ... Ranked 34th in the NCAA and fourth in the Big Ten with 530.0 points ... Also totaled 263 digs, 61 blocks and 13 assists ... Totaled 45 kills for 5.63 kills per set on a .320 hitting percentage to go along with 17 digs and three blocks in the NCAA First & Second Rounds, highlighted by 18 kills on a .317 hitting percentage to go along with nine digs vs. West Virginia (12/3) and a career-high 27 kills to tie for sixth-most in a postseason match in program history at No. 7 Kentucky (12/4/21) ... Came within one kill of equaling a career high with 22 kills to go along with nine digs at Michigan (11/24/21) ... Came within one kill of a season-high with a match-high 20 kills on a .395 hitting

percentage to go along with seven digs and a pair of service aces vs. Indiana (11/12/21) ... Had a team-high 17 kills to go along with four digs and three blocks at No. 13 Penn State (10/30/21) ... Turned in a season-high 19 kills on a .227 hitting percentage to lead the Illini against Northwestern (9/25/21), while also adding five blocks and five service aces... Registered 10 kills, eight digs and four blocks at lowa (9/22/21) ... Led the Illini with a match-high 14 kills on a career-high .591 hitting percentage after just one error in 22 swings vs. SMU (9/10/21) ... Posted a season-high 17 kills on a .300 hitting percentage vs. Omaha (9/10/21) ...

### 2020-21

Big Ten Freshman of the Week (3/22/21) ... Illinois Oskees Freshman of the Year Nominee ... Started 17 of the 18 matches she saw action in, playing in 68 sets in the conference-only 2020-21 shortened season as a six-rotation, primary passer true freshman ... Led the Illini with 210 kills on a .190 attack clip for a 3.09 kills per set mark, while also ranking second on the team and fourth in the Big Ten with 28 service aces and third on the team with 122 digs, while also totaling 27 blocks and 11 assists ... Registered six double-doubles and totaled 12 double-digit kill outings, including two 20-kill matches ... Posted a double-double of 17 kills, 10 digs and two blocks in a win at No. 8 Purdue (4/3/21) ... Registered her then-10th-straight double-digit kill outing with 11 kills on a .364 hitting percentage in a win over Indiana (3/26) ... Turned in a match-high and career-high 23 kills to go along with six digs in a five-set win over Maryland (3/20/21) ... Came within just two service aces of a triple-double after totaling 13 kills and career-highs of 15 digs and eight aces in a win over Maryland (3/19/21) ... Terry's eight aces also tied for the second-most in a single match in program history, just one off the program record of nine, set during the 2010 season ... Notched back-to-back double-doubles at No. 5 Minnesota (3/12-13/21), turning in her third-career double-double with a career-high 20 kills and 10 digs on Friday, before posting 11 kills and 10 digs on Saturday ... Totaled 25 kills on a .360 hitting percentage, while adding nine digs for 1.50 digs per set as well as three service aces, two assists and a block in two matches vs. No. 4 Nebraska (3/5-6/21) ... Tallied her second-straight doubledouble with 19 kills and a career-high 13 digs vs. Ohio State (2/20/21), while adding a career-high-tying three aces to go along with two blocks ... Turned in her first career double-double with 14 kills and 11 digs vs. Ohio State (2/19/21) ... Made her collegiate debut at Iowa (1/22/21), posting six kills, five digs and seven blocks.

#### HIGH SCHOOL

2019 Under Armour Honorable Mention All-America ... Listed as PrepVolleyball.com Senior Ace No. 89 ... Three-time Ohio High School Volleyball Coaches Association (OHSVCA) First-Team All-Ohio selection ... Three-time OHSVCA Central District First-Team and two-time Central District Player of the Year as a senior ... Three-time Knox Morrow Athletic Conference (KMAC) Player of the Year and First-Team honore and sophomore ... Earned Mid-Ohio Athletic Conference (MOAC) Second-Team honors and was named OHSVCA Central District Honorable Mention as a freshman ... Helped lead HHS to three-straight KMAC championships as well as a MOAC championship as a freshman ... Helped lead HHS to three-straight HHS making their first Final Four appearance in school history in 2016 and earning a State runner-up finish during the 2019 season ... Named to the 2019 Ultra Ankle JVA All-National Team for the Class of 2020 with her Mintonette Sports club team ... 2019 AAU 17 Open National Champions and USAV 17 Open Runner-up with her Mintonette Sports club team ...

#### **PERSONAL**

Born on February 8 ... Daughter of Nick and Jamie Terry ... Majoring in anthropology.

#### **CAREER HONORS**

- 2023 VBMag.com All-American
- 2023 All-Big Ten First Team Selection
- 2023 AVCA Northeast All-Region Selection
- 2022 VBMag.com All-American
- 2022 AVCA Northeast All-Region Selection
- 2022 Unanimous All-Big Ten First Team Selection
- 2022 AVCA Northeast All-Region Selection
- 2022 and 2023 Preseason All-Big Ten Team
- 2021-23 Academic All-Big Ten



# RAINA TERRY Marengo, Ohio | Highland HS



<u>Gr.</u> <u>OH</u> 6-3

		CAREER HIGHS
Statistic	Value	
Kills	28	at Ohio St. 10/13/23
Attacks	70	vs Michigan St. 09/24/23
Assists	3	vs Maryland 09/23/22, at Purdue 04/03/21, at UIC 09/05/23, vs SMU 09/10/21
Serve Aces	8	vs Maryland 03/19/21
Digs	17	at Wisconsin 10/02/22, at Purdue 10/01/21
Blocks	7	at Iowa 01/22/21
Block solos	2	at Rutgers 10/29/21, vs Wisconsin 10/03/21
Block assists	7	at Iowa 01/22/21

**MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS** 

## SEASON HIGHS (2023)

KILLS: 28 at Ohio State (10/23/23)

ATTACKS: 70 vs. Michigan State (9/24/23)

HITTING %: .400 vs Michigan (11/18/23)

ASSISTS: 3 vs UIC (9/5/23)

SERVICE ACES: 4 2x last at Iowa (11/10/23)

DIGS: 12 at Iowa (11/10/23)

TOTAL BLOCKS: 6 at Maryland (10/20/23)

SOLO BLOCKS: 1 multiple lastvs. Indiana (10/25/23)

BLOCK ASSISTS: 5 at Maryland (10/20/23)

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Date	Opponent	SP	K	Е	TA	PCT	Α	TA	PCT	SA	SE	TA	PCT	RE	TA	PCT	DIG	BS	BA	BE	TOTAL	BHE	POINTS	HIT%	SCORE
08/26/2023	at NIU	*4	19	7	54	.222	2	6	.333	1	1	12	.917	3	22	.864	8	0	3	1	3.0	0	21.5	.280	3-1
08/29/2023	Valparaiso	*3	13	3	31	.323	2	7	.286	2	3	8	.625	0	6	1.000	9	1	4	0	5.0	0	18.0	.385	3-0
09/01/2023	Wichita St.	*5	26	11	68	.221	2	8	.250	0	2	14	.857	2	52	.962	7	1	3	0	4.0	0	28.5	.133	2-3
09/03/2023	Illinois St.	*4	14	7	51	.137	1	9	.111	1	5	12	.583	4	37	.892	7	1	3	1	4.0	0	17.5	.216	3-1
09/05/2023	at UIC	*4	22	8	48	.292	3	12	.250	0	2	10	.800	1	19	.947	4	0	3	0	3.0	0	23.5	.371	3-1
09/07/2023	at Notre Dame	*3	18	7	51	.216	1	6	.167	1	3	10	.700	0	11	1.000	3	0	1	0	1.0	0	19.5	.115	0-3
09/08/2023	vs Oklahoma	*3	17	5	40	.300	2	4	.500	0	1	7	.857	0	21	1.000	7	1	3	1	4.0	0	19.5	.180	0-3
09/12/2023	at Bradley	*4	16	5	44	.250	2	4	.500	1	0	17	1.000	0	19	1.000	4	1	5	0	6.0	1	20.5	.228	3-1
09/14/2023	vs Southern California	*5	18	5	51	.255	1	11	.091	1	0	16	1.000	4	32	.875	9	1	0	0	1.0	0	20.0	.198	2-3
09/15/2023	vs UCF	*5	22	9	56	.232	2	3	.667	1	2	13	.846	3	27	.889	7	0	1	0	1.0	0	23.5	.216	2-3
09/20/2023	at Indiana	*4	19	12	60	.117	1	7	.143	1	3	13	.769	0	16	1.000	10	0	2	0	2.0	0	21.0	.053	1-3
09/24/2023	Michigan St.	*5	25	10	70	.214	0	9	.000	0	1	15	.933	2	33	.939	7	1	3	0	4.0	0	27.5	.243	3-2
09/29/2023	Penn St.	*3	7	7	35	.000	2	8	.250	1	1	9	.889	0	22	1.000	4	0	4	0	4.0	1	10.0	.120	0-3
09/30/2023	Iowa	*3	19	3	46	.348	0	6	.000	0	3	15	.800	0	9	1.000	7	0	0	0	0.0	0	19.0	.284	3-0
10/04/2023	at Purdue	*3	12	8	39	.103	0	1	.000	0	4	8	.500	0	4	1.000	7	1	3	0	4.0	0	14.5	.117	0-3
10/07/2023	Wisconsin	*3	15	10	50	.100	0	2	.000	1	0	10	1.000	2	13	.846	8	0	0	0	0.0	0	16.0	.085	0-3
10/13/2023	at Ohio St.	*4	28	8	64	.313	0	5	.000	2	1	14	.929	1	7	.857	8	0	1	0	1.0	0	30.5	.238	1-3
10/15/2023	Rutgers	*4	24	8	55	.291	0	6	.000	4	2	19	.895	0	7	1.000	7	0	4	0	4.0	0	30.0	.233	3-1
10/20/2023	at Maryland	*5	8	8	52	.000	1	5	.200	0	2	15	.867	2	12	.833	10	1	5	0	6.0	1	11.5	.209	3-2
10/22/2023	at Rutgers	*5	21	9	58	.207	2	8	.250	2	1	23	.957	1	21	.952	10	1	2	0	3.0	0	25.0	.220	3-2
10/25/2023	Indiana	*5	16	8	65	.123	0	3	.000	2	1	18	.944	0	10	1.000	8	1	1	0	2.0	0	19.5	.195	3-2
10/28/2023	Purdue	*4	19	11	58	.138	1	3	.333	1	0	14	1.000	1	7	.857	8	0	3	0	3.0	0	21.5	.201	3-1
11/01/2023	Northwestern	*3	22	7	61	.246	0	2	.000	1	2	17	.882	0	2	1.000	7	0	0	0	0.0	0	23.0	.268	3-0
11/04/2023	at Wisconsin	*3	9	8	28	.036	1	3	.333	2	0	8	1.000	2	19	.895	7	0	0	0	0.0	0	11.0	.000	0-3
11/10/2023	at Iowa	*3	15	3	31	.387	1	3	.333	4	1	19	.947	0	5	1.000	12	0	1	0	1.0	0	19.5	.311	3-0
11/12/2023	at Nebraska	*4	20	11	54	.167	0	5	.000	0	3	9	.667	1	16	.938	4	0	3	0	3.0	0	21.5	.109	1-3
11/15/2023	Ohio St.	*5	27	9	68	.265	0	5	.000	3	1	18	.944	2	20	.900	6	1	1	0	2.0	0	31.5	.291	3-2
11/18/2023	Michigan	*3	17	3	35	.400	0	4	.000	3	2	12	.833	0	8	1.000	5	0	2	0	2.0	1	21.0	.360	3-0
11/24/2023	at Minnesota	*3	18	10	56	.143	0	4	.000	1	0	9	1.000	1	12	.917	3	0	1	0	1.0	0	19.5	.107	0-3
11/25/2023	at Northwestern	*3	13	10	37	.081	0	4	.000	0	1	10	.900	1	15	.933	10	0	0	0	0.0	0	13.0	.088	0-3
Totals		115	539	230	1516	.204	27	163	.166	36	48	394	.878	33	504	.935	213	12	62	3	74.0	4	618.0		

Plaver Averages						
Sets Played	Kills per set	Assists per set	Service aces per set	Digs per set	Blocks per set	Points per set
115	4.69	0.23	0.31	1.85	0.64	5.37

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SEASON	TEAM	SM-MP	K	K/S	Е	TA	PCT	Α	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	ВА	ТВ	B/S	BE	вне	PTS	PTS/S
2020-21	Illini	68-18	210	3.09	100	578	.190	11	0.16	28	0.41	40	122	1.79	19	0	27	27	0.40	5	1	251.5	3.70
2021-22	Illini	127-34	441	3.47	232	1304	.160	13	0.10	55	0.43	50	263	2.07	15	7	54	61	0.48	9	2	530.0	4.17
2022-23	Illini	109-30	444	4.07	175	1163	.231	13	0.12	45	0.41	82	169	1.55	39	4	60	64	0.59	9	1	523.0	4.80
2023-24	Illini	115-30	539	4.69	230	1516	.204	27	0.23	36	0.31	48	213	1.85	33	12	62	74	0.64	3	4	618.0	5.37
TOTA	AL	419 - 112	1634	3.90	737	4561	.197	64	0.15	164	0.39	220	767	1.83	106	23	203	226	0.54	26	8	1923	4.59



# 10 CAROLINE BARNES

SENIOR 5-10 // LIBERO

NAPERVILLE, ILL. // BENET ACADEMY

### 2023

Academic All-Big Ten... Appeared in 26 matches, making two starts but primarily playing at libero... Led the team with 331 digs and 3.34 digs per set... Made debut coming off the bench, tallying six digs against UIC (9/5/23)... Posted six digs and an assist at Notre Dame (9/7/23)... Tallied four dig, two aces and two assists against Oklahoma (9/8/23)... Recorded a squad-best three aces and added seven digs at Bradley (9/12/23)... Posted 11 digs and an ace against USC (9/14/23)... Amassed nine digs and six assists against UCF (9/15/23)... Made first start at libero, logging a teambest 17 digs at Indiana (9/20/23)... Tallied 12 digs and five assists against Michigan State (9/24/23)... Posted eight digs and a pair of assists against #15 Penn State (9/29/30)... Recorded nine digs and three assists against Iowa (9/30/23)... Logged a team-best 14 digs and an ace at #19 Purdue (10/4/23)... Posted a team best 12 digs against #1 Wisconsin (10/7/23)... Paced the squad with 16 digs and added nine assists at Ohio State (10/13/23)... Tallied three assists and 12 digs against Rutgers (10/15/23)... Added 12 digs and five assists at Maryland (10/20/23)... Logged a seasonhigh 22 digs and added five assists at Rutgers (10/22/23)... Posted 21 digs and six assists against Indiana (10/25/23)... Tallied 15 digs to pace the squad against #16 Purdue (10/28/23)... Recorded a team-best 18 digs and added three assists against Northwestern (11/1/23)... Posted six digs and a pair of assists at #2 Wisconsin (11/4/23)... Led the team with 13 digs, three assists and an ace at Iowa (11/10/23)... Paced the Illini squad with 15 digs and added an ace at #1 Nebraska (11/12/23)... Logged a teamhigh 21 digs and added a pair of assists against Ohio State (11/15/23)... Posted a team-best 10 digs and added four assists and an ace against Michigan (11/18/23)... Tallied 22 digs, four assists and an ace at Minnesota (11/24/23)

#### 2022

Academic All-Big Ten... CSC Academic All-District... Played in all 30 matches at the libero position... Logged a team-best 375 digs, averaging 3.44 per set... Finished seconds on the team with 130 assists, posting 1.19 per set... Tallied 20 service aces for the year... Tallied double-digit digs on 22 occasions... Posted 20 or more digs on three separate occasions... Recorded 21 digs at Eastern Illinois (9/9/22)... Earned a season-high 25 digs against Illinois State (9/17/22)... Posted 20 digs against Purdue (9/30/22)... Logged her first career double-double against Minnesota (11/6/22)...Notched a season-best three service aces at Minnesota (10/15/22)

#### 2021

Played in all 34 matches as a true freshman, starting 25 of them and totaling 177 digs and two service aces ... Registered 10 digs at Michigan (11/24/21) ... Posted a career-high 12 digs in a win at No. 13 Penn State (10/30/21) ... Earned her third-career double-digit dig outing with 10 in a win vs. Michigan (10/23/21) ... Served up her first career ace in a win at Northwestern (10/20/21) ... Turned in 11 digs against No. 6 Purdue (10/6/21) ... Reached double figures for the first time with 10 digs at lowa (9/22/21) ... Started both matches at the Big Ten/Pac-12 Challenge, posting seven digs in five sets vs. Colorado (9/4)/21 ... Started all three matches at the Panther Invite, including posting seven digs in her Illini debut in a five-set win vs. UCSB (8/27/21).

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

Played with Adversity Volleyball Club (18 Adidas) as a junior and senior ... Was a two-year team captain for her Sports Performance club team during her freshman and sophomore seasons ... Named AAU Volleyball National Championship Most Valuable Player as a sophomore ... Earned AAU Volleyball National Championship All-Tournament Team Award as a freshman ... Two-time Great Lakes President's Day Tournament All-Tournament Team Award honoree ... AAU Volleyball Academic All-American as a sophomore ... Three-time First Honors Academic Honor Roll ... Helped lead her Sports Performance club team to back-to-back AAU Volleyball Premier National Championships in 2018 and 2019 as well as helping to lead her Adversity club team to the 2020 Windy City Power League Championship.

#### **PERSONAL**

Born on December 30 ... Daughter of Lee and Michaeline Barnes ... Has six siblings, Nicole Richard, Lee Barnes, Lauren Barnes, Kathryn Barnes, Jennifer Barnes and Jillian Barnes... Sister Lauren played volleyball for Wisconsin and Minnesota... Majoring in information sciences.

#### **CAREER HONORS**

- Three-time Academic All-Big Ten
- 2023 CSC Academic All District
- 2022 CSC Academic All District



# CAROLINE BARNES Naperville, Ill. | Benet Academy

		CAREER HIGHS
Statistic	Value	
Kills	1	vs Missouri St. 09/09/22, at Maryland 10/07/22, at UIC 09/05/23, at Eastern III. 09/14/22
Attacks	2	vs Wisconsin 10/07/23, at Northwestern 10/20/21, at Rutgers 10/29/21
Assists	10	vs Minnesota 11/06/22
Serve Aces	3	at Minnesota 10/15/22, at Bradley 09/12/23
Digs	25	vs Illinois St. 09/17/22
PCT	1.000	at UIC 09/05/23

## SEASON HIGHS (2023)

KILLS: 1 at UIC (9/5/23)

ATTACKS: 2 vs. Wisconsin (10/7/23)

HITTING %:

ASSISTS: 9 at Ohio State (10/13/23)

SERVICE ACES: 2 vs. Oklahoma (9/8/23)

DIGS: 22 at Rutgers (10/23/23)

TOTAL BLOCKS:

SOLO BLOCKS:

**BLOCK ASSISTS:** 

	MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS																								
				Α	tta	ck		Set	:		S	erve			Rece	pt			Blo	ocki	ng		Te	am	
Date	Opponent	SP	K	Е	TΑ	PCT	Α	TA	PCT	SA	SE	TA	PCT	RE	TA	PCT	DIG	BS	ВА	BE.	TOTAL	BHE	POINTS	HIT%	SCORE
09/05/2023	at UIC	4	1	0	1	1.000	1	4	.250	0	2	23	.913	0	18	1.000	6	0	0	0	0.0	0	1.0	.371	3-1
09/07/2023	at Notre Dame	3	0	0	1	.000	1	2	.500	0	1	12	.917	2	22	.909	6	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	.115	0-3
09/08/2023	vs Oklahoma	3	0	0	1	.000	2	2	1.000	2	0	14	1.000	0	13	1.000	4	0	0	0	0.0	0	2.0	.180	0-3
09/12/2023	at Bradley	4	0	0	0	.000	0	2	.000	3	1	17	.941	2	24	.917	7	0	0	0	0.0	0	3.0	.228	3-1
09/14/2023	vs Southern California	*5	0	1	1	-1.000	0	3	.000	1	0	17	1.000	2	18	.889	11	0	0	0	0.0	0	1.0	.198	2-3
09/15/2023	vs UCF	*5	0	0	0	.000	6	12	.500	0	2	14	.857	1	10	.900	9	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	.216	2-3
09/20/2023	at Indiana	4	0	0	0	.000	3	18	.167	0	2	14	.857	6	45	.867	17	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	.053	1-3
09/24/2023	Michigan St.	5	0	0	1	.000	5	18	.278	1	2	23	.913	0	16	1.000	12	0	0	0	0.0	0	1.0	.243	3-2
09/29/2023	Penn St.	3	0	0	0	.000	2	13	.154	0	1	12	.917	0	19	1.000	8	0	0	0	0.0	1	0.0	.120	0-3
09/30/2023	Iowa	3	0	0	0	.000	3	11	.273	2	2	15	.867	1	16	.938	9	0	0	0	0.0	0	2.0	.284	3-0
10/04/2023	at Purdue	3	0	0	1	.000	1	8	.125	1	1	10	.900	6	23	.739	14	0	0	0	0.0	0	1.0	.117	0-3
10/07/2023	Wisconsin	3	0	0	2	.000	3	14	.214	0	1	8	.875	1	15	.933	12	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	.085	0-3
10/13/2023	at Ohio St.	4	0	0	0	.000	9	19	.474	1	3	18	.833	3	31	.903	16	0	0	0	0.0	0	1.0	.238	1-3
10/15/2023	Rutgers	4	0	0	0	.000	3	16	.188	0	1	17	.941	2	36	.944	12	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	.233	3-1
10/20/2023	at Maryland	5	0	0	0	.000	5	19	.263	0	1	19	.947	0	32	1.000	12	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	.209	3-2
10/22/2023	at Rutgers	5	0	0	0	.000	5	19	.263	1	3	16	.813	3	33	.909	22	0	0	0	0.0	0	1.0	.220	3-2
10/25/2023	Indiana	5	0	0	0	.000	6	19	.316	0	1	14	.929	1	40	.975	21	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	.195	3-2
10/28/2023	Purdue	4	0	0	0	.000	0	10	.000	0	0	20	1.000	0	19	1.000	16	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	.201	3-1
11/01/2023	Northwestern	3	0	0	0	.000	3	13	.231	1	1	12	.917	0	19	1.000	18	0	0	0	0.0	0	1.0	.268	3-0
11/04/2023	at Wisconsin	3	0	0	0	.000	2	15	.133	0	0	4	1.000	0	2	1.000	6	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	.000	0-3
11/10/2023	at Iowa	3	0	0	0	.000	3	10	.300	1	1	14	.929	0	8	1.000	13	0	0	0	0.0	0	1.0	.311	3-0
11/12/2023	at Nebraska	4	0	0	1	.000	4	11	.364	1	1	14	.929	2	21	.905	14	0	0	0	0.0	0	1.0	.109	1-3
11/15/2023	Ohio St.	5	0	0	0	.000	2	21	.095	0	0	17	1.000	0	11	1.000	21	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	.291	3-2
11/18/2023	Michigan	3	0	1	1	-1.000	4	11	.364	1	3	13	.769	0	13	1.000	10	0	0	0	0.0	0	1.0	.360	3-0
	at Minnesota	3	0	0	0	.000	4	16	.250	1	1	12	.917	1	26	.962	22	0	0	0	0.0	0	1.0	.107	0-3
11/25/2023	at Northwestern	3	0	0	0	.000	1	9	.111	0	0	6	1.000	2	21	.905	13	0	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	.088	0-3
Totals		99	1	2	10	100	78	315	.248	17	31	375	.917	35	551	.936	331	0	0	0	0.0	1	18.0		

Player Averages						
Sets Played	Kills per set	Assists per set	Service aces per set	Digs per set	Blocks per set	Points per set
99	0.01	0.79	0.17	3.34	0.00	0.18



								CARE	ER N	IUMBE	RS											
SEASON TEAM	SM-MP	Κ	K/S	Ε	TA	PCT	Α	A/S	SA	SA/S	SE	DIG	D/S	RE	BS	BA	ТВ	B/S	BE	вне	PTS	PTS/S
2021-22 Illini	127-34	0	0.00	0	5	.000	17	0.13	2	0.02	1	177	1.39	20	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	2.0	0.02
2022-23 Illini	109-30	3	0.03	1	6	.333	130	1.19	20	0.18	48	375	3.44	42	0	0	0	0.00	0	2	23.0	0.21
2023-24 Illini	99-26	1	0.01	2	10	100	78	0.79	17	0.17	31	331	3.34	35	0	0	0	0.00	0	1	18.0	0.18
TOTAL	335 - 90	4	0.01	3	21	.048	225	0.67	39	0.12	80	883	2.64	97	0	0	0	0.00	0	3	43.0	0.13

### FIGHTING ILLINI ROSTER

NO.	NAME	HT.	POS.	YR.	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOL)
2	Raegen Reilly	5-10	S	Sr.	Sioux Falls, S.D. (South Dakota State)
3	Lily Barry	5-6	L/DS	So.	Emden, III. (University HS)
4	Bianca May	5-8	S	R-So	Orland Park, III. (Carl Sandburg HS)
5	Taylor de Boer	6-4	OH/OPP	R-Fr. K	elowna, British Columbia (Okanagan Mission Secondary School)
7	Sarah Bingham	6-3	MB/OH	R-Jr.	Fairway, Kan. (Shawnee Mission East HS)
8	Averie Hernandez	6-2	OH/OPP	Jr.	Bloomington, III. (Northwestern)
9	Kayla Burbage	6-4	OPP/OH	Sr.	Clayton N.C. (Missouri)
<u>10</u>	Caroline Barnes	5-11	L/DS	Sr.	Naperville, III. (Benet Academy)
<u>11</u>	Cari Bohm	6-4	MB	R-So.	Ann Arbor, Mich. (Skyline HS)
<u>12</u>	Raina Terry	6-3	OH	Gr.	Marengo, Ohio (Highland HS)
<u>13</u>	Kenzie Cogan	5-7	DS/L	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (Mount Notre Dame)
<u>15</u>	Gabby Dean	6-4	MB	R-Fr.	Columbus, Ind. (Columbus East HS)
<u>16</u>	Ashlyn Philpot	6-4	MB	Fr.	Greenville, N.C. (DH Conley HS)
<u>1</u> 7	Christine Pullen	5-6	DS/L	Fr.	Naperville, III. (Benet Academy)
<u>19</u>	Vivian Campbell	5-10	S	So.	Oswego, III. (Cincinnati)
22	Brooke Mosher	6-0	S	R-Jr.	Waterloo, Wis. (Waterloo HS)
23	Laynie Smith	6-3	OH/OPP	Fr.	Durham, N.C. (Chapel Hill HS)
24	Christina Martinez Mundo	5-6	L/DS	Gr.	San Juan, P.R. (Eastern Illinois)

HEAD COACH: Chris Tamas (8th year as head coach, Pacific '03)
ASSISTANT COACH: Eli Sharping (5th year, Wisconsin '12)
ASSISTANT COACH: Krista Hendrickson (3rd year, Washington '15)
ASSISTANT COACH: Jen Tamas (8th year, Pacific '04)
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS: Andy Wenstrand (8th year, Florida Tech '05)
ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER: Erika King

ASSOCIATE STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH: Emily Schilling

SPORTS PSYCHOLOGIST: Becky Cook

Chris TAMAS Sarah BINGHAM Cari BOHM Brooke MOSHER	Thomas Bing-uhm Boam (like foam) Mow-sure	RAINA Terry	Rain-nah
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#### TERRY EARNS PRESEASON BIG TEN HONORS

Illinois outside hitter Raina Terry received Big Ten Preseason Honors, the league announced. Terry is one of 18 student-athletes from the conference to earn the accolade.

Terry closed out her senior campaign leading the Big Ten with 618 total points and finishing third with 539 total kills. At the end of the regular season, the outside hitter's 4.69 kills per set ranked sixth nationally and second in the conference, while her 5.37 points per set were seventh in the country and second in the league. At the end of 2023, the marks ranked eighth and ninth in the country, respectively.

In conference play alone, the senior placed second with 5.41 points per set and third with 4.72 kills per set. Terry also added 0.37 aces per set to rank 10th in the league. The 28 strikes from the service line were fifth best in the league.

During her reign of terror last season, Terry logged 10 matches with 20 or more kills, including seven against league opponents. The six-rotation outside hitter also registered three double-doubles last year. Terry paced the squad in kills during 28 of 30 matches in 2023.

The Marengo, Ohio, native was the first player in the Big Ten to reach 500 kills last year, eclipsing the mark on her Senior Night in the Illini's match against Michigan (Nov. 18). In the Orange and Blue's contest at Ohio State, Terry posted a career-best 28 kills in just four sets against the Buckeyes.

After four years with the Illini, Terry sits 10th all-time with 1,634 career kills. She currently sits between AVCA All-America honorable mention Megan Cooney and 2020 Olympic gold medalist Michelle Bartsch-Hackley. Terry is also fourth all-time with 164 career aces.

#### **REIGN OF TERROR RETURNS**

Raina Terry returns to Illinois for her final season with the Orange and Blue in 2024. The outside hitter made such remarks during her Senior Day following the Illini's triumph over Michigan.

## ILLINOIS VOLLEYBALL EARNS 2024 AVCA TEAM ACADEMIC AWARD

Illinois volleyball was a recipient of the 2024 AVCA Team Academic Award sponsored by INTENT, as announced by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).

The award, initiated in the 1992–93 academic year, honors volleyball teams that maintain a year-long grade-point average of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale or 4.1 on a 5.0 scale. This year, more than 1,400 collegiate and high school volleyball programs earned the recognition, marking an all-time record number of programs honored for their academic achievements.

The accolade marks the 12th-straight season the Fighting Illini program has earned the award. During the 2023-24 campaign, 10 student-athletes received Academic All-Big Ten honors while five were recently named distinguished scholars by the league.

#### **JORDYN IN PARIS**

Illinois volleyball alum Jordyn Poulter represented the United States at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris this summer.

The All-American setter is one of 12 selected for the Olympic roster. Eight Big Ten players made the U.S. roster for the 2024 Olympics. Setter Poulter, libero Justine Wong-Orantes, opposites Annie Drews and Jordan Thompson, and middle blockers Chiaka Ogbogu and Haleigh Washington will all compete in their second Olympics after winning the gold medal in Tokyo and four players will make their Olympic debuts in Paris. Jordan

Larson will compete in her fourth Olympic Games and Kelsey Robinson Cook will make her third Olympic run.

Poulter becomes the only Fighting Illini volleyball alum to make two Olympic rosters. Poulter and former Illlini All-American Michelle Barsch-Hackley helped the U.S. earn its first-ever gold medal at the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Kirsten Gleis represented Holland at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics, marking Poulter's addition to the U.S. squad as the fourth time a Fighting Illini alum has made an Olympic team.

Poulter was named Best Setter at the last Summer Olympics following the final match when the U.S. National Team swept Brazil (25-21, 25-20, 25-14) to capture gold. The setter helped the team to a .418 hitting efficiency during the gold-medal match and totaled 36 assists, six digs and one kill. Despite suffering an ankle injury in pool play, Poulter still managed to lead all setters during the games with 247 assists.

Taking home the gold at the 2020 Olympic Games marked the sixth medal earned by the United States in women's volleyball, adding to its three silver medals (1984, 2008, 2012) and two bronze medals (1992, 2016).

During her time in the Orange and Blue, Poulter was a three-time All-American, earning first-team accolades as a senior in 2018. During her stellar senior campaign, the Colorado native was named the Big Ten Co-Setter of the Year, AVCA Northeast Region Player of the Year and a finalist for the Honda Award. Poulter also led the Illini to the program's fourth-ever NCAA National Semifinal appearance.

# NEWCOMERS JOIN ILLINOIS ROSTER FOR 2023 CAMPAIGN

After losing six players from last year's squad, the Fighting Illini added eight newcomers to its 2023 team. Four Freshmen joined the Illini including Kenzie Cogan, Ashlyn Philpot, Laynie Smith and

	2024 SCHEDULE	
DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (CT)
Aug. 30	vs. Cincinnati	2 PM
Aug. 31	at Bowling Green	5 PM
Sept. 2	Illinois State	7 PM
Sept. 6	vs. Toledo	4 PM
Sept. 7	at Iowa State	4 PM
Sept. 8	vs. Wake Forest	12 PM
Sept. 13	vs. Dayton	1 PM
Sept. 14	at WKU	3 PM
Sept. 20	vs. Missouri	4 PM
Sept. 21	at Lipscomb	6 PM
Sept. 27	at Oregon*	9:30 PM
Sept. 28	at Washington*	TBA
Oct. 3	Nebraska*	6 PM
0ct. 6	Northwestern*	1 PM
Oct. 11	at Michigan*	TBA
Oct. 12	at Michigan State*	TBA
0ct. 16	Indiana*	6 PM
Oct. 20	Maryland*	1 PM
Oct. 25	at Nebraska*	TBA
Oct. 27	at lowa*	2 PM
Nov. 1	at Northwestern*	TBA
Nov. 3	Wisconsin*	1 PM
Nov. 8	USC*	7 PM
Nov. 9	Ohio State*	7 PM
Nov. 15	at Penn State*	TBA
Nov. 17	at Purdue*	4 PM
Nov. 22	Rutgers*	7 PM
Nov. 23	UCLA*	7 PM
Nov. 27	Minnesota*	7 PM
Nov. 29	at Indiana*	7 PM

\* = Big Ten game Home games in **BOLD** 

! = BGSU Tournament (Bowling Green, Ohio)

# = Iowa State Tournament (Ames, Iowa)

% = WKU Tournament (Bowling Green, Ky.)

% = Lipscomb Tournament (Nashville, Tenn.)

#### 2023 RESULTS (16-14, 11-9 B1G)

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Aug. 26	at Northern Illinois	W, 3-1
Aug. 29	Valparaiso	W, 3-0
Sept. 1	Wichita State	L, 2-3
Sept. 3	Illinois State	W, 3-1
Sept. 5	at UIC	W, 3-1
Sept. 7	at Notre Dame^	L, 0-3
Sept. 8	vs. Oklahoma^	L, 0-3
Sept. 12	at Bradley	W, 3-1
Sept. 14	vs. USC%	L, 2-3
Sept. 15	vs. UCF%	L, 2-3
Sept. 20	at Indiana*	L, 1-3
Sept. 24	Michigan State*	W, 3-2
Sept. 29	#15 Penn State*	L, 0-3
Sept. 30	lowa*	W, 3-0
Oct. 4	at #19 Purdue*	L, 0-3
Oct. 7	#1 Wisconsin*	L, 0-3
Oct. 13	at Ohio State*	L, 1-3
Oct. 15	Rutgers*	W, 3-1
Oct. 20	at Maryland*	W, 3-2
Oct. 22	at Rutgers*	W, 3-2
Oct. 25	Indiana*	W, 3-2
Oct. 28	#16 Purdue*	W, 3-1
Nov. 1	Northwestern*	W, 3-0
Nov. 4	at #2 Wisconsin*	L, 0-3
Nov. 10	at Iowa*	W, 3-0
Nov. 12	at #1 Nebraska*	L, 1-3
Nov. 15	Ohio State*	W, 3-2
Nov. 18	Michigan*	W, 3-0
Nov. 24	at Minnesota*	L, 0-3
Nov. 25	at Northwestern*	L, 0-3

\* = Big Ten game

Home games in **BOLD** 

^ - Irish Invitational (South Bend, Ind.)

% - Boilermaker Challenge (West Lafayette, Ind.)

Christine Pullen.

Illinois also announced the addition of four transfer students in the offseason. Raegen Reilly, Averie Hernandez, Vivian Campbell and Christina Martinez Mundo will don the Orange and Blue in 2024.

Reilly and Hernandez have ties to other Big Ten teams with Reilly's sister Bergen playing for Nebraska and Hernandez transferring from Northwestern.

#### A LOOK BACK AT 2023

With Chris Tamas at the helm for his seventh season, the Fighting Illini posted a 16-14 record with a 11-9 mark in Big Ten play. For a second-straight season, Raina Terry took home All-Big Ten First Team and AVCA All-Region honors.

Illinois owned a six match winning streak during Big Ten play, including a top-25 victory over thenranked #16 Purdue (3-1) at Huff Hall.

In 2023, the Orange and Blue tallied double-digit roofs in 12 contests. The team's season-high 17 blocks came on two separate occasions, against Michigan State on Sept. 24 and at Maryland on Oct. 22. In matches when the Illini led opponents in blocks, Illinois owns a 13-3 record.

Illinois registered a season-best 12 service aces both at Ohio State on Oct. 13 and against the Buckeyes on Nov. 15. Individually, Brooke Mosher led the way both times, logging five aces during the four-set battle in Columbus and a career-high seven strikes from the service line at Huff Hall.

Caroline Barnes was named to the College Sports Communicators (CSC formally known as CoSIDA) Academic All- District team for a second-straight season, capitalizing on her success on the court and in the classroom.

#### **TOP RETURNERS IN 2024**

Four starters and the libero return for the Fighting Illini in 2023. Preseason all-conference selection Raina Terry enters her final season in 2023. Terry was an AVCA All-Region section in 2022 and 2023. The outside hitter has garnered All-Bi Ten First Team accolades in back-to-back seasons.

Cari Bohm is back in the middle for the Illini. The redshirt sophomore was the squad leader in blocks (129.0) and blocks per set (1.12) in 2023.

Lily Barry made her debut last season as a true freshman. The Emden, Ill., native made 14 starts including 10 appearances at libero. She logged a pair of 20-plus dig games and finished third on the team with 245 total digs.

Caroline Barnes returns for her senior season. The libero logged 331 digs during her junior campaign, averaging 3.34 digs per set to pace the squad. She led the team in digs on 14 occasions, tallying 20-or more four times.

Brooke Mosher enters her redshirt-junior campaign in 2024. The setter started all 30 matches last year, leading the Fighting Illini offense. Mosher dished out 1,060 assists for a 9.22 assists per set average. She also led the way with 38 service aces on the year.

University Information
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Nickname: Fighting Illini
Founded:
Colors: Orange and Blue
Conference: Big Ten
Division: NCAA Division I
Home Court:
President: Timothy L. Killeen
Chancellor:
Enrollment:
Athletic Director: Josh Whitman
Senior Women's Administrator: Sara Burton
Ticket Office Phone:
History
First Year:1974
Overall Record:
Big Ten Record489-316 (.609)
Years in NCAA Tournament (Record):27 (46-27)
Team Information
2023 Record:
Big Ten Record:
Postseason: N/A
Starters Returning/Lost: 4+libero/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/5
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/5 Newcomers: 8
Newcomers: