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PREGAME BOOKS 7 matches



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PREGAME BOOKS THIS WEEKEND

20261016-florida-texas-a-and-m.pdf	4 storylines
20261016-indiana-oregon.pdf	4 storylines
20261017-purdue-nebraska.pdf	4 storylines
20261018-arizona-state-kansas.pdf	4 storylines
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THE WEEKEND

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Seven matches pair two AVCA top-25 teams. No. 1 Nebraska (17-0) hosts No. 13 Purdue; No. 7 Florida plays at No. 19 Texas A&M and No. 12 Texas in three days; No. 18 Indiana visits No. 11 Oregon and No. 20 Washington.

Day	Match	First serve (host)	TV	MESH pick
Fri Oct 16	 No. 7 Florida (13-2) at  No. 19 Texas A&M (10-7)	6:00 PM	SEC Network	Texas A&M 53%
Fri Oct 16	 No. 18 Indiana (10-5) at  No. 11 Oregon (14-2)	6:00 PM	B1G+	Oregon 68%
Sat Oct 17	 No. 13 Purdue (10-5) at  No. 1 Nebraska (17-0)	4:00 PM CDT	Big Ten Network	Nebraska 96%
Sun Oct 18	 No. 7 Florida (13-2) at  No. 12 Texas (8-6)	7:30 PM CT	ESPN	Florida 56%
Sun Oct 18	 No. 8 Arizona State (13-3) at  No. 17 Kansas (11-4)	12:00 PM CT	ESPN	Kansas 51%
Sun Oct 18	 No. 23 North Carolina (11-3) at  No. 3 Louisville (16-2)	1:00 PM	ACCNX	Louisville 90%
Sun Oct 18	 No. 18 Indiana (10-5) at  No. 20 Washington (13-2)	2:00 PM	B1G+	Washington 72%

MESH pick: the MESH team model's win probability, from every rally of the season, adjusted for opponent and site. Times as the host school lists them. A full pregame book for each match is listed on the contents page.

AVCA TOP 25 AND THE MODEL

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AVCA	Team	Record	Move	Points	MESH rank	Adj. side-out %	Adj. point-scoring %	Schedule	Luck
1	 Nebraska	17-0	–	1575	1	69.6% (1st)	53.2% (1st)	21st	+3
2	 Pittsburgh	15-1	–	1511	2	68.8% (2nd)	50.6% (3rd)	5th	+4
3	 Louisville	16-2	–	1415	3	67.4% (3rd)	52.1% (2nd)	18th	-2
4	 Kentucky	13-3	–	1362	4	66.9% (7th)	50.0% (6th)	3rd	+0
5	 SMU	13-3	▲1	1349	9	67.3% (4th)	47.0% (33rd)	4th	+8
6	 Wisconsin	11-5	▲1	1253	10	67.2% (6th)	46.3% (47th)	1st	+5
7	 Florida	13-2	▼2	1170	7	66.6% (10th)	49.2% (10th)	12th	+5
8	 Arizona State	13-3	▲3	1085	5	65.3% (14th)	50.0% (5th)	24th	-5
9	 Tennessee	12-3	▲1	1003	6	66.0% (12th)	49.5% (8th)	28th	-8
10	 TCU	14-3	▼2	966	21	64.2% (22nd)	46.4% (42nd)	18th	+9
11	 Oregon	14-2	▲2	918	18	63.9% (24th)	47.2% (28th)	17th	+16
12	 Texas	8-6	▼3	806	24	64.7% (19th)	45.4% (68th)	2nd	+5
13	 Purdue	10-5	▲3	745	23	65.3% (13th)	47.1% (31st)	10th	-5
14	 BYU	13-1	▲3	714	8	66.5% (11th)	48.8% (13th)	40th	+6
15	 Penn State	12-4	▲3	694	17	63.4% (29th)	49.0% (11th)	8th	+0
16	 Stanford	10-6	▼2	643	29	63.0% (34th)	47.1% (29th)	6th	+2
17	 Kansas	11-4	▲2	492	12	67.3% (5th)	46.8% (35th)	34th	-11
18	 Indiana	10-5	▼3	456	31	62.6% (38th)	47.7% (26th)	7th	+4
19	 Texas A&M	10-7	▼7	409	14	64.7% (18th)	48.1% (19th)	9th	-16
20	 Washington	13-2	–	361	15	65.1% (16th)	49.3% (9th)	30th	+1
21	 Minnesota	9-5	–	320	16	64.0% (23rd)	49.8% (7th)	14th	-12
22	 Michigan State	14-2	–	258	13	63.5% (27th)	50.1% (4th)	62nd	+0
23	 North Carolina	11-3	▲2	201	27	63.0% (32nd)	48.2% (17th)	29th	+6
24	 Vanderbilt	13-2	NEW	188	11	66.7% (9th)	48.7% (15th)	37th	+0
25	 Colorado	12-4	▼2	178	41	60.3% (89th)	47.0% (32nd)	32nd	+11

AVCA Week 7 poll, Oct 12. MESH rank, adjusted rates and schedule strength rank each team among 348 D-I teams in MESH's team model (2,735 matches of play-by-play, 442,904 rallies). Luck: actual win % minus the win % the team's points predict, in percentage points.

MESH TEAM RATINGS

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	Team	Conference	Record	Rating	Adj. side-out %	Adj. point-scoring %	Schedule	AVCA
1	 Nebraska	Big Ten	17-0	+22.22	69.6% 100	53.2% 100	+7.20 94	No. 1
2	 Pittsburgh	ACC	15-1	+18.99	68.8% 100	50.6% 99	+9.13 99	No. 2
3	 Louisville	ACC	16-2	+18.48	67.4% 99	52.1% 100	+7.54 95	No. 3
4	 Kentucky	SEC	13-3	+16.30	66.9% 98	50.0% 99	+10.04 99	No. 4
5	 Arizona State	Big 12	13-3	+15.14	65.3% 96	50.0% 99	+6.82 93	No. 8
6	 Tennessee	SEC	12-3	+14.75	66.0% 97	49.5% 98	+5.89 92	No. 9
7	 Florida	SEC	13-2	+14.41	66.6% 97	49.2% 97	+7.84 97	No. 7
8	 BYU	Big 12	13-1	+14.39	66.5% 97	48.8% 97	+5.50 89	No. 14
9	 SMU	ACC	13-3	+14.13	67.3% 99	47.0% 91	+9.52 99	No. 5
10	 Wisconsin	Big Ten	11-5	+13.64	67.2% 99	46.3% 87	+12.27 100	No. 6
11	 Vanderbilt	SEC	13-2	+13.20	66.7% 98	48.7% 96	+5.62 90	No. 24
12	 Kansas	Big 12	11-4	+13.16	67.3% 99	46.8% 90	+5.77 90	No. 17
13	 Michigan State	Big Ten	14-2	+12.83	63.5% 93	50.1% 99	+3.94 82	No. 22
14	 Texas A&M	SEC	10-7	+12.81	64.7% 95	48.1% 95	+8.02 98	No. 19
15	 Washington	Big Ten	13-2	+12.74	65.1% 96	49.3% 98	+5.83 92	No. 20
16	 Minnesota	Big Ten	9-5	+12.54	64.0% 94	49.8% 98	+7.71 96	No. 21
17	 Penn State	Big Ten	12-4	+11.77	63.4% 92	49.0% 97	+8.12 98	No. 15
18	 Oregon	Big Ten	14-2	+11.74	63.9% 93	47.2% 92	+7.56 95	No. 11
19	 Baylor	Big 12	11-5	+11.38	66.8% 98	45.1% 78	+7.57 96	—
20	 Illinois	Big Ten	11-6	+11.38	64.6% 95	47.9% 94	+6.73 93	—
21	 Georgia Tech	ACC	11-5	+11.35	63.4% 92	48.8% 97	+5.33 88	—
22	 TCU	Big 12	14-3	+11.35	64.2% 94	46.4% 88	+7.54 95	No. 10
23	 Purdue	Big Ten	10-5	+11.33	65.3% 97	47.1% 91	+7.98 97	No. 13
24	 Texas	SEC	8-6	+11.24	64.7% 95	45.4% 81	+12.12 100	No. 12
25	 Colorado State	Pac-12	13-3	+11.13	63.0% 91	48.1% 95	+4.57 85	—
26	 UCLA	Big Ten	13-4	+11.13	65.1% 96	46.4% 88	+7.38 95	—
27	 North Carolina	ACC	11-3	+10.73	63.0% 91	48.2% 95	+5.87 92	No. 23

Rating: points per 100 rallies better than an average D-I team on a neutral floor. Small grey numbers are percentiles among D-I teams (100 = best). Schedule: average rating of opponents faced.

CONFERENCE POWER

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Conference	Teams	Avg. rating	AVCA 25	MESH 50	Best team (MESH rank)	Conference	Teams	Avg. rating	AVCA 25	MESH 50	Best team (MESH rank)
Big Ten	18	+10.03	9	12	 Nebraska (1st)	Summit	8	-0.67	0	0	 South Dakota (75th)
SEC	16	+8.94	6	10	 Kentucky (4th)	United Athletic	9	-1.21	0	0	 Eastern Kentucky (54th)
Big 12	15	+7.95	5	7	 Arizona State (5th)	Big South	8	-1.28	0	0	 High Point (55th)
ACC	18	+6.05	5	7	 Pittsburgh (2nd)	CAA	11	-1.38	0	0	 Charleston (56th)
Big East	11	+2.89	0	2	 Marquette (33rd)	Missouri Valley	11	-1.46	0	1	 Northern Iowa (37th)
Pac-12	9	+2.55	0	2	 Colorado State (25th)	Big Sky	11	-1.53	0	0	 Utah Tech (70th)
American	13	+1.98	0	1	 Tulsa (44th)	Horizon	11	-1.61	0	0	 Northern Kentucky (93rd)
Mountain West	10	+1.70	0	1	 Hawaii'i (30th)	Patriot	9	-2.31	0	0	 Lehigh (76th)
Conference USA	10	+1.07	0	1	 Western Kentucky (50th)	SoCon	10	-2.94	0	0	 Wofford (74th)
Sun Belt	14	+0.85	0	1	 Georgia Southern (49th)	America East	6	-4.31	0	0	 UMBC (141st)
WCC	10	+0.79	0	2	 San Diego (39th)	OVC	9	-4.80	0	0	 Lindenwood (62nd)
MAC	11	+0.70	0	1	 Toledo (47th)	Southland	12	-5.14	0	0	 Incarnate Word (169th)
Ivy	8	+0.00	0	0	 Yale (64th)	MAAC	12	-8.42	0	0	 Fairfield (156th)
Big West	12	-0.05	0	2	 Cal Poly (35th)	MEAC	8	-8.65	0	0	 Coppin State (127th)
ASUN	8	-0.24	0	0	West Florida (59th)	NEC	8	-11.56	0	0	 Long Island University (170th)
Atlantic 10	10	-0.34	0	0	 Dayton (59th)	SWAC	12	-12.12	0	0	 Alabama A&M (230th)

Conferences with four or more D-I members, ordered by the average MESH rating of their teams. AVCA 25: teams in this week's AVCA Top 25. MESH 50: teams in MESH's top 50.

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

KILLS PER SET

	Player	School	Per set	Total
1	 Olivia Babcock	Pittsburgh	5.38	280 in 52
2	 Jurnee Robinson	LSU	4.97	298 in 60
3	 Allie Sweet	UNC Greensboro	4.91	344 in 70
4	 Bianna Muoneke	Georgia	4.85	286 in 59
5	 Taylor Stanley	Kansas	4.75	242 in 51
6	 Ksenia Rakhmanchik	Baylor	4.75	261 in 55
7	 Mckenna Wucherer	Minnesota	4.72	236 in 50
8	 Sylvie Zgonc	South Dakota State	4.69	286 in 61
9	 Kiera Hamilton	George Mason	4.59	294 in 64
10	 Kennedy Louisell	James Madison	4.59	280 in 61

ASSISTS PER SET

	Player	School	Per set	Total
1	 Kassie O'Brien	Kentucky	11.65	664 in 57
2	 Avaya Maga	Oklahoma	11.65	629 in 54
3	 Avery Scoggins	Vanderbilt	11.64	582 in 50
4	 Bergen Reilly	Nebraska	11.02	496 in 45
5	 Charlie Fuerbringer	Wisconsin	10.95	657 in 60
6	 Caroline Kerr	Tennessee	10.92	524 in 48
7	 Sara Toth	Maryland	10.91	633 in 58
8	 Stella Swenson	Minnesota	10.82	541 in 50
9	 Macy Hinshaw	Santa Clara	10.76	721 in 67
10	 Nikki Quinn	Duke	10.74	666 in 62

DIGS PER SET

	Player	School	Per set	Total
1	 Addison Pollock	Pennsylvania	5.85	304 in 52
2	 Rashanny Solano Smith	St. John's	5.71	411 in 72
3	 Jasmine Dulan	Drake	5.47	361 in 66
4	 Laney Klika	Wofford	5.46	393 in 72
5	 Sophia Tocmo	McNeese	5.23	298 in 57
6	 Najah Harris	Southern	5.16	356 in 69
7	 Brooke Malek	Siena	5.16	377 in 73
8	 Brennan Ramirez	Abilene Christian	5.13	349 in 68
9	 Jadyn Petersen	Northern Iowa	5.03	302 in 60
10	 Maddie Cugino	Georgia Southern	4.93	296 in 60

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS (CONTINUED)

BLOCKS PER SET

	Player	School	Per set	Total
1	 Kelli Jo Burgess	BYU	1.92	92 in 48
2	 Ava Bogan	Cornell	1.84	94 in 51
3	 Marianna Singletary	UCLA	1.68	99 in 59
4	 Ryleigh Patterson	Harvard	1.67	85 in 51
5	 Favor Anyanwu	SMU	1.59	94 in 59
6	 Aubrey Easterwood	Providence	1.58	93 in 59
7	Delaney Hanowell	West Florida	1.57	74 in 47
8	 Naomi White	Washington State	1.56	86 in 55
9	 Damisi Osibodu	Stony Brook	1.56	92 in 59
10	 Ella Piskorz	Pepperdine	1.54	100 in 65

ACES PER SET

	Player	School	Per set	Total
1	 Natasha Casey	UCF	0.83	38 in 46
2	 Sofia Rossi	Harvard	0.75	36 in 48
3	 Abbie Hagedorn	Sacred Heart	0.73	49 in 67
4	 Ema Petkovic	UT Rio Grande Valley	0.68	41 in 60
5	 Sarah Wadsworth	UNC Asheville	0.66	52 in 79
6	 Antonie Kelnarova	Saint Mary's	0.66	46 in 70
7	 Helena Vukovic	Charleston	0.64	39 in 61
8	 Jenna Legault	Fresno State	0.63	37 in 59
9	 Emersen Schrom	Duquesne	0.63	43 in 68
10	 Mckenna Wucherer	Minnesota	0.62	31 in 50

HITTING PERCENTAGE

	Player	School	Pct.	Total
1	 Kamryn Lee-Caracci	Georgetown	.442	165-301
2	 Caroline Noonan	Charleston	.440	177-341
3	 Faith Young	Western Kentucky	.422	176-353
4	 Lizzy Andrew	Stanford	.403	159-335
5	 Ally Chandler	UC Davis	.403	182-362
6	 Ava Bogan	Cornell	.391	138-276
7	 Diane Pichelman	Green Bay	.389	233-507
8	 Olivia Burrage	Kennesaw State	.388	185-348
9	 Joeline Spelts	Montana State	.387	189-375
10	 Hannah Whittingstall	Iowa	.383	184-400

Per-set leaders played in at least 75% of their team's sets; hitting percentage needs 5 attempts per team set. MESH's ranking from each school's official season statistics through Oct 14; the NCAA's official minimums can differ.

FRESHMAN LEADERS

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KILLS PER SET

	Player	School	Per set	Total
1	 Taylor Stanley	Kansas	4.75	242 in 51
2	 Addison Massey	Kansas State	4.36	231 in 53
3	 Carola Tesoro	St. John's	4.07	289 in 71
4	 Simone Searles	Duquesne	3.85	262 in 68
5	 Lauren Decker	Robert Morris	3.76	233 in 62
6	 Sara Bowcutt	Texas Tech	3.76	203 in 54
7	 Ruth Martinez	Miami	3.65	179 in 49
8	 Britni Silver	NC State	3.65	219 in 60

BLOCKS PER SET

	Player	School	Per set	Total
1	 Aubrey Easterwood	Providence	1.58	93 in 59
2	 Maaik Heilig	Pittsburgh	1.43	63 in 44
3	 Hazel Slusher	Samford	1.36	90 in 66
4	 Kinsley Young	TCU	1.33	80 in 60
5	 Geovanna Gonçalves Rocha	Hofstra	1.26	73 in 58

ASSISTS PER SET

	Player	School	Per set	Total
1	 Anna Flores	California	10.09	696 in 69
2	 Eva Long	NC State	9.89	633 in 64
3	 Kenlee Barnard	Robert Morris	9.62	616 in 64
4	 Lana Rnjak	UT Rio Grande Valley	9.55	573 in 60
5	 Luanna Markus	Marquette	9.47	587 in 62
6	 Morgan Petelin	Tennessee Tech	9.36	655 in 70
7	 Maddie Carnes	Bellarmine	9.23	591 in 64
8	 Anabelle Cerny	South Alabama	9.19	616 in 67

ACES PER SET

	Player	School	Per set	Total
1	 Natasha Casey	UCF	0.83	38 in 46
2	 Alida Bennour	Georgia Tech	0.58	34 in 59
3	 Abbie Lyttle	Bellarmine	0.53	34 in 64
4	 Ana Appel	Oral Roberts	0.51	25 in 49
5	 Marianne Garcia	Middle Tennessee	0.49	34 in 70

DIGS PER SET

	Player	School	Per set	Total
1	 Sophia Tocmo	McNeese	5.23	298 in 57
2	 Aspen Boice	Idaho State	4.80	312 in 65
3	 Mia Jannazzo	Radford	4.67	350 in 75
4	 Alyssa Chu	Lafayette	4.21	282 in 67
5	 Meredith Martin	Michigan	4.20	256 in 61
6	 Ava Dyer	Providence	4.20	206 in 49
7	 Ella Vogel	Air Force	4.14	236 in 57
8	 Natalia Navarro	Nicholls	4.12	301 in 73

HITTING PERCENTAGE

	Player	School	Pct.	Total
1	 Nina Scrucca	Cincinnati	.323	148-319
2	 Taylor Stanley	Kansas	.320	242-513
3	 Simone Searles	Duquesne	.312	262-551
4	 Onita Davis	Tarleton State	.304	161-368
5	 Taylor Boice	UC Irvine	.297	158-337

Freshmen as listed on each school's 2026 roster (redshirt freshmen included), same minimums as the national leaders.

LONGEST ACTIVE WINNING STREAKS

Team	Wins	Record	AVCA
 Nebraska	17	17-0	No. 1
 Charleston	17	17-2	—
 Coppin State	14	15-5	—
 Eastern Kentucky	11	16-2	—
 Utah Tech	10	13-3	—
 Tulane	10	14-2	—
 BYU	10	13-1	No. 14
 American University	9	13-4	—
 Wofford	8	14-5	—
 Northern Kentucky	8	11-6	—
 Northern Iowa	8	12-5	—
 Loyola Marymount	8	15-2	—

WINNING MORE THAN THEIR POINTS SAY

Team	Record	Points say	Luck
 Lipscomb	11-4	8-7	+22
 Loyola Marymount	15-2	12-5	+20
 Oregon	14-2	11-5	+16
 Oral Roberts	6-10	4-12	+15
 North Florida	9-7	7-9	+14
 Duke	12-4	10-6	+13
 Kent State	7-10	5-12	+13
 Harvard	12-2	10-4	+13

WINNING LESS THAN THEIR POINTS SAY

Team	Record	Points say	Luck
 St. Thomas	4-10	7-7	-22
 Northeastern	4-12	7-9	-19
 UC San Diego	8-9	11-6	-16
 San Diego	7-8	9-6	-16
 Texas A&M	10-7	13-4	-16
 Marist	9-11	12-8	-15
 Houston Christian	2-16	5-13	-15
 Utah State	3-12	5-10	-15

Points say: the record a team's share of points would predict (Pythagorean expectation, exponent 8.75). Luck in percentage points of win %. Nebraska (17-0) is the only unbeaten D-I team.

- **Texas has been swept four times. It never had more than two in a full season since 2011.** No. 12 Texas (8-6) has been swept four times: by Nebraska, Louisville, Kentucky and, on Sunday, unranked Oklahoma. In every full season from 2011 through 2025 Texas lost 0-3 at most twice. Its six losses through Oct. 14 are the most at this point of any season since at least 2011 (previous high: four, in 2011 and 2018). No. 7 Florida visits Austin on Sunday; Texas is 220-19 at home since 2011 and 4-0 this season.
- **Nebraska has been No. 1 in 23 of the last 24 AVCA polls, and got all 63 first-place votes for the first time this year.** Nebraska was No. 1 in every poll of 2025 from the preseason through Week 14, finished third in the final poll after its only loss (to Texas A&M in the NCAA tournament on Dec. 14), and has been No. 1 in all eight 2026 polls. This week it got all 63 first-place votes for the first time this season (57, 57, 54, 48, 44 and 47 in the earlier polls). Nebraska is one of 15 teams since 1982 to be No. 1 in every poll from the preseason through Week 7, and the fifth Nebraska team to do it (2005, 2006, 2007, 2025, 2026). Purdue (No. 13) visits on Saturday.
- **Three straight defending champions have fallen to 15th or lower. Before 2024 it had happened once since 1982.** Texas A&M, the 2025 national champion, is No. 19 at 10-7, already three losses more than its 29-4 title season. The previous two defending champions also slid: Texas reached No. 15 in 2024 and Penn State fell to No. 25 in 2025. Before 2024, the only defending champion since 1982 to drop to 15th or lower in the next season was 1990 Long Beach State (15th), not counting the COVID-disrupted 2020 polls. A&M hosts No. 7 Florida on Friday.
- **Vanderbilt is in the AVCA poll for the first time, and it just beat No. 5 Florida.** Vanderbilt (13-2) is No. 24, its first appearance in an AVCA poll; it does not appear in any of the 1982-2025 polls. In MESH's NCAA history its first season with matches is 2025, when it went 9-18. On Sunday it beat No. 5 Florida 3-1, the highest-ranked team an unranked team has beaten this season. MESH's team rating has Vanderbilt No. 11. Of all Top 25 teams, it is the one MESH rates furthest above its poll rank (13 spots).
- **Nebraska has lost three sets in 17 matches.** Nebraska is 17-0 and has won 51 of 54 sets, losing one each to Georgia Tech, North Carolina and Florida Gulf Coast. It is 7-0 against ranked teams with a 21-1 set record. A year ago Nebraska's 17-0 start, the best in D-I, included six lost sets. Nebraska has won 47 straight regular-season matches (all 30 in 2025 plus 17 this year).
- **Nebraska wins more than half the rallies it serves.** Nebraska has scored on 50.7% of its own serves (1,240 serves). Only one other D-I team is above 50%: West Florida (50.2%, 769 serves), whose schedule ranks 277th of 348. Nebraska also leads D-I in sideout percentage (70.4%) and points won (59.4%).
- **Oklahoma, unranked since 2014, beat Texas A&M and Texas in five days.** Unranked Oklahoma beat No. 12 Texas A&M 3-2 on Oct. 7 and swept No. 9 Texas on Oct. 11, both in Norman. Oklahoma (10-4) was last ranked in Week 11 of 2014 (No. 24) and is fourth among teams receiving votes this week (36 points). It is 4-0 in five-set matches.
- **Olivia Babcock is scoring at a rate only one D-I player matched over a full season since 2021.** Pitt's Olivia Babcock leads D-I with 5.38 kills per set and averages 6.29 points per set. Among full D-I seasons from 2021 through 2025 (80+ sets), only Miami's Flormarie Heredia Colon in 2025 (7.17) scored more per set. Her kill rate has gone up every year: 3.62 in 2023, 4.72 in 2024, 5.17 in 2025.
- **Kelli Jo Burgess is blocking at a rate no D-I player sustained over a full season from 2021 to 2025.** BYU middle Kelli Jo Burgess, a transfer from Oklahoma, averages 1.92 blocks per set (92 in 48 sets), the most in D-I. No D-I player with 80 or more sets from 2021 to 2025 averaged more; the best was Boston College's Julia Haggerty at 1.91 in 2024. Burgess averaged 1.27 at Oklahoma last season. No. 14 BYU has won 10 straight.
- **USC's Mia Tvrđy had 16 blocks in a three-set match.** USC's Mia Tvrđy had 16 blocks (1 solo, 15 assists) in a 3-0 win over UC Santa Barbara on Sept. 20, the most by any D-I player in any match this season, five-setters included. No one else has more than 12 in a three-set match. USC had 20.5 team blocks that night.
- **Two servers ran off 18 straight points to end a set.** Montana State setter Teagan Jaynes served 18 straight points against Mercer on Sept. 17, from 7-7 to 25-7 in the third set. Georgia Southern setter Lexi Duffy did the same against Fordham on Sept. 19 (7-6 to 25-6 in the first set), part of a 19-0 run. Those are the longest serving runs in the 2,761 D-I matches with play-by-play this season. The longest against a Big Ten, Big 12, ACC or SEC opponent was 14 straight, by Utah's Kamryn Gibadlo at Kansas State on Oct. 3.
- **Stanford has been swept five times and already has its most losses since 2021.** No. 16 Stanford (10-6) has been swept by Penn State, Arizona State, SMU, Pittsburgh and Louisville. Its six losses are already more than in any full season since 2021 (it lost five in 2025). It is the lowest Stanford has been ranked since the 2021 final poll (21st), ending a 71-poll run in the top 15. Stanford was No. 5 in the preseason.
- **Preseason No. 2 Texas is No. 12. Only two preseason No. 2s since 1982 were lower by Week 7.** Texas started the season No. 2 and is No. 12 in Week 7. Among preseason No. 2 teams since 1982, only 2025 Penn State (17th) and 2000 Penn State (13th) were ranked lower in Week 7. It is the second straight year a preseason No. 2 has fallen out of the top 10 by Week 7.
- **Five of Kansas's 2025 players are on top-10 teams. Kansas is No. 17.** Five players from Kansas's 2025 roster are now at top-10 teams: Ellie Moore (No. 5 SMU), Selena Leban (No. 7 Florida), Aurora Papac (No. 8 Arizona State), Raegan Burns (No. 9 Tennessee) and Molly McCarthy (No. 10 TCU). No other 2025 roster has sent more than three players to the current Top 25. Kansas plays Arizona State on Sunday, led by freshman Taylor Stanley (4.75 kills per set).

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- **Central Michigan has won two sets all season.** Central Michigan is 0-19 and has won 2 of 59 sets. In 2024 it went 24-7. In MESH's NCAA history for the program (back to 1997) its worst full season is 3-24 (2005), and it has never gone winless. Le Moyne (0-15) and Tennessee State (0-15) are D-I's other winless teams.
- **Freshman Natasha Casey leads all of D-I in aces per set.** UCF freshman Natasha Casey has 38 aces in 46 sets (0.83 per set), the most in D-I. Only one D-I player with 80 or more sets from 2021 to 2025 had a higher full-season rate: Coppin State's Andrea Tsvetanova (0.86 in 2022).
- **Kansas freshman Taylor Stanley is fifth in D-I in kills per set.** Kansas freshman Taylor Stanley averages 4.75 kills per set (242 in 51 sets), the most by a D-I freshman and fifth among all D-I players. She also leads freshmen in points per set (5.71). No. 17 Kansas hosts No. 8 Arizona State on Sunday.
- **Pitt's only loss came in a 38-36 set.** Pittsburgh (15-1) lost only to SMU, 3-1 at home on Oct. 7, and the third set went 38-36 (74 points), the longest set involving a ranked team this season. Four days later Pitt swept SMU in Dallas. Two sets this season have gone 40-38: Brown at Rhode Island (Sept. 5) and UConn-DePaul (Sept. 26).
- **Teams lost a two-set lead 100 times.** D-I teams have won 100 matches this season after losing the first two sets. Rhode Island lost one to Brown after leading 2-0, dropping a 40-38 fourth set and a 16-14 fifth. San Francisco, Loyola Marymount, Gardner-Webb, George Mason and UIC have each done it twice.
- **Ten teams have won a set after trailing by 10.** Ten times this season a D-I team has won a set after trailing by 10 points. Southern Miss trailed Central Arkansas 17-7 in the third set and won 35-33. High Point trailed No. 10 Penn State 19-9 in the fourth set and won 26-24, then lost the fifth set 15-10 at Penn State.
- **The longest fifth set of the season: 29-27.** Oregon State beat Washington State 29-27 in the fifth set on Sept. 26, a 56-point tiebreaker. No other fifth set this season has gone past 23-21. Oregon State setter Jackie Matias had 68 assists in the match, tied for the second-most by any D-I player this season.
- **Win the first set and you win the match 81% of the time.** In 2,959 D-I vs. D-I matches this season, the team that won the first set won the match 2,385 times (80.6%). Road teams win more often in conference play: home teams are 579-446 in conference matches (56.5%) after going 759-409 in non-conference home matches (65.0%).
- **Charleston has won 17 straight, matching Nebraska.** Charleston opened 0-2 (swept by Vanderbilt and Lipscomb) and has won 17 straight, tied with Nebraska for the longest active streak in D-I. Coppin State is next at 14.
- **Antonie Kelnarova served 11 aces in a three-set match.** Saint Mary's Antonie Kelnarova had 11 aces in a 3-0 win over Nevada on Sept. 4, the most by any D-I player in a match this season. Saint Mary's had 20 aces that night. The team record is Norfolk State's 25 aces in a five-set win over Hampton on Sept. 2.
- **Four Top 25 teams have no D-I transfers, including No. 1 Nebraska.** None of Nebraska's 16 players was on another D-I roster in 2025. Texas, Indiana and North Carolina are the other Top 25 teams with no D-I transfers. Florida and TCU have six each. Across the Top 25, 58 of 431 players (13.5%) were on a different D-I roster last season, compared with 11.0% across D-I.
- **Three setters are separated by 0.009 assists per set.** Kentucky's Kassie O'Brien (11.649 assists per set), Oklahoma's Avaya Maga (11.648) and Vanderbilt's Avery Scoggins (11.640) are first, second and third in D-I, within 0.009 of each other.
- **Allie Sweet has a D-I-high 344 kills, including a 36-kill match.** UNC Greensboro's Allie Sweet leads D-I with 344 kills and had the season's top single-match total, 36 against Delaware State on Sept. 20 (85 swings, five sets). She has 37.1% of her team's kills.
- **Rashanny Solano Smith had 41 digs in four sets.** St. John's libero Rashanny Solano Smith had 41 digs in a four-set win over Penn on Sept. 18, the most in any D-I match this season, and averages 5.71 digs per set.

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- **D-I is missing more serves for every ace than at any time since 2021.** D-I servers have 0.665 aces per service error this season, down every year from 0.748 in 2022: 0.732, 0.710, 0.697.
 - **Quinnipiac's opponents are blocking 3.6 shots a set.** Quinnipiac's opponents average 3.6 blocks per set, the most against any D-I team. Three of the five highest team block totals this season came against Quinnipiac: Rhode Island 24, Lehigh 22 and Boston College 22.
- **Wake Forest has played nine five-set matches.** Wake Forest has played nine five-set matches, the most in D-I, and is 6-3 in them. Houston Christian and St. Thomas are 0-6. 588 of 2,959 D-I matches this season (19.9%) have gone five sets.
 - **D-I's 6-foot-5-and-up club grew from 65 to 74.** Across the 332 D-I teams with heights listed in both years, 74 players are listed at 6-5 or taller this season, up from 65 in 2025. The tallest is UNC Asheville's Albertine van der Goot (6-8). Colorado State has the tallest roster (6-1.7 on average). The average D-I player is listed at 5-10.9, almost the same as 2025 (5-10.8).

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Friday, October 16, 2026 · 6:00 PM · College Station · SEC Network · Series: Florida 3-17 vs. Texas A&M in meetings on file since 2012 · **MESH: Texas A&M 53%**



Record	13-2 (4-1 SEC)
AVCA	No. 7
Streak / last 5	L1 · WWWWL
Vs. AVCA -ranked	4-1
Hitting / opp.	.290 / .164
MESH rank	7th
Coach	Ryan Theis
Top attackers	Kamryn Chaney 190, Alec Rothe 127, Logan King 125



Record	10-7 (3-2 SEC)
AVCA	No. 19
Streak / last 5	L2 · WWWLL
Vs. AVCA -ranked	2-5
Hitting / opp.	.236 / .177
MESH rank	14th
Coach	Jamie Morrison
Top attackers	Kyndal Stowers 192, Taryn Morris 131, Natalie Ring 130

THE STORY

Florida's block meets a defending champion that keeps losing the close ones.

AVCA No. 7 Florida arrives 13-2 with the SEC's top block and an 11-0 record after winning the first set. AVCA No. 19 Texas A&M, the 2025 national champion, is 10-7 and 0-3 in five-set matches, but 8-1 at home, and MESH's model makes it a 52% favorite.

- Both teams live on the first set.** Florida has won 11 of 15 first sets and is 11-0 after winning one. Texas A&M has won 12 of 17 and is 10-2 after winning it, but 0-5 after losing it. A&M makes 4.81 attack errors per first set, Florida 3.60.
- A champion that can't close.** MESH's model rates A&M 14th of 348 and expects a 74.4% win rate from its points; it is 10-7. Its luck figure, -0.156, is 344th. A&M is 0-3 in five-set matches, losing the fifth 15-9, 15-11 and 15-11, and 7-9 in sets decided by two. In its seven losses it was outscored by 37 points, 661 to 624.
- Florida's block against A&M's attack.** Florida blocks 2.77 per set, 1st in the SEC, holds foes to .164, and opponents hit .156 off serve receive, 8th of 127. A&M hits .236, 10th in the SEC, and .190 in its losses. It hit .075 at Arkansas on Sunday, its season low. Stowers has 22.7 percent of its kills, 192 of 847.

Full pregame book: 20261016-florida-texas-a-and-m.pdf.

Friday, October 16, 2026 · 6:00 PM · Matthew Knight Arena · Eugene, OR · B1G+ · Series: Indiana 1-1 vs. Oregon in meetings on file since 2024 · **MESH: Oregon 68%**



Record	10-5 (3-3 Big Ten)
AVCA	No. 18
Streak / last 5	L2 · WLWLL
Vs. AVCA-ranked	1-4
Hitting / opp.	.262 / .227
MESH rank	31st
Coach	Steve Aird
Top attackers	Jaidyn Jager 203, Ella Boersema 145, Sara Snowbarger 102



Record	14-2 (5-1 Big Ten)
AVCA	No. 11
Streak / last 5	W5 · WWWWW
Vs. AVCA-ranked	3-2
Hitting / opp.	.255 / .204
MESH rank	18th
Coach	Trent Kersten
Top attackers	Valentina Vaulet 176, Sjakkie Donkers 172, Alanah Clemente 165

THE STORY

Oregon's sudden climb meets an Indiana team that has to win the first set.

AVCA No. 11 Oregon is 14-2, 6-0 at home and has won five straight, a year after going 17-13. AVCA No. 18 Indiana is 10-5 and 2-3 since Sep. 26; it is 10-0 when it wins the first set and 0-5 when it does not. MESH's model makes Oregon a 68% favorite.

- 1. Indiana's first-set switch.** Indiana is 10-0 when it wins the first set and 0-5 when it loses it; it lost the opener in all five of its losses. Oregon has won 11 of 16 first sets and is 4-1 after losing one, including a comeback from 0-2 down against Purdue on Oct. 2.
- 2. Oregon keeps winning the close ones.** Oregon's points say 71.6% wins; it has won 14 of 16. Its luck figure, 0.159, is 3rd of 348. It is 11-3 in sets decided by two and 7-1 in sets past 25. Indiana is 6-4 in two-point sets. MESH rates the teams close: Oregon 18th, Indiana 31st, with Indiana's schedule 7th-hardest.
- 3. Oregon's volume against Indiana's defense.** Oregon kills 14.30 per set, 6th in D-I. Indiana digs 11.41 per set, 340th, and opponents hit .227 against it, 247th. In Indiana's five losses opponents hit .306; its last three hit .287. Oregon's own efficiency is ordinary: .255 overall, .230 at home.

Full pregame book: 20261016-indiana-oregon.pdf.

Saturday, October 17, 2026 · 4:00 PM CDT · Lincoln, Neb. / Bob Devaney Sports Center · Big Ten Network · Series: Purdue 17-4 vs. Nebraska in meetings on file since 2011 · **MESH: Nebraska 96%**

P Purdue

Record	10-5 (3-3 Big Ten)
AVCA	No. 13
Streak / last 5	W2 · LLLWW
Vs. AVCA-ranked	3-5
Hitting / opp.	.258 / .182
MESH rank	23rd
Coach	Dave Shondell
Top attackers	Addy Tindall 201, Lameen Mambu 159, Grace Heaney 134

N Nebraska

Record	17-0 (6-0 Big Ten)
AVCA	No. 1
Streak / last 5	W17 · WWWWW
Vs. AVCA-ranked	7-0
Hitting / opp.	.330 / .105
MESH rank	1st
Coach	Dani Busboom Kelly
Top attackers	Harper Murray 172, Andi Jackson 135, Teraya Sigler 116

THE STORY

Purdue gets a Nebraska team that has dropped three sets all season.

AVCA No. 1 Nebraska is 17-0, 51-3 in sets and 10-0 at home, the only unbeaten D-I team in MESH's records. AVCA No. 13 Purdue is 10-5, 0-2 in true road matches, and serves 1.02 aces per set, 337th in D-I. MESH gives Nebraska a 96% chance to win.

- Can anyone take a set?.** Nebraska is 51-3 in sets with 14 sweeps and an average set margin of 7.87 points. It lost sets only to Georgia Tech (26-24), North Carolina (25-20) and Florida Gulf Coast (27-25), none since Sep. 20. Opponents reached 23 points in 5 of 54 sets. Purdue, 34-19 in sets, is 8-3 in sets decided by two.
- Purdue's serve against the best sideout team in the country.** Nebraska sides out 70.4%, 1st of 348, and hits .365 off serve receive, 1st of 127, killing 47.7% of first-ball swings. Purdue serves 1.02 aces per set, 337th, and aces 4.5% of serves, 114th of 127. Purdue misses little, 2.00 service errors per set, but opponents average only 0.81 aces per set against Nebraska.
- Purdue's floor defense against Nebraska's attack.** Purdue digs 15.26 per set, 1st in the Big Ten, led by Ryan McAleer at 3.75. Nebraska hits .330, 1st in D-I, .302 in transition (3rd of 127), and converts 39.2% of its digs into kills, 1st. Purdue hit .175 in its five losses.

Full pregame book: 20261017-purdue-nebraska.pdf.

NO. 7 FLORIDA AT NO. 12 TEXAS

Sunday, October 18, 2026 · 7:30 PM CT · Gregory Gymnasium · Austin, Texas · ESPN · Series: Florida 7-4 vs. Texas in meetings on file since 2011 · **MESH: Florida 56%**



Record	13-2 (4-1 SEC)
AVCA	No. 7
Streak / last 5	L1 · WWWWL
Vs. AVCA-ranked	4-1
Hitting / opp.	.290 / .164
MESH rank	7th
Coach	Ryan Theis
Top attackers	Kamryn Chaney 190, Alec Rothe 127, Logan King 125



Record	8-6 (4-2 SEC)
AVCA	No. 12
Streak / last 5	L1 · LWWWL
Vs. AVCA-ranked	4-5
Hitting / opp.	.228 / .213
MESH rank	24th
Coach	Jerritt Elliott
Top attackers	Torrey Stafford 234, Cari Spears 162, Henley Anderson 114

THE STORY

Florida's fast starts and big block meet a Texas team still finding itself.

AVCA No. 7 Florida arrives 13-2 with the SEC's top block and an 11-0 record when it wins the first set. AVCA No. 12 Texas, preseason No. 2, is 8-6 and has dropped 10 of 14 first sets, but it is 4-0 at home and leans on Torrey Stafford.

- 1. Who wins the first set.** Texas has lost the first set in 10 of 14 matches and is 4-6 when it does. Florida has won 11 of 15 first sets and is 11-0 after winning one. Texas makes 6.15 attack errors per first set, Florida 3.60.
- 2. Florida's block against a one-hitter offense.** Florida blocks 2.77 per set, 1st in the SEC, and holds opponents to .164. Texas hits .228, 115th in D-I, and .175 in its six losses. Stafford has 234 of Texas's 706 kills, 33.1 percent, and middle Nya Bunton (.408) has not played since Sep. 27.
- 3. Texas can't score on its own serve.** Texas wins 38.5% of rallies on its own serve, 328th of 348 in MESH's model. It averages 1.12 aces per set (321st) and 3.31 service errors (342nd). Florida sides out 65.1%, 10th, and hits .320 off serve receive, 8th of 127. Florida misses too: 3.09 service errors per set, 334th.

Full pregame book: 20261018-florida-texas.pdf.

NO. 8 ARIZONA STATE AT NO. 17 KANSAS

Sunday, October 18, 2026 · 12:00 PM CT · Allen Fieldhouse · Lawrence, Kan. · ESPN · Series: Arizona State 1-3 vs. Kansas in meetings on file since 2012 · **MESH: Kansas 51%**

	Arizona State
Record	13-3 (4-1 Big 12)
AVCA	No. 8
Streak / last 5	W4 · LWWWW
Vs. AVCA-ranked	6-1
Hitting / opp.	.253 / .154
MESH rank	5th
Coach	JJ Van Niel
Top attackers	Una Vajagić 223, Noemie Glover 219, Aniya Clinton 124

	Kansas
Record	11-4 (4-1 Big 12)
AVCA	No. 17
Streak / last 5	W1 · WWWLW
Vs. AVCA-ranked	1-3
Hitting / opp.	.285 / .183
MESH rank	12th
Coach	Matt Ulmer
Top attackers	Taylor Stanley 242, Grace Nelson 122, Reese Ptacek 119

THE STORY

Arizona State's new setter and stingy defense meet Kansas's freshman scorer.

AVCA No. 8 Arizona State is 13-3 and has won four straight since Isabella Costantini took over at setter, holding foes to .083. AVCA No. 17 Kansas is 11-4, 7-1 at home, and runs through freshman Taylor Stanley, 5th in D-I at 4.75 kills per set. Neither team has lost after winning the first set.

- Whoever wins the first set.** Neither team has lost a match after winning the first set: Arizona State is 12-0, Kansas 11-0. Kansas is 0-4 after losing it; Arizona State is 1-3. Both win set one often (ASU 12-4, Kansas 11-4), but Kansas makes 5.40 attack errors per first set to ASU's 4.25.
- Arizona State's defense, sharper with Costantini setting.** Arizona State holds foes to .154 (11th in D-I) and to .121 in transition (6th of 127). In Elle Mottola's 12 starts it went 9-3 with opponents at .181; in Costantini's four starts since Sep. 27 it is 4-0, opponents at .083. Kansas hits .285 overall but .188 against AVCA-ranked teams, 1-3, and .328 against the rest.
- Kansas lives and dies on its serve.** Kansas aces 9.2% of its serves, 4th of 127, and 2.16 per set, 3rd in D-I, but its 3.22 service errors per set rank 340th. It averages 2.54 aces per set in wins and 1.31 in losses. Arizona State passes .940 (27th) and misses 2.22 serves per set; it scores on 47.1% of its own serves (15th), against a Kansas sideout of 67.3% (3rd).

Full pregame book: 20261018-arizona-state-kansas.pdf.

NO. 23 NORTH CAROLINA AT NO. 3 LOUISVILLE

Sunday, October 18, 2026 · 1:00 PM · L&N Federal Credit Union Arena · LOUISVILLE, KY · ACCNX · Series: North Carolina 11-4 vs. Louisville in meetings on file since 2014 · **MESH: Louisville 90%**

 North Carolina

Record	11-3 (6-0 ACC)
AVCA	No. 23
Streak / last 5	W7 · WWWWW
Vs. AVCA-ranked	0-2
Hitting / opp.	.269 / .179
MESH rank	27th
Coach	Mike Schall
Top attackers	Safi Hampton 164, Chelsea Thorpe 131, Laynie Smith 104

 Louisville

Record	16-2 (6-0 ACC)
AVCA	No. 3
Streak / last 5	W6 · WWWWW
Vs. AVCA-ranked	6-2
Hitting / opp.	.319 / .151
MESH rank	3rd
Coach	Dan Meske
Top attackers	Chloe Chicoine 233, Kalyssa Blackshear 201, Chloe Meester 165

THE STORY

Louisville's fast starts meet a North Carolina team still looking for a ranked win.

AVCA No. 3 Louisville is 16-2, 7-0 at home, has won 17 of 18 first sets and hits .319, 3rd in D-I. AVCA No. 23 North Carolina has won seven straight and is 6-0 in the ACC, but it is 0-2 against AVCA-ranked teams and hit .136 in those matches. MESH makes Louisville a 90% favorite.

- Louisville owns the first set.** Louisville is 17-1 in first sets and 16-1 after winning one, by an average first-set margin of 7.11 points; North Carolina's is 1.93. UNC is 9-5 in set one and 2-3 after losing it, though it came back from 0-2 against Georgia Tech on Oct. 4. Louisville makes 3.41 attack errors per first set.
- North Carolina has not beaten a ranked team.** UNC is 0-2 against AVCA-ranked teams, swept at No. 3 Kentucky and beaten 3-1 at No. 1 Nebraska, 1-6 in sets and hitting .136. It also lost to Vanderbilt. In its seven-match streak only Georgia Tech ranks in MESH's top 50 (21st), and UNC needed five sets. Louisville is 6-2 against AVCA-ranked teams, hitting .289.
- Louisville's attack against UNC's block.** Louisville hits .336 off serve receive (4th of 127) and sides out 66.5% (5th of 348). North Carolina's best defensive phase is the first ball: opponents hit .178 there, 18th, and UNC blocks 2.81 per set, with Jackie Taylor at 76 blocks. Its weak spot is transition, where opponents hit .216, 67th.

Full pregame book: 20261018-north-carolina-louisville.pdf.

Sunday, October 18, 2026 · 2:00 PM · Seattle, Wash. · B1G+ · Series: Indiana 2-1 vs. Washington in meetings on file since 2023 · **MESH: Washington 72%**



Record	10-5 (3-3 Big Ten)
AVCA	No. 18
Streak / last 5	L2 · WLWLL
Vs. AVCA-ranked	1-4
Hitting / opp.	.262 / .227
MESH rank	31st
Coach	Steve Aird
Top attackers	Jaidyn Jager 203, Ella Boersema 145, Sara Snowbarger 102



Record	13-2 (4-2 Big Ten)
AVCA	No. 20
Streak / last 5	L1 · WLWWL
Vs. AVCA-ranked	1-1
Hitting / opp.	.257 / .150
MESH rank	15th
Coach	Leslie Gabriel
Top attackers	Simona Mateska 180, Kylie Kleckner 152, Maija Howse 139

THE STORY

Washington's stingy defense meets an Indiana team sliding in the Big Ten.

AVCA No. 20 Washington went 13-17 a year ago; it is 13-2 now and holds opponents to .150, 6th in D-I. AVCA No. 18 Indiana has played the 7th-hardest schedule in MESH's model but is 1-3 since Oct. 1 and 1-4 against AVCA-ranked teams. MESH makes Washington a 72% favorite.

- 1. The first set decides it.** Indiana is 10-0 after winning the first set and 0-5 after losing it. Washington is 12-0 after winning it and 1-2 after losing it, and it has won 12 of 15 first sets. Indiana is 10-5 in set one.
- 2. Washington's defense against Indiana's attack.** Washington holds opponents to .150 (6th in D-I) and .137 in its 13 wins. Indiana hits .262 overall but .182 against AVCA-ranked teams and .190 in its five losses. Jaidyn Jager, its top scorer, is at .165 over her last four. Washington's opponents hit .189 off serve receive, 31st of 127.
- 3. Indiana can't keep the ball off the floor.** Indiana digs 11.41 per set, 340th of 348, and opponents hit .227 against it, 247th. In Big Ten play opponents hit .253, and in Indiana's losses .306. Opponents hit .258 off serve receive, 92nd of 127. Washington digs 14.96 per set (61st) and converts 32.9% of digs into kills, 14th.

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Nebraska took every first-place vote again. **Texas A&M** dropped from No. 12 to No. 19; **Purdue**, **Penn State**, **BYU**, **Arizona State** each climbed 3. **Vanderbilt** is new at No. 24; Illinois fell out.

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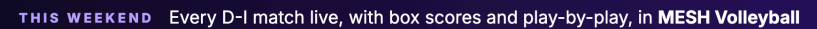
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Kills per set against hitting percentage for every D-I player with 5 attempts per team set. **Olivia Babcock** (Pittsburgh) leads in volume at 5.38 a set while hitting .363. **Taylor Stanley, McKenna Wucherer, Kennedy Martin, Olivia Babcock** are the only ones at 4 kills a set and .300.



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By Evolve's rating, the chance of winning a point against an average D-I team after adjusting for schedule, this **Nebraska** team is already the 4th-best team-season since 2019, and Nebraska holds 3 of the top five. **Pittsburgh** is the only other 2026 team in the top 12.

EVOLVE RATING, 2019-2026

1		2025 Nebraska		67.6 (33-1)
2		2024 Pittsburgh		67.3 (33-2)
3		2020 Kentucky		67.2 (16-1)
4		2026 Nebraska · NOW		67.1 (17-0)
5		2024 Nebraska		66.8 (33-3)
6		2022 Texas		66.2 (28-1)
7		2020 Wisconsin		65.9 (30-4)
8		2019 Stanford		65.4 (30-4)
9		2023 Wisconsin		65.3 (15-1)
10		2026 Pittsburgh · NOW		65.2 (31-3)
11		2021 Wisconsin		65.1 (32-1)
12		2021 Louisville		65.1 (32-1)

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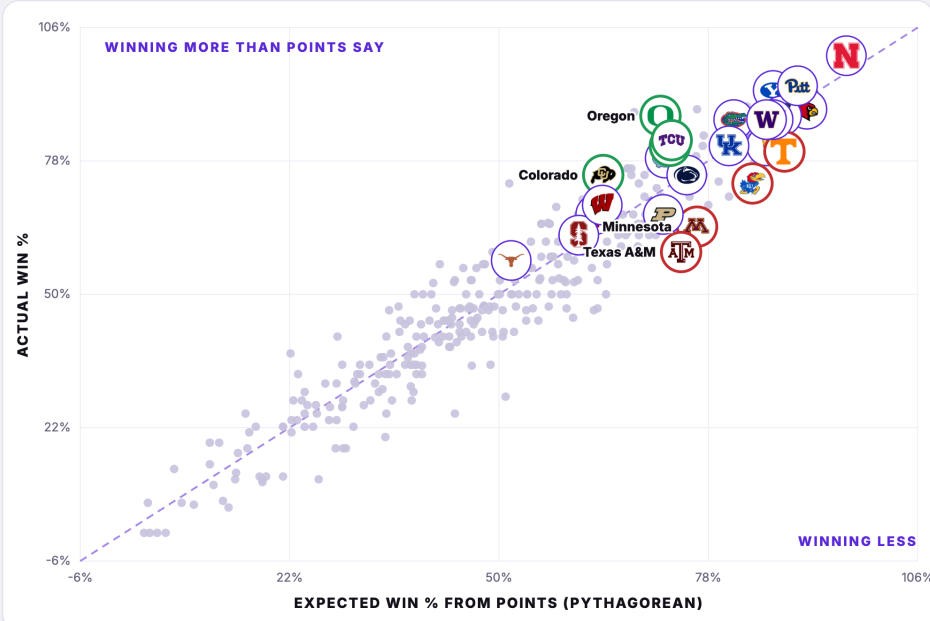
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OREGON 14-2.

POINTS SAY 11-5.

From the points each team has won and lost, a Pythagorean expectation says what its record should be. **Oregon** has won 16% more of its matches than its points predict, the most of any ranked team. **Texas A&M** (10-7) has the most bad luck: its points say 13-4.

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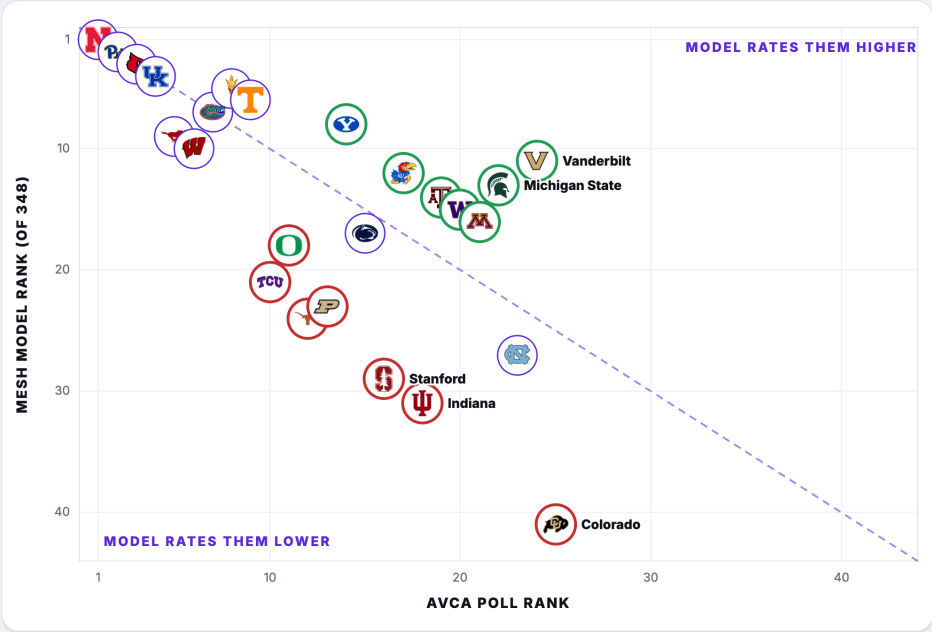
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POLL: NO. 24 VANDERBILT.
 MODEL: NO. 11.

MESH's rating puts **Vanderbilt** 13 places above its poll rank and **Colorado** 16 below (No. 25 in the poll, No. 41 in the model). Baylor, Illinois, Georgia Tech, Colorado State, UCLA are in the model's top 25 but not the poll's.



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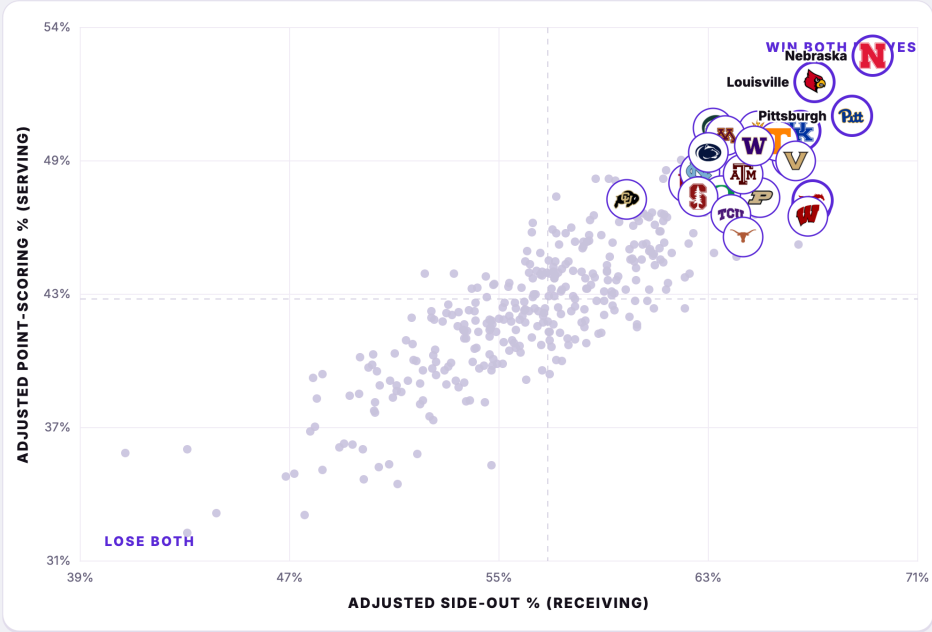
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DIVISION I · BOTH HALVES OF THE RALLY · MESH TEAM MODEL

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SIDE OUT. THEN SCORE.
 NEBRASKA DOES BOTH BEST.

Every D-I team by how often it wins the point when receiving (side-out %) and when serving (point-scoring %), adjusted for opponents. **Nebraska** leads both: 69.6% and 53.2%. Logos are the AVCA Top 25.



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DIVISION I INDIVIDUAL LEADERS · 2026 SEASON



BABCOCK: 5.38
KILLS A SET.

Olivia Babcock of Pittsburgh leads Division I in kills per set by 0.41 over Jurnee Robinson (LSU). The leaders in six categories, from each school's season statistics.

KILLS PER SET Pitt Olivia Babcock Pittsburgh · 280 in 52 sets 5.38	ASSISTS PER SET Ky Kassie O'Brien Kentucky · 664 in 57 sets 11.65
LSU Jurnee Robinson LSU · 298 in 60 sets 4.97	Ok Avaya Maga Oklahoma · 629 in 54 sets 11.65
UNC Allie Sweet UNC Greensboro · 344 in 70 sets 4.91	V Avery Scoggins Vanderbilt · 582 in 50 sets 11.64
DIGS PER SET Pa Addison Pollock Pennsylvania · 304 in 52 sets 5.85	BLOCKS PER SET BYU Kelli Jo Burgess BYU · 92 in 48 sets 1.92
St Rashanny Solano Smith St. John's · 411 in 72 sets 5.71	C Ava Bogan Cornell · 94 in 51 sets 1.84
Dr Jasmine Dulan Drake · 361 in 66 sets 5.47	Ucla Marianna Singletary UCLA · 99 in 59 sets 1.68
ACES PER SET UCF Natasha Casey UCF · 38 in 46 sets 0.83	HITTING PERCENTAGE G Kamryn Lee-Caracci Georgetown · 165 K, 301 att .442
H Sofia Rossi Harvard · 36 in 48 sets 0.75	Ch Caroline Noonan Charleston · 177 K, 341 att .440
SHU Abbie Hagedorn Sacred Heart · 49 in 67 sets 0.73	W Faith Young Western Kentucky · 176 K, 353 att .422

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Per-set leaders played in at least 75% of their team's sets; hitting percentage needs 5 attempts per team set. MESH's own ranking from each school's official season statistics, through Oct 14; the NCAA's official ranking can differ in its minimums.



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UNBEATEN · THE LONGEST WIN STREAKS IN DIVISION I



17-0.
51 SETS TO 3.

Nebraska is the last unbeaten team in Division I and has dropped 3 sets all season. Charleston has also won 17 straight.

14 sweeps in 17 matches	7-0 against AVCA-ranked teams	.330 team hitting, best in Division I
ACTIVE WINNING STREAKS, D-I		
N No. 1 Nebraska		17 (17-0)
Ch Charleston		17 (17-2)
CS Coppin State		14 (15-5)
EKU Eastern Kentucky		11 (16-2)
UT Utah Tech		10 (13-3)
T Tulane		10 (14-2)
BYU No. 14 BYU		10 (13-1)
A American University		9 (13-4)
W Wofford		8 (14-5)
NK Northern Kentucky		8 (11-6)

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AVCA Week 7 poll (Oct 12). Records and results from the schools' official schedules and box scores, through Oct 14. Streaks count matches against all opponents.



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