



UAB VOLLEYBALL. 2011 QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location Birmingham, Ala.
 Founded 1969
 Enrollment 17,543
 President Dr. Carol Garrison (North Carolina, 1974)
 Athletics Director Brian Mackin (UAB, 1983)
 Faculty Athletics Rep. Dr. Frank Messina (West Alabama, 1986)
 Nickname Blazers
 Mascot Blaze
 Colors Forest Green & Old Gold
 Home Arena Bartow Arena (8,500)
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Conference USA (C-USA)
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VOLLEYBALL INFORMATION

Head Coach Kerry Messersmith
 Record at UAB 108-63 (5 years)
 Career Record 582-315 (23 years)
 Assistant Coach Casey Dent
 Director of Volleyball Operations Hal Messersmith
 Manager Ivana Bozic
 Volleyball Office Phone (205) 934-6003
 First Year of Volleyball 1978
 All-Time Record 590-605 (33 years)
 NCAA Apearances/Last 2/2008
 2010 Record 13-19
 2010 C-USA Record 10-10
 2010 C-USA Finish T-6th
 2010 Postseason N/A
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 10/3
 Starters Returning/Lost 4 + Libero/2
 Newcomers 6

2010 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

- UAB won eight of its final 11 matches, all in conference play, to finish tied for sixth in Conference USA with a 10-10 league record, marking the fifth straight year the Blazers finished in the top half of the 12-team conference race.
- Libero Heather Thomas set a UAB single-season record with 607 digs as a junior in 2010, breaking the previous mark of 592 set by Brianna Galvin in 2006.
- Middle blocker Sam Serley became the third UAB player ever to earn AVCA All-America honorable mention honors after leading the team in kills (333), blocks (128) and attack percentage (.318).
- UAB finished third in C-USA in blocks for the second straight year with an average of 2.24 per set. The Blazers averaged 2.75 blocks per frame over the final 18 matches after managing just a 1.54 average through the first 14.
- Setter Alison Woods posted a team-high 11 double-doubles (assists and digs), while Jordan McDonald had eight (kills and digs), including a 20-20 performance late in the year against Southern Miss, the first by a UAB player since 2007.

RETURNING PLAYERS

Rachel Fairbanks (So., OH/DS) 2.05 d/s, 0.43 k/s
 Kirsten Gallagher (Jr., OPP/MB) 1.00 k/s, 0.73 b/s, .259 attack pct.
 Becca Howard (So., S) 3.78 a/s, 1.61 d/s
 Kate Morrell (Jr., MB) 2.01 k/s, 1.99 d/s, 0.42 b/s
 Sam Serley (Jr., MB) 2.82 k/s, 1.08 b/s, .318 attack pct.,
AVCA All-America honorable mention, All-C-USA 2nd Team
 Michele Simmons (Jr., OPP/MB) 1.61 k/s, 0.65 b/s
 Ally Slaughter (So., OH) 2.14 k/s, 1.40 d/s
C-USA All-Freshman Team
 Thais Soares (Sr., OH) 0.84 k/s, 1.76 d/s
 Heather Thomas (Sr., L) 5.14 d/s, .978 receive pct.
Fourth all-time at UAB in career digs (1,500)
 Alison Woods (Jr., S) 7.64 a/s, 2.25 d/s

KEY LOSSES

Jordan McDonald (OPP/OH) 2.94 k/s, 2.53 d/s
 Michelle Uzoh (MB) 2.01 k/s, 1.02 b/s, .310 attack pct.

NEWCOMERS

Kiriana Hirini (R-Fr., MB) Tauranga, New Zealand (Long Beach State Univ.)
 Mariah McCallum (Fr., DS) Ponte Vedra, Fla. (Nease HS)
 Lindsay Simmons (Fr., MB/OH) Danville, Ala. (Danville HS)
 Sam Skinner (Fr., OH/MB) Birmingham, Ala. (Oak Mountain HS)
 Bethany Stanford (So., DS) Hoover, Ala. (Univ. of West Florida)
 Ashley Ricks (Fr., OPP) New Washington, Ind. (Our Lady of Providence HS)



UAB VOLLEYBALL 2011 ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (Last School)
1	Alison Woods	S	5-9	Jr.	Franklin, Tenn. (Centennial HS)
2	Sam Serley	MB	6-2	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Independence HS)
3	Becca Howard	S	5-9	So.	Tampa, Fla. (Plant HS)
4	Rachel Fairbanks	OH/DS	5-8	So.	Katy, Texas (Cinco Ranch HS)
6	Kirsten Gallagher	OPP/MB	6-2	Jr.	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn HS)
7	Kate Morrell	MB	6-0	Jr.	Ogallala, Neb. (Hutchinson [Kan.] CC)
8	Thais Soares	OH	6-0	Sr.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Jefferson [Mo.] College)
9	Ally Slaughter	OH	5-10	So.	Pelham, Ala. (Pelham HS)
10	Bethany Stanford	DS	5-6	So.	Hoover, Ala. (Univ. of West Florida)
11	Lindsay Simmons	MB/OH	6-0	Fr.	Danville, Ala. (Danville HS)
12	Mariah McCallum	DS	5-5	Fr.	Ponte Vedra, Fla. (Nease HS)
14	Ashley Ricks	OPP	6-3	Fr.	New Washington, Ind. (Our Lady of Providence HS)
20	Michele Simmons	OPP/MB	6-3	Jr.	Alabaster, Ala. (Univ. of Georgia)
21	Kiriana Hirini	MB	6-1	R-Fr.	Tauranga, New Zealand (Long Beach State Univ.)
23	Heather Thomas	L	5-7	Sr.	Madison, Ala. (Bob Jones HS)
33	Sam Skinner	OH/MB	5-10	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. (Oak Mountain HS)

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (Last School)
4	Fairbanks, Rachel	OH/DS	5-8	So.	Katy, Texas (Cinco Ranch HS)
6	Gallagher, Kirsten	OPP/MB	6-2	Jr.	Auburn, Ala. (Auburn HS)
21	Hirini, Kiriana	MB	6-1	R-Fr.	Tauranga, New Zealand (Long Beach State Univ.)
3	Howard, Becca	S	5-9	So.	Tampa, Fla. (Plant HS)
12	McCallum, Mariah	DS	5-5	Fr.	Ponte Vedra, Fla. (Nease HS)
7	Morrell, Kate	MB	6-0	Jr.	Ogallala, Neb. (Hutchinson [Kan.] CC)
14	Ricks, Ashley	OPP	6-3	Fr.	New Washington, Ind. (Our Lady of Providence HS)
2	Serley, Sam	MB	6-2	Jr.	Nashville, Tenn. (Independence HS)
11	Simmons, Lindsay	MB/OH	6-0	Fr.	Danville, Ala. (Danville HS)
20	Simmons, Michele	OPP/MB	6-3	Jr.	Alabaster, Ala. (Univ. of Georgia)
33	Skinner, Sam	OH/MB	5-10	Fr.	Birmingham, Ala. (Oak Mountain HS)
9	Slaughter, Ally	OH	5-10	So.	Pelham, Ala. (Pelham HS)
8	Soares, Thais	OH	6-0	Sr.	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (Jefferson [Mo.] College)
10	Stanford, Bethany	DS	5-6	So.	Hoover, Ala. (Univ. of West Florida)
23	Thomas, Heather	L	5-7	Sr.	Madison, Ala. (Bob Jones HS)
1	Woods, Alison	S	5-9	Jr.	Franklin, Tenn. (Centennial HS)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Kerry Messersmith (sixth season, Chadron State 1986)

Assistant Coach: Casey Dent (third season, UAB 2009)

Director of Volleyball Operations: Hal Messersmith (sixth season, Chadron State 1986)

Manager: Ivana Bozic (second season, UAB 2010)



UAB VOLLEYBALL 2011 SCHEDULE

UAB/SAMFORD INVITATIONAL

Aug. 26	vs. Akron	Birmingham, Ala. (Samford)	1:00 p.m.
	vs. Arkansas State	Birmingham, Ala. (Samford)	5:00 p.m.
Aug. 27	vs. UNC Asheville	Birmingham, Ala. (Samford)	2:00 p.m.

FIRST STATE SCYHAWK INVITATIONAL

Sept. 2	at UT Martin	Martin, Tenn.	1:00 p.m.
	vs. Illinois State	Martin, Tenn.	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 3	vs. Stephen F. Austin	Martin, Tenn.	12:00 p.m.

OWLS CLASSIC

Sept. 9	vs. Troy	Kennesaw, Ga.	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 10	vs. Eastern Kentucky	Kennesaw, Ga.	12:00 p.m.
	at Kennesaw State	Kennesaw, Ga.	7:00 p.m.

CREIGHTON CLASSIC

Sept. 16	vs. McNeese State	Omaha, Neb.	4:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	vs. Drake	Omaha, Neb.	10:00 a.m.
	at Creighton	Omaha, Neb.	7:00 p.m.

Sept. 20	at Memphis *	Memphis, Tenn.	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	MARSHALL *	BARTOW ARENA	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 25	EAST CAROLINA *	BARTOW ARENA	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Tulane *	New Orleans, La.	7:00 p.m.

Oct. 2	at Southern Miss *	Hattiesburg, Miss.	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	at UCF *	Orlando, Fla.	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 8	at UCF *	Orlando, Fla.	8:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	TULSA *	BARTOW ARENA	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 16	SMU *	BARTOW ARENA	12:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	at Houston *	Houston, Texas	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 23	RICE *	BARTOW ARENA	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	at SMU *	Dallas, Texas	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 30	at Tulsa *	Tulsa, Okla.	1:00 p.m.

Nov. 5	UTEP *	BARTOW ARENA	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 6	UTEP *	BARTOW ARENA	12:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	SOUTHERN MISS *	BARTOW ARENA	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 13	TULANE *	BARTOW ARENA	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 18	at East Carolina *	Greenville, N.C.	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 20	at Marshall *	Huntington, W. Va.	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 23	MEMPHIS *	BARTOW ARENA	7:00 p.m.

* Conference USA match.

Home matches in **BOLD CAPS**.

All times local to site and subject to change.



UAB VOLLEYBALL 2010 STATS/RESULTS

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	13-19	6-4	4-10	3-5
CONFERENCE	10-10	6-4	4-6	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-9	0-0	0-4	3-5

#	Player	sp	Attack					Set		Serve			Dig			Blocking					points	
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be		bhe
2	SERLEY, Sam	118	333	2.82	100	732	.318	9	0.08	20	35	0.17	1	57	0.48	36	92	128	1.08	9	0	435.0
11	MCDONALD, Jordan	96	282	2.94	119	935	.174	27	0.28	6	22	0.06	29	243	2.53	3	34	37	0.39	2	1	308.0
10	UZOH, Michelle	107	215	2.01	43	555	.310	5	0.05	0	0	0.00	1	44	0.41	17	92	109	1.02	11	1	278.0
7	MORRELL, Kate	100	201	2.01	103	707	.139	10	0.10	23	30	0.23	22	199	1.99	5	37	42	0.42	11	1	247.5
9	SLAUGHTER, Ally	93	199	2.14	118	668	.121	14	0.15	11	35	0.12	21	130	1.40	2	28	30	0.32	7	2	226.0
20	SIMMONS, Michele	77	124	1.61	58	338	.195	16	0.21	0	2	0.00	1	15	0.19	9	41	50	0.65	6	1	153.5
6	GALLAGHER, Kirsten	49	49	1.00	13	139	.259	12	0.24	0	2	0.00	1	27	0.55	1	35	36	0.73	3	1	67.5
1	WOODS, Alison	118	26	0.22	14	87	.138	901	7.64	23	36	0.19	0	265	2.25	0	21	21	0.18	1	9	59.5
4	FAIRBANKS, Rachel	56	24	0.43	23	122	.008	6	0.11	5	16	0.09	11	115	2.05	0	1	1	0.02	1	0	29.5
8	SOARES, Thais	25	21	0.84	23	100	-.020	2	0.08	3	12	0.12	10	44	1.76	0	1	1	0.04	1	0	24.5
5	BAYER, Bobbi	4	4	1.00	6	29	-.069	0	0.00	1	3	0.25	1	20	5.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	5.0
23	THOMAS, Heather	118	4	0.03	2	35	.057	23	0.19	15	28	0.13	15	607	5.14	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	19.0
14	CAVALLO, Daniela	17	1	0.06	2	3	-.333	0	0.00	0	2	0.00	0	21	1.24	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1.0
3	HOWARD, Becca	90	1	0.01	6	22	-.227	340	3.78	10	11	0.11	4	145	1.61	0	0	0	0.00	0	4	11.0
	TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	UAB	118	1484	12.58	631	4473	.191	1365	11.57	117	235	0.99	135	1932	16.37	73	382	264.0	2.24	53	20	1865.0
	Opponents	118	1584	13.42	667	4552	.201	1475	12.50	136	218	1.15	117	2050	17.37	46	456	274.0	2.32	57	22	1994.0

Team Statistics	UAB	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	1484	1584
Errors	631	667
Total Attacks	4473	4552
Attack Pct	.191	.201
Kills/Set	12.6	13.4
SET		
Assists	1365	1475
Attempts	4392	4478
Assist Pct	.311	.329
Assists/Set	11.6	12.5
SERVE		
Aces	117	136
Errors	235	218
Attempts	2556	2647
Serve Pct	.908	.918
Aces/Set	1.0	1.2
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	135	117
Errors/Set	1.1	1.0
Attempts	2420	2306
Reception Pct	.944	.949
DEFENSE		
Digs	1932	2050
Digs/Set	16.4	17.4
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	73	46
Block Assist	382	456
Total Blocks	264.0	274.0
Blocks/Set	2.2	2.3
Block Errors	53	57
Ball handling errors	20	22
ATTENDANCE		
Total	2084	6505
Dates/Avg Per Date	10/208	14/465
Neutral site #/Avg	8/15	
Current win streak	5	-
Home win streak	3	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
Aug 27	vs Alabama A&M	w 3-0	27-25,25-23,25-13	0
Aug 28	vs Indiana	L 0-3	19-25,13-25,22-25	0
Aug 28	at Georgia Tech	L 0-3	19-25,13-25,14-25	1037
Sept 3	vs Furman	L 1-3	25-20,21-25,16-25,24-26	0
Sept 3	vs Toledo	w 3-0	25-21,25-23,25-23	0
Sept 4	at Alabama	L 1-3	15-25,25-20,22-25,22-25	564
Sep 10	vs Albany	L 1-3	23-25,18-25,25-19,21-25	67
Sep 11	at Middle Tennessee	L 1-3	16-25,25-22,17-25,18-25	153
Sep 11	vs Arkansas	w 3-2	24-26,25-23,23-25,25-19,17-15	52
Sep 17	vs Ohio	L 0-3	23-25,19-25,25-27	0
Sep 17	at TCU	L 0-3	8-25,16-25,25-27	1334
Sep 18	vs UTSA	L 2-3	25-20,25-21,15-25,20-25,6-15	0
*Sep 24	SMU	L 0-3	15-25,17-25,20-25	252
*Sep 25	SMU	L 0-3	18-25,16-25,14-25	247
*Oct 01	EAST CAROLINA	w 3-2	25-14,25-14,23-25,21-25,15-12	166
*Oct 03	at Marshall	L 1-3	25-17,18-25,19-25,21-25	223
*Oct 09	at Tulsa	L 0-3	20-25,14-25,22-25	210
*Oct 10	at Tulsa	L 0-3	25-27,21-25,20-25	230
*Oct 15	RICE	w 3-2	25-18,24-26,24-26,25-19,15-13	157
*Oct 17	HOUSTON	L 0-3	19-25,20-25,17-25	173
*Oct 22	at UCF	L 2-3	25-16,20-25,26-28,25-23,12-15	419
*Oct 24	at UTEP	w 3-1	20-25,25-21,26-24,25-22	412
*Oct 29	TULANE	w 3-0	25-19,25-22,25-14	168
*Oct 31	SOUTHERN MISS	L 1-3	27-29,18-25,25-22,19-25	174
*Nov 05	at Houston	L 0-3	19-25,24-26,30-32	224
*Nov 06	at Rice	w 3-2	25-19,21-25,26-28,25-22,15-11	1197
*Nov 12	at Southern Miss	L 0-3	23-25,22-25,21-25	301
*Nov 14	at Tulane	w 3-0	25-23,25-23,25-13	0
*Nov 19	UTEP	w 3-1	25-12,25-11,23-25,25-21	217
*Nov 21	UCF	w 3-1	25-18,21-25,25-23,27-25	301
*Nov 24	MEMPHIS	w 3-0	25-16,25-14,25-19	229
*Nov 27	at Memphis	w 3-1	25-21,25-13,20-25,25-20	201

Record in 3-set matches: 5-11
 Record in 4-set matches: 4-6
 Record in 5-set matches: 4-2



UAB VOLLEYBALL. 2010/CAREER STATS

SEASON

CAREER

#	Player	Attack						Set			Attack						Set			pts/s
		sp	k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	pts/s	sp	k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s		
2	SERLEY, Sam	118	333	2.82	100	732	.318	9	0.08	3.69	219	612	2.79	191	1338	.315	14	0.06	3.61	
11	MCDONALD, Jordan	96	282	2.94	119	935	.174	27	0.28	3.21	278	647	2.33	300	2106	.165	83	0.30	2.66	
10	UZOH, Michelle	107	215	2.01	43	555	.310	5	0.05	2.60	183	379	2.07	77	973	.310	10	0.05	2.73	
7	MORRELL, Kate	100	201	2.01	103	707	.139	10	0.10	2.47	100	201	2.01	103	707	.139	10	0.10	2.47	
9	SLAUGHTER, Ally	93	199	2.14	118	668	.121	14	0.15	2.43	93	199	2.14	118	668	.121	14	0.15	2.43	
20	SIMMONS, Michele	77	124	1.61	58	338	.195	16	0.21	1.99	77	124	1.61	58	338	.195	16	0.21	1.99	
6	GALLAGHER, Kirsten	49	49	1.00	13	139	.259	12	0.24	1.37	65	63	0.97	20	194	.222	15	0.23	1.29	
1	WOODS, Alison	118	26	0.22	14	87	.138	901	7.64	0.50	241	40	0.17	26	169	.083	2124	8.81	0.56	
4	FAIRBANKS, Rachel	56	24	0.43	23	122	.008	6	0.11	0.52	56	24	0.43	23	122	.008	6	0.11	0.52	
8	SOARES, Thais	25	21	0.84	23	100	-.020	2	0.08	0.96	25	21	0.84	23	100	-.020	2	0.08	0.96	
5	BAYER, Bobbi	4	4	1.00	6	29	-.069	0	0.00	1.25	4	4	1.00	6	29	-.069	0	0.00	1.25	
23	THOMAS, Heather	118	4	0.03	2	35	.057	23	0.19	0.16	374	7	0.02	10	87	-.034	50	0.13	0.16	
14	CAVALLO, Daniela	17	1	0.06	2	3	-.333	0	0.00	0.06	17	1	0.06	2	3	-.333	0	0.00	0.06	
3	HOWARD, Becca	90	1	0.01	6	22	-.227	340	3.78	0.12	90	1	0.01	6	22	-.227	340	3.78	0.12	
UAB		118	1484	12.58	631	4473	.191	1365	11.57	15.81										
Opponents		118	1584	13.42	667	4552	.201	1475	12.50	16.90										

Player	Serve			Dig		Blocking				Serve			Dig		Blocking			
	sa	sa/s	se	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	b/s	sa	sa/s	se	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	b/s
SERLEY, Sam	20	0.17	35	57	0.48	36	92	128	1.08	38	0.17	63	90	0.41	56	169	225	1.03
MCDONALD, Jordan	6	0.06	22	243	2.53	3	34	37	0.39	25	0.09	93	581	2.09	7	120	127	0.46
UZOH, Michelle	0	0.00	0	44	0.41	17	92	109	1.02	0	0.00	0	67	0.37	37	166	203	1.11
MORRELL, Kate	23	0.23	30	199	1.99	5	37	42	0.42	23	0.23	30	199	1.99	5	37	42	0.42
SLAUGHTER, Ally	11	0.12	35	130	1.40	2	28	30	0.32	11	0.12	35	130	1.40	2	28	30	0.32
SIMMONS, Michele	0	0.00	2	15	0.19	9	41	50	0.65	0	0.00	2	15	0.19	9	41	50	0.65
GALLAGHER, Kirsten	0	0.00	2	27	0.55	1	35	36	0.73	1	0.02	5	44	0.68	1	39	40	0.62
WOODS, Alison	23	0.19	36	265	2.25	0	21	21	0.18	61	0.25	68	536	2.22	1	67	68	0.28
FAIRBANKS, Rachel	5	0.09	16	115	2.05	0	1	1	0.02	5	0.09	16	115	2.05	0	1	1	0.02
SOARES, Thais	3	0.12	12	44	1.76	0	1	1	0.04	3	0.12	12	44	1.76	0	1	1	0.04
BAYER, Bobbi	1	0.25	3	20	5.00	0	0	0	0.00	1	0.25	3	20	5.00	0	0	0	0.00
THOMAS, Heather	15	0.13	28	607	5.14	0	0	0	0.00	53	0.14	72	1500	4.01	0	0	0	0.00
CAVALLO, Daniela	0	0.00	2	21	1.24	0	0	0	0.00	0	0.00	2	21	1.24	0	0	0	0.00
HOWARD, Becca	10	0.11	11	145	1.61	0	0	0	0.00	10	0.11	11	145	1.61	0	0	0	0.00
UAB	117	0.99	235	1932	16.37	73	382	264.0	2.24									
Opponents	136	1.15	218	2050	17.37	46	456	274.0	2.32									