



# VILLANOVA WILDCATS



## 2003 WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL GAME NOTES

### SCHEDULE/RESULTS

A29	vs. No. 25 Michigan St.	3-0 L
A30	vs. Maryland	3-0 L
A30	vs. Tennessee	3-0 L
S5	vs. George Washington	3-0 L
S6	vs. Coppin State	3-0 W
S6	vs. Lafayette	3-0 W
S9	at Temple	3-1 L
S13	vs. Oregon	3-0 L
S14	vs. Colorado	3-0 L
<b>S19</b>	<b>PENNSYLVANIA</b>	<b>3-2 L</b>
<b>S20</b>	<b>MANHATTAN</b>	<b>3-2 L</b>
<b>S20</b>	<b>UMBC</b>	<b>3-1 W</b>
S26	at No. 17 Notre Dame*	3-1 L
S28	at Syracuse*	3-1 L
<b>O4</b>	<b>PITTSBURGH*</b>	<b>3-2 L</b>
<b>O5</b>	<b>WEST VIRGINIA*</b>	<b>3-1 W</b>
O10	at Virginia Tech*	3-2 W
O12	at Miami*	3-0 L
O14	at Florida Intl.	3-0 W
O21	at Fairfield	3-1 W
<b>O25</b>	<b>GEORGETOWN*</b>	<b>3-0 W</b>
<b>O28</b>	<b>DELAWARE</b>	<b>3-1 W</b>
O31	at Boston College*	3-0 W
<b>N7</b>	<b>RUTGERS*</b>	<b>3-0 W</b>
<b>N9</b>	<b>SETON HALL*</b>	<b>3-2 W</b>
<b>N11</b>	<b>TOWSON</b>	<b>3-1 W</b>
<b>N15</b>	<b>ST. JOHN'S*</b>	<b>3-2 W</b>
<b>N16</b>	<b>CONNECTICUT*</b>	<b>3-1 L</b>
N22	vs. Pittsburgh#	1:00PM

CAPS indicate home matches

\* indicate Big East matches

# indicate Big East Tournament

### BIG EAST TOURNAMENT GLANCE

at Notre Dame, Joyce Center

Sat., Nov. 22, 1:00 p.m.

#1 Pittsburgh vs. #4 Villanova

Sat., Nov. 22, 3:30 p.m.

#2 Notre Dame vs. #3 Miami

Sun., Nov. 23, 1:00 p.m.

Championship Game

**Sitting Courtside:** Villanova clinched the fourth seed in the BIG EAST Tournament with a 3-2 come-from-behind victory over St. John's on Saturday. Junior **Katie Lanting** (Loveland, Colo./Alexander Dawson) registered a match-high 21 kills to go along with her one solo block and six block assists. The Wildcats saw their nine-match win streak snapped with a 3-1 setback to Connecticut on Sunday. Villanova now stands at 14-14 overall and 7-5 in BIG EAST play.

**Super Sophs:** Sophomore outside hitters **Celine Nguyen** (Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif./Palos Verdes Peninsula) and **Dana Kabashima** (Santa Monica, Calif./Santa Monica) each turned in strong all-around performances in the Wildcats' final two regular season matches. Against St. John's, Nguyen tallied 17 kills and a team-high 21 digs, while Kabashima turned in a 15-kill, 16-dig and four block assist effort. Nguyen responded with 15 kills and 13 digs versus Connecticut, while Kabashima chipped in four kills, eight digs and a block assist.



**Tournament History:** The Wildcats have made 15 trips to the BIG EAST Tournament since 1982 and have registered a 21-24 overall record in conference playoffs. Villanova has advanced to the title game once (1997), but has never captured a tournament championship.

**Last Dance:** Villanova will compete in its first BIG EAST Tournament since the 1997 campaign when the Wildcats finished 20-9. Villanova defeated Connecticut 3-1 in the semifinals before losing to Notre Dame in the championship match, 3-1. The Wildcats also advanced to the NCAA Tournament in 1997 where they suffered a 3-2 setback to Northern Illinois in the opening game.

**Cat Fights:** Pittsburgh and Villanova have met seven times in the BIG EAST Tournament, dating back to 1982. The most recent meeting happened in 1996 when the Panthers knocked the Wildcats off in the semifinals, 3-1. Pittsburgh has defeated Villanova in all seven post season meetings.

**Scouting Pittsburgh:** The Panthers enter the weekend with a 22-4 overall record and 10-1 mark in the BIG EAST. Three Pittsburgh players have tallied more than 300 kills with senior outside hitter Wendy Hatlestad leading the way with 427. Junior Megan Miller and senior Sarah Rollman have tallied 343 and 312 kills, respectively. Junior Lindsey Macke handles most of the setting duties with 1,144 assists. Defensively, Miller leads Pittsburgh with 81 total blocks, while Rollma has managed 67 of her own. Chris Beerman has a 75-39 record during his four years as head coach of Pittsburgh.

**Share and Share Alike:** Notre Dame and Pittsburgh shared the 2003 regular season title, as both teams finished BIG EAST play with a 10-1 record. The Panthers defeated the Fighting Irish, 3-2, in the final match of the regular season to claim a share of first place.

**Lanting Achieves Career High:** Junior middle blocker **Katie Lanting** (Loveland, Colo./Alexander Dawson) has reached a new career high for kills in a season, after tallying 64 kills in three matches last week. Lanting's total of 335 kills in 104 games this season surpasses her previous high of 292 kills in 2002.



**Edwards Gains Ground:** Senior setter **Jennifer Edwards** (Valencia, Calif./Valencia) climbed to fourth among Villanova's all-time assists leaders. Edwards has tallied 2,552 assists in 398 career games and trails Hillary Anderson for third place by 66 helpers. Cari Clawson leads the Wildcats with 4,137 assists during her career.



**Block Party:** Villanova displayed its best blocking effort of the season against St. John's and Connecticut, when the squad tallied 11 and 12 total team blocks, respectively. The 12 blocks against the Huskies marked a season-high for the 'Cats. A host of Wildcats turned in big numbers, including:

Tale of the Tape		
	UP	VU
Hitting %	.247	.189
Opp. Hitting %	.171	.199
Assists	1353	1394
Assists/Game	15.03	13.28
Kills	1482	1559
Kills/Game	16.47	14.85
Blocks	234.5	188.0
Blocks/Game	2.61	1.79
Service Aces	88	133
Digs	1569	1729

- Katie Lanting 4 solo, 11 assisted
- Erin Birunas 7 assisted
- Megan Abbott 5 assisted
- Dana Kabashima 5 assisted
- Kate Tucker 5 assisted

**The Streak:** Villanova's nine-match winning streak this season marked the longest unbeaten stretch since the 1997 squad won nine in a row in the middle of its season. The Wildcats went unbeaten this season from Oct. 12 until Nov. 16 when they suffered a 3-1 loss to Connecticut. Their streak included five conference wins and four non-conference victories.

## VILLANOVA QUICK FACTS

Location . . . . . Villanova, PA.  
 Enrollment . . . . . 6,295  
 President . . . . . Rev. Edmund J. Dobbins, OSA  
 Athletic Director . . . . . Vince Nicastro  
 Colors . . . . . Blue and White  
 Conference . . . . . Big East  
 Home Court . . . . . Jake Nevin Field House  
 Capacity . . . . . 2,500

## VOLLEYBALL

Head Coach . . . . . Allison Keeley  
 Alma Mater . . . . . Carleton College ('90)  
 Career Record . . . . . 76-113 (7 years)  
 Villanova Record . . . . . 39-52 (3 years)  
 Office Phone . . . . . (610) 519-4137  
 2002 Record . . . . . 18-16  
 2002 Conference Record . . . . . 7-6  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost . . . . . 11/3  
 Starters Returning/Lost . . . . . 5/1  
 Newcomers . . . . . 4

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# Pittsburgh and Villanova...The First of Two

VILLANOVA, PA. – Villanova captured the first two games of the match, but could not hold on as Pittsburgh rallied for a 3-2 win in BIG EAST volleyball action. The Wildcats won 30-28 and 30-23 before the Panthers posted scores of 30-25, 30-18 and 15-12 in the final three games to go on for the win.

Pittsburgh jumped out early in game one, holding leads of 8-5 and 11-8, before **Katie Lanting** delivered consecutive kills to give Villanova its first lead, 15-14. The teams played nip and tuck, with the Panthers going ahead until **Celine Nguyen** tied the score at 21-21. The Wildcats then opened up their largest lead of the game, 25-22, behind two kills from **Adrian Semrau** and block assists by Semrau and **Kerri Sullivan**. Pittsburgh closed to 29-28, but then **Erin Birunas** drilled the game-winner.

In game two, Villanova continued its torrid offensive attack, hitting .405, led by Lanting's six kills on nine attempts (.667). The 'Cats jumped on the Panthers 13-8, then **Kelly Ludwig** and Nguyen helped push Villanova ahead 19-12. Megan Miller kept Pittsburgh close with two kills and a block assist to make the score 24-18. Pittsburgh closed to within 27-22, but a Sullivan kill and two service aces by Semrau closed out the game.

Game three featured the most see-saw action of the afternoon, with neither team leading by more than three points early. With the score tied at 19-19, Sullivan and Nguyen each scored points

to put the 'Cats ahead 21-19. The Panthers answered with a kill by Wendy Hatlestad and three kills by Abby Fechhelm to go out in front, 25-22. Villanova closed within 25-24 thanks to consecutive kills by Sullivan. Then Sarah Rollman and Hatlestad teamed to finish off the 30-25 win.

Pittsburgh dominated game four, racing to a 9-5 lead and then opening up advantages of 16-11 and 20-13 en route to the 30-18 decision to knot the match at two games apiece.

In the fifth and deciding game, Pittsburgh took the early lead, at 4-2. Lanting, Birunas and Nguyen helped keep the 'Cats close at 8-7. Then Rollman and Miller got hot and gave the Panthers a 10-7 advantage. The Wildcats closed to within one again at 12-11 on a kill by Semrau, but that was as close as Villanova would get, dropping the game, 15-12.

Lanting sparked the Wildcats with 20 kills, and Sullivan finished with 19 kills and three block assists. Semrau tallied 13 kills and five block assists, while Birunas also hit double figures with 10 kills. **Sam Hartwell** and Nguyen led the defensive effort, with 19 and 17 digs, respectively.

For Pittsburgh, Hatlestad finished with a match-high 25 kills, while Rollman chipped in with 18.

Pittsburgh vs Villanova University (Oct 04, 2003 at Villanova, Pa.)

Pittsburgh		ATTACK				SET	SERVE		SRV DEF			BLOCK			GEN	POINTS
#	Name	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE	
6	HATLESTAD, Wendy....	5	25	6	56	.339	1	1	2	2	9	0	2	1	0	27.0
7	MACKE, Lindsey.....	5	3	1	5	.400	50	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	3.0
10	PUZAUSKAS, April....	5	4	1	11	.273	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	4.0
15	FECHHELM, Abby.....	5	8	3	20	.250	3	0	1	0	17	0	0	0	0	8.0
17	MILLER, Megan.....	5	15	4	42	.262	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	16.5
31	ROLLMAN, Sarah.....	5	18	8	58	.172	3	0	1	0	16	2	1	1	1	20.5
3	NORRIS, Kim.....	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
4	MCGRANE, Megan.....	5	1	0	2	.500	2	0	0	7	21	0	0	0	0	1.0
13	WHALEY, Melissa.....	1	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
23	McDONALD, Jessica...	5	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1.0
Totals.....		5	74	23	195	.262	60	2	6	9	81	3	6	3	1	82.0

TEAM	ATTACK	PER	GAME	
Game	K	E	TA	Pct
1	17	8	47	.191
2	12	6	37	.162
3	23	4	50	.380
4	12	4	36	.222
5	10	1	25	.360

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 6.0

GAME SCORES		1	2	3	4	5	TEAM RECORDS
Pittsburgh.....	28	23	30	30	15	12-3,	3-0
Villanova University	30	30	25	18	12	3-12,	0-3

Villanova University		ATTACK				SET	SERVE		SRV DEF			BLOCK			GEN	POINTS
#	Name	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE	
5	BIRUNAS, Erin.....	5	10	4	25	.240	2	2	2	0	15	0	0	0	0	12.0
7	SEMRAU, Adrian.....	5	13	10	42	.071	0	4	3	0	1	0	5	0	0	19.5
8	NGUYEN, Celine.....	5	6	2	24	.167	1	0	3	1	17	0	1	0	0	6.5
11	LANTING, Katie.....	5	20	3	43	.395	2	2	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	23.5
14	BADRAN-GRYCAN, Jenni	5	2	0	4	.500	30	0	3	0	11	0	0	0	1	2.0
18	ABBOTT, Megan.....	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.5
4	LUDWIG, Kelly.....	5	2	2	15	.000	2	0	0	0	1	3	1	1	0	3.5
9	HARTWELL, Sam.....	5	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	1	0.0
12	SULLIVAN, Kerri.....	5	19	5	48	.292	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	20.5
17	TUCKER, Kate.....	3	1	2	4	-.250	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0
21	EDWARDS, Jennifer...	5	0	0	0	.000	24	1	0	0	9	0	0	0	2	1.0
Totals.....		5	73	28	205	.220	64	9	13	2	78	2	12	1	5	90.0

TEAM	ATTACK	PER	GAME	
Game	K	E	TA	Pct
1	19	7	44	.273
2	19	2	42	.405
3	14	4	46	.217
4	12	12	48	.000
5	9	3	25	.240

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 8.0

Site: Villanova, Pa. (Nevin Field House)  
 Date: Oct 04, 2003 Attend: 141 Time: 2:08  
 Referees: Bill Jones, Dave Lockwood

## 2003 Villanova Alphabetical Roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
18	Abbott, Megan	So.	6-4	MB	Jacksonville, Fla./Jacksonville
14	Badran-Grycan, Jennifer	Jr.	5-7	DS/S	Santa Monica, Calif./Palisades
5	Birunas, Erin	Sr.	6-0	OH	Lancaster, Pa./Hempfield
15	Bye, Megan	So.	5-7	DS	Englewood, Colo./JK Mullen
21	Edwards, Jennifer	Sr.	5-9	S	Valencia, Calif./Valencia High School
9	Hartwell, Sam	Jr.	5-6	L	San Anselmo, Calif./Marin Catholic
2	Hoover, Jessica	Fr.	5-11	OH	Highland Park, Ill./Adlai E. Stevenson
10	Kabashima, Dana	So.	5-10	OH	Santa Monica, Calif./Santa Monica
33	Lalli, Jen	Fr.	5-4	S/DS	Media, Pa./Penncrest
11	Lanting, Katie	Jr.	6-3	MB	Loveland, Colo./Alexander Dawson School
4	Ludwig, Kelly	Fr.	6-1	S/H	Franklin Lakes, N.J./Ramapo
8	Nguyen, Celine	So.	5-9	OH	Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif./ Palos Verdes Peninsula
7	Semrau, Adrian	Fr.	6-4	MB	Grafton, Ohio/Midview
12	Sullivan, Kerri	Jr.	6-0	MB	Downers Grove, Ill./South
17	Tucker, Kate	Sr.	5-11	OH	River Forest, Ill./Oak Park River

## 2003 Villanova Numerical Roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>
2	Hoover, Jessica	Fr.	5-11	OH	Highland Park, Ill./Adlai E. Stevenson
4	Ludwig, Kelly	Fr.	6-1	S/H	Franklin Lakes, N.J./Ramapo
5	Birunas, Erin	Sr.	6-0	OH	Lancaster, Pa./Hempfield
7	Semrau, Adrian	Fr.	6-4	MB	Grafton, Ohio/Midview
8	Nguyen, Celine	So.	5-9	OH	Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif./ Palos Verdes Peninsula
9	Hartwell, Sam	Jr.	5-6	L	San Anselmo, Calif./Marin Catholic
10	Kabashima, Dana	So.	5-10	OH	Santa Monica, Calif./Santa Monica
11	Lanting, Katie	Jr.	6-3	MB	Loveland, Colo./Alexander Dawson School
12	Sullivan, Kerri	Jr.	6-0	MB	Downers Grove, Ill./South
14	Badran-Grycan, Jennifer	Jr.	5-7	DS/S	Santa Monica, Calif./Palisades
15	Bye, Megan	So.	5-7	DS	Englewood, Colo./JK Mullen
17	Tucker, Kate	Sr.	5-11	OH	River Forest, Ill./Oak Park River
18	Abbott, Megan	So.	6-4	MB	Jacksonville, Fla./Jacksonville
21	Edwards, Jennifer	Sr.	5-9	S	Valencia, Calif./Valencia High School
33	Lalli, Jen	Fr.	5-4	S/DS	Media, Pa./Penncrest

**Head Coach:** Allison Keeley  
**Assistant Coach:** Stewart Arevalo

### Pronunciation Guide

Birunas	Bah-RU-Ness
Nyugen	New-YIN
Badran-Grycan	BAY-dran GRY-son
Lalli	LOLLY



Allison Keeley returns for her third season at the helm of the Villanova women's volleyball team in 2003. She was named the school's eighth volleyball coach on April 18, 2001.

Kelley guided the Wildcats to their first winning season since 1997 last year. The team completed an 11-win turnaround, finishing 18-16 overall. The 18 victories were the most for the 'Cats since they posted 20 wins in 1997.

From 1998-2001, Keeley spent three seasons as the head coach at Southern Arkansas University. Keeley brought enthusiasm and energy to the program at Southern Arkansas and saw her team earn six individual school records and four all-conference selections.

Prior to her stint at Southern Arkansas, Keeley served as the head coach at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, Cal. from 1996-98. In 1995, she served as associate head coach at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., where her team recorded a fourth place finish in the conference race after finishing the previous season with a 3-31 record.

Keeley graduated in 1990 from Carleton College with a bachelor of arts degree in political science. Keeley earned her Masters in Education from Azusa Pacific. She resides in Ardmore, Pa.

## Wildcats By Class

**Seniors** - 3 (Erin Birunas, Jennifer Edwards, Kate Tucker)

**Juniors** - 4 (Jennifer Badran-Grycan, Sam Hartwell, Katie Lanting, Kerri Sullivan)

**Sophomores** - 4 (Megan Abbott, Megan Bye, Dana Kabashima, Celine Nyugen)

**Freshmen** - 4 (Jessica Hoover, Jen Lalli, Kelly Ludwig, Adrian Semrau)

## Wildcats By State

**California** - 5 (Jennifer Badran-Grycan, Jennifer Edwards, Sam Hartwell, Dana Kabashima, Celine Nyugen)

**Colorado** - 2 (Megan Bye, Katie Lanting)

**Florida** - 1 (Megan Abbott)

**Illinois** - 3 (Jessica Hoover, Kerri Sullivan, Kate Tucker)

**New Jersey** - 1 (Kelly Ludwig)

**Ohio** - 1 (Adrian Semrau)

**Pennsylvania** - 2 (Erin Birunas, Jen Lalli)

## AVCA Rankings

	<u>Record</u>	<u>Prev. Rank</u>
1. USC	26-0	1
2. Hawaii	27-1	2
3. Florida	28-1	3
4. Pepperdine	22-2	4
5. Kansas State	25-3	5
6. Georgia Tech	28-1	6
7. Stanford	19-6	7
8. UCLA	21-6	8
9. California	19-6	9
10. Nebraska	23-4	10
11. Washington	18-7	11
12. Northern Iowa	24-4	14
13. Santa Clara	19-8	13
14. Colorado State	24-4	15
15. Penn State	24-4	16
16. Loyola Marymount	24-5	17
17. Notre Dame	22-4	12
18. Louisville	20-4	19
19. UC Santa Barbara	18-7	21
20. Illinois	21-5	25
21. Texas A&M	19-7	18
22. Minnesota	19-9	24
23. Cincinnati	26-3	20
24. Southwest Missouri State	25-4	NR
25. Arizona	14-13	NR

\*includes matches up to 11/16

## Big East Standings

	<u>Big East</u>			<u>Overall</u>		
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
Pittsburgh	11	1	.917	22	4	.846
Notre Dame	11	1	.917	22	4	.846
Miami	9	3	.750	22	8	.733
Villanova	7	5	.583	14	14	.500
St. John's	7	5	.583	26	9	.743
Virginia Tech	7	5	.583	13	14	.482
Connecticut	6	6	.500	20	12	.625
Rutgers	5	7	.417	11	17	.393
Syracuse	4	8	.333	17	16	.515
Boston College	3	9	.250	17	12	.586
Georgetown	3	9	.250	9	19	.321
Seton Hall	3	9	.250	20	13	.606
West Virginia	2	10	.167	6	21	.222

\*end of regular season

## Big East Weekly Awards

**Player of the Week** - Megan Miller, Pittsburgh

**Rookie of the Week** - Jill Robinson, Miami

## Big East Weekly Schedule

### This Week's Schedule

11/22	BIG EAST SEMIFINALS	
	<b>No. 1 Pittsburgh vs. No. 4 Villanova</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
	No. 2 Notre Dame vs. No. 3 Miami	3:30 p.m.
11/23	BIG EAST CHAMPIONSHIP	1:00p.m.

### Last Week's Results

11/11	Connecticut 3, Fairfield 0
	<b>Villanova 3, Towson 1</b>
	#14 Northern Iowa 3, Notre Dame 1
11/14	Robert Morris 3, Syracuse 1
	CONNECTICUT 3, GEORGETOWN 1
11/15	PITTSBURGH 3, SYRACUSE 1
	NOTRE DAME 3, WEST VIRGINIA 0
	SETON HALL 3, BOSTON COLLEGE 0
	<b>VILLANOVA 3, ST. JOHN'S 2</b>
	MIAMI 3, VIRGINIA TECH 0
11/16	SYRACUSE 3, WEST VIRGINIA 0
	PITTSBURGH 3, NOTRE DAME 2
	RUTGERS 3, BOSTON COLLEGE 1
	<b>CONNECTICUT 3, VILLANOVA 1</b>
	ST. JOHN'S 3, GEORGETOWN 1