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QUICK FACTS

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

VOLLEYBALL QUICK FACTS

Head Coach	Allison Keeley
Alma Mater	Carleton College ('90)
Career Record62-99 (6 years)
Villanova Record25-33 (2 years)
Office Phone	(610) 519-4137
Assistant Coach	Stewart Arevalo
2002 Record	18-16
2002 Conference Record	7-6
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	11/3
Starters Returning/Lost	5/1
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Villanova volleyball has high expectations for the 2003 season.



2003 Villanova Volleyball Team PHOTO

PRONUNCIATION KEY	
(Erin) Birunas	Bah-RU-Ness
(Celine) Nguyen	New-YIN
(Jennifer) Badran-Grycan	BAY-dran-GRY-san
(Jen) Lalli	LOLLY



2003 ROSTER

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



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ALLISON KEELEY
HEAD COACH
3rd SEASON

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.

Last season, Keeley led the Wildcats to an 18-16 overall record, an eleven-game improvement from her first season as head coach. Last season also marked the first time a Villanova volleyball finished over .500 since 1997. With the addition of a solid recruiting class and an experienced returning unit, the 2003 season is full of promise.

In Keeley's first season, the Wildcats posted a 7-17 overall record and 2-10 mark in the Big East.

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.



In 2002, Head Coach Allison Keeley led the Wildcats to their first winning season since 1997.



STEWART AREVALO
ASST. COACH
4th SEASON

Stewart Arevalo begins his fourth year at Villanova and second season under head coach Allison Keeley as an assistant coach for the Villanova women's volleyball program.

Arevalo arrived at Villanova after a one year stint as head coach for Muhlenberg College in 1999. At Muhlenberg, Arevalo led the Division III volleyball program to a 20-18 record, winning 20 matches for the first time since 1995. The Mules set 13 school records between individual and team tallies that year.

Prior to Muhlenberg College, Arevalo spent the previous two years as head coach at Cedar Crest College. Under his guidance, the team made the playoffs for the first time in school history. For his valiant efforts with such a young squad (10 first year players), Arevalo was named the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference (PAC) Coach of the Year.

Arevalo hails from Allentown, Pa.

Villanova Volleyball History (1974-Present)			
Season	Overall Record	Big East Record	Big East Tourney
2002	18-16	7-6	
2001	7-17	2-10	—
2000	9-21	2-9	—
1999	9-21	0-11	—
1998	12-16	4-7	—
1997	20-9	9-2	1-1
1996	21-8	8-3	1-1
1995	21-13	8-3	1-1
1994	19-12	2-6	—
1993	26-9	4-3	1-2
1992	15-17	3-4	1-2
1991	32-10	6-1	1-2
1990	21-18	0-0	2-1
1989	17-22	0-0	1-2
1988	15-23	2-2	2-1
1987	15-21	2-4	2-2
1986	23-16	4-2	2-1
1985	16-23	0-5	1-2
1984	28-21	4-2	1-2
1983	28-18	1-2	2-2
1982	25-20	4-6	2-2
1981	26-11-1		
1980	21-7		
1979	16-5		
1978	8-7		
1977	10-12		
1976	13-8		
1975	6-8		
1974	3-7		
TOTALS	491-397-1	70-79	21-24



2003 VILLANOVA VOLLEYBALL

Coming off a 2002 season in which the Villanova University women's volleyball team went 18-16 overall and recorded their first winning season in five years, expectations are high for head coach Allison Keeley's 2003 squad. With just one starter lost to graduation (outside hitter Leah Mathews), a solid foundation of experienced veterans coupled with an extremely talented freshman class hopes to lead the Wildcats back to the Big East tournament.

"This team has a high sense of commitment and focus. They've trained hard over the spring and summer with the goal of finishing in the top four in the Big East in mind," said Keeley. "We have a strong, balanced and experienced team. We have the guns to beat some top teams, but we'll have to work hard and get a few breaks along the way."

One of Villanova's strengths is the talent and depth of their middle hitters. "Villanova middles have the ability and experience to compete with the middles of Big East Champion Notre Dame, Miami and Pittsburgh," notes Keeley. Leading the way will be junior Kerri Sullivan, one of the most consistent performers in the conference. Sullivan will look to better her team-leading 481 kills and 92 blocks from a year ago. Joining Sullivan will be junior Katie Lanting and sophomore Megan Abbott.

"Katie really became a dominant force for us during the second half of the season, and I fully expect her to pick up right where she left off," explains Keeley. "Megan split time between the right side and middle and became our primary blocker, but she has significantly developed her offensive game this spring and should act as an imposing offensive force."

Joining Sullivan, Lanting and Abbott in the middle will be newcomer Adrian Semrau, who possesses great size and strength and will look to make the adjustment to the speed of the college game.

The Wildcats also boast a talented corps of outside hitters to add to their potent offensive attack. Fifth-year senior and co-captain Erin Birunas looks to shoulder the load of the departed Mathews.



Jennifer Edwards returns for her fourth season as the Wildcats' setter.



Kerri Sullivan will lead the talented crop of Villanova middles.

"Erin has been a starter at Villanova for the past three seasons, and I look for her to be one of the top attackers in the Big East this year," states Keeley. "She has the experience it takes to help this team win some close matches."

Playing opposite Birunas will be sophomore Celine Nguyen, who is fully healed from last year's knee injury. Nguyen is a dynamic attacker and a solid defender, who recorded 240 digs in just 71 games a year ago. Solidifying the right side will be senior Kate Tucker, sophomore Dana Kabashima, who is an outstanding backcourt player as well as a consistent blocker, and freshman Jessica Hoover.

"Kate brings a wealth of experience to the front line," says Keeley. "She is one of our best blockers and most flexible attackers."

The Wildcats return two extremely talented and experienced setters in senior Jennifer Edwards and junior Jenny Badran-Grycan. Both setters notched at least 700 assists last season, and averaged almost six per game.

"Jennifer and Jenny are both strong athletes, good decision makers and great servers. They are as good as anyone in the Big East," notes Keeley.

Also looking to see time at the setter position are newcomers Jennifer Lalli and Kelly Ludwig. Lalli is a highly skilled setter who will gain valuable experience this season. Ludwig also has experience as a hitter and will push for playing time at right side until she learns to set at the Division I level.

Anchoring a defense which averaged close to 17 digs per game will be junior co-captain Sam Hartwell and sophomore Megan Bye.

"In addition to their outstanding passing and defense, Sam and Megan provide motivation and inspiration with their team attitudes, tremendous work ethic and commitment to excellence in a critical position," states Keeley.

With the key pieces in place and a schedule which features No. 23 Miami and No. 25 Temple, as well as perennial Big East powerhouses Notre Dame and Virginia Tech, the 2003 team looks to build on its foundation of success.