



2011 North Carolina Volleyball Match Notes

11 ACC Championships • 13 NCAA Appearances

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2011 Tar Heel Schedule & Results

Record: 23-8, 15-5 ACC

Date	Opponent	Result
Active Ankle Challenge		
A-26	Auburn	W 3-0
A-27	#9 Florida	L 0-3
WMU INVITATIONAL		
S-2	Liberty	W 3-1
S-3	Western Michigan	W 3-0
S-3	Seton Hall	W 3-0
Carolina Classic		
S-9	#19 San Diego	L 0-3
S-10	Georgia Southern	W 3-0
S-10	Arizona State	W 3-0
TAR HEEL CLASSIC		
S-16	Tulsa	L 1-3
S-17	Miami (Ohio)	W 3-0
S-17	Saint Louis	W 3-0
ACC PLAY		
S-23	at Maryland	W 3-0
S-25	at Boston College	W 3-0
S-30	at Clemson	W 3-2
O-1	at Georgia Tech	W 3-0
O-4	NC State	W 3-2
O-7	#24 Florida State	L 1-3
O-9	#21 Miami (Fla.)	W 3-2
O-13	Virginia Tech	W 3-0
O-14	Virginia	W 3-0
O-19	at Duke	L 0-3
O-21	at Wake Forest	W 3-1
O-27	Maryland	W 3-0
O-28	Boston College	W 3-0
N-4	at Miami (Fla.)	L 0-3
N-6	at #18 Florida State	L 0-3
N-11	Georgia Tech	W 3-1
N-12	Clemson	W 3-0
N-18	at Virginia Tech	L 1-3
N-19	at Virginia	W 3-1
N-23	at NC State	W 3-1
NCAA 1st & 2nd Rounds		
D-1	Cal-Berkeley	8 pm
D-2	Pepperdine/Miss. St.	9 pm
NCAA Regionals		
D-9/10	(Honolulu, Hawai'i.)	
NCAA Championship		
D-15&17	(San Antonio, Texas)	



2011 NCAA TOURNAMENT
1ST & 2ND ROUNDS
MALIBU, CALIF.
FIRESTONE FIELDHOUSE
Dec. 1
 Match 1 - UNC vs. Cal - 8 p.m.
 Match 2 - Pepperdine vs. Missouri State - 10:30 p.m.
Dec. 2
 Match 3 - Winners of 1 & 2 - 9 p.m.
Records
 UNC in 2011:..... 23-8, 15-5 ACC
 Cal in 2011:..... 26-6, 16-6 PAC-12
 Pepperdine in 2011:..... 22-6, 15-1 WCC
 Missouri State in 2011:..... 22-8, 15-3 MVC

UNC Opens NCAA Play Friday Against Cal-Berkeley

• In their 13th NCAA Tournament appearance, North Carolina opens the first and second rounds of the 2011 NCAA Tournament against Cal-Berkeley Friday at 8 p.m. in Malibu, Calif. UNC joins Missouri State, Cal and host Pepperdine to comprise one half of the Honolulu Regional. The winner of the single-elimination pod will advance to the Honolulu, Hawai'i, Regional Dec.9-11 for the right to advance to the NCAA Championships in San Antonio, Texas.

National Rankings

• UNC is not ranked in the AVCA coaches' poll and is rated No. 31 in the latest NCAA RPI.
 • Carolina has received votes in the AVCA coaches' poll four times this season.
 • Cal is ranked No. 10 in the AVCA coaches' poll and No. 29 in the NCAA RPI.
 • Pepperdine is No. 9 in the AVCA coaches poll and No. 16 in the RPI. Missouri State is not ranked or receiving votes in the coaches' poll and the Bears are No. 44 in the latest RPI.

UNC All-Time Series Against Field

• The Tar Heels are 0-2 all-time against Cal, falling 3-0 to the Golden Bears in the second round of the 2010 NCAA tourney. UNC is 1-3 when facing Missouri State, also losing in 2010 to the



Senior libero and 2011 All-ACC team member Kaylie Gibson ranks fourth in the conference in digs per set (4.66)

Bears, 1-3, in Springfield, Mo.

• Carolina is 0-2 all-time against Pepperdine, after losing to the Waves, 0-3, in the second round of the 1998 NCAA tourney in East Lansing, Mich

Scouting the Tar Heels

• Enjoying its third 20-win season in the last four years, North Carolina is 23-8 overall and finished T-3rd in the ACC at 15-5.
 • Carolina is paced by its offense that ranks second in the nation in assists per set (13.94).
 • The Tar Heels also rank fourth in the nation in kills (14.91 per set) and 35th in the country in attack percentage (.250).
 • Outside hitter Emily McGee fuels the Carolina attack with 3.96 kills per set. The Naperville, Ill., native leads UNC with 15 double-double efforts in her last 17 matches. McGee has posted double-digit kills in 28 of UNC's 31 matches in 2011.
 • Defensively, All-ACC honorees Chaniel Nelson and Cameron Van Noy are strong up front, averaging 1.02 and 1.28 block per frame respectively. As a team, Carolina is holding its opponents to a .183 attack efficiency.

UNC In National Statistical Rankings 11/28/11

TEAM	RANK (PER SET)
Assists	2nd (13.94)
Kills	4th (14.91)
Attack Percentage	35th (0.250)
INDIVIDUAL	RANK (PER SET)
Emily McGee	Kills - 56th (3.96)
Eric Behm	Assists - 93rd(8.33)

ALL-ACC ACCOLADES

Kaylie Gibson - second consecutive year
 Emily McGee - second consecutive year
 Chaniel Nelson - first-time honoree
 Cameron Van Noy - Freshman of the Year

2011 North Carolina Volleyball • 2011 Roster

Alphabetical

8 Lauren Adkins
 12 Kaitlyn Anderson
 2 Erica Behm
 1 Kayla Berringer
 7 Shelbey Bleke
 6 Tia Gaffen
 18 Aleksandra Georgieva
 4 Kaylie Gibson
 3 Cora Harms
 15 Heather Henry
 16 Chaney LaReau
 11 Emily McGee
 10 Chaniel Nelson
 9 Ece Taner
 14 Cameron Van Noy
 17 Meg Yanda

By Class

Seniors (4)

2 Erica Behm
 7 Shelbey Bleke
 18 Aleksandra Georgieva
 4 Kaylie Gibson

Juniors (5)

6 Tia Gaffen
 3 Cora Harms
 15 Heather Henry
 11 Emily McGee
 17 Meg Yanda

Sophomores (2)

12 Kaitlyn Anderson
 1 Kayla Berringer

Freshmen (5)

8 Lauren Adkins
 16 Chaney LaReau
 10 Chaniel Nelson*
 9 Ece Taner
 14 Cameron Van Noy
 * - Red-shirt

Numerical

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Class	Hometown/High School
1	Kayla Berringer	OH	6-1	So.	El Dorado Hills, Calif./Oak Ridge
2	Erica Behm	S	6-0	Sr.	Downers Grove, Ill./Downers Grove North
3	Cora Harms	S	5-8	Jr.	Placerville, Calif./El Dorado
4	Kaylie Gibson	L	5-3	Sr.	Apex, N.C./Apex
6	Tia Gaffen	MB	6-2	Jr.	Wayzata, Minn./Wayzata
7	Shelbey Bleke	MB	6-3	Sr.	Gainesville, Fla./Buchholz
8	Lauren Adkins	OH	6-0	Fr.	Oviedo, Fla./Lake Howell
9	Ece Taner	DS/L	5-6	Fr.	Ismir, Turkey/Isikkent
10	Chaniel Nelson	OPP	6-2	Fr.*	Huntersville, N.C./Hopewell
11	Emily McGee	OH	5-10	Jr.	Naperville, Ill./Naperville Central
12	Kaitlyn Anderson	DS	5-9	So.	Ayden, N.C./D.H. Conley
14	Cameron Van Noy	MB	6-2	Fr.	Huntersville, N.C./North Mecklenburg
15	Heather Henry	OH/OPP	6-1	Jr.	Eden, N.Y./Eden
16	Chaney LaReau	DS	5-9	Fr.	Glen Allen, Va./Deep Run
17	Meg Yanda	MB	6-1	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga./Holy Innocents Episcopal
18	Aleksandra Georgieva	DS	5-10	Sr.	Sofia, Bulgaria/Victor Hugo

* - Denotes Redshirt

Coaching & Support Staff

Head Coach: Joe Sagula (22nd season)

Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator: Eve Rackham (third season)

Assistant Coach: Tyler Adams (second season)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Heather Brooks

Academic Advisor: Tony Yount

Head Athletic Trainer: Sally Mays

GA Athletic Trainer: Aaron Struminger

Manager: Toya Hall

Pronunciation Guide

Behm	Rhymes with Game
Bleke	Blay-key
Chaniel	shah-NELL
Georgieva	Gee-or-gee-eva
Ece Taner	Ai-zhay tuh-NAR
LaReau	luh-ROW
Sagula	suh-GOO-luh

Breakdown By Position

Outside Hitters (4)

Lauren Adkins (Fr.)
 Kayla Berringer (So.)
 Heather Henry (Jr.)
 Emily McGee (Jr.)

Setters (2)

Erica Behm (Sr.)
 Cora Harms (Jr.)

Right-Side Hitters (2)

Heather Henry (Jr.)
 Chaniel Nelson (Fr. *)

Middle Hitters (4)

Shelbey Bleke (Sr.)
 Tia Gaffen (Jr.)
 Cameron Van Noy (Fr.)
 Meg Yanda (Jr.)

Defensive Specialists (4)

Kaitlyn Anderson (So.)
 Kaylie Gibson (Sr.)
 Chaney LaReau (Fr.)
 Ece Taner (Fr.)

Probable Starters

Pos. No.	Player	Note
L 4	Kaylie Gibson	2011 All-ACC performer leads the team with 508 digs
S 2	Erica Behm	Naperville, Ill., native has compiled a career-high 841 assists in 2011
RS 10	Chaniel Nelson	Redshirt freshman leads UNC in block (103) and is second in kills
OH 1	Kayla Berringer	Junior from El Dorado Hills, Calif. is third on the team in kills (302)
OH 11	Emily McGee	Has posted 15 double-doubles in her last 17 matches
MB 6	Tia Gaffen	The junior transfer from Cal is third on the team in blocks (93)
MB 14	Cameron Van Noy	Only the second Tar Heel to ever be named Freshman of the Year

Off the Bench

Pos. No.	Player	Note
S 12	Kaitlyn Anderson	Posted a career-best 21 digs over then No. 21 Miami Oct. 9
S 3	Cora Harms	Placerville, Calif., native is second on the team in assists (432)
MB 7	Shelbey Bleke	Senior veteran has started 12 matches for Carolina in 2011
L/RS18	A. Georgieva	Frequently used in serve situations, set career-high w/3 aces Nov. 12
RS 15	Heather Henry	Posts two double-digit kill matches in 2011
DS/L9	Ece Taner	Defensive stalwart has tallied 135 digs in her freshman campaign

Scouting the Berkeley Field

Cal

- UNC's 1st round opponent California finished third in the PAC-12 with a 16-6 mark.
- Cal posted 14-4 record at home and 12-2 on the road, including neutral sites
- Tarah Murrey, the squad's lone senior, paces the team with 4.27 kills per set.
- This is Cal's 15th trip to the postseason tournament. The Golden Bears are 1-0 against UNC in the NCAA tournament and 2-0 all-time.

Pepperdine

- Pepperdine is 22-6 overall and won the West Coast Conference regular season with a 15-1 league mark to earn an automatic bid and were awarded the No. 15 overall national seed in the 64-team field.
- The Waves boast the WCC Coach of the Year, Player of the Year, Freshman of the Year and four first team all-conference selections.

Missouri State

- The Bears finished second in the Missouri Valley Conference at 15-3, 22-8 overall and lost to Wichita State in the semifinals of the MVC Tournament.
- MSU is 1-9 all-time in the NCAA tournament with its lone victory coming over Arkansas in the first round in 2006

Current Tar Heels in NCAA Play

- Nine current Tar Heels own NCAA Tournament experience - Kayla Berringer, Erica Behm, Cora Harms, Kaylie Gibson, Tia Gaffen, Shelbey Bleke, Emily McGee, Kaitlyn Anderson and Heather Henry.
- All except for Gaffen were part of UNC's last NCAA Tournament team in 2010. The Tar Heels defeated Ole Miss 3-1 and later were eliminated by Cal in the second round of the tournament.
- Emily McGee helped guide the Carolina offense to the tune of 22 kills and 12 digs in the 2010 NCAA tournament and Kaylie Gibson paced the defense with 21 total digs.

UNC NCAA Tournament History

- Carolina will be making its 13th NCAA appearance Friday and third in the last four years.
- It will be the third postseason trip to the Golden State. UNC traveled to Stockton, Calif., in 1982 and to Berkeley in 2010.
- UNC advanced to the "Sweet 16" in 2002, the furthest Carolina has ever advanced in school history.

NCAA Tournament Results

12 Appearances

		12/4/1982 — Stockton, Calif.	
12/4	Pacific	L	6-15, 4-15, 3-15
		12/2/1983 — Lexington, Ky.	
12/2	Kentucky	L	2-15, 13-15, 12-15
		12/2/1988 — Austin, Texas	
12/2	Texas	L	15-7, 15-6, 15-6
		12/2/1989 — Arlington, Texas	
11/30	Texas-Arlington	L	15-13, 6-15, 13-15, 6-15
		12/3-4/1998 — East Lansing, Mich.	
12/3	Oral Roberts	W	15-7, 5-15, 4-15, 15-11, 15-11
12/4	Pepperdine	L	14-16, 11-15, 8-15
		12/2-3/1999 — College Station, Texas	
12/2	North. Arizona	W	15-6, 15-8, 15-10
12/3	Texas A&M	L	8-15, 4-15, 8-15
		11/30/2000 — Gainesville, Fla.	
11/30	SE Missouri	L	15-13, 15-12, 12-15, 6-15, 13-15
		11/29-30/2001 — Chapel Hill	
11/29	South Carolina	W	30-25, 30-32, 30-25, 30-21
11/3	Pepperdine	L	27-30, 26-30, 23-30
		12/5-6/2002 — Chapel Hill	
12/5	Winthrop	W	30-24, 30-20, 30-18
12/6	South Carolina	W	30-23, 28-30, 30-26, 30-23
		12/13/2002 — Lincoln, Neb.	
12/13	Hawaii	L	21-30, 23-30, 22-30
		12/2/2005 — Chapel Hill	
12/2	Coll. of Charleston	L	28-30, 30-23, 16-30, 29-31
		12/5-6/2008 - Washington, D.C.	
12/5	at American	W	25-16, 25-17, 25-17
12/5	Oregon	L	20-25, 26-24, 18-25, 19-25
		12/3-4/2010 - Berkeley, Calif.	
12/3	Ole Miss	W	25-20, 21-25, 25-18, 25-9
12/4	California	L	13-25, 18-25, 18-25
		12/1-2/2011 - Malibu, Calif.	
12/1	California	TBA	

Gibson Showing Class

- Senior Kaylie Gibson was named one of ten finalists for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award.
- The Apex, N.C., native needed only six weeks to move into second all-time in Carolina history in career-digs. The senior libero has tallied 2,004 digs to-date.

Closing in on 1,000

- After posting 13 kills in the win at NC State Nov. 23, McGee has amassed 963 kills to-date.
- The junior outside hitter will have an opportunity to inch closer to the 1,000 kill club

UNC Record Books

Career Dig Average	G	Digs	Avg.
1. Brianna Eskola (2005-2008)	478	2,238	4.68
2. Kaylie Gibson (2007-pres.)	462	2,004	4.18
3. Katie Galloway (1991-94)	369	1,258	3.41

Single Season Digs	G	Digs
1. Taylor Rayfield (2005)	130	734
2. Brianna Eskola (2007)	117	678
3. Kaylie Gibson (2010)	119	669

Single Season Dig Average	Digs	Avg.
1. Brianna Eskola (2007)	678	5.79
2. Taylor Rayfield (2005)	734	5.65
3. Kaylie Gibson (2010)	669	5.62

Career Digs	G	Digs
1. Brianna Eskola (2005-2008)	478	2,238
2. Kaylie Gibson (2007-pres.)	462	2,004
3. Caroline deRoock (2001-04)	475	1,579
4. Laura Greene (1999-2002)	460	1,558

with the match against the Golden Bears.

Double-Trouble

- 2010 and 2011 All-ACC performer, Emily McGee, is having a breakout campaign, registering double-digit kills in 28 of UNC's 31 matches this season.
- The Naperville, Ill., native has been on a tear of late, corralling 15 double-doubles in the Tar Heels' last 17 matches.
- McGee also earned ACC Player of the Week honors Oct. 10, marking the second time she has received the award. She was also named POTW on Oct. 25, 2010..

Spreading The Wealth

- Four Tar Heels have tallied at least 255 kills with a .216 attack percentage or better.
- Emily McGee (432/.253), Chaniel Nelson (304/.250), Kayla Berringer (302/.216) and Tia Gaffen (257/.302).

Going Back To Cali

- Three Tar Heels will return to their home state this weekend. Setter Cora Harms is from Placerville, Calif., outside hitter Kayla Berringer resides in El Dorado Hills, Calif.
- Former Tar Heel great and current assistant coach and recruiting coordinator, Eve Rackham (UNC '03), is from Sebastopol, Calif.
- Junior Tia Gaffen will be making a different sort of homcoming, as she will be facing her former teammates in Carolina's match with the Golden Bears. Gaffen played sparingly for Cal in 2010, during its run to the national title game, before falling to Penn State.



Head coach Joe Sagula enters his 30th season of coaching in 2010 as one of the most prolific winners in college volleyball today. The winningest coach in North Carolina volleyball history, Sagula has been at the helm for five of UNC's ACC crowns and nine of its 13 NCAA appearances.

Additionally, the Tar Heels have gone 444-279 since he joined the program in 1990, a winning percentage over 60 percent. Sagula has achieved this success after coming to Chapel Hill from the University of Pennsylvania where he compiled a 203-123 record in nine seasons, giving him a career mark of 646-392.

In his 30th season overall and 22nd at Carolina, Sagula captured his 600th career win and his 400th career victory at North Carolina. The Bronx, N.Y., native is the 17th coach in NCAA Division-I history to compile 600 or more career victories. In conjunction with nearly 70 percent of his career victories coming at North Carolina, the veteran coach became the first coach in ACC history to ever earn 200 or more league wins.

Carolina has won more ACC titles - 11 - than any other program. Sagula has the most ACC wins of any coach in history with 224, and his five ACC titles rank second among any ACC coach.

Along with the five ACC titles, Sagula has guided the Tar Heels to 11 top-three finishes in the league's regular-season standings, including first-place finishes in 1998, 2000, 2002, 2005 and 2008. In 14 seasons, Sagula led the Tar Heels to six appearances in the ACC championship match and 10 appearances in the ACC Tournament semifinals. The ACC discontinued the conference tournament in 2004, the Tar Heels' last appearance in the championship match. Sagula has also coached four ACC Players of the Year - Amy Peistrup in 1992, Erin Berg in 1998, Laura Greene in 2002 and Dani Nyenhuis in 2005.

The 2002 Tar Heels won 30 matches (32-4 overall) for the first time since 1985 en route to the program's first appearance in an NCAA Tournament regional semifinal. They also took the ACC regular season championship with a 15-1 conference record. The most successful season in the history of the program concluded with Sagula garnering conference and regional coach of the year honors.

During Sagula's tenure at Penn, the Quakers won Ivy League titles in 1983, 1986 and 1989. Sagula was also named the Ivy League Coach of the Year four consecutive seasons.

In addition to his duties with the women's team at Penn, Sagula served as the head men's coach from 1981-89. His record with the men, which competed at both the varsity and club levels, was 111-75 (.597). At the December 2002 meetings of the American Volleyball Coaches Association in New Orleans, Sagula was elected president of the AVCA for a two-year term starting in January 2004.

Sagula chaired the NCAA Division I All-America Committee for four years while at Penn and served four years on the AVCA Board of Directors as the Awards Chairman.

A native of The Bronx, N.Y., Sagula earned his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York, College at New Paltz in 1978. While there he earned three letters in volleyball, captaining the team his senior year. During the summer of 1990, Sagula served as an assistant coach for the USA National Women's Volleyball B Team, which trained in Walnut Creek, Calif. Twice he has coached at the United States Olympic Festival - in 1987 in Chapel Hill as an assistant coach and in 1989 in Oklahoma City as a head coach. In both cases, his teams took home silver medals. Sagula married the former Ingrid Weber in May of 2008.

Sagula By The Numbers

Overall Record - 646-392
 Record at UNC - 444-279
 Record at Penn - 203-123
 ACC Record - 224-124

ACC Titles - 5 (1999, 2000, 2001, 2005, 2008)

ACC Coach of the Year - 3 (1999, 2002, 2005)

AVCA Regional Coach of the Year - 3 (1998, 2000, 2001)

Carolina Volleyball Quick Facts

University Information

Location	Chapel Hill, N.C.
Undergraduate Enrollment	17,895
Chartered	1789
Nickname	Tar Heels
Colors	Carolina Blue and White
Conference	Atlantic Coast
National Affiliation	NCAA, Division I
Chancellor	Holden Thorp
Athletic Director	Bubba Cunningham
Senior Associate AD/Olympic Sports	Beth Miller
Athletic Department Switchboards	
Smith Center	(919) 962-6000
Carmichael Arena	(919) 962-5411

Volleyball Information

Head Coach	Joe Sagula (SUNY-New Paltz '78)
Career Record	646-392
Record at Carolina	444-279-2 (22 years)
Assistant Coach	Eve Rackham
Assistant Coach	Tyler Adams
Volunteer Assistant Coach	Heather Brooks
Office Phone	(919) 962-5228
2010 Record	25-10, 15-5 ACC
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	10/3
Starting Returning/Lost	3/3 + Libero
Home Court	Carmichael Arena
Capacity	6,822

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Interview Requests

Head coach Joe Sagula and the Carolina players will be available for postgame interviews immediately following all home games. Requested Tar Heel players will be escorted to the interview area by UNC Athletic Communications personnel.

Interviews with visiting team members can be conducted on the field or in the dugout, subject to the policy of the visiting team's media relations representative.

Non-gameday interviews with Carolina players and Sagula must be arranged through Nathan Thorp of the UNC Athletic Communications Office and will be conducted immediately before or after practice whenever possible. Thorp can be reached at (919) 962-1160 or (919) 368-8635 or nthorp@unca.unc.edu.