



SAINT LOUIS VOLLEYBALL

2017 QUICK FACTS

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Name of School	Saint Louis University
Location	St. Louis, Mo.
Founded	1818
Enrollment	12,914
Nickname	Billikens
Colors	Royal Blue & White
Facility	Chaifetz Pavilion
Capacity	800
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Atlantic 10
President	Dr. Fred Pestello
Director of Athletics	Chris May
Senior Woman Administrator	Janet Oberle
Athletic Dept. Phone	(314) 977-3177
Ticket Office Phone	(314) 977-4SLU

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Kent Miller
Alma Mater, Year	Oregon State, 1984
Record at School (yrs)	99-84 (six)
Career Record (yrs)	235-309 (19)
Volleyball Office Phone	(314) 977-3266
Asst. Coaches	Matt Huskey, Maureen Nesbit

TEAM INFORMATION

2016 Overall Record	18-14
Home	8-6
Road	9-5
Neutral	1-3
Conference Record / Finish	11-3/ third
Final AVCA National Ranking	None
Starters Returning / Lost	4 + libero / 2
Letterwinners Returning / Lost	9/6
Newcomers	6

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year of Volleyball	1975
Program Record	791-620
Atlantic 10 Record	107-46
NCAA Tourney Appearances / Last	3 / 2009
Last Postseason Opponent	Wichita State
Result	L, 3-1 in NCAA 1st Round

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When referring to Saint Louis University, ALWAYS spell out Saint as we are a Catholic institution. Use "St." for St. Louis, the city.

2017 SCHEDULE

<u>August</u>			
Mon., 14	Bradley	Chaifetz Pavilion	5 p.m.
Sat., 19	Alumni Match	Chaifetz Pavilion	2 p.m.
Fri., 25	BYU\$	Provo, Utah	1 p.m.
Fri., 25	Ohio State\$	Provo, Utah	6:30 p.m.
Sat., 26	UTRGV\$	Provo, Utah	Noon

<u>September</u>			
Fri., 1	Illinois State#	Chaifetz Arena	7 p.m.
Sat., 2	UC Irvine#	Chaifetz Arena	Noon
Sat., 2	Kennesaw State#	Chaifetz Arena	7 p.m.
Fri., 8	Pittsburgh^	Bowling Green, Ky.	1 p.m.
Sat., 9	ETSU^	Bowling Green, Ky.	11 a.m.
Sat., 9	Western Kentucky^	Bowling Green, Ky.	5 p.m.
Tue., 12	Western Illinois	Macomb, Ill.	6 p.m.
Fri., 15	DePaul%	Chaifetz Pavilion	7 p.m.
Sat., 16	UALR%	Chaifetz Pavilion	Noon
Sat., 16	Louisiana Tech%	Chaifetz Pavilion	7 p.m.
Fri., 22	Dayton*	Chaifetz Pavilion	7 p.m.
Fri. 29	La Salle*	Chaifetz Pavilion	7 p.m.

<u>October</u>			
Sun., 1	Duquesne*	Chaifetz Pavilion	Noon
Fri., 6	Rhode Island*	Kingston, R.I.	6 p.m.
Sat., 7	Fordham*	Bronx, N.Y.	6 p.m.
Fri., 13	Dayton*	Dayton, Ohio	6 p.m.
Fri., 20	George Washington*	Chaifetz Pavilion	7 p.m.
Sun., 22	George Mason*	Chaifetz Pavilion	1 p.m.
Fri., 27	VCU*	Richmond, Va.	6 p.m.
Sun., 29	Davidson*	Davidson, N.C.	1 p.m.

<u>November</u>			
Fri., 3	Fordham*	Chaifetz Pavilion	7 p.m.
Sun., 5	Rhode Island*	Chaifetz Pavilion	1 p.m.
Fri., 10	George Mason*	Fairfax, Va.	5 p.m.
Sat., 11	George Washington*	Washington, D.C.	6 p.m.
Fri., 17-19	Atlantic 10 Championship	Pittsburgh, Pa.	TBA

Bold Indicates Home Match

\$ - BYU Invitational

- Marcia E. Hamilton Classic

^ - Holiday Inn-University Plaza Invitational

% - Billiken Invitational

* - Atlantic 10 Conference Game

KEY RETURNEES

Mackenzie Long, Sr., L
• Led team with 423 digs in 2016 (3.55 per set)

Nenye Okoro, Sr., OH
• Posted 2.00 kills per set in 2016

Camilla Rivas, Jr., S
• Led team with 7.14 assists per set in 2016

Lauren Leverenz, Sr., MB
• Made 22 starts with 1.74 kills per set and .71 blocks per set

KEY INCOMERS

- Sien Gallop, So., OH (transfer from Pacific)
- Maya Taylor, Fr., OH (Four-time All-State from Idaho)
- Kennedy Cordia, Fr., S (2016 Prep Volleyball All-American)

2017 SAINT LOUIS VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown (High School)
1	Emily Day	DS	5-3	Fr.	Riverside, Mo. (Park Hill South)
2	Jenny Backus	DS	5-4	Jr.	Cedarburg, Wis. (Kettle Moraine Lutheran)
3	Mackenzie Long	DS	5-4	Sr.	Walworth, Wis. (Big Foot)
4	Maya Taylor	OH	5-11	Fr.	Idaho Falls, Idaho (Idaho Falls)
5	Monica Loftus	OH	6-0	Jr.	Lombard, Ill. (Montini Catholic)
6	Kennedy Cordia	S	5-6	Fr.	St. Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)
7	Camila Rivas	S	5-9	Jr.	Orlando, Fla. (Olympia)
8	Katia Haak	OH	5-10	Jr.	Lake Mary, Fla. (Lake Mary)
9	Maddie Oh	DS	5-6	Sr.	Springfield, Ill. (Springfield)
10	Sien Gallop	OH	5-10	So.	San Diego, Calif. (Francis Parker)
11	Margaret Rosburg	DS/S	5-9	Fr.	Clarksville, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
12	Juliana Phillips	MB	6-4	Fr.	Traverse City, Mich. (St. Francis)
13	Nenye Okoro	OH	5-9	Sr.	Houston, Texas (Duchesne Academy of Sacred Heart)
14	Lauren Mershon	MB	6-2	So.	Minnetonka, Minn. (Minnetonka)
15	Lauren Leverenz	MB	6-1	Sr.	Crystal Lake, Ill. (Crystal Lake Central)

Head Coach: Kent Miller (Oregon State, '84)
Assistant Coach: Matt Huskey (Missouri, '08)
Assistant Coach: Maureen Nesbit (McKendree, '13)

WHAT IS A BILLIKEN?

One of the truly unique mascots in college athletics, the Billiken is a symbol of good luck that became a national craze in the early 1900s.

In 1908, Florence Pretz, an art teacher and illustrator in Kansas City, Mo., received a patent for her version of an ancient Asian figure – a chubby character with pixie ears, fat cheeks and an ear-to-ear grin. A year later, the Billiken Company of Chicago adopted the likeness, giving it its name. Initially manufactured as a bank and statuette, the Billiken reached its peak of popularity in 1911, when it was widely recognized as a universal symbol of good fortune.

How the name became associated with Saint Louis University remains a hotly debated issue. Whatever version you accept, it happened between 1910 and 1911 at the height of Billikenmania.

The generally accepted version of the story can be traced back to two St. Louis sportswriters who felt the SLU football coach, John Bender, bore a striking resemblance to the impish creature. William O'Connor and Charles Z. McNamara noticed the similarity one afternoon at practice as Bender was especially satisfied

with his team's performance. Looking at the coach and his broad grin and squinty eyes, O'Connor exclaimed, "Why Bender's a regular Billiken!"

After practice, McNamara drew a cartoon of Bender as a Billiken, posted it in a local drugstore window and tabbed the football team "Bender's Billikens." The sporting public took up the name with such enthusiasm that it soon became the official nickname of all SLU teams.

Legend has it that the Billiken has three kinds of luck – good, better and best. To buy a Billiken gives the buyer good luck. To have one given to you is better luck.



1915-1965



1970-1970



1970-1984



1984-1998



1998-2015



2015

2016 SAINT LOUIS VOLLEYBALL STATS



2016 @SLU_Volleyball Saint Louis Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 20, 2016) All matches



Overall record: 18-14 Conf: 11-3 Home: 8-6 Away: 9-5 Neutral: 1-3

##	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
4	RYGELSKI, Danielle	119	715	6.01	267	1620	.277	24	0.20	65	73	0.55	38	293	2.46	3	50	53	0.45	16	1	-
13	OKORO, Nenyne	46	92	2.00	58	257	.132	8	0.17	0	1	0.00	15	121	2.63	0	21	21	0.46	2	2	-
16	PAULSON, Taylor	117	223	1.91	97	551	.229	12	0.10	24	23	0.21	1	58	0.50	6	76	82	0.70	8	0	-
15	LEVERENZ, Lauren	98	171	1.74	70	397	.254	9	0.09	7	9	0.07	2	23	0.23	6	64	70	0.71	8	3	-
8	HAAK, Katia	6	9	1.50	4	24	.208	4	0.67	0	0	0.00	1	3	0.50	0	1	1	0.17	1	0	-
6	GOODMAN, Morgan	27	30	1.11	23	149	.047	2	0.07	2	9	0.07	8	44	1.63	0	4	4	0.15	0	0	-
10	EJELE, Maryann	45	50	1.11	19	112	.277	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	1	3	0.07	0	34	34	0.76	6	0	-
14	MERSHON, Lauren	45	37	0.82	20	94	.181	2	0.04	2	12	0.04	0	24	0.53	0	30	30	0.67	1	0	-
5	LOFTUS, Monica	101	80	0.79	40	200	.200	1	0.01	0	0	0.00	0	19	0.19	4	47	51	0.50	10	0	-
12	GANDALL, Josie	104	74	0.71	57	316	.054	9	0.09	20	40	0.19	15	83	0.80	1	15	16	0.15	2	1	-
7	RIVAS, Camilla	91	32	0.35	13	102	.186	649	7.13	8	17	0.09	0	111	1.22	3	22	25	0.27	4	17	-
1	GAGEN, Ashley	80	18	0.22	8	51	.196	571	7.14	6	11	0.08	0	101	1.26	0	4	4	0.05	1	10	-
3	LONG, Mackenzie	119	2	0.02	3	14	-.071	121	1.02	34	44	0.29	32	423	3.55	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
9	OH, Maddie	77	1	0.01	1	3	.000	13	0.17	4	8	0.05	17	97	1.26	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
11	BRIGHT, Katelyn	29	0	0.00	0	1	.000	4	0.14	2	6	0.07	1	46	1.59	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
2	BACKUS, Jenny	35	0	0.00	0	0	.000	2	0.06	9	12	0.26	0	35	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
SAINT LOUIS		119	1534	12.89	680	3891	.219	1431	12.03	183	265	1.54	151	1484	12.47	23	368	207.0	1.74	59	34	-
Opponents		119	1387	11.66	552	3631	.230	1307	10.98	151	242	1.27	183	1461	12.28	52	455	279.5	2.35	87	34	-

Team Statistics	SLU	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	1534	1387
Errors	680	552
Total Attacks	3891	3631
Attack Pct	.219	.230
Kills/Set	12.9	11.7
SET		
Assists	1431	1307
Attempts	3802	3659
Assist Pct	.376	.357
Assists/Set	12.0	11.0
SERVE		
Aces	183	151
Errors	265	242
Attempts	2591	2544
Serve Pct	.898	.905
Aces/Set	1.5	1.3
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	151	183
Errors/Set	1.3	1.5
Attempts	2302	2326
Reception Pct	.934	.921
DEFENSE		
Digs	1484	1461
Digs/Set	12.5	12.3
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	23	52
Block Assist	368	455
Total Blocks	207.0	279.5
Blocks/Set	1.7	2.3
Block Errors	59	87
Ball handling errors	34	34
ATTENDANCE		
Total	5284	7025
Dates/Avg Per Date	14/377	14/502
Neutral site #/Avg	4/447	
Current win streak	0	-
Home win streak	5	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
Aug 26	at Michigan	L 0-3	19-25,13-25,14-25	1052
Aug 27	vs Northern Iowa	L 0-3	20-25,14-25,17-25	1103
Aug 27	vs Miami	L 2-3	17-25,21-25,25-23,28-26,11-15	0
Aug 31	at Illinois State	w 3-0	25-18,25-22,25-23	877
Sep 02	ARKANSAS STATE	L 1-3	22-25,25-15,15-25,23-25	578
Sep 03	#19 WESTERN KENTUCKY	L 0-3	11-25,13-25,13-25	352
Sep 03	CAL POLY	L 1-3	25-22,11-25,23-25,12-25	411
Sep 09	vs Marquette	L 0-3	17-25,23-25,16-25	71
Sep 09	vs Virginia	w 3-2	25-19,23-25,21-25,25-18,15-12	614
Sep 10	at Kentucky	L 0-3	21-25,13-25,19-25	1456
Sep 13	at Austin Peay	w 3-2	21-25,25-20,25-23,20-25,15-13	207
Sep 16	MURRAY STATE	L 2-3	24-26,19-25,25-20,25-13,10-15	513
Sep 17	OMAHA	w 3-0	25-22,25-14,25-16	410
Sep 17	ILLINOIS	L 0-3	22-25,14-25,21-25	427
Sep 20	at Western Illinois	w 3-1	25-19,25-14,20-25,31-29	117
*Sep 23	GEORGE MASON	w 3-0	25-19,25-23,31-29	263
*Sep 25	GEORGE WASHINGTON	w 3-0	25-23,29-27,25-17	246
*Oct 01	DAYTON	L 0-3	18-25,20-25,22-25	358
*Oct 07	at Fordham	w 3-1	25-23,24-26,25-7,25-19	168
*Oct 08	at Rhode Island	L 1-3	22-25,25-17,22-25,24-26	192
*Oct 14	at Davidson	w 3-0	25-16,29-27,25-14	526
*Oct 16	at VCU	w 3-1	13-25,25-20,25-21,25-15	431
*Oct 21	DUQUESNE	w 3-1	25-10,21-25,25-23,25-14	319
*Oct 23	LA SALLE	w 3-0	25-23,25-18,25-20	270
*10/28/2016	at Dayton	L 0-3	18-25,13-25,22-25	816
*Nov 4	at La Salle	w 3-0	25-18,25-16,25-15	175
*11/06/16	at Duquesne	w 3-2	22-25,25-23,21-25,25-22,15-8	89
*Nov 11	VCU	w 3-0	25-20,25-15,25-14	293
*Nov 13	DAVIDSON	w 3-1	25-19,25-20,21-25,25-13	461
Nov 18	DAVIDSON	w 3-1	25-17,25-23,21-25,25-14	383
Nov 19	at Rhode Island	w 3-2	25-20,23-25,25-17,20-25,15-11	493
Nov 20	at Dayton	L 2-3	25-21,20-25,25-23,20-25,9-15	426

Record in 3-set matches:8-8 • Record in 4-set matches:6-3 • Record in 5-set matches:4-3