

St. Olaf Team Notes

- St. Olaf is back in the NCAA Tournament for the 12th time in program history and the first time since 2019 (1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2009, 2010, 2019, 2023). The Oles are 12-11 all-time in the national tournament and have appeared in the quarterfinals three times (1994-96), finishing as high as third in 1996.
- Since a four-set loss to Augsburg on Oct. 7 that left the Oles with a 9-7 record, St. Olaf has won 12 of its last 14 matches, with both losses coming at the hands of nationally-ranked Gustavus. During that time, the Oles have come back from two-sets-to-none down for a five-set win at then-No. 4-ranked Northwestern, topped then-No. 20-ranked UW-Stevens Point in five sets, and twice defeated a Saint Ben's team that was receiving votes in the AVCA national poll.
- Thursday's first-round match will be the 10th meeting between St. Olaf and WashU in women's volleyball and the first since 2010. The Bears have won eight of the previous nine, with the Oles' lone win coming in five sets on Sept. 1, 2000. St. Olaf and WashU have met twice previously in the NCAA Tournament, with the Bears claiming a four-set win in the semifinals in 1996 and a three-set win in the regionals in 2002.
- St. Olaf is 34-37 all-time against teams in the regional and has previous NCAA Tournament history against three of the other seven teams. In addition to their 1-8 mark against WashU, the Oles are 2-7 against UW-Whitewater, 1-7 against Coe, 24-9 against Northwestern, 1-0 against Edgewood, 4-6 against Cornell, and 1-0 against Millikin. St. Olaf lost in four sets to UW-Whitewater in the quarterfinals in 1995 and has split the two NCAA Tournament meetings with Northwestern, with a five-set win in the first round in 2010 and a four-set loss in the first round in 2019.
- St. Olaf received a season-high 27 points in this week's American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Top 25 poll and earned votes for the third time this season. The Oles picked up 15 points in the first poll of the regular season on Sept. 5 and seven points in the Nov. 8 balloting. St. Olaf is 2-3 this season against teams ranked in this week's top 25, with wins over No. 5 Northwestern and No. 23 UW-Stevens Point and losses to No. 2 Hope and No. 18 Gustavus (twice).
- Thursday's opening-round match against No. 14 WashU will be St. Olaf's seventh match this season against a top-25 team and the Oles are 3-3 in the previous six. St. Olaf's other win was a four-set victory over then-No. 23-ranked Otterbein in its season opener on Sept. 1.
- Fifth-year senior libero Selena Rodriguez and senior opposites Any Caille and Catherine Moore represented St. Olaf on the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) All-Conference Team. Moore became the 12th Ole to earn three All-MIAC accolades, Rodriguez was honored for the second time, and Caille was selected for the first time.
- St. Olaf enters the NCAA Tournament ranked in the top 10 nationally in four major categories. The Oles are third in total kills (1,574) and total assists (1,480), sixth in assists per set (12.87), and 10th in kills per set (13.69). Individually, Selena Rodriguez ranks 10th in the country in total digs (614), which sits seventh on the program's all-time single-season list.