



***WASHINGTON AND LEE
VOLLEYBALL***

***2001 NCAA TOURNAMENT
NOTEBOOK***

W & L Quick Facts

Location: Lexington, Va.
 Founded 1749
 Affiliation: NCAA Division III
 Conference Old Dominion Athletic
 Enrollment 1,675
 Colors Royal Blue & White
 Nickname Generals
 Home Court Warner Center (2,500)
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2001 Schedule/Results

Sep. 7 ST. MARY'S (MD)@ W, 3-0
 Sep. 7 SHENANDOAH@ W, 3-0
 Sep. 8 CHRIS. NEWPORT@ W, 3-1
 Sep. 8 CATHOLIC@ L, 1-3
 Sep. 15 at Centre# W, 3-0
 Sep. 15 vs. LaGrange# W, 3-0
 Sep. 15 vs. Hollins# W, 3-0
 Sep. 16 vs. Rio Grande# W, 3-1
 Sep. 16 vs. Emory & Henry# W, 3-1
 Sep. 19 EMORY & HENRY* W, 3-0
 Sep. 22 RANDOLPH-MACON* W, 3-0
 Sep. 25 at Guilford* W, 3-0
 Sep. 28 vs. Milligan\$ W, 3-0
 Sep. 28 at Emory\$ L, 0-3
 Sep. 29 vs. Greensboro\$ W, 3-2
 Sep. 29 vs. Catholic\$ L, 0-3
 Oct. 2 RAND.-MACON WC* W, 3-0
 Oct. 6 EASTERN MENNONITE* W, 3-0
 Oct. 8 at Sweet Briar* W, 3-0
 Oct. 11 at Roanoke* W, 3-1
 Oct. 13 vs. Seton Hill& W, 3-1
 Oct. 13 vs. Marymount& W, 3-0
 Oct. 13 vs. Lynchburg& W, 3-0
 Oct. 18 at Bridgewater* W, 3-0
 Oct. 21 LYNCHBURG* W, 3-0
 Oct. 23 at Hollins* W, 3-0
 Oct. 26 vs. Sewanee% W, 3-0
 Oct. 26 vs. Stillman% W, 3-0
 Oct. 27 vs. Cumberland% L, 2-3
 Oct. 27 at Maryville% W, 3-0
 Nov. 2 GUILFORD! W, 3-0
 Nov. 3 BRIDGEWATER! W, 3-1
 Nov. 3 ROANOKE! W, 3-0

@ - W&L Tournament
 # - Centre Tournament
 \$ - Emory Tournament
 & - Goucher Tournament
 % - Maryville Tournament
 ! - ODAC Tournament
 * - ODAC Contest

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GENERALS VOLLEYBALL REPORT

Overall: 29-4 ODAC: 10-0 Home: 11-1 Away: 7-1 Neutral: 11-2

NCAA TOURNEY: vs. #6 CHRIS. NEWPORT (24-10)

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

Thu., Nov. 8

No. 3 Washington and Lee (29-4) vs. No. 6 Christopher Newport (24-10) 5:00 pm
 No. 4 East Texas Baptist (22-13) vs. No. 5 Maryville (30-6) 7:30 pm

Fri., Nov. 12

No. 2 Emory University (26-6) vs. W&L or Christopher Newport 5:00 pm
 No. 1 Trinity University (33-4) vs. E. Texas Baptist or Maryville 7:30 pm

Sat., Nov. 13

Regional Finals 7:00 pm

DOIN' THE TWO-STEP:

Washington and Lee is dancing in the NCAA Tournament for the second time in school history after winning the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship and gaining the league's automatic bid. In its first NCAA Tournament action (1999), W&L fell in the first round of the NCAA South Regional to Savannah College of Art & Design, 1-15, 15-11, 15-10, 7-15, 11-15. The Generals were led by middle blocker **Lindsay Ruckert**, who posted 15 kills, seven digs, and four blocks. Senior outside hitter Nancy Reinhart had a nine-kill, 11-dig performance, while outside hitter **Lee Charbonnet** collected 15 kills and six digs. Outside hitter Tori Hays notched 10 digs and setter Katherine Kline amassed a team-high 23 assists. Savannah A&D was led by Mandy Stinson, who totaled 18 kills. The Bees racked up a .336 hitting percentage as a team.

GENERALS DEPTH CHART

<u>Probable Starters</u>			<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>Top Season Statistics</u>		
OH	3	Lindsay Ruckert	5-9	Sr.	Metairie, La./Sacred Heart	446 kills	63 aces	276 digs
OH	13	Michelle Chastain	5-10	Fr.	Phoenix, Ariz./Xavier Prep	282 kills	55 blks	293 digs
OH	20	Emily Wolfing	5-10	Fr.	Mt. Airy, Md./South Carroll	188 kills	86 blks	255 digs
OH	12	Stacey Kimmel	5-8	Jr.	San Antonio, Texas/Alamo Heights	183 kills	106 aces	201 digs
DS	14	Kari Lassen	5-5	So.	Newport News, Va./Hampton Roads	22 aces	140 digs	
S	22	Jennifer Lux	5-5	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Cox	84 kills	53 aces	1,124 assts
<u>Off the Bench</u>			<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Hometown/High School</u>	<u>Top Season Statistics</u>		
MB	21	Leslie Fischbeck	6-1	Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Woodland Hills	269 kills	116 blks	25 digs
MB	10	Lee Charbonnet	5-11	Sr.	New Orleans, La./Benjamin Franklin	44 kills	17 aces	54 digs
OH	1	Ginna Duncan	5-4	Jr.	Athens, Ga./Athens Academy	5 kills	16 aces	32 digs
OH	24	Sara Heusel	5-8	Sr.	Ann Arbor, Mich./Novi	32 kills	19 aces	22 digs
OH	2	Mary-Wommack Barton	5-9	So.	Austin, Texas/St. Stephen's School	14 kills	4 aces	25 digs
S	4	Ashley Thompson	5-5	Fr.	New Orleans, La./Newman	5 aces	11 digs	
S	15	Lizzy Swann	5-7	Sr.	Merritt Island, Fla./Choate Rosemary	4 aces	11 digs	30 assts
MB	5	Quintina Conway	6-1	Fr.	Lorton, Va./Mount Vernon			
S	23	Kim Hurd	5-3	Fr.	Surgoinsville, Tenn./Volunteer			

W&L OVER THE YEARS

SEASON	RECORD
1988	16-11
1989	9-18
1990	16-17
1991	11-21
1992	13-14
1993	15-12
1994	19-8
1995	29-6
1996	29-4
1997	19-9
1998	26-2
1999	22-7
2000	20-10
2001	29-4
TOTAL	273-143 (.656)

FALLEN TEAM RECORDS

KILLS:

Old Record: 1,387 (1999)
New Record: 1,554 (2001)

HITTING PERCENTAGE:

Old Record: .241 (1998)
New Record: .256 (2001)

ASSISTS:

Old Record: 1,256 (1999)
New Record: 1,289 (2001)

ACES:

Old Record: 272 (1998)
New Record: 384 (2001)

FALLEN INDIV. RECORDS

SEASON KILLS:

Old Record: 413, L. Ruckert, 1999
New Record: 446, L. Ruckert, 2001

CAREER KILLS:

Old Record: 1,221, N. Reinhart, 96-99
New Record: 1,499, L. Ruckert, 98-pr.

SEASON HITTING PERCENTAGE:

Old Record: .345, H. Martin, 1995
New Record: .386, L. Fischbeck, 2001

CAREER HITTING PERCENTAGE:

Old Record: .295, H. Martin, 94-97
New Record: .324, L. Ruckert, 98-pr.

SEASON SERVICE ACES:

Old Record: 72, L. Charbonnet, 1998
New Record: 106, S. Kimmel, 2001

CAREER SERVICE ACES:

Old Record: 158, L. Hess, 89-92
New Record: 193, L. Ruckert, 98-pr.

SEASON SERVICE ATTEMPTS:

Old Record: 506, A. Beard, 1996
New Record: 561, J. Lux, 2001

SEASON ASSISTS:

Old Record: 847, A. Beard, 1996
New Record: 1,124, J. Lux, 2001

ALL-TIME RECORD:

W&L has compiled a 273-143 (.656) all-time record. W&L began its varsity volleyball program during the 1988 season after the school's coeducation in 1985. The Generals have had just four losing seasons during that span.

ON THE UP-AND-UP:

The Washington and Lee volleyball program is currently enjoying an incredible run of success. The Generals have won at least 20 matches each of the last four years and have won 20 in six of the last seven years. Since 1995, W&L's record has been 174-42 (.806). In addition, W&L has appeared in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference Championship game each of the past seven seasons, claiming the title five times. W&L claims 29 wins this season and can establish a new record for season wins with a victory over Christopher Newport.

W&L vs. THE TOURNAMENT FIELD:

W&L is 14-8 (.636) all-time against the field for the regional tournament. W&L has faced three teams, Emory, Christopher Newport and Maryville already this season, going 2-1. The Generals fell to Emory, 3-0, but defeated Christopher Newport, 3-1, and Maryville, 3-0. The following is a breakdown of W&L vs. the tournament field :

Christopher Newport (9-0)

East Texas Baptist (0-0)

Emory (0-5)

Maryville (5-3)

Trinity (0-0)

LAST TIME OUT:

Top-seeded Washington and Lee claimed its fourth ODAC Volleyball Championship in the last five years as the Generals defeated seventh-seeded Roanoke, 30-21, 30-20, 30-15, in the championship game. The Generals were led by senior middle blocker **Lindsay Ruckert**, who totaled 13 kills in earning tournament MVP honors. Freshman outside hitter **Michelle Chastain** notched 12 digs, while freshman setter **Jennifer Lux** tallied 36 assists. Senior middle blocker **Leslie Fischbeck** added 12 kills in making the all-tournament team. Roanoke was led by freshman middle blocker Heather Cook, who tallied 12 kills. Sophomore outside hitter Melissa Slusher and sophomore setter Holly Holland both notched five digs. Holland also contributed 28 assists. Both Cook and Holland made the all-tournament team for the Maroons.

LAST MEETING WITH CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT:

Washington and Lee defeated Christopher Newport, 30-23, 30-20, 21-30, 30-18 in the Generals' season-opening invitational on Sept. 8. Senior middle blocker **Lindsay Ruckert** led the way with 14 digs, 13 kills and four aces. Freshman outside hitter **Michelle Chastain** added 12 digs and nine kills. Freshman setter **Jennifer Lux** amassed a team-high 29 assists.

LAST MEETING WITH EMORY:

W&L was defeated by Emory at the Eagles' Invitational, 30-16, 30-16, 30-24 on Sept. 28. Freshman outside hitter **Michelle Chastain** totaled nine kills, while senior middle blocker **Lindsay Ruckert** recorded six kills and 11 digs. Freshman outside hitter **Emily Wolfing** posted 10 digs and sophomore outside hitter **Mary-Wommack Barton** notched eight digs. Freshman setter **Jennifer Lux** contributed 18 assists.

RECORDS ABOUT TO FALL

SEASON ATTACK ATTEMPTS:

Record: 1,053, N. Reinhart, 1997

Current Total: 1,005, L. Ruckert, 2001

CAREER ATTACK ATTEMPTS:

Record: 3,429, N. Reinhart, 96-99

Current Total: 3,416, L. Ruckert, 98-pr.

CAREER SERVICE ATTEMPTS:

Record: 1,692, N. Reinhart, 96-99

Current Total: 1,653, L. Ruckert, 98-pr.

CAREER GAMES PLAYED:

Record: 422, N. Reinhart, 96-99

Current Total: 418, L. Ruckert, 98-pr.

TOP SINGLE-MATCH STATS

KILLS

25, Lindsay Ruckert vs Rio Grande (9/16)

24, Lindsay Ruckert vs. Cumberland (10/27)

ATTACKS

66, Lindsay Ruckert vs. Cumberland (10/27)

64, Lindsay Ruckert vs. Rio Grande (9/16)

ATTACK PERCENTAGE

.692, Leslie Fischbeck vs. R-MWC (10/2)

.692, Leslie Fischbeck at Hollins (10/23)

ASSISTS

52, Jennifer Lux vs. Rio Grande (9/16)

49, Jennifer Lux at Roanoke (10/12)

49, Jennifer Lux vs. Cumberland (10/27)

ACES

8, Stacey Kimmel vs. Randolph-Macon (9/22)

8, Jennifer Lux vs. Sewanee (10/26)

BLOCKS

11, Leslie Fischbeck at Roanoke (10/12)

9, Emily Wolfing at Hollins (10/23)

DIGS

28, Michelle Chastain vs. Cumberland (10/27)

23, Emily Wolfing vs. Catholic (9/8)



LAST MEETING WITH MARYVILLE:

The Generals downed Maryville, 30-21, 30-23, 30-15, in their invitational on Oct. 27. Senior middle blocker **Lindsay Ruckert** totaled 16 kills and eight digs, while senior middle blocker **Leslie Fischbeck** registered seven kills and four blocks. Sophomore defensive specialist **Kari Lassen** notched 10 digs. Freshman setter **Jennifer Lux** added 34 assists.

THE FLOOR GENERAL:

Washington and Lee is guided by second-year head coach **Bryan Snyder (W&L '95)**. Snyder has compiled a 49-14 (.777) overall record at W&L, leading the Generals to the ODAC Championship match in each of his two seasons. Snyder served as the assistant sports information director at W&L before heading up the St. Mary's (Md.) volleyball program from 1998-99. In his four seasons as a head coach, Snyder has posted a 90-39 (.698) overall record.

THE SNIPER:

Senior middle blocker **Lindsay Ruckert** has lived by the sniper code of one shot, one kill throughout her four years. Ruckert claims the highest career hitting percentage in school history (.324) and has more confirmed kills than any player in the history of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (1,499). Ruckert earned her third straight ODAC Player of the Year award and was named First Team All-ODAC for the fourth consecutive season. She was the conference rookie of the year in 1998.

STACEY ON THE SERVE:

Junior outside hitter **Stacey Kimmel** is enjoying her finest season with the W&L volleyball program as she has crushed the W&L record for season service aces. Kimmel claims 106 aces thus far, breaking the old record of 72 aces set by current teammate **Lee Charbonnet** during the 1998 season. Kimmel also claims 183 kills, 44 blocks, 201 digs and 57 assists.

IT'S ALL ABOUT LUX:

Freshman setter **Jennifer Lux** has been a major factor in the Generals' success this season. The ODAC Rookie of the Year, Lux claims 1,124 assists thus far, already breaking the record of 847 assists set by Ali Beard during the 1996 season. Lux has also compiled 84 kills, 53 aces, 29 blocks and 259 digs on the season.

FISCH OFF THE HOOK:

Senior middle blocker **Leslie Fischbeck** has been off the hook this season as she is on pace to shatter the W&L record for season hitting percentage. Fischbeck, a Second Team All-ODAC selection and member of the ODAC All-Tournament team, claims a .386 hitting percentage and 269 kills. She has also amassed a team-high 116 blocks.

MT. AIRY MENACE:

Freshman outside hitter **Emily Wolfing** has been menacing to W&L's opponents this season. A solid all-around player, Wolfing ranks in the top four on the team in kills (188), hitting percentage (.279), aces (41), blocks (86) and digs (255).

PHOENIX PHENOM:

Freshman outside hitter **Michelle Chastain**, a native of Phoenix, Ariz., has had an phenomenal initial season for the Generals. Chastain leads the team with 293 digs and is second among the Generals with 282 kills. She has also posted 34 aces and 55 blocks.