

SIUE women's volleyball opener set for Friday

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Holiday Inn Invitational Schedule

Fri., Aug. 27 at Wright State, 6 p.m. CST

Sat., Aug. 28 vs. Dayton, 10 a.m. CST

Sat., Aug. 28 vs. Toledo, 3:30 p.m. CST

[Live Stats](#)
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Series Records

Wright State - first meeting

Dayton - first meeting

Toledo - 1-0 (W 3-2 - 9/19/09)

SEASON OPENER: SIUE faces three schools from the state of Ohio this weekend with first time meetings with tournament host Wright State and Dayton.

RETURNING LINEUP: SIUE returns more than 70 percent of its offense from a season ago.

DEPTH AND MORE DEPTH: SIUE enters the season with 16 players, its deepest roster since [Leah Johnson](#) became head coach six years ago.

3,000 ASSISTS: [Mallory Mangun](#) is fifth on the all-time assists list at SIUE with 3,157. Only three players in school history have recorded more than 4,000 - Christy Scheller (1995-98), Mallory Clements (2005-08) and Krystal Majernik (2002-05).

TOP OFFENSIVE RETURNER: Junior [Ashley Witt](#) has recorded 602 kills in her first two seasons as a Cougar. She set the SIUE freshman record with 309 kills in 2014.

ALL-CONFERENCE: Witt was named a preseason All-[Ohio Valley Conference](#) selection.

OVC PICK: SIUE was picked to finish ninth in the OVC preseason poll.

DEFENSE, DEFENSE: [Katie Shashack](#) returns for her junior season after spending the first two as the team's libero. She led the Cougars last season with 365 digs (3.44 per set).

NEWCOMERS: SIUE has six new faces for the 2016 season. That includes junior transfer [Jackie Scott](#) who played with the Cougars during the 2016 spring season. Scott came to the Cougars from Western Kentucky.

MORE NEWCOMERS: SIUE's five freshmen newcomers are [Dylann Otte](#) (Grand Rapids, Michigan), [Madison McKinley](#) (Russellville, Arkansas), [Kiana Fields](#) (Lafayette, Indiana), [Emma Leahy](#) (St. Louis) and [Annie Ellis](#) (Edwardsville, Illinois).

REDSHIRT: [Samantha Knight](#) (Orland Park, Illinois) will be playing her first season after sitting out 2015 with an injury.

HEAD COACH LEAH JOHNSON: Johnson is in her sixth season as the head coach of the Cougars and holds a 58-90 record overall and a 33-51 mark in OVC play.