

Volleyball preview: SIUE faces Tennessee State on Saturday

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vs. Tennessee State
7-20, 3-10 OVC
11/4, 12 pm CT

[Live Stats](#)

Video: None

SCOUTING TENNESSEE STATE: The Tigers broke a seven-match losing skid Tuesday with a three-set upset over cross-town rival Belmont. Julia Pierson leads TSU with 2.97 kills per set. Setter Samantha Beltran is third in the OVC in assists per set (8.03).

SERIES RECORD: SIUE won last season's meeting in three sets at the Vadalabene Center. Tennessee State leads the series 5-3.

CAREER LADDER: [Katie Shashack](#) moved up to third on the all-time digs list after recording 22 in the three-set win over Eastern Illinois.

CAREER RANKINGS

[Katie Shashack](#): Digs 3rd/1,468

[Ashley Witt](#): Attack attempts 4th/3,096

[Katie Shashack](#): Digs per set 6th/3.51

[Samantha Knight](#): Assists 8th/1,195

[Ashley Witt](#): Kills 8th/1,120

[Samantha Knight](#): Assists per set 8th/5.56

[Carley Ramich](#): Block assists 9th/256

[Ashley Witt](#): Points 10th/1,259.0

[Katie Shashack](#): Assists per set 10th/0.91

GOING FIVE: SIUE has not lost an OVC match in less than five sets since Oct. 31, 2015, when SEMO defeated the Cougars in three sets.

OVER .700: The Cougars now have had two single-match offensive performances this season of .700 or better with 10 or more kills. Middle blocker [Taylor Joens](#) hit .722 against Morehead State (13-0-18). Outside hitter [Ashley Witt](#) hit .706 (12-0-17) against Tennessee Tech.

THIRD SET: SIUE is 16-0 this season when winning the third set.

DOUBLE-DOUBLES: [Jackie Scott](#) recorded her eighth double-double of the season Wednesday with a 10-kill, 11-dig outing against Eastern Illinois. [Samantha Knight](#) leads the team in double-doubles with 13 followed by Scott's eight, [Mallory Nicholson](#)'s seven and one each from [Taylor Joens](#) and [Katie Shashack](#).

NCAA TOP 100 RANKINGS (AS OF 10/30)

Hitting Percentage: [Taylor Joens](#) 55th/.369

Service Aces: [Samantha Knight](#) 44th/35

Aces Per Set: [Samantha Knight](#) 86th/0.37

Total Digs: [Katie Shashack](#) 96th/401

Points: [Taylor Joens](#) 99th/369.0

ACTING HEAD COACH KENDALL PAULUS: This is Coach Paulus' first season as head coach and seventh season at SIUE, having previously worked as an assistant coach. The most wins by a first-year head coach is 22 by Joe Fisher during the 1999 season.