

# **SIUE volleyball will open 2018 regular season this weekend**

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**Cowtown Classic  
Fort Worth, Texas  
Fri.-Sat., Aug. 24-25**

**Cowtown Classic Presented by LaQuinta (Fort Worth, Texas)**

vs. Green Bay

Aug. 24 - 2 p.m.

Series: Green Bay leads 1-0

vs. UAB

Aug. 25 - 11 a.m.

Series: First meeting

at TCU

Aug. 25 - 5 p.m.

Series: First meeting

Live Stats

[sidearmstats.com/tcu/wvball/](http://sidearmstats.com/tcu/wvball/)

Live Video

TCU match only

FOX Sports Go

[foxsportsgo.com/program/436372/womens-college-volleyball-cowtown-classic-southern-illinois-at-tcu](http://foxsportsgo.com/program/436372/womens-college-volleyball-cowtown-classic-southern-illinois-at-tcu)

**FIRST OF FOUR:** This is the first of four tournaments for the Cougars. SIUE also plays in tournaments at Indianapolis, Indiana, and Kansas City, Missouri, before opening its home season Sept. 14-15 at the Cougar Classic.

**JUST THE BEGINNING:** This is the second-ever meeting between SIUE and Green Bay. It also is the first-ever meeting for the Cougars against both UAB and tournament host TCU.

**SEASON OPENER:** SIUE and Green Bay went to five sets at the Vadalabene Center back in 2016.

**HOME SCHEDULE:** SIUE has 11 home matches on the schedule this season beginning with the Cougar Classic Sept. 14-15 against Northern Kentucky, Louisiana Tech and Oral Roberts.

**STILL AT HOME:** SIUE's home [Ohio Valley Conference](#) schedule includes UT Martin, Southeast Missouri, Morehead State, Eastern Kentucky, Eastern Illinois, Tennessee State, Austin Peay and Murray State.

**RETURNING LINEUP:** [Dylynn Otte](#), [Mallory Nicholson](#), [Kiana Fields](#), [Sami Knight](#) and [Jordyn Klein](#) all appeared in SIUE's finale in the National Invitational Volleyball Championship.

**TOP SERVE:** Knight, Nicholson and Klein each had at least 20 service aces last season.

**AROUND THE COUNTRY:** SIUE has players on the roster from nine different states: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri and Texas.

**NEWCOMERS:** SIUE has a handful of new faces on the 2018 roster, including freshmen [Ellen LeMasters](#) (Greenwood, Indiana), [Grace Hurst](#) (McCordsville, Indiana), [Hannah Bagley](#) (Superior, Colorado), [Savannah Christian](#) (Washington, Missouri), and [Leila Manaois](#) (Glendale, California). [Hope Everett](#) (Norris City, Illinois) sat out last season and will be a redshirt freshman this season.

**HALL OF FAME:** Former SIUE All-American Heather (Bonde) Ohlau (2002-05) was recently named to the SIUE Athletics Hall of Fame. She will be inducted Oct. 13. Bonde is No. 1 all-time at SIUE in hitting percentage at .324 and was an All-American in both 2004 (honorable mention) and 2005 (third team).

**HEAD COACH KENDALL PAULUS:** Coach Paulus is in her second season as head coach and eighth season at SIUE, having previously worked as an assistant coach. Paulus broke the school record for wins by a first-year head coach with 23.