



DAEMEN MEN'S VOLLEYBALL 2020 GAME NOTES



WESTERN NEW YORK'S DIVISION II TEAM

SCHEDULE & RESULTS

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JANUARY

2	#2 UCLA	6 PM
9	@ Brock #	6 PM
14	Pepperdine	7 PM
16	Harvard	5 PM
26	@ D'Youville	1 PM
31	Wittenberg	7 PM

FEBRUARY

1	St. John Fisher	12 PM
1	Alderson Broaddus	4 PM
8	@ Ball State	7 PM
9	@ Urbana	12 PM
9	vs. Lincoln Memorial	2 PM
14	vs. SUNY Potsdam	6 PM
14	@ Wells	8 PM
15	vs. Penn State Altoona	1 PM
23	@ Medaille	11 AM
23	vs. Elmira	1 PM
29	Wells	12 PM
29	Wells	3 PM

MARCH

6	Urbana	7 PM
7	St. Francis-Brooklyn	3 PM
20	Thiel	7 PM
21	vs. Elms	4 PM
21	@ Elmira	6 PM
27	St. Francis (Pa.)	7 PM
28	vs. SUNY New Paltz	1 PM
28	@ St. John Fisher	3 PM

APRIL

3	@ St. Francis-Brooklyn	5 PM
4	@ Vassar	1 PM
4	vs. Baruch	3 PM
17	vs. TBA %	TBA
18	vs. TBA %	TBA

denotes exhibition

% denotes Independent Volleyball Association Tournament

DAEMEN WILDCATS (0-0)



@DaemenMVB
Head Coach: Don Gleason (RIT '11)
Record at Daemen: 6-17 (2nd season)
Record Overall: Same

GAMEDAY INFO

Date: January 2, 2020
Time: 6:00 PM
Venue: Lumsden Gymnasium
Location: Amherst, NY
Live Stream: ECC Network
Live Stats: daemenwildcats.com



#2 UCLA BRUINS (0-0)

@UCLAMVB
Head Coach: John Speraw (UCLA '95)
Record at UCLA: 139-70 (8th season)
Record Overall: 341-181 (18th season)

BY THE NUMBERS (2019 stats)

Category	DC	UCLA
Kills/Set	10.0	12.8
Hitting %	.139	.323
Opp. Kills/Set	10.8	9.9
Opp. Hitting %	.218	.259
Assists/Set	9.2	12.2
Srv. Aces/Set	1.0	1.7
Digs/Set	8.7	8.0

THE SERVE: 10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE GAME

- The second season in Daemen's program history will open in spectacular fashion as the Wildcats welcome 19-time national champion UCLA to Lumsden Gymnasium.
- With a roster comprised entirely of first-year college players, Daemen posted a 6-17 overall mark in their inaugural season last winter/spring. Eight players, including all six starters and the team's top libero, return in 2020.
- UCLA comes into the contest ranked No. 2 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division I-II preseason poll. The Bruins went 19-9 last season, and finished the year ranked No. 7 in the national poll.
- UCLA is coached by **John Speraw** - the first individual to win an NCAA championship as a head coach (2007, 2009, 2012 at UC Irvine), an assistant coach (1996, 1998, 2000 at UCLA) and as a player (1993, 1995 at UCLA). Now in his eighth season at UCLA's bench boss, Speraw has guided the Bruins into the NCAA tournament in two of the last four seasons, including a trip to the national championship match in 2018. He also serves as head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team.
- Daemen is led once again by **Don Gleason** who was named the first head coach in program history back in May of 2017. Before coming to Daemen, Gleason made assistant coaching stops at Stony Brook, Buffalo, Yale, Southern California and Medaille. He played an integral role in establishing the formation of Daemen's program, including the pursuit of a \$60,000 grant from the First Point Volleyball Foundation (formerly MotorMVB). Founded by UCLA head coach **John Speraw**, the First Point Volleyball Foundation is assisting in efforts nationwide to create more opportunities for men's volleyball players at both the high school and college levels.
- Sophomore right-side/middle hitter **Jahari Winkfield** tops the list of returning players for Daemen. The 6-foot-4 Illinois native averaged a team-high 2.81 kills per set last season, and was named to the Off The Block All-Independent Team.
- Sophomore setter **Michael Krueger** also returns to the mix for Daemen. The Canonsburg, Pa. native racked up 667 assists in his rookie season (8.04 assists per set), and also led the team in total digs (150).
- Sophomore defensive specialist **Jaden Gillette** was recently named to the Erik Shoji Award Watch List by Off the Block. The Erik Shoji Award is given annually to the top libero competing in NCAA Division I-II. Gillette averaged 1.79 digs per set last season, and his 18 digs in the program's first-ever win (a 3-2 defeat of Alderson Broaddus) were the most for any player from an independent team.
- UCLA features several of the top players in the country, including senior middle hitter **Daenan Gyimah** who finished fourth nationally in hitting percentage (.435) last season. Gyimah has been a two-time recipient of the Ryan Millar Award given annually to the country's top middle attacker.
- Thursday's match is the first of three for Daemen against high-profile Division I opponents in the month of January. The Wildcats will also welcome 2019 national semifinalist Pepperdine (Jan. 14) and Harvard (Jan. 16) to Lumsden Gymnasium this month.

TODAY'S MATCH SPONSOR



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PROBABLE LINEUP (2019 STATS LISTED)

STARTERS			HT	YR	HOMETOWN	MP/SP	K/ST	A/ST	D/ST	B/ST
S	3	Michael Krueger	6-2	So.	Canonsburg, Pa.	23/83	0.34	8.04	1.81	0.28
RS	4	Zach Yerington	6-4	Gr.	Hamburg, N.Y.	-	-	-	-	-
DS	6	Jaden Gillette	5-10	So.	Spencerport, N.Y.	23/75	0.23	0.49	1.79	0.04
OH	7	Ryan Parker	6-4	Fr.	Fairport, N.Y.	-	-	-	-	-
MH	9	Jake Couzens	6-5	Fr.	Hamburg, N.Y.	-	-	-	-	-
MH	14	Jahari Winkfield	6-4	So.	Oswego, Ill.	23/79	2.81	0.14	1.04	0.41
OFF THE BENCH										
OH	5	Kyle Kon	5-8	So.	Oswego, Ill.	23/81	2.11	0.17	1.57	0.28
MH	12	Henry Moffitt	6-6	So.	Sydney, Australia	23/81	1.80	0.02	0.28	0.49
OH	13	Zach Schneider	6-6	Fr.	Lockport, N.Y.	-	-	-	-	-
DS	15	John Jaworski	5-10	Fr.	Naperville, Ill.	-	-	-	-	-
OH	11	J. Donorovich	6-5	So.	Lockport, N.Y.	23/78	2.18	0.14	1.36	0.45

DAEMEN ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown
1	Ryan Beck	So.	DS	5-10	Pittsburgh, Pa.
2	Saferino Dour	Fr.	MH	6-5	Buffalo, N.Y.
3	Michael Krueger	So.	S	6-2	Canonsburg, Pa.
4	Zach Yerington	Gr.	RS	6-5	Hamburg, N.Y.
5	Kyle Kon	So.	OH	6-2	Oswego, N.Y.
6	Jaden Gillette	So.	DS	5-10	Spencerport, N.Y.
7	Ryan Parker	Fr.	OH	6-4	Fairport, N.Y.
9	Jake Couzens	Fr.	RS/MH	6-5	Hamburg, N.Y.
10	Brandon Casterline	R-So.	MH	6-5	North Tonawanda, N.Y.
11	Jesse Donorovich	So.	OH/RS	6-5	Lockport, N.Y.
12	Henry Moffitt	So.	MH	6-6	Sydney, Australia
13	Zach Schneider	Fr.	OH	6-6	Lockport, N.Y.
14	Jahari Winkfield	So.	RS/MH	6-4	Oswego, Ill.
15	John Jaworski	Fr.	DS	5-10	Naperville, Ill.
16	Matthew Garry	Fr.	OH	6-3	Depew, N.Y.
17	Gavin Musielak	Fr.	S	6-3	Eden, N.Y.
18	Parker Wade	Fr.	OH	6-4	Portland, Ore.

UCLA ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown
1	Kyle Vom Steeg	Fr.	RS	6-7	Laguna Niguel, Calif.
2	J.R. Norris IV	R-So.	RS	6-5	Lancaster, Calif.
3	Cole Ketrzynski	Fr.	RS/OH	6-8	Toronto, Ont.
4	Cole Pender	So.	DS/OH	6-2	Newport Beach, Calif.
5	Sam Kobrine	R-Jr.	OH/S	6-3	Newport Beach, Calif.
6	Marcus Partain	Fr.	S	6-2	Pacific Palisades, Calif.
7	Ian Parish	R-So.	MB	6-9	Marina del Rey, Calif.
8	Kevin Kobrine	R-Fr.	RS/OH	6-5	Newport Beach, Calif.
9	Brandon Rattray	R-Sr.	RS	6-5	San Diego, Calif.
10	Grant Maleski	Jr.	MB	6-9	Long Grove, Ill.
11	Cole Johnson	R-Fr.	OH	6-7	York, Pa.
12	Alex Knight	Fr.	OH	6-5	Culver City, Calif.
13	Merrick McHenry	Fr.	OH/RS	6-7	Bedford, Texas
14	Cole Power	Fr.	DS	5-11	Huntington Beach, Calif.
15	Daniel Matheney	R-Fr.	MB	6-7	Hawthorne, Calif.
16	Daenan Gyimah	Sr.	MB	6-8	Scarborough, Ont.
17	Sam Burgi	R-Fr.	OH	6-5	Laguna Beach, Calif.
18	Chris Orem	R-Jr.	MB	6-9	Mission Viejo, Calif.
19	Ian Eschenberg	So.	OH	6-5	Newbury Park, Calif.
20	Ethan Hill	Fr.	MB	6-7	San Clemente, Calif.
21	Mads Kyed Jensen	Fr.	S/RS	6-10	Copenhagen, Denmark
22	Adam Parks	R-So.	S	6-5	Oak Park, Calif.
23	Austin Matautia	Sr.	OH	6-4	Ewa Beach, Hawaii
24	Matt Younggren	R-Sr.	MB	6-9	Escondido, Calif.

UCLA SCOUTING REPORT

- UCLA is a member of the Pac-12 Conference, and for men's volleyball they compete in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. The Bruins men's volleyball team has won 19 national championships, the most for any sport sponsored at UCLA.
- The Bruins have posted a 54-9 all-time record in 27 NCAA tournament appearances. They are 19-7 all-time in NCAA title matches.
- The Bruins are led by alumnus John Speraw who has guided them to a 139-70 overall record through his first seven seasons on the job. Speraw, who also serves as head coach of the U.S. Men's National Team, came back to UCLA in 2013 following a successful stint as head coach at UC-Irvine where he led the Anteaters to national championships in 2007, 2009 and 2012. Speraw enters his 18th season as a collegiate head coach with a career record of 341-181.
- UCLA's 24-player roster features 16 returners from their 2019 team that went 19-9 overall, 8-4 in MPSF play and finished No. 7 in the AVCA Division I-II national poll. Among the returners are the team's top two offensive attackers in Daenan Gyimah and Brandon Rattray. Gyimah, a preseason All-America selection by Off The Block, led the Bruins in total kills (311) and ranked fourth nationally with a .435 hitting percentage last season. Rattray led the Bruins in kills per set (3.33), racking up 263 total kills in 79 sets played.
- Austin Matautia has been named to the Karch Kiraly Award Watch List (nation's top outside hitter) and Mads Kyed Jensen is on the Lloy Ball Award Watch List (nation's top setter). Matautia attacked at a .295 clip and averaged 2.41 kills per set last season. Kyed Jensen is a freshman hailing from Copenhagen, Denmark.
- UCLA finished fifth in the nation in hitting percentage (.323), fifth in aces per set (1.73) and sixth in kills per set (12.85) last season.
- Thursday's match is also UCLA's regular season opener. The Bruins participated in an exhibition series - the Can-Am Holiday Volleyball Showcase - in Toronto from Dec. 29-31, playing the likes of Ryerson, Trinity Western and Alberta.
- The Bruins are ranked No. 2 in the AVCA Division I-II preseason national poll.

QUICK FACTS

Name of School.....Daemen College
City / Zip.....Amherst, N.Y. / 14226
Founded.....1947 (as Rosary Hill College)
Enrollment.....2,636
School Colors.....Medium Blue, Gray & White
Nickname.....Wildcats
Arena.....Lumsden Gymnasium
Affiliation.....NCAA Division II
Conference.....East Coast Conference (ECC)
President.....Dr. Gary A. Olson
Athletic Director.....Traci Murphy
Athletic Department Phone.....(716) 839-8346
Athletics Website.....daemenwildcats.com

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Don Gleason
Alma Mater, Yr.....RIT, 2011
Record at Daemen (years).....6-17 (1)
Career Record (years).....Same
Assistant Coach.....Darek Przybyl
Assistant Coach.....Ricky Albano
Assistant Coach.....Alex McColgin
Athletic Trainer.....Zach Morris
Strength & Conditioning Coach.....Katie Eschner

TEAM INFORMATION

2019 Record.....6-17
Starters Returning / Lost.....6 / 1
Letterwinners Returning / Lost.....8 / 1
Newcomers (Freshmen / Transfers).....9 (8 / 1)

TEAM HISTORY

Inaugural Season.....2019
Number of Seasons.....1
Overall Record.....6-17
vs. Division I opponents.....0-1
vs. Division II opponents.....1-3
vs. Division III opponents.....5-13

2019 AWARDS

Jahari Winkfield..Off the Block All-Independent Team

DAEMEN 2019 STAT LEADERS

Kills: Jahari Winkfield, 222
Kills/Set: Jahari Winkfield, 2.81
Hitting %: Henry Moffitt, .278
Assists: Michael Krueger, 667
Assists/Set: Michael Krueger, 8.04
Service Aces: Jesse Donorovich, 22
Service Aces/Set: Jesse Donorovich, 0.28
Digs: Michael Krueger, 150
Digs/Set: Michael Krueger, 1.81
Blocks: Brandon Casterline, 44
Blocks/Set: Brandon Casterline, 0.55

DAEMEN SINGLE-MATCH RECORDS

Kills: Jahari Winkfield, 21 vs. Misericordia
Assists: Michael Krueger, 47 vs. Alderson Broaddus
Service Aces: Henry Moffitt, 4 vs. Nazareth
Digs: Jaden Gillette, 18 vs. Alderson Broaddus
Blocks: Jesse Donorovich, 6 vs. Alderson Broaddus