



# 2008 UMBC Women's Volleyball Prospectus

## QUICK FACTS

### University Facts

**Location:** ..... Baltimore, Md.  
**Enrollment:** ..... 12,041  
**Founded:** ..... 1966  
**President:** ..... Dr. Freeman Hrabowski  
**School Colors:** ..... Black and Gold  
**Nickname:** ..... Retrievers  
**Conference:** ..... America East  
**Affiliations:** ..... NCAA I, ECAC  
**Home Court:** ..... RAC Arena (4,024)  
**NCAA Faculty Rep.:** ..... Dr. Marvin Mandell  
**Athletics Director:** ..... Dr. Charles Brown  
**Associate Athletics Director/SWA:** ..... Kathy Zerlout  
**Associate Athletics Director:** ..... Gary Wohlstetter  
**Associate Athletics Director/Marketing:** ..... Tom Maier  
**Director of Sports Medicine:** ..... Cindy Kubiet

### Volleyball Staff

**Head Coach:** ..... Ian Blanchard (Fourth season)  
**Alma Mater:** ..... Westfield State College ('88)  
**Overall Record:** ..... 47-45  
**UMBC Record:** ..... 47-45  
**Assistant Coach:** ..... Brianna Koche (Second season)  
**Alma Mater:** ..... UC-San Diego ('06)  
**Strength/Conditioning Coach:** ..... Fred Cantor  
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 ..... 1000 Hilltop Circle  
 ..... Baltimore, MD 21250

### Volleyball Facts

**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** ..... 7/6  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** ..... 4+libero/2  
**Other Players Returning:** ..... 2  
**Newcomers:** ..... 4  
**2006 Record:** ..... 20-12  
**2006 AE Record:** ..... 5-7 (5th)

### Athletic Communications

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 ..... Baltimore, MD 21250

## 2008 Team Outlook

### Starters Returning

Player	Yr.	Pos.	MP/MS	Games	KPG	Pct.	APG	DPG	SAPG	BPG	Notes
Kira Giles	Jr.	S	25/25	84	0.51	.222	11.00	3.32	0.35	0.63	All-time apg leader (10.80/g)
Ashley Oscars	Jr.	OH	28/22	92	3.60	.167	0.14	2.14	0.28	0.46	All-Conference Second-Team
Pam Jarrett	Jr.	L/DS	21/0	68	0.03	-.182	0.19	4.50	1.99	0.01	Played in all 31 matches last year
Sabrina Hoeks	So.	OH	32/23	95	2.66	.135	0.13	2.97	0.46	0.52	All-Rookie Team
Bridget Scheetz	So.	MB	31-29	106	2.42	.294	0.12	0.63	0.25	1.12	All-Rookie Team

### Letterwinners Returning

Player	Yr.	Pos.	MP/MS	Games	KPG	Pct.	APG	DPG	SAPG	BPG	Notes
Sarah Ball	Jr.	OH/RS	31/28	113	2.92	.196	0.58	3.51	0.27	0.61	All-Conference First-Team
Bianca Sande	So.	OH	24/9	59	1.68	.094	0.17	2.42	0.14	0.25	
Helen Smith	So.	DS	16/0	34	0.06	.333	0.18	2.62	0.21	0.00	Ranked third in dpg in 2007

### Other Players Returning (Career Stats If Applicable)

Player	Yr.	Pos.	MP/MS	Games	KPG	Pct.	APG	DPG	SAPG	BPG	Notes
Sarah Ball	Jr.	OH/RS	56/53	211	3.33	.187	0.39	3.13	0.32	0.55	2005 AEC Rookie of the Year
Sarah Hill	Fr.-R	Received a redshirt for the 2007 season									

### Newcomers

Player	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
Sarah Joy	Fr.	MB/OH	6-0	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada/Brookfield
Iman Kennedy	Fr.	MB	6-3	Charlotte, N.C./Independence
Alyssa Lang	Fr.	OH/DS	5-8	Richmond, Va./Deep Run
Alexandria Spaay	Fr.	S/DS	5-8	Kenosha, Wisc./Kenosha Tremper



# 2008 UMBC Women's Volleyball Rosters

## Alphabetical Roster

No.	Player	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
18	Sarah Ball	Jr.	OH/RS	6-1	Winnipeg Manitoba, Canada/Sisler
3	Kira Giles	Jr.	S	5-10	Winnipeg, Canada/Glenlawn
10	Sarah Hill	Fr.-R	MB/OH	6-3	Richmond, Va./L.C. Byrd
17	Sabrina Hoeks	So.	OH	5-10	Olympia, Wash./AG West Black Hills
9	Pam Jarrett	Jr.	L/DS	5-9	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Pius X
4	Sarah Joy	Fr.	MB/OH	6-0	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada/Brookfield
14	Iman Kennedy	Fr.	MB	6-3	Charlotte, N.C./Independence
6	Alyssa Lang	Fr.	OH/DS	5-8	Richmond, Va./Deep Run
7	Ashley Oscars	Jr.	OH	5-9	Bakersfield, Calif./Liberty
8	Bianca Sande	So.	OH	5-11	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif./Torrey Pines
16	Bridget Scheetz	So.	MB	6-0	St. Louis, Mo./Ursuline Academy
22	Helen Smith	So.	DS	5-5	Gaithersburg, Md./Watkins Mill
12	Alexandria Spaay	Fr.	S/DS	5-8	Kenosha, Wisc./Kenosha Tremper

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4	Sarah Joy	Fr.	MB/OH	6-0	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada/Brookfield
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## Team Breakdown

### Coaching Staff

Head Coach: ..Ian Blanchard (Westfield St. College, 1988), 4th Season  
 Assistant Coach: ....Brianna Koche (UC-San Diego, 2006), 2nd Season  
 Strength and Conditioning: .....Fred Cantor  
 Athletic Trainer: .....Cindy Kubiet

### By State/Country

California (2): .....Ashley Oscars, Bianca Sande  
 Canada (3): .....Sarah Ball, Kira Giles, Sarah Joy  
 Maryland (1): .....Helen Smith  
 Missouri (1): .....Bridget Scheetz  
 Nebraska (1): .....Pam Jarrett  
 North Carolina (1): .....Iman Kennedy  
 Virginia (2): .....Sarah Hill, Alyssa Lang  
 Washington (1): .....Sabrina Hoeks  
 Wisconsin (1): .....Alexandria Spaay

### By Class

Juniors (4): .....Sarah Ball, Kira Giles, Pam Jarrett, Ashley Oscars  
 Sophomores (4): .....Sabrina Hoeks, Bianca Sande, .....Bridget Scheetz, Helen Smith  
 Redshirt Freshmen (1): .....Sarah Hill  
 Freshmen (4) .....Sarah Joy, Iman Kennedy  
 .....Alyssa Lang, Alexandria Spaay

### By Position

Setters (2): .....Kira Giles, Alexandria Spaay  
 Liberos/Defensive Specialists (4): ..... Pam Jarrett, Alyssa Lang, .....Helen Smith, Alexandria Spaay  
 Middle Blockers (4): .....Sarah Hill, Sarah Joy, .....Iman Kennedy, Bridget Scheetz  
 Outside Hitters (7): ..... Sarah Ball, Sarah Hill, Sabrina Hoeks, .....Sarah Joy, Alyssa Lang, Ashley Oscars, Bianca Sande  
 Right Side Hitters (1): .....Sarah Ball



# 2008 UMBC Women's Volleyball Schedule

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
<b>William and Mary Invitational (August 29-30, 2008)</b>				
Aug. 29	Friday	vs. Appalachian State	Williamsburg, Va.	12:00 p.m.
Aug. 29	Friday	at William and Mary	Williamsburg, Va.	7:00 p.m.
Aug. 30	Saturday	vs. South Dakota	Williamsburg, Va.	10:00 a.m.
Aug. 30	Saturday	vs. Eastern Michigan	Williamsburg, Va.	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 2	Tuesday	at Howard	Washington, D.C.	7:00 p.m.
<b>UMBC Tournament (September 5-6, 2008)</b>				
Sept. 5	Friday	UMES	UMBC RAC ARENA	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 5	Friday	NIAGARA	UMBC RAC ARENA	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 6	Saturday	DUQUESNE	UMBC RAC ARENA	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Tuesday	VILLANOVA	UMBC RAC ARENA	7:00 p.m.
<b>NJIT Highlanders Challenge (September 12-13, 2008)</b>				
Sept. 12	Friday	at NJIT	Newark, N.J.	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 13	Saturday	vs. Loyola	Newark, N.J.	10:00 a.m.
Sept. 13	Saturday	vs. Sacred Heart	Newark, N.J.	2:00 p.m.
<b>WVU Volleyball Classic (September 19-20, 2008)</b>				
Sept. 19	Friday	vs. George Washington	Morgantown, W.Va.	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 20	Saturday	at West Virginia	Morgantown, W.Va.	2:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Saturday	vs. UNC-Greensboro	Morgantown, W.Va.	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Tuesday	JAMES MADISON	UMBC RAC ARENA	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 25	Thursday	at Morgan State	Baltimore, Md.	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 3	Friday	NEW HAMPSHIRE *	UMBC RAC ARENA	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 5	Sunday	MAINE *	UMBC RAC ARENA	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 10	Friday	at Hartford *	West Hartford, Conn.	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 12	Sunday	at Stony Brook *	Stony Brook, N.Y.	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 15	Wednesday	TOWSON	UMBC RAC ARENA	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 19	Sunday	BINGHAMTON *	UMBC RAC ARENA	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 24	Friday	ALBANY *	UMBC RAC ARENA	4:00 p.m.
Oct. 26	Sunday	at Albany *	Albany, N.Y.	2:00 p.m.
Oct. 31	Friday	at Maine *	Orono, Maine	TBD
Nov. 2	Sunday	at New Hampshire *	Durham, N.H.	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 7	Friday	at Binghamton *	Vestal, N.Y.	6:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	Tuesday	at Delaware	Newark, Del.	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 14	Friday	STONY BROOK *	UMBC RAC ARENA	7:00 p.m.
Nov. 16	Sunday	HARTFORD *	UMBC RAC ARENA	2:00 p.m.
<b>America East Conference Tournament (November 22-23, 2008)</b>				
Nov 22	Saturday	Semifinals	At No. 1 seed's home court	TBD
Nov 23	Sunday	Championship Game	At No. 1 seed's home court	TBD

\*-Conference Games

-Top four conference teams at end of regular season advance to America East Conference Championship Tournament

-No. 1 seed hosts semifinal and finals of Championships.

Schedule as of 6/24/08. Schedule subject to change.