

# 2007 VALPARAISO VOLLEYBALL QUICK FACTS

## GENERAL

**Name of School:** Valparaiso University  
**City/Zip:** Valparaiso, Ind. 46383  
**Founded:** 1859  
**Enrollment:** 4,000  
**Nickname:** Crusaders  
**School Colors:** Brown and Gold  
**Home Court (Capacity):** Athletics-Recreation Center (5,000)  
**Press Row Phone:** (219) 548-1502  
**Affiliation:** NCAA Division I  
**Conference:** Horizon League  
**President:** Dr. Alan Harre  
**Athletics Director:** Mark LaBarbera  
**Senior Woman Administrator:** Jennifer Samble  
**Athletics Department Phone:** (219) 464-6894  
**Ticket Office Phone:** (219) 464-5233  
**Website:** www.valpo.edu/athletics

## HISTORY

**First Year of Volleyball:** 1979  
**All-time Record:** 427-497 (28 seasons)  
**NCAA Tournament Appearances:** Three  
**Last Postseason Appearance:** 2005  
**Result:** Lost 3-0 to #16 California at Madison, Wis.  
**All-time NCAA Tournament Record:** 0-6  
**Conference Regular Season Titles:** Eight (Last: 2005, Mid-Continent Conference)  
**Conference Tournament Titles:** Six (Last: 2005, Mid-Continent Conference)

## SPORTS MEDIA RELATIONS

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## COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Carin Avery - 6<sup>th</sup> season  
**Alma Mater (Year):** Ball State (1996)  
**Record at Valpo (Seasons):** 126-43 (5 seasons)  
**Overall Record (Seasons):** 181-67 (7 seasons)  
**Volleyball Office Phone:** (219) 464-5323  
**Assistant Coach:** Keith Schunzel - 2<sup>nd</sup> season

## TEAM INFORMATION

**Overall Record last year:** 23-12  
**Mid-Continent Conference Record (Finish):** 9-3 (t-2<sup>nd</sup>)  
**Home/Road/Neutral:** 7-3/9-6/7-3  
**Final Ranking last year:** N/A  
**Letterwinners Returning/Lost:** 11/2  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 5+libero/1

## MEDIA INFORMATION

**Radio:** WVUR, 95.1 FM  
**Play-by-play/Color:** Various  
**Contact:** Nick Kovatch, Sports Director  
**Phone number:** (219) 464-5383  
**Web:** www.valpo.edu/wvur

**Newspaper:** The Times of Northwest Indiana  
**Sports Editor:** Greg Smith  
**Phone number:** (219) 462-5151  
**Fax number:** (219) 465-7298

**Newspaper:** Post-Tribune  
**Sports Editor:** Jeff Majeske  
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**Newspaper:** The Torch  
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# 2007 VALPARAISO VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Time</b>
Aug. 24	vs. Miami Univ. !	4:30 p.m.
Aug. 25	at Illinois State !	7 p.m.
Aug. 31	at Buffalo #	6 p.m.
Sept. 1	vs. Binghamton #	9 a.m.
Sept. 1	vs. Saint Francis #	3:30 p.m.
<b>Sept. 6</b>	<b>Marshall \$</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<i>Sept. 7</i>	<i>Marshall vs. Indiana \$</i>	<i>11 a.m.</i>
<i>Sept. 7</i>	<i>Western Michigan vs. Marshall \$</i>	<i>4:30 p.m.</i>
<b>Sept. 7</b>	<b>Indiana \$</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<i>Sept. 8</i>	<i>Western Michigan vs. Indiana \$</i>	<i>12 p.m.</i>
<b>Sept. 8</b>	<b>Western Michigan \$</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Sept. 14	vs. Duquesne %	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 15	vs. DePaul %	9 a.m.
Sept. 15	at Bowling Green %	6 p.m.
<b>Sept. 21</b>	<b>UIC *</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>Loyola (Chicago) *</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>Bradley</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Sept. 28	at Wright State *	6 p.m.
Sept. 29	at Butler *	3 p.m.
<b>Oct. 2</b>	<b>Cleveland State *</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 3</b>	<b>Youngstown State *</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Oct. 6	at UW-Green Bay *	4 p.m.
Oct. 7	at UW-Milwaukee *	2 p.m.
Oct. 12	at IUPUI	6 p.m.
<b>Oct. 19</b>	<b>Butler *</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 20</b>	<b>Wright State *</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 26</b>	<b>UW-Milwaukee *</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
<b>Oct. 27</b>	<b>UW-Green Bay *</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Nov. 2	at Youngstown State *	6 p.m.
Nov. 3	at Cleveland State *	3 p.m.
Nov. 9	at Loyola (Chicago) *	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	at UIC *	4 p.m.
Nov. 15-18	at Horizon League Championships (Milwaukee, Wis.)	TBA
Nov. 24	at IPFW	6 p.m.

**All times Central.**

**Home games in bold and played at Athletics-Recreation Center.**

**! – at Illinois State Tournament (Normal, Ill.)**

**# - at Western New York Invitational (Buffalo, N.Y.)**

**\$ - Popcorn Classic (Valparaiso, Ind.)**

**% - at Bowling Green Tournament (Bowling Green, Ohio)**

**\* - indicates Horizon League game**

# 2007 VALPARAISO VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

#	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/High School
1	<b>Jill Meyer</b>	RS	5'10"	Jr.	Crystal Lake, Ill./South
2	<b>Haley Wise</b>	DS	5'9"	So.	Mishawaka, Ind./Mishawaka
3	<b>Tiffany Meikle</b>	OH	5'10"	Sr.	Cottage Grove, Wis./Monona Grove
4	<b>Sara Hughes</b>	S	5'8"	Sr.	San Antonio, Texas/Perrysburg, Ohio H.S.
5	<b>Kim Bukowski</b>	S	5'8"	So.	Waukesha, Wis./West
6	<b>Andrea Balsis</b>	OH	5'8"	Fr.	Benton Harbor, Mich./Coloma
7	<b>Brittany Malicoat</b>	L	5'5"	Jr.	Elkhart, Ind./Memorial
8	<b>Lindsey Gilman</b>	DS	5'9"	So.	Mishawaka, Ind./Marian
9	<b>Tara Newton</b>	MH	6'0"	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Franklin Central
10	<b>Angie Porché</b>	OH	5'9"	So.	Lynwood, Ill./Thornton Fractional South
11	<b>Heidi Hammond</b>	DS	5'6"	Sr.	Crown Point, Ind./Merrillville
12	<b>Allison Sears</b>	MB	6'0"	Jr.	Elkhart, Ind./Memorial
13	<b>Nicole Schulz</b>	MB/RS	6'2"	Sr.	Kewaskum, Wis./Kettle Moraine Lutheran
14	<b>Val Bollenbacher</b>	OH	5'10"	So.	Bremen, Ind./Bremen
15	<b>Alison Schultz</b>	OH	6'0"	Fr.	Newark, Ill./Newark
17	<b>Katie Layman</b>	MH	6'0"	Fr.	LaPorte, Ind./New Prairie

Head Coach: **Carin Avery** (Ball State, 1996) - 6<sup>th</sup> season  
 Assistant Coach: **Keith Schunzel** (Ball State, 2004) - 2<sup>nd</sup> season

## CRUSADER NOTES

- Valparaiso is coming off of a 23-12 season, the fifth straight season the Crusaders have won at least 20 contests.
- The Crusaders finished tied for second in the Mid-Continent Conference, marking the sixth consecutive year that Valpo has finished in second place or better in league play.
- Valpo won in-season tournaments last year at UIC's Chicagoland Classic, Western Carolina's Catamount Clash V Tournament and Miami's Thanksgiving Invitational, the first time a Crusader squad has won three in-season tournaments in the same season.
- Head coach **Carin Avery** owns a 126-43 (.746) record in her five years at the helm of the Crusader program, which ranks her among the top-20 active Division I coaches in terms of winning percentage.
- The Crusaders have been nearly unbeatable at home over the past five seasons, owning a 51-7 (.879) mark at the friendly confines of the Athletics-Recreation Center since the start of the 2002 season.
- Sophomore **Angie Porché** became the first freshman in 14 years to lead Valparaiso in the kills department last season. The 2006 Mid-Con Freshman of the Year and First Team All-Conference honoree tallied 480 kills on the season, third-best in Crusader history.
- Senior **Nicole Schulz** broke out in a big way last year, setting a new single-season Crusader record with a .334 hitting percentage. The Second Team All Mid-Con recipient also moved into seventh in Valpo history with 443 kills, including a Valpo single-match record 32 against Western Illinois in the Mid-Con Tournament.
- Junior **Brittany (Marks) Malicoat** paced the Crusaders in digs in each of their 35 matches in 2006, helping her to establish a new single-season digs record with 675. Malicoat, who earned Second Team All Mid-Con honors, has now led Valpo in the digs category in 42 consecutive matches dating back to the 2005 campaign.

# 2006 VALPARAISO VOLLEYBALL RESULTS/STATS

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Record	Attendance	High Kills	High Digs	High Blocks
Aug. 25	at UIC !	W	3-1	1-0	293	Fox (19)	Marks (18)	Fox/Sears (4)
Aug. 26	vs. DePaul !	W	3-0	2-0	83	Porché (12)	Marks (19)	Fox (5)
Aug. 26	vs. Loyola (Chicago) !	W	3-2	3-0	134	Porché/Schulz (15)	Marks (26)	Sears (7)
Sept. 1	vs. #6 Santa Clara @	L	0-3	3-1	100	Porché (7)	Hughes/Marks (7)	Sears (3)
Sept. 1	at #21 Notre Dame #	L	1-3	3-2	1,043	Schulz (16)	Marks (22)	Fox/Hughes/Sears (4)
Sept. 2	vs. #13 Missouri #	L	1-3	3-3	100	Schulz (16)	Marks (25)	Fox (4)
Sept. 2	vs. Idaho #	W	3-2	4-3	100	Sears (22)	Marks (24)	Sears (9)
Sept. 8	at Iowa State \$	L	0-3	4-4	431	Porché (11)	Hughes/Marks (8)	Schulz (5)
Sept. 9	vs. South Dakota State \$	L	0-3	4-5	111	Schulz (13)	Marks (15)	Schulz (6)
Sept. 9	at Drake	W	3-0	5-5	235	Porché (16)	Marks (30)	Five tied (1)
Sept. 15	vs. High Point %	W	3-0	6-5	67	Schulz (14)	Marks (17)	Fox/Schulz (5)
Sept. 15	vs. Kennesaw State %	W	3-0	7-5	56	Bollenbacher (10)	Marks (10)	Fox (4)
Sept. 16	at Western Carolina %	W	3-0	8-5	149	Sears (17)	Marks (20)	Fox (4)
<b>Sept. 19</b>	<b>DePaul</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>9-5</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>Porché (19)</b>	<b>Marks (18)</b>	<b>Fox (7)</b>
<b>Sept. 22</b>	<b>Oakland *</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>10-5 (1-0)</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>Fox (12)</b>	<b>Marks (16)</b>	<b>Schulz (4)</b>
<b>Sept. 29</b>	<b>Oral Roberts *</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>10-6 (1-1)</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>Porché (17)</b>	<b>Marks (33)</b>	<b>Schulz (10)</b>
<b>Sept. 30</b>	<b>Centenary *</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>11-6 (2-1)</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>Schulz (14)</b>	<b>Marks (9)</b>	<b>Schulz/Sears (8)</b>
Oct. 6	at Western Illinois *	L	3-2	11-7 (2-2)	764	Porché (23)	Marks (25)	Sears (4)
Oct. 7	at UMKC *	W	3-0	12-7 (3-2)	91	Porché (14)	Marks (26)	Meyer (4)
<b>Oct. 13</b>	<b>IUPUI *</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>13-7 (4-2)</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>Sears (12)</b>	<b>Marks (21)</b>	<b>Sears (6)</b>
<b>Oct. 14</b>	<b>Chicago State</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>14-7</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>Bollenbacher (16)</b>	<b>Marks (10)</b>	<b>Sears (5)</b>
<b>Oct. 17</b>	<b>Illinois State</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>14-8</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>Porché (20)</b>	<b>Marks (28)</b>	<b>Schulz (5)</b>
Oct. 20	at Oakland *	W	3-0	15-8 (5-2)	211	Bollenbacher (14)	Marks (17)	Schulz (5)
<b>Oct. 21</b>	<b>IPFW</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>15-9</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>Fox/Sears (10)</b>	<b>Marks (22)</b>	<b>Fox (4)</b>
Oct. 27	at Centenary *	W	3-1	16-9 (6-2)	129	Porché (20)	Marks (14)	Four tied (2)
Oct. 28	at Oral Roberts *	L	3-0	16-10 (6-3)	388	Porché/Sears (8)	Marks (17)	Schulz (4)
Oct. 29	at Missouri State	L	3-0	16-11	357	Sears (11)	Marks/Meikle (13)	Fox (3)
<b>Nov. 3</b>	<b>UMKC *</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>17-11 (7-3)</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>Schulz (18)</b>	<b>Marks (13)</b>	<b>Sears (3)</b>
<b>Nov. 4</b>	<b>Western Illinois *</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>18-11 (8-3)</b>	<b>1,128</b>	<b>Fox (19)</b>	<b>Marks (23)</b>	<b>Schulz/Sears (4)</b>
Nov. 10	at Chicago State	W	3-0	19-11	72	Schulz (13)	Marks (14)	Fox/Meyer (2)
Nov. 11	at IUPUI *	W	3-0	20-11 (9-3)	234	Schulz (17)	Marks (18)	Fox/Sears (3)
Nov. 17	vs. Western Illinois ^	W	3-2	21-11	661	Schulz (32)	Marks (34)	Schulz (4)
Nov. 18	at Oral Roberts ^	L	3-2	21-12	802	Schulz (30)	Marks (28)	Fox (9)
Nov. 25	vs. Fairfield &	W	3-0	22-12	49	Schulz (19)	Marks (12)	Schulz (3)
Nov. 25	at Miami Univ. &	W	3-1	23-12	127	Porché (24)	Marks (23)	Schulz/Sears (4)

Home matches in bold and played at Athletics-Recreation Center

\* - Mid-Continent Conference Match

! - Chicagoland Classic (Chicago, Ill.)

@ - at Notre Dame, Ind.

# - Shamrock Invitational (Notre Dame, Ind.)

\$ - Cyclone Classic (Ames, Iowa)

% - Catamount Clash V Tournament (Cullowhee, N.C.)

^ - Mid-Continent Conference Tournament (Tulsa, Okla.)

& - Miami Thanksgiving Invitational (Oxford, Ohio)

OVERALL (23-12)		MID-CON (9-3)					HOME (7-3)					AWAY (9-6)					NEUTRAL (7-3)				
#	NAME	GP	ATTACK		E	TA	Pct.	A	A/G	SA	SE	SA/G	RE	DIG	D/G	BS	BA	Total	B/G	BE	BHE
5	Kim Bukowski	44	15	0.34	2	29	.448	312	.595	10	20	.856	0	53	1.20	0	2	2	0.05	0	15
13	Nicole Schulz	119	443	3.72	131	933	.334	35	.432	0	0	.000	1	28	0.24	14	112	126	1.06	14	2
2	Jessie Fox	126	369	2.93	108	963	.271	10	.244	3	5	.932	0	41	0.33	16	96	112	0.89	18	1
10	Angie Porche	122	480	3.93	178	1149	.263	11	.116	39	77	.832	15	125	1.02	2	46	48	0.39	6	3
8	Haley Wise	28	1	0.04	0	4	.250	6	.133	9	8	.920	3	40	1.43	0	0	0	0.00	0	0
4	Sara Hughes	116	76	0.66	31	210	.214	1388	.662	17	34	.933	2	238	2.05	0	29	29	0.25	10	46
12	Allison Sears	123	373	3.03	188	883	.210	8	.216	0	0	1.000	0	37	0.30	11	101	112	0.91	7	1
14	Val Bollenbacher	65	133	2.05	72	371	.164	14	.101	14	33	.868	16	117	1.80	4	27	31	0.48	6	3
1	Jill Meyer	36	38	1.06	24	111	.126	6	.400	1	1	.800	0	7	0.19	3	13	16	0.44	4	0
15	Alex Chism	101	3	0.03	1	17	.118	39	.163	15	18	.954	26	197	1.95	0	1	1	0.01	0	2
3	Tiffany Meikle	95	136	1.43	93	482	.089	29	.108	26	48	.877	14	265	2.79	4	19	23	0.24	6	3
11	Heidi Hammond	124	2	0.02	3	10	-.100	20	.070	5	21	.955	14	283	2.28	0	0	0	0.00	1	5
7	Brittany Marks	126	1	0.01	3	17	-.118	50	.078	47	45	.929	38	675	5.36	0	0	0	0.00	0	2
<b>VALPARAISO</b>		126	2070	16.43	834	5179	.239	1928	.428	186	310	.909	142	2106	16.71	54	446	277.0	2.20	72	83
<b>Opponents</b>		126	1647	13.07	770	4876	.180	1535	.374	142	257	.917	186	1894	15.03	53	440	273.0	2.17	67	65