

# AURORA SPARTANS

PRE-SEASON 2025 REPORT BY INSIDEHITTER.COM

Thornton Gymnasium

Aurora, IL

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2024 RECORD: 18-10  
PROJECTED 2025 RECORD: 24-6

FINAL 24 RANKING: 24  
PRE-SEASON 2025 RANKING: 19

FINAL 24 RATING: 19.31  
PRE-SEASON 2025 RATING: 21.46

CONFERENCE: NACC  
HEAD COACH: Dan Ames  
ASST COACH: Kevin Kustura

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2024 ROSTER	ROSTER	STATUS	CLASS	POS	HT	#	KILLS	TA	E	HIT%	TB	D	A	ACE	SETS	TA	E	REC%	SSF	RATER	NOTES	
1	Lucas Meier	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2024	OH	6' 5"	13	40	92	12	0.304	9	3	0	0	36	4	0	1.000	17.6	59.5	RETURNING
2	Nathan Anderson	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2025	DS	5' 10"	2	0	2	1	-0.500	0	30	3	5	67	12	2	0.833	17.6	22.8	
3	Alex Nonhof	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2025	DS	5' 10"	4	0	23	0	0.000	0	328	50	0	104	525	22	0.958	17.6	116.6	PROB STARTER
4	Ayden Maglaya	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2025	DS	5' 8"	10	0	0	0	0.000	0	6	0	1	8	4	1	0.750	17.6	37.3	
5	Martin McKee	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2025	MH	6' 7"	14	49	121	16	0.273	56	17	3	6	58	2	0	1.000	17.6	117.5	
6	Solomon Dail	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2025	MH	6' 5"	17				0.000								-			PROB STARTER Injury Returns
7	Gunner Rodarte	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2025	OH	6' 5"	27	12	31	5	0.226	2	3	0	2	7	0	0	-	17.6	120.4	
8	Connor Gobetz	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2026	DS	5' 10"	1				0.000								-			
9	Derek Schober	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2026	OH	5' 10"	5	0	1	0	0.000	0	11	0	10	49	0	0	-	17.6	25.8	
10	Josh McLellan	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2026	OH	6' 9"	7	373	852	116	0.302	45	128	18	7	84	112	12	0.893	17.6	257.0	PROB STARTER
11	AJ Vescova	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2026	S	6' 2"	11	0	0	0	0.000	0	13	31	1	14	0	0	-	17.6	66.1	
12	Mateo Scharosch	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2026	OH	6' 4"	15	196	519	92	0.200	43	153	4	17	96	492	23	0.953	17.6	175.2	PROB STARTER
13	Quentin McCray	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2026	MH	6' 5"	20	6	13	2	0.308	5	2	0	0	9	0	0	-	17.6	70.2	
14	Reece Wiatrowski	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2026	DS	6' 1"	21	1	14	1	0.000	0	35	2	12	81	95	8	0.916	17.6	28.9	
15	Ethan Kane	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2026	OH	6' 8"	23	33	60	12	0.350	11	3	2	2	23	2	0	1.000	17.6	97.2	
16	Ammar Brzovic	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2026	MH	6' 7"	7	7	21	4	0.143	4	4	1	0	11	2	0	1.000	17.6	61.8	TRSF-IN
17	Logan Brouwer	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2026	S	6' 4"	28				0.000								-			TRSF-IN
18	Ryder Kelley	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2027	S	6' 2"	8	6	49	10	-0.082	22	87	507	9	64	6	1	0.833	17.6	184.9	PROB STARTER
19	Connor Carroll	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2027	OH	6' 3"	12	203	603	75	0.212	55	223	23	15	101	466	11	0.976	17.6	202.2	PROB STARTER
20	Sebastian Ciszewski	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2027	MH	6' 5"	16	157	348	50	0.307	101	40	2	13	96	13	1	0.923	17.6	158.1	PROB STARTER
21	Stuart Pfeil	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2027	OH	6' 4"	18	47	113	29	0.159	13	11	0	1	26	47	4	0.915	17.6	116.8	
22	Luke Dwyer	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2027	S	6'	22	17	50	7	0.200	25	110	496	12	65	5	0	1.000	17.6	205.6	PROB STARTER
23	Xavier Zukley	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2027	OH	6' 5"	26				0.000								-			
24	SJ Nelson	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2027	OH	6' 2"					0.000								-			TRSF-IN Viterbo NAIA
25	Nathan Kirwan	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2028	OH	6' 2"	6															NEW RECRUIT
26	Nathan Chlebek	ACTIVE	25 ROSTER	2028	DS	6' 2"	9															NEW RECRUIT
27	Matthew Nelson	GRADUATED	2024	OH	6' 1"	9	6	12	2	0.333	1	1	0	0	4	12	0	1.000	17.6	79.0		
28	Mitchell Deacon	GRADUATED	2024	OH	6' 3"	19	3	5	1	0.400	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	-	17.6	52.7		
29	John McCormack	GRADUATED	2024	MH	6' 6"	24	73	154	17	0.364	39	24	1	10	39	3	0	1.000	17.6	180.4		
30	Jacob Tran	NOT RETURNING	2027	S	5' 10"	3	0	0	0	0.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	17.6	0.0		
31	Jay McClellan	NOT RETURNING	2026	DS	5' 10"	6	0	0	0	0.000	0	4	2	1	17	2	0	1.000	17.6	14.9		
32	Rylan Wiatrowski	NOT RETURNING	2026	OH	6' 3"	25	0	0	0	0.000	0	1	0	2	3	3	0	1.000	17.6	70.2		

**IH COMMENTS:** The Spartans remain a strong team to watch for the 2025 campaign. They return a huge percentage of last year's statistics and also have Solomon Dail returning from an injury. AU slots in as a top 20 team with the #19 rating but we expect them to compete at a very high level and it would not surprise to see them in the top 10. 6'9 junior outside hitter Josh McLellan is one of the best players in the country after posting 373 kills last season as well as a hitting percentage greater than .300. Senior Alex Nonhof lifted 328 digs while handling 500+ serve receptions with just 22 errors for the season leaving him with a near .960 receive rate. NAIA Viterbo transfer SJ Nelson had 166 kills as a freshman for the Hawks and may see some time on this massive roster.

**Captain's Comments:** Aurora University returns the core of their starting unit from 2024. Outside hitter Josh McLellan returns for his junior year along with sophomore middle Sebastian Ciszewski and pin Connor Carroll. Senior libero Alex Nonhof returns for his final year looking to show he is the top libero in the country. Solomon Dail returns to the court after a year and half off from a severe knee injury. Aurora looks to continue to build off of the back to back co-conference championships and make their first ever NCAA tournament appearance.



2024 TEAM STATS	24 KILLS	24 TA	24 E	24 HIT%	24 B	24 D	24 A	24 ACES	24 REC	24 RE	24 REC%	24 SETS
	1140	2845	423	0.252	366	853	1089	114	1260	60	0.952	792

2025 RETURNING STATS	KILLS	TA	E	HIT %	B	D	A	ACES	REC	RE	REC%	SETS
	1058	2674	403	0.245	326	823	1086	101	1063	43	0.960	726
RETURNING %	93%	94%	95%	-0.007	89%	96%	100%	89%	84%	72%	0.007	92%



24 TEAM MAKEUP	FROSH	SOPH	JUNIOR	SENIOR	GRAD
	8	12	6	4	0

AVG AGE = 20.20					
25 TEAM MAKEUP	FROSH	SOPH	JUNIOR	SENIOR	GRAD
	2	7	10	6	1

AVG AGE = 20.88
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PRE-SEASON GRADES

**A**  
ATTACKING

**A**  
BLOCKING

**A**  
DEFENSE

**B**  
SETTING

**B-**  
SERVING

**B-**  
RECRUITMENT

**B+**  
OVERALL

19

25 RANK