

The Service Line

Volleyball News from the MSU SideOut Club

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Meet-the-Team Event Introduces 7 Freshmen

The Spartan volleyball team will return to the courts of Jenison Field House on Sunday, August 12 with seven new freshman recruits. SideOut Club members are enthusiastically invited to join them on this first official day of practice for the fifth annual Meet-the-Team event.

The Club will provide food and drink for everyone at the end of practice. The exact schedule wasn't known at publication time, but we expect this to be about 6:00 pm. Plan to arrive earlier to watch part of practice and evaluate the team's potential. (If you want a confirmation of the time, email jbond@msu.edu). You'll have a chance to meet the new second assistant coach, Daune Koester, talk to the players, and find out what Chuck expects for the new season.

Be sure to bring friends and neighbors with you, as we always hope to attract new members with this event. There is no charge, but donations are accepted to cover costs.

Hartley— Unanimous Pre-Season Pick

Shades of 1999... Just like two years ago, Erin Hartley is the only Spartan player selected by Big Ten coaches for the 2001 pre-season all-conference team. This is the third consecutive year that Erin has won this honor, but this year she is a unanimous choice.

Penn State and Wisconsin each boasted two unanimous choices on the team, but Ohio State topped them both by filling three of the twelve spots.

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As a team, the Spartans were picked to finish fifth in the conference. Penn State tops the pre-season list for the fifth consecutive year, largely because they return all their starters other than defensive specialist Leilani Schlottfeldt.

Most other teams landed within one spot of where they finished last year. The coaches expect Illinois to rebound somewhat from a terrible 2000 season, but don't think Iowa can sustain their promising turnaround.

Pre-Season All-Conference Picks

Player	Year	Pos	School
Lizzie Fitzgerald*	Sr	S	Wisconsin
Erin Hartley*	Sr	OH	MSU
Mishka Levy*	Jr	OH	Penn State
Sherisa Livingston*	Sr	MH	Wisconsin
Katie Schumacher*	Sr	OH	Penn State
Lindsey Berg	Sr	S	Minnesota
Anne Botica	Sr	OH	Ohio State
Stephanie Hagen	Sr	MB	Minnesota
Erika Lange	So	MB	Northwestern
Sara Meyermann	Sr	OH	Iowa
Suzie Stiling	Jr	MB	Ohio State
Katie Virtue	Jr	S	Ohio State

*unanimous selection

Rank	School	Votes	2000 Finish
1	Penn State	115	3
2	Wisconsin	110	1
3	Ohio State	97	4
4	Minnesota	90	2
5	MSU	69	5
6	Michigan	60	7
7	Illinois	49	10
8	Indiana	46	8
9	Purdue	34	9
10	Iowa	29	6
11	Northwestern	27	11

President's Corner

by SideOut Club President Jenny Bond

I hope this has been a great summer for all SideOut Club members. It has been a productive one for the SOC Board as it plans for the 2001 season activities. Some of those will be discussed later.

First, thanks to all members who assisted with the two spring tournaments at MSU. The coaches were very pleased with the club's contributions and the visiting teams had good comments about the organization and implementation of the tournaments. SOC can take some of the credit for this. I was also pleased to see the good turnout for the annual meeting. Next, thanks to all of the volunteers who assisted with merchandise sales during the MSU volleyball camp. For the first time SOC assisted with this huge event. This is an example of how expertise the SOC has developed through the years at the sales booth can be transferred to help the program in a larger way.

The SOC will be busy next year in its efforts to support the volleyball program as much as possible. We have agreed to be in charge of the year-end banquet per the request of Coach Erbe and the Athletic Department. Final plans are being made with the Downtown Coaches Club to assist with at least one 50/50 raffle at a football game. Our opportunity to generate revenue from this effort is great because of the huge attendance. Once all plans are made you will be asked to volunteer to assist with this effort. What an opportunity to help the team!!! There will be a SOC membership table set up at each home game to recruit new members and to interact with current members.

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Your first opportunity of the season to support the team will come on August 12. Plan now to welcome the new recruits as well as say hello to the returning team members. It should be an exciting time. All indicators suggest that we will have a young team that will bring us a great deal of pleasure this year. I know that they will bring their best efforts to the floor with co-captains Nikki and Lisa. The team and coaches deserve the very best efforts from the SOC and each fan. Your Board, with your help, will aim for nothing less.

Important Request: It will be extremely useful to have email addresses of SOC members so that we can communicate with you on a short time frame for special announcements of events or opportunities for you to participate in club activities. The membership database does not have accurate email addresses for many of you; in some cases the address given on the application form cannot be read. Therefore, please send an email address verification to jbond@msu.edu even if you think that we already have your address. To protect your privacy related to address, phone, email, etc. the SOC board has established a policy on how this information will be used. This policy states that all SOC information is to be used specifically to support the volleyball program.

I look forward to seeing you at the August 12 event or at a future game. If you have ideas related to how SOC can better serve the team and you as a member, please email me at jbond@msu.edu or phone at 517-676-2676.

Go State!

State Farm/NACWAA Tournament

The 2001 State Farm Women's Volleyball Classic will feature possibly the most illustrious lineup in its history. Topping the field will be last year's national champions Nebraska, as well as the runner-up Wisconsin Badgers. They will be joined by another 2000 Final Four participant, Hawai'i, and host Pacific, last year's Big West Conference champions. The four teams were ranked numbers 1, 2, 3 and 8 in the final AVCA Coaches' Poll for 2000. Pacific will be playing under the direction of first-year head coach Jayne McHugh, a Pacific alumnus and former U.S. national team member, who served as Pacific's associate coach for the last five years.

The tournament, presented by the National Association of Collegiate Women Athletic Administrators (NACWAA), opens Friday August 24 in Stockton, CA with Nebraska facing Hawai'i (a rematch of last year's NCAA championship semi-final), followed by Wisconsin versus Pacific. The consolation and championship matches follow on Saturday.

Highlights of the opening matches will be broadcast on ESPN2 at 10:30 pm on Saturday August 25, with the championship on at 8:30 pm Monday August 27.

The tournament web site can be found at:
www.pacifictigers.com/WomensSports/Volleyball/2001NACWAA.htm

Team Notes

Chuck Erbe is excited about the tall, athletic, **well-conditioned team** we will have this year. He got another look at all of our incoming freshmen at the MSU volleyball camp, where they performed extremely well. The Spartan upperclassmen were on campus for the summer, working out and getting significantly stronger. They also went as a group to a Sports Performance team camp for college players.

Senior **Lisa Ashton** and sophomore **Nikki Colson** have been selected as 2001 co-captains for the Spartans.

The biggest change on the court will be **Jenny Rood's** switch to middle blocker. Chuck feels her quickness will be well suited to this position, and that she will master the additional responsibilities. We can probably expect Erin Hartley, Angela Morley, Kyla Smith, and Lisa Ashton to play the same starting roles as last year, with Nikki Colson at setter. This sets up possible competition for the other outside hitter position.

There are several news items that are not so good. **Maren Witzel's** foot injury has turned out to be more serious

than it previously appeared and as a result she is taking a medical retirement. She had surgery twice for a neuroma since the 2000 season ended, with a specialist eventually determining that she could not return to a playing career. She very much wanted to stay involved with the program, and aspires to a coaching career, so she will spend this year as a student coach with the Spartans.

Naomi Taylor also had surgery during the off season, and was diagnosed with damage from previous rotator cuff tears that prevents her from continuing to play. She will be attending school in Winnipeg.

Amy Sibbersen has decided to stay closer to home in Nebraska, and will play for the Cornhuskers this year.

Lucy Lee recovered from her serious ski-lift accident, but the after-effects preclude her from participating in athletics. She continues as a student at MSU.

Renovations have begun on **Jenison Field House**, but the Spartans still intend to play all home matches there. The biggest obstacle to this plan is that the entire locker room area has been gutted, and will not be usable this season. As of August 1 no solution had been worked out, so time is running short.

The opening Big Ten home matches on 9/28 and 9/29 will conflict directly with exhibition **hockey** games being played at 7:00 pm. Five other matches will be played at 8:00 pm this year, due to hockey and football games.

2001 Spartan Volleyball Roster (listed by year of eligibility)

No.	Name	Year	Ht.	Pos.	Hometown/High School
4	Lisa Ashton	Sr./Sr.	5-10	OH/DS	Watervliet, MI/Watervliet
7	Erin Hartley	Sr./Sr.	6-3	OH	Midland, MI/Midland
2	Angela Morley	Sr./Jr.	6-4	M	Holland, MI/West Ottawa
3	Kyla Smith	Jr./Jr.	6-0	OH	Colmax, B.C./Hyland Senior Secondary
11	Emily Engel	Jr./Jr.	5-8	DS	Bay City, MI/Bay City Central
6	Nikki Colson	So./So.	5-10	S	Lincoln, NE/Pius X
8	Jenny Rood	So./So.	6-2	M	Ada, MI/Rockford
15	Stephanie Knopp	So./So.	5-10	OH	Cupertino, CA/Monte Vista
18	Emmy Miller	So./So.	5-8	OH/DS	Okemos, MI/Okemos
1	Diana Steplyk	Fr./Fr.	6-0	OH	Libertyville, IL/Libertyville
5	Michelle Kopka	Fr./Fr.	6-2	M/OH	Scarborough, ON/Cedarbrae Collegiate
9	Mickey Davis	Fr./Fr.	5-9	S	Villa Hills, KY/Notre Dame Academy
12	Brooke Langston	Fr./Fr.	6-2	OH/M	Germantown, TN/Evangelical Christian
13	Megan Wallin	Fr./Fr.	6-3	M	Sarasota, FL/Cardinal Mooney
14	Kim Schram	Fr./Fr.	6-2	OH	London, ON/Oakridge Secondary
17	Marley Bellwood	Fr./Fr.	5-8	DS	Battle Creek, MI/Lakeview

Rally Scoring (Part 1 of 2)

For the last two years, rally scoring has been the center of controversy in international volleyball, beach volleyball, and men's college volleyball. In 2001, the revised scoring comes to women's college volleyball, along with the controversy. This two-part article, continued next issue, will examine the significance of the scoring system and the pros and cons of switching.

As we told you in March, the NCAA has decided to switch to rally scoring for all games this year. The first four games will be played to 30, while a fifth game will be played to 15 points. All games must be won by two points.

Proponents of the change insist it is necessary in order to popularize the sport. Opponents claim rally scoring hurts the game. When coaches have had official discussions about it, the debate has been described as "spirited".

Chuck Erbe is a major booster of rally scoring. When asked for one reason in favor of rally scoring, he stays away from all of the more technical arguments. Instead, he emphasizes "Rally scoring puts a point value on every play. It places more significance on the serve, because if you lose the serve, your opponents get a point. This makes the play more important to the player."

On the other hand, coach John Cook of Nebraska says, "I prefer traditional scoring and 70 percent of coaches prefer traditional scoring. I have yet to talk to a player that likes rally scoring."

Weighing all the arguments, most volleyball decision-makers think the advantages of rally scoring outnumber the disadvantages. On at least four occasions in the last year, those in charge of college volleyball have voted on the issue, with the outcome consistently in favor of rally scoring, although not always by large margins.

However, current fans appear to be against the change. Last season, the Division I Women's Volleyball web site (www.richkern.com) conducted an on-line survey asking people to vote for their preferred scoring system. The overall vote, including fans, coaches and players, was 80% in favor of the current scoring system. Since the web site is run by a Nebraska fan, nearly a third of the voters identified themselves as Nebraska fans, 95% of whom voted in favor of the current scoring. Excluding the Nebraska fans, the overall vote was still 75% in favor of current scoring.

Among the 60 coaches who voted, 62% voted for the current scoring system. The fans who listed their school as Michigan State voted 11-6 in favor of the current scoring system, whereas the two MSU coaches and three MSU

players who voted were all in favor of rally scoring.

(Note that this is not a scientific poll, and that the setup allows voters to vote multiple times or even to misrepresent their school or who they are.)

Before we look at the arguments on the two sides, let's examine how side outs affect the game of volleyball.

Side-Out Percentage and Game Length

In higher level volleyball, the advantage is generally in favor of the team that receives the serve, or, to put it another way, it's easier to side out than to hold on to the serve. This happens because the greater the skill level of the players, the more the offensive skills (as seen in the pass, set and attack of the receiving team) overwhelm the defense (the blockers and diggers of the serving team).

In international-level men's volleyball, even with their powerful jump serves, the non-serving team typically wins 70% of all rallies between equally matched teams. In top-level women's college play, the side-out percentage comes in somewhere around 58% for equally matched teams. In high school volleyball, offensive skills are much less developed, and the side-out percentage for matched teams is typically less than 50%. At all levels of play, if one team is significantly better than the other, the side-out percentage can be as much as 20% lower.

This variation in side-out percentage is important because it determines the number of side outs, which has a major effect on the length of a game. By eliminating traditional side outs, rally scoring makes the length of a game more predictable. Some examples will demonstrate why this is.

The shortest games last longer under rally scoring. In side-out scoring to 15, the shortest possible game has 15 serves and no side outs, resulting in a side-out percentage of 0% and a score of 15-0. In rally scoring to 30, the shortest game is twice that long, taking 30 serves. Even if we look at a more realistic "blowout" game, such as a 15-3 contest with ten side outs (side-out percentage of 36%), the comparable rally-scoring game to 30 will have about 50% more serves (42 serves versus 28).

Rally scoring also tends to shorten long games. Under side-out scoring, a hard-fought 15-13 game with a side-out percentage of 60% will have 70 serves, whereas the comparable 30-28 rally-scoring game has only 58 serves.

So, comparing a blow-out game to a competitive one, side-out scoring shows a wide variation of 28 to 70 serves, whereas rally scoring for the equivalent games varies only from 42 to 58 serves. That is why the issue of side outs is considered important.

With that introduction, let's examine the arguments.

Everybody else is switching to rally scoring.

The FIVB, the international governing body for volleyball, instituted rally scoring two years ago for indoor play, and this year for beach play. Men's college teams switched to rally scoring last season. USA Volleyball has used it in amateur competition for two seasons. Girl's junior teams use rally scoring. Why should women's college volleyball be different? Shouldn't we have consistent rules for all varieties of the game?

The FIVB was the leader in this change, and the new scoring has trickled down from there. However, the main interest of the FIVB is men's international volleyball. As explained above, these matches frequently have a side-out percentage around 70%, higher than in any other form of volleyball. The FIVB changed to rally scoring specifically to address that lofty side-out rate and the excess number of long matches it caused. Should women's college volleyball adopt a change just because it solves a problem in a different branch of the sport?

Some maintain that the FIVB and other groups made a mistake in switching, and will eventually realize it and change back. Since we know it's a mistake, why don't we stick with the better scoring system, and wait for the others to come to their senses?

Rally scoring in college helps our national team.

Some extend the "everybody else" argument to claim that our women players will be unprepared for international play if they use side-out scoring during college. They will need an additional adjustment period to get used to different scoring, which will make them less competitive.

However, only a handful of college players each year are chosen for the national team. Why should we change the rules for 10,000 players for a hypothetical advantage for ten players? Besides, the scoring system has very little effect on what the players actually do on the court. The necessary skills and the execution of them are still the same. When a player advances from college to international play, adaptation to rally scoring is almost trivial when compared to such factors as taller, quicker, more powerful opponents, and the rigors of traveling to foreign settings across multiple time zones.

Rally scoring will help get volleyball on TV.

As a volleyball fan, you've probably noticed that there is very little live volleyball of any kind on television. In fact, there is less live volleyball on TV now than there was ten years ago. This has happened because television executives claim that volleyball match lengths are too unpredictable for live TV. They want assurances that a match will fit into a 120-minute slot

Matches under current scoring typically last between 80

and 135 minutes, but MSU had one Big Ten match last season that was finished after only 67 minutes and another that lasted 153 minutes. If a televised match ends early, the network has to fill the air time with something else. Even worse, if a match runs long, they have to bump whatever was scheduled to follow, angering other viewers. So, the programmers have told the NCAA they must change volleyball scoring if they want live broadcasts.

(This in spite of the fact that the NCAA actually has to buy the air time for volleyball. Most of us think of TV sports in terms of something like college football, where a network such as ABC pays the NCAA or Big Ten large sums of money for the rights to televise games. The network does this in anticipation of selling time to advertisers, and thus making a tidy profit from the arrangement. For minor sports such as volleyball, the tables are turned—the networks require the NCAA to buy the entire time slot. The burden is then on the NCAA to find enough commercial sponsors to recoup its costs. But even though the NCAA in recent years has put the money on the table for live volleyball broadcasts, networks have turned them down, because of what they consider an unacceptably high chance of a too-short or too-long match.)

The first logical question is why do we care whether volleyball is on television?

For fans, the main reason is that they want to see more matches. Right now, someone who can't get to a live match probably won't see any women's college volleyball other than the NACWAA tournament or the NCAA Championships. Any fan who can't travel long distances may never see some of the top-ten teams and All-American players.

For coaches, the benefits of television are very different. Many of them, including Chuck Erbe, see television as a necessary ingredient in "growing the sport". In this day and age, a sport that is not on television, will always remain a minor sport.

Growth of a sport, in its most basic form, means money. More money from sponsorships, more money from donors, more money at the gate. More money translates to better facilities, larger staffs, higher salaries for staff, more convenient and comfortable travel, better equipment, and more. Coaches in second-tier sports like volleyball have to spend a lot of their time worrying about funding. Coaches in premier sports like basketball are in a much better spot. So it's perfectly understandable why coaches would want the sport to grow.

For coaches, growth of their sport also offers the promise of attracting more top athletes who might otherwise choose a different sport. This helps to sustain the growth,

because star players in turn attract more fans, donors and sponsors.

But is more television at the expense of compromising the game a worthwhile tradeoff for fans?

It may sound sacrilegious in this age of the NBA and NFL, but is a major sport always more satisfying for fans? Isn't there a perfectly wonderful place in college athletics for smaller, second-tier sports with unique characteristics?

Women's college volleyball has grown slowly but steadily in popularity over the last ten years, even with a decline in televised matches. The crowds are large enough to provide excitement, but not so large that parking has become a major hassle or so large that it's impossible to get a good seat. Do you really want to watch a volleyball match from the upper reaches of the Breslin Center? Unlike the major sports, volleyball is still affordable for a family that wants to go to a match together. Why not celebrate this, instead of aspiring to be bigger?

And, since there are no truly major women's college sports, as there are football and basketball for men, volleyball already attracts plenty of the most athletic women. We have talented, dedicated coaches, who, in spite of the frustrations of the job, spend entire careers guiding the development of our young women. Will a "bigger" television-driven sport really improve this?

Some also say that the United States cannot be competitive at the international level without the growth in the sport that comes with television and the accompanying money for programs. Yet somehow the U.S. women took fourth place in the world at the Sydney Olympics. A medal would have been nice, but this can hardly be considered an uncompetitive team.

All right let's suppose we want volleyball on television anyway. How is this related to rally scoring? It's not really.

First, let's look at an example. The 2000 national championship match between Nebraska and Wisconsin was broadcast live last December. It was a five-game match that ran too long—21 minutes past the two-hour slot allotted by ESPN. This should be a perfect case for rally scoring, right? Think again.

Timing of the games and analysis of the scoring sequences showed that rally scoring to 30 would only have shortened the match by about two minutes! Game one would have been shortened by seven minutes, but games two, three, and four would have been lengthened by a total of about five minutes. So the new NCAA rally-scoring format would still have produced a 2000 championship match that was much too long for television.

Looking at this particular match further, suppose the match had ended after the first three games, with a 3-0 victory for one of the teams. Under side out scoring, this would have occurred after 99 minutes, leaving the network with 21 minutes to fill. With rally scoring, this hypothetical three-game match would have ended after only 96 minutes, which is worse for the network.

So, rally scoring clearly is not going to "fix" the game of volleyball in the way that television broadcasters want. What change to the scoring will do that?

By far the biggest variability in volleyball match lengths comes from the three-out-of-five format. In the NCAA championship match described above, the difference between the three-game and five-game matches was 42 to 43 minutes, regardless of whether they used side out scoring or rally scoring. This, not the scoring system, is the main reason volleyball matches vary in length so much.

(Another culprit is the win-by-two rule, which is responsible for a few of the longest games. Of course, this can extend even a rally-scoring game to great lengths. Using rally scoring in NCAA men's play this season, Hawai'i defeated UCLA 44-42 in an 86-serve game that lasted 44 minutes!)

Those who are trying to solve the three-out-of-five "problem" have come at it two different ways.

One has been to switch to a two-out-of-three format. This way, the shortest matches would be two games and the longest would be three. If the format for the tie-breaker game is kept short, the variance can be kept low.

The single most effective way to control match length is to use a clock. But this option has been very unpopular in the volleyball community. The Big Ten tried clock-based formats for some televised matches in 1995 and 1996, and these were generally viewed as failures.

Chuck Erbe has been one of the most vocal proponents of a clock, claiming that it is the only way to get the match-length consistency needed for television. However, when his clock proposals have come up for a vote, they have not yet received sufficient support. His current proposal combines a clock with a two-out-of-three format.

So, if you accept the argument that it is necessary to change volleyball scoring for television, you must recognize that rally scoring is only a tiny first step in that direction. Once you head down that road, the additional changes that must be made are much more radical than the change to rally scoring.

Next issue—more pros and cons.

SideOut Club Report

Membership Renewal Time

Members who need to renew for 2001 will find the renewal form inside this issue. The SideOut Club membership year runs from July 1 to June 30, but for those who join during the "off-season" (between January 1 and June 30) we extend the membership to the following year.

As mentioned in the President's Corner, we would like to

have email addresses for as many members as possible. These would be used primarily for last-minute announcements that could not be made any other way.

Volunteers Needed

As always, we need lots of volunteers to sell merchandise and raffle tickets during home matches. If you can spare some time to help out (and have some fun to boot) at one or more home matches, please call Jim Ellis at (517) 323-3566.

MSU SideOut Club Financial Summary - Year Ending June 30, 2001

	Income	Expense	Net Income
Cash on hand 7/1/00			\$2,202.19
Value of merchandise on hand 7/1/00			\$3,109.76
Membership dues	3,538.80		3,538.80
Member Benefits			
Courtside seat raffle		104.00	(104.00)
Newsletter		744.26	(744.26)
Spring tournament and fall picnic	530.00	1,153.43	(623.43)
Green and White Reception		73.94	(73.94)
Young Spartan gift memberships		80.00	(80.00)
Service Award		61.48	(61.48)
Pins, decals and memo boards		88.90	(88.90)
Total Member Benefits	530.00	2,306.01	(1,776.01)
Donations to Club	187.00		187.00
Merchandise sales	7,080.50	2,574.45	4,506.05
50/50 raffle	2,468.00	1,739.80	728.20
Coach's luncheons	986.50	940.83	45.67
Credit union interest, fees	131.01	2.00	129.01
Other office supplies, copying, postage		252.13	(252.13)
Taxes		363.83	(363.83)
Online data expense		180.00	(180.00)
Miscellaneous expenses		10.00	(10.00)
Contributions to MSU Volleyball			
Digital Editing System		4,000.00	(4,000.00)
Banquet Table Sponsorship		300.00	(300.00)
Ralph Young Fund		285.00	(285.00)
Total Contributions to MSU Volleyball	0.00	4,585.00	(4,585.00)
Total income and expenses	\$14,921.81	\$12,954.05	\$1,967.76
Balance as of 6/30/01			\$4,169.95
Value of merchandise on hand 6/30/01			\$1,774.95
Net worth as of 6/30/01			\$5,944.90

2001 Schedule

(All home matches are played in Jenison Field House. All times listed are Eastern.)

8/25	GREEN & WHITE	6:30 pm	9/21	@Wisconsin	8:00 pm
8/31-9/1	MSU VOLLEYBALL CLASSIC		9/22	@Northwestern	8:00 pm
Friday	MSU vs. Auburn	10:00 am	9/28	MINNESOTA	7:00 pm
	Western Michigan vs. Dayton	12 noon	9/29	IOWA	7:00 pm
	Auburn vs. Denver	2:00 pm	10/3	@Michigan	7:00 pm
	Denver vs. Western Michigan	6:00 pm	10/6	@Purdue	8:00 pm
	MSU vs. Dayton	8:00 pm	10/12	@Indiana	7:00 pm
Saturday	Denver vs. Dayton	9:00 am	10/13	@Illinois	8:00 pm
	Auburn vs. Western Michigan	11:00 am	10/19	PENN STATE	7:00 pm
	MSU vs. Denver	1:00 pm	10/20	OHIO STATE	8:00 pm
	Dayton vs. Auburn	6:00 pm	10/24	MICHIGAN	7:00 pm
	MSU vs. Western Michigan	8:00 pm	10/26	PURDUE	7:00 pm
9/7-8	COCA-COLA SPARTAN INVITATIONAL		10/30	@Florida	7:00 pm
Friday	Bowling Green vs. Idaho	12:00 noon	11/2	@Iowa	8:00 pm
	MSU vs. Winthrop	2:00 pm	11/3	@Minnesota	8:00 pm
	Bowling Green vs. Winthrop	6:00 pm	11/9	NORTHWESTERN	8:00 pm
	MSU vs. Idaho	8:00 pm	11/10	WISCONSIN	8:00 pm
Saturday	Idaho vs. Winthrop	6:00 pm	11/16	@Ohio State	7:00 pm
	MSU vs. Bowling Green	8:00 pm	11/17	@Penn State	7:00 pm
9/14-15	@South Carolina Classic		11/23	ILLINOIS	8:00 pm
Friday	Wake Forest	11:00 am	11/24	INDIANA	8:00 pm
	South Carolina	7:00 pm	11/29-12/2	NCAA 1 st & 2 nd round	
Saturday	Jacksonville State	5:00 pm	12/6-9	NCAA Regional	
			12/13-15	NCAA Championships in San Diego, CA	



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