



The Service Line

Volleyball News from the MSU SideOut Club
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Looking Ahead

Illinois and Northwestern visit Jenison on Friday, October 6 and Saturday, the 7th respectively. The Saturday game is 8:00 The following Saturday, the Iowa Hawkeyes bring their game to Jenison. As of this writing, those three teams sit at the bottom of the Big Ten standings, but we all know how quickly that can change. Last year, we lost to Illinois on both match-ups, split with Northwestern and beat Iowa the only time we met.

Illinois is led by Vicki Brown who currently is # 3 in the conference in hitting percentage and Lizzie Bazzetta, who is #2 in assists *behind our own Allison Ianni* who leads the conference. The three matches should feature some great back court action as the conferences four leaders in digs are Northwestern’s Kate Nobilio leading the league just one spot ahead of our own *Nicole Colaluca*. Ashley Edinger, Illinois and Emily Hiza, Iowa round out the top four spots.



Chalk Talk—Oct. 7

The next Chalk Talk with Coach Cathy George will be Sat, Oct. 7 at 7:00pm.

Tailgate Party

Seventh Annual Tailgate Party
Saturday, October 7
Starting around 4:00 until game time at 8:00
(chalk talk is at 7:00)
Bring a dish or “grill-able” to share.

Eat, Drink and Celebrate Volleyball!

On the “Volleyball Green”, the south end of Jenison



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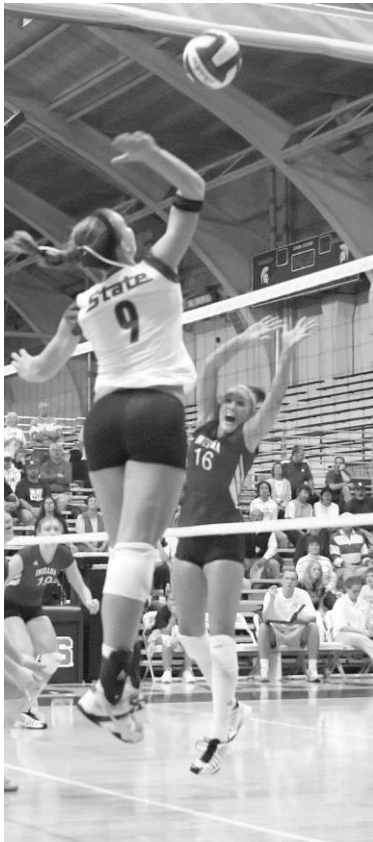
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Road Trip to Ann Arbor

The gas prices are as low as we’ve seen in a long time; it’s still daylight well into the evening, and there’s no snow in the forecast for at least 6 more weeks. Grab some friends and head to Ann Arbor to cheer the team on against Michigan – Wednesday, October 11 – 7:00.

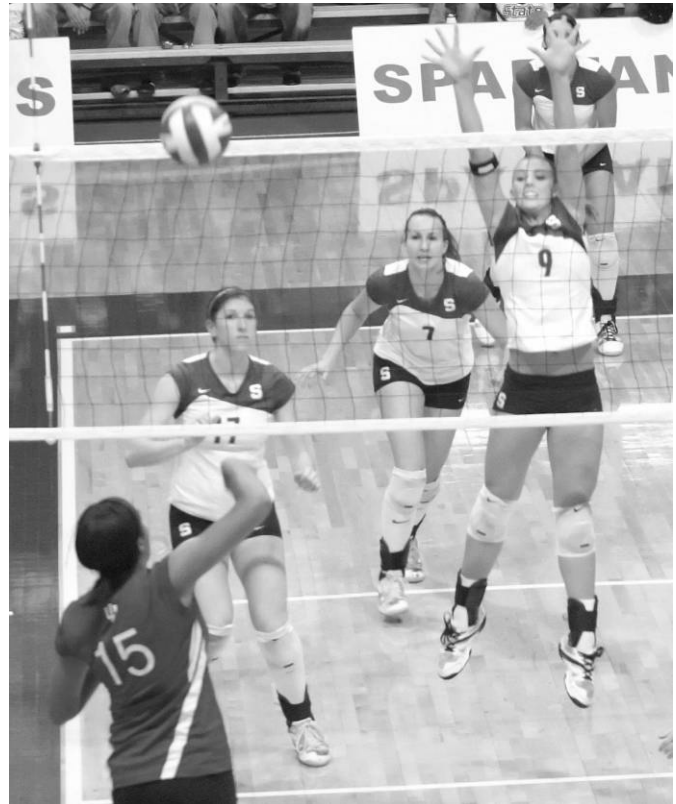
Meet the Freshmen—Whitney Tremain

Whitney Tremain can jump. “How high” you ask? High enough to win the high jump in the 2006 Division 1 state track meet last spring; high enough to be



nationally ranked in track and field, and high enough to block the opposing team. “Whitney is a tremendous athlete who can jump well over 10 feet. Although she is still finding herself within the game, she is extremely athletic, quick and very strong. We are very excited about the strengths she will bring to our program” said Coach George upon signing her last fall. Named one of the nation's Top 100 Volleyball Players by Prep Volleyball for 2005 recruits, Whitney is already seeing some action this year.

All photos courtesy of Al and Renee Schmitzer



A graduate of East Kentwood High School, Whitney started her volleyball career in grade school, but really began to get serious about it during the try-out process in middle school. Though she was also recruited for track and had offers from some smaller schools, she chose volleyball because of the team emphasis. She is one of six siblings, and enjoys talking with her mom when things become stressful. Excited to come to MSU, she really looked forward to the new friends she'd make here. Currently, a no-preference major, Whitney is exploring social work.

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Courtside Seats

Remember to enter the drawing held at every game for two courtside seats for the next game. Only SideOut Club members are eligible, so take advantage of this membership benefit. Submit your name at the table next to the merchandise area.

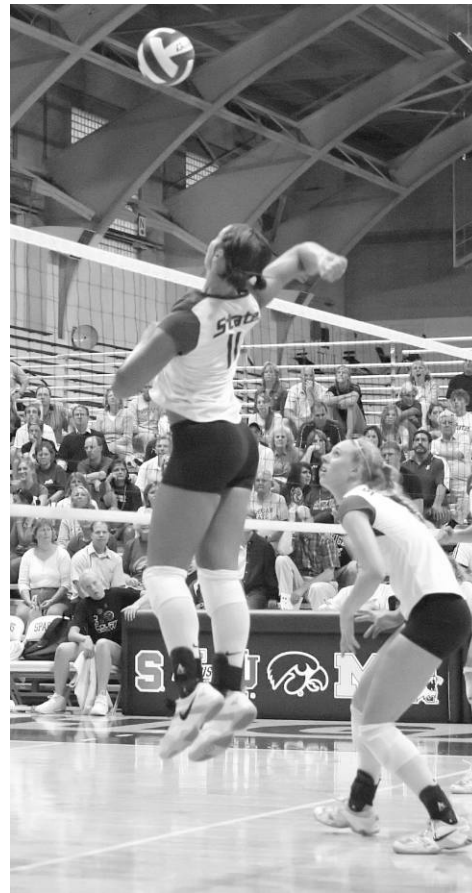
Position Profile—Outside Hitter

Note: Each issue will feature one or more different positions. Thanks to Mike Gawlik for providing the information.

The Outside Hitter (aka “Left Side”) is going to attack more balls than any other player on the floor over the course of a match. They play on the left side of the court and attack when passing is both good and bad. Unlike the middle blockers, the outside hitters hit a set that goes much higher in the air and travels all the way out to the left antennae. They are often times an “outlet set” when passes pull our setter off the net. The outside hitters take a 3-step approach before hitting and must time their jump to hit the ball at the highest possible point to avoid getting blocked. Outside hitters should have a variety of attacks including down the line, seam (between 2 blockers), and cross-court. The MSU offense also allows our outsides to hit balls that are not set all the way out to the antennae, including the middle of the court, in hopes of confusing opposing blockers. Outside hitters also need to block the left side of the



Ashley Schatzle



Katie Johnson

court, play defense while in the back row, pass opponent’s serves, as well as serve. Katie Johnson and Ashley Schatzle look to be one of the toughest outside duos in the conference in 2006. Heather McDaniel and Whitney Tremain will also see action for the Spartans on the Left Side this season.

Help Wanted

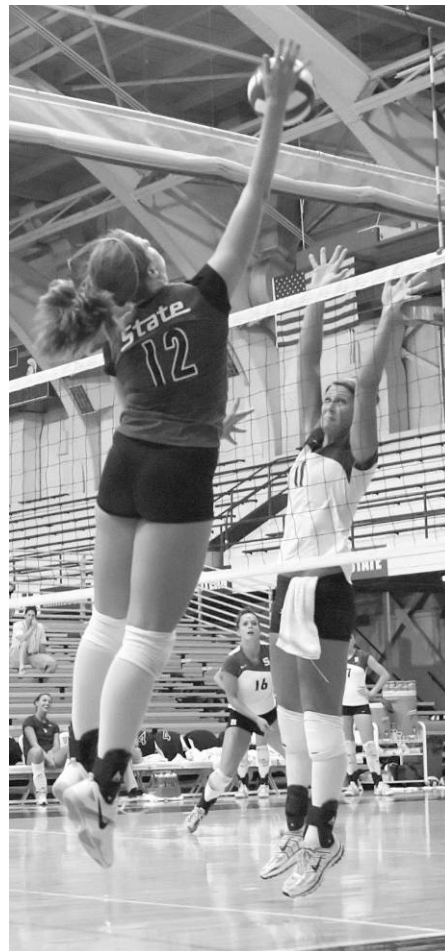
SideOut Club members, your help is needed to help us achieve our goal in providing some additional revenue to the volleyball program. Each game, we need help selling raffle tickets, assisting at the merchandise table and greeting people at the SideOut Club Information Table. Please go to the merchandise table at the next game and sign up for a shift to two. Thanks!

Position Profile—Right Side Attacker

The Right Side Attacker (aka “Opposite”) plays on the right side of the court. Players in this position are called “opposites” because they are directly opposite the setter in the rotation. This means that they will never be in the front row with the setter. Like the outside hitters, the right sides can hit a higher set than the middles, but can also be used as a second quick attacker. The MSU offense allows our right side attackers to hit both quick (first tempo) and higher (second tempo) sets to confuse opposing blockers. Another main job of the right sides is to block the right side of the court. It is important for our right sides to be good blockers because they will match up with the opponent’s outside hitters across the net. The right side attacker also will step in



Heather McDaniel



Lisa
Naymick

and set the second ball if the setter digs the first ball (Remember: you can’t play the ball twice in a row!). A right side that can set ensures your team can attack no matter who the first ball goes to. Heather McDaniel, Whitney Tremain, Mischelle Nelson, and Lisa Naymick will all see action at this position.

Building Blocks

The “Building Blocks” is the new “kids” club this year open to all boys and girls 8th grade and under. They have their own t-shirt and newsletter and get to have their pictures taken with the players. They especially have great fun lining up on the floor when the team is introduced. For more information, call 517-353-1756.

Blockheads



The Blockheads are the new MSU student fan club. Free pizza awaits them at their end-zone seating. Their chants fill the field house and their t-shirts let the opponents know the student fan base is growing. Membership is only \$10. For more information, call 517-353-1756.

A Reminder from the Office of Compliance Services

Are you a booster?

You are a booster if you are or ever have:

- Been a member of a booster organization that supports MSU athletics (e.g., Side Out Club, Touchdown Club, Rebounders Club, Fast Break Club);
- Made any financial contributions to the athletics department (e.g., Ralph Young Fund);
- Been involved in promoting MSU's athletics program;
- Been a season ticket holder; or
- Provided benefits to enrolled student-athletes or their relatives or friends.

You can become a booster if you provide benefits to prospects, student-athletes, their relatives or friends and any of the following statements are true:

- The relationship between the athlete (or parents of the athlete) and the individual providing the benefits developed as a result of the athlete's participation in athletics or their reputation as an athlete;
- The relationship began only after the athlete became a prospect;
- The relationship began only after the athlete had achieved notoriety due to his or her athletic ability or reputation;
- The pattern of benefits increased after the athlete attained notoriety as a talented athlete.

Once a booster...always a booster.

Once an individual is identified as a booster, the person retains that identity FOREVER! This is true even if the individual no longer contributes to, or is involved with, MSU's athletics program.

FALL SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent-Big Ten	Time/Result
Fri	09/22/2005	PURDUE	L,2-3
Sat	09/23/2006	INDIANA	W,3-1
Fri	09/29/2006	@Wisconsin	8:00 PM
Sun	10/01/2006	@Minnesota	2:00 PM
Fri	10/06/2006	ILLINOIS	7:00 PM
Sat	10/07/2006	NORTHWESTERN	8:00 PM
Wed	10/11/2006	@Michigan	7:00 PM
Sat	10/14/2006	IOWA	7:00 PM
Fri	10/20/2006	@Ohio State	7:00 PM
Sat	10/21/2006	@Penn State	7:00 PM
Fri	10/27/2006	@Northwestern	8:00 PM
Sat	10/28/2006	@Illinois	8:00 PM
Fri	11/03/2006	MINNESOTA	7:00 PM
Sat	11/04/2006	WISCONSIN	7:00 PM
Fri	11/10/2006	@Indiana	8:00 PM
Sat	11/11/2006	@Purdue	8:00 PM
Fri	11/17/2006	PENN STATE	7:00 PM
Sat	11/18/2006	OHIO STATE	7:00 PM
Wed	11/22/2006	MICHIGAN	7:00 PM
Fri	11/24/2006	@Iowa	8:00 PM

Non-Conference Schedule

8/25-8/26—Ball State Nike/Active Ankle Weekend, Muncie IN

8/25 MSU vs IPFW—W,3-1

8/26 MSU vs Xavier—W, 3-0

8/26 MSU vs Ball State—W,3-0

9/1-9/2—MSU Invitational—home

9/1 MSU vs Eastern Michigan—W,3-0

9/2 MSU vs Miami (Florida)—W,3-0

9/2 MSU vs Villanova—W,3-0

9/8-9/9 @ Columbus, Ohio

MSU vs Arizona State—L,0-3

MSU vs Tennessee Tech—W,3-0

9/12 (Tues) - Oakland—home—W,3-0

9/16 (Sat) - Toledo—home—W,3-0

NOTE: In the schedule, home games are in bold capital letters. All home games are at Jenison Fieldhouse.



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