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Letter from Mike / Spring Review

The Spring Season began with a very different look. With the graduation of 5 seniors in starting positions, the roles of many players on the team changed significantly. Through a rigorous captain selection process, the staff and team identified Kristen Kelsay and Kori Moster as captains for the 2012 campaign. Their leadership, coupled with Cathy's shared vision for the program had the team moving in a great direction even before the start of the Spring.

Our team practices started with a focus on defense, ball control, and consistent pursuit on every play. The gym culture became that of a gritty and groveling team throughout rallies. Over time more and more points were extended through great plays by the offense and defense. The competitive portion of the season began at Western Michigan on March 24 where we faced off against the Broncos for a practice and 3/5 match. Taylor Galloway led our offensive effort with 17 kills in a 5-game victory over a scrappy WMU squad. The ability we showed to pull out a neck and neck match and stay poised during the pressure moments will prove valuable in the fall. Kori paced the defensive effort with 31 digs.

Our next tournament was hosted in the Jenison Field House and had us face off against Akron, Eastern Michigan, Western Michigan, and Central Michigan. We were very pleased with our ability to play team volleyball and had contributions from every member of our squad as we went 8-0 and swept the day's games. For the second week in a row, we were lead by solid passing and a well distributed offense by Kristen Kelsay. (Continued on next page)

Keep an eye out for
SideOut Club Renewals

Spring Review - continued from front page



CELL PHONE PILE!

Our toughest tournament came the following weekend as we traveled to Aurora, IL for the Great Lakes Center Invite. The trip started with a bus ride in which the team played a rousing game of Catch-Phrase only after sacrificing our cell phones to a pile—we needed to avoid distractions!! The epic battle ended in overtime as the team of Jazmine, Ryian, Kelsey, Amy, Alexis, and Drew (Ath. Trainer) defeated Kristen, Stefanie, Kori, Taylor, Chelsey, and myself 27-25 in come from behind fashion. After a Friday night visit to the Kelsay house for dinner, we opened up pool play against Marquette, who runs a fast offense and would be a good test for our block. After cruising to

a set 1 victory, we got into a barn burner in set 2 which had each team had clutch play after clutch play to extend the game and avoid defeat. We finally won the set 36-34! It was the most exciting event of the spring! After Marquette we faced off against 3 Big Ten Teams—Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin. After sweeping Iowa, we took on an Illinois team after a 15 minute lunch break. After winning set 1, we lost a tight set 2, and dropped a close 3rd set. Despite being exhausted (playing 9 sets in 4 hours), the team rallied and swept Wisconsin in a rout. The day was highlighted by Amy Dentlinger who had 41 kills and hit .348 for the tournament. As a bonus, we won the tournament (via tiebreaker) after Wisconsin defeated Illinois in 3 sets.

Our final test was against Butler on April 14. In a similar format to the week 1 contest vs. WMU, we preceded a 3/5 scrimmage with a practice. We defeated Butler 3-1 behind stellar team blocking (19.0 blocks in 4 games) paced by Alexis Mathews with 8 total and Kelsey Kuipers with 7 total blocks.

As a whole, the coaching staff is pleased with our progress this spring. Our spring totals eclipsed our 2011 fall totals in Hitting % (.261), Kills/Set (13.95), Blocks (2.86) and digs/set (17.9). We finished with a 9-1 match record, which is impressive considering that Western Michigan, Central Michigan, Marquette, and Illinois were all NCAA Tournaments and Wisconsin and Iowa are Big Ten opponents. A continued focus for us will be blocking and first ball kills as we move towards the summer and preseason. We're already very excited to report on August 3rd and look forward to welcoming 5 new Spartans into the fold. Indeed the future looks bright for Spartan Volleyball!



Dinner at Kristen Kelsay's

Thanks for your continued support!

2012 Tentative Schedule

This schedule is TENTATIVE and may change due to hockey, basketball, or television schedules.

August 24-25	Fri/Sat	Spartan Showcase (McNeese State, Youngstown St. and Eastern Kentucky)	
Aug 31—Sept 1	Fri/Sat	@ UCONN (UCONN, Dartmouth, and Fairfield)	
September 7-8	Fri/Sat	Spartan Invitational (Georgia, Albany, and IPFW)	
September 14-15	Fri/Sat	@ College of Charleston (CofC, Presbyterian, and Georgetown)	
September 21	Friday	PURDUE	
September 22	Saturday	INDIANA	(Football @ MSU 9/22)
September 26	Wednesday	@ Nebraska	
September 29	Saturday	@ Iowa	(Iowa Football Game 9/29)
October 5	Friday	@ Wisconsin	(Wisc. Football Game 10/6)
October 6	Saturday	@ Minnesota	
October 12	Friday	NORTHWESTERN	
October 13	Saturday	ILLINOIS	(Football @ MSU 10/13)
October 17	Wednesday	@ Michigan	
October 20	Saturday	OHIO STATE	
October 26	Friday	@ Indiana	
October 27	Saturday	@ Purdue	
November 2	Friday	IOWA	
November 3	Saturday	NEBRASKA	(Football @ MSU 11/3)
November 9	Friday	MINNESOTA	
November 10	Saturday	WISCONSIN	
November 16	Friday	@ Illinois	(Illinois Football Game 11/17)
November 17	Saturday	@ Northwestern	
November 21	Wednesday	MICHIGAN	
November 24	Saturday	@ Penn State	(Penn State Football Game 11/24)

Welcome Robby Smith—Director of Operations

Robby Smith has taken over for Jen Dhaenens as the Director of Volleyball Operations. Robby has served MSU Athletics in a variety of ways before ending up with our program. As a freshman Robby worked with the Women's Basketball Program as a manager and video assistant, then continued his undergraduate work with Tom Izzo and the Men's Basketball program. Robby has also worked with women's softball, the equipment room, as well as a stint in the ticket office. His knowledge of the athletics' department and attention to detail make him an ideal fit for the DOVO position. Robby aspires to one day be an athletic director.

Welcome Krista Groce—Volunteer Assistant Coach

Krista Groce will join the MSU Volleyball staff in June replacing 2007 Alum Jess Hohl who has moved on to a full-time role at Bowling Green. Krista, a Kent State University (2008), has been recently coaching at Davenport University over the past 2 seasons. Her degree in Exercise physiology as well as her experiences with DU, Cleveland Renaissance VBC, FaR OuT VBC made her an ideal candidate for the position. From the day she stepped on campus as a summer camp coach, she made an impact on Cathy and the staff with the way she conducted herself and ran her court. Her infectious personality and contagious smile make her a joy to be around and she knows her stuff!



Spartans ink 2 More in 2012

Ebony Scott (Right) - is a 5'11" incoming freshman OH/RS from Powhatan, VA. Her speed, agility, and athletic ability will make her a player at the next level. Ebony will provide added depth to the Spartan Block/Attack. Coaches immediately noticed her attention to the details when evaluating her and are anxious to see her develop. Don't let her size fool you, as she can jump out of the gym! Ebony is an honor roll student that also excelled in track and field.



Lauren Wicinski (Left) is a 6'1" OH from Geneva, IL that will be transferring from Northern Illinois University with 2 years of eligibility remaining. A 2-time MAC Player of the Year, Lauren provides our young team with immediate experience on the floor. As a AVCA Second Team All-American in 2011, Lauren led the nation in Kills/set (5.34) and points/set (6.18). Lauren will join Alexis Mathews and Amy Dentlinger on the USA A2 team this summer. The coaches and team are excited to see what her future holds as she dons the Green and White.

From the Desk of Carli Weiler

Well, my first semester as a student assistant coach for the team is coming to an end. I never anticipated it flying by this quickly! A lot of exciting things have happened for the program this semester. To name a few, finishing at the top of each spring tournament, having three Spartans selected to the U.S. National A2 Program is very exciting. Being a part of this spring season has been a lot of fun! Our trip to Chicago was definitely the most exciting given that we matched up with three Big Ten teams. The team has been doing a wonderful job and the leadership is looking awesome. Even in practices, the girls really get after it and have pushed themselves tremendously. The girls have definitely been rewarded for their hard work with five of them having the opportunity to try out for the U.S. National A2 Program. This was a great experience and the girls were able to see how much their hard work has paid off. The tryout hosted players from universities all over the country from the top conferences and programs. This was a good opportunity for our girls to play with different styles and see how they compare to the rest of the collegiate talent pool. The results of the tryout brought great news to the MSU Program with three of our players being selected to the A2 Program. Big congratulations to Alexis Mathews, Amy Dentlinger, and Lauren Wicinski who were among the 48 players selected. They will be going to Columbus on June 26th to train and compete in the USA Open Championships. We are anxious to see them represent the Red, White, and Blue (as well as the Green & White).

As you can see this semester has been very eventful and I have learned a tremendous amount about what goes into college coaching. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to learn from the MSU coaching staff and look forward to the 2012 fall season!

Spartans Lose 2 Special Supporters



John Bond
1930–2012

Within the past 2 weeks, the MSU Volleyball family has lost to very special volleyball supporters. John Bond (Left) and Richard Weiler (Right) each passed away and will be forever missed by the volleyball family of Michigan State. We hope that you'll keep Jenny and the Bond family, as well as the Weiler family in your thoughts and prayers over the next few weeks. They were always smiling faces that we enjoyed seeing at home and road matches. Their loyalty will never be forgotten by the staff, players, alum, program, and SideOut Club.



Richard Weiler
1928–2012



SIDEOUT CLUB NEWS

MICHIGAN STATE VOLLEYBALL

2012 SUMMER CAMPS

July 10-12	Kid's Camp
July 14	All-Skills Day Camp
July 15	Competitive Edge (Speed, Agility, Jump Training)
July 16	Ball Control Camp
July 17	Attacking Camp
July 18	Setting Camp
July 19-21	All Skills Overnight Camp
July 23-25	Competitive Team Camp
July 23-25	Shootout Team Tournament



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