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2016-17 Schedule Announced—Spartans Preparing to Dominate

SAN DIEGO STATE AZTEC INVITATIONAL
AUG. 26-27

AUTO OWNERS INSURANCE SPARTAN INVITATIONAL
SEPT. 3-4

WESTERN KENTUCKY INVITATIONAL
SEPT. 9-10

SPARTAN CLASSIC
SEPT. 16-17

MICHIGAN STATE

AT	AT	AT	AT	AT	AT	AT	AT	AT	AT	AT	AT	AT	AT	AT	AT	AT	AT		
SEPT 23	SEPT 24	SEPT 30	OCT 1	OCT 7	OCT 8	OCT 12	OCT 15	OCT 19	OCT 22	OCT 28	OCT 29	NOV 4	NOV 5	NOV 9	NOV 12	NOV 18	NOV 19	NOV 23	NOV 26

Michigan State head coach Cathy George has unveiled the schedule for the upcoming 2016 volleyball season, and it is once again designed to challenge her Spartan squad - some of the best teams from around the country appear on the MSU slate. A total of five non-conference opponents are in the RPI top-100 from the final ranking in 2016, and four appeared in the NCAA Tournament a year ago. That type of aggressive scheduling is what George hopes will prepare her team for the rigorous Big Ten campaign.

"We've put together a pre-conference schedule with an eye on it being both challenging and rewarding," noted George, embarks on her 12th season at the helm of the Spartans and 30th overall as a head coach. "We've set out to make sure we play high-level opponents who have been successful both in the NCAA Tournament and within their Conferences, and this schedule is a reflection of that emphasis. If possible, I believe that the Big Ten will be better than it was last year -- we sent nine teams to the NCAA Tournament and from top to bottom, we're probably looking at another dogfight for every win in Conference play.

"I'm really excited about this schedule, and the teams we're bringing into Jenison Field House," continued George. "In addition to those Big Ten teams, we've got high-quality opponents every single weekend -- so our fans, as usual, will be treated to some powerhouse volleyball night after night. We'll host two tournaments, and in the first one we'll take on Florida, a team in the Elite Eight a year ago."



Answers courtesy of Assistant Coach JT Wenger

1) What happens when one line judge signals in and the other signals out?

Depends on the situation, but generally if one rules the ball out, it is out.

2) Where do the players have to stand in order to avoid a rotation error?

They must stand in order of where they start prior to the serve. For example, if we are facing the net, the right back player must be behind the right front player, and to the right of the middle back player. Middle back must be behind middle front, and between right and left back. Left back must be behind left front, and to the left of middle back. Of course, different serve receive patters shift players around and it might appear confusing, but those rules govern how those shifts can be created.

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2016

September 23rd & 24th

The year was 1976 when 12 young women from MSU ventured to Texas to compete in the AIAW National Championship tournament, advancing to what was essentially an Elite 8. We're excited and honored to welcome that team back to campus this fall.

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Cathe Davis
Pat Fellows
Laura Peterson
Christine Wagner
Mitzy Hazlett

Dianne Spoelstra
Cindy Hardy
Kathy DeBoer
Laurie Zoodsma
Deb Oslovor
Angie Del Marone



Spartans Add Two Transfers, Depth for 2016 Season



Kristen **BRASHEAR**

*Sr., DS/L, 5-9, Louisville, Ky /
Sacred Heart Academy / Club:
Adidas Union*



Maddie **HAGGERTY**

*Jr., OH, 6-2, Glen Ellyn, Ill. /
Wheaton-St. Francis / Club:
Sports Performance*

Michigan State volleyball coach Cathy George has announced the addition of two transfer student-athletes who will join the Spartan program for the fall of 2016: outside hitter Maddie Haggerty (Glen Ellyn, Ill.) and defensive specialist Kristen Brashear (Louisville, Ky.).

Brashear, who played her first three seasons at Ole Miss, will be eligible to play immediately and is expected to contribute to the Spartans' defensive efforts in the 2016 season. Haggerty, who began her collegiate career at Nebraska, cannot play for the Spartans until the fall of 2017 after playing as a redshirt freshman at Central Florida in 2015.

"We are thrilled to add both Kristen and Maddie to our program," noted George. "Both players bring a wealth of experience from high-level club backgrounds and collegiate play. Kristen and Maddie are sure to strengthen our depth and our team's volleyball knowledge - and they share a high level of competitive fire and volleyball skill. We are excited to have them here this summer and training with our returning players, which we believe will be a critical piece to establishing on-court chemistry and consistency as we head into the fall."

Michigan State returns 12 players from the 2015 season, and will add seven players for the fall -- in addition to Haggerty and Brashear, fellow transfer Sarah Shafiq (Glencoe, Ill) enrolled at Michigan State in January and will be eligible, along with Haggerty, in 2017. Freshman Olivia Bishop (Traverse City, Mich.) enrolled at MSU in January, and will be joined by classmates Samantha McLean (Grand Rapids, Mich.) Maggie Midgette (Westlake, Ohio) and Lauren Swartz (Pittsburgh, Penn.) this summer in East Lansing.

Among returning players, the Spartans will be led by rising senior Chloe Reinig, who was a 2014 Honorable Mention AVCA All-American and First Team All-Big Ten selection, and Allyssah Fitterer and junior setter Rachel Minarick, all who have earned AVCA All-Region honors in their careers. Redshirt junior Autumn Bailey, who was a two-time Honorable Mention AVCA All-America and the BIG EAST Player of the Year in 2014 at Marquette will also return to the court after suffering an ACL injury in MSU's first game last season at Kentucky.