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Friday, September 1st

11:30am		vs	
4:30pm		vs	
7:00pm		vs	

Saturday, September 2nd

11:00am		vs	
4:30pm		vs	
7:30pm		vs	

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Spartans Take Hyatt Regency Invitational In Atlanta

MSU opened its 2017 season on Friday night in Atlanta as one of four teams competing in the Hyatt Regency Invitational, The Spartans opened by sweeping Furman 3-0 (25-20, 25-13, 25-11).

Furman came out full of energy and led the Spartans by as many as four points early in the fourth set, but MSU tied it up at 11-11 and kept their foot on the gas from there. After a 25-20 victory in the opening set, MSU put its foot on the gas and took the next two sets by sizable margins, downing the Paladins 25-13 and 25-11 to close out the sweep.

The Spartans recorded 12 team blocks, and hit .269. Furman hit .206 in the close first set, but then committed 17 errors in the final two sets and hit 0.40 for the match.

MSU picked up its second win of the 2017 season on Saturday afternoon, downing Auburn 3-0 (25-16, 25-19, 25-20). The 17th-ranked Spartans upped their record to 2-0 while Auburn fell to 1-1.

The two teams put on a display of powerful, physical volleyball, with both teams taking big swings. MSU held the edge in kills (32-27), blocks (10-3), aces (10-4) and digs (49-43), and held the Tigers to a .049 hitting percentage.

Michigan State claimed its first pre-conference tournament title of the season, capturing the 2017 Hyatt Regency Invitational at Georgia Tech despite a four-set loss in the tournament finale to the host Yellow Jackets (22-25, 23-25, 25-14, 21-25).

Tournament MVP Alyssa Garvelink had 14 kills, six blocks, three aces, and hit .227 to lead the Spartans, while three other seniors had nine kills each (Autumn Bailey, Megan Tompkins, and Holly Toliver). Toliver just missed a double-double with 13 digs.

Setter Rachel Minarick was also named to the All-Tournament team. She had a season-best 50 assists and added three aces, and also had four blocks and six digs.

The Spartans found themselves in a 2-0 hole at the intermission, committing 17 hitting errors, hitting .132, and committing 10 service errors. The intermission seemed to straighten things out on the MSU side, as the third set was all Spartans, who had 17 kills, hit .433, and added three service aces to overpower their hosts. The fourth set was more even, but the Jackets outblocked MSU 12-7 on the night, despite a 60-39 disparity in kills and MSU dishing out 10 service aces to just four for Georgia Tech.

The Spartans will take on San Diego State, Marshall and Texas A&M Corpus Christi this Friday and Saturday in the Auto-Owners Spartan Invitational.



CORNER

ALUMNI



Becca Zlabis and Jon DeMoss were joined in marriage on June 24th, 2017 in a ceremony in Wheaton, Illinois.



Allison Cironi and husband Rocco welcomed twin girls into their family on Monday, July 31st, 2017. Angelina Marie weighed in at 6 pounds 14 ounces and was 20 inches long while sister Alessandra Lynn weighed in at 6 pounds 12 ounces and was 20.25 inches long. Big sister Gia is loving her new role.

Alumni, please share with us what you are up to these days. We would love to share exciting life events with fellow alums as well as those invested in our program.

AVCA Rankings

Rank	School	Points	2017 Record	Previous
1	Stanford	1587	3-0	2
2	Minnesota	1461	2-0	4
3	Florida	1447	2-0	12
4	Texas	1332	1-1	1
5	Penn State	1320	3-0	6
6	Wisconsin	1271	2-0	7
7	Creighton	1250	3-0	9
8	Washington	1095	2-1	3
9	Kansas	1070	3-0	8
10	BYU	1054	3-0	10
11	UCLA	988	3-0	13
12	Nebraska	850	0-2	5
13	Kentucky	833	3-0	14
14	Oregon	750	1-1	18
15	Florida State	680	3-0	15
16	North Carolina	602	0-2	11
17	San Diego	494	3-1	22
18	Southern Cal	454	3-0	NR
19	Michigan	413	2-1	16
20	Ohio State	383	2-1	21
21	Purdue	335	3-0	25
22	Utah	315	2-1	23
23	Michigan State	207	2-1	17
24	W. Kentucky	137	3-0	NR
25	Iowa State	116	3-0	NR

Others receiving votes: Wichita State 73; Missouri 40; Washington State 31; Baylor 30; Hawai'i 30; Northern Iowa 27; Arizona 18; Cal Poly 14; Colorado State 14; Pittsburgh 12; Marquette 11; Duke 10; Lipscomb 8; Dayton 6



BELLA LEGARZA

Bella Legarza is the last addition to the 2017 Spartans. As a 6'2" middle blocker, she joined the team right before camps in early July. Bella comes to us all the way from San Francisco. She played club volleyball at Slainte while attending St. Ignatius College Prep. Her family is a total sports family. Her brother Vince played basketball at Miami (OH) and now works in operations for the Minnesota Timberwolves, while her father spent many years coaching college basketball and currently runs one of the biggest youth basketball camps in the country.