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MICHIGAN STATE VOLLEYBALL
2018 SPRING
COMPETITION SCHEDULE

GO GREEN!	3/30 MT. PLEASANT, MI	4/7 KIVA TOURNAMENT LOUISVILLE, KY	4/14 EAST LANSING, MI
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The Spartan volleyball team is back in action this spring! With nine players returning we look forward to getting a lot of court time in for everyone. We'll have several dates coming up where you can check out your Spartan volleyballers.

We've been putting in a lot of hard work on the court and in the weight room. The future of Spartan volleyball is bright! Check social media for updates on times and exact locations.



Brooke Kranda Update—Foton Tornadoes

Hi SOC!

A quick update about me from the Philippines! First of all, for those who don't know I am playing for the team Foton Tornadoes in Manila, Philippines. Foton is in the Philippine SuperLiga. So far the volleyball has been pretty good. The team was very welcoming and we were very excited to have me here (not sure anything could be better than my MSU family though). The gym culture is much different than what I am used to, but I am slowly getting used to it. Outside of volleyball I've been able to go to a couple of cool places. I went to Subic Bay for a weekend off and a city called Tagaytay for a day of sightseeing in the mountains. Other than that I'm just enjoying myself while I'm here and learning about their culture. Halfway around the world is pretty different from the United States! That's all I have for you guys for now. If you're interested in following my team our season started on February 17th and they'll be posting everything on Facebook. **Click on my picture to the left to go to the team's page.** Thank you for all of your continued support and everything you do for MSU! Go Green!

The Arielle Wilson Profile!

Michigan State Volleyball is excited to introduce our new Volunteer Assistant Arielle Wilson! Now, before we get into the nitty gritty let's clear up one thing—it's pronounced Are-EE-el not Air-EE-el for those who were wondering.

Arielle is a great addition to our staff as she has a lot of playing and coaching experience under her belt. She played a significant role in helping Penn State capture four consecutive National Championships and Big Ten titles. She is still the all time leader in hitting percentage for the Nittany Lions and ranks fifth on the all time block leaders list. Post college, she spent five years playing professional volleyball overseas while also training with the US National Team in 2013.

After retirement she turned to coaching taking a position with DePaul University in her native Chicago. While with DePaul, the Blue Demons saw success in winning a program best seven Big East games. Her primary responsibilities were coaching middle blockers and directing the team's community outreach activities. She has also spent time coaching various summer camps as well as club teams in the Chicago area.

Arielle graduated from Penn State in 2011 with a degree in Kinesiology and is looking at a future in either coaching or nursing.

What was your go to song when getting pumped up for a game? "Stronger" by Kanye West

What is your favorite food? I love a great taco!

What is your favorite color? Lime Green

Favorite volleyball shot? I like the cutback no look or a hard hit down the line.



Favorite location in which you've played professionally? Italy

Tell us a funny story about playing professionally.

In Azerbaijan, I was headed to go grab some food for lunch at the market which was attached to our apartment. While walking, I noticed people stopping what they were doing and staring. A huge bus also stopped in the middle of the street with no traffic and everyone, including the driver, was watching me. I was so mind boggled and was thinking that maybe I had done something wrong or had something on me. That same day when I got to practice, I asked my teammate who was a local why this would happen. She said that they weren't used to seeing African Americans in the flesh and that they usually only see them on TV.

Tell us a funny story about playing at Penn State.

Here's a story I'll never forget. One preseason we had to do what we call one person pit drill. It's basically coach versus one person. I was a freshman and super nervous. While I was out of the drill I was nervously observing our senior DS who was in the drill to see what to do. All of this took place in south gym and for those of you who are unfamiliar, south gym is basically four courts in a row with no windows. As you can imagine, it gets very hot and the floors get sweaty. We had huge fans to help circulate air, but in my opinion the fans were just loud and took up more room in the space. While the drill is going on you must go for every ball until the time runs out. I remember our senior DS going for a ball and literally running over one of the fans. She ended up being fine, but the ball was not to target and the fan took an "L" (loss). DS 0-Fan 1. 😊

Favorite sport other than volleyball? Basketball

When did you start playing volleyball? I started playing volleyball in the fifth grade and then club in eighth grade.

Want to know more? Click on Arielle's picture!



National Girls and Women in Sports Day—February 1st



We love seeing fans, young and old, at National Girls & Women in Sports Day! We had some really good jumpers try out our vert to see what they could touch and then we were able to show solidarity with our Spartan sisters by wearing teal for survivors.

It's been really encouraging for what women can do in sport watching these Winter Olympics as well. To name just a couple, winning gold in the Women's Cross Country and Hockey will be huge for young girls and has been amazing to watch!

In Case You Missed It—A Quick Banquet Recap

MVP Award: Alyssa Garvelink
Playmaker Award: Autumn Bailey
Extra Mile Award: Jamye Cox

Most Improved Award: Alyssa Chronowski
Most Inspirational Award: Sam McLean
Kirkby Scholar-Athlete Award: Rachel Minarick
SOC Service Award: Lynda White

Final Finish: #8 nationally
Overall Record: 24-9
BigTen Finish: 4th (14-6)

2017 ELITE EIGHT

VOLLEYBALL SUMMER CAMPS

- 7.14 ▷ COLLEGE PREP CAMP
- 7.15 - 7.17 ▷ COMPETITIVE TEAM CAMP
- 7.15 - 7.17 ▷ SHOOTOUT TEAM DAY CAMP
- 7.19 - 7.21 ▷ GENERAL SKILLS DAY CAMP
- 7.22 - 7.24 ▷ ALL SKILLS OVERNIGHT CAMP

Help us spread the word! Camp registration is now open. Click the graphic above for more information or to register.