I LOVE FALL!!... Its by far my favorite time of the year! Cooler temperatures, colors of the leaves changing on the trees, football and of course its MINER VOLLEYBALL SEASON!! For those of you who have been following us since the start of this program, can you believe its time to begin Season Five? I sure can't!! But I am so excited for it, that is for sure!!

The graduation and loss of 10 of our 16 players from 2010 was a sad time for Miner Volleyball, but with the ending of one thing, welcomes in the beginning of something else. We have many new faces in Miner uniforms this year. Nine new players... two junior transfers and seven freshmen!! Check out our photo roster on page 3 to see all the returning and new players in 2011.

This new Miner team is determined to go where no Miner team has gone before...
POST SEASON!!

The talent is there.. The determination is there.. Now its time to get the wins!!
We hope that all of you are as excited about the fall as I am!

LETS DO IT MINERS!!

COACH'S CORNER BY COACH HOLT

2011 MINER VOLLEYBALL TEAM

(Bottom Row L to R): Jocelyn DeMotte, Jennifer Kegler, Sydney Wheeler

(Middle Row L to R): Sierra Comer, Emily Jaeger, Hayley Wright, Kelly Kosmopolis, Jessica Holder

(Middle Row L to R): Jennifer Costello, Jackie Zellmer, Kit Spears, Melanie Shehorn, Katie McDonald, Erin Bekebrede, Alison Mueller

2011 MINER VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

It's the dawning of a new day in Missouri S&T Miner Volleyball. Most of the inaugural class of Miner Volleyball has graduated and now Head Coach Jason Holt is ushering in a new batch of Miners to continue what the previous players started and push the program to its first post-season tournament appearance since the program’s inception just five years ago.

“Each year of this program has been a step towards respectability, faith in the program and winning. Last season was a huge step for us, earning our first winning season in only our fourth year. Now it's time to take that next step which is post-season play.” Holt said.

The Miners lost 10 of their 16 players from the 2010 squad, mostly through the graduation of the inaugural class. But four are returning starters in last fall and that allows S&T to remain in the conversation as one of the top teams in the GLVC West. Holt added an outstanding 2011 class of two junior transfers and seven freshmen, to the talented returners to make a run at the GLVC tournament.

“We are extremely confident that the addition of this great 2011 class along with our determined group of returnees, that this fall will be a great one for the Miners. We can't wait to get started.”

DEF. SPECIALISTS/LIBEROS

Holt has three highly experienced, talented and strong defensive-minded players in juniors Jocelyn DeMotte and Jennifer Kegler as well as freshman Emily Jaeger. The highly capable trio, who Holt believes this to be one of the best back courts in the GLVC, will compete for the starting libero spot, which is up for grabs after the graduation of four-year starter and all-time digs leader Bridget Williams. Regardless who earns the coveted libero spot, the remaining duo will see time as defensive specialists.

S setters

Three extremely hardworking and talented setters will be running the Miners offense in 2011. Junior Jennifer Costello and freshmen Jessica Holder and Sydney Wheeler will put their skills to the test as the “quarterbacks” of the team this fall.

MIDDLE HITTERS

The middle is the one spot that is the most up for grabs this season with the graduation of two outstanding middles including 2010 All-GLVC Samantha Klump. Three talented players, junior Kelly Kosmopolis, sophomore Melanie Shehorn and freshman Jackie Zellmer will be competing for the two starting spots and/or court time this fall.

OUTSIDE HITTERS

The Miners are sold on the left side with senior Erin Bekebrede, sophomore Hayley Wright and freshmen Sierra Comer and Alison Mueller who make up the talented quartet of outsides vying for time this fall.

RIGHT SIDE HITTERS

Holt is very excited about the right side this fall with a line-up that includes an established returning starter in redshirt senior Kit Spears, along with an untapped freshman talent in Katie McDonald.
2011 CAPTAINS Elected

Prior to the start of the competition for the 2011 season, the team voted for one new team captain while, Coach Holt and Coach Laws selected a second captain to replace outgoing seniors Katie Herington and Bridget Williams who completed their Miner volleyball careers after the 2010 season.

The team selected senior outside hitter Erin Bekebrede (St. Charles, Mo.) while the coaching staff selected both senior right side hitter Kit Spears (Valley Center, Kan.) and junior setter Jennifer Costello (St. Louis, Mo.) to compliment each other as team leaders for the 2011 season. A well deserved honor for the three leaders.

CAPTAINS CORNER by ERIN

Hello everyone!!!

I hope all is well and everyone is as excited about Miner Volleyball 2011 as I am. I am extremely honored to be named one of the team captains, along with Kit and Jenny, and I am very excited to get this season going and putting all our hard work to use. We have a great group of girls who are very talented and hard working this year! We have been hitting it hard the last few weeks and are starting to really come together as a team. With this group of girls I truly feel that we can and will accomplish the goals we have set for this program and that is to make it to POST SEASON PLAY.

We have a long way to go, but I think we are starting off on the right foot!!!

I want to also thank all of the Miner fans at both home and away games. We have already had great crowds and we truly appreciate all of you coming!!! I look forward to seeing everyone this coming season. Let’s make this the best season yet!!! GO MINERS!

CAPTAINS CORNER by KIT

Hey Everyone,

I hope everyone is ready for another exciting season of Miner Volleyball! I know we as a team are! I can’t speak for everyone, but I’m ready to play someone besides ourselves!

I’m extremely honored to have been named captain alongside Erin and Jenny, and I know we’ll represent the team well. I want to go ahead and thank the parents and the crowd for the amazing support we have already had, and what is to come at our matches both home and away. We couldn’t do it without you!

Let’s make this year will be our BEST RECORD EVER! Go Miners!

CAPTAINS CORNER by JENNY

Hi Miners Fans,

I hope everyone had a great summer and is ready for an exciting fall season! With preseason & scrimmages completed, I am definitely ready to start playing games for real. We have been working really hard and are ready to start showing everyone else how good we have become. We will be young this year after graduating our first class of eight seniors. However, our nine new players bring great talent and enthusiasm and make great additions to our roster. I would also like to welcome our student manager Ashton (Tiddy) and new student assistant coach Samantha (Klump) to our coaching staff.

I feel that we have a real opportunity to make the postseason for the first time in program history. We definitely have a lot of work before that point, but we have a very talented and hardworking team. I am truly honored to be elected captain and am so excited to start.

Hopefully we will see many of you at our upcoming games. Your support means a lot to us. Hope to see everyone soon!!!

MINER VOLLEYBALL BIRTHDAYS

Sydney Wheeler ........... May 18th (18)
Mgr. Ashton Tiddy ........... May 19th (18)
Jessica Holder ............. June 23rd (18)
Melanie Shehorn ............ July 2nd (20)
Kelly Kosmopolis ........... July 17th (21)
Trn. Liz Sisemore ........... September 19th (27)

JACKIE ZELMER ........... Sept. 22nd (19)
Sierra Comer ............. September 27th (19)
Kyle Walton ............... October 5th (24)
Jennifer Costello .......... October 15th (21)
Erin Bekebrede .......... November 23rd (22)
Jennifer Kegler ............ December 28th (22)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MINERS!!!!!
#2 / JESSICA HOLDER
5-9 | S-RS | Freshman
St. Mary’s HS | Independence, Mo.

#3 / JENNY COSTELLO
5-10 | S | Junior
Parkway South HS | St. Louis, Mo.

#5 / JOCELYN Demotte
5-5 | DSL-L | Junior
Hayden HS | Topeka, Kan.

#6 / EMILY JAEGGER
5-8 | DSL-L | Freshman
St. Joseph’s Acad. | St. Louis, Mo.

#7 / KIT SPEARS
6-0 | RS | Senior
Valley Center HS | Valley Center, Kan.

#8 / KELLY KOSMOPOLIS
5-9 | MH-RS | Junior
O’Fallon HS | O’Fallon, Ill.

#9 / SYDNEY WHEELER
5-8 | S-DS | Freshman
Ozark HS | Ozark, Mo.

#10 / JACKIE ZELLMER
6-0 | MH | Freshman
Nixa HS | Nixa, Mo.

#11 / MELANIE SHEHORN
6-3 | MH | Sophomore
Flora HS | Flora, Ill.

#12 / ERIN BEKEBREDE
6-0 | OH | Senior
St. Charles HS | St. Charles, Mo.

#14 / ALISON MUELLER
5-10 | OH | Freshman
Mater Dei HS | Bartelso, Ill.

#17 / JENNIFER KEGLER
5-5 | DSL-L | Junior
Cor Jesu Acad. | Ballwin, Mo.

#18 / SIERRA COMER
5-8 | OH-DS | Freshman
Camdenton HS | Camdenton, Mo.

#19 / KATIE MCDONALD
6-2 | RS-MH | Freshman
Providence Cath HS | Orland Park, Ill.

#21 / HAYLEY WRIGHT
5-10 | OH | Sophomore
Millard West HS | Omaha, Neb.

JASON HOLT
Head Coach
5th Season | Grants Pass, Ore.

MEGAN LAWS
Assistant Coach
4th Season | Kearney, Mo.

KYLE WALTON
Stu. Asst. Coach
SAM KLUMP
Stu. Asst. Coach
ASHTON TIDDY
Stu. Manager
Costello Returns From China

Junior setter Jennifer Costello (St. Louis, Missouri) spent the two and half weeks in China and Hong Kong doing study abroad opportunities as part of a program called Energy Research with a Global Reach, which was hosted by Washington University in St. Louis. Costello along with nine other students from different universities as well as 13 WashU students were hosted in the cities of Shenzhen and Hong Kong where they learned, both about the research but also about the country of China.

“My favorite part of the trip was walking around downtown Hong Kong. It is such an amazing city. There are always tons of people walking around. I learned so much on this trip. Everyday we went to lectures from leading researchers and teachers at various technical universities around Hong Kong and mainland China. Our focus was alternative energy sources and we got to see how a country that is rapidly developing during an energy crisis is dealing with pollution control and looking toward their future. Such an amazing experience.”

12 Earn Academic All-GLVC

The Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) announced the 2010-11 Academic All-GLVC selections in June. There were over 1,400 Academic All-GLVC accolades distributed for the past academic year.

A record 1,478 student-athletes earned Academic All-GLVC honors with an average of 98.5 awards per institution. This total is an increase of 154 student-athletes over the previous year’s total of 1,324 Academic All-GLVC selections.

The Academic All-GLVC honor is bestowed upon student-athletes that have completed two semesters at their institution and maintained a 3.30 cumulative grade point average or have attained a 3.40 GPA over the two most recent semesters. Student-athletes that have earned the honor this year.

A team record 12 Miner players earned the outstanding recognition from the GLVC for their academic success. They include Erin Bekebrede (Jr./OH), Bethany Bray (Sr./RS), Jennifer Costello (So./S), Jocelyn DeMotte (So./DS-L), Katie Herington (Sr./MH), Kaci Herron (RJr./RS), Tory Holderby (Sr./S-DS), Samantha Klump (Sr./MH), Jessica Laughary (Sr./OH), Kit Spears (RJr./RS), Bridget Williams (Sr./L) and Hayley Wright (Fr./OH).

Proud of You Miners!!

Top Row
Erin Bekebrede, Bethany Bray

2nd Row
Jennifer Costello, Jocelyn DeMotte, Katie Herington

3rd Row
Kaci Herron, Tory Holderby, Samantha Klump

Bottom Row
Jessica Laughary, Kit Spears, Bridget Williams, Hayley Wright

Miners Earn Academic Awards

The Miner volleyball team had an yet another amazingly successful year in the classroom in 2010-11, earning a team GPA of 3.36 for the academic year, the second highest in the program’s four year history. With this success came many individual and team accolades that were well deserved by the team and its players. Two main team academic awards came from the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) and from the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).

The GLVC recognized each team from member institutions that maintains a 3.30 grade point average for the academic year with the Academic Team Award. Miner Volleyball was one of the record 71 GLVC teams earned the honor during the ‘10-’11 academic year. A total of six Miner sports earned the award this year, including women’s basketball, soccer, track & field and cross country as well as men’s cross country.

For the second year in a row, Miner Volleyball has earned the prestigious Team Academic Award presented by the AVCA. A record total of 481 teams volleyball teams from all over the country, at both the high school and all collegiate levels, earned the award in 2010-11. Miner Volleyball was one of only 57 NCAA Division II programs to earn the honor this year.

During the spring semester, of the 16 on the roster, 11 Miner volleyball players finished with a GPA of 3.5 or higher including five with perfect 4.00s.

Great Job Miners!!

Academic Excellence Awards

The Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) has identified 185 student-athletes who have earned the GLVC Council of Presidents’ Academic Excellence Award for the 2010-2011 academic year. Among them were four members of Missouri S&T Miner Volleyball... seniors Bethany Bray (DS-OH/Shanandoah, Iowa), Kaci Herron (RS/Jonesboro, Ark), Tory Holderby (DS-SPRINGFIELD, MO) and Samantha Klump (MH-Ash Grove, Mo.).

The honorees of the GLVC Council of Presidents’ Academic Excellence Award exemplify the outstanding student-athletes in the GLVC. Each honoree has maintained their eligibility in the intercollegiate sport in which they participated and maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average throughout their academic career.

In addition, to be eligible for the award, the student-athlete must have competed in the GLVC for a minimum of two years and completed 96 credit hours. A student-athlete can only earn the distinguished honor one time in his or her career.

This is one of the highest academic honors given in a student-athlete’s academic and athletic careers by the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Way to Go Ladies!! Great Job!!
MINER FRESHMAN JOINS CHOIR

Freshman setter-right side hitter Jessica Holder (Independence, Mo.), has been singing since she was five years old. A member of her high school choir, the Cantorei, at St. Mary’s High School, the 5-8 setter-right side hitter, couldn’t give it up coming to college.

Holder, a multi-ranged singer who mostly sings alto, is taking a choral music class at S&T, which also makes her a member of the Missouri S&T University choir. She is the first volleyball player to take part in choir at S&T.

Says Holder, “I love singing! It brings me peace and relieves stress of daily life. Singing has always been a part of my family and I am so excited to continue it at S&T.”

MINERS TO HOST ALUMNI WEEKEND

In the fall of 2007, the then University of Missouri-Rolla, now Missouri S&T Miner Volleyball program was started. 17 players from throughout the Midwest began play that fall. That first recruiting class, minus current senior right side hitter Kit Spears, who red-shirted her freshman year, has now completed their careers for the Miners. But now its time to bring them back for program’s very first Alumni match.

During the Homecoming weekend of Oct. 7th-9th, Miner Volleyball will be hosting an Alumni weekend for any and all who have played for the Miners since the program began in 2007. There will be an informal social on Friday evening for former players and their significant others. Saturday will include a tailgate party for both alumni & current players, the football game vs. South Dakota Mines, volleyball match vs. Southern Indiana, and finally the alumni match, where the former players get to take the court again together. The weekend will be completed with a brunch on Sunday morning before the Miners vs. Kentucky Wesleyan match. Hope to see lots of Miner Alums.

MINERS VS. BREAST CANCER

The month of October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Miner Volleyball will be joining hundreds of volleyball programs all across the country as the team up to help fight breast cancer and raise awareness and funds for this outstanding cause.

Missouri S&T host four home matches in the month of October… Oct. 5th vs. Missouri Baptist, Oct. 8th vs. Southern Indiana, Oct. 9th vs. Kentucky Wesleyan and Oct. 25th vs. Drury. The Miners will be selling pink and white volleyballs for each of these home matches, while also selling raffle tickets at each match for a lucky fan to win one of these great volleyballs. At the end of the month, the Miners will send the four winners their prize. The Miners will also be wearing cool pink and white uniforms for their October matches as well.

The October 25th match versus GLVC rival Drury, will be Dig for the Cure & Pack It Pink Night. Miner Volleyball is asking all fans to come to the match wearing pink to support the cause. There may even be a Pinkest Person contest for prizes! The team will be collecting sponsorships throughout the month for Dig for the Cure, where fans can donate an amount for each dig that the Miners can tally vs. Drury, or can simply donate a flat amount.

We hope you all help the Miners fight breast cancer!

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? PART 2

Where are the former members of Miner Volleyball and what are they up to? This is Part II of ongoing series of what has happened to former Miner players since finishing with or leaving the program.

Kaci Herron (RS-MH/2007-2010): After red-shirtting her true freshman season, Kaci played three seasons for the Miners before graduating in spring of 2011 with her Business & Management Systems. She is currently pursuing her Masters of Business Administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where she also hopes to study abroad as part of her degree program.

Terry Holderby (Smiley) (S&D/2006-10): One of the program’s founding members, found on campus in ’06, the focus on Volleyball, graduated from S&T in Dec. ‘10 with a bachelor degree in chemical engineering, then moved to Texas with her husband, Terry Holderby. She will be starting her masters degree in biomedical engineering from University of Texas-Dallas in August.

Samantha Klump (MH/2007-10): The 2010 Second team All-GLVC middle is currently finishing her undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering at S&T, while also serving as a student assistant volleyball coach for the Miner Volleyball team. She plans to graduate in May and enter the job market.

Julie Meyer (OH/2008-09): Played two seasons in the Miner uniform for both Volleyball and Lady Miner basketball before hanging up her volleyball shoes to concentrate on basketball. She is currently finishing her basketball eligibility in 2011-12 while also finishing her bachelors degree in the spring.

Lisa Robinson (OH/2006-07): Along with Holderby, was a founding member of the program in ’06, however only played one season with the Miners in ’07. Since graduating from S&T in ’08, she got married and moved to Kansas City with her husband, where she works for Willbros Engineers Inc. in downtown KC doing engineering work for pipeline companies.

FORMER MINER GETS ENGAGED

Former middle hitter Hope Mooberry (2007-09), will officially be changing her name on January 14th, 2012, when she exchanges wedding vows with her fiance Dan Martin (St. Louis, Mo.) in Peoria, Ill, near her hometown of Morton. The ceremony will take place in front of the couple’s families, friends, as well as some of her former teammates. Hope and Dan met as neighbors, when he was living at the S&T Christian Campus Fellowship house.

In romantic fashion, Dan proposed in Italy, where Hope was studying abroad this summer. “We were having a picnic next to the Herculaneum, when Dan, wearing a tuxedo t-shirt, which is dressed up for him [lol], asked me to marry him.” says Hope. “We are both excited to marry and live in Indianapolis.” The couple will honeymoon is still to be determined.

CONGRATULATIONS HOPE & DAN!!
Missouri S&T Miner Volleyball begins its 5th Annual OPERATION VOLLEY-BALL: "Support The Miners" fundraising program for the '11-'12 year. The objective is to raise support & build opportunities for the success of the volleyball program. In order to secure the best possible playing environment for our program, we are asking supporters to donate to the Miner Volleyball program through tax-deductible monetary donations (receipts for taxes/records will be sent).

Funds raised through this program will be used to offset costs for the program: special trips & other travel, uniforms, equipment, locker room/office space renovations, team building activities & more. Supporters who donate can choose to receive support awards in return for their donation to the program, depending upon the level of sponsorship. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**

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