2008 Miner Volleyball - UPDATE

Season Two is now officially in the books! The S&T Miner Volleyball team finished their second season by doubling their win total from Season One, and earning even more respect in the very competitive GLVC. Here are some highlights of the season...

S&T started the season at home, hosting the first-ever Missouri S&T Holiday Inn Express ‘Middle of Everywhere’ Volleyball Classic, August 25th-26th, finishing 2-2 on the weekend and placing two players, sophomore libero Bridget Williams and freshman outside hitter Erin Bekebrede on the All-Tournament team.

The Miners defeated three GLVC opponents including a tough five-set match on the road versus Saint Joseph’s where Williams set a GLVC career and team high in digs with 42, and freshman outside hitter Julie Meyer notched 17 kills on a career high 50 attack attempts. The team recorded a season and program high 120 digs that night.

All 13 GLVC teams participated in the first GLVC/GLIAC Crossover tournament in Indianapolis in the middle of the season. The 25-team event was the largest collegiate tournament in the country.

Four Miners finished in the Top 10 statistically in the GLVC. Williams finished fourth in the conference in digs averaging 4.54 digs/set, while sophomore middle hitter Samantha Kump finished ninth in total blocks (0.91 blocks/set), Bekebrede finished third in service aces (0.36 aces/set), while Meyer finished eighth in points (3.45 points/set) and ninth in kills (292 kills/set) in the GLVC.

2008 Season Awards Handed Out

Miner Volleyball handed out its 2008 post-season awards at their end-of-season banquet at the S&T Baptist Student Union on December 7th, with several players earning honors that were selected by both the team and coaching staff.

Sophomore libero and co-team captain Bridget Williams (Topeka, Kan.) and freshman outside hitter Julie Meyer (Marthasville, Mo.) shared “The Rock” Award for the ’08 season, given to the team’s Most Valuable Players. Junior middle hitter and co-team captain Lynsey Jorgenson (St. Louis, Mo.) received the Miner Hearts & Spirit Award for the second straight season, which is awarded to the team’s most inspirational and passionate player.

Redshirt freshman right side hitter, Kaci Herron (Jonesboro, Ark.) was named as both the team’s Most Improved Player as well as earning the Miner Strength Award for her continual hard work and improvement in returning strong sets.

Sophomore defensive specialist Annie Smith (Florence, Mo.) received the Miner Hustle Award, given to the player who gave their all in practices on a daily basis.

The Miner coaching staff awarded the Coaches Award to Herron as well as to sophomore setter Tony Smiley (Springfield, Mo.). This award is given to the players that the coaching staff believes gives the most of themselves to the team while showing a strong desire to improve and develop as an overall player.

Skill Awards and Match High Awards were also given out during the banquet to players who topped in statistical categories in single matches as well as the season as a whole.

The banquet also included a great brunch from Catering by M, speeches by the captains and coaches, an end-of-the-season slide show, and the traditional and hilarious freshmen player skit.

Miner players, coaches, parents, ath- letics staff and other family members were in attendance helping to celebrate the improved second season of the Missouri S&T Miner Volleyball program of 2008.

Hi Everyone,

Our second season is over and it went by fast and definitely had its ups and downs. With the help of the new freshman, we were able to double our wins from last year. The team really came together and you could see the difference of how we grew as a team and helped each other out. I know that with the upcoming off-season, we will continue to grow and get better in every aspect of our game. It is a great time to really break down our game and work hard to get ready for next fall. There were several awards given out at our banquet for great accomplishments this season and I would like to congratulate everyone on our team for that, and for the hard work that was put behind it. I would also like to thank all of the parents, coaches, families and friends who supported our team this year. It was greatly appreciated! Happy Holidays and have a safe break!
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DECEMBER 2008

TWO MINERS NAMED TO ALL-CLASSIC TEAM

Two S&T Miner Volleyball players were named to the All-Classic Team at the first-ever Holiday Inn Express Middle of Everywhere Volleyball Classic on August 29-30 being hosted at S&T in the Gale Bellman Multi-Purpose Building. Sophomore libero Bridget Williams and freshman outside hitter Erin Bekebrede were the two Miner players chosen to the 12-player team.

The 5-4 Williams led the Lady Miners with a team-high 71 digs in four matches averaging 4.73 digs per set. She also registered two service aces during the tournament.

Bekebrede, 5-0 (right), finished the weekend with 27 kills for a 2.08 kills per set average. The 6-0 outside also recorded 27 digs, six service aces and four total blocks in the Miners four matches during the Classic.

MINERS REPEAT ’08 ATTENDANCE RANKING

For the second consecutive season, the Missouri S&T volleyball team finished first in the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) in home attendance during the 2008 volleyball season.

The Lady Miners brought in a total of 5,945 fans into the Gale Bellman Multi-Purpose Building during the fall campaign for an average of 350 fans per match. The next closest GLVC average was Lewis University during the 2008 volleyball season.

S&T finished 16th nationally in NCAA Division II volleyball attendance in 2007 with a total of 442, 6 fans per match average, making S&T the only GLVC team in the top 30 in match attendance that year. The final 2008 national ranking will not come out until early next spring.

S&T RAISES MONEY TO FIGHT BREAST CANCER

The S&T Volleyball program dedicated the month of October to try to raise money and awareness for the fight against breast cancer, with two great events throughout the month.

The team wore pink & white jerseys for their four October home matches while running a silent auction for the jerseys, with half the proceeds from the auction going to fight breast cancer and the other half staying with the program. The team raised $1,375 from the auction.

The team also had a ‘Dig for the Cure’ night for one home match. Supporters could give a per dig donation or make a flat donation. A total of $451 was raised that night.

So in 2008, Miner Volleyball raised a total of $1,338 for the Mid-Missouri Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

RECENT & UPCOMING MINER BIRTHDAYS

Danielle Kracik .................. September 1 (19)
Leandra Pelae ................. November 9 (20)
Erin Bekebrede ................. November 22 (19)
Jennifer Kegler .............. December 29 (19)
Kaci Herron .................. January 5 (20)
Head Coach Jason Holt .......... January 20 (39)
Hope Mooberry .. January 31 (20)
Katie Herrington .......... February 1 (20)
Chelsea Winkelmann .... February 7 (19)
Kit Spears ................... March 15 (20)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MINERS!!

2008 MINER VOLLEYBALL / ROSTER

# Name Yr. Ht. Pos. Hometown/Prev. School
1 Annie Smith So. 5-5 DS Ronissant, MO/Incarnate Word
2 Bridget Williams So. 5-4 L Topeka, KS/Hayden
3 Leandra Pelae So. 5-10 OH Dunlap, IL/Dunlap
4 Hope Mooberry So. 5-11 MH Morton, IL/Morton
5 Jessica Laughary So. 5-7 OH Wheaton, IL/Wheaton
6 Danielle Kracik Fr. 5-7 S Omaha, NE/Omaha Burke
7 Kit Spears Fr. 6-0 OH Valley Center, KS/Valley Center
8 Lauren Summerville So. 5-10 RS Fenton, MO/Rockwood Sum.
9 Tony Smiley So. 5-7 S Springfield, MO/Glendale
10 Lynsey Jorgenson Jr. 6-0 MH St. Louis, MO/Lindbergh
11 Katie Herrington So. 6-0 MH Kalona, IA/Mid-Prairie
12 Erin Bekebrede Fr. 6-0 OH St. Charles, MO/St. Charles
13 Samantha Klop So. 6-1 MH Ash Grove, MO/Homeschool
14 Kaci Herron Fr. 6-0 RS Jonesboro, AR/Jonesboro
15 Lisa Bradley Fr. 5-7 S Littleton, CO/Columbine
16 Chelsea Winkelmann Fr. 5-7 OH Rhinelander, MO/Hermann
17 Jennifer Kegler Fr. 5-5 DS Bellevue, MO/Cor Jesu
18 Maddie Owak So. 5-10 RS Tinley Park, IL/Chicago Christ.
19 Julie Meyer Fr. 5-10 OH Marthasville, MO/Borga

Head Coach: Jason Holt (2nd year)
Assistant Coach: Megan Laws (1st year)
Athletic Trainer: Justin Drake (2nd year)

2008 MINER VOLLEYBALL / RESULTS

Date Day Opponent/Tourn. Location W/L
Aug. 29-30 Fri.-Sat. S&T Tournament Missouri S&T L 3-0
Sept. 3 West. vs. Central Missouri Missouri S&T L 3-0
Sept. 5-6 Fr.-Sat. @ SW Baptist Tour. Bolivar, Mo. W 3-1
Sept. 12 Fri. vs. Missouri-St. Louis* Missouri S&T L 3-0
Sept. 13 Sat. vs. Southern Indiana* Evansville, Ind. L 3-1
Sept. 16 Tues. @ Rockhurst Kansas City, Mo. W 3-0
Sept. 19 Fri. vs. Drury* Springfield, Mo. L 3-0
Sept. 20 Sat. vs. Quincy* Missouri S&T L 3-0
Sept. 24 Fri. vs. William Woods* Columbia, Mo. L 3-0
Sept. 27 Sat. vs. Kentucky Wesleyan* Bloomington, Ind. W 3-1
Oct. 2 Thu. vs. Saint Joseph’s* Kansas City, Mo. W 3-0
Oct. 3 Fri. vs. Northern Kentucky* Highland Heights, Ky. L 3-0
Oct. 4 Sat. @ Indianapolis Indianapolis, Ind. L 3-1
Oct. 10 Fri. vs. Missouri-Parkside* Missouri S&T W 3-2
Oct. 11 Sat. vs. Lewis* Missouri S&T L 3-0
Oct. 14 Tue. vs. Maryville Missouri S&T W 3-0
Oct. 17-18 Fri.-Sat. @ MVC/CVL Crossover Indianapolis, Ind. W 3-0
Oct. 24 Fri. vs. Ashland Springfield, Ill. L 3-0
Oct. 25 Sat. vs. Quincy* Quincy, Ill. L 3-0
Oct. 31 Fri. vs. Drury* Missouri S&T L 3-0
Nov. 1 Sat. vs. Rockhurst* Missouri S&T L 3-0
Nov. 4 Tue. vs. Missouri-St. Louis* St. Louis, Mo. L 3-0
Nov. 7 Fri. vs. Southern Indiana* Missouri S&T L 3-0
Nov. 8 Sat. @ Columbia (Mo.) Missouri S&T L 3-1

Overall Record: 6-27 / GLVC 3-14
Home: 5-12 / Away: 1-9 / Neutral: 0-6

* - Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) Matches

WILLIAMS BREAKS 1,000 DIGS MARK

Bridget Williams of Topeka, Kansas, became the first S&T player to pass the century mark in digs when she went over 1,000 digs versus Columbia (Mo.) on November 8th. The 5-4 libero has notched 505 and 509 digs respectively in her first two seasons for a total of 1,014 digs in her career, with two years of eligibility remaining. Way to go Bridget!!
Missouri S&T Miner Volleyball is in its 2nd Annual OPERATION VOLLEYBALL. ‘Support The Miners’ fundraising program for the 2008-09 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: 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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Above Plus:
- Miner VB Yearly Newsletter (4 issues) & Recog. in Media Guide
- 2008 Miner Volleyball Media Guide
- Miner Volleyball T-Shirt (FMV $5)
- Framed/Personalized Team Photo (FMV $35)
- S&T Miner Volleyball Media Guide
- Miner VB Hooded Sweatshirt (FMV $25)

Support Levels

I would like to Support the 2008 Missouri S&T Miner Volleyball team, at the following Level (check one & if want to receive the support awards tied to that donation level):

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