



Missouri Volleyball

News and Notes
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Oct. 24, 2001 **No. 2 Nebraska Comes to Columbia**

Missouri vs. Nebraska

Match #22 • Oct. 24, 2001 • Columbia, Mo.

Participants: Missouri (16-5 overall, 6-5 in the Big 12 Conf.)

Nebraska (17-1 overall, 10-0 in the Big 12 Conf.)

Start Times: Oct. 24 Match set for 7 p.m. CST

Series Info: Nebraska leads, 53-2-1

Last Meeting: NU wins, 3-0 in Lincoln, Neb. (10/3/01)

Broadcast: The match can be heard on 90.5 KWWC or at
www.mutigers.com

Coaches:

Missouri: Susan Kreklow (SW Missouri State '84) 40-12 at MU (2nd season)
549-122 overall (11th seasons)

Nebraska: John Cook (San Diego '79) 51-1 at Nebraska (2nd season)
212-74 overall (9th season)

Tonight will definitely be a good night to tape "Ed" and "The West Wing" and head to the Hearnes Center as the University of Missouri volleyball team welcomes the No. 2 University of Nebraska Cornhuskers to Columbia. The Tigers are currently 16-5 on the year and 6-5 in the Big 12, placing them in a tie with Texas for fifth place. MU, which received 31 votes in the latest AVCA/USAToday Coaches poll, faces the Huskers for the second time this season. The Tigers were able to give the Huskers a run for their money in the first meeting of the season on Oct. 3. Mizzou actually had leads of 24-20 in Game 2 and 31-30 in Game 3 in Lincoln, but the Huskers proved to be too much, sweeping the Tigers in straight sets. Since that loss a little less than a month ago, Mizzou has posted a 6-2 record including wins at Texas and over then-No. 20 Colorado in Columbia.

A Look at the Huskers

The Huskers enter Wednesday night's match sporting an impressive 17-1 record and 10-0 Big 12 mark. As a matter of fact, the Huskers have won 51 of their last 52 matches and their last 30 Big 12 tilts. The defending national champion's roster includes the last two AVCA National Players of the Year in outside hitter Nancy Metcalf (1999) and Greichaly Cepero (2000). Metcalf currently averages a team high 4.30 kills and 3.07 digs per game. Cepero enters Wednesday night's contest averaging 12.81 assists per game and impressive 1.21 blocks per game, an extremely high mark for a setter. Middle blocker Jenny Kropp has also had an outstanding season for NU. She averages 2.45 kills and 1.91 digs per game to go with a .380 hitting percentage. Kropp is currently second in the Big 12 in solo blocks with 15 trailing only MU's Christi Myers, who has 20 solo stuffs on the season. The Tigers are due to take a match from the Huskers like that term paper your professor assigned at the beginning of the semester due at the end of the term and its' December 19 at 3:00 a.m. and you haven't started it yet. Nebraska has dominated the series winning 53 of 56 all-time meetings.

Tigers Volleyball Changes Start Time of KU Match

The start of the University of Missouri volleyball team's match against the University of Kansas, which is set for Nov. 3, has been rescheduled, it was announced last Thursday by the MU Athletic Department. Instead of starting at 7 p.m., first serve will be at 7:30 pm in the Hearnes Center. For ticket information on all Tiger home volleyball matches, call 1-800 CAT PAWS or 884-PAWS in Columbia.

Big 12 Conference Standings

As of (10/23/01) Big 12				Overall						
School	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	Last 5	Streak	Top 25	
Nebraska	10	0	1.000	17	1	.944	5-0	15W	8-1	
Texas A&M	8	2	.800	15	3	.833	4-1	3W	0-2	
Colorado	6	3	.667	11	6	.647	3-2	2L	3-4	
Kansas State	7	4	.636	11	6	.647	3-2	4W	1-4	
Missouri	6	5	.545	16	5	.762	4-1	1W	1-3	
Texas	6	5	.545	12	7	.632	2-3	2W	1-5	
Texas Tech	5	5	.500	12	7	.632	2-3	1L	1-6	
Baylor	4	6	.400	13	6	.684	3-2	2W	0-3	
Kansas	2	8	.200	12	9	.571	1-4	2L	0-4	
Oklahoma	1	8	.111	2	17	.105	0-5	8L	0-2	
Iowa State	1	9	.100	4	11	.267	1-4	1W	0-4	



Tiger Breakdown



Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)	Notes of Note
1 Rachael Taylor	DS	5-4	Sr.	Kirkwood, Mo. (Kirkwood HS)	Recorded 2 SA at Texas; Is averaging 2.17 digs per game
2 Kristen Johnson	OH	5-11	Sr.	Olympia, Wash. (Washington St.)	Recorded a season-best 14 kills, two block solos and two block assists at KU
3 Lisa Morris	OH	6-0	Jr.	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley NW HS)	Named SIU Tourney MVP; Has recorded ten double-doubles this year
4 Chrissy Elder	S	5-7	So.	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill South HS)	Handed out a career-best 65 assists against Texas Tech (9/19/01)
5 Ashlee Johns	MB	6-0	So.	Nixa, Mo. (Nixa HS)	Had 7 kills and 2 BA against Southern Illinois (9/8)
6 Shen Danru	OH	5-11	Fr.	Shanghai, China	First MU volleyball player from outside North America
7 Nikki Myhra	DS	5-6	Sr.	Highland Ranch, Colo. (Highlands Ranch HS)	Saw action in two games at WVU; picked up two digs
8 Lisa Boyd	MB	6-2	Fr.	Farmington, Mo. (Farmington HS)	3-time all-conf. and all-district performer in vb,bb and track at Farmington HS
9 Katherine Wingert	OH	5-9	Jr.	Aurora, Colo. (Lehigh Univ.)	Slated team-high five service aces and averaged 2.22 dpg at WVU (9/1-2)
10 Krista Johnson	MB	6-0	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Thomas Jefferson HS)	Named to SIU All-Tourney Team; had a season-high 11 kills vs. TTU (9/19)
11 Naaron Branson	OH	5-10	Sr.	Fort Smith, Ark. (Southside HS)	Has averaged 16.5 kills and 13 digs per match over last three matches
12 Lindsey Noll	MB	6-5	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Parkway West HS)	Tallest player in MU history; 4-year varsity starter at Parkway West HS
13 Katie Sowers	DS	5-6	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Pattonville HS)	Equaled a career high with 18 digs vs. Texas (10/13)
15 Christi Myers	MB	6-1	Jr.	Raytown, Mo. (Raytown South HS)	MVP of Mountaineer Invite; 12.25 k and 4.5 bpm over last 8 matches
16 Jenny Duitsman	MB	6-0	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln Lutheran HS)	Put down 7 kills, 2 total blocks and a .667 hitting % in her 1st match at MU
17 Loretta McGovern	OH	6-2	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Notre Dame de Sion HS)	Named second team all-metro last season
18 Jenny Bybee	S	5-11	Fr.	Springfield, Mo. (Hillcrest HS)	All-Missouri Academic Team two years; 1st team all-state her senior year
22 Mary Lauren Smith	OH	6-1	So.	St. Joseph, Mo. (Univ. of Pacific)	Averaging 2.59 kpg and 0.61 bpg this season

Head Coach: Susan Kreklow (Southwest Missouri State, '84)

Assoc. Head Coach: Wayne Kreklow (Drake, '80)

Assistant Coaches: Deng Yang (Columbia College), Chen Feng (Columbia College)

A Grand Accomplishment

The fans at the MU volleyball match on Wednesday witnessed history as senior Naaron Branson put down her 1,000 career kill to give the Tigers a 15-8 lead in Game 1. After recording her 1,000 career dig in Game 1 last Saturday at Texas A&M, Branson is now only the second MU volleyball player to record 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in her career. The other Tiger in the 1,000 kill-1,000 dig club is Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92) who is the all-time leader in both categories with 1,478 kills and 1,149 digs for her career.

Branson currently leads the squad in digs (239) and digs per game (3.32). She has had three huge matches the last three times out for Mizzou. A native of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Branson put down a personal season-best 21 kills and picked up a career-high 22 digs in the Tigers' five-game win against Texas, and tied a career-high with 22 kills in the Tigers upset win over Colorado on Wednesday.

Branson recorded her 1,000th career dig on the fifth of her 19 digs against Texas A&M while also putting down 14 kills and slating five block assists.

MU All-Time Kills List

1. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	1,478
2. Jodi Maune (95-98)	1,147
3. Renee Rosinski (95-98)	1,049
4. Sherri Gentry (86, 88-90)	1,030
5. Naaron Branson (98-)	1,005
6. Sharon Zaehring (84-87)	929
7. Gwen Mullens (91-94)	927
8. Lisa Morris (99-)	901
9. Melinda Wrye (90-92)	906
10. Margaret Yanics (84-86, 88)	902

MU All-Time Digs List

1. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	1,149
2. Gwen Mullens (91-94)	1,103
3. Margaret Yanics (84-86, 88)	1,038
4. Chandra Hopkins (95-98)	1,033
5. Naaron Branson (98-)	1,018
6. Annette Luyten (97-00)	996
7. Sherri Gentry (86, 88-90)	972
8. Cindy Atteberry (90-93)	920
9. Stacy Harris (84-87)	859
10. Melinda Wrye (90-92)	845

The Nation of Termination

Junior outside hitter Lisa Morris has been the one of the Tigers' steadiest producers so far this season. Morris is averaging 4.07 kills per game overall. She has recorded 20 kills or more four times and has recorded 10 double-doubles this season. She has also reached double-figures in kills in 18 of Mizzou's 21 matches this season and ranks fifth in kills per game in the Big 12.

Morris is currently climbing the MU career kills charts faster than the new N'Sync album (which she does not like). She is currently second on the kills per game list (3.61 kpg) and jumped onto the Mizzou Top 10 kills list on Saturday against Texas A&M with 909 kills, putting her in 8th position.

Coming Up Aces

The Tigers are averaging 6.33 aces per match so far this season. Several Tigers have really picked it up from the service line. Junior Lisa Morris leads the team in service aces with 30 and has averaged two service aces per match over the past four matches including a four-service winner night at Texas A&M on last Saturday. Senior Rachael Taylor has also been hot recording nine service winners in the past four matches while sophomore Chrissy Elder has gone in spurts, slating three service aces against Southern Illinois and Texas and a career-high four against Oklahoma last month.

Tracking the Tigers

Last Time Out...

Tigers Make Quick Work of Southern Illinois

Columbia, Mo.— The University of Missouri volleyball team made quick work of the Southern Illinois Salukis on Monday night, sweeping SIU, 30-21, 30-26, 30-22 in just 61 minutes. Mizzou improves to 16-5 on the year while Southern Illinois falls to 8-13 overall. Mizzou would use 12 kills, two block solos and three service aces from junior Christi Myers en route to the win.

The Tigers would lead by as many as 11 points and would record a .405 hitting percentage in Game 1, taking the game, 30-22. Game 1 also saw a monumental moment in MU volleyball history. With her kill that gave the Tigers a 15-8 lead, senior Naaron Branson recorded the 1,000th kill of her career. Branson becomes only the second Tiger volleyball player in school history to record 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs in a career. She would record nine kills and four digs on the night and now has 1,005 career kills and 1,019 career digs.

Mizzou looked as if it might fall victim to the Game 2 home court curse that has plagued it all year. The Tigers were 4-4 in Game 2s at home coming into the match and were down, 16-19 to open the game. However, Mizzou would regroup and break the jinx going on a 14-7 run to end and take the game, 30-26.

The Salukis would put up a good fight to open Game 3. The two squads would be tied eight times and for the last time at 15-15. The Tigers would then go on a 14-6 run once again recording a sizzling .432 hitting percentage in the game and taking the final stanza, 30-21 and the match, 3-0.

Mizzou used its patented balanced offensive attack with five players recording seven or more kills. Mizzou would record a solid .296 hitting percentage and register their second most service aces of the season with nine service winners. Senior Krista Johnson had a great night putting down seven kills, stuffing four total blocks and slating a .500 hitting percentage.

Sept. 1-2	Mountaineer Invitational (Morgantown, WV)	
Sept. 1	Temple	W, 3-0
	W. Virginia	W, 3-0
Sept. 2	Akron	W, 3-0
	Wagner	W, 3-0
Sept. 7-8	Best Inns Invitational (Carbondale, IL)	
Sept. 7	IUPUI	W, 3-1
Sept. 8	Western Kentucky	W, 3-0
	Southern Illinois	W, 3-1
Sept. 19	# Texas Tech*	W, 3-1
Sept. 22	Texas A&M*	L, 2-3
Sept. 24	SEMO	W, 3-1
Sept. 26	at Kansas St. *	L, 2-3
Sept. 29	Oklahoma *	W, 3-1
Oct. 1	at Kansas *	W, 3-1
Oct. 3	at Nebraska *	L, 0-3
Oct. 6	Baylor *	L, 1-3
Oct. 8	Iowa State*	W, 3-0
Oct. 10	UMKC	W, 3-1
Oct. 13	at Texas *	W, 3-2
Oct. 17	# Colorado *	W, 3-1
Oct. 20	at Texas A&M *	L, 1-3
Oct. 22	S. Illinois	W, 3-0
Oct. 24	# Nebraska *	7:00 PM CST
Oct. 27	at Oklahoma *	7:00 PM CST
Oct. 31	at Iowa State *	7:00 PM CST
Nov. 3	Kansas *	7:30 PM CST
Nov. 7	at Colorado *	7:00 PM CST
Nov. 10	Texas *	7:00 PM CST
Nov. 14	at Texas Tech *	7:00 PM CST
Nov. 21	# Kansas St. *	7:00 PM CST
Nov. 24	at Baylor *	7:30 PM CST
Dec. 13	NCAA Tournament.	TBA
	* Denotes Big 12 Match	
	Bold Matches indicate home contests	
	# Matches can be heard on KWWC 90.5 FM	

2001 Schedule Notes

M The Tigers face six opponents (Texas Tech, Texas A&M, Kansas State, Colorado, Southeast Missouri State and Nebraska) that qualified for the NCAA Tournament in 2000.

M Mizzou faced four schools (West Virginia, Akron, Wagner and IUPUI) for the first time in school history.

M The Tigers went 16-6 in 2000 against 2001 opponents.

M MU's oldest rivalry is with Kansas State, dating back to Nov. 22, 1974. The Wildcats hold the slightest of advantages in the series with a 28-26 lead after the two teams split last season.

M This marks the sixth season Mizzou will compete in the Big 12.

M Mizzou returns five starters and nine players who saw significant playing time last season.

M The Tigers have 12 road matches, 13 home contests and five neutral court tilts in 2001.

The Tiger Triple and Double-Double Club

With a variable plethora of offensive weapons at the Tigers disposal, look for the Tigers to have several members of the Triple and Double-Double Club in 2001. Here is a list of the players that have posted double doubles so far this season

Chrissy Elder-	36 assists, 18 digs vs. WVU, 9/1 35 assists, 11 digs vs. Akron, 9/2 34 assists, 15 digs vs. IUPUI, 9/7 65 assists, 10 digs vs. TTU, 9/19 63 assists, 14 digs vs. KSU, 9/26 54 assists, 12 digs vs. UT 10/13 51 assists, 10 digs vs. TAMU, 10/20
Lisa Morris-	15 kills, 10 digs vs. Akron, 9/2 26 kills, 11 digs vs. IUPUI, 9/7 20 kills, 11 digs vs. SIU, 9/7 17 kills, 12 digs vs. SEMO, 9/24 23 kills, 12 digs vs. KSU, 9/26 20 kills, 12 digs vs. KU, 10/1 19 kills, 14 digs vs. BU, 10/6 11 kills, 10 digs vs. UT, 10/13 14 kills, 10 digs vs. Colorado 18 kills, 16 digs vs. TAMU, 10/20
Naaron Branson-	15 kills, 21 digs vs. Akron, 9/2 10 kills, 12 digs vs. W. Kent, 9/8 21 kills, 22 digs vs. UT, 10/13 14 kills, 19 digs vs. TAMU, 10/20
Christi Myers-	18 kills, 12 digs vs. OU, 9/29 15 kills, 10 digs vs. KU, 10/1 14 kills, 11 digs vs. BU, 10/6 10 kills, 12 digs vs. UT, 10/13

Triple-Doubles

Christi Myers-	18 kills, 15 digs, 11 blocks vs. Texas A&M, 9/22
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Win Game 1 and It's Done

One of the keys to the Tigers' success over the past two seasons has been establishing an early advantage over their opponents. When Mizzou wins Game 1 of a match, it is 15-2 this season and an astounding 39-2 over the last two seasons. However, when Mizzou drops the opening stanza of a match, it is a not so good 1-10. Look for Mizzou to concentrate on getting off to a good start in Game 1.

Game 2 Blues

The Tigers have been the opposite of good...bad...in Game 2 at home this season. Mizzou is 4-4 at home in the second stanza of matches and 12-9 in Game 2 overall. Besides sporting a 1-2 mark in Game 5s in 2001, that is by far the Tigers worst game record of the five possible games.

Missouri's Naaron Branson Earns Big 12 Volleyball

Player of the Week Honors

DALLAS - Missouri's Naaron Branson was named Big 12 Volleyball Player of the Week for the week of Oct. 15-21, the Big 12 office announced Monday. Branson is the first Missouri student-athlete to receive the honor this season. Branson, a 5-11 senior outside hitter, led the Tigers in an upset of No. 20 Colorado last Wednesday. In that match, Branson recorded 22 kills on a .545 hitting percentage. She also chipped in with seven digs and five block assists in the victory.

The Fort Smith, Ark., native posted her 1,000th career dig on the fifth of 19 digs in a 3-1 loss to No. 17 Texas A&M last Saturday. Branson became just the fifth player in Mizzou history to accomplish the feat. Against A&M, Branson also registered 14 kills to finish the match with a double double as well as five block assists.

Business is Starting to Pick Up

The Tigers are one of the most efficient teams in the Big 12. After seeing its team hitting percentage drop to .250 following the Baylor match. Mizzou used two +400 efforts (.433 against Iowa State and .403 against UMKC) to raise the percentage to .263 after the UMKC match. After hitting a solid .296 against the Saluki's of Southern Illinois on Monday, the Tigers currently sport a mark of .254, still good enough for second in the Big 12.

Defensive Juggernauts

The Tigers continue to be one of the best defensive teams in the Big 12. Mizzou has limited its 2001 opponents to a cumulative .171 hitting percentage, second only to Nebraska, which has held its opponents to a .094 mark. Mizzou currently stands second in total blocks in the Big 12 (194.0) and leads the Big 12 in total digs (1,324).

Two of the key elements to the Tigers successful defense are the blocking of middle blocker Christi Myers and the digging of outside hitter Naaron Branson. Myers currently ranks fourth in blocks per game in the Big 12 (1.30) and leads the league in block solos (20). Branson is ninth in the digs per game category (3.24) but is second in total digs (243).

You Are Cordially Invited...

The University of Missouri volleyball squad is ranked 28th in the nation according to average attendance, it was announced on Monday. The Tigers are averaging 986 fans per home contest and have hosted three of the top 10 largest crowds in MU history this season. Below is a list of the Top 10 MU crowds in volleyball.

Missouri Volleyball Top Ten Attendance Marks

Date	Opponent	Att.
1) Oct. 25, 2000	Nebraska	2,009
2) Oct. 6, 2001	Baylor	1,823
3) Nov. 4, 2000	Texas Tech	1,484
4) Sept. 29, 2001	Oklahoma	1,416
5) Oct. 31, 1997	Colorado	1,350
6) Nov. 11, 2000	Texas	1,195
7) Oct. 11, 2000	Kansas	1,148
8) Sept. 22, 2001	Texas A&M	1,125
9) Sept. 25, 1999	Kansas	1,107
10) Nov. 22, 2000	Oklahoma	1,091
1994-Present		

The Tale of the Tape

	MU	vs.	NU
Kills	1246		950
Kills per gm.	15.97		14.9
Errors	437		278
Attacks	3188		2129
Hitting %	.254		.316
Assists	1085		848
Aces	133		83
Digs	1324		955
Block solo	48		58
Block assists	292		368
Blocks/gm	2.49		4.2

Kreklow Corner

Head coach Susan Kreklow and her husband, associate head coach Wayne Kreklow, lead the Tigers into action on Wednesday against the Huskers. The Kreklows are in their second year at the helm of the Tigers and sport a 40-12 mark (.765 winning percentage) at MU. They also led Mizzou to one of the best seasons in school history in 2000 at 24-7 and the highest conference finish by a Mizzou squad in school history (2nd).

From Every Direction

Mizzou has shown the balance of...well...a Tiger this season offensively. Four Tigers are averaging at least 2.16 kills per game (Lisa Morris, 4.07 kpg; Christi Myers, 3.34 kpg; Kristen Johnson, 2.16 kpg and Mary Lauren Smith 2.59 kpg.) and four Tigers enter the match with SIU with a .300 or better hitting percentage. Sophomore setter Chrissy Elder leads the squad in assists averaging 12.22 assists per game and is second on the team in hitting percentage with a .315 mark.

2001 Season - Bests

Team

Match-Highs:	
Kills:	78, vs. Kansas State-9/26/01
Attack Errors:	38, vs. Nebraska-10/3/01
Total Attempts:	217, vs. Texas A&M-9/22/01
Hitting Percentage:	.433, vs. Iowa State-10/8/01
Assists:	69, vs. Texas Tech-9/19/01
Service Aces:	11, vs. Oklahoma-9/29/01
Service Errors:	13, two times
Digs:	86, vs. Texas (10/13/01)
Block Solos:	6, vs. Kansas-10/1/01
Block Assists:	27, vs. Texas A&M-9/22/01

Individual

Match-Highs:	
Kills:	26, Lisa Morris vs. IUPUI, 9/7/01
Total Attempts:	59, Lisa Morris vs. Kansas State, 9/26/01
Hitting Percentage:	.714, M. L. Smith vs. S. Ill-9/8/01
Assists:	65, Chrissy Elder vs. Texas Tech-9/19/01
Service Aces:	4, Chrissy Elder vs. Oklahoma-9/29/01
Digs:	22, Naaron Branson vs. Texas-10/13/01
Block Solos:	3, Christi Myers vs. Texas A&M-9/22/01
.....	3, Lisa Morris vs. Baylor-10/6/01
.....	3, Christi Myers vs. Baylor-10/6/01
Block Assists:	8, Christi Myers, twice
Total Blocks:	11, Christi Myers vs. Texas A&M-9/22/01

Tiger 2001 Top 5's

Kills per Game

1. Lisa Morris	4.07
2. Christi Myers	3.34
3. Mary Lauren Smith	2.59
4. Kristen Johnson	2.11
5. Ashlee Johns	1.80

Assists

1. Chrissy Elder	941
2. Rachael Taylor	35
3. Naaron Branson	32
4. Lisa Morris	19
5. Mary Lauren Smith	13

Total Blocks

1. Christi Myers	100.0
2. Krista Johnson	67.0
3. Mary Lauren Smith	39.0
4. Chrissy Elder	38.0
5. Lisa Morris	33.0

Service Aces

1. Lisa Morris	30
2. Rachael Taylor	24
3. Katie Sowers	21
4. Christi Myers	19
5. Chrissy Elder	16

Digs Per Game

1. Naaron Branson	3.24
2. Katie Sowers	2.91
3. Lisa Morris	2.61
4. Chrissy Elder	2.23
5. Rachael Taylor	2.17

Total Digs

1. Naaron Branson	243
2. Katie Sowers	221
3. Lisa Morris	193
4. Chrissy Elder	172
5. Rachael Taylor	169

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The Cardiac Kids

The Missouri volleyball team must love action suspense movies like *Mission Impossible*, *Patriot Games* or *the X-Files*. The Tigers have left their fans clutching their hearts several times this season with their exciting and unpredictable play. Of Mizzou's 15 wins so far this season, seven of them have been of the "3-1" variety. Two of the Tiger losses have come in five-game stomach clinchers when Mizzou has held leads in Game 5. Missouri volleyball in 2001 is definitely not for the weak of heart.

Marvelous Myers

Middle blocker Christi Myers continues to put up solid numbers for Mizzou. Over the course of the past five matches, she has averaged 12.25 kills per match, eight digs per match and 4.50 total blocks per match. Myers has also recorded four double-doubles this season.

The junior middle blocker boldly went where no Missouri Tiger volleyball player had gone in the past two seasons on Sept. 22 against Texas A&M. The 6-1, 2000 All-Big 12 Honorable Mention selection recorded the first triple-double of her career against Texas A&M (18 kills, 15 digs and 11 total blocks).

The 2001 season has been a microcosm of Myers' career up to this point. Myers currently holds the second-highest career hitting percentage (.304) in MU history and jumped into third on the kills per game list (3.18). Myers is also rewriting the Mizzou career blocking books. She is fourth in solo blocks (70), fourth in block assists (227) and third in blocks per game (1.09).

Four Tiger Volleyball Matches to be Aired on KWWC

KWWC Radio, with the assistance of Premier Marketing Group, has announced the broadcasting of a Missouri women's sports package. Both the MU women's soccer and volleyball teams will receive coverage of four games and NCAA tournament play during the 2001 fall season.

The Missouri women's volleyball team will receive live coverage of four home events. The Texas Tech, Colorado, **Nebraska tonight** and Kansas State matches will be aired during the regular season. All NCAA Tournament play by the Tigers will also be picked up.

The Name Game-Part 2

If you were a regular reader of Missouri volleyball game notes during the early part of last season (for your health, I hope you weren't), you read the crazy number of repeat and very similar names that existed on the roster. Not much has changed for the 2001 season, in fact the situation has gotten even worse.

First of all, there is a **Krista Johnson** (senior middle blocker) and a **Kristen Johnson** (senior outside hitter) on the Tiger squad, not to mention **Christi Myers** (junior middle blocker) and **Chrissy Elder** (sophomore setter). There are now two 'Lisas' on the team as well including 2000 All-Big 12 selection **Lisa Morris** and freshman **Lisa Boyd**. With the addition of freshman middle blocker **Jenny Duitsman** and freshman setter **Jenny Bybee** the need for nicknames is catastrophic. There are even two **Katherines** on the team (Wingert and Sowers), but fortunately, Miss Sowers goes by Katie.

AVCA/USAToday Top 25 As of 10/22/01

Rank	School	Points	2001 Record	Last Week
1	Long Beach State	1621	15-0	1
2	Nebraska	1559	17-1	2
3	USC	1498	14-1	3
4	Stanford	1417	16-2	4
5	Wisconsin	1317	16-2	6
6	UCLA	1315	10-4	5
7	Arizona	1211	13-3	7
8	Colorado State	1194	16-0	8
9	Florida	1121	14-1	9
10	Ohio State	1047	17-1	10
11	Hawai'i	959	15-4	12
12	Pepperdine	869	12-3	14
13	Penn State	815	14-4	11
14	Texas A&M	761	14-3	17
15	Utah	700	13-4	18
16	BYU	570	12-4	13
17	Pacific	553	17-5	15
18	Northern Iowa	505	18-1	16
19	Santa Clara	386	13-6	24
20	Notre Dame	336	12-4	19
T21	Minnesota	288	11-7	21
T21	South Carolina	288	14-3	22
23	UC Santa Barbara	178	10-8	23
24	Colorado	176	11-6	20
25	Utah State	160	11-4	NR

Others Receiving points and listed on two or more ballots: Kansas State (86), North Carolina (43), **Missouri (31)**, San Diego (22), Michigan (17), Arkansas (14), San Jose (14), Cincinnati (13), Duke, (13), Texas (7), Nevada (7), Illinois (3)

The 2001 Schedule

Mizzou is well into its Big 12 Conference schedule in the double round robin format. The Tigers were 13-1 last season in the home whites and hosted seven of the 10 largest crowds in school history. The usual suspects will be competing for the crown in the Big 12 again this season. Defending National and Big 12 Champion Nebraska returns five of six starters to its lineup while Kansas State and Texas A&M, who both tied with Mizzou for second place in the conference in 2000, each return at least four starters from last season's squads.

You Must Look Back to Go Forward, Grasshopper

Coming off of one of the best seasons in school history, a high level of excitement surrounds the 2001 Missouri volleyball team this season. The 2000 Big 12 Coaches of the year **Susan and Wayne Kreklow** return five starters from last season's squad that went 24-7 overall (the sixth-most wins in a season in school history) and 14-6 in the Big 12 (the best conference record in school history). The Tigers also achieved a national ranking for the first time since 1982, reaching No. 23 in the *USA Today* Coaches' Poll.

Despite the success of last year, the Tigers' record in the Big 12 was 14-6, a far cry from the 17-1 record in the Big 12 last season. The Tigers finished 28th in the Big 12 in terms of average attendance, averaging 875 fans per match, a 19% increase from 1999. With the addition of **Boyd** to the Mizzou Tigers' backcourt, the team's outstanding level of play will be on display as the Tigers develop a tradition in the Big 12.

Tiger Career Highs

#1 Rachael Taylor

Kills	2, two times
Attacks	9, vs. Iowa State (10/13/99)
Hitting %	.400, vs. Kansas State
Assists	64 vs. Baylor (11/6/99)
Aces	5 vs. Oklahoma (10/14/00)
Solo Blocks	1 vs. Kansas (10/27/99)
Block Assists	3 vs. Baylor (11/6/99)
Digs	16 vs. Texas Tech (9/19/01)

#2 Kristen Johnson

Kills	17, two times
Attacks	39 vs. Baylor (9/23/00)
Hitting %	.667 vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Assists	2, vs. UMKC (9/6/00)
Aces	N/A
Solo Blocks	2, vs. Kansas (10/1/01)
Block Assists	6, vs. SEMO (9/11/00)
Digs	5, two times

#3 Lisa Morris

Kills	29, vs. Texas Tech (9/27/00)
Attacks	76, vs. Texas Tech (9/27/00)
Hitting %	.611, vs. Oklahoma (10/14/00)
Assists	3, two times
Aces	4, vs. Oklahoma (9/29/99)
Solo Blocks	3, six times
Block Assists	5, vs. Arkansas State (9/9/00)
Digs	21, vs. Texas Tech (9/27/00)

#4 Chrissy Elder

Kills	5, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Attacks	8, vs. Kansas State (9/26/01)
Hitting %	1.000 vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Assists	65 vs. Texas Tech (9/19/01)
Aces	4, vs. Oklahoma (9/29/01)
Solo Blocks	2, vs. Texas Tech (9/19/01)
Block Assists	5, vs. Colorado (10/17/01)
Digs	18, vs. West Virginia (9/1/01)

#5 Ashlee Johns

Kills	17, vs. Baylor (11/1/00)
Attacks	37, vs. Baylor (11/1/00)
Hitting %	.600, vs. Iowa State (10/28/00)
Assists	1, vs. Utah State (12/1/00)
Aces	N/A
Solo Blocks	1, vs. Iowa State (10/28/00)
Block Assists	4, vs. Kansas (11/21/00)
Digs	5, vs. Baylor (11/1/00)

#7 Nikki Myhra

Kills	2, vs. East Carolina (9/11/99)
Attacks	6, vs. Mississippi (9/19/98)
Hitting %	N/A
Assists	1, three times
Aces	4, vs. Iowa State (11/11/98)
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	2, vs. East Carolina (9/11/99)
Digs	10, two times

#9 Katherine Wingert

Kills	N/A
Attacks	1 vs. Nebraska (10/25/00)
Hitting %	N/A
Assists	3, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Aces	2, twice
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	N/A
Digs	7, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)

Keeping an Eye on the Tiger Record Books

Several Tigers are threatening to make major moves up career record lists this season. Here is a list of the movers and shakers to watch as the Tigers take on their 2001 opposition.

#10 Krista Johnson

Kills	16, vs. Texas Tech (9/27/00)
Attacks	34, vs. Texas Tech (9/27/00)
Hitting %	.667, three times
Assists	3, vs. UMKC (9/6/00)
Aces	4, vs. Colorado (10/31/98)
Solo Blocks	3, vs. UMKC (10/10/99)
Block Assists	7, three times
Digs	6, vs. Texas Tech (9/27/00)

#11 Naaron Branson

Kills	22, vs. Iowa State (11/20/99)
Attacks	60, vs. Iowa State (11/20/99)
Hitting %	.875, vs. Lehigh (9/18/98)
Assists	7, vs. Kansas (9/25/99)
Aces	5, vs. Baylor (11/6/99)
Solo Blocks	5, twice
Block Assists	6, twice
Digs	22, vs. Texas (10/13/01)

#13 Katie Sowers

Kills	1, five times
Attacks	4, four times
Hitting %	N/A
Assists	2, vs. Oregon State (9/4/99)
Aces	4, vs. Iowa State (10/28/00)
Solo Blocks	N/A
Block Assists	N/A
Digs	18, two times

#15 Christi Myers

Kills	22, two times
Attacks	47, vs. Baylor (11/6/99)
Hitting %	.667, vs. Oral Roberts (9/2/00)
Assists	3, two times
Aces	3, two times
Solo Blocks	5, vs. Baylor (9/23/00)
Block Assists	8, two times
Digs	15, two times

#16 Jenny Duitsman

Kills	7, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Attacks	9, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Hitting %	.667, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Assists	N/A
Aces	2, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Solo Blocks	1, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Block Assists	1, two times
Digs	5, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)

#22 Mary Lauren Smith

Kills	20, vs. Oklahoma (9/29/01)
Attacks	50, vs. Texas (10/13/01)
Hitting %	.714, vs. Southern Illinois (9/8/01)
Assists	2, vs. West Virginia (9/1/01)
Aces	1, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Solo Blocks	1, vs. SEMO (9/24/01)
Block Assists	7, vs. Texas A&M (9/22/01)
Digs	5, two times

KILLS PER GAME

1. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	3.70
2. Lisa Morris (99-)	3.61
3. Christi Myers (99-)	3.18
4. Sharen Olmstead (83-84)	3.15
5. Melinda Wrye (90-92)	3.00
6. Jodi Maune (95-98)	2.98
7. Ritchie Ponquinette (83-84)	2.77
8. Sharon Zaehring (84-87)	2.72
9. Dianne Berg (83-85)	2.64
10. Naaron Branson (98-)	2.62

HITTING PERCENTAGE

1. Dianne Berg (83-85)	308
2. Christi Myers (99-)	304
3. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	283
4. Krista Johnson (98-)	277
5. Shannon Brown (89-92)	275
6. Heather Gerber (97-00)	261
7. Ritchie Ponquinette (83-84)	255
8. Dina Herzog (83-84)	253
9. Annette Luyten (97-00)	250
10. Stacy Harris (84-87)	234

SOLO BLOCKS

1. Dianne Berg (83-85)	124
2. Shannon Brown (89-92)	117
3. Renee Rosinski (95-98)	80
4. Christi Myers (99-)	70
5. Stacy Harris (84-87)	64
6. Dina Herzog (83-84)	58
7. Annette Luyten (97-00)	53
8. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	51
9. Amy Tuma (87-88)	50
10. Sherri Gentry (86, 88-90)	45

BLOCK ASSISTS

1. Dianne Berg (83-85)	320
2. Shannon Brown (89-92)	261
3. Dina Herzog (83-84)	247
4. Krista Johnson (98-)	230
5. Christi Myers (99-)	227
6. Renee Rosinski (95-98)	217
7. Annette Luyten (97-00)	213
8. Naaron Branson (98-)	180
9. Sandi Orent (83-85)	159
10. Ritchie Ponquinette (83-84)	155
Stacy Harris (84-87)	155

TOTAL BLOCKS

1. Dianne Berg (83-85)	444
2. Shannon Brown (89-92)	378
3. Dina Herzog (83-84)	305
4. Renee Rosinski (95-98)	297
4. Christi Myers (99-)	297
6. Krista Johnson (98-)	272
7. Annette Luyten (97-)	266
8. Stacy Harris (84-87)	219
9. Naaron Branson	209
10. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	190

BLOCKS PER GAME

1. Dina Herzog (83-84)	1.50
2. Dianne Berg (83-85)	1.40
3. Christi Myers (99-)	1.09
4. Krista Johnson (98-)	0.90
5. Ritchie Ponquinette (83-84)	0.89
6. Shannon Brown (89-92)	0.86
7. Renee Rosinski (95-98)	0.71
8. Amy Tuma (87-88)	0.68
9. Pascha Boyd (92-94)	0.67
10. Sharen Olmstead (83-84)	0.66

DIGS PER GAME

1. Amy Tuma (87-88)	3.12
2. Margaret Yanics (84-86, 88)	2.99
3. Sharen Olmstead (83-84)	2.96
4. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	2.87
5. Melinda Wrye (90-92)	2.80
6. Naaron Branson (98-)	2.66
7. Gwen Mullens (91-94)	2.57
8. Lisa Morris (99-)	2.56
8. Regan Eckenrode (93-96)	2.53
10. Chandra Hopkins (95-98)	2.50

KILLS

1. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	1,478
2. Jodi Maune (95-98)	1,147
3. Renee Rosinski (95-98)	1,049
4. Sherri Gentry (86, 88-90)	1,030
5. Naaron Branson (98-)	1,005
6. Sharon Zaehring (84-87)	929
7. Gwen Mullens (91-94)	927
8. Lisa Morris (99-)	908
9. Melinda Wrye (90-92)	906
10. Margaret Yanics (84-86, 88)	902



2001 Results

16-5 Overall • 6-5 in Big 12 Conference

Home: 7-2 • Away: 4-3 • Neutral: 5-0

Three Game Matches: 8-1 • Four Game Matches: 7-2 • Five Game Matches: 1-2

Date	Opponent	Rank	W/L	Score	Score-By-Game	Att.	Overall	Big 12
Mountaineer Invitational								
Sept. 1	* vs. Temple Univ.	RV	W	3-0	30-19, 30-27, 30-23	250	1-0	0-0
Sept. 1	* at West Virginia Univ.	RV	W	3-0	30-22, 30-19, 30-26	200	2-0	0-0
Sept. 2	* vs. Akron Univ.	RV	W	3-0	30-16, 30-23, 30-20	75	3-0	0-0
Sept. 2	* vs. Wagner College	RV	W	3-0	30-8, 30-12, 30-14	100	4-0	0-0
Best Inns Invitational								
Sept. 7	% vs. IUPUI	RV	W	3-1	30-24, 30-16, 31-33, 30-27	100	5-0	0-0
Sept. 8	% vs. Western Kentucky	RV	W	3-0	30-17, 30-25, 30-19	115	6-0	0-0
Sept. 8	% vs. Southern Illinois	RV	W	3-1	30-21, 28-30, 30-26, 30-26	250	7-0	0-0
Sept. 19	# TEXAS TECH	RV	W	3-1	30-27, 30-25, 26-30, 21-29	1,049	8-0	1-0
Sept. 22	# TEXAS A&M	RV	L	2-3	28-30, 30-27, 30-23, 23-30, 13-15	1,125	8-1	1-1
Sept. 24	SE MISSOURI STATE	RV	W	3-1	30-14, 27-30, 30-14, 30-16	771	9-1	1-1
Sept. 26	# at Kansas State	RV	L	2-3	22-30, 30-19, 25-30, 30-23, 13-15	1,026	9-2	1-2
Sept. 29	# OKLAHOMA	RV	W	3-1	30-18, 22-30, 30-26, 30-20	1,416	10-2	2-2
Oct. 1	# at Kansas	RV	W	3-1	30-21, 21-30, 30-25, 30-17	888	11-2	3-2
Oct. 3	# at Nebraska	RV	L	0-3	15-30, 24-30, 33-35	4,022	11-3	3-3
Oct. 6	# BAYLOR	RV	L	1-3	30-25, 21-30, 21-30, 27-30	1,823	11-4	3-4
Oct. 8	# IOWA STATE	NR	W	3-0	30-11, 30-22, 30-21	521	12-4	4-4
Oct. 10	UMKC	NR	W	3-0	30-24, 30-19, 30-17	690	13-4	4-4
Oct. 13	# at Texas	NR	W	3-2	25-30, 31-29, 24-30, 30-26, 17-15	1,710	14-4	5-4
Oct. 17	# COLORADO	RV	W	3-1	30-26, 18-30, 30-23, 30-22	788	15-4	6-4
Oct. 20	# at Texas A&M	RV	L	1-3	30-28, 21-30, 31-33, 20-30	1,174	15-5	6-5
Oct. 22	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	RV	W	3-0	30-22, 30-26, 30-21	705	16-5	6-5

* at Mountaineer Invitational

% at Best Inns Invitational

Big 12 Match

2001 MISSOURI OVERALL STATISTICS

16-5 (Overall) 6-5 (Conference) 10-0 (Non-Conference)

7-2 (Home) 4-3 (Away) 5-0 (Neutral)

Player	G	K	K/G	E	TA	Pct.	A	A/G	SA	SE	RE	DG	DG/G	BS	BA	B/G	BE	B/E
Jenny DUTSMAN	16	10	0.63	3	18	.389	0	0.00	2	0	3	8	0.50	1	4	0.31	0	1
Krista JOHNSON	78	127	1.63	43	267	.315	6	0.08	0	1	0	35	0.45	7	60	0.86	9	2
Chrissy ELDER	77	49	0.64	16	107	.308	941	12.22	18	15	3	172	2.23	5	33	0.49	11	36
Christi MYERS	77	257	3.34	79	594	.300	13	0.17	19	30	14	160	2.08	20	80	1.30	3	4
Naaron BRANSON	75	132	1.76	39	327	.284	32	0.43	11	7	10	243	3.24	1	32	0.44	9	3
Lisa MORRIS	74	301	4.07	105	816	.240	19	0.26	30	37	31	193	2.61	5	25	0.41	2	1
Mary Lauren SMITH	64	166	2.59	64	444	.230	13	0.20	2	9	3	38	0.59	3	36	0.61	7	2
Kristen JOHNSON	55	119	2.16	47	345	.209	7	0.13	1	0	1	41	0.75	4	14	0.33	2	1
Ashlee JOHNS	45	81	1.80	37	228	.193	3	0.07	0	1	1	18	0.40	2	6	0.18	1	0
Katie SOWERS	76	3	0.04	1	13	.154	10	0.13	21	17	12	221	2.91	0	0	0.00	0	1
Katherine WINGERT	10	0	0.00	0	2	.000	5	0.50	5	4	1	21	2.10	0	0	0.00	0	0
Nikki MYHRA	13	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	0	0	1	5	0.38	0	0	0.00	0	1
Rachael TAYLOR	78	1	0.01	3	24	-.083	36	0.46	24	11	15	169	2.17	0	2	0.03	1	0
TEAM	2																	
Univ. of Missouri	78	1246	15.97	437	3188	.254	1085	13.91	133	132	97	1324	16.97	48	292	2.49	45	52
OPPONENTS	78	1089	13.96	540	3212	.171	984	12.62	97	154	133	1235	15.83	40	210	1.86	39	55