



Missouri Volleyball

News and Notes
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Sept. 30, 2001 **Finally! MU vs. KU**

Missouri at Kansas

Match #13 • Oct. 1 2001 • Lawrence, Kan.

Participants: Missouri (10-2 overall, 2-2 in the Big 12 Conf.)

Kansas (11-2 overall, 2-2 in the Big 12 Conf.)

Start Times: Sept. 12 Match set for 7:00 p.m. CST

Series Info: MU leads, 34-29

Last Meeting: Tigers win, 3-0 in Lawrence, 11-18-00

For More Information: MU-www.mutigers.com

KU-www.kuathletics.com

Coaches:

Missouri: Susan Kreklow (SW Missouri State '84) 34-9 at MU (2nd season)

543-119 overall (11 seasons)

Kansas: Ray Beechard (Fort Hays State '80) 58-47 at KU (4th season)

774-107 overall (17th season)

The University of Missouri volleyball team makes the 3 1/2 hour trek on Monday to Lawrence, Kansas, to take on the Jayhawks for the first time this season. The two rivals were scheduled to face each other on Sept. 12, but the match was rescheduled due to the terrorist attacks that gripped the nation on Sept. 11. The Tigers enter the contest at 10-2 overall and 2-2 in the Big 12. Mizzou went 2-1 last week picking up wins over Southeast Missouri State and Oklahoma and dropping a tough match at Kansas State, 2-3. MU is after its first consecutive winning seasons since 1982-83 (26-6 and 26-11). The match is the first of three matches this week as Mizzou travels to No. 1 Nebraska on Wednesday and welcomes Baylor to the Hearnes Center on Saturday.

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 10-0 this season and an astounding 34-0 over the last two seasons. However, as was the case last Wednesday against Kansas State, when Mizzou drops the opening stanza of a match, it is a not so good 0-9. Look for Mizzou to concentrate on getting off to a good start in Game 1.

A Look at the Jayhawks

KU is off to an outstanding start in 2001. With an 11-2 mark overall and a 2-2 record in the conference, the Jayhawks have equaled last season's mark after 13 matches. After dropping consecutive matches at Oklahoma and No. 23 Texas two weeks ago, Kansas comes off of a major upset taking out Colorado, who was receiving 51 votes and was sitting at No. 27 in the USA Today/AVCA Coaches Poll, 3-1 on Saturday. KU has been a force to be reckoned with at home sporting a 6-0 mark so far.

Senior setter Molly LaMere is having an outstanding season, averaging 12.32 assists per game, 1.23 kills per game and leads the team in hitting percentage by hitting at a .393 clip. Sophomore Sarah Rome has also been a powerful weapon for the Jayhawks averaging 3.67 kills per game and is third on the team in digs per game (2.30).

MU leads the all-time series with KU, 34-29. The Tigers have won five of the last eight and three of the last five matches between the two. The Tigers grabbed two victories over the Jayhawks last season including a 3-0 sweep in Columbia on Oct. 11.

Big 12 Conference Standings

As of (9/30/01)	Big 12			Overall			Last 5	Streak	Top 25
School	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.			
Nebraska	3	0	1.000	10	1	.909	5-0	6W	6-1
Texas A&M	3	0	1.000	10	1	.909	5-0	4W	0-1
Texas	3	1	.750	8	3	.727	4-1	1L	1-2
Kansas State	3	1	.750	7	3	.700	4-1	2W	1-2
Kansas	2	2	.500	11	2	.846	3-2	1W	0-1
Missouri	2	2	.500	10	2	.833	3-2	1W	0-1
Colorado	2	2	.500	6	4	.600	2-3	1L	1-3
Texas Tech	1	2	.333	7	3	.700	3-2	1L	1-0
Oklahoma	1	2	.333	2	11	.154	1-4	2L	0-1
Baylor	0	4	.000	8	4	.666	1-4	4L	0-3
Iowa State	0	4	.000	3	6	.333	0-5	5L	0-3



Tiger Breakdown



Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)	Notes of Note
1 Rachael Taylor	DS	5-4	Sr.	Kirkwood, Mo. (Kirkwood HS)	Recorded 4 SA at Best Inns Invite; has averaged 10.8 dpm in last 5 matches
2 Kristen Johnson	OH	5-11	Sr.	Olympia, Wash. (Washington St.)	Averaged 13 kills per match in Tiger's first two conference matches
3 Lisa Morris	OH	6-0	Jr.	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley NW HS)	Named SIU Tourney MVP; is averaging 4.43 kpg in 2001
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)	Needs 5 digs to move into the No. 7 spot on the MU all-time chart
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)	Second on the squad in dpg (3.05) and leads in service aces (15)
15 Christi Myers	MB	6-1	Jr.	Raytown, Mo. (Raytown South HS)	MVP of Mountaineer Invite; 16.29 k and 5.57 bpm over the past 7 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)	Put down a career-high 20 kills vs. Oklahoma (9/29)

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)

Kreklow Corner

Head coach Susan Kreklow and her husband, associate head coach Wayne Kreklow, lead the Tigers into action on Monday against the Jayhawks. The Kreklows are in their second year at the helm of the Tigers and sport a 34-9 mark (.790 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).

The Tale of the Tape

	MU	vs.	KU
Kills	713		704
Kills per gm.	15.8		16.0
Errors	226		285
Attacks	1810		1702
Hitting %	.269		.246
Assists	625		629
Aces	80		101
Digs	786		597
Block solo	22		26
Block assists	167		141
Blocks/gm	2.3		2.2

Like a Cat

Mizzou has shown the balance of...well...a Tiger this season offensively. Four Tigers are averaging at least 2.29 kills per game (Lisa Morris, 4.17 kpg; Christi Myers, 3.41 kpg; Kristen Johnson, 2.29 kpg and Mary Lauren Smith 2.69 kpg.) and four Tigers enter the match with Kansas with a .300 or better hitting percentage. Sophomore setter Chrissy Elder leads the squad in assists averaging 12.34 assists per game and leads the team in hitting percentage with a .406 mark.

The Cardiac Kids

The Missouri volleyball 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 10 wins so far this season, five of them have been of the "3-1" variety. Both 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.

Missouri Reschedules Volleyball Matches

The Missouri volleyball team has rescheduled its matches with the University of Kansas and Iowa State University that were postponed following the tragic events that gripped our nation. Mizzou will play at Kansas tonight at 7 p.m. and will host the Cyclones of Iowa State on Monday, Oct. 8th, at 7 p.m.

Morris Minutes

Junior outside hitter Lisa Morris has been the one of the Tigers most steady producers so far this season. Morris is averaging 4.17 kills per game overall and 3.33 kills per game in conference matches. She has recorded 20 kills or more three times and has recorded five double-doubles this season. 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 (3.56 kpg) and needs just 117 kills to move into the MU Top 10 kills list.

Lisa will face off against her sister Lindsey, who is a freshman at KU. She is averaging 1.33 kills per game in nine games of action for the Jayhawks.

Consistency Personified

Middle blocker Christi Myers has been as reliable as Maytag Appliances, the U.S. Postal Service and my old golden retriever Spot. Over the course of the past seven matches, she has averaged 16.29 kills per match, 9.57 digs per match and 5.57 total blocks per match. Myers recorded her first double-double of the season on Saturday against Oklahoma (18 kills, 12 digs) and recorded a .371 hitting percentage.

The junior middle blocker boldly went where no Missouri Tiger volleyball player had went in the past two seasons on Sat., 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 last seven matches have been microcosms of Myers' career up to this point. Myers currently holds the highest career hitting percentage (.312) in MU history and jumped into third on the kills per game list (3.19). Myers is also rewriting the Mizzou career blocking books. She is currently fifth in solo blocks (60), seventh in block assists (198) and third in blocks per game (1.08)

Sowers Has Been Solid

The position of defensive specialist does not garner much of the spotlight in modern volleyball. However, the specialists are crucial in getting the team into system and providing a good pass. Senior defensive specialist Katie Sowers has been outstanding of late for the Tigers in the back row. Over the past six matches, Sowers has averaged 14 digs per match including a career-high 18 against Southern Illinois in the championship match of the SIU Best Inns Invitational

2001 Missouri Volleyball Schedule

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 * 7:00 p.m. CST
Oct. 3	at Nebraska * 7:00 PM CST
Oct. 6	Baylor * 7:00 PM CST
Oct. 8	Iowa State* 7:00 PM CST
Oct. 10	UMKC 7:00 PM CST
Oct. 13	at Texas * 7:00 PM CST
Oct. 17	# Colorado * 7:00 PM CST
Oct. 20	at Texas A&M * 7:00 PM CST
Oct. 22	S. Illinois 7:00 PM CST
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 * 7:00 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 has 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.

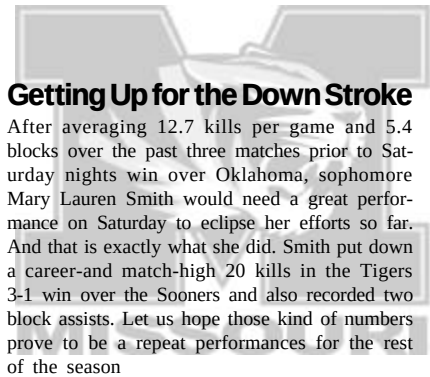
M MU's oldest rivalry is with Kansas State, dating back to Nov. 22, 1974. The Wildcats hold the slightest of advantages in the series with a 28-26 lead after the two teams split last season.

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.

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Getting Up for the Down Stroke

After averaging 12.7 kills per game and 5.4 blocks over the past three matches prior to Saturday nights win over Oklahoma, sophomore Mary Lauren Smith would need a great performance on Saturday to eclipse her efforts so far. And that is exactly what she did. Smith put down a career- and match-high 20 kills in the Tigers 3-1 win over the Sooners and also recorded two block assists. Let us hope those kind of numbers prove to be a repeat performances for the rest of the season

In just her ninth match as a Tiger, the 6-2 outside hitter had a great night last Saturday against Texas A&M. Smith recorded 13 kills on 35 attacks and also provided a much needed block on the right side with seven block assists. Mary Lauren is averaging 2.69 kills per game and a .302 hitting percentage.

Tigers on a Tear

Once again, the Tigers are off to one of the best starts in MU history. Mizzou won both of its regular season tournament titles of 2001, the latest coming on Sept. 9 as the Tigers went 3-0 at the Best Inns Invitational in Carbondale, Ill. After their 3-1 win over Oklahoma, the Tigers are 10-2 overall and 2-2 in the Big 12.

The best start to a season by an MU squad was in 1982 when, under the direction of then-head coach Mike English, the Tigers opened the campaign at 19-0. Perhaps it is no coincidence that the No. 1 one single on the Billboard charts during 1982...yes, you guessed it, "Eye of the Tiger" by Survivor.

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.

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

Tracking the Tigers

Last Time Out...

Tiger Volleyball Powers Past Sooners

Columbia, Mo.—Sophomore Mary Lauren Smith pounded out a match-high 20 kills and Christi Myers recorded her first double-double (17 kills, 12 digs) of the season as the University of Missouri moved past the University of Oklahoma, 3-1 on Saturday night. Mizzou improves to 10-2 overall and 2-2 in the Big 12 while the Sooners slip to 2-11 overall and 1-2 in the Big 12.

In front of 1,416 Tiger faithful (the third largest crowd in Mizzou volleyball history) the Tigers ran out to a 15-5 lead in Game 1 and would not look back, taking the game, 30-18. Mizzou held OU to just a -.057 hitting percentage and recorded seven total blocks in the game. OU would fight back though and take Game 2, 30-22. Inconsistent passing once again plagued the Tigers as they managed only a .111 hitting percentage with ten attack errors leading to the OU win.

The two squads battled to a 19-19 tie before Mizzou would go on 11-7 run and take Game 3, 30-26. Mizzou came out in Game 4 on fire recording a .390 hitting percentage and finishing off the Sooners, 30-20.

Senior Naaron Branson was excellent on defense for Mizzou picking up a match-high 18 digs and paced four Tigers who reached double figures in digs. Mizzou was also excellent from the service line recording a season-high 11 team service aces including four service aces from sophomore setter Chrissy Elder, who also handed out 56 assists on the evening.

2001 Big 12 Conference

Coaches' Preseason Poll

1.	Nebraska	100
2.	Texas A&M	90
3.	Colorado	74
4.	Missouri	69
4.	Kansas State	69
6.	Texas Tech	52
7.	Baylor	48
8.	Texas	46
9.	Kansas	28
10.	Oklahoma	19
11.	Iowa State	10

Branson Update

The "Myth from Fort Smith," senior Naaron Branson, has jumped into the Top 10 in career kills in the early going this season.

However, it has been Branson's defensive skills that have been notable so far this season. Branson is leading the Tigers in total digs (40) and digs per game (3.33) and has jumped up into a tie for fifth place on the MU career kills list. She also jumped into the Top 10 in digs and is now in eighth place on the MU all-time charts.

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-)	929
5.	Sharon Zaehring (84-87)	929
7.	Gwen Mullens (91-94)	927
8.	Melinda Wrye (90-92)	906
9.	Margaret Yanics (84-86, 88)	902
10.	Annette Luyten (97-00)	896
	Lisa Morris (99-)	779

Digs

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.	Annette Luyten (97-00)	996
6.	Sherri Gentry (86, 88-90)	972
7.	Cindy Atteberry (90-93)	920
8.	Naaron Branson (98-)	915
9.	Stacy Harris (84-87)	859
10.	Melinda Wrye (90-92)	845

Missouri Volleyball Top Ten Attendance Marks

Date	Opponent	Att.
1) Oct. 25, 2000	Nebraska	2,009
2) Nov. 4, 2000	Texas Tech	1,484
3) Sept. 29, 2001	Oklahoma	1,416
4) Oct. 31, 1997	Colorado	1,350
5) Nov. 11, 2000	Texas	1,195
6) Oct. 11, 2000	Kansas	1,148
7) Sept. 22, 2001	Texas A&M	1,125
8) Sept. 25, 1999	Kansas	1,107
9) Nov. 22, 2000	Oklahoma	1,091
10) Sept. 19, 2001	Texas Tech	1,049

1994-Present

As of Sept. 22, 2001

2001 Season - Bests

Team

Match-Highs:
Kills: 78, vs. Kansas State-9/26/01
Attack Errors: 28, vs. Oklahoma-9/29/01
Total Attempts: 217, vs. Texas A&M-9/22/01
Hitting Percentage:418, vs. Wagner-9/2/01
Assists: 69, vs. Texas Tech-9/19/01
Service Aces: 11, vs. Oklahoma-9/29/01
Service Errors: 13, two times
Digs: 82, vs. Texas Tech-9/19/01
Block Solos 4, vs. SEMO-9/24/01
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. Illinois
Assists: 65, Chrissy Elder vs. Texas Tech-9/19/01
Service Aces: .. 4, Chrissy Elder vs. Oklahoma-9/29/01
Digs: 21, Naaron Branson vs. Akron-9/2/01
Block Solos . 3, Christi Myers vs. Texas A&M-9/22/01
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	4.17
2. Christi Myers	3.41
3. Mary Lauren Smith	2.69
4. Kristen Johnson	2.29
5. Jenny Duitsman	2.00

Assists

1. Chrissy Elder	543
2. Rachael Taylor	24
3. Naaron Branson	18
4. Lisa Morris	9
5. Four Players tied at 5	

Total Blocks

1. Christi Myers	61.0
2. Krista Johnson	33.0
3. Mary Lauren Smith	23.0
4. Chrissy Elder	22.0
5. Lisa Morris	15.0

Service Aces

1. Katie Sowers	15
2. Lisa Morris	14
3. Rachael Taylor	12
Christi Myers	12
5. Chrissy Elder	11

Digs Per Game

1. Naaron Branson	3.33
2. Katie Sowers	3.05
3. Chrissy Elder	2.46
4. Lisa Morris	2.45
5. Rachael Taylor	2.40

Total Digs

1. Naaron Branson	140
2. Katie Sowers	131
3. Chrissy Elder	108
Rachael Taylor	108
5. Lisa Morris	101

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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 of 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 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.

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. Arkon, 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
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
Naaron Branson- 15 kills, 21 digs vs. Akron, 9/2
 10 kills, 12 digs vs. W. Kent, 9/8
Christi Myers- 18 kills, 12 digs vs. OU, 9/29

Triple-Doubles

Christi Myers- 18 kills, 15 digs, 11 blocks vs. Texas A&M, 9/22

Rules, Regulations and other Points of Interest

The National Association for Girls and Women in Sports, the official rules-making body for women's collegiate volleyball, has released its "2001-2002 NAGWS Official Rules, Interpretations & Officiating Rulebook." Among the modifications include changes in the scoring format to rally scoring, the let serve and the one toss per serve. The international pursuit rule was added as an experimental rule for the upcoming season.

* The most noticeable difference this season will be the move from sideout volleyball to a rally scoring format where each play will result in a point. The first four games will be scored to 30 points, with the winner holding a two-point lead. The fifth and deciding game will be played to 15 with the winner leading by two points.

USA Today/AVCA Top 25 As of 9/24/01

Rank	School	Points	2001 Record	Last Week
1	Nebraska	1591	7-1	1
2	Long Beach State	1583	7-0	2
3	Arizona	1468	7-0	3
4	Stanford	1435	8-0	4
5	USC	1369	6-1	5
6	Penn State	1283	8-1	6
7	Wisconsin	1179	8-2	9
8	UCLA	1172	5-2	8
9	Florida	1076	5-1	10
10	Colorado State	1031	8-0	11
11	Pacific	1000	10-2	7
12	Hawaii	877	6-4	12
13	Pepperdine	796	4-2	13
14	BYU	767	6-1	14
15	Ohio State	758	10-0	15
16	Texas A&M	663	8-1	16
17	Minnesota	540	8-2	17
18	South Carolina	506	7-1	19
19	UC Santa Barbara	407	3-5	18
20	Santa Clara	318	7-3	20
21	Northern Iowa	304	10-0	23
22	Utah	272	5-3	21
23	Texas	236	7-1	25
24	Notre Dame	163	5-3	24
25	Louisville	86	7-1	NR

Others: *Kansas State (70), Colorado (51), Nevada (38), Missouri (37), Duke (21), Washington State (11), Michigan State (4), Kansas (2).*

2001 Tiger Opponents in italics

*Other significant changes involve the serve. Players must serve the ball within eight seconds after the referee authorizes service and will not be allowed a second toss for service. Further, the collegiate game will mimic the international game with the let serve. A served ball will remain in play if it hits the net and continues its path to the opposition's court. A service ace can be earned if the ball falls to the opposition's side of the court on the serve, despite contact with the net on service

The 2001 Schedule

Mizzou has now begun 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.

Due to the success of last year's squad, the Tigers developed a new-found following and an atmosphere in the Hearnes Center that makes the friendly confines a difficult place to play for opponents. The Tigers finished 28th in the nation in average attendance last season averaging 875 fans per match, a 171% increase from 1999. With the addition of Point Mizzou, the Tigers' own pep band, and the outstanding level of play that will be on display, the Tigers are developing a tradition that has the Big 12 talking.

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	1, eight times
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, five 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	4, vs. Temple (9/1/01)
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, twice
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	21, vs. Arkon (9/2/01)

#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, vs. Southern Illinois (9/8/01)

#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, vs. Colorado (10/18/00)
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, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)
Digs	5, vs. Wagner (9/2/01)

#22 Mary Lauren Smith

Kills	20, vs. Oklahoma (9/29/01)
Attacks	47, vs. Oklahoma (9/29/01)
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-)	3.56
3. Christi Myers (99-)	3.17
4. Sharen Olmstead (83-84)	3.15
5. Melinda Wrye (90-92)	3.00
6. Jodi Maune (95-98)	2.98
7. Ritchie Ponququette (83-84)	2.77
8. Sharon Zaehringer (84-87)	2.72
9. Naaron Branson (98-)	2.65
10. Dianne Berg (83-85)	2.64

HITTING PERCENTAGE

1. Christi Myers (99-)	.312
2. Dianne Berg (83-85)	.308
3. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	.283
4. Shannon Brown (89-92)	.275
5. Krista Johnson (98-)	.274
6. Heather Gerber (97-00)	.261
7. Ritchie Ponququette (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. Stacy Harris (84-87)	64
5. Christi Myers (99-)	60
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. Renee Rosinski (95-98)	217
5. Annette Luyten (97-00)	213
6. Krista Johnson (98-)	201
7. Christi Myers (99-)	198
8. Sandi Orent (83-85)	159
9. Ritchie Ponququette (83-84)	155
10. Stacy Harris (84-87)	155
11. Gwen Mullens (91-94)	147

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
5. Annette Luyten (97-)	266
6. Christi Myers (99-)	258
7. Krista Johnson (98-)	241
8. Stacy Harris (84-87)	219
9. Yvette Buhlig (88-90, 92)	190
10. Sherri Gentry (86, 88-90)	189

BLOCKS PER GAME

1. Dina Herzog (83-84)	1.50
2. Dianne Berg (83-85)	1.40
3. Christi Myers (99-)	1.08
4. Krista Johnson (98-)	0.90
5. Ritchie Ponququette (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-)	2.61
6. Gwen Mullens (91-94)	2.57
8. Lisa Morris (99-)	2.53
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-)	929
5. Sharon Zaehringer (84-87)	929
7. Gwen Mullens (91-94)	927
8. Melinda Wrye (90-92)	906
9. Margaret Yanics (84-86, 88)	902
10. Annette Luyten (97-00)	896



2001 Results

10-2 Overall • 2-2 in Big 12 Conference

Home: 3-1 • Away: 2-1 • Neutral: 5-0

Three Game Matches: 5-0 • Four Game Matches: 5-0 • Five Game Matches: 0-2

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

* at Mountaineer Invitational

% at Best Inns Invitational

Big 12 Match

2001 MISSOURI OVERALL STATISTICS

10-2 (Overall) 2-2 (Conference) 8-0 (Non-Conference)

3-1 (Home) 2-1 (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	BHE
Jenny DUITSMAN	5	10	2.00	2	13	.615	0	0.00	2	0	1	6	1.20	1	1	0.40	0	0
Chrissy ELDER	44	37	0.84	11	64	.406	543	12.34	11	6	2	108	2.45	3	19	0.50	7	20
Christi MYERS	44	150	3.41	35	339	.339	4	0.09	12	14	8	84	1.91	10	51	1.39	2	2
Krista JOHNSON	45	72	1.60	22	153	.327	4	0.09	0	1	0	19	0.42	2	31	0.73	5	2
Mary Lauren SMITH	32	86	2.69	22	212	.302	5	0.16	2	9	1	23	0.72	3	20	0.72	4	2
Lisa MORRIS	41	171	4.17	57	447	.255	9	0.22	14	23	16	101	2.46	0	15	0.37	2	1
Kristen JOHNSON	35	80	2.29	23	229	.249	5	0.14	1	0	1	31	0.89	1	10	0.31	2	1
Naaron BRANSON	42	56	1.33	23	169	.195	18	0.43	6	5	7	140	3.33	0	14	0.33	2	2
Ashlee JOHNS	27	49	1.81	27	149	.148	3	0.11	0	1	1	11	0.41	2	4	0.22	1	0
Katie SOWERS	43	2	0.05	1	11	.091	5	0.12	15	13	6	131	3.05	0	0	0.00	1	0
Katherine WINGERT	9	0	0.00	0	2	.000	5	0.56	5	4	1	20	2.22	0	0	0.00	0	0
Nikki MYHRA	5	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0	4	0.80	0	0	0.00	0	1
Rachael TAYLOR	45	0	0.00	3	20	-.150	24	0.53	12	5	8	108	2.40	0	2	0.04	1	0
TEAM																		
Univ. of Missouri	45	713	15.84	226	1810	.269	625	13.89	80	81	53	786	17.57	22	167	2.34	26	31
OPPONENTS	45	595	13.22	322	1870	.146	532	11.82	53	89	80	696	15.47	19	104	1.58	27	43